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MR. AND MS. WTC — Jason Campbell of Sweetwater and Kristi Bond of Roby were crowned Mr. and Ms. Western Texas College Tuesday night at the college's spring formal. Other nominees for Ms. WTC were Crystal Purser and Jennifer Birmingham, and other nominees for Mr. WTC were Jeff Ellis and Wes Stevenson. (SDN Staff Photo)

At Western Texas College...

Second presidential candidate to interview

Interviews for the presidential position at Western Texas College continue with the second of four candidates to be interviewed Thursday.

Dr. James O. Palmer, WTC dean of academic instruction, will be the second candidate to interview for the post.

Dr. Dusty R. Johnson, dean of instruction at Rich Mountain Community College in Arkansas, will be in Snyder Monday while Dr. John R. Pruit, dean of student support services at Mountain View College in Dallas, will interview April 26.

Monday, Dr. Greg Williams of Midland College went through the interview process.

All the candidates are following the same format on their interview date.

At 9 a.m., the candidate will meet with Dr. Harry Krenek, retiring WTC President.

From 9:30 until 11:30 a.m., the candidate will take a tour of campus facilities, led by Bettie McQueen, WTC Vice President.

At noon, the candidate will have lunch with administrative staff.

Following lunch, the candidate will meet with the administrative staff, division chairs, faculty association president and the classified committee chairman.

The period from 3-5 p.m. is open to other meetings or tours as desired by the applicant.

At 6 p.m., the candidate will have dinner with WTC board members and their spouses.

And at 7 p.m., the candidate will interview with the full college board in a posted executive session.

Warrants are issued for trial no-show

Three persons facing trial on drug-related charges have compounded their problems by failing to show for trial.

Bond forfeiture warrants have been issued for Alvin Leonard "Smokey" Ollison who failed to show up for the start of his trial Tuesday morning on drug delivery charges.

District Attorney Dana Cooley said seven warrants have been issued for Ollison, 40, of 1007 29th St.

The trial was to have started with jury selection at 8:30 Tuesday morning in 132nd District Court.

Ollison had been out of jail on bonds totaling over $35,000 since his indictment in December on the drug charges.

The indictments against Ollison state that he delivered less than one gram of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of Central Elementary to a member of the area drug task force in December.

The other charges are for the delivery of cocaine.

After it was determined that Ollison was not going to show Tuesday morning, District Judge Ernie Armstrong called for the trial of Danisha Venita Ollison, 23, of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B1.

Danisha Olllison was also a no-show and six bond forfeiture warrants were issued for her arrest.

She is charged with delivering cocaine to a member of the task force within 1,000 feet of Stanfield Elementary on Dec. 19.

After Danisha Ollison did not appear, Judge Armstrong called for the trial of Darrell Eugene Hutcherson, 26, also of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B1.

He was also a no-show and Cooley had warrants issued for bond forfeitures on him as well.

Hutcherson was indicted for the possession of cocaine.

Judge Armstrong then called for the trial of Perry Greathouse who was also indicted in December on drug delivery charges.

However, Armstrong postponed that trial until May.

Greathouse, 30, of 2607 Ave. I, was indicted on one count of delivery of cocaine.

He is out of jail on bond.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "One good turn ends up with most of the blanket."

Sometimes, especially right after tax season, it's important to focus on something a little more light-hearted.

Snyder's Roy Baze passed along a collection of church bulletin blunders contained in an insurance company publication.

—Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

—The Spring Council retreat will be hell on May 10 and 11.

—The senior choir invites all who enjoy sinning to join them.

—Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of new members and the deterioration of some older ones.

—During the absence of our Pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

—Attend and you will hear an excellent sermon and heave a healthy lunch.

—The eighth graders will be presenting Hamlet in the church basement at 7 p.m. You are invited to attend this tragedy.

—A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in memory of his wife.

—The minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

—Ushers will eat latecomers.

—The third verse of "Blessed Assurance" will be sung without musical accomplishment.

The average person's idea of a good sermon is one that goes over their head and then hits one of their neighbors.

It seems that the conventional wisdom among those who go to church is that they like a good message – and the typical definition of a good sermon is "brief."

One preacher announced, "Today I have prepared three sermons. The $10 sermon will last 45 minutes. The $25 sermon will last 30 minutes and the $50 sermon will be finished in 15 minutes."

After a brief pause, the preacher continued, "We will now take up the offering and see which one it will be."

It was much like the young preacher who had put his heart and soul into a very passionate sermon against the pleasures of the world.

The audience sat without a sign of emotion. "What else can I say," the preacher asked in desperation.

From the rear came a hollow voice: "Amen."

May 5 election early voting begins

Early voting for the May 5 election began today and continues through May 1.

Ira ISD and the Snyder city council are the only entities holding elections as Snyder and Hermleigh school districts cancelled theirs, and Western Texas College did not have a trustee election this year.

At Ira, early voting will take place between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the business office. The office is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Early voters in the city council election can cast ballots at City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Dirk Dunn, Gilbert Sanchez and Doug White are seeking the Place 7 Ira trustee post while Fran Farmer, Jeff Kellner and Kirby Sterling are running for the Place 2 post.

Ira incumbents Shane Smith in Place 5 and Keith Clements in Place 6 are both unopposed.

On the ballot for two at-large positions on the city council are Carl L. Moon Jr., Terry Martin and John Reed. Martin is currently on the council.

Present councilman James Ashley and Francene Allen-Noah have both filed for mayor. Mayor Dayton Robertson is not seeking another term.

DCOS to meet

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday at the American State Bank.

The board will review the monthly financial statements and hear the monthly report from John DeLille, executive director.

Ira adopts calendar

Ira ISD trustees adopted a school calendar last night that will see school starting in that community on Aug. 14.

The last day of school for the year will be May 24.

Supt. Jim Rumage said if pending state legislation is passed, the school will pass an amended calendar to comply with the state law.

In other business last night, the trustees approved the bid from Snyder Heating and Air Conditioning to air condition the high school gym, approved budget amendments in the amount of $40,000 for a TIF grant, and $5,500 for new football uniforms.

Also approved was the salary schedule for Jan Duke, business manager. She will be paid $24,700 annually, said Rumage.

Also approved was the hiring of a library consultant at $500 per semester. This is part of the requirement to obtain the TIF grant, added Rumage.

Rumage said the trustees reviewed the district's salary schedule, but no action is expected until the May meeting.

College play postponed

The opening weekend of Tennessee Williams' ***The Glass Menagerie***, the spring production at Western Texas College, has been postponed so as not to conflict with the Relay For Life event this weekend.

The production was originally slated to open for a three-day run Friday night, but the dates have been moved.

The play will be presented on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre.

The cast includes Michael Gibson as Tom Wingfield, Jennifer Birmingham as Amanda Wingfield, Kara Lowery as Laura Wingfield and Thomas Lowery as Jim O'Connor.

WTC English Instructor, Matt Rose, will direct the play.

Area sales tax rebates

City	Apr. '01	Apr. '00	+/-	Year '01	Year '00	+/-
Abilene	$1,748,052	$1,579,207	10.69%	$8,171,963	$8,044,634	1.58%
Big Spring	$250,964	$269,764	-6.96%	$1,178,236	$1,165,044	1.13%
Colorado City	$28,258	$31,214	-9.46%	$141,677	$143,668	-1.38%
Lamesa	$60,474	$59,678	1.33%	$280,467	$289,647	-3.16%
Lubbock	$1,966,041	$1,962,446	0.18%	$9,252,050	$9,065,312	2.05%
Post	$19,444	$20,613	-5.67%	$89,482	$84,681	5.66%
Roby	$934	$1,575	-40.72%	$7,443	$8,479	-12.21%
Rotan	$6,253	$8,341	-25.03%	$40,692	$40,640	0.12%
Snyder	$121,887	$104,030	17.16%	$473,307	$472,094	0.25%
Sweetwater	$113,156	$116,887	-3.19%	$565,593	$609,541	-7.20%

SALES TAX REBATES — Sales tax rebates to the City of Snyder for the month of April are up 17.16 percent compared to the same time last year. The city will receive $121,887 compared to the $104,030 payment from April 2000. April sales tax rebates represent taxes collected in February and reported to the state comptroller's office in March.

ASK US

Q—Is there a toll-free number to call the Midland RockHounds baseball club?

A—The only number we have is 1-915-683-4251. The web site is www.midlandrockhounds.org.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 50 degrees; low, 40; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 46; trace precipitation; total for 2001, 5.35 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 50. S wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, mid 80s, S wind 10-20 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear, low mid 50s.

Samidee Barrera
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:15 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:12 a.m.
Of 107 days in 2001, the sun has shone 95 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When the truly great people discover that they have been deceived by the signposts along the road of life, they just shift gears and keep on going.

—Nido Quebin

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Texas House to take up hate crimes bill ahead of schedule

AUSTIN (AP) — Two months ago, Rep. Senfronia Thompson said the House would wait for the Senate to vote on the hate crimes bill before it took its own vote.

Now, with a month and a half left in the session, and no vote in sight from the Senate, the House is set to forge ahead on the issue today.

"My job is to pass it in the House and that's what I intend to do," Thompson, D-Houston, said Tuesday, dodging questions about why the bill has stalled in the Senate.

Thompson said she still has faith that the Senate sponsor Rodney Ellis, who holds much political clout as chairman of the finance committee, will succeed in getting the bill through the Senate.

The House led the way on the issue last session as well, passing the hate crimes legislation which enhances penalties and protections for gays and lesbians. In the last days of the 1999 session, the measure died in the Senate when critics complained it created unnecessary distinctions for homosexuals.

The bill, called the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act, is named for the black man who was dragged to death behind a pickup truck in East Texas in 1998.

Thompson's bill and the Senate version by Ellis, D-Houston, would make crimes motivated by the victim's race, ethnicity, sex, disability, religion or sexual preference a hate crime.

Thompson and Ellis say the current law which punishes crimes committed with bias or prejudice as a motive is not strong enough.

But the bill faces the same uphill battle in the Senate that it faced last session, lawmakers say. All 15 Senate Democrats have pledged support for the bill, but Ellis has not been able to round up the Republican votes he needs to bring it up for debate.

Ellis could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

At least one Republican has indicated that the measure would have a better chance of getting to the Senate floor if Democrats helped pass a bill preventing Texas from recognizing same-sex unions, including those formed in other states.

Ellis says the two issues should be considered separately, but acknowledges compromise is part of politics.

Two years ago, former Gov. George W. Bush refused to offer his support for the hate crimes bill, arguing that all crimes are hate crimes.

Gov. Rick Perry has not offered his support of the new bill, saying that current Texas law adequately protects all victims of crime.

Ellis, who sponsored the measure in 1999, says Texas law already protects several "classes" of victims, such as children and police officers.

Three arrested in cold case murders

GREENBURGH, N.Y. (AP) — Twenty-one years after a New York bookie and his girlfriend's son were shot to death in a suburban home filled with illegal weapons, three associates have been charged with murder.

The long-dormant case was solved, police said, after an investigation by the Greenburgh Police Department's cold-case specialists, who interviewed old witnesses and developed new evidence in New York and North Carolina.

Rudy Williams, 49, and Kenneth Anderton, 29, were shot several times in the back of the head in October 1979, at the Greenburgh home they shared with Gwendolyn Anderton, who was Anderton's mother and Williams' companion of more than 20 years.

At the home, police found 40 unlicensed guns, a hand grenade and an underground firing range.

Police would not say what led them to the three suspects: Andrea Satterfield, 46, of Henderson, N.C., who was arrested there April 5; Cornell Daniels, 51, arrested April 10; and Norman Reed, 43, arrested Monday. Both men are from New York City.



CAMPUS FAVORITES — Campus favorites have been chosen at Western Texas College by student vote. From left are Jeff Ellis of Colorado City, Crystal Purser of Lamesa, Kristi Bond of Roby, Jennifer Birmingham of Colorado City, and Jason Campbell of Sweetwater. Not pictured is Wes Stevenson. Campbell and Bond were crowned Mr. and Ms. WTC at Tuesday night's Fantasy Voyage formal. (Contributed Photo)

Director of 'The Candidate' dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Ritchie, who directed the Robert Redford movies "Downhill Racer" and "The Candidate" early in his career and went on to make several quirky comedies, died from complications of prostate cancer. He was 62.

Ritchie, who died Monday, made his Hollywood feature debut in 1969 with "Downhill Racer," the story of a self-centered skier played by Redford. In 1972, he directed "The Candidate," a highly acclaimed film that stars Redford as an idealistic young politician who eventually finds himself part of the corruption he despises.

Ritchie had his share of successes and failures. He directed films ranging from "The Bad News Bears" and "The Golden Child" to the HBO production "The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Murdering Mom."

Other credits included "Semi-Tough," the "Fletch" movies, starring Chevy Chase; "The Scout"; and "The Fantasticks."

"You take what you get," he once said. "Besides, I truly want to make movies that are not films in the art house sense of the word but films to be enjoyed."

Ritchie was born on Nov. 28, 1938, in Waukesha, Wis. He attended Harvard, where he attracted attention in his senior year in 1960 by directing the original production of the Arthur Kopit play "Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mamma's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feelin' So Sad."

After Harvard, Ritchie directed episodes of "Profiles in Courage" and series like "The Man From U.N.C.L.E.," "Dr. Kildare" and "Felony Squad" before Redford asked him to direct "Downhill Racer."

He is survived by his wife, Jimmie B. Ritchie; one son; four daughters; and two stepchildren.

Sierra Club will honor Martin Sheen

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Martin Sheen is pessimistic about the planet's health.

"I don't know if we can repair what's been done already, I really don't know, and I don't know if anyone does," the star of NBC's "The West Wing" said after learning the Sierra Club will honor him.

"With global warming and the gases that are already trapped, and with no real awareness in sight, with the nuclear proliferation and with the cutting down of the forest in the Third World just to burn fuel, to cook food, to keep warm, I mean it's just horrible," he said.

"We're at a stopgap now. If we started now, just to try and conserve what's left, that would be an achievement. But, I don't know if even that's possible."

events

Texas Lottery

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

8-5-7-20-11

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

1-1-7

Date Book

Wednesday, April 18, 2001

Today is the 108th day of 2001 and the 30th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1796, "The Archers," an opera about William Tell, premiered in New York City. The music was composed by Benjamin Carr, and the libretto was written by William Dunlap.

On this day in 1910, at Montgomery, Ala., Walter Brookins became the first American to fly an airplane at night.

On this day in 1968, Lt. Richard Lyons, a Navy chaplain, received a Silver Star for gallantry. He had braved enemy fire to administer last rites to Marines wounded in the battle for Hue, South Vietnam.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Clarence Darrow (1857-1938), lawyer; Leopold Stokowski (1882-1977), conductor; Hayley Mills (1946-), actress, is 55; James Woods (1947-), actor, is Nate Archibald (1948-), basketball great, is 53; Rick Moranis (1953-), actor, is 48; Eric Roberts (1956-), actor, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1898, the second Boston Marathon was won by Ronald McDonald.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The pursuit of truth will set you free, even if you never catch up with it." — Clarence Darrow

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 15) and new moon (April 23).

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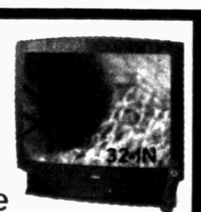


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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Family's aggressive action rescues dad from trickster

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Worried About Dad in New Mexico," I had to tell you about our year from hell.

My father, a severe stroke victim in his mid-80s, nearly lost everything. A woman half his age tricked him into a phony marriage, and into signing quitclaim deeds on his properties and automobile pink slips. She attempted to raid his checking account, savings account and Social Security.

Abby, your advice to "Worried" to take Dad to a doctor for an examination, and to a lawyer to protect his interests, was excellent, but I would add: Report suspected elder financial abuse to the county adult protective services.

While our experiences are more complex than most, there are common threads in both of them and a course of action families can take.

Many elders experience isolation, loneliness, fear of dependence, fear of financial problems, and the tendency to trust people they don't know.

It may be necessary to be confrontational (the downside risk is small in comparison to what might happen), and, if legal action becomes necessary, go for it with gusto. Be sure your attorney is a litigator; cheats and frauds are not frightened off by paper pushing.

Fortunately, we have been successful in court. I now have conservatorship and the marriage is almost nullified. Because there is still ongoing litigation, please sign me ... **CLOSE CALL IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CLOSE CALL: I'm pleased your father's close call has a happy ending. He is fortunate to have been blessed with such caring children.

I urge all friends, relatives and neighbors who suspect an older person is being taken advantage of financially to report it before a tragedy occurs.

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DEAR ABBY: We have two adorable grandchildren, ages 8 and 10. They visit us once a week for three hours. We play games, they romp on the lawn, and I make hot chocolate.

For the last three weeks, our son has called at the last minute and informed us that the children have "misbehaved," and their punishment is not being allowed to visit us. When we suggested that he find another form of punishment, he said to leave it up to his judgment as to what will hurt the children most.

Is it fair to use "grandparent bonding" as a punishment tool? — **LONELY GRANDMA AND PA**

DEAR GRANDMA AND PA: Not being able to see your grandchildren is punishing you as much as the children. Punishment is not supposed to "hurt" a child; it is supposed to reinforce a lesson. Ask your son to relax the punishment and tell him you will talk to your grandchildren about their "misbehavior" and try to discover the root of it.

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DEAR ABBY: Would it be cheating on my girlfriend if I engaged the services of a prostitute? There is no emotional involvement. — **WONDERING IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR WONDERING: Let me put it this way: Would your girlfriend be cheating if she engaged the services of a male hustler? There's no emotional involvement. Think about it.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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COT GRADUATING CLASS — Completing the Correctional Officers training class at Western Texas College Friday included, from left, front row, Brian Buxton, Melissa Coleman, Sharon Fry, Elisa Fuentes, Isaac Infante, Don Jenkins, Frances Leonard, Amado Medellin; standing, Jesus Moncibais Jr., Tiffanie Moore, Robert Northcott, Eugene Pack Jr., Jennifer Rigsby, Tiffany Sapien, John Stewart, Pamela Vaughn, Stanley Walker, and instructor Leanord Dodgen. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Parole denied in 1979 school shooting

CORONA, Calif. (AP) — Brenda Spencer, who killed two people and wounded nine in the nation's first high-profile school shooting, was denied parole after a hearing in which she said she feels responsible for the many school shootings since her 1979 sniper attack.

Spencer, 38, told the three-member parole board at the California Institution for Women on Tuesday that she feels she is a different person now.

"I know saying I'm sorry doesn't make it all right," she said, adding that she wished it had never happened. "With every school shooting, I feel I'm partially responsible. What if they got their idea from what I did?"

Spencer was 16 on Jan. 29, 1979, when she fired on San Diego's Grover Cleveland Elementary School with a .22-caliber rifle from her family's house across the street.

Principal Burton Wragg and custodian Mike Suchar were killed. Eight students and a police officer were wounded. Spencer pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

The parole board unanimously denied parole Tuesday and said Spencer won't be eligible again for another four years. She was first denied parole in 1993.

The board's chairman, Brett Granlund, on Tuesday questioned the truthfulness of some of Spencer's remarks.

Asked about her infamous comment to a reporter, that she had opened fire with a .22-caliber rifle that day because "I just don't like Mondays," Spencer told the board she couldn't remember saying it. She said she had been drinking and taking drugs and doesn't remember much from that day.

"I only remember talking to negotiators," she said.

She was then reminded that she told a negotiator: "It was a lot of fun seeing children shot."

For the first time, Spencer claimed her violence grew out of an abusive home life in which her father beat and sexually abused her.

Her father, Wallace Spencer, has never spoken publicly about the case. He did not answer a reporter's knock on his door last week and his phone number is not listed.

Granlund expressed doubt about the sexual abuse allegations, saying Spencer had never discussed them with counselors.

She had tried to, she said, but they generally ignored her.

"I'm just going to tell you, you are either involved in a situation with counselors and psychiatrists who are covering up, or you are making this up," he said.

The hearing disclosed that Spencer has been under treatment for epilepsy and is also receiving antidepressants.

"I don't get depressed like I did," she said. "I'm not scared all the time."

But San Diego County Deputy District Attorney Richard Sachs, who prosecuted Spencer, said her behavior in prison shows she isn't ready for freedom. After the recent breakup of a relationship between Spencer and another woman in prison, he said, she heated a paper clip and used it to carve onto her chest the words "courage" and "pride."

Investigators taking closer look at gifts given to senator

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal investigators probing the personal and political finances of New Jersey Sen. Robert Torricelli are taking a closer look at gifts and cash he allegedly received from a political donor.

David Chang, a New Jersey businessman who has pleaded guilty to making $53,700 in improper donations to Torricelli's 1996 senate campaign, claims he gave the Democratic senator several gifts and tens of thousands of dollars in cash to get his help with some international business deals.

The New York Times, citing sources involved in the probe, reported today that the gifts Torricelli allegedly received from Chang included at least 10 Italian-made suits, an $8,100 Rolex watch, bean-shaped cuff links from Tiffany & Co., $600 earrings for one of Torricelli's former girlfriends and a 52-inch television.

Authorities have gathered corroborating evidence of at least some of the gifts and are continuing their investigation, the Times said.

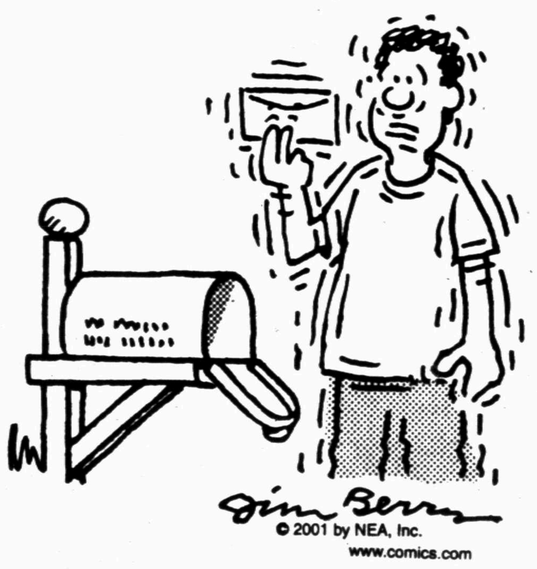
Torricelli has repeatedly said he had no knowledge of any illegal activities or campaign contributions.

"Senator Torricelli has not engaged in any wrongdoing," Torricelli attorney Theodore V. Wells Jr. said in a statement Tuesday. "David Chang's allegations are false."

Chang's lawyer, Bradely D. Simon, and Marvin Smilon, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, declined to comment on the report.

Torricelli said an emphasis in politics on raising big sums of money has helped create an environment ripe for problems.

Berry's World



LETTER FROM A COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Cancer spreads, Gotti in wheelchair

NEW YORK (AP) — Convicted mob boss John Gotti is in the advanced stages of cancer and uses a wheelchair to move around, the Daily News reported today.

Gotti, 60, once the nation's most powerful gangster and head of New York's Gambino crime family, was sentenced to life in prison for racketeering and murder in 1992.

He was moved to a federal prison hospital in Springfield, Mo. last September for treatment of throat cancer. Doctors at the prison hospital had removed a cancerous tumor from Gotti's neck in 1998.

One of Gotti's lawyers, Joseph Corozzo, told the newspaper Gotti's mind was clear but "he is suffering from cancer and it is in the advanced stage."

Corozzo said the mafia icon only used the wheelchair because hospital officials made him. He denied reports that Gotti has only two months to live.

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Snyder Independent School District
2901 37th Street Snyder, Texas 79549

Dear Parent(s):

This summer, Snyder Independent School District will offer a summer school program for limited English speaking students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the 2001-2002 school year.

Classes will be held for 6 weeks at the Jr. High campus and will begin on Monday, June 4, 2001 and end on Thursday, July 12, 2001. A bus will pick up students at their home each day and bring them back home after the classes are dismissed. If less than 10 eligible children desire to participate in the summer program, it will not be offered.

Student Schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 7:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. No Meals | Wednesdays 7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Lunch Provided

Please fill in the section below and return it to any elementary campus principal by Friday, April 20. Late enrollment will not be accepted.

_____ Yes, my child is eligible and will attend summer school. I understand that my child will be dropped from the roll if attendance falls below 90%. If you agree to allow your child to attend summer school, you must be committed to seeing that the child attends every day unless he/she is ill. There will be no tuition charge for the courses, but parents will be responsible for supervising the efforts of their children.

_____ No, my child will not attend.

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Social Security No. _____ Age _____
Home Address _____ Home Telephone _____
Mailing Address _____ Work Telephone _____
Parent's Signature _____

Estimados padre(s):

Este verano, el Distrito de escuela de Snyder tendrá escuela de verano para niños bilingües que entrarán en Kinder o grado 1 para el año escolar 2001-2002 que necesitan más ayuda con instrucción.

Las clases serán por 6 semanas en la escuela Jr. High y empezarán el lunes, el 4 de junio y se terminarán el jueves el 12 de julio 2001. Un bos levantará a los niños en su casa cada día por la mañana, y los llevará a la casa cada día cuando se despiden las clases.

Horario estudiantil: Lunes, Martes y Jueves 7:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. No ofrece comida | Miércoles 7:45 - 1:45 p.m. Se ofrece comida

Por favor complete la forma que sigue esta pájina y devuélvela a la escuela de su niño(a) para el viernes el 20 de abril, 2001. Matriculación tarde no será aceptado.

_____Sí, mi niño(a) asistirá escuela de verano. Yo entiendo que si no está en escuela 90% de los días el/ella ya no podrá participar en estas clases. Si Ud. está de acuerdo que su niño(a) asista escuela de verano, Ud. necesita estar cometido a segurar que su niño(a) atienda estas clases todos los días, nada mas si está enfermo no. No cobran por estas clases, pero los padres son responsables por dirgir el esfuerzo de sus niños.

_____No, mi niño(a) no asistirá.

Nombre de niño(a):_____ Fecha de nacimiento_____
Social Security # _____ Edad _____
Dirección (número de casa) (Home Address) _____
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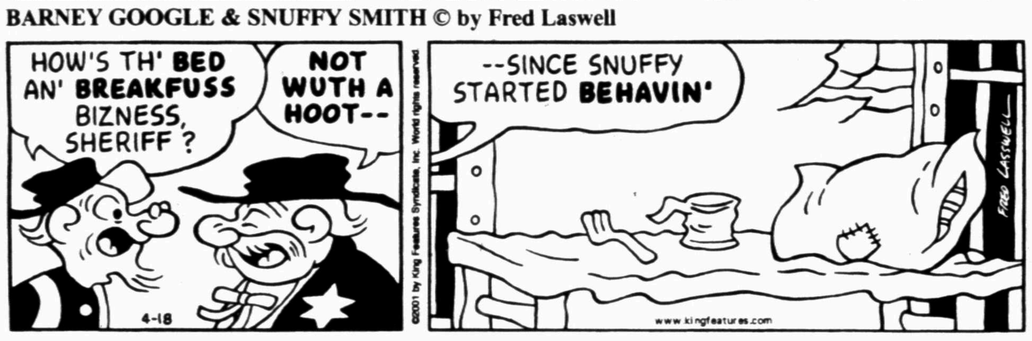
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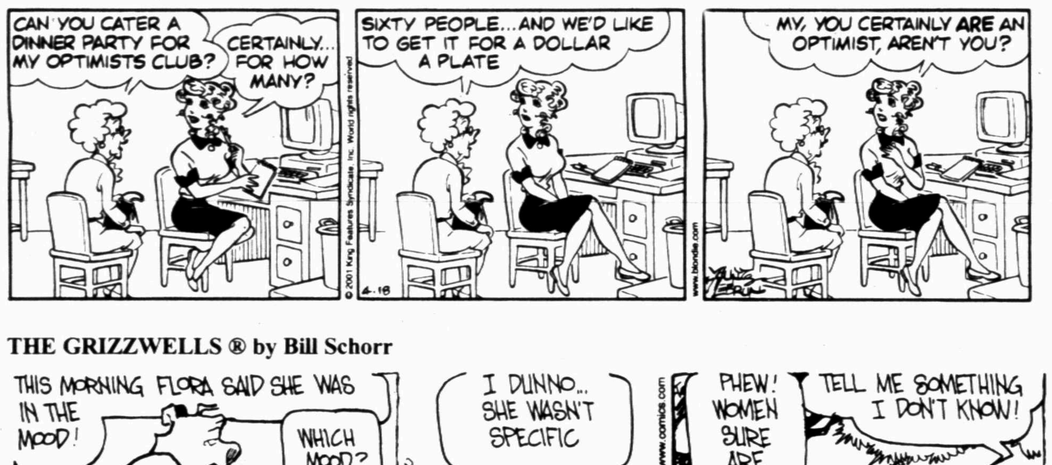
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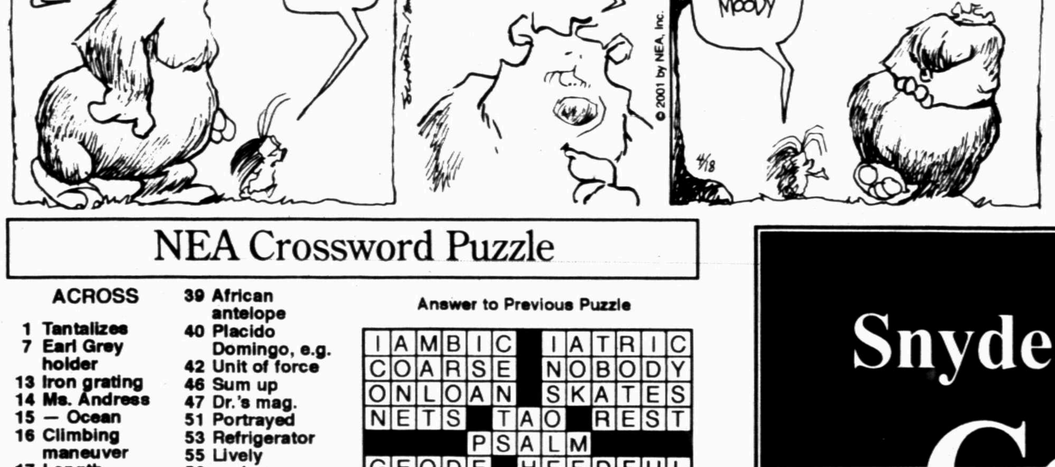
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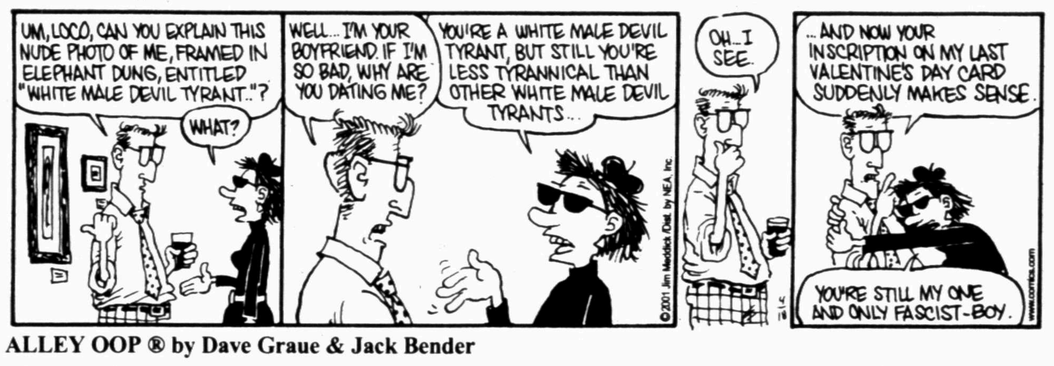
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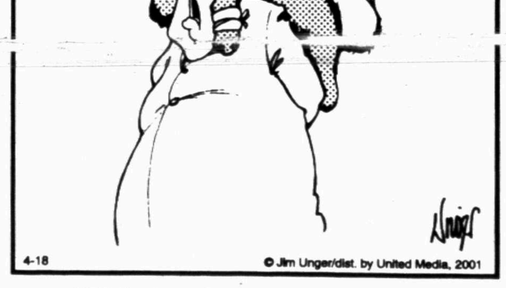
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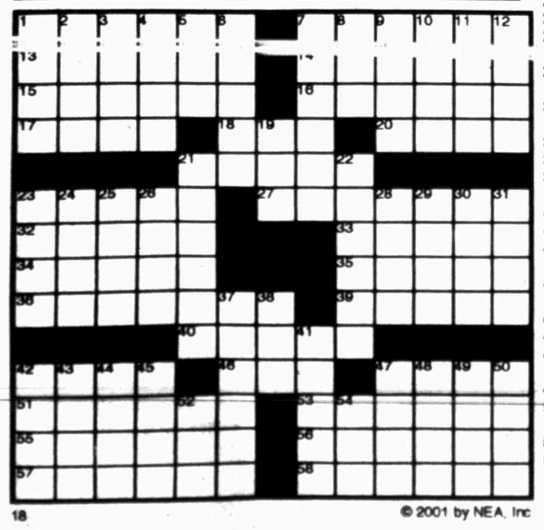
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SPORTS

SHS girls pummel Plainview

Regardless of Friday's regular season finale, the Snyder Lady Tigers are district runners-up. The only thing still up up in the air is the identity of the Lady Tigers' first-round playoff opponent.

Snyder wrapped up second place in District 4-4A Tuesday with a 22-0 whipping of Plainview at Cates Field.

The victory guarantees the Lady Tigers (18-11) a match-up against the third-place team out of District 3 in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The only problem is that third place is still up for grabs. Canyon and Canyon Randall are deadlocked in a chase for the final playoff spot out of District 3.

Regardless of the Lady Tigers' opponent, SHS coach Shelly Hayes said her squad is looking to advance past the first round.

"I think we have a good path in the playoffs," Hayes said. "It doesn't matter who we play. We plan on breaking tradition and winning at least the first game."

The Lady Tigers haven't advanced past the first round in the last four years.

"I still don't think we've peaked as a team," Hayes remarked. "Some things are just now coming together, and I think our timing will be good for the playoffs."

The Lady Tigers' timing couldn't have been any better against Plainview. Snyder belted two home runs, and got a no-hitter from pitcher Ashley Martinez to finish the Lady Bulldogs in four innings.

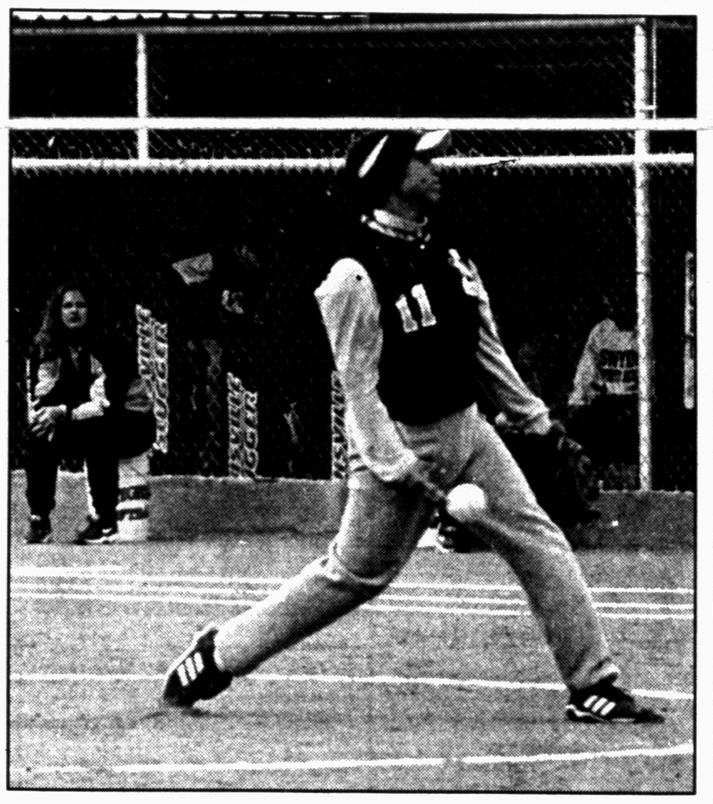
Snyder tallied five runs in the first inning, then added 14 more in the second before capping the scoring with three runs in the third.

Jennifer Newman and Cameron Mackey blasted home runs as part of the Lady Tigers' 19-hit performance. Mackey, Shelley Fisk, Kira Diaz, Vanessa Freeman and Valerie Hernandez slapped doubles.

Martinez was in control through all four innings. The SHS freshman hit the first batter of the game, and faced five Lady Bulldogs in the opening frame, before retiring Plainview in order the rest of the way. Martinez never walked a batter and finished with five strikeouts.

Next up for the Lady Tigers is the district finale Friday at Andrews. The outcome has no influence on Snyder's postseason position.

Regardless of the finish in District 3, the Lady Tigers' bi-district game will be played April 27 in Lubbock.



ACE — Snyder pitcher Ashley Martinez delivers a pitch Tuesday during the Lady Tigers' 22-0 victory over Plainview at Cates Field. Martinez threw four hitless innings to record the win. (SDN Staff Photo)

In extra innings...

Big Spring puts the squeeze on Tigers

In a match-up where both teams were fighting to stay alive in the district race, it was the Big Spring Steers who literally put the squeeze on the Snyder Tigers' playoff hopes.

With the bases loaded and only one out, Big Spring executed the age-old squeeze play to perfection Tuesday night to knock off Snyder, 5-4, in nine innings at Moffett Field.

The setback drops the Tigers to 11-11 on the year and 4-7 in district play. Three teams sit between Snyder and the final playoff spot with only three games remaining.

It was another in a series of back-breaking setbacks for the Tigers. Two weeks ago, Levelland stole home to topple Snyder, and Lake View scored on a wild pitch last week to hand the Tigers another loss. Snyder has dropped seven of its last eight games.

After neither team could manufacture a run in the first extra frame, Jason Choate led off Big Spring's half of the ninth with a double into center field that chased Snyder starter Ralph Ramon.

Reliever Tito Alaniz walked the next batter, before striking out Jason Birmelin. But the lefty hit Ryan Guinn with a pitch to load the bases for Aaron Olague.

With the 1-1 count, Olague bunted the ball between first base and the pitcher's mound. Second baseman Brooks Nunley had no play at the plate or at first base by the time the ball was corralled, and Choate slid home with the go-ahead run.

The Tigers got out of the jam on an unconventional double play. Alaniz struck out Jon McKinnon, and Snyder caught Ragan Phillips in a rundown between third base and home plate to kill the threat.

The one run was all the Steers would need. With one out in the bottom of the frame, Jesse Haines doubled and Brandon McGuire drew a walk, before Big Spring retired the next two Tigers to end the game.

Ramon picked up the loss despite a workman-like performance on the mound. The senior surrendered seven hits and two walks. Ramon also hit two batters to go along with 12 strikeouts.

The Tigers held a two-run lead entering the top of the seventh before Big Spring sent the game into extra innings with a pair of runs on three hits, an error and a walk.

Snyder committed five errors on the night, while the Steers had four miscues of their own.

The Tigers are in action again Friday when they host Estacado at Moffett Field. Snyder wraps up the season against Plainview and Andrews.

Bonds joins 500 home run club

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds became the 17th major leaguer to hit 500 home runs with a drive into San Francisco Bay on Tuesday night.

With the Giants down 2-1, Bonds hit a two-run homer off Terry Adams in the eighth inning, giving San Francisco a 3-2 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The ball splashed into McCovey Cove beyond the right-field fence. Bonds rounded the bases and jumped with both feet on home plate before embracing his father, former major leaguer Bobby Bonds.

The left-field fence opened up and former Giants Willie Mays and McCovey — also members of the 500 club — were whisked by a golf cart to a ceremony at home plate.

"First of all, I'd like to thank my parents for having me," Bonds said.

Mays, Bonds' godfather, hit 660 homers, third on the career list behind Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714). McCovey is 11th with 521.

After Bonds hit No. 499 on Sunday against Milwaukee, the Giants returned home to Pacific Bell Park to face the archrival Los Angeles Dodgers.

The crowd cheered deafeningly for every Bonds' at-bat, waved orange rally towels passed out before the game, and chanted "Barry! Barry!"

Those in the outfield bleachers and along the top of the right-field wall would rise in anticipation of each Bonds' appearance. The walkway outside the wall — edging McCovey Cove — was packed with fans hoping to snag No. 500. The cove was filled with boats, and even a man in a wetsuit floating on a surfboard.

Bonds struck out in his first at-bat. In the third inning, his shot to left field was grabbed by Gary Sheffield just in front of the wall.

Bonds is the first player to reach 500 homers since Mark McGwire did it in 1999.

The 36-year-outfielder was the eighth quickest to hit 500, reaching it in 7,501 at-bats. McGwire did it the fastest, in 5,487 at-bats.

Bonds has hit 324 home runs since coming to San Francisco.

Sports Briefs

Horseshoe tournament

Snyder Slingers horseshoe pitching club will host the Duncan Classic at 10 a.m. Saturday. Admission is free. There will also be a display of the club's trophies in the Dermott school building.

SISD golf meeting

Parents of all SISD golfers are invited to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Snyder Jr. High library.

Bass tournament

Snyder Bass Club will host a tournament Saturday and Sunday at Lake Allen Henry. Fishing will begin at daylight both days, with weigh-in at 4 p.m.

To sign-up, call 573-3951 or go by Scifres Tire.

Snyder Softball Association

Snyder Girls' Softball Association will meet at 8 this evening at Texas Savings Bank. All board members should attend.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event will be held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be low net twosome.

Lions Club tournament

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held April 28 at the Western Texas College golf course.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $50 per player, and includes green fee, golf cart and a hamburger lunch. Teams must have a combined handicap over 50.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes will be a $5,000 CD and a 2001 Ford Focus. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

National Hockey League Playoffs

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Tuesday, April 17

Buffalo 4, Philadelphia 3, OT, Buffalo leads series 3-1
New Jersey 4, Carolina 0, New Jersey leads series 3-0
Edmonton 2, Dallas 1, OT, series tied 2-2
San Jose 3, St. Louis 2, series tied 2-2

Wednesday, April 18

Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 19

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Friday, April 20

Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m., if necessary
Carolina at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, April 21

Pittsburgh at Washington, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m., if necessary
Los Angeles at Detroit, 3 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 3 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 10 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, April 22

New Jersey at Carolina, 3 p.m., if necessary
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m., if necessary

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	8	4	.667	—
Montreal	7	7	.500	2
Atlanta	7	8	.467	2½
New York	6	8	.429	3
Florida	5	8	.385	3½
Central Division				
Chicago	8	5	.615	—
Houston	8	5	.615	—
Cincinnati	8	6	.571	½
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	2½
St. Louis	6	8	.429	2½
Pittsburgh	5	8	.385	3
West Division				
San Francisco	8	5	.615	—
Colorado	7	6	.538	1
Los Angeles	7	7	.500	1½
San Diego	6	7	.462	2
Arizona	6	8	.429	2½

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Chicago Cubs 3
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N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 0
Florida 3, Atlanta 2
Arizona 17, St. Louis 4
Colorado 9, San Diego 5
San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 2
Houston at Pittsburgh, ppd

Wednesday's Games

Florida (Dempster 2-0) at Atlanta (Glavine 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Chen 0-0 and Wolf 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 2-0 and Bere 2-0), 2, 1:20 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Arroyo 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wright 1-2) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 2-1) at St. Louis (Kile 1-2), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 1-0) at San Diego (Eaton 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 2-0) at San Francisco (Hernandez 1-2), 10:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

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Montreal (Reames 2-0) at Florida (Clement 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 0-1) at San Francisco (Rueter 2-0), 10:15 p.m.

American League
East Division

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Boston	10	4	.714	—
Toronto	10	4	.714	—
New York	8	6	.571	2
Baltimore	6	8	.429	4
Tampa Bay	4	10	.286	6
Central Division				
Minnesota	10	3	.769	—
Cleveland	6	6	.500	3½
Detroit	5	7	.417	4½
Chicago	4	8	.333	5½
Kansas City	4	10	.286	6½
West Division				
Seattle	11	3	.786	—
Texas	7	8	.467	4½
Anaheim	6	8	.429	5
Oakland	4	10	.286	7

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Cleveland 8, Baltimore 1
Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 4
Boston 10, Tampa Bay 0
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Seattle 6, Texas 4
Oakland 5, Anaheim 1

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City (Suppan 0-2) at Minnesota (Redman 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 0-1) at Toronto (Michalak 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 1-1) at Baltimore (Hentgen 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 0-2) at Detroit (Holt 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Crawford 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 2-1), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Davis 1-1) at Seattle (Tomko 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 0-1) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Cleveland (Sabathia 1-0) at Baltimore (McElroy 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 2-0) at Toronto (Hamilton 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Wells 1-1) at Detroit (Weaver 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
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Oakland (Zito 1-1) at Texas (Rogers 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Valdes 0-1) at Seattle (Garcia 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Girls' Little Dribblers

8-YEAR-OLDS
Swifts 14, Nikes 8

Swifts: Delrae Foree, 8; Jacoree Brooks, Sydney Glass and Kelsi Williams, 2. **Nikes:** Madison Guzman, 6; Meagan Robbins, 2.

Hornets 12, Nikes 12

Hornets: Savannah Valdez, 10; Kailey Glenn, 2. **Nikes:** Madison Guzman, 8; Meagan Robbins, 4.

Hornets 8, Hoopsters 6

Hornets: Emma Nunley, 6; Kailey Glenn, 2. **Hoopsters:** Karissa Medina, 4; Bailey Nickerson, 2.

Swifts 19, Suns 2

Swifts: Jacoree Brooks, 9; Deirdre Foree, 4; Ryanna Martinez, Makenna Scott and Kelsi Williams, 2. **Suns:** Blair Toombs, 2.

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Red Hots 20, Hot Shots 11

Red Hots: Shelbie Talavera, 12; Jessica Bilderback, 6; Brittany Scott, 2. **Hot Shots:** Briana Bryant, 6; Shandy McMullen, 5.

Sharpshooters 19, Little Tigers 13

Sharpshooters: Brittany Mitchell, 11; Lindsey Urias, 6; Lindsey Daniel, 2. **Little Tigers:** Jaclyn Deleon, 6; Chelsea Castillo, 5; Ashley Anderson, 2.

Rockets 29, Hot Shots 14

Rockets: Samantha Medrano and Teryn Sullenger, 12; Casey Williamson, 4; Larissa Arellano, 1. **Hot Shots:** Briana Bryant, 12; Shandy McMullen, 2.

Rockets 28, Swoopsters 6

Rockets: Samantha Medrano, 14; Larissa Arellano, 6; Sierra Foreman, 4; Teryn Sullenger and Casey Williamson, 2. **Swoopsters:** Erma Rodriguez, 4; Lauren Zamora, 2.

MAJOR LEAGUE
Fast Break 25, Starzz 7

Fast Break: Candace Chandler and Jordan Stansell, 7; Teisha McGlouthin, 5; Kaci Waller, 4; Michelle Yrugas, 2. **Starzz:** Kelly Holdren, Ashley Luecke and Christian Tippens, 2; LaCree Tippens, 1.

Panthers 34, Fast Break 31

Panthers: Audrey Jones, 23; Krista Dorsett, 8; Cheyene Roemisch, 2; Alex Urias, 1. **Fast Break:** Jordan Stansell, 10; Cayelea Rhodes, 8; Candace Chandler, 5; Teisha McGlouthin and Kaci Waller, 4.

Comets 33, Magic 18

Comets: Kate Wall, 15; Katy Crenwelge, 13; Cassi Hernandez and Rebecca Juarez, 2; Courtney Tyrrell, 1. **Magic:** Ami Foreman, 10; Ann Calley, Kelby Seale, Jaedi Baze and Cheryl Massey, 2.

Lady Raiders 37, Starzz 9

Lady Raiders: Kaitlyn Greenlee, 18; Brianna Bernal, 11; Erin Hogan, 4; Alison Cox and Laura Culwell, 2. **Starzz:** LaCree Tippens, 8; Ashley Luecke, 1.

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Washington	19	62	.235	37
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y-Milwaukee	52	30	.634	—
x-Toronto	46	35	.568	5½
x-Charlotte	45	36	.556	6½
x-Indiana	40	41	.494	11½
Detroit	32	49	.395	19½
Cleveland	30	51	.370	21½
Atlanta	25	57	.305	27
Chicago	14	67	.173	37½
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x-Dallas	52	29	.642	6
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x-Portland	50	32	.610	6
Seattle	43	38	.531	12½
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y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 94, Detroit 92, OT
Miami 91, Milwaukee 89
Atlanta 122, Washington 119
Chicago 100, New Jersey 94
Philadelphia 111, Indiana 105, OT
Houston 114, Minnesota 87
Utah 97, L.A. Clippers 92
San Antonio 99, Portland 93
L.A. Lakers 108, Denver 91

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte at Boston, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
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Study: Organic farming can be profitable, better for soil

By The Associated Press

Organic farming could be healthy for profits as well as the soil, according to a new six-year study of apple orchards.

Concerns about pesticides leaching into drinking water have opened a debate over organic farming techniques, which instead of chemicals use natural fertilizers and biological pest controls.

Washington State University researcher John Reganold, who conducted the study of apple growing techniques, suggests that organic farming, at least in apple production, can raise profits, improve soil quality and produce sweeter, firmer fruit than conventional practices.

"The health of the trees, apples, soil, fungi, earthworms, how well clods hold together — we looked at everything," Reganold said.

The study is in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The researchers divided an apple orchard into plots that used organic methods, conventional techniques or a mix of both, called integrated management.

The convention plot was treated with chemical pesticides and fertilizers while the organic system used compost, manures, and biological pest controls. Weeds were controlled in the organic plot with cover crops, mulching and mechanical methods, including burning.

Each test orchard at the site near the central Washington town of Zillah was measured for impacts on soil quality, fruit quality, profitability, environmental quality and energy efficiency.

"The bottom line is that organic outperforms the others," Reganold said.

The study indicated the organic orchard would break even on operating cost nine years after planting, compared to 15 years using conventional methods and 16 years for integrated management.

Soil quality ratings were much higher for organic and integrated systems, largely due to the addition of compost and mulch, Reganold said.

"We were adding compost and chicken manure to the organic and integrated plots, so it's not rocket science," he said. "But it turns out that organic matter improves almost everything about the soil."

Reganold's study adds to a small but growing body of evidence that organic farming methods can boost agricultural output while reducing damage to the environment, said Fred Kirschenmann, director of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University.

"To me, it's not a big surprise," Kirschenmann said. "It's being corroborated in other parts of the world."

Bill Wilcke, acting administrator of the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, said the research shows the need to study other crops to see if organic farming can be applied on a larger scale.

Different crops have different problems, he said. Wheat farmers, for example, must till their soil more frequently if they choose organic pest control over conventional spraying, and that raises concerns about soil erosion.

"They've done a good job of demonstrating they were able to get better environmental benefits and better yields and fruit quality," Wilcke said.

Bob Stebbins, who heads an association of Oregon orchard growers, said the study may be too specific to draw general conclusions about organic farming.

Eastern Washington is especially good for apple orchards because the climate is dry, eliminating many apple pests and plant diseases, and there is plenty of Columbia River irrigation water to keep soil fertile.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Medicine causes tingling of the feet

DEAR DR. GOTT: My feet are constantly cold. I don't smoke or use alcohol, yet my toes sting and burn. I'm on medication for high blood pressure but cannot stand the foot pain. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Cold, stinging feet may be a cardinal sign of a blood circulation problem or neuropathy (nerve malfunction) in your lower extremities. Circulatory deficiencies are often the result of age-related arteriosclerotic buildup in blood vessels. When insufficient blood reaches the feet, they can feel prickly and cold.

In addition, neuropathy is a common consequence of metabolic diseases, such as diabetes and anemia. I suspect that vascular disease is the cause of your problem because you have hypertension. However, you should ask your doctor about this.

While you're at it, question your physician about anemia, diabetes, kidney disease and other ailments that are associated with the symptoms you describe. Finally, ask your doctor to consider the possibility that your medicines may be to blame. By reducing circulation, for example, many drugs used for hypertension can cause cold, prickly feet while reducing blood pressure.

I believe your doctor is the logical person to sort out the possible causes of your complaints. If he or she is unable to do so, request a referral to an internist or a neurologist for a second opinion.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Heath Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a licensed physician's assistant, I was very disappointed by your comments in a recent column about PAs and nurse practitioners.

We train hard and diligently to become qualified medical professionals. In many instances, we actually substitute for the doctor in treating the sickest patients, assisting at surgery and performing procedures.

I believe that you misrepresented the facts and demeaned our profession.

DEAR READER: I can understand your disappointment; other PAs wrote to express the same feeling. However, it wasn't my intention to demean your profession. In fact, I have the highest regard for PAs and NPs, many of whom I work with on a daily basis. We have a good relationship, and I respect them as much (if not more!) than my MD colleagues.

In my original column, I answered a reader who felt that she was shortchanged when a PA rather than the MD she had requested examined her. I responded that she had a right to see the doctor if she wished. I went on to point out that, in most states, PAs and NPs work under the direct supervision of MDs (or DOs — Doctors of Osteopathy), who hire them. I also stated that doctors' training (a bare minimum of five years after college, with many physicians taking up to 10 years of intensive graduate training), far exceeds the requirements for paraprofessionals. Thus, I concluded, patients' preferences should be honored. At the very least, a non-MD (or non-DO) practitioner has an obligation to be "up front" with patients about his or her status. I think that such information is appropriate and should in no way detract from the valuable services performed by PAs and NPs. If you misinterpreted my comments, I am sorry. However, the thrust of the column had nothing to do with quality of care and was not intended to deprecate.

Speaking personally, I have no hesitancy in accepting medical care from a physician's assistant or a nurse practitioner; nonetheless, I want to keep my options open and — above all — I need to know the qualifications of my practitioner regardless of where, how long and how intensively he or she trained.

As an addendum, I might add that I received supportive mail from PAs and NPs who clearly accepted their secondary role on the medical team. In fact, several PAs expressed relief at being able to check problems with (and learn from) their physician employers; such paraprofessionals welcomed the dilution of responsibility.

So please don't take my comments personally. They were meant to help patients gain an informed overview of health care and the varied ways that medicine is changing as we move into the millennium.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've always had nitrous oxide for dental extractions. Now that I am 70, is this practice advised?

DEAR READER: Nitrous oxide ("laughing gas") used to be the anesthetic of choice for dental work. However, there are now more effective, safer agents that would be more appropriate. Nerve blocks, for instance, are probably a better choice. Ask your dentist about your options.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp		36.22	35.00	36.22 + 1.22
AOL TimeWm		48.90	45.50	48.10 + 4.20
AT&T Corp		22.07	21.52	21.80— .05
Albertsons		29.89	29.20	29.89 + .20
Alltel		52.55	51.65	52.50 + .55
AmEl Pw		49.97	49.25	49.94 + .24
AndarkPtr		68.25	66.75	68.00—1.00
ATMOS Egy		22.70	22.50	22.51 + .03
Aviall		8.08	7.70	8.02 + .37
BP Amoco		51.58	50.99	51.30—1.02
BakerHughes		36.20	34.80	35.50— .80
Bank of Amer		53.75	52.05	52.23 + .23
BellSouth		42.95	41.81	42.90 + .56
Beth Steel		2.87	2.81	2.87
BurlNoSFe		29.84	29.32	29.84 + .52
Caterpillar		46.50	45.65	46.50 + .75
Chevron		93.25	91.32	93.10— .15
Citigroup s		51.00	48.30	50.30 + 2.38
CocaCola		47.08	45.71	46.70 + 1.00
ColgatePal		53.20	51.90	53.05 + .18
ComclMetals		25.20	25.10	25.20— .15
CooperIn		35.10	34.75	35.10 + .42
DaimlrChry		47.11	46.48	47.11 + .81
DeltaAirl		42.45	40.40	42.45 + 1.35
Dillards Inc		17.40	16.65	17.40 + .87
DowChem s		34.75	33.50	34.75 + .84
DuPont		45.70	44.44	45.70 + .52
EastmanChem		53.86	52.93	53.86 + .11
EstKodak		44.85	42.10	44.73 + 2.23
EDS Corp		60.50	58.90	60.25 + .88
Entergy		40.00	39.25	39.71— .24
ExxonMobil		85.08	83.71	85.08 + .37
FstBksAm		21.00	21.00	21.00
GenDynam		69.75	68.20	69.30 + 1.50
GenElec s		47.00	45.52	46.95 + 1.49
GenMills		40.65	39.60	39.89—.51
GenMotors		56.20	55.14	56.17 + 2.54
GaPacGP		30.15	29.55	30.00 + .21
GlobalMar		27.27	26.35	26.66— .34
Goodrich		39.41	39.30	39.41 + .21
Goodyear s		25.20	24.35	25.00 + .50
GtAtlPac		8.39	8.20	8.25— .10
Halliburtn		37.15	36.22	36.81— .32
Hanson ADS		31.85	31.46	31.85 + .63
HarteHanks		23.03	22.35	23.03 + .43
HomeDepot		43.50	42.52	43.34 + 1.43
HoneywellIntl		46.20	44.65	45.85 + 1.50
IBM		110.00	102.30	110.00 + 10.30
IntlPaper		37.59	36.45	37.59 + .49
JohnsonJn		94.45	93.01	93.41—1.04
K mart		9.02	8.66	9.01 + .39
KinderMorg		59.97	59.37	59.74 + .62
Kroger Co		22.80	22.30	22.55 + .21
Litton		79.89	79.86	79.87—.02
LockheedM		36.82	36.05	36.65 + .40
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Motorola s		15.50	14.35	15.50 + 1.50
NCR Corp		45.92	44.24	45.20 + 1.46
Navistar		24.60	24.15	24.60 + .73
Penney JC		18.23	17.75	18.23 + .48
PepBoys		5.35	5.05	5.30—.05
PepsiCo		42.80	42.27	42.68 + .41
Pharmacia		52.00	50.61	51.20— .88
PhelpDodge		42.49	41.63	42.49 + .40
PhilipPet		58.35	57.40	58.14 + .06
PilgrmPrd B		10.18	10.10	10.18—.02
Polaroid		4.00	3.95	3.98 + .09
Praxair		47.59	46.75	47.50
ProctGamb		60.00	56.75	58.81 + 1.76
PubS NwMx		32.26	31.81	31.94—.31
RadioShack		28.24	26.65	27.80 + .65
ReliantEngy		49.99	47.90	48.35—.57
RoyalDut		57.98	56.62	57.33—.80
SBC Comm		43.25	42.18	43.25 + .08
SaraLee		21.02	20.56	20.92—.08
Scripps EW		59.50	59.25	59.40 + .30
SearsRoeb		36.95	35.75	36.90 + 1.30
SherwinW		20.85	20.55	20.70 + .01
SouthernCo s		23.17	22.65	23.04 + .05
SwstAirl s		17.89	17.29	17.85 + .26
SprintFON		22.38	21.60	22.30 + .26
SprintPCS		25.80	24.79	25.80 + 1.07
Sunoco Inc		36.50	34.79	36.20 + 1.15
TXU Corp		43.90	42.60	43.01—.89
TempleInland		47.55	46.21	47.17 + .31
Texaco		70.00	68.96	69.96—.53
Textnd		28.85	28.60	28.74—.05
TexasInst s		36.85	34.95	36.50 + 2.50
Textron		57.40	56.72	57.40 + .80
TriconGlbR		38.50	38.00	38.19 + .23
TrinityInds		18.57	18.22	18.52 + .13
TritonEngy		24.40	23.76	24.15—.06
TylerTech		1.60	1.46	1.48—.01
USX-Marathn		30.32	29.39	29.70—.22
USX-USS		15.85	15.43	15.77 + .30
UnionPacif		57.70	57.02	57.70 + .35
UnitedTech		78.35	76.30	78.35 + 2.75
Unocal		37.03	36.09	36.59—.57
Venator Grp		13.40	13.18	13.35 + .10
VerizonComm		53.30	51.90	53.25 + .35
WalMart		50.50	49.63	50.20 + .96
WellsFargo		48.70	45.25	48.70 + 3.00
WstnGasRs		37.30	37.00	37.20—.05
WinnDixie		30.68	30.20	30.60 + .32
Xerox Cp		6.40	6.18	6.38 + .24

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Robert L. Yates...

Confessed serial killer not talking as new trial looms

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — When Robert L. Yates Jr. confessed to killing 13 people in a plea deal to avoid the death penalty, investigators across the country zeroed in on the former military man as a possible suspect in other unsolved slayings.

It's been a year since his arrest, and Yates isn't talking.

Authorities say he may be holding what he knows as leverage for another plea bargain — he faces trial in June in the slayings of two women near Tacoma and prosecutors are considering seeking the death penalty. Yates' attorney, Mary Kay High, said she advised her client to clam up.

The silence is frustrating investigators who want to know what else the 48-year-old father of five may have done.

"He's got tons to tell us," said Sheriff's Sgt. Cal Walker, head of the Spokane-based task force that captured Yates. "He is the only person who knows the answers to the many things we have to assume."

Yates was arrested in Spokane as he drove to work early on the morning of April 18, 2000. His arrest was the culmination of three years of tracking by the Spokane task force.

From 1996 to 1998, 10 Spokane women, many of them involved in prostitution or drugs, were shot in the head and left to die, some with plastic bags tied over their heads. DNA technology and carpet fibers from a white Corvette finally linked Yates to Jennifer Joseph, a 16-year-old prostitute whose body had been found in 1997.

Yates eventually confessed to killing all 10 women and attempting to kill another.

Then he surprised investigators: He confessed to three slayings in which he hadn't been a suspect, those of a woman in Skagit County, north of Seattle, and a couple picnicking near Walla Walla whom he had come across while hunting in 1975.

The revelations raised more suspicions, and the slaying of the couple further complicated investigations since Yates was thought to have targeted only prostitutes.

Yates' 18-year military career had taken him all over the United States and parts of Europe, and Walker said the task force was still trying to create a timeline of his travels.

A polygraph test indicated Yates was telling the truth when he said he had not killed outside Washington state, but the test's validity has been questioned.

While there is no strong evidence Yates killed anyone else, and no unaccounted for DNA has been found in his home or vehicles, Walker is convinced Yates knows more than he's saying.

"Somebody who develops a propensity for these crimes, statistically they don't stop," Walker said. "It doesn't make a lot of sense."

Police said Yates had cruised for prostitutes in the white Corvette, and had once been questioned by police for having a prostitute in his car.

For years, he succeeded in separating that part of himself from his public life as a National Guard helicopter pilot, husband, father and quiet resident of a comfortable Spokane neighborhood.

"The fact that he could maintain a family life ... while killing more than a dozen women, indicated a highly developed sexual psychopathy," wrote Mark Fuhrman, a former Los Angeles police detective and author who recently completed a book on Yates.

"He was so ordinary that nobody suspected him," Fuhrman wrote in "Murder in Spokane."

Yates' wife, Linda Yates, apparently didn't realize anything was wrong until police stormed into the family home minutes after Yates' arrest and began searching for evidence. The body of a woman was unearthed from their yard in October after Yates agreed to the plea bargain and told authorities where to search.

Linda Yates has since moved her family to Walla Walla. She did not return telephone messages.

Yates, meanwhile, is in a Tacoma jail, already sentenced to 408 years in prison and awaiting trail.

Life in the streets of Spokane has returned to normal. Billboards showing his victims' faces, a remnant of the three-year manhunt, have been taken down. Prostitutes can still be found in the same areas.

Richard Fasy, Yates' public defender in the Spokane cases, believes the plea agreement in Spokane was a good deal for society, and that Pierce County should make a similar deal in the deaths of Melinda Mercer and Connie LaFontaine Ellis.

"I have to think that brought some closure for family members of the victims," Fasy said.

Kathy Lloyd, whose sister Shawn McClenahan was among Yates' victims, still wants answers from Yates.

"Did he know Shawn? He may have dated her before. Was he random?" Lloyd wondered. "I hope she didn't suffer."

In his one extensive public statement, at his sentencing, Yates apologized to his victims' families and said he had found God.

"Nothing I can say will erase the sorrow, the pain and the anguish that you feel, that I have caused in your life," Yates said.

"I apologize to the public, this community, this nation, to law enforcement, to my family, to my lovely wife, my children, who I dearly love, my friends and my family."

Family of the dead met his apology with hisses.

Voters decide banner will remain on Mississipp's flag

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The banner that led Confederate troops in the Civil War will remain on Mississippi's flag, as voters rejected warnings the symbol is racist and an obstacle to economic development.

By nearly a 2-1 margin, Mississippi residents voted Tuesday to keep their current state flag, defeating a proposed alternative that would have replaced the Confederate emblem in the upper left corner with a cluster of 20 stars.

With all precincts reporting, 488,630 voters, or 65 percent, favored keeping the 1894 flag, while 267,812 voters, or 35 percent, wanted to replace it.

"I don't think black people were upset with the flag," said Robert Crook, a former state senator. "There was no hue and cry, no boycotts."

Opponents continued their criticism of the Confederate symbol, which they denounced as racist.

"The flag — outside of a symbol of racism — is an advertisement," said Tony Gaylor, a lawyer who was one of about a dozen people at Hal and Mal's Restaurant in Jackson for a post-election party. "As long as the state continues to advertise itself as racist, it will be seen as racist.

"We can only hope that one day the state of Mississippi will be dragged into the 21st century, into progress," he said.

The vote was part of a larger debate across the South about dealing with past racism and facing the future.

In neighboring Alabama, jury selection is under way in the trial of a white man accused in one of the civil rights era's most notorious crimes, the 1963 bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The blast killed four black girls.

In recent years, prosecutors in Mississippi and other states also have dusted off files on old civil rights cases.

In 1994, a jury convicted Byron de la Beckwith of assassinating NAACP leader Medgar Evers in Jackson in 1963. Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore said he is also pursuing leads in a case against those accused of killing three civil rights workers in 1964.

Other Southern states have also wrestled with symbols of the Confederacy.

Last year, South Carolina lawmakers removed a Confederate flag from atop the Statehouse dome. In January, Georgia legislators shrank the Confederate symbol that had dominated that state's flag since 1956.

The Mississippi vote was largely split along racial lines. In DeSoto County, an 86 percent white county in the Memphis suburbs, the old flag won by a 6-1 margin. In Hinds, a majority black county that is home to the state capital, went almost 2-to-1 for the new design.

In a few majority-black counties, the vote was surprisingly close. The predominantly black Delta went for the new flag, but not overwhelmingly. Mississippi, with 2.8 million people, is 61 percent white and 36 percent black.

While largely peaceful, the flag debate polarized some voters along racial lines, with some whites saying they support the old flag because it is the banner they saluted as children. Others see the Confederate emblem as a symbol of past injustices, including lynchings by the Ku Klux Klan.

Supporters of the current flag who gathered Tuesday to watch the returns come in shrugged at the suggestion that the emblem could hinder economic development.

"This is not racism. This is my heritage," said Anthony Hervey, a black Mississippi native who often dresses in the regalia of a Confederate soldier. He said Mississippians' support of the flag is akin to "standing up for home."

Mississippi's flag became an open question last May, when the state Supreme Court found the banner had no official standing. The Legislature decided to let the voters choose.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, April 19, 2001

This could turn out to be an adventurous year ahead for you in all areas of your life. This includes socially, romantically and career-wise. Things will be anything but dull.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — What you learn today may not come from books, but it will be a lesson you'll not soon forget and be able to put to advantageous uses. It'll be a happy experience. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You won't have any trouble today dealing with one who has a reputation for being shrewd and tough. Your instincts will guide your actions and make you the winner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The company you keep today will, in large part, influence what you do with your time. If you hang out with movers and shakers, you'll be inspired to match their efforts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your mind is sharp and your muscles are strong today. There isn't any type of task or job you can't tackle, no matter how ambitious it might be. Reach for the Moon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — By treating what occurs philosophically, you're up to coping with the full spectrum of events as they unfold today, either for good or ill. You'll understand that triumph and failure are both impostors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Make any project that could be meaningful to you financially your top priority today. The aspects are favoring you at this time and your chances of attaining your goals are good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Take the lead today if involved in any partnership or teamwork effort, because you're the best one to set the agenda. Let the others provide the backup.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Conditions, in general, look rather good for you today, but your most substantial gains will come from your labors where you could realize material rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You could get involved today in something that will require both bold strokes and mental agility, but don't hesitate because your chances are excellent for achieving the desired results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't let an early failed attempt stop your forward motion today. With a little bit of brainpower applied to the situation, your second try will yield success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — How you achieve the support you're looking for today is by convincing others that what is of immediate concern to you is of equal significance to them. You'll do so with aplomb.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Once you clearly define your objective, success is almost a foregone conclusion today. All that remains to do once you establish your goals is to act on them.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	04-18-01
	♠ K 8 5	
	♥ 7 5 4	
	♦ A Q 10 5	
	♣ K 7 3	
West		**East**
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♥ K Q 2		♥ A 9 8 6 3
♦ 9 7 4 2		♦ J 8
♣ 9 4 2		♣ A Q J 6
	South	
	♠ A Q 10 9 6	
	♥ J 10	
	♦ K 6 3	
	♣ 10 8 5	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Wednesday, April 18, 2001

Pay attention to the visible hands

By Phillip Alder

Although enjoyment
This challenge has me thinking
I have missed it big
— Bob McCarthy, Columbia, Pa.

It is fine to know how to make an attitude signal: an unnecessarily high card is encouraging, whereas the lowest card is discouraging. However, you must always take your hand, the dummy and the contract into account. East played on autopilot in this deal, with fatal results. What would you have done in his place?

Look only at the North and East hands. Your partner, West, leads the heart king against three spades. How would you plan the defense?

North's three hearts is a Cue-Bid Raise, showing at least game-invitational strength with three or more spades.

Having the heart ace, East dropped an encouraging nine, asking partner to continue hearts. However, when that happened, the contract succeeded. Declarer ruffed the third heart, drew trumps, and ran the diamonds for nine tricks: five spades and four diamonds.

East should have seen that a club lead at trick two couldn't cost and might be beneficial. He should have played the heart three at trick one, discouraging a continuation. Here, if West gets the message and switches to a club, they can defeat the contract. East wins trick two with the club jack, underleads his heart ace to put partner on lead again, and takes two more club tricks, giving the defense two hearts and three clubs.

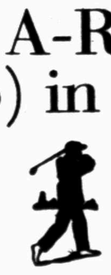
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Tougher dietary supplements rules are sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tough new rules are needed to monitor the sale and use of dietary supplements, the vitamins and herbs now used by about 60 percent of Americans, a government study says.

A draft report of the study by the Department of Health and Human Services inspector general's office said federal regulations now do a poor job of protecting the public from the risks of dietary supplements.

The report said supplements do not undergo premarket safety approval procedures of the Food and Drug Administration, and manufacturers are not required to report adverse health effects experienced by people taking the supplements.

Instead, the report said, the FDA relies on voluntary reports of adverse health effects and "rarely reaches the point of knowing whether taking a safety action is warranted" for a dietary supplement.

The study urged regulations requiring supplement manufacturers to register themselves and their products with the FDA and to report any adverse health results to the agency.

A recent FDA study, the report said, estimated that the agency learns of fewer than 1 percent of adverse events involving dietary supplements, even though some, such as ephedrine alkaloids or ginkgo biloba, have been linked to serious side effects.

Often the FDA is unable to determine the ingredients in products mentioned in adverse event reports, because labels are missing from 77 percent of products mentioned in such reports, the study found. Even the city and state where the products were manufactured was missing from 71 percent of the products named in adverse reaction reports, the study found.

"Our evaluation of FDA's dietary supplement adverse event report system leads us to conclude that ... the potential of the system to serve as a consumer safeguard is inherently limited," the draft report said.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 298 head of cattle for the Saturday, April 14, sale. No comparison reported last week.

Feeder steers:
500-600: 99-102
600-700: 89-92
850-950: 73-74.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 108-116
400-500: 90.50-93.50
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 795-825
Aged cows: 550-670
Pairs: 790-850
Aged pairs: 630-770
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 42-44.50
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 44-47.50
Boners High Yielding 1120-1350 Lbs. 42.50
Lean: 800-1000 Lbs. 37.50-38
Under 750 Lbs. 37.50
Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 54-56
High dressing 1500-2100 Lbs.: 57.50-58.50
Low Dressing 1000-1300 Lbs.: 48

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 675 head of cattle for the Thursday, April 12, sale. Cows were $1 to $2 better. Yearlings and calves were $1 to $2 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 42-47.50
Canner and low cutters: 33-42
Slaughter bulls: 50-64.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-130
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 88-100
600-700: 85-90
700-800: 81-90
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-117
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-93
600-700: 82-97
700-800: 77-84
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 88-105
700-800: 77-84
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-950
Grade: 600-700
Springers: 425-700
Baby calves: 125-225
Doodlers: 200-290

Wildlife program planned in May

A wildlife program, "Sustainable Wildlife Management," will be hosted by Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Nolan, Mitchell, Garza and Kent Counties Extension Offices.

The meeting, sponsored by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA Natural Resource and Conservation Service, Texas Wildlife Association, Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., and the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch. The ranch is located 10 miles north of Snyder on County Road 2128. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 4:10 p.m.

The meeting is planned to help area landowners and managers to further develop wildlife management skills toward profitable wildlife enterprises.

The first part of the program will begin at 8 p.m. on the evening of May 8 when Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Association stationed in Scurry County, will conduct a spotlight deer survey on the Wagon Wheel Ranch to help area mangers learn how to estimate their deer population.

Leading off the program on Wednesday, May 9, at 9 a.m. will be Tamara Trail, director of education and special events for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Association headquartered in San Antonio. She will discuss the function of the Texas Wildlife Association and the benefits of membership to those interested in wildlife.

Following Tamara will be Rory Burroughs with Krooked River Outfitters who will present Techniques to Enhance Wildlife Habitat. After a break, Duane Lucia, conservation scientist with Texas Parks and Wildlife, will discuss how to live with feral hogs, a growing problem in our area. Kent Mills, with Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., will finish the morning session with a talk on some practical feeding programs for deer.

After a steak dinner at the Rusty Spur Café, Steve Nelle, wildlife biologist with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service in San Angelo, will cover the topic of determining the proper deer harvest for each county. Dr. Dale Rollins, wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo will then discuss how to manage your quail harvest to maintain a viable population on your ranch.

Finishing out the afternoon session will be a talk from Roy Wilson, of Texas Best Outfitters, on how to improve the dove hunting opportunities in this area; and Mike Graham, a wildlife biologist near Del Rio, will give his insights on selection and location of deer blinds and feeders to enhance your hunting success.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in wildlife management. The fee for this wildlife meeting is $20 for those who preregister by May 2. For those who wish to sign up at the door, the fee will be $30.

All proceeds in excess of the costs of the meeting will go toward a scholarship fund for area youth who attend either the Bobwhite or Buckskin Brigade youth wildlife and leadership camp sponsored by the Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Service and private and university volunteers.

To pre-register, call your local county agent or Greg Gruben, Scurry County Extension Agent — Agriculture for Scurry County at 915-573-5423.

Thursday meeting on 'BVD' in cattle

On Thursday, at the Borden County Community Building a beef cattle program addressing the issue of "BVD" in beef cattle will be held. BVD is a contagious viral disease that can cost the producer tremendously if infection of this disease gets on cattle.

Dr. Bo Brock and Dr. Zach Smith of the Brook Veterinary Clinic in Lamesa will discuss annual vaccinations for the cow/calf producer as well as the stock producer. Internal/external parasite control will be reviewed as there are many kinds and types of dewormers today that do far more than just deworm.

David Christian of Inter-Vet working cooperatively with Dr. Brock and Dr. Smith will give an overview of vaccines produced by InterVet as well as sponsor a meal at 6 p.m. The educational program will follow the meal and should conclude by 7:30-7:45 p.m.

For more information contact Greg Gruben at 915-573-5423 or Dennis Poole, 806-756-4336.

Diversified By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

More important than moon signs and more predictable than weather is another variable that drastically affects how seeds and transplants grow — soil temperature. Soil temperature is a factor which few of us consider important enough to check before planting yet it is probably the most important factor affecting seed germination, stand establishment and seedling growth.

Soil temperature at which vegetable seed will grow are classified in four categories the minimum temperature, a "realistic" soil temperature and, maximized temperature above which little germination will occur. The realistic soil temperature is that temperature somewhere between optimum and minimum at which gardeners should plant to insure temperature for seed germination of vegetable crops such as cucumber, cantaloupe, okra, pumpkin, squash and watermelon is 95 degrees F, but the heat of summer will decrease yield and plant vigor. Yet if a gardener plants where the soil temperature reaches only 60 degrees F, the vegetable seed will germinate and grow, but not vigorously.

Thus, there must be a "realistic" soil temperature. For the above-mentioned crops, the realistic soil temperatures (degrees F) for best plant production are: cucumber (64), cantaloupe (68), okra (73), pumpkin (75), squash (70(and watermelon (72).

Crops such as beans, beets, cabbage, chard, eggplant, pepper, radish, tomato, turnip and corn have an optimum soil temperature for seed germination of 85 degrees F.

Yet, the minimum soil temperature required for certain of these cold tolerant crops such as beets, cabbage, chard, radish and turnip is as low as 40 degrees F.

The realistic soil temperature for these crops is: beans (72), beets (45), cabbage (54), chard (54), eggplant (75), pepper (64), radish (45), tomato (55), turnip (50) and corn (55).

As might be expected, vegetables which are really the cold weather champs such as carrots, parsley, lettuce and spinach have lower optimum soil temperatures for seed germination.

For instance, the optimum soil temperatures for seed germination of carrots, is 80 degrees F; for parsley and lettuce, 75 degrees F; and for spinach, 70 degrees F.

The minimum temperature required for these crops is 35 degrees F. the realistic soil temperature at which all of these crops should be planted is 45 degrees F.

Information taken from Horticulture Update, April 2001.



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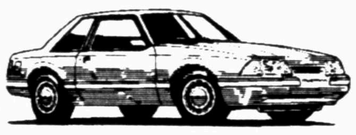
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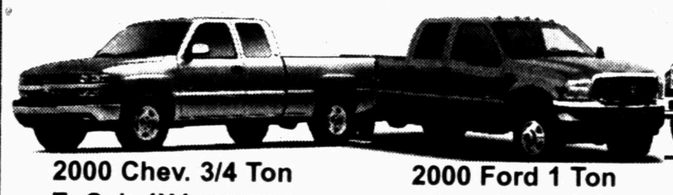
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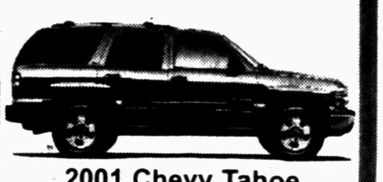
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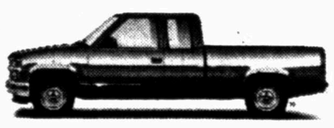
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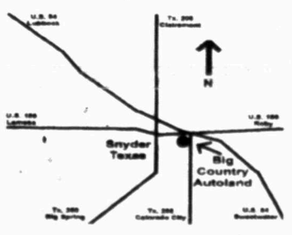


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Fed Reserve cuts key interest rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, demonstrating it still has the capacity to surprise, cut a key interest rate by one-half percentage point today. Stocks immediately soared.

The rate cut was the fourth this year and the second outside a regularly scheduled Fed meeting. It took investors by surprise because Wall Street had given up hope that the central bank would cut rates before its next regularly scheduled meeting in May.

At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 415 points and the Nasdaq had gained 163 points, topping the 2,000 level for the first time since March 15.

The Fed cut its target for the federal funds rate to 4.5 percent.

The decision by the Fed's chief policy-making group, the Federal Open Market Committee, came during an emergency conference call.

"The Fed evidently has decided that the risk of an economic downturn had increased; therefore, they decided to take out an extra insurance policy to make sure that the economy does not slide into a recession," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist for Wells Fargo.

"They sprung an element of surprise. What the market needed was a positive shock," he added.

The Fed cited a number of reasons for its action, including sluggish business investment, eroding corporate profits, economic turmoil overseas and a slide in the stock market, which could make business people and consumers fell less wealthy and less inclined to spend and invest. Consumer and business investment has been a main engine of economic growth in the past.

Taken together, this climate "threatens to keep the pace of economic activity unacceptably weak," the Fed said in a statement.

In the past, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan has said one of the biggest factors affecting whether or not the economy slides into a full-blown downturn is whether consumer confidence holds up during the slowdown.

The Fed's previous cuts this year totaled 1.5 percentage points.

The Fed also cut its mostly symbolic discount rate by a half point to 4 percent.

Electronics box replaced as shuttle countdown continues

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA replaced a bad electronics box aboard space shuttle Endeavour as the countdown sailed toward a Thursday launch on a critical space station construction mission.

Technicians put in the new box today because a strong electrical odor had been noticed the day before. The box, inside Endeavour's cockpit, controls lighting for some of the instrument panels.

NASA fell behind in the countdown because of the unexpected work, but was almost back on track by midmorning, said test director Steve Altemus.

Excellent weather is expected for the 2:40 p.m. launch. Forecasters put the odds of favorable conditions at 90 percent.

Endeavour is loaded with a robotic arm for the international space station, as well as station supplies, for the 11-day delivery mission. A U.S., Canadian, Italian and Russian crew of seven will attach the nearly 58-foot arm to the orbiting complex and make all the power and data connections. The arm is Canada's major contribution to the space station.

This will be NASA's sixth space shuttle launch in eight months, the busiest stretch in more than a decade. All the flights have been for space station construction and resupply.

"They have been very, very difficult missions, and sometimes we gloss over the difficulty," shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said. "Perhaps we make it look too easy. But I don't think we can overstate what we have accomplished over the last year."

Up at space station Alpha, meanwhile, the three residents rode around the orbiting complex in their Russian Soyuz lifeboat on today in preparation for the arrival of a new Soyuz in less than two weeks and a new cargo ship in late May.

Russian commander Yuri Usachev was at the controls as the Soyuz capsule undocked from Alpha and redocked in another position.

"Congratulations," Mission Control outside Moscow radioed.

The three-person Soyuz spacecraft needs to be replaced every six months because of fuel degradation. The new Soyuz is to be launched April 28 from Kazakstan; on board will be two Russian cosmonauts and, supposedly, California tycoon Dennis Tito, an aerospace engineer turned businessman who's paying up to $20 million for a one-week space station tour.

One person dies in Kosovo explosion

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — A bomb went off Wednesday near Yugoslav government offices in Kosovo's capital, killing one person and injuring four.

International officials condemned the attack in Pristina as they searched for witnesses and a motive.

"For the future of Kosovo it could not be a more tragic incident," U.N. police spokesman Derek Chappell said. "This is an attack against everything that people trying to build this country are working for."

Yugoslav authorities blamed ethnic Albanian rebels and demanded action by the United Nations and NATO-led peacekeepers.

"Clearly Albanian terrorists and extremists are determined to continue with their evil works," said the Yugoslav government minister for Kosovo, Momcilo Trajkovic.

He also accused international officials of failing to improve security of Yugoslavia's mission in Pristina.

One car was destroyed by Wednesday's blast, while the windows of several other vehicles and nearby buildings were shattered.

Serb media identified the victims as employees of the Yugoslav government office in Pristina. One of the injured, a woman, was in serious condition; the others were less seriously hurt.

No arrests were made immediately, and officials said they had no details on the type of bomb or how it was detonated.

Man threatens to harm himself

• ***Threatens suicide***

Dispatchers received a 911 call at 12:53 a.m. today in reference to a 22-year-old man threatening to harm himself with a knife. The man was taken to the police department where he met with MHMR representatives and was then released.

The man did not injure himself. Offense reports for family violence and threatening suicide were taken in relation to the incident.

• ***Problems with kid***

A mother called police at 8:32 a.m. Tuesday in reference to her 12-year-old daughter refusing to go to school again. The woman made the same complaint Monday. Officers and MHMR representatives were contacted, and the girl did go to school.

At 8:44 p.m. Tuesday, the woman called officers to her residence again in reference to the juvenile throwing a knife at her. Officers responded, and the girl was later transported to Big Spring State Hospital.

• ***Burglary***

A deputy was called to Snyder Farm and Ranch in the 800 block of 37th Street in reference to a person or persons forcing entry into the building and taking cash. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

• ***Vehicle burglary***

A report for burglary of a motor vehicle was filed at 3:48 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder High School in reference to stereo equipment and approximately 40 compact discs being taken from Tyler Neves' 1993 Saturn.

• ***Arrests***

A 27-year-old man was booked into Scurry County Jail at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday for use of inhalants.

At 4:59 p.m. Tuesday, a 21-year-old man was arrested on FM 2763 just east of Western Texas College for driving while his license are suspended.

A deputy took a 29-year-old woman to jail at 5:12 p.m. Tuesday on warrants for failing to appear on Ector County charges of theft and criminal trespassing.

A warrant for assault and family violence landed a 65-year-old man in lockup at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Officers arrested a 26-year-old man at 8:05 p.m. Tuesday for Class A assault and family violence.

A charge of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated resulted in the arrest of a 32-year-old man at 1:16 a.m. today.

Obituaries

J.B. Early

1926-2001

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. — Funeral service is pending for J.B. "Bull" Early, former Snyder resident.

Mr. Early, 75, died Tuesday, April 17, in Cartersville. He was born April 13, 1926 in Snyder.

He is survived by his wife, Sara, of Cartersville; one son, Allen Early of Cartersville, one sister, Doris Terry of Carlsbad, N.M.; and two grandchildren who live in Cartersville.

Irene Martin

1914-2001

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service for Irene Durham Martin, 87, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Miller Robinson and Rev. Tommy Culwell officiating. Burial will follow in Colorado City Cemetery.

She died Tuesday, April 17, at Valley Fair Nursing Home.

She was a Methodist

Mrs. Martin was born March 9, 1914 in Tipton County, Covington, Tenn. to Nora Lee Dawson Jones and William Willis Jones. She was a waitress.

She married Aubrey Payne in 1930 in Tennesse. He died in an oil field accident in Seminole in 1939. She later married Norman Durham in 1943 in Roswell, N.M. They moved to Snyder in 1969. He passed away in 1971 in Colorado City. She later married Charles R. Martin in Ruidoso, N.M. in 1978. They resided in Snyder. He died in Colorado City in 1985.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Billy Earl Roach of Snyder; one brother, William W. Jones Jr. of Memphis, Tenn.; two stepdaughters, JoAnn Hall of Ruidoso; and Diane Varbel of Farmington, N.M.; three grandchildren, Sharon Hanford and husband Patrick of Lubbock; Dr. Dee Roach and wife Margaret of Colorado City; and Sawanna Strain of Midland; and six great-grandchildren, Ryan Hanford and Reese Hanford of Lubbock; Haylee Strain and Larrah Strain of Midland; Riley Roach of Houston; and Sara Roach of Colorado City; and five step-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother and six sisters.

Amanda Langrill

1988-2001

TYLER – Amanda Kae Langrill, the granddaughter of W.B. and Linda Armstrong of Hermleigh, died Tuesday, April 17, in a Tyler hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Miss Langrill, 13, is set for 1 p.m. Friday in the Hilliard Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Waskom officiating. Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Friday in the Stewart Cemetery.

Born Jan. 21, 1988 in Lubbock, she attended Van Junior High and had lived in Ben Wheeler since 1989. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her parents, Robert and Jean Langrill of Ben Wheeler; other grandparents, Richard and Barbara Lewallen of Amarillo and Leon and Darla Langrill of Bledsoe; and one brother, Travis Langrill of Ben Wheeler.

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Births

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FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Northeast family reading night

Northeast Elementary will have its family reading night at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Pizza and soft drinks will be served to all and childcare will be available.

West family reading night

West Elementary will have only three more family reading nights this school year. The sessions will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, and May 3 and May 10. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

Ira CHIP signup

A sign-up for CHIP (children's health insurance program) will be held from 2-7 p.m. Thursday in the Ira school gym foyer.

Hometown performances

Snyder High School's drama department will present four performances of *Taming of the Shrew* in Worsham Auditorium. The UIL one-act play will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Monday and Tuesday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $3 for adults and $2 for students.

CHIP sign-up continues

Parents may sign-up their children for the CHIP (children health insurance program) from 2-7 p.m. Friday in the West Elementary cafeteria.

GED testing

Testing for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday and Friday, April 27. For information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 574-2112 at home or 573-8511, ext. 297, at WTC between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Men's Conference

The Word Is Life Deliverance Church will sponsor a Men's Conference at 7 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday. David Fees will be the guest speaker. Barry Knight will be in charge of music.

Community garden

A community garden spring planting and workday is set Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed and should wear hat, gloves and bring a hoe to 26th and Ave. C. Food from the garden supplements the Food Cupboard. Also anyone wishing to grow a small family garden is welcome, and needs to contact Belu Boren at the garden or call 574-1967.

Duncan Classic

The Duncan Classic Horseshoe Pitching Tournament is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the coliseum. Horseshoe pitching trophies will also be displayed at Dermott School.

Reading event

National Poetry Month will be observed at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Library. Parents are welcome. The event is part of Snyder ISD's community-wide reading program. The last event will be May 12 at the Sonic.

Crystal River concert

Crystal River will present a concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at North College Baptist Church, 208 North College.

First Church of Nazarene

Mike Howard, pastor, will preach from the roof of his church at 10:45 a.m. Sunday to fulfill his pledge as more than 100 people attended services Easter Sunday. The church is located at 2462 S. Highway 208.

8th grade parents meeting

A meeting of 8th grade parents will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Tiger Health and Fitness to finalize plans and make decorations for the 8th grade party. Bring scissors.

Ira project graduation

A Project Graduation organizational meeting for all 8th-12th grade parents will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the Ira school cafeteria.

MAWC Game Day, Luncheon set Wednesday

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day and Luncheon will be held next Wednesday. Cost is $7.50 with serving to begin at 11:30 a.m. Games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday or call 573-3427.

Farewell reception

A farewell reception in honor of Lee and Debra McNair will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder ISD administration building board room.

Cancer Society meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Parents of seniors

Parents of SHS seniors should send $20 for the steak supper and all-night party for the Class of 2001 to P.O. Box 768 in Snyder.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.