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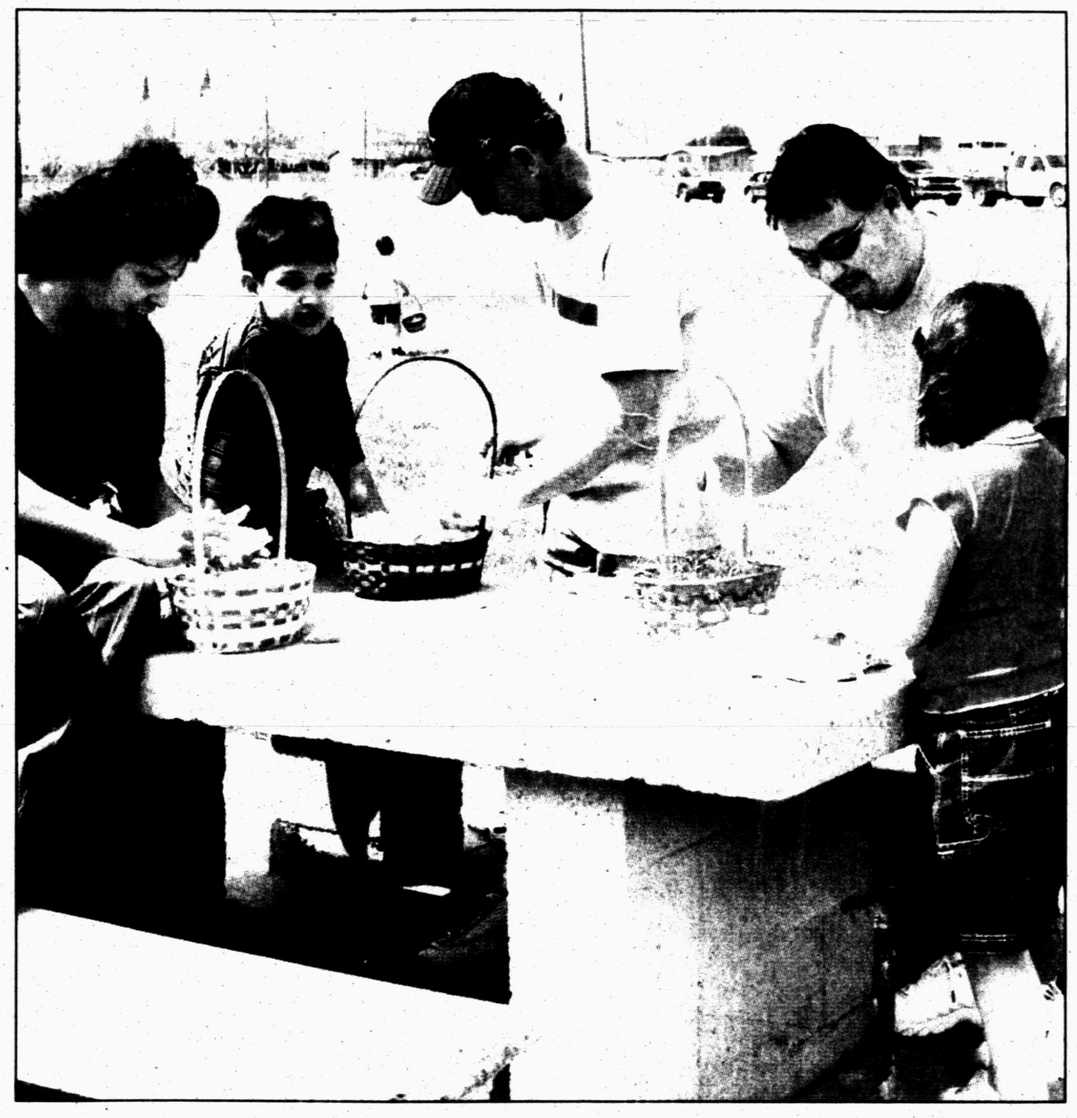


HAPPY EASTER EGG HUNT — Members of the Huddleston family had fun hunting for Easter eggs in Towle Park. Pictured from left are Sandra, Larry Jr, and Larry Sr. Also enjoying the hunt were Robert Thamez and his daughter, Kristen, of Hammond, La. The Knights of Columbus sponsored this egg hunting event. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

One-act advances

Snyder High School drama students have climbed another rung on the one-act play ladder of success.

A Midsummer Night's Dream advanced from Area II competition Saturday at Midland College and five thespians garnered acting awards, including best actress for Blake Roberston who plays Helena in William Shakespeare's comedy.

Two players — Logan Martin and Coleman Welch — secured places on the all-star cast. Martin portrays two roles — Bottom and Pryamus. Welch also has duel roles as Oberon and Theseus.

Two Snyder students received honorable mention all-star cast recognition. Paul Jackson portrays Lysander and Tyler Price is Puck.

Director Michael McQuerry, praised his students Saturday morning. "I felt this young group is maturing through each contest. They are hungry for perfection."

McQuerry noted that the judge's comments were favorable and "gave us helpful direction where we want to go next."

Seminole High School also advanced from the Area II contest. Other high schools in the meet were Greenwood and Monahans.

The SHS drama department now turns its attention to the Region I contest slated in two weeks at Odessa College.

Other SHS students involved in the production *of A Midsummer Night's Dream* are Stephanie Parmer, Jason Hook, Corie Hernandez, Michael Nelson, Jeff Stanfield, Cade Owen, Lance Turner, Kerissa Shipp, Aurelie Semillon, Nathan Graves, Adrian Brooks, Alyssa Davis, Laura Culwell, Casey Smith, Jerry Ashley, Amanda Blythe, Paula Fritz and Justin Cox.

Dispatchers are honored

Scurry County dispatchers and those throughout the state are an important part of the communication network of local law enforcement personnel.

Recognizing this, the state has designated this week as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Texas.

County dispatchers have a number of years experience, with Norma Martinez topping the list with nine years of dispatching deputies, DPS troopers, police officers, Texas Rangers and game wardens.

Stacy Joslin has been dispatching for four years.

Katrina Burney has been dispatching for three years and Missy French, Minnie Garza, Ellen Hall and Lana McMillan all have two years experience.

Relatively new at the position is Victoria Lovell with eight months experience and Shanda Bowlin with two months on the job.

New development opening at Lake Henry

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Another development on Lake Alan Henry is primed to open this week as 106 water front lots will be on the market beginning Thursday on the West Side of Grape Creek.

Dubbed Oak Canyon Estates by developers Lawayne Fagan and Jodie Ashley, it is the second project by the Scurry County natives.

The first — Rio Brazos Estates - is on the opposite side of the creek where 40 homes are in various stages of construction, said Fagan.

Recently, Snyder mayor Francene Noah viewed Rio Brazos Estates and the new development and noted the potential benefits for Snyder and Scurry County.

"I think this will be a tremendous asset for Snyder and there is a potential for a large economic impact on the community," said the mayor.

"This will be a beautiful place to visit, or live, as it develops," said Noah.

"I'm real excited about it," said Noah, noting the economic impact it promises for the Snyder school district.

"We may not see the big impact for a few years, but it is coming," said Noah.

The Scurry County Appraisal District has provided some projections based on financial information provided by the developers.

Rio Brazos has an estimated tax value of $2,961,318 for 2004 and based on the current tax rate for Snyder ISD of $1.50 per $100 valuation, estimated taxes for the district from the initial development stands at $44,420 yearly.

The new development has 45 lots in the local school district valued at some $56,000 each for a total valuation of $2.5 million.

With homes built on them, the value soars to over $9 million.

The estimated value of the developments when completed is $26 million.

Based on that figure, and a tax rate of $1.50 per $100 valuation for the Snyder ISD, the potential income for the district from ad valorem taxes is almost $400,000 yearly.

The economic impact aside, the lake is a nice place to visit.

"It's come up two feet from the recent rains and now it's beginning to spread out some instead of going straight up," said Fagan.

The developments are some 26 miles from Snyder and Fagan said both Snyder National Bank and Texas Savings Bank are providing financing for the lots and lake homes.

Both developments are being marketed by John T. Bassinger of Slaton.

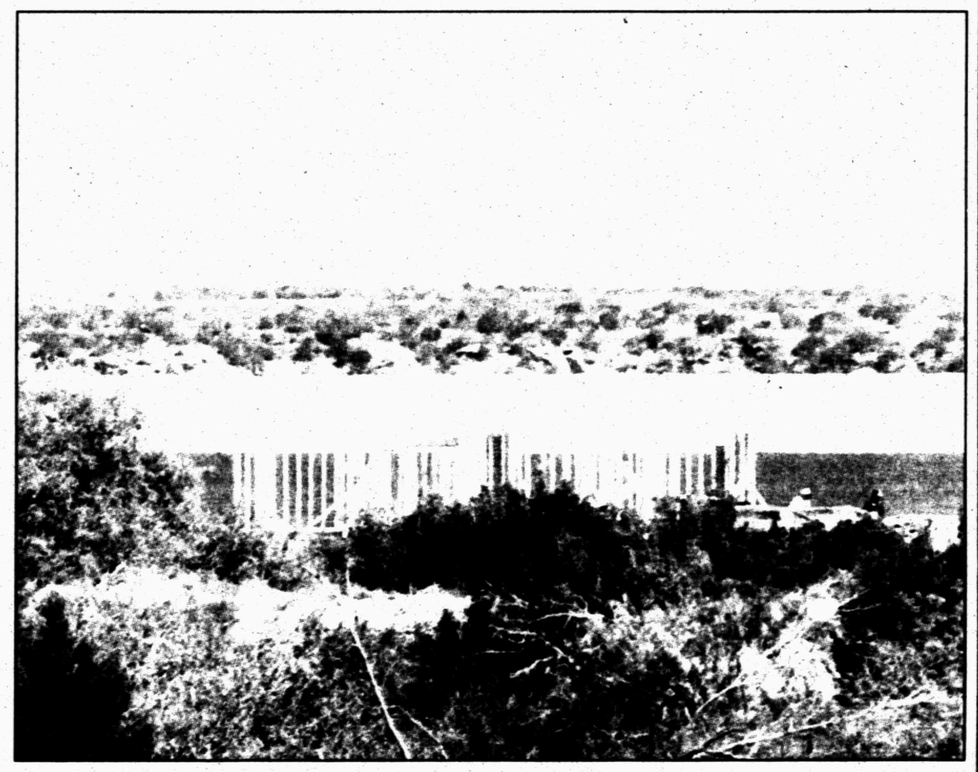
Access to the developments is off Hwy. 84 on County Roads 346 to Polar, and CR 348 some seven miles sought of Justiceburg.

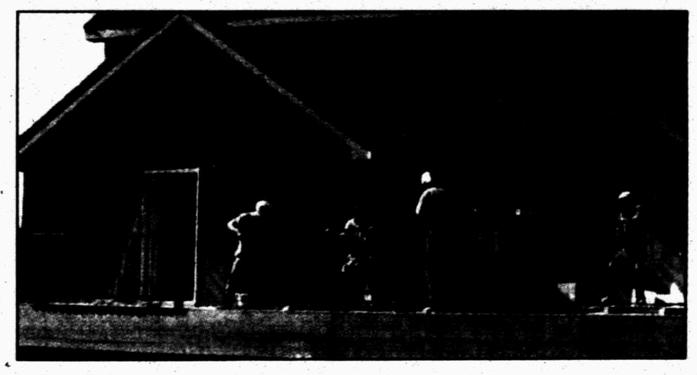
Residents of the developments won't have to wait in line to launch their boats at the public ramp as Oak Canyon Estates will have a ramp built to launch four boats at a time, while the ramp at Rio Brazos is complete and can handle one vehicle at a time.

Deed restrictions at Oak Canyon include a minimum square footage of 1,500 sq. ft. for a single story, and 2,000 for a split level.

Lots average 3¼ acres and sell for an average of $55,000 with some going as low as $30,000, said Fagan.

"This is certainly worth taking a look at," said Mayor Noah. "I'ts going to be a big asset for Snyder."





LOTS OF CONSTRUCTION — The new development on Grape Creek at Lake Alan Henry is viewed from the first housing development, Rio Brazos Estates. Also shown are homes in various stages of construction. (SDN Staff Photos by Jeff West)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Perhaps the reason *common sense* is so rare is that it requires so much of the latter."

A grandmother in Birmingham, Ala., bemoaned the logic of a school official who suspended her nine-year-old grandson for bringing a plastic G.I. Joe toy handgun to school.

The toy gun triggered enforcement of the school's zero tolerance policy.

She added that the gun was about an inch long and that the principal had to tape it to a piece of paper to keep from losing it.

It's sort of like having your nail clipper confiscated by airport security and then being able to buy one from the gift shop located inside the secure area.

Somebody has suggested that common sense may not even be around any longer and sent us its obituary. The author is unknown.

"Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend by the name of Common Sense who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

"He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

"Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

"His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned, but overbearing regulations were set in place.

"Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

"It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student; but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

"Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

"Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, she spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement.

"Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

"He is survived by two stepbrothers: My Rights and Ima Whiner.

"Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still know him pass this on, if not join the majority and do nothing."

ASK US

Q—Since only a few voters are expected Tuesday for the Texas Railroad Commissioner race, will the polls still be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.?

A—Yes, and voting will take place in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Tommy Horsley...

...has lived in Snyder for 30 years. His mother Opal Horsley, and brother Max Horsley also live here and his sister Doris Mayer lives in Oregon.

His hobbies include working with his computer, fishing and being involved in activities at his church.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.
—John Barrymore

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark, 18th and Ave. R, will hold an Easter Sunrise service at 6 a.m. Sunday.

Eighth grade parents meeting

There will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the WTC cafeteria for eighth grade parents to plan the end of school party.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "How the Cross Changes People," followed by "The Assemblies of the Church."

Snyder Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will meet at noon Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club and the program will be on Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

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.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

What's up guidelines

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

18-year-old Marine buried

PHARR (AP) — Lisa Sekula has no regrets when it comes to her son, Dustin.

She doesn't even regret signing the consent form that allowed him to join the U.S. Marine Corps last year at 17.

"I had to put my 'mama' feelings aside and do what my baby wanted me to do," she said.

Pfc. Dustin Sekula, who turned 18 in June, was shot to death April 1 in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. More than 1,000 people filled Trinity Worship Center on Friday for his funeral service.

"I'm thankful I can stand here and say Dusty loved me and I loved him and I have no regrets," Lisa Sekula said during the service.

Several friends and relatives spoke during the service, remembering the young infantry mortarman as dedicated to his faith, family and country. The (McAllen) Monitor reported Saturday.

Daniel Sheller remembered entering Edinburg North High School feeling like a "fish out of water" and meeting Dustin, who became his best friend.

"I truly think Dustin was sent by God for me," he said, pausing and beginning to sob. Dustin's father, Daniel Sekula, ran onstage and threw his arms around Sheller, offering him tissues.

"I had no friends," Sheller continued. "My family and I would pray God would send me someone I could talk to, hang out with and have fun with."

Dustin Sekula's parents read an essay he wrote on why he wanted to be a Marine, and they prayed for other servicemen in Iraq. The family also showed a video of pictures featuring him as a baby, riding his horse and in his Marine uniform.

He was buried with full military honors at Palm Valley Memorial Gardens after the service.

Pastor Robert Richardson said Dustin Sekula was not afraid of dying for his country because he believed he would go to heaven.

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Bush vows military action will defeat 'a small faction'

CRAWFORD (AP) — Amid an uprising in Iraq, President Bush declared Saturday that insurgents are "a small faction" trying to derail democracy in a battle he vowed the U.S. military and its allies will win.

"Coalition forces will continue a multi-city offensive ... until these enemies of democracy are dealt with," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, top Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said in his party's broadcast that ultimate success in Iraq rests on "whether we are willing to learn from our mistakes."

Baghdad and parts of central Iraq were chaotic on Friday, the first anniversary of the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime, as Bush discussed military operations with national security aides and with three foreign leaders who have sent troops.

"A small faction is attempting to ... seize power" as the June 30 date for Iraqi sovereignty draws near, the president said on the radio, and to delay the turnover of sovereignty "is precisely what our enemies want."

The insurgents seek to dictate the course of events in Iraq and "they want America and our coalition to falter in our commitments before a watching world," Bush said.

Levin said the United States established the June 30 date without seeking the United Nations' advice on whether the timing would contribute to stability in Iraq. He said it may be too late to change now because expectations have been created for the restoration at that time.

"But it is also true that if we restore sovereignty to an entity created by the United States that doesn't have the support of the Iraqi people and the international community, there could be even greater violence against our forces, including the possibility of civil war," the senator added.

Levin said U.S. performance in Iraq has been hurt by intelligence failures, neglect in planning for the violence since the fall of Saddam and the decision to disband the Iraqi army, which left "tens of thousands of young, armed and angry Iraqi men with no means to support their families."

One member of the U.S.-backed Iraqi Governing Council suspended his membership in the body and another threatened to quit to protest the Marines' siege of Fallujah. A third, one of the strongest pro-U.S. voices on the council, denounced the U.S. siege.

Bush said U.S. Marines engaged in Operation Vigilant Resolve "are taking control of the city, block by block."

The heavy fighting in Fallujah has made the city of 200,000 a symbol of resistance for some Iraqis, threatening to divide the Iraqi Governing Council and the U.S. administration that appointed it.

The March 31 slaying of four U.S. civilians whose burned bodies were mutilated and dragged through the streets prompted the heavy fighting in Fallujah.

U.S. troops moved into the heartland of the rebellion by the militia of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and anti-U.S. Shiite militiamen still held partial or full control over two southern cities.

"Al-Sadr has called for violence against coalition troops, and his band of thugs have terrorized Iraqi police and ordinary citizens," Bush said.

Carol Howard

Mini-retreat for high school girls planned

Carol (Beck) Howard of Stillwater, Okla., will lead a mini-retreat for high school girls beginning at 3 p.m. Monday at Thee Place, 904 26th St.

The topic will be "Sex, dating and how I will know he's the one." Girls are asked to bring a Bible, notebook, pen and a smile.

Howard, a former Snyder resident, will meet with mothers at 8 p.m. Sunday at Thee Place.

For more information, contact Jackie Hackfeld at 573-2873 or 207-2981.

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Friday's Lottery Numbers

Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — A single player has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto drawing.

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Friday night's drawing — worth $105 million — was sold in Kensington, Md.

In addition to the grand prize winner, 22 players matched all five numbers but not the Mega Ball number. They will receive second prizes of $175,000 each.

Another 78 players matched four numbers, plus the Mega Ball number — good for third prizes of $5,000 each.

The winning numbers from Friday night's drawing were: 2, 8, 10, 11 and 23. The Mega Ball number was 40.

Texas Two Step

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

Winning numbers drawn: 01-04-06-14. Bonus Ball: 08.

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

Number matching four of four: 12. Prize: $1,159.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 24. Prize: $71.

Number matching three of four: 1,225. Prize: $18.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 836. Prize: $18.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,701. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 8,324. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $725,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 08-09-15-32-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 115. Prize: $535.

Matching three of five: 4,393. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 46,360. Prize: $2.

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Whatever happened to...

Sara McDonald, 1993 graduate of Snyder High School and daughter of Jack and Sandra McDonald, is a producer for CNN in Atlanta, Ga.

While at Snyder High School, Sara participated in the drum line in band, was active in one-act plays in drama and the forensics team.

Sara McDonald 1993

Sara McDonald 2004

She graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism and theatre studies from SMU in 1997. She was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority and was arts and entertainment editor for The Daily Campus.

After graduation, she lived in Washington, D.C., and worked for The Hotline, a daily political newsletter. She was hired by CNN in August 1997 as a researcher and production assistant for The Capital Gang and Late Edition.

Sara enjoys the Atlanta Thrasher hockey games and taking gourmet-cooking classes. She is a member of the Junior League of Atlanta.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550.)

Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Fluvanna grads...

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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Children _____

Professional work or accomplishment _____

Anything additional _____

Current picture?

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Women's gun conference offers target shooting, manicure tips

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — In what organizers call "the softer side of shooting," a gun convention for women is offering classes ranging from hunting and gun safety to gourmet game cooking and fancy hat making.

There was even a pajama party with manicure tips and a shooting scrapbook contest.

The Shooting for Women Conference was created for the female gun enthusiast who doesn't enjoy the testosterone-charged environment at most gun events, said Susan Long, editor of Shooting for Women magazine and a promoter of the four-day conference, which began Thursday.

The idea is to create a more feminine place so women feel comfortable learning about guns. Long said women and younger people are the fastest growing group in shooting sports.

"Women enjoy the sport. You just get hooked," Long said.

One seminar taught the basics of collecting antique guns -- and what to do if a dead husband leaves you with loads of collectible guns.

After an event Friday showing off the latest in camouflage fashion, there was instruction on cowboy action shooting and rape awareness.

Empowerment was another theme.

Cinda Brooks, a game warden from Austin and a six-time winner at the World Police and Fire Games, is giving a speech on how to become a champion.

"There are some national and world-class shooters here. And across the board, what they love talking about the most is helping out new women into the sport," she said. "I love teaching women. I have a real passion for motivating women to succeed."

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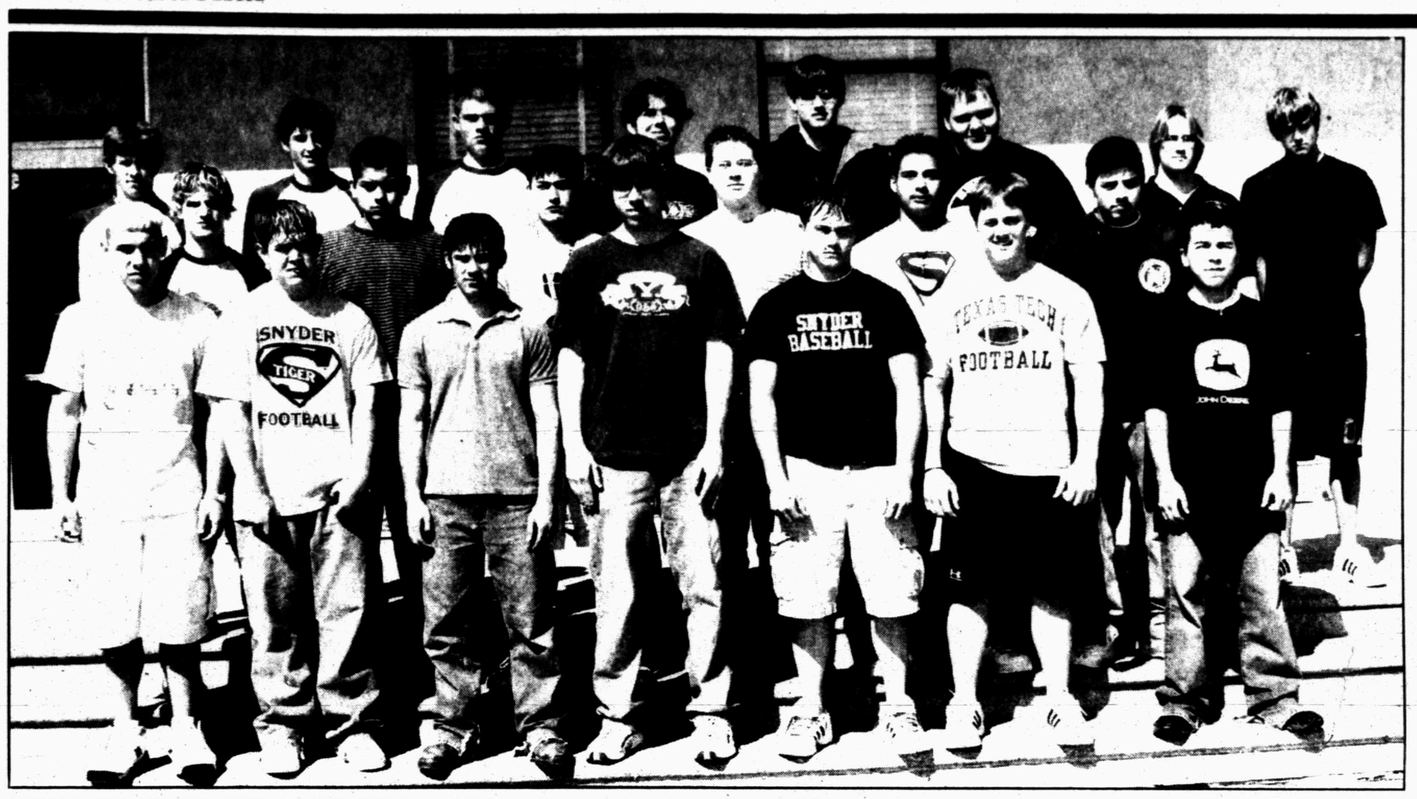
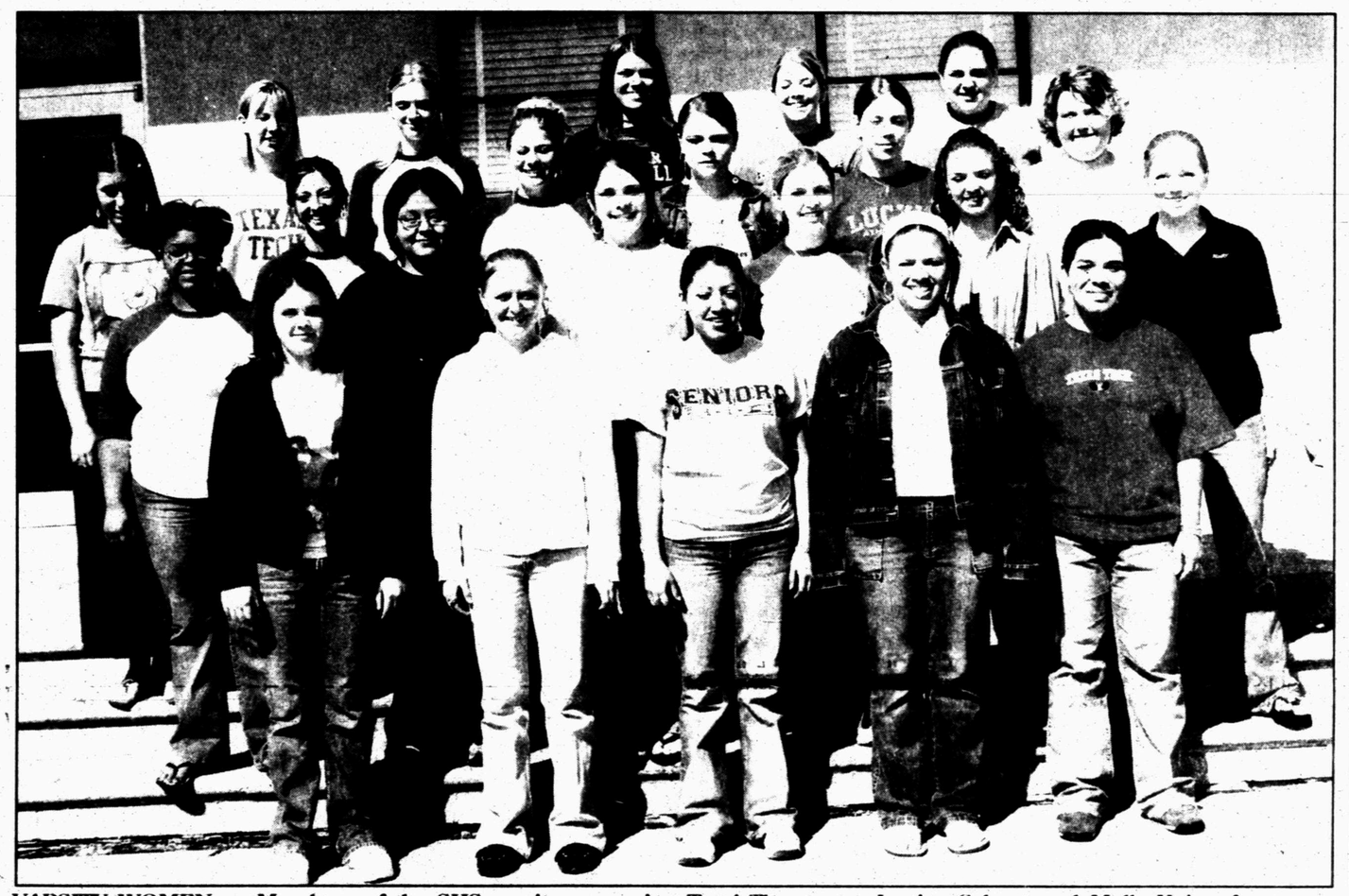


MEN'S CHORALE AND A CAPPELLA MEN — Members of the SHS men's chorale and a cappella men are back row from left, Jason Cave, Cade Simpson, Bryan Clifton, Lance Turner, Brandon Robbins, Ricky Early, Michael Nelson and Lico Castillo; middle row, Cody Reed, Jeremy Rodriguez, Kyle Sanchez, Ryan Ward, Orlando Vasquez and Rudy Ibarra; front row, Ramsey Herrera, Michael Mann, Corbin Smith, Brent Tyler, Chris Smith, Logan Martin and Chris Lopez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



VARSITY WOMEN — Members of the SHS varsity women's choir are back row from left, Alexis Dupree, Megan Crisp, Sarah Crawford, Samantha Moyers, Sarah Carpenter; third row, Michelle Miller, Megan McCormick, Morgan Bilderback, Stephanie Parmer, Devin Chandler and Rebecca Pavlovsky; second row, Kiki Wofford, Adrienne Garcia, Marisa Munoz, Temi Thompson, Jessica Calvert and Molly Haire; front row, Mechelle Renfro, Lacy Kincaid, Nadia Chairez, Anna Henson and Corie Hernandez. (Editor's note: The picture of the mixed a cappella choirs will run next week.) (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SHS choirs bring home top awards

Snyder High School choir students brought home numerous awards from the UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest Wednesday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The a cappella choir received sweepstakes for earning a I rating in both concert and sight reading. The a cappella girls competed as a women's varsity choir and received a sweepstakes with six I ratings from the judges.

The a cappella men combined with the men's chorale to compete as the varsity men's choir. They received a superior I rating in concert and an excellent II rating in sight reading.

The freshmen women's choir and the varsity women's choir combined to compete as a nonvarsity women's choir and received an excellent II rating in concert and a IV in sight reading.

Director Ronda Haire said, "We were very pleased with the results of the competition this year. The students have worked very hard and performed really well. The judges' comments were very favorable. The choirs represented Snyder High School well."

Ex-Enron executive taken to hospital after acting erratically

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling was picked up by police early Friday after acting erratically, a police spokesman said. Skilling's attorney disputed the account, saying his client and his wife called police after they were assaulted by two men who had followed them.

"Mr. Skilling asked several passing cab drivers to call for the police after he and his wife were followed and harassed by two men, who questioned him about Enron and refused to answer when Mr. Skilling asked whether they were FBI agents," said Skilling's lawyer, Bruce Hiler.

During the confrontation, Skilling and his wife were pushed to the ground, Hiler said. Skilling suffered minor abrasions and his wife suffered a concussion, the attorney said.

A New York Police Department spokesman and a police source familiar with the incident gave different accounts.

"Skilling was acting erratically and he was taken into custody," said Paul Browne, the department's deputy commissioner for public information.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Skilling was taken to a hospital after several people called police saying he was pulling on their clothes and accusing them of being FBI agents.

The source said officers took Skilling to the hospital after finding him at 4 a.m. at the corner of Park Avenue and East 73rd Street and determining he might be an "emotionally disturbed person."

Police did not charge Skilling with a crime. They took him to New York Presbyterian Hospital for observation. Hospital officials would say only that Skilling had been discharged Friday.

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Release of tax news attacked as improper politicking

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department issued a batch of tax-related press releases Friday that each carried a message saying America has a choice between growing the economy and raising taxes that could hurt the recovery.

Democrats immediately denounced the action as an improper use of government resources to subsidize political propaganda.

While the sentiment is a long held position of the Bush administration, it was the first time the department included this message in dark type at the bottom of some its news releases, said Treasury Department spokesman Rob Nichols.

"America has a choice: It can continue to grow the economy and create new jobs as the president's policies are doing; or it can raise taxes on American families and small businesses, hurting economic recovery and future job creation," the message on the releases said.

The message, on four of five different releases issued by the department, doesn't mention presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, a critic of President Bush's tax policies.

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RACE FOR THE CURE — Gail Orms Rimer (wearing hat and t-shirt in front row) and Gail's Guardians participated in the April 3 Race For The Cure (for cancer) in Waco. The Guardians were sponsored by TXU employees. (Contributed Photo)

EPA chief's air plan would include part of Ellis County

DALLAS (AP) — The head of the Environmental Protection Agency says he may put Ellis County's smokestack industries, biggest cities and future growth areas under the nation's toughest clean-air rules.

Slightly more than the northern half of Ellis County would be grouped with Tarrant, Denton, Dallas and Collin counties in an ozone nonattainment area under a plan outlined on Friday by EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The nonattainment area would include Midlothian, home to the county's big cement plants and a large industrial park, along with Waxahachie and Ennis. Being in a nonattainment area boosts requirements for pollution controls, especially on industries, and adds new steps for transportation planning.

The idea could offer a middle course between demands issued by Dallas and Fort Worth officials, who say all of Ellis County should be listed as a smog violator, and U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, who insists that his home county be left alone.

It would be a rejection of Gov. Rick Perry's suggestion that the strictest smog rules should apply only to a small corner of far northwestern Ellis County.

Barton, R-Ennis, has argued that Ellis County pollution does not significantly contribute to the problem in the area to the north.

Clear Channel fires two radio hosts

ATLANTA (AP) — Clear Channel Communications fired two radio station hosts Friday for broadcasting sexual dialogue during a commercial.

Larry Wachs and Eric Von Haessler, also known as "The Regular Guys" in their show on Atlanta radio station WKLS-FM, aired a skit on March 19 called "backward smut," which involved recording a pornography star talking explicitly, then playing her voice backward over the air.

The hosts left a microphone on after the prank, however, causing listeners to hear sexual talk during a commercial. Wachs blamed "technical difficulties," and Clear Channel Communications, which owns the station, said at the time the prank appeared to be an accident.

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American Airlines admits it disclosed data on passengers

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Airlines became the third U.S. airline to acknowledge giving passenger records to the government, sparking denunciations from privacy advocates.

The world's largest airline said late Friday that in June 2002 it shared approximately 1.2 million passenger itineraries with the Transportation Security Administration and, inadvertently, four research companies vying for contracts with the agency.

Fort Worth, Texas-based American said it agreed to provide the TSA with the information "because of the heightened interest in aviation security at the time and American's desire to ensure its passenger and crew safety" following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in which two of its planes were hijacked.

In 2002, American's privacy policy did not expressly prohibit sharing passenger data with the government, according to a spokesman. Today it does.

The passenger data was turned over to the TSA by Airline Automation Inc., a revenue-management technology provider hired by American.

Then, at the behest of the TSA and without American's consent, Airline Automation shared the passenger data with the four research companies — HNC Software, Infoglide Software, Ascent Technology and Lockheed Martin, American spokesman John Hotard said.

American had earlier denied releasing passenger records. The carrier only recently became aware of the situation after conducting an internal review prompted by similar disclosures by JetBlue Airways and Northwest Airlines, Hotard said.

A nationwide computer system aimed at screening all airline passengers is being developed by the TSA. The Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System, ordered by Congress after the Sept. 11 attacks, will check such things as credit reports and consumer transactions and compare passenger names with those on government watch lists.

Congress has barred implementation of the system, known as CAPPS II, until the TSA meets certain standards on security, accuracy and privacy. Under CAPPS II, passenger itinerary data would be authenticated by a private contractor and then compared with government intelligence databases.

In September, JetBlue acknowledged that it violated its own privacy policy by giving 5 million passenger itineraries to a Defense Department contractor that used the information as part of a study seeking ways to identify "high risk" airline customers. The study, produced by Torch Concepts of Huntsville, Ala., was titled "Homeland Security: Airline Passenger Risk Assessment."

Relay preparations continue

Preparations continue for the 2004 Relay For Life slated April 23-24 at Tiger Stadium.

Relay team fund-raising activities include the Northeast Elementary team raffling two $50 Gift Cards from United Supermarket. Team members will sell $1 chances April 17 in front of the store.

Survivors will begin the Relay for Life activities with a Victory Lap at 6 p.m. April 23 at Tiger Stadium. Immediately following, survivors will be treated to a barbecue meal. Spouses and caregivers are welcome to eat for a suggested donation of $5 and are encouraged to bring chairs and games for a night of fellowship.

The Luminary service will be held around 10 p.m. Those attending are invited to find and stand by the sack representing their friend or loved one. Sacks may be purchased for a suggested price of $5. Anyone wanting to have a sack displayed on the track may contact Helen Mock, at 573-8332.

Christians Fighting Cancer from 37th Street Church of Christ are selling raffle tickets for a suggested price of $2 each or 3 for $5. Prizes will be given at various times during the night.

Prizes include four Six Flags tickets, a 1-year membership to Elite Fitness, six sessions personal training with Lydia at Elite Fitness, one body wrap at Tiger Fitness, two $50 gas cards from Phillips 66.

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Senior Center News

The Scurry County Senior Center is located at 2603 Avenue M and can be reached by calling 573-4035. Meals and activities for citizens 60 years of age and older are provided.

The center is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. A noon meal and numerous activities are offered. Individuals with various needs may apply for the Meals-on-Wheels program. There is a volunteer program for citizens 13 and older who enjoy serving others.

Volunteers and the support of the college, county, city and local businesses help keep the center going.

Volunteers are needed daily for the congregate meal and the Meals-on-Wheels program. Volunteers quilt daily to provide quilts for the May Day fundraiser. Volunteers also organize and promote many of the activities.

The Community Sing begins at 6 p.m. Saturday in the dining room at the center.

Volunteers will provide the entertainment.

MONDAY

Bridge play is scheduled from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the bridge room.

Seniors may play Skip-Bo in the eighty-eight room at 10 a.m. All senior citizens 60 years of age or older are invited to the noon meal Monday-Friday. The suggested donation is $2.50 per meal.

TUESDAY

Seniors are invited to play eighty-eight at 9:30 a.m. in the quilting area. Swimnastics is available for senior citizens at Western Texas College in the Physical Education Building. A volunteer instructs the class from 10-11 a.m. The college provides a lifeguard and the class and parking are free.

Social Security agents from Big Spring will be at the center from 9:45 a.m. to noon. Clients receive service on a first come first serve basis. The Scurry Community Services 3-year-old class will sing at 11:30 a.m. in the dining room. The Computer Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the computer lab.

WEDNESDAY

This will be the last day for assistance in filing your income tax. The volunteers will be available at the Senior Center from 9-noon and from 1-3 p.m. Volunteers will serve people on a first come first serve basis. Clients should bring their 2002 income tax return in addition to the W-2 forms and other paperwork. Join us for Ladies Pool at 9 a.m. and stay for Bingo 10-11:45. Pinochle will begin at 1 p.m. in the bridge room.

THURSDAY

Join us for the fabric painting class. A volunteer organizes and teaches this craft to newcomers. The items they make are used for our fundraiser. They meet from 9-11:30 in the bridge room.

Enjoy swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will practice in the dining room from 10-11 a.m.

FRIDAY

Odyssey Health Care will be testing blood pressure and blood sugar from 9 a.m.-noon. The Bridge Tournament will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Please be at the center by 9:15 if you would like to enter the tournament. Eighty-eight begins at 9:30 a.m.

May Day will be here soon, the main fundraiser for the Scurry County Senior Center. It is scheduled for May 8th at the Scurry County Coliseum. The sweet tooth booth, the arts & crafts booth, and the silent auction open at 2 p.m. The barbecue meal will be served from 4:30-6 p.m. The quilt auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cookies, slices of cake, brownies, and drinks will be sold at the sweet tooth booth. Volunteers donate the home baked goods. Remember: Home baked pies can't be sold.

The arts & crafts booth includes home made items and items made by volunteers at the center. The silent auction includes a variety of items and services donated by businesses throughout our community. The ExxonMobil cooking team will volunteer their talents in preparing the barbecue brisket and the center kitchen staff will prepare the rest of the meal. Grady Morris has once again volunteered his services for the quilt auction. This is a wonderful event and is only successful through the efforts of an army of volunteers.

Volunteers will be needed for gathering in silent auction items May 3rd-7th, selling barbecue tickets, preparing the coliseum on May 7th, and working at the coliseum May 8th. All money raised goes toward the operation of the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

Senior Menu

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Chopped BBQ on a bun
Potato salad
Pinto beans
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Tuesday
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Whole kernel corn
Green beans
Peaches & cottage cheese
Peanut butter cookies
Garlic Toast
Wednesday
Chicken Salad
Sliced tomato/lettuce leaf
Tater tots
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Thursday
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Mashed potatoes
Tossed salad
Pineapple upside/down cake
Friday
Fried fish
Baked beans
Macaroni & tomatoes
Pea salad
White cake w/strawberries

Financial Focus

Three "Must-do" Steps to Work Toward Successful Investing

You've probably seen plenty of magazines featuring pictures of affluent-looking people who have "made it big" in investing. While these photos may grab our attention, the articles can be more illuminating - because, if they're honest, they will usually reveal that those investors who supposedly "hit the jackpot" actually earned their prosperity by diligently following a few simple steps over many years.

And you, too, can make the same moves. What are these "secrets to success"? Here are three to consider:

•Create a plan — If you don't have an investment plan, you are susceptible to making all kinds of costly mistakes. For example, you may be tempted to chase after "hot" stocks — only to discover that, by the time you buy them, they are already cooling off. Or, you may randomly invest in a stock here, a bond there, a CD next month, a Treasury bill next year, and so on. But you won't increase your chances of success just by adding more and more investments. That's why you need to create an investment plan that's based on your risk tolerance, your specific goals and your time horizon. By putting together a diversified array of high quality stocks, bonds and other vehicles, you may be able to make steady progress toward your objectives. You can draw up this type of plan by yourself, of course, but you may find it easier — and more productive — to work with a financial professional who knows your situation and who can make objective recommendations.

•Keep investment performance in perspective — Many people make one of two mistakes when it comes to tracking their investments. They either forget about what they own, or they zealously follow every single price movement, large or small. Both of these moves can be troublesome. If you pay absolutely no attention to what you've invested in, you could someday find that your investments are no longer suitable for your needs. On the other hand, if you are constantly fretting about price movements, you'll be tempted to make hasty "buy" and "sell" decisions that ultimately may work against you. Instead of following either of these paths, look for a middle ground. Be aware of how your investments are performing, but always keep this performance in perspective. A stock could have a bad month, or even a bad year, and yet still have a promising future. Conversely, another stock may be "hot" at the moment but face daunting challenges for future success. The bottom line? Review your portfolio regularly - at least once a year. Evaluate how your investments have done in the recent past and what they may do in the coming months and years. Most important of all, try to determine if your holdings are still doing what you want them to do. Are they growing at the pace you need? If they're designed to provide income, are you getting the amount you want? Again, when you're reviewing your portfolio, you can benefit from working with a financial professional.

•Invest for the long term — It sounds easy - but it's not. To really invest for the long term, you need patience, perseverence and the ability to focus on events that won't occur for several decade. That's not to say you won't have short-term goals, such as a down payment for a house, a family vacation, etc. And there are some investments that are well-suited for these needs. Overall, though, you will probably find that most of your portfolio will be devoted to achieving your long-term objectives — a comfortable retirement, college for your kids, etc. So, you must build — and maintain — the mix of investments that have the "staying power" you will need.

There you have it — three moves you'll need to make to be a successful investor. By following these suggestions, you may never land on a magazine cover, but you should be pleased with the results.

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Kerry warns spending cuts 'almost criminal'

CHICAGO (AP) — Touring a struggling job-training site, Democrat John Kerry on Friday sought to refocus the presidential race on pocketbook issues, warning of "almost criminal" cuts in bedrock training and education programs.

"I'm tired of talking about valuing families and not valuing families," Kerry said. "There are unbelievable, unacceptable, staggering numbers of young lives that are being abandoned in our country."

Kerry held a town hall meeting at a job-training site where officials said their budget and the number of students they can train have been slashed because of cuts.

"This is pretty simple. The workplace of the United States of America is as stressed as I don't think I've seen it stressed at any time," Kerry said. "That's almost criminal. It's not criminal, but I want to underscore how unbelievable it is."

Kerry accused Bush of slashing $1 billion from job-training programs. "You shouldn't be abandoned and struggling the way you are today," he said.

After a week of turmoil and mounting deaths in Iraq, Kerry was focusing on jobs and the economy in a Midwest battleground state where 142,000 industrial jobs have been lost in the last three years.

"This campaign is about change," he said. "It's about putting Americans back to work and putting America back on the right track."

Joined at the town hall meeting by Democratic Senate nominee Barack Obama, Kerry said far more attention needs to be paid to struggling school systems like Chicago's, where more than 30 percent of students don't finish high school and the number is even higher for minorities.

"It's time for us to put real mainstream values back front and center," Kerry said. He accused Bush of "a long history of misleading America" about Kerry's plans for the economy.

"Under my economic plan we protect the middle class," said Kerry, rejecting Bush's charge that he would raise taxes as president. "Under my economic plan, we can put Americans back to work."

Kerry denied he was a tax-and-spend liberal. "I'm not confiscatorial," he said of his tax plan, which he argued would simply end tax cuts for the wealthiest.

Bush, Kerry contended, has largely ignored domestic issues like jobs and the economy.

"He thinks more about photo opportunities than he does about job opportunities," Kerry said.

Illinois is a state that has trended Democratic in recent elections and is one Kerry likely must win in the fall. Obama said there's a solid chance Kerry can lock up the state even before the fall campaign.

"We hope to take Illinois out of play sometime in the summer," Obama said.

FIRST PLACE — Snyder FFA farm business management team placed first in the contest at Abilene Christian University. Team members from left are Megan DeLoera, Logan West, Emily Long and Rusty Smith. (Contributed Photo)

Cannons in 'The Alamo' came from central Maryland farmer

NEW WINDSOR, Md. (AP) — When Disney moviemakers needed some big guns for "The Alamo," their search ended at a central Maryland farm where cannons are the chief crop.

Forrest M. Taylor reproduces antique artillery pieces so accurately that some of the 17 cannons and howitzers he made for the film were initially too heavy for the movie's horses to pull. When the filmmakers balked at getting bigger horses, Taylor remade the iron and bronze weapons in lightweight aluminum, sacrificing authenticity for hundreds of lost pounds.

"I succumbed to that massive siren called Hollywood," Taylor said.

The payoff wasn't bad: a $250,000 deal that included return of the guns and a 16-barreled rocket launcher that was also used in the film. Taylor, 43, said it was his biggest sale in a career that began just four years ago after stints as an engineer and world-class bagpiper.

But there was a catch for Taylor and the 30 artisans who helped craft the artillery pieces. They had less than 50 days to build and deliver the guns to a set near Austin for the film, which opened Friday. It normally takes five months to make a cannon, Taylor said.

Executive producer Philip Steuer called the result "fantastic."

"We ordered them at the last minute and it was down to the wire," he said.

SHS ag team garners first

Snyder High School Future Farmers of America chapter competed in the Abilene Christian University Agricultural Field Day and one SHS team placed first.

The farm business management team consisting of Megan DeLoera, Logan West, Emily Long and Rusty Smith claimed top spot.

Individually, DeLoera was first high point, West was second, Long was third and Smith ninth.

Tamara Taylor earned 16th place in individual competition.

"This is a great contest and Snyder has won 10 of the last 12 years," West said."

The land team — competing for the first time — finished in 21st place. Team members are William Greenwood, Paige Anderson and Casey Long.

Long said, "We had only practiced a couple of times so we didn't really expect to place. Luckily, today we were able to learn the ropes of the contest and we should be ready to contend for the top spots in a couple of weeks."

Agricultural science teachers are Jessica Colvin and David Frazier.

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SPORTS

Snyder 12, Sweetwater 2...

Tigers rough up Mustangs

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Everyone expected an exciting game, but no one expected this outcome.

No one, that is, except the Tigers.

Snyder (15-3, 5-0) touched Sweetwater ace Reid Bishop for seven second-inning runs, winning a battle of unbeatens and grabbing sole possession of first place with a 12-2, six-inning win.

"I knew we could do this," said Blake Grimmett, who drove in the final runs with a two-run single in the bottom of the sixth. "I always said we could 10-run them, everything just clicked."

Head coach Charles Bollinger was equally confident going into Friday's showdown.

"We can play with anybody," he said. "After this game, maybe they realize that."

After a scoreless first inning, the Tigers rattled Bishop and the Mustangs in the second.

Eric Martinez hit a long home run to left to start the offensive barrage.

Marcus Rodriguez reached on a single and broke up a double play with a hard slide on a fielder's choice by Marcus Villarreal.

After a Grimmett single, Villarreal stole third and Bradley Price followed with a two-out, RBI base knock. Jordan Dea was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Bishop walked Isaac Ramon to make it 3-0.

Alex Neal made it 5-0 on a two-run single, and Hadley Hirt reached on an error to score Neal.

Ramon came around to score on a wild pitch to Martinez to close out the scoring in the inning, giving Snyder a 7-0 edge.

"We wanted it real bad," said Martinez. "It was nice to get it started, and then we just never stopped."

The lead was all Snyder stopper Ty Collier (3-2) needed. Collier went the distance, striking out seven and allowing seven hits.

Marcus Rodriguez led off the third with a double, as Snyder added two in the inning on RBI singles by Price and Dea.

Rodriguez got a rare opportunity at the plate Friday, taking advantage with a 3-for-3 night with two runs scored.

Bollinger said Collier requested to be hit for to help his concentration on the mound, setting the stage for a breakout night at the plate for the Tiger shortstop.

"Marcus was swinging the bat well in practice," he said. "I couldn't be any more proud of a kid. It's got to be a great confidence builder for him."

After Sweetwater (15-4, 4-1) put up two runs in the top of the fifth, Snyder responded with a run in the bottom half of the frame, and clinched it with two in the sixth on the 10-run mercy rule.

With two out and nobody on in the sixth, Rodriguez cracked a single and Villarreal followed with another single to put runners on first and second.

Grimmett then finished it off with a base hit in the left centerfield gap.

The Mustangs went into the game ranked ninth in the state, but Bishop was hit hard all night and was distracted by the Tigers' aggressiveness on the base paths.

"They are a good team, but we put pressure on them with our base running," Bollinger said. "Our guys did everything well tonight."

Grimmett and Price both went 3-for-3, as Grimmett drove in three runs and Price scored three times and laid down a sacrifice bunt.

Neal had a pair of hits and two RBIs, Villarreal scored twice in going 2-for-4, and Ramon and Dea each had a hit and an RBI. Dea also was hit by a pitch in his first two at bats.

Grimmett said the win was something he has been waiting for since he was in grade school.

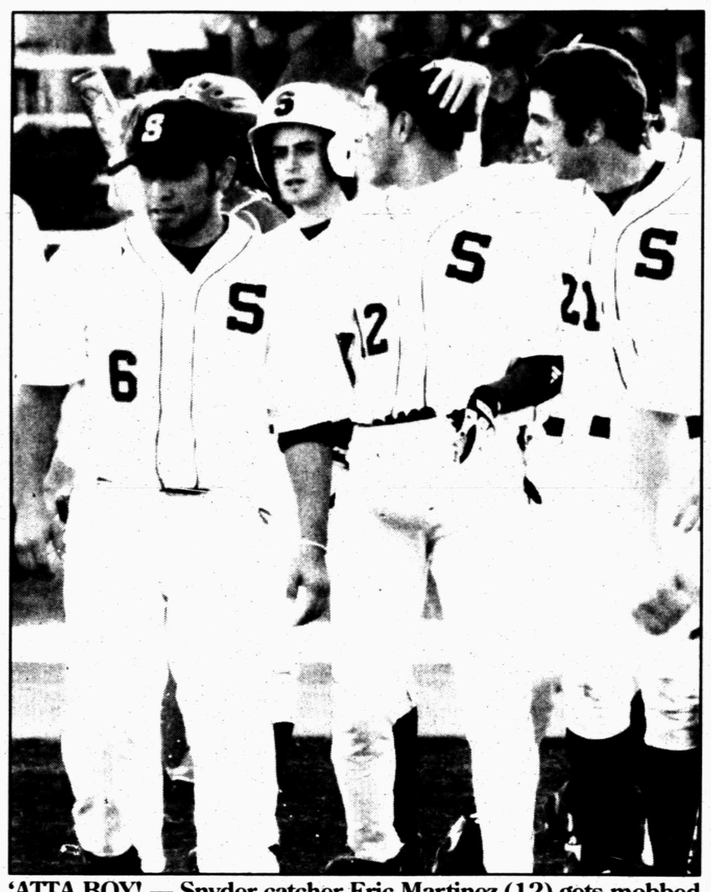
He said this was the best game the Tigers have played this season, because of the opponent.

"It is because it's Sweetwater," he said. "When we play them, you can throw out the rankings — they don't matter."

Bollinger said that as important as this game was, the Tigers should not lose focus on the four games while awaiting the April 27 rematch with the Mustangs.

"We still have to take it one game at a time — we can't take anything for granted," he said. "We keep getting better. I'm proud of the way these guys are molding together as a team."

The Tigers play four of their last five games on the road, and open the second-half of the district schedule at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lamesa.



'ATTA BOY! — Snyder catcher Eric Martinez (12) gets mobbed at home plate by teammates Nathan Hernandez (6) and Blake Grimmett (21) after his second-inning home run. The Tigers batted around in the inning on their way to a 12-2 win. (SDN STaff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Snyder laps field at C-City

In the final tune-up before the district meet, the Snyder boys track and field team took the Colorado City meet Friday with seven thinclads setting new personal marks.

"I'm tickled," head track coach Roger White said. "We went into the meet looking at it as our last practice before district. It's the last time we're going to run hard before Wednesday, and we got some momentum heading into district."

Snyder topped the field with 128 points, 10 better than host Colorado City, and 33 better than third-place Crane.

The 4x200m relay team of Malcome Wells, Justin Boyd, Zach Ca[illegible] and Jesus Juarez set a new personal mark and ran the third-fastest time in the state this year by finishing in 1:29.44.

Ricky McNatt carried home the gold in the discus with a new personal record throw of 156. Demetrius Brandon picked up the bronze and also set a new personal mark with a distance of 133.

Justin Boyd was awarded the gold in the high jump (6-4) and the 400m run.

Brandon also claimed the silver in the shot put, and Antwoine Cobb was fourth, setting a new personal standard with a heave of 44-3.

Wells raised his standards in two events, claiming the silver in the long jump with a leap of 21-11.5 and also in the 200m dash, crossing the line in 22.51

Josh Muniz had his best 800 run ever, taking second with a 2:05.36, and Jeremy Torrez ran his fastest two-mile, coming in third with a time of 11:13.

Torrez also won the bronze with a new personal mark of 4:54 in the mile. Muniz was second in that event.

The 1,600 relay squad, including Juarez, Muniz, Dwight Wells and Eder Borrego was fifth, D'Angleo Davis was sixth in the high jump and Garrett Pinson took sixth in the 110 hurdles.

The JV Tigers were fourth in their division with 81 points.

Johnny Vasquez claimed the only gold for the junior varsity in the discus, and won the silver in the shot put.

Barrett Bowlin was second in the triple jump, Tyler Driggers was third in the discus and Brandon Morriss was fourth in the long jump.

The 4x200 relay team of Matt Reigh, Matt Fernandez, Bowlin and Vasquez was third.

The sprint relay team (Bowling, Fernandez, Reigh and Michael Ford) finished third, the 4x400 team (Chris Vera, Brent Burleson, Reigh and Bowlin) was fifth and Kyle Sanchez claimed sixth in the 110 hurdles.

The district track meet kicks off at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Tiger Stadium.

WTC splits with Odessa

Western Texas College split its first two games with Odessa College Friday, with Snyder graduate Logan Hill earning his first college win in the opener.

Hill went six innings and struck out five batters in the 6-2 victory.

"Logan threw great and we finally scored some runs for him," head coach Billy Hefflinger said. "It's his first college win, but he's pitched good enough all year that he could have had it long before now."

Hill was aided by a solo home run from Chase Gilbert and four stolen bases from Landon Thompson, who went 2-for-4.

Derek Davis also had two hits and stole a base, and Eric Brown added a single and a steal.

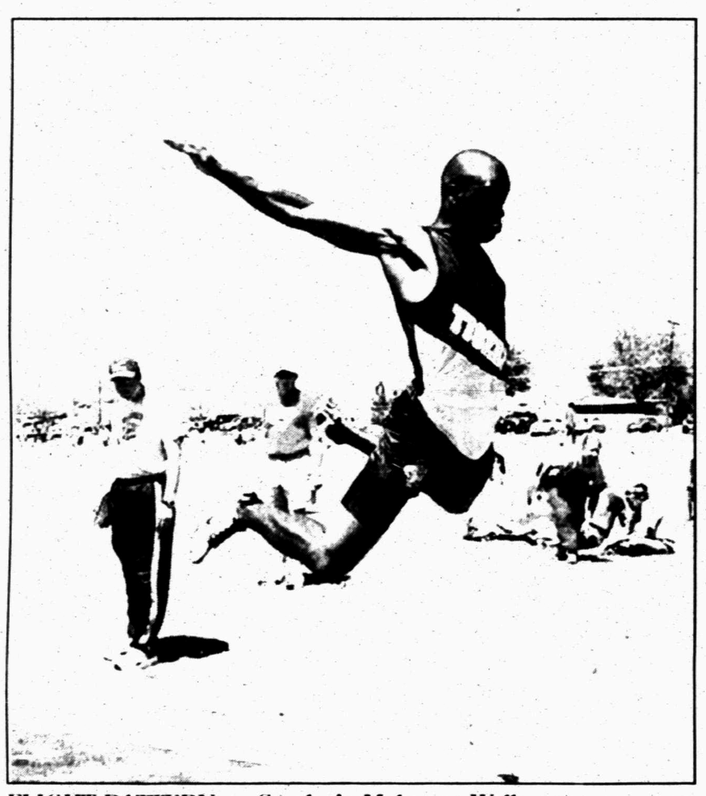
Thompson and David hit back-to-back homers to start the nightcap, helping WTC stake a 4-0 first-inning lead in the second game, before Odessa responded with seven in the top of the second, taking advantage of several defensive miscues and connecting for a grand slam off starter Tyler Trout.

"That second inning was the worst defense we've played all year," Hefflinger said. "That happens, but we couldn't afford it (Friday)."

WTC battled back to trail 8-7 in the final inning, before Odessa connected for another grand slam in the final inning to finalize the 15-7 victory.

WTC was scheduled to play Odessa in a doubleheader at noon at the WTC Complex, with Troy Krugar getting the start in the opener.

"I told the guys we need a complete day, not just a complete game," Hefflinger said. "If we don't sweep (Saturday) it's going to be hard to catch them. I'm confident we can do it, we just have to put them away."



FLIGHT PATTERN — Snyder's Malcome Wells set a new personal record in the long jump Friday at the Colorado City track and field meet. The Tigers won the meet with 128 points. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

Small lineup working out fine for Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — Since switching to a lineup that uses 6-foot-9 Antoine Walker at center, the Dallas Mavericks sure have been having a lot of fun.

They're 6-0, having won them all by at least 10 points. They've scored at least 117 points each game and are averaging 121.7 over the span.

Started out of desperation, the new look sure has lifted everyone's spirits at a crucial time.

"It's been great for momentum," center Scott Williams said. "We're building camaraderie. Guys are happy to be out there scoring and running up and down the floor, sharing the basketball. You can't put a pricetag on that, the way it's building everybody's morale."

The only downside is that once the playoffs start, the Mavs know they can't stick with their small-ball approach — especially if they face Shaquille O'Neal or Tim Duncan in the first round.

From veteran coach Don Nelson to rookies Marquis Daniels and Josh Howard, everyone in the locker room knows they better enjoy this while it lasts because changes are coming once they know who they'll be playing in the postseason.

"It's helped us win games, which is important to get that winning feeling back," point guard Steve Nash said. "Whether it helps us win games in the playoffs, that's a different story.

"I don't think we're planning on this being our playoff system. We're planning on this being one of our playoff systems. And, all together, we hope to have a very formidable playoff system."

Small ball works because the Mavs force a fast tempo. Even teams that prefer to score in the 80s wind up trying to keep pace with Dallas, like it or not.

"When a team scores on us, we push it right back," Walker said. "That kills the other team's momentum."

Nash and Daniels keep the pace rolling, while the frontcourt of Walker and 7-foot power forward Dirk Nowitzki both cause big mismatches.

Rodeo keeps pace at Borger

BORGER — The Western Texas College rodeo team kept pace in the Frank Phillips rodeo Friday, with two top performances in the long round.

Sam Spreadborough stayed in the top spot in saddle bronc with a 77, and Tate Stratton took the lead in bullriding after earning an 81 Friday.

Hadley Hunting turned in a third-place score of 73 in saddle bronc, and Clay Bunney is in second in bull riding with a 73.

Bruno Paoiella held the number two spot with his partner in team roping, and Tara Woodall was third in barrels with a 17.89.

Three other WTC riders broke into the top 10 Friday: Jamee Roach was 10th in breakaway roping with a time of 3.3 seconds, Justin Simmons was eighth in bullriding after scoring a 73 and Lance Nixon was ninth in bulls with a 71.

The Frank Phillips rodeo was scheduled to conclude with the championship round Saturday night.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY

Baseball:	SHS JV at Sweetwater, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Baseball:	SHS varsity at Lamesa, 4:30 p.m.
Golf:	SHS boys at Denver City, district final round
Softball:	SHS varsity at Merkel, 5 p.m.
	SHS JV at Merkel, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Golf:	SHS girls at Seminole, district final round
Track:	District meet, Snyder

THURSDAY

Baseball:	WTC at Lubbock Christian, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball:	SHS varsity at Denver City, 7 p.m.
	WTC vs. Midland JC, DH, noon
Softball:	SHS varsity vs. Denver City, 5 p.m.
	SHS JV vs. Denver City, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Softball:	WTC vs. Clarenson, DH, 2 p.m.
Baseball:	WTC vs. Midland JC, DH, noon
	SHS JV vs. Sweetwater, DH, noon
Track:	District meet, Snyder

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Colorado (Stark 0-0) at Lo[illegible] 1), 9:[illegible]0 p.m.

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SPORTS

Avs take 2-0 series lead over Stars

DENVER (AP) — With offensive stars Peter Forsberg, Joe Sakic and Alex Tanguay, it was only a matter of time before Colorado's power play came around.

It clicked at the perfect time.

Sakic, Tanguay and Steve Konowalchuk each had power-play goals Friday night, lifting the Avalanche to a 5-2 victory and a 2-0 lead over the Dallas Stars in the best-of-seven, first-round series.

"When you can put those players on the ice in power-play situations, you know they are going to score big goals," Avalanche coach Tony Granato said.

And they finally did.

Colorado had one of the league's best power-play units early in the season, but the Avalanche went 1-for-23 in their final seven games and 0-for-12 their last four at home.

The Avalanche were 0-for-4 against the Stars in Game 1 on Wednesday, but there were signs that things were starting to come around. Colorado moved the puck well and set up some good scoring chances, but just couldn't get the puck past Stars goalie Marty Turco.

They sure did in Game 2.

Colorado scored two goals in the first period on power plays, and Konowalchuk added another early in the third to put the game out of reach. The Avalanche weren't bad on the penalty kill, either, holding the Stars to 1-for-7 and scoring a short-handed goal.

"I think Game 1, with four power plays, we moved the puck around pretty well," said Sakic, who has scored in four straight playoff games. "I think tonight it was working again and we capitalized. Obviously, that was huge for us."

And disappointing for the Stars.

Dallas took its first lead of the series on Mike Modano's power-play goal 81/2 minutes into the game, but Sakic answered on a power play just 1:03 later.

The Stars also were called for having too many men on the ice at the end of a power play late in the first period, leading to Tanguay's goal with 2.8 seconds left.

"Walking into the locker room after being up 1-0 and with that goal with a couple seconds left, you never want to let that to happen," said Turco, who has allowed eight goals in the series.

Forsberg scored 6:48 in on a centering pass that caromed past Turco off the skate of Dallas defenseman Richard Matvichuk.

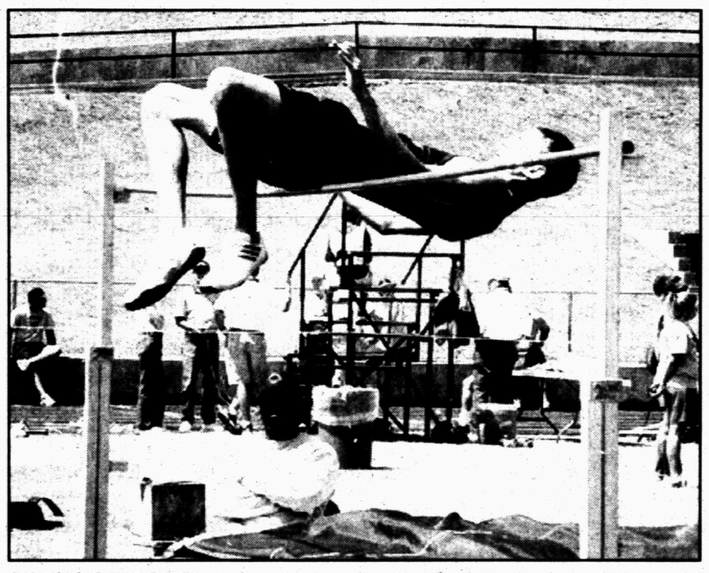
The next goal, a short-hander by Dan Hinote, came six minutes later after Andrei Nikolishin whiffed on a shot, and Turco swiped it back toward his net.

At least Game 3 is Monday in Dallas, where the Stars were 26-7-8 this season.

"We are a better team than that," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "We have battled back from adversity before, and we are going to have to do it again."

Notes: Colorado is 11-2 in series after winning the first two games. ... Dallas was 30-5-5-1 in the regular season when scoring first. ... The Avalanche have won 34 straight playoff games when scoring at least five goals. The last loss with five goals was April 23, 1982, a 6-5 setback against Boston. ... Hinote's short-handed goal was the first of his career.

SLIDE RULE — Snyder second baseman Blake Grimmett slides around the tag to steal third base in the Tigers 12-2 victory over Sweetwater Friday. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)



SIX FOOT FOUR — Snyder senior Justin Boyd earned the gold medal in the high jump at the Colorado City meet Friday with a leap of 6-4. (Contributed Photo by Ronny Collins)

Rose stays cool, keeps lead at Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Justin Rose is the youngest pro in the field. Alex Cejka made a harrowing escape from Communism. K.J. Choi set a Masters record.

And don't forget Charles Howell, who grew up five minutes from Augusta National. Or Phil Mickelson, again chasing that elusive major championship.

All great stories.

But it wasn't their day.

This one belonged to the King.

Arnold Palmer took one final stroll through the azaleas, retraced the steps of Bobby Jones one last time, and called it a Masters career.

There wasn't a dry eye in the place Friday — and that includes Palmer, who couldn't contain his emotions after his 50th and final tournament at Augusta National.

"I'm sort of a sentimental slob," Palmer said, breaking down in tears. "It's not fun sometimes to know it's over."

Rose is having plenty of fun. The 23-year-old Englishman played a steady hand under an increasing spotlight and maintained the two-stroke lead he had after the first round.

He signed for a 1-under 71 after a superb save from the bunker at No. 18 — not only keeping his cushion over Cejka and Jose Maria Olazabal, but effectively knocking out 13 other players who would have made the cut if he stumbled.

Anyone within 10 shots of the lead got to play on the weekend.

"I knew there were plenty of guys wishing me not to make up-and-down on 18," Rose said.

Among those sent home: Mike Weir, the first defending champion in four years who didn't make it to the weekend.

The Canadian lefty bounced back from an opening-round 79, when he dunked a couple of balls in the water, to shoot 70. But he missed a 5-foot putt to save par on the final hole, leaving him with nothing to do on the weekend except hand out the green jacket to his successor on Sunday.

Tiger Woods managed to hang around, shooting a 69 that left him six strokes behind Rose. One good round from being a legitimate threat.

"I'm still here," Woods said, a subtle dig at those who suggested he might not extend his record cut streak to 121. "You have to take baby steps. I got back to even, and that's viable."

For one day, at least, Woods wasn't the center of attention at the major championship. This one belonged to a 74-year-old man who missed a 4-foot putt on the final hole for his second straight 84.

Everyone celebrated, from Jack Nicklaus — who hinted this may be his final Masters, as well — to Fred Couples, who hung around the scoring hut to watch Palmer make his final walk up 18.

While Palmer won't be back as a player, he'll definitely return to Augusta. Maybe he'll serve as the honorary starter. Maybe he'll just take a seat on the verandah, watching all the kids trying to fill his shoes.

"I don't think I could ever separate myself from this club and this golf tournament," Palmer said. "I may not be here, but I'll still be a part of what happens here."

For now, the lead belongs to a guy who missed his first 21 cuts after turning pro. Rose finished fourth at the 1999 British Open as a 17-year-old amateur, but took a while to earn his first paycheck.

"Playing under pressure for the right reasons is fun," Rose said. "Playing under pressure for the wrong reasons, that's awful. This is much, much better."

On a wild day of charges and collapses, Rose rarely got into trouble and finished at 6-under 138.

Olazabal, a two-time Masters champion, renewed his hopes with an eagle-birdie-birdie stretch on the back nine and a 3-under 69. He and Cejka (70) each bogeyed the 18th hole and were at 140.

Wilson, Pitner named All-Region

Wilson

Pitner

Ira basketball players Kelbi Pitner and Lindsey Wilson have been selected to the All-Region I basketball team.

Wilson and Pitner each earned spots on the second team.

Pitner was the district 7 Newcomer of the Year, and Wilson was named to the All-District first team.

Stanley Cup Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Friday, April 9

Boston 2, Montreal 1, OT, Boston leads series 2-0

Colorado 5, Dallas 2, Colorado leads series 2-0

Calgary 2, Vancouver 1, series tied 1-1

Saturday, April 10

Nashville at Detroit, 2 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.

St. Louis at San Jose, 2 p.m.

Ottawa at Toronto, 6 p.m.

New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 11

Detroit at Nashville, 3 p.m.

Boston at Montreal, 6 p.m.

Vancouver at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, April 12

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Toronto at Ottawa, 6 p.m.

Colorado at Dallas, 7 p.m.

San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	3	1	.750	—
Atlanta	2	2	.500	1
New York	2	2	.500	1
Montreal	1	3	.250	2
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	3	1	.750	—
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	½
Chicago	2	2	.500	1
Houston	2	2	.500	1
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	1
St. Louis	2	3	.400	1½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	3	1	.750	—
Arizona	2	2	.500	1
San Diego	2	2	.500	1
San Francisco	2	2	.500	1
Colorado	1	3	.250	2

Friday's Games

Houston 13, Milwaukee 7
N.Y. Mets 3, Montreal 2, 11 innings
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago Cubs 2, Atlanta 1, 15 innings
Florida 4, Philadelphia 3
St. Louis 13, Arizona 6
Los Angeles 5, Colorado 1

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh (Wells 1-0) at Cincinnati (Lidle 0-1), 12:15 p.m.
Houston (Redding 0-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Myers 0-0) at Florida (Oliver 0-0), 5:05 p.m.
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San Francisco (Rueter 0-0) at San Diego (Lawrence 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 0-1) at Arizona (Sparks 0-0), 9:05 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 0-0) at Los Angeles (Nomo 0-1), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 12:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Montreal at San Juan, 12:35 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 2:05 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 3:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 3:35 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 7:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	3	2	.600	—
New York	3	3	.500	½
Baltimore	2	3	.400	1
Boston	2	3	.400	1
Toronto	1	3	.250	1½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	4	0	1.000	—
Chicago	2	2	.500	2
Kansas City	2	2	.500	2
Minnesota	2	2	.500	2
Cleveland	2	3	.400	2½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	3	1	.750	—
Oakland	3	1	.750	—
Texas	2	2	.500	1
Seattle	0	4	.000	3

Friday's Games

Texas 12, Anaheim 4
Toronto 10, Boston 5
Chicago White Sox 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3, 10 innings
Kansas City 3, Cleveland 1
Oakland 8, Seattle 6

Saturday's Games

Minnesota (Radke 0-0) at Detroit (Johnson 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (De Paula 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 0-0) at Kansas City (B.Anderson 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 0-0) at Oakland (Hudson 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Bedard 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 0-1), 5:15 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 0-1) at Boston (P.Martinez 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 0-0) at Texas (Rogers 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 12:15 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m.
Anaheim at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Ladies play day

The WGA will host a ladies play each Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Scurry County golf course. Format is most pars (gross and net pars or better).

Friday swingers

The SCGA will host a couples play day at 5:30 p.m. Friday. Format is handicap scramble, and the cost is $10. Call the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Gateway Golf Classic

The third annual Gateway Golf Classic will be held Saturday at Sammy Baugh Golf Course at WTC. Format is four-person scramble, and cost is $240 per team. Shotgun starts are set for 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit Gateway Family Services. Call 573-4351 for more information.

Torre signs three-year extension

NEW YORK (AP) — Manager Joe Torre and the New York Yankees agreed to a $19.2 million, three-year contract extension through 2007, reaching the deal a season after his relationship with owner George Steinbrenner soured so much that it threw his future in doubt.

Torre, 63, will remain as a consultant to the Yankees for up to six years after he's finished managing.

The Yankees have reached the postseason in all eight seasons under Torre, advancing to the World Series six times and winning four championships. Torre, in the final season of a $15 million, three-year deal, gets $6.1 million in both 2005 and 2006, and $7 million in 2007.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New Jersey	46	33	.582	—
x-Miami	40	39	.506	6
x-New York	37	42	.468	9
Boston	35	44	.443	11
Philadelphia	33	46	.418	13
Washington	25	54	.316	21
Orlando	19	60	.241	27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
yz-Indiana	59	21	.738	—
x-Detroit	52	27	.658	6½
x-Milwaukee	41	38	.519	17½
x-New Orleans	39	40	.494	19½
Cleveland	32	47	.405	26½
Toronto	31	48	.392	27½
Atlanta	26	53	.329	32½
Chicago	22	57	.278	36½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	56	24	.700	—
x-San Antonio	54	25	.684	1½
x-Dallas	50	28	.641	5
x-Memphis	50	29	.633	5½
x-Houston	44	35	.557	11½
Denver	41	38	.519	14½
Utah	41	38	.519	14½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	54	25	.684	—
x-Sacramento	54	25	.684	—
Portland	41	38	.519	13
Golden State	35	44	.443	19
Seattle	35	44	.443	19
L.A. Clippers	27	52	.342	27
Phoenix	27	52	.342	27

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y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Friday's Games

Washington 83, Philadelphia 80
Miami 106, Cleveland 91
Indiana 90, New Jersey 80
Detroit 74, Toronto 66
New Orleans 89, Boston 80
Atlanta 116, Chicago 101
Houston 106, Denver 103
San Antonio 84, Portland 74
Phoenix 101, Sacramento 96
L.A. Lakers 103, Memphis 95
Minnesota 92, Golden State 74

Saturday's Games

Dallas at Seattle, 2:30 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 6 p.m.
New York at Washington, 6 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago at Toronto, noon
Philadelphia at New Jersey, noon
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 2:30 p.m.
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION
ATTENTION: **Edward R. Richardson Heirs**; I have surveyed the property located at **205 26th St.,** (Lot 3, Block 46, Grayum and Nelson Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure(s) to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance No. 324 and intend to order demolition of the structure(s) on or about April 26, 2004. If no objections are received by this date the demolition order will be issued.

Tom Valentine
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City of Snyder
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ATTENTION: **Mrs. M.R. Davis**; I have surveyed the property located at **1112 30th St.,** (Lot 1 & W/2 Lot 2, Block 26, Wilmeth Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure(s) to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance No. 324 and intend to order demolition of the structure(s) on or about April 26, 2004. If no objections are received by this date the demolition order will be issued.

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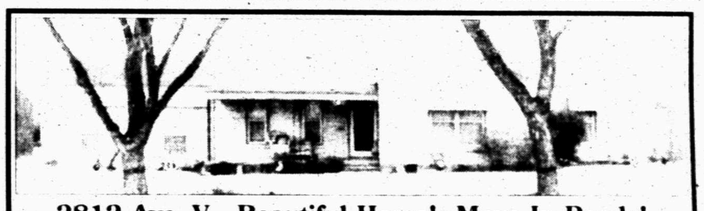

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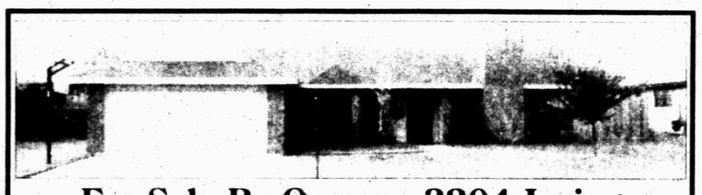

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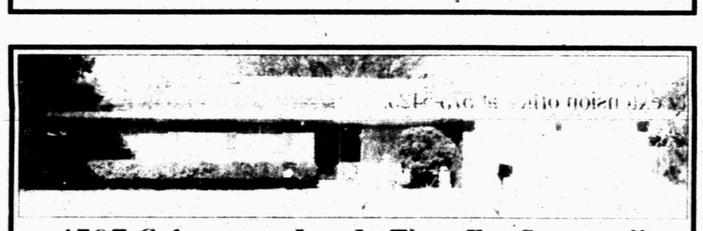

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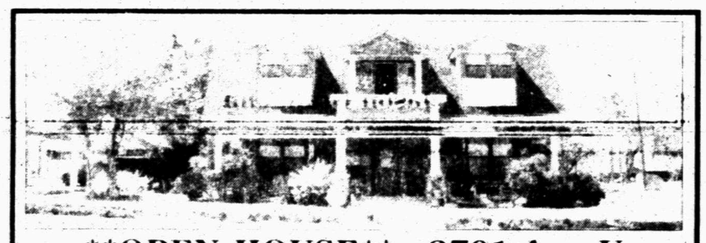

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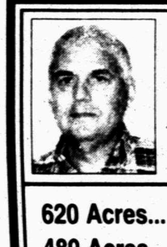

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Mexican reservoirs pose flooding risk to Valley

HARLINGEN (AP) — With visions of horrific flooding just across the border in mind, officials in the Rio Grande Valley are checking levees, monitoring Mexican reservoir levels and reviewing emergency procedures.

Experts say that if the reservoirs don't release enough water soon, the next substantive rainfall could force devastating floods in one of the fastest growing areas along the Texas-Mexico border.

Last week, storms over Mexico's Escondido River caused the Rio Grande to rise 25 feet, sending water rushing into Mexico's border city of Piedras Negras and killing at least 36 people.

"Could the same thing happen here? Yes. Or worse," said Carlos Marin, deputy commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission, which monitors water levels and usage of the shared river. "I would say we're in a cautious state."

The Rio Grande Valley has had explosive growth, as have cities on Mexico's side of the border. Population estimates hover at around 2 million. Most of the area is low-lying with poor drainage. Thousands of people, many recent immigrants, live in unplanned communities known as "colonias" that are close to the Rio Grande and have no sewage systems.

An overflow of the Rio Grande means the region's only drain — the river — is backing up.

"We would certainly be looking at flood situations and evacuation situations and sheltering and mass care systems," said Charlie Montgomery, who heads the Hidalgo County Emergency Management division. "After the fact, "vector issues" — mosquitos, possums, rats, rodents of all kinds."

The Marte Gomez and El Cuchillo reservoirs were built to capture overflows of the San Juan River, which flows down from the mountains of Monterrey, Mexico. They have been full since the fall, when a series of tropical storms pummeled the Gulf Coast.

Mexico has been making periodic releases from the dams to no avail. New rains keep refilling them. Hurricane season starts June 1.

It's a big change for Valley officials to be worried about too much rather than too little water.

In 2002, the border region was in its 10th year of drought, and Mexico's failure to meet the terms of a 1944 water sharing treaty had mounted to a water debt of more than 450 billion gallons of water. The matter has become a sore spot in U.S.-Mexico relations.

Unfortunately, the San Juan basin is south of Falcon Lake reservoir, the last means of storing Rio Grande water for South Texas. So overflows from Gomez and Cuchillo have no impact on the debt.

The most at-risk communities are nearest to the river, Montgomery said, including Rio Grande City, Hidalgo, Las Milpas, southern La Joya, Donna, Mercedes, Progreso, Progreso Lakes, La Feria, Rancho Viejo and Brownsville.

La Joya Mayor William Leo said he still remembered the flooding that came with Hurricane Beulah in 1967, which sent the river flowing past the railroad tracks and rushing into homes. Thirteen people died from the storm.

"If the water goes over the railroad tracks that means we've got some serious problems," Leo said. "In my lifetime, it's happened twice."

He said he hadn't heard much about the Mexican reservoirs but felt prepared.

"We go through the regular training routines," he said. "I would think that if we were in danger the Red Cross would call some sort of emergency situation."

The fall rains made officials in Brownsville assess their levee system for the first time in recent memory, said Jeff Johnston, emergency management coordinator for the city.

"A lot of these levees hadn't been maintained and looked at due that the fact that the river was so low," he said. "When you can walk across the river and you've got a levee to look at that's 20 feet high you don't think there's much to worry about."

Montgomery assured the region was prepared, thanks to emergency planning and training that now includes homeland security agencies.

Evacuation plans are in place, she said, as are shelters.

"We have a saying in emergency management — if anything happens, we haven't done our jobs," Montgomery said. "We know that Mother Nature is going to come along and slap us in the back of the hand one way or another every year."

Private lottery closed down

DETROIT (AP) — A 77-year-old woman is accused of running her own private lottery for three decades, drawing millions of dollars in business by offering higher payoffs than the state.

Authorities say they seized $2.2 million and broke up the family-run lottery that they say used the Michigan State Lottery Daily 3 and Daily 4 numbers but paid off significantly more money.

Operating from modest homes in the city and nearby Oak Park, the family business appears to have roots going back 30 years, officials said Friday.

"Numbers operations have been around for several decades before the lottery, but this is the largest we have seriously disrupted," Sheriff Warren Evans said.

The sheriff and prosecutors declined to offer further details on the operation.

Officials say Heloise Johnson, 77, was the "matriarch" of the private lottery, running it with her daughter and three adult grandchildren.

Workshop for grain sorghum slated Monday

A *What-You-Need-To-Know* grain sorghum information workshop will be offered in Lamesa Monday, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension in conjunction with Texas Grain Sorghum Association.

Basics of sorghum production including hybrid selection, planting, weed and insect control, fertility, as well as producer feedback will be featured.

The meeting begins at 8:15 a.m. at the Dawson County Community Building, South 8th & Houston. The $5 registration fee will cover the cost of educational materials, and lunch is free, courtesy of TGSA. A total of 3.0 CEUs will be available for both TDA and CCAs. For additional information contact Greg Gruben at the Scurry County extension office at 573-5423.

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to all of our family, friends, special neighbors, church families, and pastor who have visited, sent cards, and called. Your prayers have meant so much to us.

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Thanks also to our special neighbors who have done so much for us like shopping and mowing our grass.
We love and appreciate everyone and pray God will bless you all.

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March 24th, 2004

To the Citizens of Scurry County:

On May 28, 2004 Snyder High School will graduate approximately 176 high school seniors. The parents of those seniors are organizing an all-night alcohol/drug free graduation party. Our goal is to make the party inviting so that each graduating senior remains at the all-night party and thus avoids non-supervised parties that may serve alcohol, etc. And of course, since the party is alcohol free, there is no worry about what will happen to the students as they drive home from the party.

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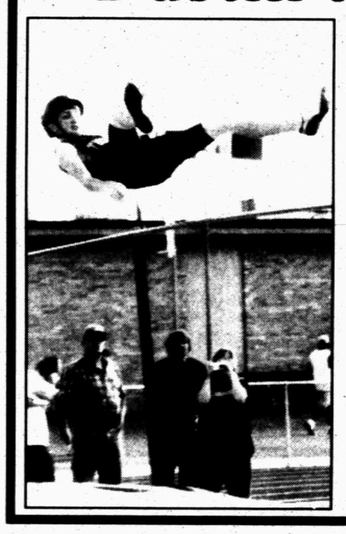

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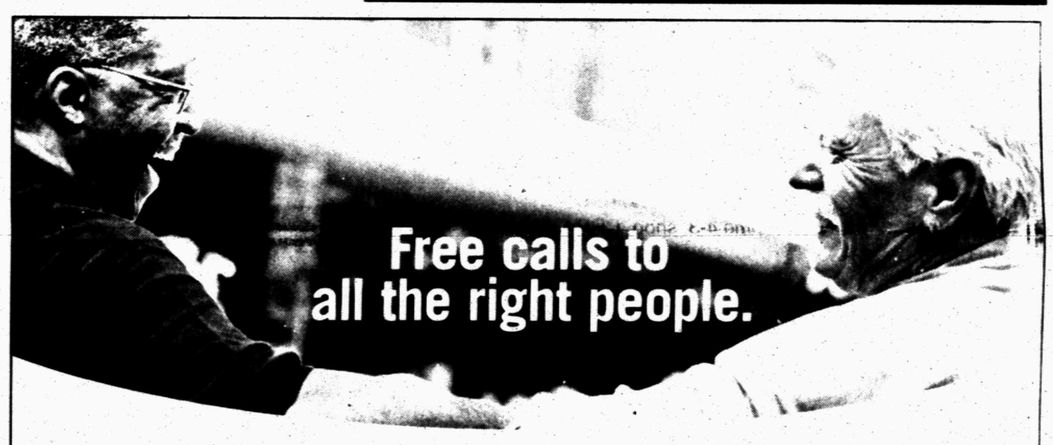

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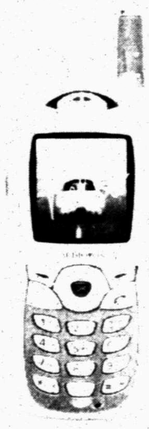

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

U.S. asks insurgents to join cease-fire

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Government negotiators entered the besieged city of Fallujah Saturday as fierce battles raged elsewhere in central Iraq, including Baghdad. Forty Iraqis were killed, two U.S. servicemembers and two Germans were missing, an American civilian was captured and a Red Crescent official was gunned down.

Several members of the Iraqi Governing Council met with Fallujah city leaders, trying to win the handover of people who killed and mutilated four American civilians last week. They also want the insurgents to give up foreign militants in the city, council member Mahmoud Othman said.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said the military was seeking a cease-fire during the talks, but explosions and sporadic gunfire continued to be heard Saturday afternoon in the city. The Marines largely remained in the industrial zone they hold in the eastern part of the city, 35 miles west of Baghdad.

Some Marines moved a few blocks into a nearby neighborhood, breaking into homes, witnesses said, in an apparent attempt to clear out gunmen firing on them. An AC-130 gunship airplane raked insurgent positions with gunfire Friday night.

Members of the Governing Council have expressed increasing anger over the U.S. siege, calling it a "mass punishment" for the city's 200,000 residents. A Shiite member suspended his council seat in protest, and a Sunni council member said he would quit if the Fallujah talks fell apart.

In Baqouba, northeast of the capital, gunmen attacked government buildings and police stations, fighting U.S. troops in battles that killed around 40 Iraqis and wounded several Americans, said Capt. Issam Bornales, spokesman for the 1st Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade.

Insurgents also fought U.S. troops in Baghdad's northern, mainly Sunni neighborhood of al-Azamiyah.

Guerrillas attacked a tank on a highway near the airport in western Baghdad on Saturday, setting it on fire. In the west of the city, a convoy of supply trucks being escorted by two U.S. Humvees was attacked. One of the trucks was set ablaze and the driver kidnapped, said Majid Hameed, a witness. The kidnapping could not be confirmed and the driver's nationality was not known.

Bush briefing had old data on possible plot by al-Qaida

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's August 2001 briefing on terror threats included information that federal agents were investigating reports three months earlier about a possible plot on U.S. soil.

And, it said, al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's desire to strike inside America surfaced as long as four years before Bush took office, according to several people who have seen the memo.

The document has emerged as a key point of interest to the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, airborne attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon.

Some of the most current information in the so-called presidential daily briefing, or PDB, delivered to Bush on Aug. 6, 2001, came from reports U.S. intelligence had received in May 2001 about a possible plot for an explosives attack inside the United States, the sources told The Associated Press this week.

Also in August 2001, U.S. intelligence officials received two uncorroborated reports suggesting that terrorists might use airplanes, including one that suggested al-Qaida operatives were considering flying a plane into a U.S. embassy, current and former government officials said.

Those reports — among thousands of varied and uncorroborated threats received by the government each month — weren't deemed credible enough to tell Bush or his national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, the officials said.

None of the information in the president's briefing or the August reports involved the eventual Sept. 11 plot.

But former Indiana Rep. Timothy Roemer, a Democratic member of the Sept. 11 commission, has said: "Something was going to happen very soon and be potentially catastrophic. I don't understand, given the big threat, why the big (national security) principals (officials) don't get together."

The sources who read the presidential memo would speak only on condition of anonymity because the White House has yet to declassify the highly sensitive document, titled "Bin Laden Determined to Strike Inside the United States."

That declassification process is expected to be completed soon, allowing the administration to make the document public in a historic disclosure of presidential intelligence briefing materials.

The sources said the memo included a series of items that brought Bush through a history of mostly uncorroborated intelligence that cited al-Qaida's interest in hijacking planes to win the release of Islamic extremists who had been arrested in 1998 and 1999.

Russian mine explosion kills 20

MOSCOW (AP) — An apparent methane blast ripped through a coal mine in Siberia early Saturday, killing 20 miners and trapping about 30 others underground, officials said.

Thirteen miners were rescued or made it to the surface on their own, said Valery Kovchagin, an emergency department spokesman in the Kemerovo region.

Earlier, Kovchagin said that at least 52 workers were believed to have been in the mine at the time of the blast, but later figures indicated there had been 60 or more. The Interfax news agency said 27 miners were missing, but Kovchagin put the number at more than 30.

Kemerovo governor Aman Tuleyev, who was overseeing the rescue operation, said on NTV television that the shortest path to the blast site deep underground was blocked by what appeared to be impassable rubble, and that rescuers were attempting to reach the area by a longer route from an adjacent mine.

NTV reported that voices could be heard from the rubble, but Tuleyev did not say that and Rossiya television reported that there was no communication with the trapped miners. Officials said they did not know when rescuers might reach them.

A duty officer at the regional emergency department said authorities believe a methane blast occurred at a depth of 1,840 feet, causing damage in the mine, and the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted mine director Valery Naumkin as saying the blast's effects were hindering rescue efforts.

Officials initially said four of the 13 survivors were hospitalized with moderate injuries and burns, but the duty officer later said that only two remained hospitalized.

Relatives of the miners were bused to the mine's administration building, Rossiya reported. It showed footage of dilapidated-looking mine structures above the ground and of miners who arrived for the next shift but were sent away after the accident, which occurred at about 7 a.m.

Cheney wants China to buy U.S-made nuclear reactors

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a trip to China next week to talk about high-stakes world issues like terrorism and nuclear tensions, Vice President Dick Cheney will have another task — making a pitch for Westinghouse's U.S. reactor technology.

At stake could be billions of dollars in business in coming years and thousands of American jobs. The initial installment of four reactors, costing $1.5 billion apiece, would also help narrow the huge U.S. trade deficit with China.

China's latest economic plan anticipates more than doublings its electricity output by 2020 and the Chinese government, facing enormous air pollution problems, is looking to shift some of that away from coal-burning plants. Its plan calls for building as many as 32 large 1,000-megawatt reactors over the next 16 years.

No one has ordered a new reactor in the United States in three decades and the next one, if it comes, is still years away. So, China is being viewed by the U.S. industry as a potential bonanza.

Cheney's three-day visit to Beijing and Shanghai next week is part of a weeklong trip to Asia. He will focus on terrorism and nuclear tensions over North Korea, but he also is expected to talk up U.S. reactor technology, according to industry and government sources.

A senior administration official, briefing reporters about the trip, said Cheney will not "pitch individual commercial transactions." But he intends to make clear "we support the efforts of our American companies" and general access to China's markets, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Some critics are concerned about such technology transfers.

"This pitch could not be more poorly timed," Henry Sokolski, executive director of the Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, told a hearing of the House International Relations Committee recently.

Citing recent Chinese plans to help Pakistan build two large reactors that are capable of producing plutonium, he said it is not the time for China to be rewarded with new reactor technology. U.S. officials said the Chinese have given adequate assurances that such sales will not pose a proliferation risk.

Bid solicitations for four new reactors are expected to be issued by the Chinese within months.

The leading competitors are U.S.-based Westinghouse Electric Co. and a French rival, Areva, which is peddling its next-generation reactor built by its Framatome subsidiary.

Westinghouse is putting its hopes on its 1,100 megawatt AP1000 reactor, an advanced design that is still waiting approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission before it can be built in the United States. Westinghouse, owned by the British nuclear firm BNFL, is the only U.S.-based manufacturer of a pressurized water reactor, the type of design China has said it wants to pursue.

Obituaries

Marjorie Cox

1915-2004

MUSKOGEE, Okla. — Marjorie Griffith Cox, sister of Ross Blanchard of Snyder, died Friday, April 9, in Muskogee after a short illness.

Services for Mrs. Cox, 89, are pending in Muskogee.

She was born in Haskell, Okla., to Ross and Pearl Blanchard in 1915.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Jack Blanchard.

Survivors also include two daughters, Sue Ferrell and Jeanie Farmer of Muskogee; three sons, Bill Griffith of Muskogee, Jerry Ross Griffith of Jensen, Mich., and Tommy Griffith of Lawton, Okla.

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Six arrests reported locally

• ***Arrests***

At 3:59 p.m. Friday, a 22-year-old male was arrested at Highway 84 and Huffman Avenue on misdemeanor charges of marijuana possession.

Officers arrested a 35-year-old male at 8:09 p.m. Friday, at the Beacon Lodge on charges of family violence.

At 12:30 a.m. Saturday, a 47-year-old male was arrested in the 3000 block of 40th St. on charges of providing alcohol to minors.

A 25-year-old male was arrested at 12:48 a.m. Saturday in the 300 block of 20th St. on charges of public intoxication.

At 1:10 a.m. Saturday, a 49-year-old male was arrested in the 700 block of College Avenue for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 3:17 a.m. Saturday in the 4400 block of Ave. U, a 20-year-old female was arrested for public intoxication and a 33-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication and a misdemeanor warrant.

• ***Criminal Mischief***

Two reports of eggs being thrown at vehicles were made Friday.

• ***Family violence***

Officers responded to a report of family violence at 6 p.m. Friday.

• ***Loud Music***

Police responded to four calls for loud music.

• ***Motorist Assist***

Police responded to four requests for keys locked in vehicles.

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45/36	59/40	71/50
Cloudy with occasional showers. Cold. High around 45F.	A few morning showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise 7:18 AM, Sunset 8:11 PM	Sunrise 7:17 AM, Sunset 8:12 PM	Sunrise 7:16 AM, Sunset 8:13 PM

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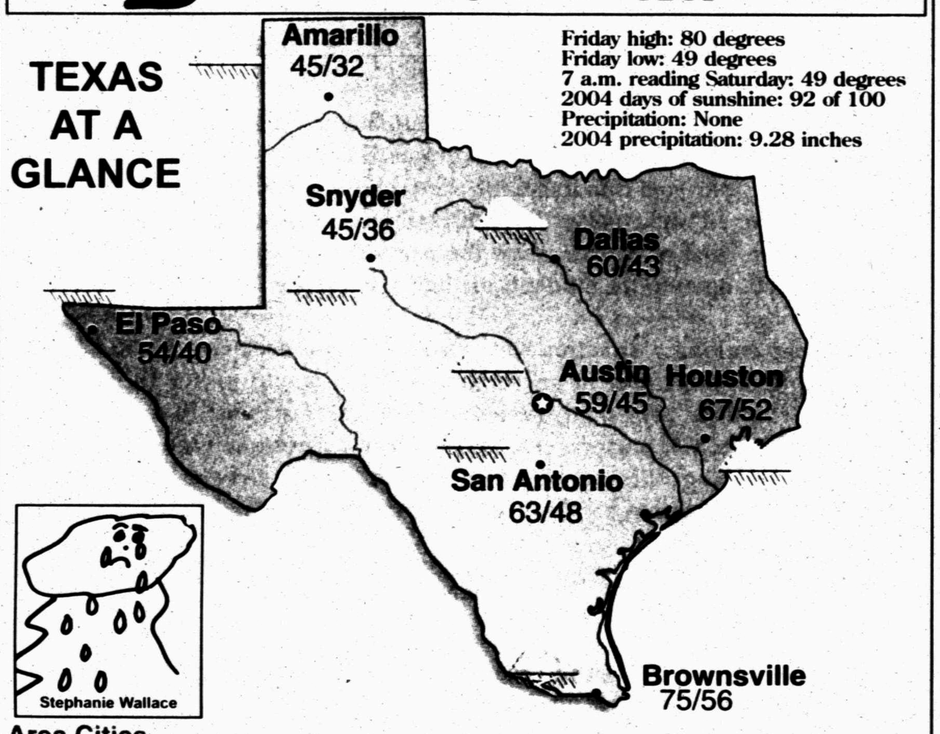

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	48	39	rain	El Paso	54	40	rain	Midland	46	38	rain
Amarillo	45	32	rain	Fort Stockton	53	39	rain	Raymondville	75	54	t-storm
Austin	59	45	rain	Gainesville	57	40	cloudy	Rosenberg	67	51	rain
Beaumont	68	51	rain	Greenville	59	42	rain	San Antonio	63	48	rain
Brownsville	75	56	t-storm	Houston	67	52	rain	San Marcos	60	46	rain
Brownwood	59	40	rain	Kingsville	73	53	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	59	42	rain
Corpus Christi	69	54	t-storm	Livingston	65	46	rain	Sweetwater	48	38	rain
Corsicana	59	42	rain	Longview	61	44	rain	Tyler	60	44	rain
Dallas	60	43	rain	Lubbock	44	35	rain	Weatherford	58	39	rain
Del Rio	63	49	rain	Lufkin	64	47	t-storm	Wichita Falls	56	38	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	72	55	t-storm	Houston	67	52	rain	Phoenix	81	56	mst sunny
Boston	48	39	rain	Los Angeles	76	56	cloudy	San Francisco	69	51	pt sunny
Chicago	46	33	pt sunny	Miami	86	75	pt sunny	Seattle	75	48	mst sunny
Dallas	60	43	rain	Minneapolis	44	26	pt sunny	St. Louis	56	37	cloudy
Denver	42	30	mixed	New York	50	42	rain	Washington, DC	53	42	rain

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 27

UV Index

Sun 4/11	Mon 4/12	Tue 4/13
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Moderate	High	High

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Easter 2004

READY FOR EASTER — Brookelynn Pruitt, daughter of Samantha Everett and Jammall Pruitt, is all dressed up for Easter. She was born on March 23. Grandparents are Pam Everett and Lane Everett of Snyder; Bubba and Gladys Everett of Odessa; and Tammy McDonald of Arlington. (Contributed Photo)

HIDING — This young cottontail rabbit has found a home in the backyard of Ed and Cindy McAnally. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

FRIENDLY VISIT — The Easter Bunny (Jennifer Sawyer) visited Stanfield students Thursday and passed out baskets of goodies. Students in Margie Martinez' class are from left Allison Claxton, Taylor Brumley, Andee Leal and Victoria Quiros. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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EASTER BUNNY WINNERS — Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary sponsored a fundraiser and names were drawn for two toy bunnies. From left are CMH Auxiliary members Barbara McGee and Carolyn Cox and winners of the bunnies are Jazmin Garcia and Laurie Leuck-Sharp. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North ♠ A K 5 ♥ K Q 10 9 ♦ A 7 6 4 2 ♣ 3	04-10-04
West ♠ J 8 6 3 2 ♥ — ♦ K Q J 8 5 ♣ Q 10 4		East ♠ Q 10 ♥ 5 4 3 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣ K 9 6 5 2
	South ♠ 9 7 4 ♥ A J 8 7 6 ♦ 9 ♣ A J 8 7	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Saturday, April 10, 2004

Take them separately, not two by two

By Phillip Alder

The animals went into Noah's Ark two by two. And if you draw trumps, you burn up yours two by two. Wouldn't it be better to score tricks with them one by one? Yes — but it isn't often possible. However, occasionally a deal like this one comes along.

First, though, look only at the South hand. You deal and pass. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart, and he rebids four clubs. This is a splinter bid promising game values, four-card heart support, and a singleton (or void) in clubs. What would you do now?

When you've decided, look at the North hand too. You plunge into six hearts, and West leads the diamond king. How would you plan the play?

After North's four-club rebid, South should be thinking about a slam. He has a maximum pass and can see a parking place for those clubs by ruffing them in the dummy. However, if North has strong diamonds, there could be two top spade losers. South is short of slam-tries, though. Four diamonds is the only choice, but doing that with a singleton in partner's first-bid suit is dangerous. To solve the quandary, I peeked at the North hand and saw that six hearts is an excellent contract!

I hope you realized that the deal is set up for a crossruff. But before commencing a crossruff, you must cash your side-suit winners. Therefore, after winning with dummy's diamond ace, take the two top spades and the club ace. Then merrily ruff diamonds in hand and clubs on the board, scoring your trumps one by one.

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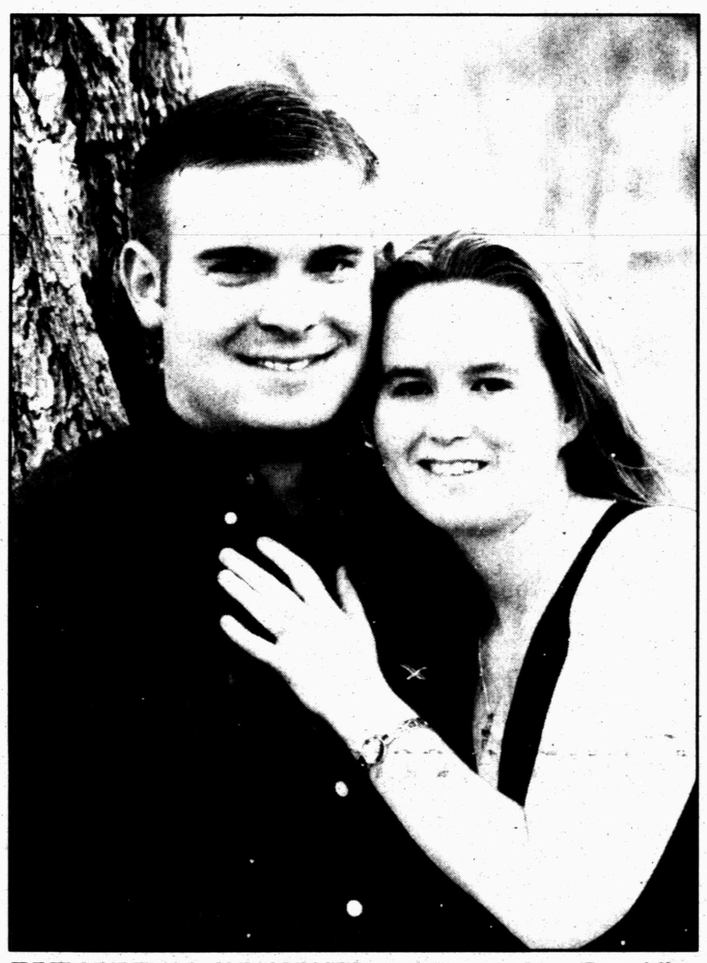
STEAKLEY-BOYER ENGAGED — Jene and Elaine Steakley announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth Steakley, to Charles Bradley Boyer. Charles is the son of Charles and Debbie Boyer of Friendswood. A 6 p.m. ceremony is being planned for Oct. 16 in the 7F Lodge in College Station. (Contributed Photo)



JUNE NUPTIALS ANNOUNCED — A 6 p.m., June 5 wedding in the First United Methodist Church in Denver City is being planned by Jared Higgins and Jessica Long. Jessica's parents are Sue Long of Denver City and Jim Long of Ruidoso. Jared's parents are David and Nancy Higgins of Hermleigh. His grandparents are Faye Higgins of Snyder and Harold and Mary Matteson of Brownfield. Jared, a graduate of Hermleigh High School, will be a December graduate of Texas Tech University. He works for Parkhill, Smith and Cooper. Jessica is a graduate of Denver City High School. She is a student at Texas Tech and works at Logan's Roadhouse. (Contributed Photo)

Bridal Registry

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Chelsea Wildt and Beau Taft
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MARRIAGE PLANNED IN MAY — Mr. and Mrs. Charley Johnson of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amanda Johnson, to Cory Maxfield, father of Kodi and Ashlee Maxfield of Snyder. They will marry at 2 p.m. on May 22 in the First Christian Church. (Contributed Photo)

Births

Trina Chandler and Gabriel Vasquez of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Nicole Vasquez. Emma was born, weighing five pounds, 14 ounces at 2:50 p.m. on April 7 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Johnny and Hope Vasquez and maternal grandparents are Randy and Sandra Chandler of Snyder and Denny and Sueleen Mincks of Springfield, Mo.

Dana and Aaron Burton of College Station announce the birth of their son, Blake Ross Burton. Blake was born March 25 in College Station weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces and was 21¼ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and LaVerne Grissom of Kirbyville. Great-grandparents are Alene Grissom of Magnolia Springs, Jo Turner of Kirbyville; great-great-grandmother is Emma Kelley of Magnolia Springs.

Paternal grandparents are Kelly and Jessica Burton of Granbury, formerly of Snyder. Paternal great-grandparents are Billy Bob McMullan of Snyder and the late JoAlyce McMullan.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Burton of Colorado City; and Marilyn Chauncy of Early; and great-great-grandparents are Dorothy and J.M. Gore of Jacksboro.

I permit no man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him.

— Booker T. Washington

Man wants new coat

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP)— Election day left its mark on one local man and he's not happy about it.

Robert Bonoff wants the city to pay for a new suede coat that he said was ruined during the March 2 presidential primary by an "I voted today" sticker.

Bonoff said he showed the coat to a dry cleaner who said the sticker's mark cannot be removed. He has filed a claim with the city seeking $106, the purchase price of the coat, including sales tax.

When the damage was brought to her attention, Democratic Registrar of Voters Alice Fortunato said she told Bonoff to get the coat cleaned and bill the city. When that didn't work, she forwarded his case to the city attorney.

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

The library board and staff wish to thank all the volunteers who worked the annual library sale last week.

And special thanks go to those who spent the last several months getting ready for the sale.

Elizabeth McCloskey and Wanda Botsford have been working since February to get ready for the book sale and are now packing things away that did not sell. Ann Walton and Billie Canon assisted them during the preparation time.

Hattie Kinder, Wanda Botsford, Elizabeth McCloskey, Ned and Polly Underwood, Doug and Jo Flynn and Stan Pavlik volunteered their time to count books and collect money.

On Thursday evening, volunteers included Sandra Graves, Joanne Sterling, Kay Echols, Barbara Gray, Dot Campbell, Ed McAnally and Trussha Owen.

The remaining days of the book sale were covered by Phyllis McGinnis, Ann Cross, Brenda Davis, Nettie Gardner, Roxie Angel and Betty Kellum.

When you see these people, please express your appreciation for their time and dedication to the library and your community.

The income from the book sale helps finance the children's summer reading program. Although donations from businesses for gifts and prizes are received, we have other expenses for additional resources and prizes.

Thanks to all who worked on the book sale and accept our apologies if we left anyone out.

The staff is looking forward to a very successful summer reading program, thanks to your donations.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Mon., Wed. & Fri.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.—Tues. & Thu.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Sat.

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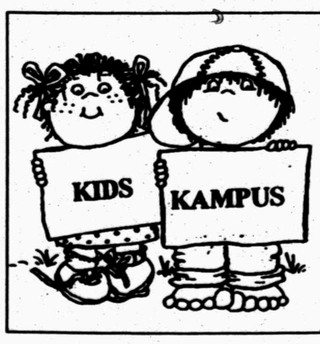

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Mr. and Mrs. Ken Roark
(Contibuted Photos)

Couple celebrate 40th anniversary Saturday

Ken and Carol Roark of Snyder were to celebrate their 40th anniversary Saturday and are planning a trip in the near future as part of their celebration.

Ken was born on Oct. 1, 1941 in Norris City, Ill., and Carol Litchford was born March 18, 1945 in Borger. They met in the fall of 1963 as students of Frank Phillips Junior College. Ken and Carol married on April 10, 1964 in the First United Methodist Church in Gruver.

They lived in Weatherford, Okla., for three years during the time Ken was attending pharmacy school. After graduation, they moved to Guymon where Ken worked in a retail pharmacy. They moved to Borger and bought and operated their first retail pharmacy in 1971, where they reared their children.

Ken and Carol moved to Dumas in 1985 and purchased their second retail pharmacy. They sold the business in 1996. In 2000, the couple moved back to Borger where Ken worked as director of pharmacy at Golden Plains Community Hospital.

The couple worked together during the time they owned pharmacies in Borger and Dumas and friends laughingly said "it wouldn't last a year with the two of them working together."

They moved to Snyder in August 2001 and Ken is director of pharmacy at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The couple are members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Ken also is a member Snyder Lions Club and Carol is a member of Atheneum Study Club, serving as corresponding secretary.

Their children are Debbie Richardson and her husband Dale of Dumas, and Dave Roark of Midlothian.

Ken and Carol enjoy spending time with their children and four grandchildren, Gary, and Xuyen Richardson, Becky Richardson all of Dumas and Taylor Roark and Hannah Roark of Midlothian. They also enjoy working in their yard and vegetable garden and were awarded Yard of the Month last May.

The Roarks have participated in the Relay for Life each year since moving to Snyder. Ken is a seven-year survivor of cancer.

Life is uncertain. Eat your dessert first.

—Ernestine Ulmer

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2383 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors meeting; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Retired Teachers Association; The Shack; program, Ben Sum, WTC art instructor; noon.

Defensive Driving Course; Monday and Tuesday class at Texas Savings Bank, 27th St. and College Ave.; for information call 573-2850; 6 to 9 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Daughters of the American Revolution; Snyder Country Club; recognition of DAR Citizen of the Year, Tizzy Hall; hostesses, Betty Richardson and Amy Hargrove; 11:30 a.m.

Doodle Bug Writers Fellowship; Golden Terrace community room; noon.

Atheneum Study Club; meet at MAWC at 10:30 a.m. to leave for Post where members will have lunch and visit the museum; hostess, Nona Williams and Dorothy Kayser.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th St.; 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Study Club; meet at 11:30 at MAWC for tour of U.C.O. Spinning Plant; hostesses, Janelle Hammack, Beth Teal and Georgene Galloway.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; 10 a.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

EASTER BONNET PARADE — Members of the Senior Center made and wore their Easter bonnets Thursday and were judged by Glenda Hollingsworth. The Sunshine Choir, directed by Norma Laywell, led Easter songs as Barbara Tune served as pianist. Winners included (from left) first row, Sue Griffin, most frilly; Shirley Fuller, most beautiful; Billie Holladay, most Easter; back row, Glen Baker, most sporty; Dale Hess, most unusual; and Cecil Lankford, most creative; and Dale Hess, most unusual.

Catholics expect to add 150,000 new converts

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's Roman Catholic parishes expect to more than 150,000 new adult members to join the church this Easter season, the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Evangelism estimates.

Among dioceses that reported, 37,267 adults transferring from other churches will undergo the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and 26,624 will be baptized as Christian converts. Judging from previous years, another 90,000 adults will also join.

Bishop Edward Slattery, chairman of the bishops' evangelization committee, said that in his Tulsa, Okla., diocese, "I worried that the cathedral would be next to empty due to the scandal news this year," but numbers are up over last year.

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Use microwave on busy holidays

Micro-Minute by Mr. Food

With Easter and Passover, egg consumption will be up...way up! So even though we cannot microwave a hard-boiled egg before coloring it, or roast the egg for a seder plate, there are lots of ways we can use our microwave to give us a bit more time during the busy holiday season.

— For a quick breakfast, lunch or even dinner, an egg cooked in the microwave is real "fast food"! Never microwave a whole egg in its shell. Instead, crack the egg into a microwave-safe dish and, before cooking, break the egg yolk membrane with a toothpick or knife. This will allow steam to escape.

— Since egg yolks have more fat in them than the whites, yolks cook faster. And like many foods cooked in the microwave, eggs need standing time to allow the whites to catch up to the yolks. Let eggs sit for about a minute after cooking, then serve.

— Check out how quickly you can make these scrambled eggs (especially good for busy weekday mornings): Melt a small amount of butter in a microwave-safe dish. Pour a beaten egg into the melted butter, cover, and microwave for 45 seconds to 1 minute. Let stand for 1minute, and serve.

— Always "put a lid on it!" To enjoy evenly microwaved eggs, simply use plastic wrap or waxed paper to cover the dish you are microwaving in; this helps contain splatters, too.

— Need a quick hard-cooked egg to use as a garnish or to chop into egg salad? Simply spray a small microwave-safe dish, like a custard cup, with nonstick cooking spray. Crack an egg into the dish, and pierce the yolk membrane. Cover and microwave on medium power for 45 seconds. Check the egg, and continue cooking on medium power for 15-second intervals until the egg is solid. You'll have a hard-cooked egg made in the microwave long before the water would even start to boil on the stovetop!

So what are you waiting for? It's time to get crackin' on quick and easy microwave ways to all the..."OOH IT'S SO GOOD!!"

GRAB-N-GO EGG SANDWICH

1 serving

"If you're always on the go and need a quick get-you-going breakfast before heading out the door, this one sure takes less time than sitting in the fast-food drive-through lane."

1 egg
Salt to taste, optional
Pepper to taste, optional
2 tablespoons shredded Cheddar cheese
1 English muffin or bagel, split

1. Coat a microwave-safe 2-cup measuring cup or a small round microwave-safe container with nonstick cooking spray.

2. Break the egg into the cup, sprinkle with salt and pepper, if desired, and scramble; stir in the cheese.

3. Microwave at 100% power for 1 minute, or just until set.

4. Meanwhile, toast the English muffin or bagel. Place the cooked egg on the bottom half of the English muffin or bagel; top, and serve.

UNLIMITED OPTIONS: For a heartier egg sandwich, mix in chunks of cooked ham or brown 'n' serve breakfast sausage, or maybe a sprinkle of bacon bits. Wanna go lighter? Switch it up with a healthy egg substitute (fresh or frozen). Remember: ¼ cup egg substitute equals one egg.

MEAN & LEAN SAUSAGE SCRAMBLE

4 servings

"Who says eggs are just for breakfast? This dish is just as good for dinner, paired up with a tossed salad."

¼ pound bulk Italian turkey or pork sausage
1 can (8.75 ounces) whole-kernel corn, drained
2 scallions, thinly sliced
5 eggs
1/3 cup fat-free (skim) milk
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper

1. Place 2 paper towels in a microwave-safe 9-inch pie plate. Crumble sausage onto the paper towels then cover with an additional paper towel.

2. Microwave the sausage at 90% power for 2 minutes. Remove the paper towels then stir in the corn and scallions; spread the mixture evenly over the bottom of the plate. Microwave at 90% power for 1 minute.

3. In a medium bowl, beat the eggs, milk, salt, and pepper until well combined. Pour over the sausage mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave at 90% power for 2 minutes. Stir, moving the cooked mixture toward the center of the dish. Cover and microwave at 90% power for 2 more minutes.

4. Let stand, covered, for 1 to 2 minutes, or until the eggs are set. Cut into wedges and serve.

JAZZ IT UP: Add some shredded Cheddar, Muenster, or a favorite cheese blend to the mix.

FRENCH-STYLE EGGS BENEDICT

2 to 4 servings

"Such a fancy dish in so little time!"

2 English muffins, split and toasted
4 thick slices Canadian bacon
4 eggs
Quick Bearnaise Sauce (see below)

1. Place muffin halves on a paper towel-lined microwave-safe plate. Top each with a slice of Canadian bacon. Cook uncovered at 50% power for 1½ to 2 minutes, until the meat is hot. Transfer the muffins to serving plates and cover to keep warm.

2. Crack each egg into a small custard cup set on a microwave-safe saucer or plate. Pierce the yolks several times with a toothpick. Cover each with a microwave-safe saucer or plastic wrap. Arrange the cups in a circle in the microwave oven. Cook at 50% power for 2 to 2½ minutes, until the whites appear set.

3. Gently slide a poached egg onto each piece of meat. Spoon Quick Bearnaise Sauce over the top, and serve immediately.

QUICK BEARNAISE SAUCE

¼ cup (1/2 stick) butter
2 egg yolks
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
¼ teaspoon dried tarragon
1/8 teaspoon salt

1. In a small microwave-safe bowl, heat the butter at 90% power for 40 seconds, until melted.

2. In another small microwave-safe bowl, beat the egg yolks, lemon juice, tarragon, and salt until thick. Slowly pour in the melted butter, whisking well. Microwave uncovered at 40% power for 30 seconds, stirring halfway through the cooking time.

DILLY EGG SALAD

2 servings

"You'll never make traditional egg salad again once you taste his one that's ready in just a few minutes!"

6 eggs
1/3 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
¼ teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill

1. Break the eggs into a microwave-safe shallow dish; mix just until the yolks and whites combine.

2. Microwave at 100% power for about 2 minutes, or until the eggs start to set around the edges. Push the edges to the center; repeat at 1-minute intervals until the eggs are just set.

3. Allow to cool then chop finely. Add the mayonnaise, mustard, salt, pepper, and dill; mix well. Serve, or cover and chill until ready to serve.

BABY SHOWER HELD — A baby shower honoring Shelley Shields of Lubbock was held March 27 at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. Carson Lynn will be born the first part of May. From left are Lois Bartels, his maternal great-grandmother; Cindy Sharp, his maternal grandmother; the honoree; Toni Shields, his paternal grandmother; and Laura Mackert, Shelley's future sister-in-law of Midland. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk pouch and breakfast offers choice of juice and cereal and toast.

All Schools
BREAKFAST
Monday
Easter Holiday
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast
Fruit Juice
Wednesday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon
Applesauce
Thursday
Egg & Cheese Taco
Fruit Juice
Friday
Sausage & Biscuit
Fresh Fruit

Elementaries
LUNCH
Tuesday
Barbecue Sandwich
PB&J Sandwich
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickles
Sliced Apples
Wednesday
Chili Cheese Potato
Chicken Quesadillas
Black-eyed Peas
Corn on the Cob
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
Corn Dog
Turkey & Cheese Sub
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheese Enchiladas
Stir-fried Squash
Tossed Salad w/Dressing
Brownie

Junior High
Tuesday
Barbecue Sandwich
PB&J Sandwich
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickles
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Chicken Quesadilla
Chili & Cheese Potato
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
Crunchy Corn Dog
Turkey & Cheese Sub
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad
Ranch Dressing
Brownies

High School
Tuesday
Barbecue Sandwich
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni pizza
Salad Bar
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickles
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Chicken Quesadillo
Chili & Cheese Potato
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
Crunchy Corn Dog
Turkey & Cheese Sub
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Salad Bar
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad
Ranch Dressing
Brownies

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk and breakfast offers juice.
BREAKFAST
Monday
Pop Tarts
Sausage
Tuesday
Pancakes
Sausage
Wednesday
Breakfast Burritos
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Friday
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH
Monday
Chili Cheese Dogs/Burritos
French Fries
Salad
Cookies
Tuesday
Chicken Patty/Steak Fingers & Gravy
Sliced Potatoes
Broccoli & Cheese
Bread
Grapes
Wednesday
Beef Fajitas/Grilled Cheese
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Jell-O & Fruit
Thursday
Chicken Spaghetti/Beef Stroganoff
Peas
Carrots
Italian Bread
Cantaloupes
Friday
Hamburgers/Corn Dogs
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Chips
Shape-ups

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk and breakfast includes juice.
BREAKFAST
Monday
School Holiday
Tuesday
Fruit Pies
Wednesday
Dry Cereal
Thursday
Sausage/Egg/Cheese Burrito
Friday
Sausage Biscuit

LUNCH
Tuesday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Baked Beans
Ranger Cookies
Wednesday
Grilled Ham & Cheese
Vegetable Salad
Potato Chips
Peaches
Thursday
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Yogurt
Friday
Hamburgers
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickles
Cheetos
Pineapple Slices

Thoroughly unprepared, we take the step into the afternoon of life; worse still, we take this step with the false assumption that our truths and ideals will serve us hitherto. But we cannot live the afternoon of life according to the program of life's morning; for what was great in the morning will be little at evening, and what in the morning was true will at evening have become a lie.

—Carl Jung

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By April 16, 2003

Participation by all citizens and business within the city limits:
Citizens:
Clean up on property
Mow
Pick up trash
Clean alley at back of their property
Remove weeds
Remove old appliances
Businesses:
Clean up on property
Mow
Pick up trash
Remove weeds from parking areas, around utility poles and in landscaped areas.
Clean alley at back of property

Dump trucks and drivers will be available from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on April 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd to pick up tree limbs, lumber and appliances. Items that can be lifted manually and placed over the sides of a dump truck. **NO TIRES PLEASE!**

The dump truck will be available in these areas of town on these dates and limited to 1 (one) load per residence or business:
April 19th - West of College and South of 30th Street
April 20th - East of College and South of 30th Street
April 21st - West of College and North of 30th Street
April 22nd - East of College and North of 30th Street

Please indicate the type of items you are wanting picked up and schedule it for the day the dump truck will be in your area. Have the items placed next to the curb, driveway or alley leaving access for through traffic. Small items must be placed in bags and stacked near the curb, driveway or alley. City personnel will not be allowed to go onto the property and into any structures to retrieve objects. Please keep brush in a separate pile from other items. Please keep appliances and metals in a pile separate from other items. Any appliance that uses freon/coolant, must have the coolant removed and tagged by a licensed re-coverer. Please be available to assist in loading the items. If you can't be available, indicate so when scheduling the dump truck. Tree limbs, lumber, etc. will need to be cut into pieces that can be easily handled by one person.

Please schedule pick-up before placing items at curb or in the alley. If the schedule is full when you call, you may take your current utility bill, with the items you were wanting picked up, and get into the landfill at no charge during the four-day clean-up campaign.

THESE SERVICES ARE FOR INDIVIDUALS, NOT TO BE USED BY PERSONS IN THE BUSINESS OF DEMOLITION OR CLEAN-UP AND WILL BE LIMITED TO 1 (ONE) LOAD PER RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS ONLY.

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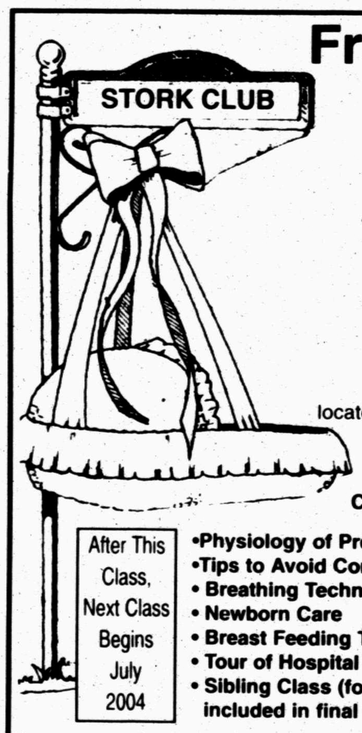

Free Prepared Childbirth Classes

Tuesdays 7-9 pm
(Total of Five Classes)
April 27 through May 25, 2004

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Certified Childbirth educator

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World Almanac

Saturday, April 10, 2004

Today is the 101st day of 2004 and the 22nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1933, the U.S. government created the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to put unemployed young men to work.

In 1938, Nazi Germany annexed Austria.

In 1972, famed film comedian and director Charlie Chaplin received an honorary Academy Award.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Hazlitt (1778-1830), writer; Max von Sydow (1929-), actor, is 75; Omar Sharif (1932-), actor, is 72; John Madden (1936-), football coach, broadcaster, is 68; Steven Seagal (1951-), actor, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2000, Ken Griffey, Jr., became the youngest player in baseball history to hit 400 home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Great thoughts reduced to practice become great acts." — William Hazlitt

TODAY'S FACT: The median net worth of U.S. families reached $86,100 in 2001, up from $78,000 in 1998 (in constant 2001 dollars).

TODAY'S NUMBER: 7,570 — Elevation in feet of Mexico City.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 5) and last quarter (April 11)

Sunday, April 11, 2004

Today is the 102nd day of 2004 and the 23rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1945, U.S. troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald, near Weimar, Germany.

In 1951, President Harry Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his command.

In 1979, dictator Idi Amin was overthrown in Uganda.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dean Acheson (1893-1971), diplomat/statesman; Oleg Cassini (1913-), fashion designer, is 91; Joel Grey (1932-), actor, is 72; Louise Lasser (1939-), actress, is 65.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1936, the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs to win the Stanley Cup.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The great corrupter of public man is the ego. ... Looking at the mirror distracts one's attention from the problem." — Dean Acheson

TODAY'S FACT: The latest possible date for Easter is April 25, which will happen next in 2038; the earliest is March 22, which won't happen again until 2285.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 186,282 — Speed of light in miles per second.

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (April 11)

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Feds indict first company for manipulating energy market

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A subsidiary of Reliant Resources Inc. and four of its top-level employees were indicted Thursday on the first criminal charges accusing a company of driving up electricity prices during California's 2000-2001 energy crisis.

The federal indictment alleges that Reliant Energy Services Inc., shut down four of the company's five power plants over two days in June 2000 to create a phony shortage and drive up electricity prices by $32 million.

"The vast majority of corporate executives are honest, hardworking people," Attorney General John Ashcroft said. "But when a company conducts itself in the manner Reliant Energy Services is alleged to have acted here, it will face severe consequences."

California's power crisis caused rolling blackouts, sent the state's utility companies heavily into debt and forced sharp increases in state electricity prices. Houston-based Reliant Resources is among several energy companies that have paid regulatory fines stemming from the crisis.

The six-count indictment was returned by a federal grand jury in San Francisco and released by the Justice Department in Washington. It accuses the company of withholding power from the market and purchasing electricity instead of producing it, then selling power at artificially high prices.

Mike Jines, general counsel for Houston-based Reliant, said the charges were unfounded. "We intend to contest these charges vigorously," Jines said in a written statement.

Reliant Energy Services is charged with conspiracy, wire fraud and commodities manipulation and could face millions in fines if convicted.

The same charges were brought against Jackie Thomas, 49, a former vice president of Reliant's power trading division; Reggie Howard, 37, a former director of the west power trading division; Lisa Flowers, 37, a term trader; and Kevin Frankeny, 42, manager of western operations. All were expected to surrender Friday.

Attorneys for the four individuals did not immediately return calls Thursday seeking comment. If convicted, the individual defendants could each be sentenced five years in prison or more and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines.

Attacks could not have been anticipated, Carter says

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Former President Carter, in South Texas on a birding trip, said Thursday that he doubts President Bush could have anticipated the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

However, Carter was strongly critical of the Iraq war and the administration's Middle Eastern policy.

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice told a national commission Thursday that Bush fully understood the threat of terrorism before the attacks, but that nothing could have prevented them.

Carter said Bush acknowledged to author Bob Woodward in "Bush at War" that he didn't pay much attention to terrorism early in his administration. But the ex-president said he didn't believe Bush could have foreseen the attacks.

"I'm sure he was deeply concerned about it, and obviously grieved after it happened, but I doubt that either under President Clinton or President Bush there was any way to anticipate that kind of terrorist attack," Carter said.

Still, Carter said the Iraq war was "ill-advised and unnecessary and based on erroneous statements and has turned out to be a tragedy."

The Democrat, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002, said in The Brownsville Herald that the primary source of animosity toward the United States is lack of progress in dealing with the Palestinian issue.

Today's chuckle

Woman sues to get wedding photo back

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Most women are eager to show off their wedding photos. But Michele Hemphill is suing to get a picture of her drinking whiskey and smoking a cigarette in her wedding dress off store shelves.

The photo was taken 22 years ago while Hemphill was with her bridesmaids before her wedding. It's featured on a greeting card with the caption: "Intoxicating Love." Inside it says, "Isn't love intoxicating? Congratulations on your special day."

Hemphill, a mother of three who works at an assisted living community and is active in her church, seeks damages of more than $25,000 for invasion of privacy, publication of private matters, intrusion upon seclusion and slander in her lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court.

She asks that all copies of the photograph be destroyed and the card be removed from retailers.

Named as defendants are Wallace McNamee of Hilton Head, S.C., who took the photo; Corbis Corp. of Olympia, Wash., an online digital image company; and Portal Publications Ltd. of Novato, Calif., a greeting card publisher.

Defense attorney David Shough said his clients did not want to comment.

McNamee was on assignment for Newsweek doing a story about families in the Springfield area when he took the picture, which Hemphill never authorized to be used on greeting cards, the lawsuit says. He licensed the photograph to Corbis, which licensed it to Portal in January 2003 for "nonexclusive use on greeting cards and postcards for worldwide distribution for a three-year period," the lawsuit says.

Hemphill learned of the card on July 31, 2003, when a friend received it. The card is available at retailers in the Dayton and Springfield areas, the lawsuit says.

Hemphill's attorney, Richard Schulte, said Portal has removed the picture from its Web site, but not from store shelves.

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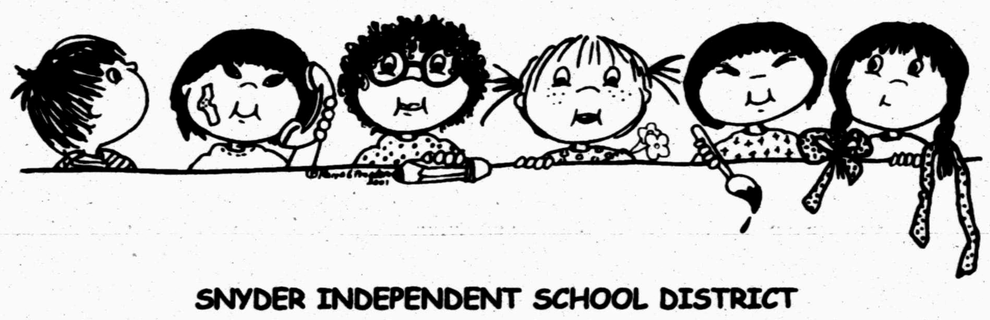

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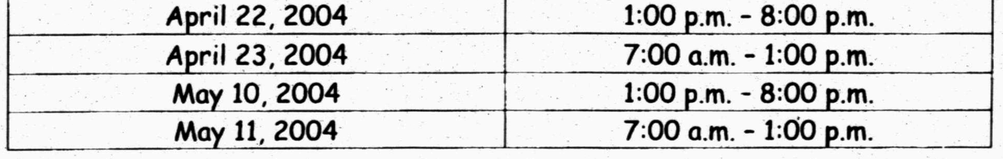

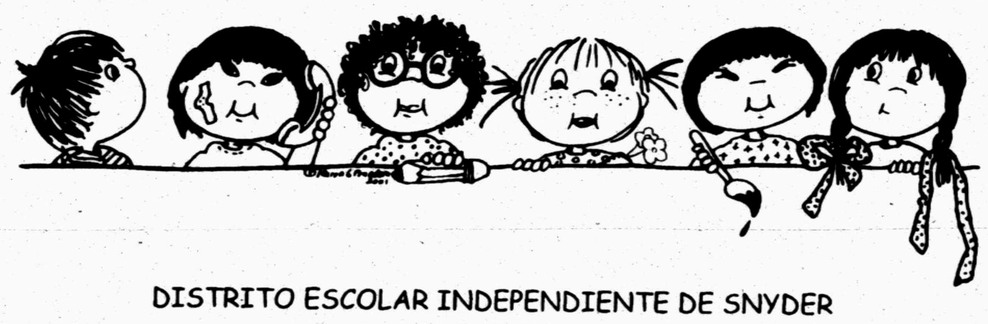

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Democrats and Republicans play numbers game with taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's re-election campaign says a vote for lower taxes logically can be a vote for higher ones. Democrats say putting more money into a program than the year before can really be a cut in spending.

Welcome to the campaign sport of Extreme Math, where up is down, down is up and numbers get a sweaty workout like nowhere else.

Bush's campaign stepped up the statistical slugfest with an attack on John Kerry's voting record on taxes in the Senate. "Kerry supported higher taxes over 350 times," says a Bush campaign ad. Bush himself said of the Massachusetts senator: "Over the years, he's voted over 350 times for higher taxes on the American people."

That magic number comes with a bit of poofery. In the tally, Bush's campaign counts:

—Kerry's votes for tax cuts that were not as deep as Senate Republicans had proposed. Therefore, a vote for a smaller tax cut is characterized as a vote for higher taxes.

—Kerry's votes against tax cuts proposed by Republicans. So, a vote to keep taxes the same is counted as a vote for higher taxes. The University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center, in an analysis of the Bush campaign's claims, found that the bulk of the 350 examples fit into this category.

—Multiple votes on a single tax matter, as legislation worked through the process or was repeatedly reintroduced.

For example, a Bush ad says Kerry "supported higher gasoline taxes 11 times." But nine of those cases dealt with the same increase, a 4.3-cents-a-gallon hike enacted in 1993 as part of a deficit-cutting package, the Annenberg Public Policy Center found in its analyses of claims and counterclaims by Bush and Democrats.

Five of those votes were cast as the bill moved from one stage to the other; another four came between 1996 and 2000 as Republicans tried to repeal the increase. The 11 examples include a time, in 1994, when Kerry briefly endorsed someone else's proposal to raise the gas tax by 50 cents. It never came to a vote.

Bob Lichter, president of the Statistical Assessment Service, a nonpartisan group that tries to expose the misuse of statistics, says the GOP's "artful" calculations might be defensible under the most generous interpretation.

"Even if it's factually true, it violates the spirit of the truth," he said. "You could have a lower number with greater truth, but less power."

Democrats do attack accounting, too.

One of their favorite devices, employed to good effect in the mid-1990s debate over restraining the Medicare budget, is to characterize slower growth in spending, or spending less than the maximum authorized by law, as a cut.

An Internet ad by the Democratic National Committee says Bush "cuts key education programs" by 27 percent and "slashes job training" by 24 percent.

Bush asked Congress for less money for education than had been authorized under the No Child Left Behind Act, but that's hardly a cut. Education spending has increased almost 60 percent during the three years of his presidency, more than during the eight years of President Clinton.

And, most of the job-training money Bush is "slashing" is actually being shuffled from one program to others.

Lichter said both sides are essentially using the same logic — the Republicans consider a tax cut lower than theirs a tax increase; Democrats count a spending increase lower than theirs a cut.

"What's up and down depends on where you start," he said.

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Man accused of killing family members had mass suicide plan

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A man charged with killing nine of his children, allegedly fathered through polygamy and incest, planned a mass suicide as early as 1995 if authorities came to take his family away, two police detectives testified Thursday.

One of Marcus Wesson's surviving daughters said that under the plan, "the older ones would kill the children and would commit suicide," according to Carlos Leal, a Fresno homicide detective who interviewed the 20-year-old woman.

"He would ask them, 'If the time came, would they be ready to die for the Lord?'" Leal said, testifying during a hearing to determine whether the murder case against Wesson should go to trial.

Richard Byrd, a detective who interviewed an adult niece of Wesson's, testified that she said Wesson planned to send girls in the household out to kill relatives who had left the house when it was time for the mass suicide.

Two other police officers Thursday bolstered claims that at least some of the victims were alive March 12 when police arrived at Wesson's home.

Neither officer heard the gunshots some neighbors claim to have heard, but one officer said he heard a baby crying while he talked to Wesson, and the other said some of the bodies were still warm when they were found piled one atop the other, entangled in bloody clothes. Wesson was arrested after emerging from the house with blood on his clothes.

Wesson, 57, has pleaded innocent to charges he murdered a 25-year-old woman and eight of his children ranging in age from 1 to 17. Police said the woman, who was Wesson's daughter, also was the mother of one of the slain children.

He is being held on $9 million bail. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

Fresno police have not disclosed a motive for the murders, but said Wesson engaged in incest and polygamy. Officers were called to the scene after several of the children's mothers complained they were unable to take their children from him.

Before the start of his preliminary hearing Thursday, Wesson pleaded innocent to 33 additional charges of sexual abuse dating back as far as 1988.

The new accusations against Wesson include multiple charges of continuous sexual abuse and forcible rape against females who lived with him, but the documents do not specify whether they were family members. Five of the six victims were under 14 when the attacks occurred.

Leal said the daughter who spoke of mass suicide claimed Wesson began molesting her and her sisters when they were as young as 5.

According to Byrd, the niece said Wesson claimed to be Jesus Christ and wanted to emulate David Koresh, who died with nearly 80 followers of his Branch Davidian cult in a fire during a 1993 confrontation with federal agents outside Waco, Texas.

Authorities continue to be concerned about the hold Wesson may still have on his family. He has been barred from making phone calls or receiving visitors in jail since a relative told police he might order family members to kill themselves.

One of the first officers at the scene of the killings, Frank Nelson, testified that he heard a baby crying when he talked to Wesson.

Public Records

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Theresa Ann Williams and Robert Lee Williams, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Terry Lynn Snyder and Andra Laurel Snyder, divorce granted.

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In the marriage of Tisha Irene McQuirk and Gregory Patrick McQuirk, divorce granted.

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James Rinehart, independent executor of the estate of Inez Rinehart, to James Rinehart, all the northeast one-quarter of Section 225, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Lee W. Puckitt and John F. Conn to Don W. and Cathleen Hughes, tract one being 1,094.95 acres in Surveys 566 and 567, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 1,203.26 acres in Surveys 566-567, 610-611; and 655-656, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Scurry County Industrial Foundation to Robert Martinez, Lots 7 and 8, Block 14, Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

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Dorothy Kay Petersen to Paul N. Gray, Trustee of the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, Lot 7 in the R.G. Davenport Subdivision, Section 34, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Texas Savings Bank to Teddy J. and Debra Shaw Haggard, Lots 17-20 in Block 29 of the Replat of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Judy M. Long, individually and as heir to the J.H. Mixon estate and independent executrix of the estate of Ruby Ray Mixon, et al, to Monty Wayne and Valerie Key, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Myron Fenton to Janet Highfield, Lots 11 and 12 in Block 11 of the Bootheland Addition.

Olia Lee Clifton to Heraclio Gutierrez Juarez, individually and as custodian for Heraclio Gutierrez Juarez Jr., Lot 3 in Block 34 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Mayzell Fenton, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Lynn Fenton, to Lupe Matos, Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Muir Addition.

Georgene Falls Galloway to David M. and Candace L. Zarate, Lot 8 in Block I of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Jack L. West to Julia Martinez, Lot 2 and the south 10 feet of Lot 1, both in Block K of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Myron H. Roe to Walter D. Floyd, Lot 17 in Block 3 of the Park View Addition.

Jeff and Kathy Kellner to Virginia Gale Northcott, an 0.28-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Michael A. and Christina Nobles to Nola Kay Krop, Lots 3-5 and the east 30 feet of Lot 6, all in Block 12 of the Andress Heights Addition.

West Texas State Bank to Israel and Frances Sandoval, Lot 1 and the north 130 feet of Lot 2, Block 5, Blankenship Addition.

Bobby and Linda Diann Mayo to James F. and Joretta Bauer, tract one being 10 acres out of the east part of the north one-half of Section 92, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract two being 41.2037 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 92, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Lionel and Betty Castillo to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

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C.W. and Anne Overhulser to Melissa A. Thompson, tract one being Lots 2 and 4 in Block 42 of the Blankenship Addition; tract two being the north 40 feet of the west 125 feet of Lot 4, Block 42, Blankenship Addition; tract three being the east 112 feet of Lot 2, Block 41, Blankenship Addition; tract four being the west 38 feet of Lot 2 and the east 25 feet of Lot 4, Block 41, Blankenship Addition; tract five being Lots 1 and 3, Block 41 of the Blankenship Addition.

Don M. Drum to David J. Ragsdill, Lot 1 in Block 26 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Coy E. and LaDean Rhodes to Jerry Don and Kathy Greene, an 0.63-acre tract in Tract 42 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 14, J.P. Smith survey.

Houston zoo workers keeping close eye on pregnant elephant

HOUSTON (AP) — Two hundred and fifty pounds heavier, Shanti is past her due date and Houston zookeepers aren't letting a minute go by without keeping a close watch of the 13-year-old Asian elephant who could give birth at any moment.

"She's like a watched pot waiting to boil," said zoo director Rick Barongi.

During the day, workers are preparing the first-time mother for birthing and motherhood by drawing blood, performing ultrasounds and brushing baby-elephant-sized objects underneath her bloated belly.

When the sun goes down, volunteers work three-to-four hour shifts watching a big screen that shows the room where Shanti is kept. The camera can zoom in when the baby elephant kicks.

Zoo staff members have studied videos and manuals, and consulted experts from other zoos.

An Asian elephant at the zoo gave birth late last year, but her offspring only survived 31 hours because of a problem related to the placenta.

"There's always risk, and elephants are very high risk," Barongi said. "We have to take more precautions."

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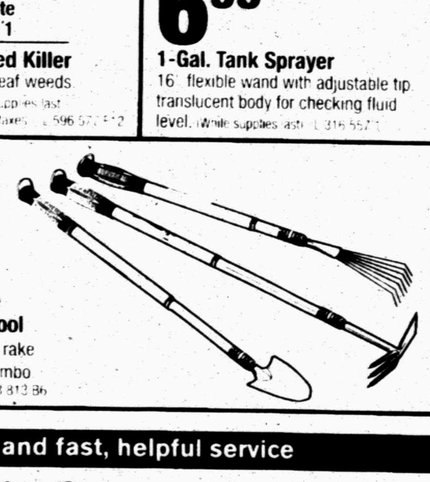

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Dad playing bad cop leaves bitter taste in son's mouth

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband, "Robert," is a police officer. We have two children together. I am now remarried.

When my children visited Robert last weekend, my 8-year-old son, "Danny," got into a fight with his stepsister. They started calling each other names. This happened at Robert's friend's home, and the friend suggested the children drink vinegar as a punishment.

They taunted Danny, asking what color shot glass he wanted his vinegar in. He cried and begged his dad not to make him drink it. He said he wanted to come home to me. Robert screamed at Danny until he drank it.

When I picked my children up on Sunday night, Danny was distraught. He can't seem to get over that incident.

I called my lawyer, who said that it is borderline abuse. He said to tell Robert if it happens again, we will file a petition for supervised visitation.

Robert thinks I'm being unreasonable. He can't believe I would go that far, since he's a police officer and it might hurt his job. I think he should know better because he is a police officer.

I failed to mention that Danny has Tourette syndrome. Stress makes it worse. He is a good boy, and I don't feel he deserved this type of punishment. Am I being unreasonable? — **DISTRAUGHT**

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: I don't know what the children called each other that sent your ex off the deep end, but the punishment didn't fit the crime. In light of the fact that Danny has Tourette syndrome, there are better ways to discipline him — i.e., write 100 times "I will not name-call," or write his stepsister a letter of apology.

Perhaps it is unfair to hold a law enforcement officer to a higher standard, but as an adult he should have known better. He could benefit from talking to Danny's doctor or the Tourette Syndrome Association Inc. (888-486-8738) about reasonable expectations. Or he could visit the Web site: www.tsa-usa.org. However, if it happens again, listen to your lawyer.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife has allowed my 19-year-old stepdaughter, "Jana," to move her boyfriend into our home. They are both college students who earn excellent grades and work part-time. Many of their classes are the same and they study together. Jana sleeps upstairs and her boyfriend sleeps downstairs.

I do not agree with this arrangement. I believe it will lead to them living together when they go off to complete their educations. I simply cannot support this, but my wife wants to avoid conflict by allowing it. What do you think? — **CONCERNED STEPDAD IN FLORIDA**

DEAR STEPDAD: Since they earn excellent grades, have part-time jobs, sleep on different floors and are focused on completing their educations, I think your concern about what might happen down the road is premature.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 17. My girlfriend, "Becky," is 15. Six months ago, we were alone in her house. Becky's father came home earlier than expected and caught us in the act in their bedroom. He called my parents and said we had to get married. I refused. I haven't talked to Becky since.

Abby, was I wrong? Should I have married Becky? — **CONFUSED IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CONFUSED: Not under those circumstances. Neither of you is old enough or mature enough to take on the responsibilities of marriage.

Perhaps when Becky's father made that call, he was trying to show his daughter that serious responsibilities go along with having sex.

P.S. That you haven't spoken to her since says it all.

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DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago — at the age of 3 — my son was diagnosed with kidney disease. His illness worsened, his kidneys failed, he endured dialysis. Then he received a kidney transplant — the miracle of life.

My son's first transplant was at age 6, and it gave him three great years. His second transplant was at 9. Both donors were deceased. The second kidney took him all the way through high school. He started dialysis again when he entered college, and the wait began for another kidney.

No one in our family could donate because we all had the wrong blood type. Then, one day, science and research came through for us again. A technique was perfected that allows a person to donate an organ of a different blood type from the recipient. My son was one of the first to benefit from the technique. We were able to use my wife's kidney, a near-perfect match except for her blood type. It worked!

That was three years ago. My son is healthier than he has been in 20 years and has just graduated from college.

How can we ever thank the two families who gave my son the gift of life that allowed him to survive long enough for my wife's kidney to be used? We will celebrate my son's life with thousands of other transplant recipients at the National Kidney Foundation U.S. Transplant Games this summer. Together we will pay tribute to the doctors and donors who made this happen as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of transplantation, a therapy that has saved more than 100,000 lives. — **ALAN MITTLEMAN, NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION**

DEAR ALAN: I am pleased that so many with kidney disease are now enjoying healthy, normal lives as a result of this giant leap forward. Readers, April is National Donate a Life Month, a time for everyone to consider organ donation and to discuss their wishes with their families. For more information, or a free donor card, contact the National Kidney Foundation at Box DA, 30 E. 33rd St., New York, NY 10016, or call (800) 622-9010. The Web site is www.kidney.org.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a happy 10-year marriage. Recently my husband, "Ben," found a snapshot of me taken when I was about 15. At the time, I was trying to look sexy: tight jeans, unbuttoned shirt, come-hither look — but now it's just embarrassing. I laughed with him at the silly photo and forgot about it.

This week, Ben brought home a "surprise" — a life-sized painting of me based on that old photo. Now he wants to hang it in our home. I told him I didn't find it flattering and would be uncomfortable having that slutty painting of me displayed anywhere. He said I'm too sensitive, and no one will know it's me. (What an insult!)

Then Ben played his trump card: He bought the painting for himself, not for me, and thus it's his decision whether (and where) he chooses to hang it in his house.

I am mortified. I can't imagine looking my guests in the eye after they see that painting. Am I overreacting? — **BLUSHING IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR BLUSHING: I think so. Regardless of how much you think you have changed, that painting reflects how your husband perceives you. To him, you are "hot," and that's a compliment. Perhaps you can negotiate where the painting will be hung.

It would be nice if he were more sensitive to your feelings, but it appears he is not. So try to accept it and, instead of blushing, tell your guests that the painting is HIS idea of "art," not yours.

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Escalating war hits home in military town - Killeen

KILLEEN (AP) — Dee Haring is hoping her husband will be back from Iraq in time for the birth of their first baby next month. But like a lot of military families, she's increasingly worried as fighting escalates.

"He might and he might not," Haring, 28, said with a shrug. "I'm worried 24-7."

That's a common sentiment in this Central Texas military community bordering Fort Hood, especially after eight soldiers from Fort Hood died this past week. So far 65 soldiers from Army's second-largest post have died since the United States invaded Iraq in March 2003.

Like other Americans, residents of Killeen said they were divided over the war in Iraq. Some doubt an end to the fighting is anywhere near, but others said military leaders are doing the best they can to prevent loss of life.

"I believe each leader loses a piece of themselves when somebody gets injured or killed," said retired 1st Sgt. Bob Lesieur. "So I know they don't take life for granted."

While the war is a point of discussion, support for the soldiers is not.

Yellow-ribbon magnets adorn the cars in any Killeen parking lot. And most business fronts in the town of 87,000 are emblazoned with patriotic or supportive slogans. "Welcome Back Brave Soldiers," reads the marquee at the office of the Killeen Daily Herald newspaper.

At the Killeen Wal-Mart Supercenter on Thursday, Spc. Wesley Monger said the best solution is to pull troops back to the border and let Iraq's Shiite and Sunni ethnic groups fight it out.

"They'll never get along," said Monger, a 29-year-old air traffic controller. "They can write all the constitutions they want, but it will never happen."

Janet Mullen, the wife of Sgt. Ronald Mullen of the 4th Infantry Division, was relieved to have her husband return three weeks ago after a year in Iraq.

She predicted that the United States will be sending troops to Iraq for at least five more years, and "it's a possibility" that her husband would have to go back.

Mullen chuckled when asked if she supports the U.S. mission in Iraq.

"I have to," she said. "Because my husband is in the military, and because that's his job, believing in what he does is the right thing to do. It's our way of life."

Fort Hood is home to about 44,000 military personnel, 20,000 of whom are now deployed to Iraq, said Cecil Green, a Fort Hood spokesman.

The post houses the 4th Infantry Division, which led the capture of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein in December and has mostly returned home. It also houses the 1st Cavalry Division, which deployed to Iraq last month for a minimum one-year tour.

Amputees arrive in Texas for treatment

HOUSTON (AP) — Iraqis who have become amputees under former dictator Saddam Hussein's regime are coming to Texas for surgery and prosthetics that can improve their lives.

Qasim Kadim, one victim of the bloody regime, is now at a Houston hospital with six other amputees and will soon receive a $50,000 bionic arm courtesy of doctors, health institutions and journalists.

The seven Iraqis' right hands were surgically removed and a crosslike tattoo carved between their eyes because Saddam blamed businessmen dealing with foreign interests for the country's failing economy. The regime's punishment was intended to intimidate other business owners looking to trade in international currencies.

The Iraqis' journey to the Texas Medical Center began when a former television correspondent Don North saw video tape of the amputations last spring and befriended the men. North contacted Marvin Zindler of Houston television station KTRK. He helped persuade a German company, Otto Bock Health Care, to donate the specialized prosthetic limbs.

Zindler then enlisted Dr. Joseph Agris, a friend and his cosmetic surgeon, to prepare the men's arms for surgery and remove the crosses from their foreheads.

Kadim's right hand was amputated in 1995 for dealing in U.S. dollars.

But Kadim, a 46-year-old Baghdad appliance importer, will be able to curl fingers, make a fist and perform many other tasks after the surgery and training on how to flex certain arm muscles.

"It is a very beautiful feeling to be here," Kadim told the Houston Chronicle through a translator. "There is nobody who doesn't want to come and see the States. It is a dream come true."

The Iraqis on Wednesday faced a decision they hadn't contemplated upon their arrival in Texas. Agris, to properly fit the bionic arms, must shave another inch from their mutilated limbs.

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$7.00 All Take Outs

Sausage Sold By The Pound
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$4 Lb. (Cooked)

DNA lab: Neil Bush not the father of child in slander case

HOUSTON (AP) — Paternity testing shows presidential brother Neil Bush did not father the child of his mistress-turned-wife, attorneys in a slander case against his former wife said Thursday.

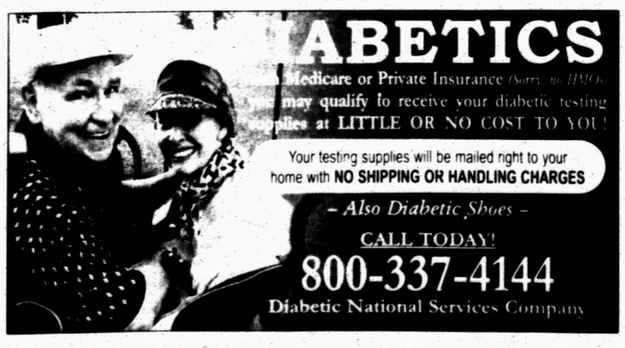
Sharon Bush, Neil Bush's former wife of 23 years, is accused of spreading rumors that the child at the center of a defamation lawsuit was fathered by her ex-husband.

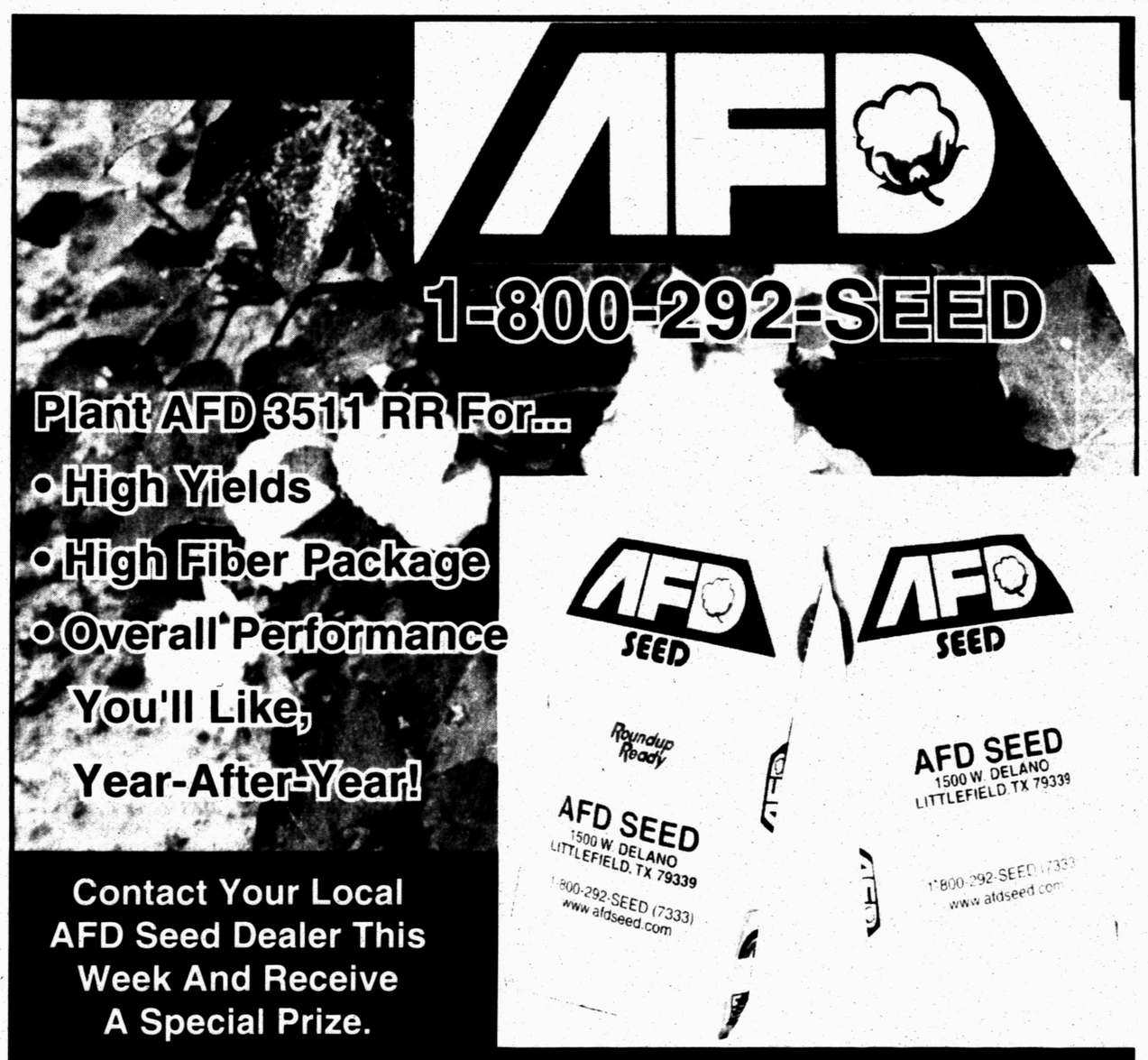
The suit was filed last year by Robert Andrews, who previously was married to Bush's current wife, Maria Andrews Bush. Robert Andrews, whose DNA matched that of the boy, claims the rumors harmed his 3-year-old son.

"You can't unring a bell," said Andrews' attorney, Dale Jefferson. "Sharon Bush rang the bell by spreading this false rumor. And because the Bush family is the closest thing to royalty that we have in America, this would be a rumor that would follow this precious child unless we stopped it at the outset."

Jefferson called the results "complete vindication for the Andrews' family."

However, Sharon Bush's attorney, David Berg, said Thursday that the results will have no impact on the pending civil lawsuit against her. Sharon Bush never said Neil Bush was the boy's father, he said.





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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Their reputation precedes them, these gracious Arizonans whose volunteerism and good cheer remind us of what sports should most be about.

They — plus a chunk of heavenly weather that prevails seven months each year — are the reasons a dozen major league baseball teams flock to the Grand Canyon State for Cactus League spring training, with more teams on the way.

Theirs is a state rife with contradictions. There is a melting pot of cultures and temperatures at both ends of the thermometer. It has Indian reservations and thriving cities, plus a sprawling desert running right up against mountain ranges that kiss the sky. Citizens claim to be pleased that for five months each year, they are "temperature challenged." (If not, they claim everyone would move to Arizona.) They yawn that it's a "dry heat," but admit that from May 'til September, they scurry from shade to shade, spending more time cursing the sun than worshiping it.

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Some of their customs take some getting used to. They ignore daylight savings time and don't understand that in other states, some games are rained out. They offer no opinions why America West Airlines Arena claims to be "home of the Phoenix Suns" in the NBA, yet on a nearby billboard Southwest Airlines boasts that it is the "official airline of the Phoenix Suns." Go figure.

Upon arrival in this baseball mecca, you won't know the players without a program and you won't be able to sort out townspeople from volunteers. They are one and the same with the old-fashioned notion that everyone smiles in the same language.

These locals with their "Arizona alohas" welcome thousands of visitors who show up here annually to see hundreds of major league aspirants who gather as boys of springtime to see who among them will survive as boys of summer.

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The Surprise people will shock you. They approved tax bonds to build a first-class baseball complex replete with a video board that cost nearly $1 million. They zip around in golf carts offering rides for the weary, sell tickets, give directions and sometimes resuscitate fans who faint dead away. A certain number get lightheaded upon learning that parking is free, admission is dirt cheap and each game is a journey — not a destination.

There's seating for more than 10,000 and a "sunning area" for a couple of thousand more on grassy berms beyond the outfield fences. Some turn over only when they hear screams of "watch out" when home runs are flying their way.

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In many ways, Surprise is to baseball what Broadway's mythical Brigadoon was to Scotland, except that it occurs annually instead of one day per century. Everyone is happy and "It's just a game" comments are common, with reminders, "They'll play again tomorrow.' And indeed they do.

Chief among this band of dream-makers is Jim Korey, the public address announcer who sounds for all the world like the colorful Harry Caray. With a bit of slurring of "Korey," casual listeners might think them to have the same last name!

A 68-year-old who has just signed off on 44 years in food service marketing, he's at Surprise Stadium six days weekly for six weeks, early 'til late. He of the hairless head (came home that way from military service in Korea) keeps the stadium rocking with his ad-libbed commercials and wry commentary.

When the seventh inning rolls around, he leads in singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," peering out to the stands to make sure the fans are joining in. And all this he does for free. "I should pay them," he said.

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He's grown accustomed to non-profit status; that's sort of the way the Phoenix Roadrunners (forerunner of the NHL Phoenix Coyotes) turned out. He and his wife were part-owners. "We were under-financed," he says, "And it was not uncommon for me to double as PA announcer. One night when the radio play-by-play man was sick, I filled in."

But baseball's his deep-down thing, and has been since he grew up on Chicago's north side, just a few blocks from Wrigley Field. His mom still lives there. He's worked with Caray and with current Cub broadcaster Ron Santo. Korey's spring season marked number 11 at the Cactus League microphone and he's not even thinking about quitting. Clearly, others' national pastime is Jim's perpetual present time.

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"I guess we're 'All-American go-fers' out here," Korey laughed. "But it sure is fun, and there are no W-2s to mess with. The Lord has been mighty good to my wife and me, and to our two kids and six grandkids. We are blessed."

And so are those who see the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals honing their skills in Surprise.

They have marvelous hosts, and a PA announcer who has figured out that life at its best is about giving. Take a pad next spring to write down some of his thoughts; watch him as he leads singing. Like the late Caray, he doesn't sing all that well, but he's enthusiastic to the max.

In the meantime, let's remember, it is a game. Play ball!

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That chattering friend (or enemy) within

by Joe Klock, Sr.

Its message is more believable than a hundred Walter Cronkites, its voice is louder than a legion of performing rock stars. It is closer to you than any of your body parts. It should be your biggest fan, but potentially it is more harmful than all the side effects known to modern pharmacopeia.. It is more intimate with you than the most intimate friend you've ever had, but it can be - and too often may be - your worst enemy.

It is your subconscious mind, the far-beyond-remarkable computer that stores and monitors all your acquired knowledge, beliefs, emotions, prejudices, opinions, conclusions, hopes, fears, doubts, superstitions, experiences, fantasies, habits, memories, delusions, goals, weaknesses, moods, hangups and reflex actions.

It directs most of your routine behavior and functions without your conscious awareness, preplanning or decision-making.

It "talks" to you, albeit in silence, constantly, telling you what you think you are perceiving through your senses and what you think about those sights, sounds and feelings, communicating with you at a speed surpassing that of light.

Based on what it "knows" (that is, on what you have fed into it as truth and reality), it prompts you to fight or flee, accept or reject, agree or differ, act or defer, resist or comply, smile or frown and/or pursue a myriad of other alternatives.

It does not differentiate between what is right and wrong, or what is good or bad for you. Like any other computer, it performs as it was programmed to perform, and you were, are and always will be its principal programmer.

On its brighter side, it energizes, encourages and inspires you, steering you toward happy times and a positive self-image, these two being inseparably partnered. In that function, it is the best friend you'll ever have - bar none.

But it is also capable of sending negative messages that are counterproductive in your pursuit of success, happiness, personal fulfilment and peace of mind.

This is a practice on its part that you should not and need not tolerate, since you always have the power to suspend your relationship with anyone/anything who/that turns against you - and a hostile subconscious is no exception.

Ask yourself this series of questions:

How long will you put up with a friend who constantly reminds you of unpleasant things from your past? Or who refuses to let you forgive others who have hurt you? Or who focuses on pessimistic views of the future? Or who sees you as generally inadequate? Or who discourages you from taking reasonable and beneficial risks? Or who deprecates your achievements? Or who "awfulizes" about things that are beyond your control? Or who discourages you from speaking out about what's important to you? Or who reminds you of your fears and phobias?

With a friend like that, as the old saying goes, you don't need enemies.

The good news is that, since you have absolute control of your thoughts, that powerful subconscious of yours is entirely within your control.

It "knows" nothing except what you've taught it to be the truth, including the "truths" that are rooted in your unfounded fears and hypercritical self-analysis.

It will change its programs whenever you decide it is no longer your good and faithful servant.

When you sense an inner voice saying you can't do something you want to do, or you don't "belong," or you're just no darned good, or you can't fight City Hall, or it's too late to try, or your life's a mess, or the world's going to hell in a handbasket, or just "there you go again, stupid," picture any of the people you care about saying things like that about themselves.

Then think about what you, as a true friend, would say to them by way of comfort, reassurance and encouragement.

You should expect no less support from yourself (that "it" of yours) than you willingly and instinctively give to others about whom you care.

If the inner chatter of your subconscious would be inappropriate coming from a friend, it is even less acceptable when self-inflicted.

So, talk to yourself ONLY about what's good in your life and the world around you, what was pleasant in your past, what is hopeful about your future, and what you're capable of doing.

As much as possible, steer clear of the people, places and situations that give rise to negative self-talk.

Above all, be a friend to yourself, and instruct your subconscious on how to become the friend you want it to be.

We've said it before in this space, and it's worth saying again: Since the size of your funeral will largely be dictated by the weather on that day, why not start being nice to the only person you're sure will show up?

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Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

Cogdell Hospital	8
Snyder ISD	3
DCOS	3
City of Snyder	3
Ira ISD	2
Hermleigh ISD	1
WTC	0
Scurry County	0

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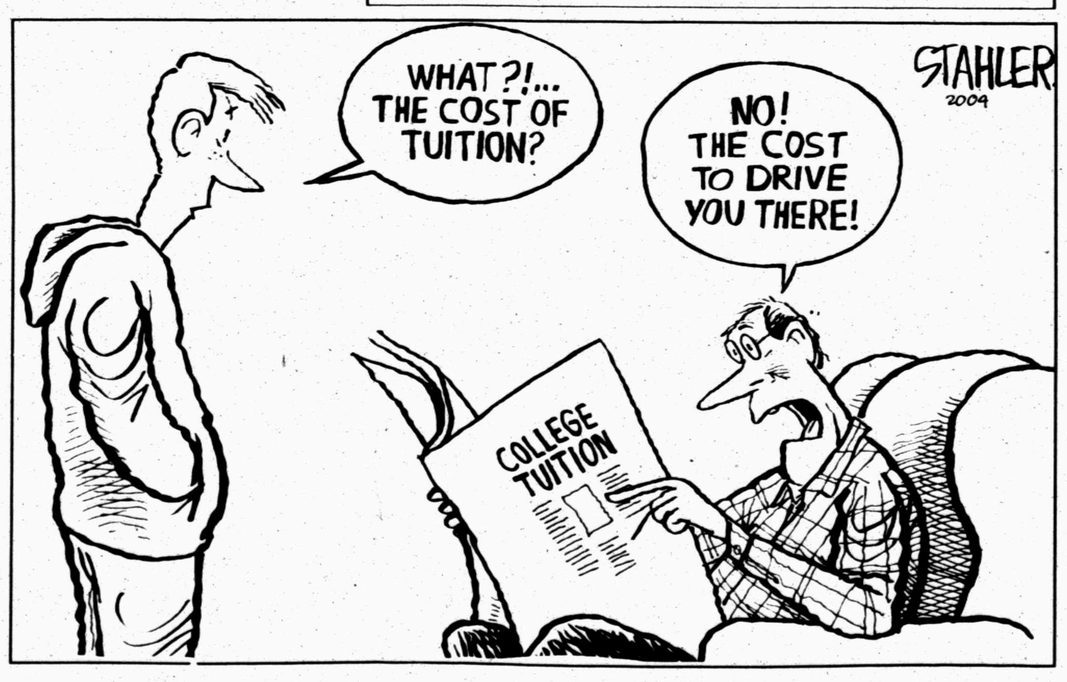

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News

Lower gas prices

Gas prices are at an all-time high, and so is the election-year tendency to pander over sticker shock at the pump.

President Bush blames the high prices on Congress' failure to approve his exploration-heavy energy plan. Not to be outdone, John Kerry says he would release oil from the nation's emergency petroleum stockpile to ease prices and would urge OPEC to increase production.

That all sounds good. The trouble is, it would accomplish little. What really would make a difference is a sustained national commitment to energy conservation and alternative energy sources.

The United States has only a tiny percentage of the world's oil reserves, so drilling our way out of higher prices isn't a realistic option. And while dumping oil from the emergency stockpile onto the market might seem like a sensible idea, it would be a short-sighted political manipulation of the nation's safety net that wouldn't work. There isn't enough oil in the stockpile to lower prices to more reasonable levels.

The high pump prices can be attributed to several factors. Growing economies like India, China and the United States have hefty energy appetites. And faced with a weak U.S. dollar, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is using tighter production limits to exact more bang per barrel. Despite U.S. protests, the cartel isn't likely to change its policies while it has leverage. Consumers will have to ride this one out.

Rather than using higher gas prices as a political mallet, Mr. Bush and Mr. Kerry need to talk about conservation as the key to energy independence. A strong conservation effort, including higher fuel-efficiency standards for U.S. autos, helped break the grip of the Arab oil embargo in the1970s. And it could help free consumers from the wild swings of global oil politics again.

But, lo and behold, we have returned to our gluttonous ways and abandoned greater fuel efficiency. No one is to blame for the pain we're feeling except ourselves. If there's any good to come from the higher prices, it will be that they knock some sense back into us.

The Victoria Advocate

Intelligence coordination

The CIA's mission, as William Donovan had originally proposed it before the end of World War II, was to "procure intelligence both by overt and covert methods and will at the same time provide intelligence guidance, determine national intelligence objectives and correlate the intelligence material collected by all government agencies." In the view of Donovan, who had headed the wartime Office of Strategic Services, President Harry S Truman and Congress, the CIA was to be the central clearinghouse for gathering and analyzing all foreign intelligence relating to national security.

The director of central intelligence was to advise the president and the newly created National Security Council on all intelligence matters. Just as the reorganization of the military services into the new Defense Department did not achieve the kind of coordinated jointness Truman and Congress had intended, the CIA likewise did not live up to the reason for having "central" in its name. Defense continued to engage in intelligence gathering and analysis, as did the FBI and State Department.

Altogether, more than a dozen federal agencies gather or analyze foreign intelligence, and turf rivalries, differing cultures and other factors keep them from achieving the kind of coordination Truman and Congress envisioned in 1947 and the nation has since needed and still needs. Democrats on the U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence want to end those interagency rivalries and bring about the kind of coordination in intelligence gathering and analysis that was so notably absent prior to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and New York City's World Trade Center.

Lest this be viewed as simply a partisan, election-year ploy, they are renewing recommendations previously made by a bipartisan congressional joint committee and by Brent Scowcroft, who served as national security adviser to Presidents Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush. The Intelligence Committee Democrats propose creating a new position of director of national intelligence that would have full operational and budgetary control over all federal agencies gathering and analyzing foreign intelligence.

This would supersede the director of central intelligence, who has such authority only over the CIA. "One of the major deficiencies in our intelligence community is the fact that there are 15 intelligence agencies — operating with different rules, cultures and databases — that do not work as one integrated intelligence community," said Rep. Jane Harman of California, the ranking Democrat on the Intelligence Committee. In the aftermath of 9/11, a bipartisan congressional committee's recommendation to do this was blocked by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who successfully protected the turf of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon's other intelligence operations. Beyond that, Rumsfeld also convinced Congress to create a new position, undersecretary of defense for intelligence, to rival that of the director of central intelligence and to make intelligence coordination more difficult than it already was.

The Houston Chronicle

Foreign nationals on death row

Foreign nationals accused of serious crimes in this country should be given access to their diplomatic services, in accordance with the 1963 Vienna Convention. The United States expects no less for its citizens arrested abroad. But the World Court properly known as the International Court of Justice, the United Nations' highest court cannot expect to impose its will on the American judicial system, which is sovereign and headed by one court the nine-member U.S. Supreme Court.

The World Court has no authority to order the United States to review the cases of 51 Mexican nationals on death row in eight states, including Texas, who did not receive access to Mexican diplomats for one reason or another. Nevertheless, the cases should be reviewed.

Texas and other states with Mexican nationals on death row maintain that the defendants were given fair trials, but they are seeking advice from the Justice Department on what to do. It goes without saying that issues such as language comprehension and constitutional rights to competent representation and a fair trial are routine matters of concern for all defendants on trial, citizens and noncitizens alike. They are the fixtures of the appeals of all who receive the death penalty.

The Death Penalty Information Center says 121 foreign citizens reside on death row; 55 are Mexican nationals. Federal and state officials contend the nation's criminal justice system tries to abide by the Vienna Convention, but that some foreign nationals fall through the cracks while others lie about their citizenship. Mexican nationals on death row have been a sore point in the relationship between Mexican President Vicente Fox and President Bush. Fox says he believes the United States will comply with the World Court's order.

We should review the cases on our own initiative. There is little evidence that foreign nationals routinely fail to get a fair trial, even if they have not received access to their consular corps. However, the nation has a duty to ensure that its system is just and unassailable in the court of world opinion. That means abiding by the Vienna Convention 100 percent of the time.

WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

SPRING FORMAL
TUESDAY, APRIL 13
STUDENT CENTER
DINNER @6 & DANCE @9

Sunday, April 11, 2004
Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Theatre Department Presents 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona'

WTC Theatre Department will present *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* by William Shakespeare. The play is about two youths, Valentine and Proteus, who make their way from Verona to Milan. Valentine's father is sending him to take a position in the Duchess of Milan's court. Both young men fall in love with the Duchess's daughter, Silvia, who is betrothed to Thurio, a wealthy courtier. Proteus betrays Valentine and gets him banished, and Silvia is confined to a jail. Valentine joins a band of outlaws. Silvia escapes Milan in search of Valentine. Proteus and Thurio set off to rescue her. Valentine encounters them as Proteus makes the case for his love to Silvia. The Duchess and Thurio arrive upon the scene, but Thurio backs off his claim to Silvia when challenged by Valentine. As the play ends, Valentine gets Silvia with the Duchess's approval. Performances are set for April 22-24 at 7:30 pm and April 25 at 2 pm in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre. Ticket prices are $5 for Adults, $3 for Seniors and Students, and WTC faculty, staff and students are admitted free.

Cast of Characters

Valentine	Tedrick George
Proteus	Ryan Ballard
Speed	Chris Hensley
Launce	Jacob Brumley
Duchess of Milan	Meagan Bailey
Silvia	Rhealan Wagnon
Julia	Amber Ward
Outlaws	Monica Rose & Lacey Rowe
Thurio	Ricky Goulet
Lucetta	Mandy Mitchell
Eglamorua	Brandi Birkenfeld
Host	Casandra Darlin
Panthino	Courtney Carr
Antonio	Lacey Rowe

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A BIWEEKLY ARTICLE ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF WTC.

Upward Bound Students Tour ASU Campus

by Sandra Hall, Upward Bound Director

Students with the WTC Upward Bound program visited the campus of Angelo State University Saturday, April 3 to learn more about the campus and get a preview of university life. High school students from Snyder, Rotan, Sweetwater, and Colorado City attended the College Days event, where they were treated to an opening session with ASU President, Dr. James Hindman, followed by a campus tour and lunch.

Upward Bound participants make a big commitment when they enter the program by giving up six weeks of their summer and spending several Saturdays during the school year at academies on the campus of WTC and other colleges.

Even with all this work there is still time for fun, with students participating in cultural field trips and visits to theme parks, sporting events, and other attractions.

Upward Bound is an academic enrichment program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is one of three original Title IV (TRIO) programs which were implemented following the Higher Education Act of 1965.

There are now seven programs, all of which assist students in enrolling in and completing a college education.

The Upward Bound staff works closely with students and school administrators and staff to help participants achieve their highest potential in high school so that they will be better prepared when they enter college.

The program provides instruction in math, laboratory science, composition, literature and foreign language.

Other services include:

•Instruction in reading, writing, study skills, and other subjects necessary for success in education beyond high school;

•Academic, financial, or personal counseling; exposure to academic programs and cultural events; tutorial services;

•Mentoring programs;

•Information on postsecondary education opportunities;

•Assistance in completing college entrance and financial aid applications;

•Assistance in preparing and paying for college entrance exams; and,

•Work study positions to expose participants to careers requiring a postsecondary degree.

For more information about the WTC Upward Bound Program, call 573-8511 ext. 394 or visit our website at www.wtc.edu.

Jason McAden Hired as Women's Volleyball Coach

Jason McAden was hired to begin April 1 as ladies volleyball coach for next fall. McAden was a 1993 Snyder High School graduate. After high school he went to Odessa College for two years before moving on to Hardin Simmons, where he played on the Men's Volleyball team for three years. He was captain for two years and player/coach for one year. When McAden became unable to play due to of knee injuries he was hired as assistant coach for the women's volleyball team, later to be named as interim head coach.

McAden played with the International Sports Federation and competed against the Antiguan National Team. He started coaching high school volleyball in Hobbs, NM and has coached the last two years at A&M Consolidated High School, a 5A team in College Station, TX.

This fall will be the first time WTC has had a volleyball team. Tryouts for the team will be held on April 17 at the WTC gymnasium between 10 am and 2 pm. Anyone interested in trying out should contact Coach McAden at 325.573.8511 ext. 367.

Western Texas College
Volleyball and Cheerleading Tryouts

WTC is adding Volleyball and Cheerleading to the Athletic Program next fall and is holding tryouts in April.

Volleyball
April 17
10 am - 2 pm
WTC Gymnasium
Contact: Jason McAden
325.573.8511 ext. 367
Let Coach McAden know by April 14 if you would like to tryout.

Cheerleading
April 24
10 am - 2 pm
WTC Gymnasium
Contact: Julie Fritz
Pick up an application in the human resource office or download from the website www.wtc.edu
Applications due by April 23
Mail to: WTC Cheerleading Coach
6200 College Ave Snyder, TX 79549

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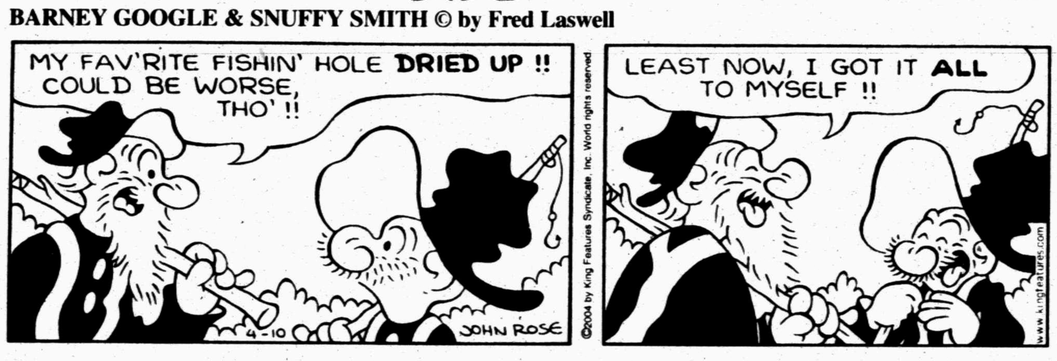

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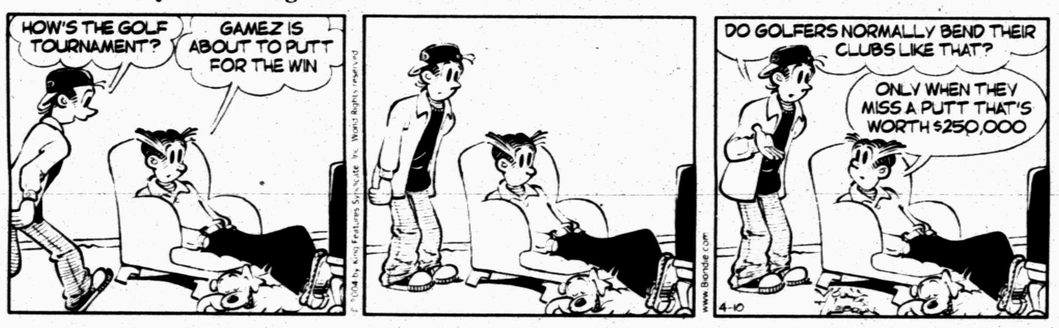

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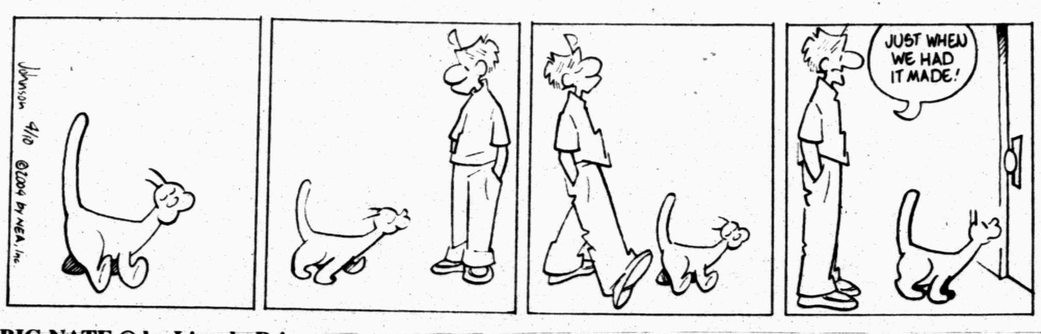

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BETTY ™ by Delainey & Rasmussen

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"I finally found his credit cards, taped inside the TV cabinet."

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Necklace part
5 Gloss target
8 Study hard
12 Pinnacle
13 Grounded bird
14 Embraced
15 Haik wearer
16 Bargains
18 Nope (hyph.)
20 Monkey in "Aladdin"
21 Drain cleaner
22 Early astronomer
25 Sound at the movies
28 Nothing
29 Heckle
33 Put film in
35 Cheyenne abode
36 Habitual
37 Perches
38 Feel sure of
39 High mountain
41 Feedbag morsel
42 Mexican wraps
45 Golfers' org.
48 Lab animal
49 Throw in the microwave
52 Potatoes — —
55 Staffer
57 Music notation
58 WSW opposite
59 Conceal
60 Luge or sleigh
61 PFC boss
62 Nights, in want ads

DOWN

1 Bleat
2 Pantyhose hue
3 Bombay nanny
4 Troubleshoot
5 Brown of renown
6 Mar
7 Spanish town
8 T'ai — ch'uan
9 Not phony
10 Confederate
11 Dept. store inventory
17 Pool-shooter's need
19 Eye color
23 Conducted
24 Layered cookie
25 Mumble
26 Vacuum part
27 Burglar's take
30 Lhasa —
31 Epsilon follower
32 Gusto
34 Preferred shift
35 Remembrance
37 Hit sharply
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40 Devouring
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44 Debonair
45 Snow boots
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47 Onetime Met Tommie —
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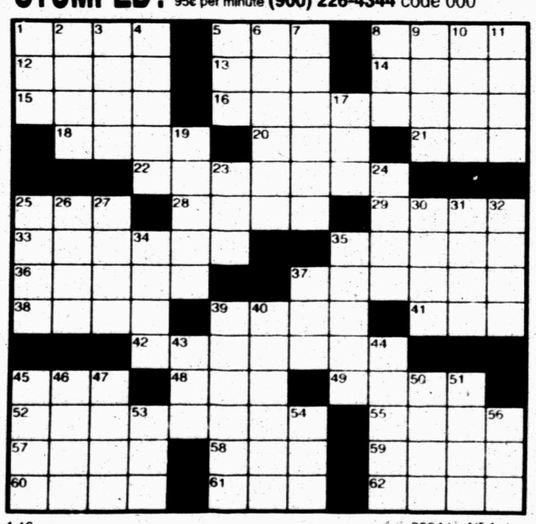

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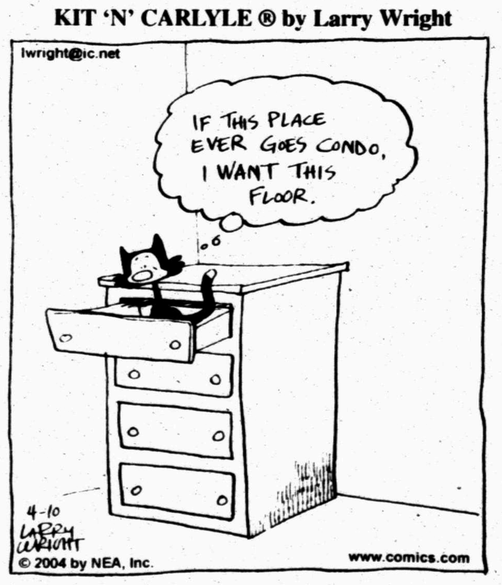

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, April 11, 2004

Partnership situations will work out more fortunately for you in the year ahead if you do what comes naturally to you: assuming a leading role. Be a leader rather than a follower, letting others take on a supportive role.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — People who are in tune with your way of thinking today will be treated with consideration, friendliness and warmth. Unfortunately, however, those who disagree with you won't.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today you could come on more forcefully than you realize, which won't hurt you when dealing with a business situation. With friends, however, such energy could appear ruthless or selfish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Involvements with friends and associates will work out quite pleasantly today if you adopt a cooperative spirit, while self-serving behavior will dull everyone's day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Try to treat each and every person with whom you deal today respectfully without picking and choosing. If you're nice only to those who can help you, your actions will betray you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you're participating in a social sport with friends today, play to win, but keep all betting out of the picture. Wagers could spoil the fun for all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Financial indicators tend to favor you today, especially with your joint-venture involvements. Yet if you start to get too greedy or behave selfishly, you'll cut down your margin of profit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You may have to deal with someone today you've never completely forgiven for something that happened in the past. If you let bygones be bygones, you'll fare quite well in the arrangement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Lady Luck tends to favor you today, but not in all your involvements. When it comes to your material interests she'll be quite gracious, but you'll be on your own in your romantic affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Talking shop at a social gathering today with those who you believe could further your ambitions will be a no-no and work against you, so simply relax and enjoy the festivities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although the end results might not be as perfect as you'd like them to be, vexing situations will have a way of eventually working out to your advantage today. Remain optimistic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You can be a very compassionate and generous person, and these are beautiful qualities. But be careful today, because someone with ulterior motives may try to take advantage of you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Trust your own evaluations today and don't depend on others to guide you when it comes to financial matters. Your judgment is apt to be more on target than those who try to advise you.

Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

Monday, April 12, 2004

In the year ahead your material interests could begin to move in an upward direction. However, in order to stockpile funds you must still be disciplined and put yourself on a sensible budget.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're always uncomfortable around people who are penny-pinchers, but today, being in such a person's presence could make you ill. Select companions who aren't tightwads.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be guarded in what you say and how you say it today to an individual who has a degree of influence over your career. Your remarks will be critically scanned for blunders.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A nosy associate who doesn't have your best interests at heart may try to probe you today for anything that she or he can use against you. Don't give this person any rubbish to spread around.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be smart enough not to take at face value any investment tips given to you today by someone who likes to make himself or herself look important. Chances are the information will be faulty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be very certain you can back up any commitment you make today, because your reputation could be at stake. It would be less damaging to you to lose the deal than to lose your credibility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't be afraid to ask questions concerning a critical task that may get assigned to you today. You won't look stupid unless you mess up the job because you didn't understand its intricacies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Taking small details for granted in your financial involvements today could turn out to be extremely costly. That which appears insignificant could be of the greatest importance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — In order to create harmonious conditions in your household today, place the greatest emphasis on praise and the least significance on criticism. Tolerance will make this a reality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It will do no good today to merely think about what should be done instead of rolling up your sleeves and swinging into action. Projects or goals can't be wished into reality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be quite cognizant regarding your spending habits today. Small extravagances may not seem like much at the moment, but will have a way of adding up to a big total by the end of the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It's good to be acutely aware of details, but not to the extreme that they become more important than the overall project. You could have a tendency to be obsessive today over trivia.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Weigh your words with particular care today, especially when conversing with a sensitive friend. A thoughtless comment on your part could leave a scar that would become difficult to heal.

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Economic, political factors put California Schools in big crisis

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California public schools once ranked among the best-funded in the country, but a growing number of districts in the nation's largest public school system now say they're in full-blown crisis mode.

Seven warned the state they can't pay their bills this year, and 55 others say they may fall short of cash in the next three years. In one extreme example, the West Contra Costa Unified School District eliminated all sports, closed its libraries and laid off more than 200 employees last month.

"We are getting a call or an e-mail a day from districts asking for management assistance," said Tom Henry, whose Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team offers state management help to struggling schools.

The problem, many say, is a political environment that pays lip service to the importance of education but doesn't deliver the resources needed for even basic services.

"There's never been a time that I've been more concerned, more worried, and more fearful of the impact of budget cuts," said Brett McFadden of the Association of California School Administrators. "We have a situation in California where there's a huge disconnect between what the electorate wants and what the electorate is willing to pay for, and Republicans and Democrats alike need to admit it."

States nationwide face daunting school funding challenges, but the situation is particularly severe in California, which educates one of every eight students in the country.

Educators point to a confluence of economic and political constraints at the federal and state level that have forced California schools to slash programs, lay off staff and increase class size.

The problems include a state budget deficit projected to reach $14 billion next year, declining student enrollment in some places and explosive growth in others, spiraling health care and workers' compensation costs, and intractable state and federal spending mandates.

California's public schools were among the nation's best funded before voters in 1978 approved Proposition 13, slashing the property taxes that provided key revenues. Today, California ranks about near the bottom in average per pupil spending.

A voter backlash led to Proposition 98 in 1988, which guaranteed minimum funds for K-12 schools. But California's school spending has declined in recent years to about $6,500 per pupil per year, while states like New York and New Jersey spend close to $11,000.

Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger campaigned on a promise to protect public education. He negotiated a deal in December to delay $2 billion in payments to public schools in exchange for no further cuts, and has proposed freeing $2 billion in mandated programs so that schools can spend it as they see fit.

"He definitely followed through on the promises he made in the campaign, and the proof is in his budget," said state finance spokesman H.D. Palmer.

But escalating costs are forcing drastic choices.

Vallejo, a San Francisco Bay-area suburb that has lost students because of soaring housing costs, applied for an emergency $20 million state loan after cutting personnel, eliminating elementary music programs and raising class size in some elementary grades from 20 to 30 students. But by accepting the bailout, the district will have to surrender its management to a state administrator until the loan is repaid.

Country star has new album

TYLER (AP) — At age 70, Willie Nelson has a new album, but one that doesn't feature his signature crooning.

The country-western icon's "Nacogdoches" is a limited-release disc of jazz instrumentals recorded five years ago at Encore Studios in the historic deep East Texas town that bears the album's name.

Nelson is scheduled to arrive in Rusk County on Saturday for his pre-Easter concert at the Rose Amphitheatre.

The musician's 71st birthday, April 29, is also the scheduled street date of "Nacogdoches."

"This is a labor of love that a label probably wouldn't be willing to release," Nelson told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

The disc will be available exclusively through the Web site www.willienelson.com and at Texas Roadhouse restaurants, a chain sponsoring Nelson's current tour as part of their longtime partnership.

The "Nacogdoches" idea started with a telephone call from mandolin player Paul Buskirk, one of Nelson's earliest mentors and collaborators.

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Workers fear health problems tied to vapors at nuclear site

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — Steve and Virginia Wallace know the symptoms of exposure to chemical vapors: headaches, nosebleeds, a metallic taste.

With a combined 30 years working at the Hanford nuclear site, the two respiratory equipment specialists believe workers there aren't being adequately protected.

The state and federal governments are investigating procedures at Hanford's so-called tank farms amid allegations that corners are being cut — and workers endangered — to speed cleanup of the nation's most contaminated nuclear site.

More than 90 workers have sought medical care for exposure at the tank farms in the past two years, according to data gathered by the Government Accountability Project, a nonprofit watchdog group. Few workers will speak publicly.

A 1997 draft report by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory concluded that the risk of contracting cancer from exposure to the vapors could be as high as 1.6 in 10.

In the industrial world, normal risk is for one worker in 10,000 to contract cancer from exposures in the workplace, according to Tim Jarvis, a former researcher at the laboratory and peer reviewer of the report. Jarvis now is a private consultant often contracted by the Government Accountability Project.

"The report shows that exposure to tank vapors is extremely hazardous and will most likely lead to fatal cancers in the workers if exposure is continued," he said.

"My own personal opinion is I'm not being protected," said Virginia Wallace, who takes samples inside the tanks. Her husband is an instrument technician. "People are afraid to seek medical attention: I've been scared."

For 40 years, the Hanford reservation made plutonium for the nation's nuclear weapons arsenal. Today, work there centers on a $50 billion to $60 billion cleanup to be finished by 2035 under an accelerated schedule pushed by the Bush administration.

The most deadly waste, about 53 million gallons of radioactive liquid, sludge and saltcake, sits in 177 underground tanks less than 10 miles from the Columbia River. Plans call for turning much of that waste into glass logs and burying it at a nuclear waste repository.

Experts have identified as many as 1,200 chemicals, including some known cancer-causing agents, in the tanks.

CH2M Hill, the Colorado-based contractor hired to handle cleanup, and the Energy Department, which manages the cleanup, say most of the chemicals are diluted and pose no danger to workers. Only three — ammonia, nitrous oxide and butanol — have been found in the tanks' air cavities at levels exceeding occupation exposure limits, CH2M Hill said.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Aspirin for mini-stroke

DEAR DR. GOTT: You have repeatedly endorsed aspirin for a variety of disorders, including loss of memory, that result from an overactive clotting mechanism. However, my 80-year-old husband is becoming forgetful and his doctor would like to prescribe Indocin for him. Is this appropriate therapy?

DEAR READER: I think not.

While the "benign forgetfulness of old age" is a common phenomenon, patients with this disorder should, in my opinion, be examined by neurologists, because treatable (or untreatable) causes need to be identified.

For example, some forms of memory loss (such as multi-infarct dementia) are the result of tiny blood clots that, when carried to the brain, cause death of nerve tissue. Over a period of years, such tissue may begin to malfunction as a consequence of the cumulative effect of these clots. Forgetfulness and confusion may appear.

For years, doctors have strived to discover a medication that would prevent such clots from forming: in a phrase, a safe and inexpensive anti-coagulant that would merely reduce blood-clotting within arteries, without affecting the whole, normal coagulation process.

As strange as it sounds, inexpensive, everyday aspirin appears to be the best product for this purpose. By limiting the tendency of clot-forming blood cells (platelets) to stick together, aspirin appears to exert a beneficial effect in patients who are at risk for multi-infarct dementia, as well as strokes and heart attacks. (However, this therapy is not appropriate for patients with Alzheimer's disease or other similar brain disorders.) Thus, many physicians now recommend low-dose (81 milligram) therapy for such patients.

Indocin, an anti-inflammatory medicine, does not seem to be as effective as aspirin in the role of an anti-coagulant. Although you should question your husband's physician about the reasons he prefers Indocin, aspirin may be a cheaper and more useful medication.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have suffered for a year with abdominal cramps, gas, fatigue, diarrhea or constipation, and malaise. After my gastroenterologist performed an upper endoscopy and colonoscopy, he diagnosed Irritable Bowel Syndrome. My stomach was "a mess," but he found no cancer or ulcer. Why do I feel so sick?

DEAR READER: Unlike many readers who write me about their IBS but had no testing, you have had an appropriate work-up for a variety of ailments. All were negative. Therefore, your specialist has diagnosed IBS, a common affliction that can result in serious and troubling symptoms of gas, maldigestion and discomfort.

I cannot comment on (or judge) this conclusion — after all, he is the specialist. But I can recommend that you obtain a second opinion from another specialist. Let me know what he concludes.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my newly updated Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Some time ago, you had a column about an 82-year-old chain-smoker. He had no serious medical problems, yet you advised him to stop smoking. He is certainly doing something right if he has lived 82 years.

It seems to me there are so many people in this country who are committed to telling others how to live their lives that it's disgusting. As an adult, I will live my life as I wish and I suggest that the man of 82 do the same. Don't you know that changing the way a person of that age lives is more dangerous than allowing him to do what he wishes? Enough of those "holier than thou" attitudes!

DEAR READER: I suppose that, by extension, your argument would also pertain to alcohol and drug abuse, unhealthful diets, irresponsible driving and a host of other self-destructive acts. I don't buy it.

People are interested in (and have a need to know) what makes them tick and how they can lead more healthful, productive and satisfying lives. This is a process of education and enlightenment, not an attempt to con people into following a particular lifestyle.

For example, if — in the 1920s and 1930s — someone had an inkling of how dangerous cigarettes are and could have convinced the public of this, millions of children and adults would have chosen not to smoke — and millions of lives would have been saved.

Doctors' attitudes are not "holier than thou"; rather, we try to guide those who look to us for advice.

An 82-year-old chain-smoker isn't alive because he's "doing something right." He is alive despite something he's doing wrong. This is hardly a justification for unhealthful behavior.

I hope you continue to lead the life you have chosen; this is your right in a free society (as long as your choices don't endanger other people). Nonetheless, I also hope that you have the sense to accept sound advice and deter your habits when you learn that changes are necessary.

I don't know where you got the idea that it's more dangerous to change one's lifestyle than "allowing him to do what he wishes." This runs completely counter to the facts, which prove that appropriate alterations in a harmful lifestyle often lead to better health, longer life and a more satisfying existence.

I agree with you that no one has the right to force another person to make changes. However, I'm optimistic enough to believe that sensible people will gladly alter their lives if given suitable information and options. While such alterations may be difficult (e.g. stopping smoking and drug abuse), professional help is almost always available.

My response to you is: Don't be so rigid. Be open to new suggestions and ideas. Make sure your attitude doesn't come across as "holier than thou."

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 46. I accept that I am overweight, have hypertension, drink heavily, smoke cigarettes, avoid exercise — you know, all the stuff that wives and doctors harp about. But I would rather die young from my unhealthful lifestyle than end up a demented and frail old geezer in a nursing home. Do I have other options than A or B?

DEAR READER: When I first read your question, I chose not to address your concerns and put your letter in the "out box."

I didn't sleep that night.

The next morning, upon further reflection, I realized that your question raises issues that are enormously important. In a few short sentences, you simplified an extraordinarily complex problem that — I admit — most medical professionals would rather ignore. But your concerns need resolution.

As I stated to the writer of the previous letter, although most people welcome education about health issues and are willing to make appropriate lifestyle changes to increase longevity, many adults do not. I chose to "accentuate the positive" (to quote a line, from a 1940s song, for us oldies).

I may have short-changed some of my readers.

As I conceive of the problem, we're talking about quality-of-life issues, which include chronic illness, loss of independence, severe eye diseases, dementia, various handicaps, and a plethora of both physical and mental disorders that, sooner or later, will require assisted living or skilled nursing for the patients who suffer from them.

While I don't know anyone who looks forward to this reality, I have a large nursing home population that has faced and dealt with this troublesome problem. Some patients are content in an assisted living environment, but many are dissatisfied, not because of the service, but because of the hazards (I chose that word purposely) of aging.

I am at the age that I, too, have to start thinking about my future needs. Do I want nursing home care? No way. Do I want to engage in purposefully unhealthful behavior to die young? Not on your life — and that response comes from the pre-Medicare me.

So, how does one resolve this issue in a short space?

To a large degree, we are all governed by our genetic make-up. If your parents and grandparents lived into their 80s or 90s, you probably will, too. However, this programming can be inexorably altered by bad health habits, such as you, reader, elaborated. Consequently, I don't encourage a lifestyle of slow suicide. I believe that you are rationalizing your current medical problems, which may put you in a nursing home in 10 years instead of 30 or 40. Is this what you want? You'll be lucky, actually, if you die suddenly and without warning in a few years. But that is not an option that you can count on, short of active suicide.

Therefore, here is my advice:

1) Take all the steps now to ensure that you have a "do not resuscitate" proxy, a living will, health care proxy and whatever other legal documents (which may be required in your state) to express your wishes. 2) Make sure that your immediate family is aware of your end-of-life preferences. 3) Get real. You're only 46. You've got a lot of happy and productive time ahead of you. Stop abusing yourself. Begin dealing with your medical issues instead of sitting on your (fat) butt whining that you don't want nursing home placement. (You don't have to have it if you sign certain legal documents.) I cannot help but perceive that you are using old-age arguments to justify your attitude of self-indulgence. I won't endorse this.

Although your concerns about end-of-life issues are realistic, they are no excuse for your current lifestyle choices.

If I am wrong in my assessment, please forgive me, but I had to address your comments honestly

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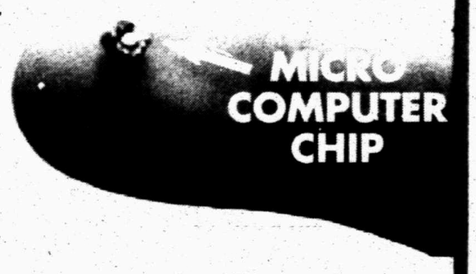

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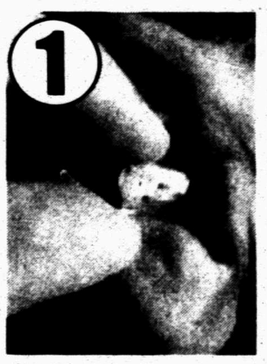
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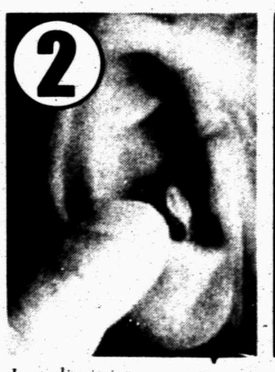
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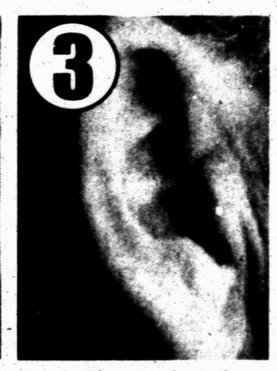
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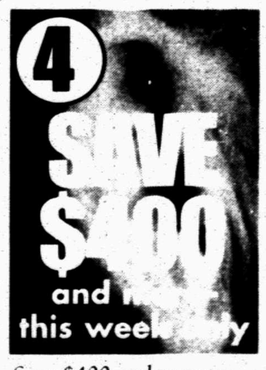

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