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Home of Stan Warren

CUTTING IT CLOSE — Shelly Bolton was one of several people at the Snyder Post Office around 10 p.m. Thursday in order to get her taxes mailed on April 15. While there was no special box or markings this year, new Snyder Postmaster Jimmie Wilhelm said all the forms mailed last night were postmarked for April 15. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

At Towle Park pond...

Scout fishing tourney set for Saturday

The ninth annual Snyder Fish-a-Thon will be held Saturday at Towle Park.

The tourney benefits the Lone Star District of the Boy Scouts, as well as the local Boy Scout troop in Snyder.

"Admission is only $5 to fish with two rods," said local scout leader James Garvin.

Garvin said the tourney is open to all ages, not just youngsters.

"There will be hourly prizes for the top three fish caught, and some extra special prizes this year," added Garvin.

"KSNY Radio is giving two tickets each to Six Flags Over Texas, Hurricane Harbor and Schliterbaun for the largest fish of the day," said Garvin.

"Plus, if a fish weighs in at exactly 10 pounds, 15 ounces, the station will give the fisherman $101.50," said Garvin.

Garvin said the pond was stocked with 700 pounds of blue catfish early today, and that there will be no fishing allowed at the pond until the event gets underway at 8 a.m. Saturday.

For Saturday only, no Texas fishing license will be required to fish in the pond.

READY TO CATCH — Snyder Boy Scout leader James Garvin looks over part of the 700 pounds of catfish released in Towle Park pond for the Fish-a-Thon Saturday. (Contributed Photo)

Old scam has resurfaced

There is a new version of an old mail scam and Snyder police wants to make sure residents don't fall victim to it.

According to Police Sgt. David Holley, some Snyder residents have gotten letters telling the recipients they have won a prize but must pay a fee in order to get it.

"Some of the offers come on a post card, others like a letter and some come looking like an official document, like a bond certificate," Holley said.

Snyder police have found four different company names associated with the suspected scam thus far.

The names are National Document Center, ALM, U.S. International Official Government Payouts and Merchandise Headquarters.

"All of the letters also use the words 'respond immediately, and all of them ask for credit card numbers and a signature," Holley said.

He also said that three of the four letters list the same return address in New York. "These operations get a post office box and use them a short time and when the law gets close they move on to a new box."

People who send in money or credit information are always disappointed.

"If they do send you something it usually of no value," Holley said.

Some of the best advise is the old adage, 'If it looks too good to be true, it usually is', according to Holley. "You shouldn't have to pay anything if you've won something.

Annual cleanup campaign starts Monday morning

Snyder city officials have had a good response from residents signing up for the city-wide clean up starting Monday, but they could always use more. Today is the last official day to sign up.

"This is like spring house cleaning for the city and we have had an excellent response," said City Manager John Gayle.

He said in addition to the regular homeowners signing up, there has been some volunteerism at work as well.

"We have had church groups call in to sign up for a truck to help one of their senior citizen parishioners clean up their property," he said. "The dump trucks and trailer are being scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis for the cleanup, but we're not really worried about just these four days."

He said that, although today is the last official day to sign up for the citywide cleanup the city would take calls Monday or even later if needed.

"We more interested in getting the city cleaned up than we are in a calendar.

The city is still hoping a lot of people will take advantage of the four-day push to get the community involved. During the period the dump trucks will be in the area west of College Ave. and south of 30th Street Monday, east of College. and south of 30th on Tuesday, west of College. and north of 30th on Wednesday and east of College and north of 30th on Thursday.

Gayle is hoping the clean up will continue well past next week, especially since the city has passed on first reading an ordinance that would drop the $35 fee for reserving a truck or trailer. The second reading will be on the agenda in May, Gayle said.

"Once the fee is gone, we will contact residents who have code enforcement violations and make them aware of the service," he said.

The numbers to call to schedule a pickup during the "City-Wide Clean-Up" campaign are 573-4960 or 573-4969.

Feds: Don't mess with grass

AUSTIN (AP) — Dog owners in the state capital are under federal orders to stay off the grass downtown.

Two federal judges say there's no relief for dogs at the U.S. Courthouse — at least, not on the St. Augustine grass.

The judges' order was delivered Thursday to managers of the Brown Building condominiums, promising a "citation, fine and/or arrest" for anyone allowing "their pets to relieve themselves on the grass and grounds of the United States Courthouse" across the street.

The order was signed Wednesday.

"Is this about the doggy doo?" a woman who answered the phone at the Brown Building sales office around the corner in the Norwood Tower asked a caller today.

The order by Judges Sam Sparks and Lee Yeakel contained two paragraphs under the letterhead of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division. It suggests courthouse officials had discussed the matter with occupants of the 90-unit condo development.

But the order stated that condo residents, and whoever else the document is directed at, "failed to live up to their representations and legal obligation to remove their pets' deposits."

Band plays well in UIL concert

Snyder High School band students successfully competed Thursday at the UIL concert and sight-reading contest hosted by Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Band director Donnie Reston said students received two I ratings and a II rating on stage and three I ratings for sight reading.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren

Last month, John Kelso of the Austin American-Statesman penned a column about Connie McMillan having her 1964 Chevrolet stolen off the streets of the capital city.

Connie is Judy Moss' cousin. And while the Chevy certainly was a precious possession of Connie's, Judy and others also have fond memories of "Old Brownie".

"It should have been called "Old Rusty," said Judy. "It had no paint, whatsoever."

Kelso wrote that Connie drove the '64 Chevy Belaire from Lubbock to Austin in 1968 in order to attend TU's graduate school and get her doctorate in English literature.

Connie and Old Brownie

The vehicle was originally her dad's car in Lubbock.

W. C. McMillan owned Mac's Grocery and Variety and insisted Connie take the car to Austin for transportation while in grad school.

Kelso wrote that her dad sold her the car sometime in the '70s for a dollar.

"I'm tired of paying the insurance," her dad told her.

Connie said it was the only car payment she has ever made.

A few years back, Judy, Central Elementary principal Pam Hart and the late Carol Haynes had to attend a meeting in Austin.

At the time, Judy had a broken ankle so she and Pam flew down for the gathering.

"No problem, Pam, I have a cousin that will pick us up at the airport," said Judy.

Connie did — in "Old Brownie. It was the end of July and it gets pretty hot in Austin at that time," said Judy.

Judy went on to explain that Connie insisted she pick them up one night and take them out to a restaurant.

"We got a few stares as we were all dressed up to go eat and then to the theatre, but the inside of the car was still immaculate," said Judy.

Judy said when they got to the theatre, Connie's first priority was to find a tree under which to park the Chevy, as it did not have air conditioning.

While on the trip, Connie took the three Snyder visitors to a tour around Austin, including the capitol building.

"We immediately caught the eye of the DPS troopers at the capitol," laughed Judy. "We drove around it and there were already troopers on the other side using radios and keeping a sharp eye on us.

"I think they thought we were terrorists," said Judy.

Not only did the vehicle not have air conditioning, it also had a broken heater.

Connie offered a simple explanation for not getting the heater repaired.

'I don't live that far from work, and besides, I have a lap blanket."

Judy also said the radio worked, but only in a fashion.

"You had to have a wire where the antenna used to be, plus you had to put part of a potato on the wire to improve the reception."

"Really, a potato," insisted Judy. "And it made it work!"

Now that sounds more like an Aggie joke to us.

Here's hoping Connie gets "Old Rusty" back and in one piece and that it hasn't met its fate in some chop shop along the border.

ASK US

Q—When is the state golf tournament this year?
A—May 13-14.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Donny Pavlovsky...

...has lived in Snyder for 15 years. Donny is married to Lori and they have two daughters, Sara and Ashly. He works as a correctional officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and enjoys fishing, working on cars and with wood.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The greater part of our happiness depends on our disposition and not our circumstances.
—Martha Washington

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge meeting

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will meet at 6 p.m. today for work on the EA degree. All Masons are welcome.

His Joy Ministries conference

The conference will be at 7 tonight, 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday at Thee Place, 904 26th St. Bobbie Jean Merck of A Great Love Ministries of Georgia is the speaker and Mercy & Truth of Dallas will provide the music. Doorkeepers of His Glory of Snyder will bring worship into motion. For more information, call 573-9799.

Ag playday for Relay for Life

The First Ag Credit team, "The Starlights", will have an ag playday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Ag Credit parking lot, 5111 College Ave. There will be a petting zoo, horseback rides, tractor rides, hot dogs and drinks. All for a small admission fee.

Bake sale and car wash

Baile Folklorico De Guadalupe will sponsor a bake sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, and a car wash from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., also Saturday, at Wal-Mart. The money will be used to purchase costumes for the dancers.

First Christian performers

First Christian Church will host Justin and Linda Marquez, performing a mountain dulcimer program, at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday. The community is invited.

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'02 Ford F150 Supercab XLT must see $17,000
'02 Chevy 1500 Excab LS Pkg. Ranch hand grill guard $18,500
'02 Chevy 1500 Excab 19K miles, red, neutral leather $22,400
'02 Chevy 1500 Excab pewter, V-8, LS pkg., tow pkg. $20,250
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Bush eyes tax relief today, not tomorrow

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — On Tax Day 2004, President Bush told voters in the heartland that his policies are fattening their wallets and that tax cuts he pushed through Congress should be made permanent to fuel the economy.

"Tax relief today, and not tax relief tomorrow, and we need to do something about it," the president said.

As millions of people across the country rushed to meet today's tax filing deadline, Bush marked the occasion with a day trip to Iowa, a state he narrowly lost to Democrat Al Gore in the 2000 election.

"Tax day is something most people really don't look forward to, but this year it's a little better because of the tax relief we delivered and the economy is stronger for it," he told about 500 people at a symposium on fostering growth in rural areas.

The Internal Revenue Service says the average tax refund increased 5 percent this year to $2,090, and Bush says that is pumping more money into the economy. He called on Congress to make the tax cuts permanent.

Among the tax cuts set to expire at year's end are an increase in the child tax credit, reductions for some married couples who would pay less if they filed as individuals, and an expansion of the bottom 10 percent tax bracket.

"Now is not the time to be raising taxes on hardworking people," Bush said. "With this economy growing strong and getting stronger, we don't need to raise the tax burden."

Though Iowa has just seven electoral votes, Bush and John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, are battling hard for the state. Both men and their aligned interest groups are airing TV ads here.

In his remarks, Bush also highlighted positive trends in the U.S. economy and noted the 308,000 jobs added in March — the biggest improvement in four years.

But just before he spoke, the Labor Department reported that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits shot up last week by the largest amount since 2002. The new report dealt a setback to hopes that the economy is finally beginning to produce a sustained recovery in jobs.

Kerry, who likes to remind voters about the net 1.84 million jobs lost under Bush, accused the president today of misleading the public about the tax policies espoused by both.

"George Bush has made a big deal out of trying to convince America that he's lowered taxes for all Americans and that I'm going to come along and somehow raise taxes on Americans," Kerry told students at Howard University in Washington.

ATTENDANCE PAYS OFF — Perfect attendance for the fifth sixth week paid off for Anthony Zamarippa, Central third grader, who was the recipient of the $100 giveaway. Each six weeks a drawing is held from the names of qualifying students. Zamarippa is pictured with his teacher Melissa McNeill. (Contributed Photo)

Man testifies he saw Ryder truck

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — A man testified at Terry Nichols' murder trial Thursday that a large Ryder truck and a pickup were parked together at a Kansas lake the day before the Oklahoma City bombing.

Prosecutors allege the Ryder truck was the one that delivered the bomb that destroyed the federal building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people. They say the smaller truck seen by Richard Wall matched the description of one owned by Nichols.

"To my thought, it was just out of place," said Wall, who was fishing with his son at Geary Lake on April 18 of that year. "I thought maybe some criminal activity may be going on."

Wall, then an Army sergeant stationed at nearby Fort Riley, testified that he saw no activity around the trucks and that the pickup parked alongside the Ryder truck was blue or brown and had a camper shell over the bed.

Prosecutors allege that Nichols and executed bomber Timothy McVeigh went to the remote area to build the 4,000-pound ammonium-nitrate-and-fuel-oil bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Nichols, 49, is serving a life sentence for federal convictions in the bombing and deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers. The state murder charges are for the other 160 victims and one victim's fetus. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Nichols' attorneys earlier this week asked the judge to dismiss the case because, they say, documents indicate others helped McVeigh in the bomb plot and that McVeigh "manipulated Mr. Nichols to take the blame."

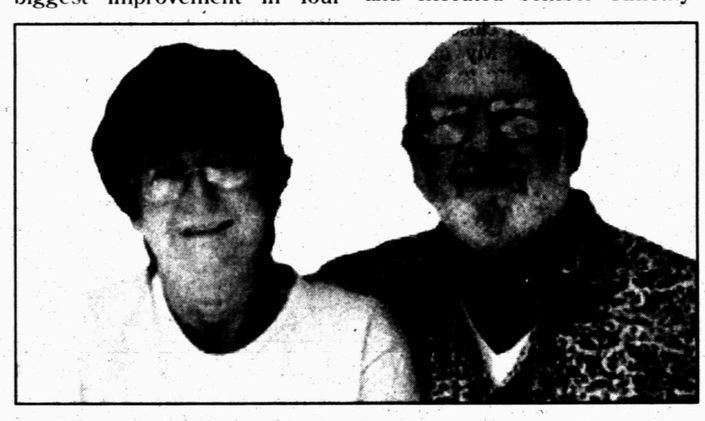
Judge Steven Taylor is not expected to rule on that motion until next week.

In other testimony Thursday, FBI agent William West said he recovered anti-government documents from Nichols' Herington, Kan., home three days after the bombing.

The documents, including one entitled "U.S. government Initiates Open Warfare Against the American People," are similar to papers found in McVeigh's car when he was arrested the day of the bombing.

West said he also seized documents that referred to the 1993 government siege at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, that ended with about 80 deaths. Authorities say the bombing was a twisted plot to avenge the siege.

Another FBI agent, Leslie Earl III, said he seized a copy of the novel "The Hunter" during the search of Nichols' home. The book was written by white supremacist William Pierce under the pseudonym Andrew Macdonald; he also wrote "The Turner Diaries," which prosecutors say was a blueprint for the Oklahoma City bombing.



Linda and Justin Marquez

Couple to perform mountain dulcimer program on Sunday

Justin and Linda Marquez will perform a mountain dulcimer program at 11 a.m. Sunday at First Christian Church.

The Marquez' relocated to Snyder from Houston in May of last year and play a variety of instruments that includes guitar, mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, penny whistles, flute and auto harp.

He is a chemical engineer and Linda is a former electrical designer. They enjoy playing a variety of music, particularly old gospel hymns.

They have recently written a number of songs inspired by their new surroundings in West Texas and a book/CD set is due out in two weeks. They currently have a CD titled *Wayfaring Strangers*.

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World Almanac

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Today is the 107th day of 2004 and the 28th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1917, Vladimir Lenin returned to Russia in a sealed train to start the Russian Revolution.

In 1947, the French freighter Grandcamp blew up in the harbor of Texas City, Texas.

In 1972, Apollo 16 successfully launched on its trip to the moon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wilbur Wright (1867-1912), aviation pioneer; Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977), actor, director, composer; Peter Ustinov (1921-2004), actor; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947-), basketball player, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1940, Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians pitched an Opening Day no-hitter against the Chicago White Sox.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "All I need to make a comedy is a park, a policeman and a pretty girl." — Charlie Chaplin

TODAY'S FACT: U.S. production of cheese increased from about 6.1 billion pounds in 1990 to 8.6 billion pounds in 2002, with the largest increase coming in Italian varieties.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,595.5 — Length in feet of the span between the towers of New York City's Brooklyn Bridge.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 11) and new moon (April 19)

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RESULTS

Thursday's Lottery Numbers Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-26-32-37.

Number matching five of five: 3.

Prize per winner: $14,730.

Winning tickets sold in: Corrigan, Stubby's 9; Pearsall, Brothers Self Service; Laredo, Tejano Mart.

Matching four of five: 145. Prize: $137.

Matching three of five: 4,566. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 48,625. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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THE ALAMO PG13

The roads cross at San Antonio de Bexar at a small, ruined mission called The Alamo. In the spring of 1836 nearly 200 Texans--men of all races who believed in the future of Texas--held the fort for thirteen days under siege by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. **Starring: Dennis Quaid, Billy Bob Thornton, Emilio Echevarria, Jordi Molla, Kevin Page**

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CLOSED MONDAYS

Families of Wisconsin National Guard seek to reverse extensions

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — After waiting a year for their loved ones to come home, relatives of a Wisconsin National Guard unit received a double shock in the past week: One of its soldiers was killed in Iraq, and the rest had their tour of duty extended four months.

Some families of soldiers in the Guard's 32nd Military Police Company are responding with an Internet campaign to urge President Bush and members of Congress to intervene to bring back the company's 160 soldiers, who had been scheduled to return from Iraq by early next month.

"We are not anti-war," said Linda Aber, whose 22-year-old daughter, Kelli, is in the unit. "We feel it is unfair at this point. Mentally, we feel they are spent. ... We're trying to put some pressure on politicians to help."

Aber, 44, of Madison, helped create the Web site, which includes elected officials' phone numbers.

The office of Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., said he had received about 100 calls and 120 e-mails by Thursday regarding the Guard unit's extension.

In a statement, Feingold said he wrote Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld about the families' concerns and urged him to do "all he can to increase the predictability of deployments."

The lack of predictable deployments has been a problem since the start of the war and "can have a corrosive effect on morale," Feingold wrote.

The Pentagon said Thursday it is extending by three months the tours of about 20,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, giving commanders extra firepower to confront an insurgency that is taking a mounting toll. About one-quarter of the troops are members of the National Guard or Reserve.

The decision breaks a promise to soldiers who were assured when they arrived in Iraq that they would stay no more than a year. By extending their tours of duty by three months, the Pentagon is acknowledging the insurgency has ruined its plans to reduce the size of the U.S. military presence this spring.

The news about the 32nd Police Company's extended tour of duty came as it mourned the death of Spc. Michelle Witmer, 20, who was killed April 9 when her Humvee came under attack in Baghdad. She was the first Wisconsin National Guard soldier to die in military combat since World War II and the first woman Guard member ever killed in combat.

Two of her sisters also served in Iraq, one in the same Guard unit and the other as a medic in another unit. They returned home on leave and haven't decided whether they will return to Iraq.

The 32nd was called to active duty in March 2003 and sent to Iraq last May. Some members were mobilized for duty in Bosnia before the current deployment, said Mary Kulla, whose husband, Scott, has been in Iraq 13 months.

HIV scare shuts down some porn productions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An AIDS scare prompted adult movie companies to halt production and bar dozens of performers from the set after two actors tested HIV-positive.

At least 45 actors and actresses were under a voluntary work quarantine and about a dozen companies were adhering to a voluntary two-month moratorium until new HIV tests are completed, industry experts said.

"It's very scary," said Mary Carey, a porn star who ran for governor of California last fall. "This is kind of a wake-up call for everybody."

Carey said she had not worked with the infected actor but as a precaution, she was canceling a lesbian porn shoot.

The last industry HIV scare was in 1999, when a male actor tested positive for the disease. He no longer performs and no other actors were infected. Before that, a male actor infected five women in 1998.

A nonprofit health group was trying to identify performers who had sex with the two HIV-infected actors as well as a "second generation" who slept with their movie sex partners.

Dr. Jonathan Fielding, director of public health and health officer for Los Angeles County, said the agency did not consider the HIV case a threat to public health "at this point."

"I think in general, they've done an appropriate job in terms of the quarantine measures taken," he said.

However, he said, the discovery shows that screening programs are not perfect and the only way to prevent AIDS "is not to have unprotected sex."

Sharon Mitchell of the nonprofit Adult Industry Medical Healthcare Foundation said the male performer apparently contracted HIV last month while filming in Brazil. He tested positive for HIV last Friday and a follow-up test on Monday confirmed it.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teenager's presidential dream wins many votes of confidence

DEAR READERS: Yesterday, I printed some of the responses I have received from people offering encouragement to the 13-year-old girl who dreams of becoming president of the United States. My office has been flooded with terrific messages of support for her, and I am printing more of them today. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl writing in response to "I Have a Dream." I was enraged when I read her letter. Tell her to NEVER let the fact that she is female get in her way and to hold her head high. She is an avant-garde thinker ready for the future, surrounded by a bunch of backward, out-of-date idiots.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." Be strong, stubborn and positive that you'll get there, and you WILL accomplish your dream. You go, girl! — **ENRAGED TEEN FEMINIST, ROCHESTER, N.Y.**

DEAR ENRAGED: And I have no doubt that you will also achieve YOUR dreams. Thanks for a great letter.

DEAR ABBY: I was taken aback by the fact that "I Have a Dream's" teacher laughed at her when she said she wants to be president of the United States. His inappropriate response was merely a demonstration of his own lack of ability. To say a 13-year-old woman cannot aspire to be president is as absurd as telling Arnold Schwarzenegger, a poor immigrant weightlifter, that he cannot become governor of California. — **JIM DONOVAN, AUTHOR OF 'HANDBOOK TO A HAPPIER LIFE'**

DEAR JIM: Well said!

DEAR ABBY: I am 60 years old. When I was her age, a woman had four choices: office worker, wife, nurse, teacher. That was it. My sister was told she couldn't go into computers because that was "a man's job." My daughter is extremely good with computers and uses them at her job in finance, another field that was closed to women in the past.

A woman certainly will be president. A woman has already run a major country. To name a few: Golda Meir, Israel; Indira Gandhi, India; and Margaret Thatcher, England. "I Have a Dream" should run for president of her class and the student council. She should seek office in her town, her state and her country. If she's not elected, she should analyze her defeat and run again. She will succeed. — **CAROLYN AUGUSTINE, LAKEWOOD, WASH.**

DEAR CAROLYN: She'd get my vote.

DEAR ABBY: I am an over-40 member of the U.S. military. That young girl should hold her head high and use either national security adviser Condoleezza Rice or Sen. Hillary Clinton as examples of women who could easily be their party's candidates for president in four years. In America, anyone can dream of being president. — **LT. COL. JEFFREY A. THOMPSON, MIDWEST CITY, OKLA.**

DEAR LT. COL. THOMPSON: Yes, and the realization of that dream could be close at hand.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter expressed the desire to be president in second grade; no one laughed. She was her high school class valedictorian and is graduating from a difficult engineering college "magna cum laude." She had a full military scholarship, so she'll be commissioned as an officer to serve for the next five years. I have faith that she could become a great president one day. I will never discourage her. The teacher who laughed at "I Have a Dream" should be fired, and the tormenting students should be punished. — **PROUD MOM IN BEDFORD, N.H.**

DEAR PROUD MOM: I'm sure that part of your daughter's success is because she was lucky enough to have parents who encouraged and supported her. My congratulations to your daughter, and to you.

Readers, stay tuned. I'll print more on this subject next week.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Was doctor's exam unprofessional?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any valid medical reason for a pediatrician to feel the breasts of a 12-year-old girl? Ours indicated that he was simply checking for lumps; however, I don't believe him. The visit to his office was prompted by a sore throat. Although my daughter has had this ailment many times before, he never found a breast exam necessary, until I accompanied her for the first time. Prior to that, her uncle accompanied her on each visit. I'm seeking a second opinion before notifying the police and hiring a lawyer.

DEAR READER: If your daughter's symptom was sufficient reason for a pediatrician to perform a full exam, a breast examination was appropriate. That is, if he checked her throat, ears, lymph glands, chest, heart and abdomen, a breast exam is understandable under these circumstances.

In my practice, I see preteen children whose mothers may not have insisted on routine examinations — until the youngsters became ill with relatively inconsequential ailments. In these instances, I take the opportunity to examine the child. n and bring them up-to-date because I realize that I may not see them again for another two or three years.

For girls, I customarily ask the mother to be present in the exam room. The reason for this is obvious: I wish to avoid even the most vague allegation that I behaved improperly. Therefore, I believe that your daughter's pediatrician behaved appropriately by performing a full examination.

If, on the other hand, he merely looked into her throat, felt her breasts and did nothing more, his behavior was unprofessional.

Based on the limited information you've provided, I do not believe that anyone's best interests would be served by calling the police or an attorney. The fact that the doctor had you present in the exam room suggests that his motives were beyond reproach. Involving the authorities seems to me to be a serious over-reaction that could have unpleasant consequences. I recommend that you drop the issue.

I infer from your letter that you are angry and have lost confidence in this pediatrician. That is a shame, but it does happen on occasion to the best of doctors, no matter how hard we try to act professionally. As a result of this unfortunate communications breakdown, you and your daughter may feel more comfortable changing to another physician. This is one way to avoid future confrontations and antagonism — and I'm sure the pediatrician would willingly transfer your daughter's records to a colleague.

Remember that a major component of good medical care is mutual trust and respect between doctors and their patients. If such a satisfactory doctor/patient relationship is lacking, it's probably time to make a change.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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Boston U board overhauls itself

BOSTON (AP) — Boston University's trustees voted Thursday to overhaul the board in a move likely to weaken former President John Silber's iron grip on the school he headed for most of the past three decades.

The overhaul includes term limits that would eventually remove many of Silber's longtime allies, some of whom have served for decades.

Also, the board adopted a new conflict-of-interest policy in response to criticism of BU's payment of $30 million last year to companies and nonprofit organizations in which university trustees were involved.

The board also named Alan Leventhal as chairman of the board. He replaces Christopher Barreca, who is stepping down for health reasons.

"We are at an exciting juncture in Boston University's history and I hope to work with my colleagues to continue to build upon our success as a world class university," said Leventhal, calling the board-approved changes a "milestone."

The move follows last year's messy collapse of the school's presidential search, when the trustees hired former NASA chief Daniel S. Goldin as president, only to back out at the last moment amid rumors of a power struggle between Silber loyalists and Goldin.

Trustees said the deal with Goldin broke down after he questioned the financial relationships some trustees had with the university, and suggested they amounted to conflicts of interest.

After the embarrassing spectacle, the trustees — who have long been criticized for their tight ties to Silber — formed a committee to review the board's operations and propose changes. The full board took up the panel's recommendations on Thursday.

Silber, a hard-charging and often abrasive figure, served as president from 1971 to 1996 before becoming chancellor. He was widely credited with helping transform BU from a second-tier regional university into the nation's fourth-largest private university. He stepped down as chancellor and a member of the board when the Goldin deal fell through.

One expert said the changes by the board would reassure candidates who might otherwise be wary of taking the president's job.

"This clears the way for the selection of a new president who will have limited to no concerns about the problems of yesteryear," said Sheldon Steinbach, general counsel for the American Council on Education.

Today's chuckle

Funeral home accidentally switched bodies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A funeral home admitted it accidentally switched the bodies of two deceased women, a family member said.

Tracey Meeks said officials from the M.J. Edwards Funeral Home informed her on Wednesday they had mistakenly buried her mother somewhere in West Tennessee the day before. But not without some prodding.

Meeks and her sister-in-law got tired of waiting to view the body Wednesday afternoon before a wake. After complaining, the funeral director pulled them aside.

"I joked, saying, 'What could be the problem, you buried the wrong body?'" Meeks said. "He turned to me and said, 'Exactly.'

The funeral home refused to comment.

Robert Gribble, executive director of the Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, said his office rarely gets complaints about mixed-up bodies.

A funeral home found guilty of mixing up bodies could lose its license, be fined up to $1,000 or receive a letter of reprimand.

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Although novelist John Grisham has created some unforgettable places in his legal thrillers, perhaps none is more magical than the real-life Little League park he built amidst Virginia's Blue Ridge mountains.

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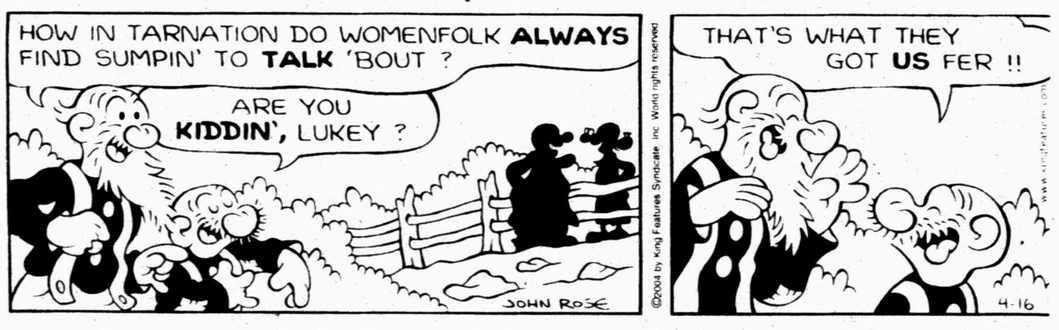

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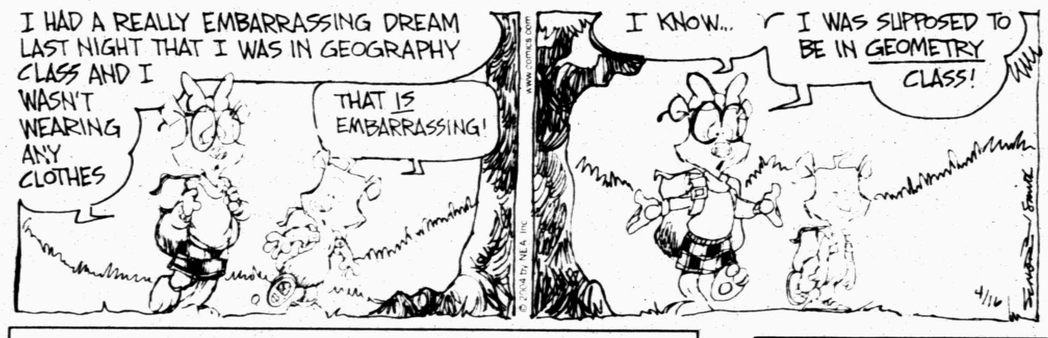

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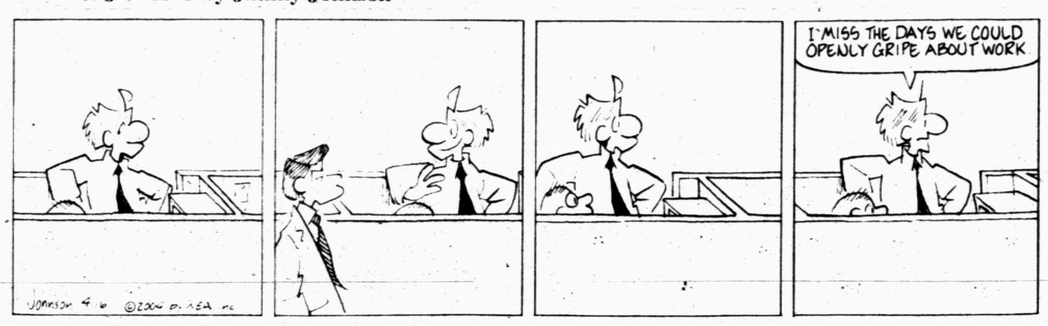

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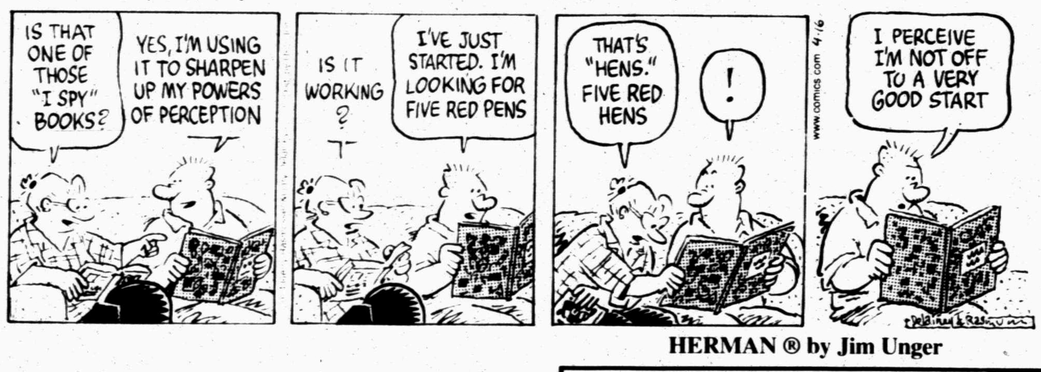

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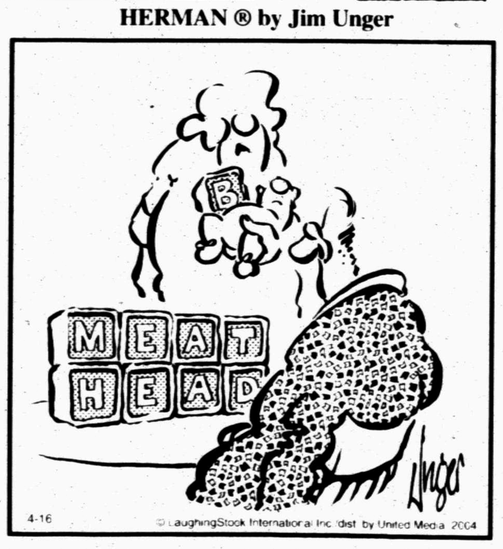

"I'm sure he couldn't have done it intentionally!"

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1 Vaulted recess
5 Fly trap
8 Wheels for the fields
12 Speakeasy risk
13 Above, to poets
14 Tigger's pal
15 Rocky ledge
16 Barnyard sound
17 Floating flower
18 Photog's request
20 Undivided
22 Geological period
23 Amount of money
24 Decorate
27 Small stone
30 Wrestler's pad
31 Hosp. areas
32 Brownie
34 Is, to Fritz
35 High in calories
37 Pub pint
38 Froggy
40 Kind of hat
42 Refrain syllables
43 Sine — non
44 Gleam
46 Open, as a bottle
49 Blurt out
50 Born as
52 Swiss artist
54 Himalayan sighting
55 Appliance store display
56 Nobleman
57 Flock members
58 Took a load off
59 Becomes faint

DOWN

1 Orbit part
2 Standards
3 Yul's film realm
4 More nervous
5 About half of us
6 Fair-hiring letters
7 Window-shopper
8 Composure
9 Industry
10 Mouse cousin
11 Bashful
19 Chaney of horror movies
21 Major airports
24 Jacques' pal
25 Race off
26 "Beetle Bailey" pooch
27 Sampras of tennis
28 Tragic monarch
29 She, in Seville
33 Not many
35 Ollie's pal
36 Agrees
39 Excuses
40 Heat source
41 Zigzagged, at sea
43 Crusade
44 Vast number
45 Shrink from
47 Kirghiz range
48 Beauty parlor special
49 "So long!"
51 — Marie Saint
53 Windy City trains

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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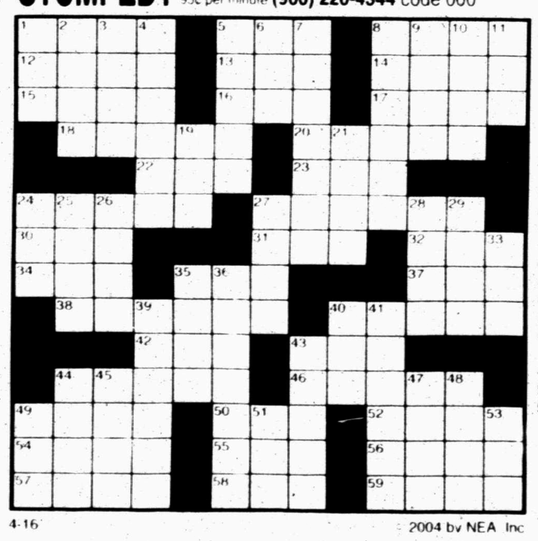

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"DON'T WORRY, MOM, I'M WEARIN' MY BOOTS JUST LIKE YOU SAID."

SPORTS

AREA CHAMPS —The Ira Bulldogs claimed the District 9/10 area boys track and field championship at the area meet Thursday in Highland. The boys team is, from left, Bryson Higgins, Adrian Padron, Corbin Clements, Jake Barnes, Kevin Graves, Bryan Proctor, Devin Gutierrez, Wes Kellner and Jess Wall. Kneeling is head coach Toby Goodwin. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Bulldogs win area track meet, set two new records

The Ira Bulldogs did themselves one better Thursday, following up a District 9 track and field title with a championship at the area meet in Highland.

Ira won with 82 points, and needed help to get past Aspermont, which finished second with 79 points.

Going into the mile relay, Ira needed a first-place finish and a sixth-or-worse position from Aspermont to win the area crown.

The relay squad of Wes Kellner, Brian Proctor, Jess Wall and Devin Gutierrez responded with a personal record 3:35 in the event, and Aspermont ended up in seventh.

"It was very exciting," head coach Toby Goodwin said. "We took nine seconds off our district time. It's great to be a part of winning district and area."

The 4x200 relay team of Wall, Proctor, Gutierrez and Kellner set a school record with a time of 1:33.8, and will move on to the regional track meet in Abilene.

Wilson

Lindsey Wilson set a school record and a personal mark with a leap of 5-4 in the high jump. She will be the sole Lady Bulldog at regionals.

Jake Barnes will advance to regionals in both the shot and the discus. He won the shot put with a throw of 48-9.5, and set a personal record in placing second in the discus (126).

The sprint relay team of Wall, Proctor, Kellner and Bryson Higgins will move on to regionals after crossing the line in 44.6, which Goodwin said is "the fastest time since I've been here."

Higgins also will represent Ira in the 200, taking second with a personal record time of 22.6 seconds, as well as the 100, where he placed fourth.

Corbin Clements and Adrian Padron will be alternates at region.

The regional track meet is scheduled to be run at Elmer Gray Stadium on the campus of Abilene Christian University April 30-May 1.

Tigers battle Mustangs at Denver City tonight

The Snyder Tigers are right in the middle of a three-game road swing, traveling to Denver City today to take on the Mustangs at 7 p.m.

The game pairs two teams going in opposite directions.

Snyder (16-3, 6-0) sits alone in first place in District 3-3A, having won six straight, while Denver City (7-15, 0-6) has scored just four runs in six district games, while giving Lamesa its only district triumph.

Snyder had its biggest run total of the season Tuesday in a 23-1 annihilation of Lamesa. The Tigers batted around in each of the first three innings, while battering four Golden Tor pitchers over the first 2 1/3 innings.

Denver City also had its highest scoring output of the season Tuesday, plating three runs in a 16-3 loss to second-place Sweetwater.

Lico Castillo will get the start for Snyder, his first in district.

Rogers helps Rangers avoid sweep

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kenny Rogers threw seven solid innings, Alfonso Soriano had three hits and the Texas Rangers avoided a three-game sweep with a 7-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Thursday.

Rogers (2-0) gave up one unearned run and five hits in his 38th victory at The Ballpark in Arlington, breaking a tie with Rick Helling for the most wins at the stadium.

"Without a doubt this feels good," Rogers said. "The offense gave me a six-run cushion. I feel comfortable with what I'm doing right now. My mechanics were sound and I was able to keep the ball in the ballpark."

Rogers got the pitching staff back on track after the Rangers gave up 19 runs to the Athletics in the first two games of the series.

A's manager Ken Macha had seen this kind of outing from Rogers.

"He worked the ball in and out, he knows what he's doing out there," Macha said. "He made pitches when he needed them. That's been his history."

Texas had lost four of the first five meetings with Oakland this season and is 6-19 against the A's over the last two seasons.

Michael Young homered in a three-hit game for Texas, which had 16 hits to raise the team batting average to .337. Herbert Perry, Brad Fullmer, and Rod Barajas had two hits each for the Rangers.

The Rangers have split their first 10 games, all against the AL West.

"We're not satisfied with it, but coming out of the spring it feels OK," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "We've played six with Oakland and four with Anaheim and they're not going to go away."

Texas got six runs and 11 hits in four innings off Rich Harden (0-1), making his first start of the season after he was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento for the start. He struck out six and walked one.

Harden had a good fastball, but his breaking pitches were hittable.

Oakland took a 1-0 lead in the third on Eric Byrnes' RBI groundout.

Howard rodeo underway

BIG SPRING — Just a few hands from Western Texas College had performances on the opening night of the Howard College Rodeo, but those that did came away with strong showings.

Calf roper Cody Carter holds the top spot in that event after a time of 10.8, and Guy Simanton is currently in second in saddle bronc riding after earning a 72 Thursday.

Sam Spreadborough is third in saddle bronc with a 71, and Hadley Hunting stands in seventh in the competition with a 66.

Only one member of the women's team placed Thursday, with Ashley Hadley in fourth in goat-tying with a time of 9.9.

The Howard College Rodeo is scheduled to run through Saturday.

All-stars split at national Little Dribblers tourney

LEVELLAND — The Snyder Little Dribblers senior all-stars split their first two games at the national tournament, falling to Levelland before putting up 54 points on Athens.

Levelland slipped past Snyder, 25-19, with Lance Day scoring 10 points and pulling down 11 rebounds in the loss.

Jared Cave added three and Brent Bollinger, Blane Knipe and Brooks Gafford contributed two points apiece. Gafford also hauled in six boards.

The team topped Athens, 54-49, behind 10 points and 13 rebounds from Day.

Bollinger and Dustin Murdock both scored nine points, while Gafford canned seven, grabbed seven rebounds and dished out four assists.

Travis Hatfield knocked in three, and Tony Martini, Stevie Rose and Brandon Jones each put in two.

Lady Tigers can clinch postseason berth today

The Lady Tigers can clinch a share of the District 3-3A title when they take on Denver City at 5 p.m. today at Cates Field.

The Lady Tigers (17-9, 9-1) lead Lubbock Cooper (8-2) by one game and Merkel (7-3) by two.

A win combined with a Cooper loss would give the Lady Tigers their second consecutive outright district crown.

Snyder topped the Fillies, 16-4, when the teams met on March 26, with Kelsi Johnson pitching a six-inning complete game and striking out seven.

The game also is the last at home for the Lady Tigers, and will include ceremonies honoring the teams' seniors.

District track and field finals slated for Saturday

The District 3-3A track meet concludes Saturday, with the remaining field events getting underway in the morning and the running finals commencing after lunch.

The Snyder boys currently sit in first with 53 points, while one point separates the girls teams from Sweetwater, Seminole and Snyder.

The final day of the meet will start at 10 a.m. with the varsity boys shot put, followed by the varsity girls discus throw and the varsity girls long jump.

Also at 10 a.m. will be the JV girls high jump and the JV boys triple jump.

The varsity girls high jump begins at 11 a.m. and will precede the boys triple jump.

Also at 11 a.m. will be the remainder of the JV field events, with boys' discus and girls' shot put and long jump.

The running finals will start at 2:30 with the sprint relay finals, with the last event — the mile relay — scheduled for 6:25 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Friday swingers

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

Ira baseball schedule change

The Ira Bulldogs will host Rotan at 1 p.m. Saturday in a district baseball contest. The Bulldogs (3-2) are in a three-way tie for first in District 6.

Gateway Golf Classic

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

Ladies play day

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

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

Softball:	WTC vs. Clarendon, DH, 2 p.m.
Baseball:	WTC vs. Midland JC, DH, noon
	SHS JV vs. Sweetwater, DH, noon
Track:	District meet, Snyder
Rodeo:	WTC at Howard College

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	8	1	.889	—
New York	5	4	.556	3
Atlanta	4	5	.444	4
Philadelphia	2	6	.250	5
Montreal	2	7	.222	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	5	3	.625	—
Houston	6	4	.600	—
Chicago	5	4	.556	½
Milwaukee	6	5	.545	½
Pittsburgh	4	5	.444	1
St. Louis	4	6	.400	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	6	3	.667	—
San Francisco	5	4	.556	1
Colorado	4	5	.444	2
San Diego	4	5	.444	2
Arizona	3	6	.333	3

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 4
Chicago Cubs 10, Pittsburgh 5
Florida 3, Montreal 0
Arizona 11, Colorado 10
N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 0
Milwaukee 6, Houston 2
Los Angeles 7, San Diego 5

Today's Games

Cincinnati (Harang 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Mitre 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (L.Hernandez 0-1) at Philadelphia (Milton 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
Florida (Oliver 1-0) at Atlanta (Wright 0-0), 6:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (D.Davis 1-1) at Houston (Oswalt 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 0-1) at St. Louis (Morris 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 0-1) at San Diego (Peavy 0-0), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od Perez 0-1) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-0), 9:15 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	5	4	.556	—
Baltimore	4	4	.500	½
Boston	4	4	.500	½
Tampa Bay	4	4	.500	½
Toronto	3	6	.333	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	6	3	.667	—
Detroit	6	3	.667	—
Minnesota	5	4	.556	1
Kansas City	4	5	.444	2
Cleveland	3	7	.300	3½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	6	3	.667	—
Anaheim	6	4	.600	½
Texas	5	5	.500	1½
Seattle	2	7	.222	4

Thursday's Games

Toronto 11, Detroit 0
Texas 7, Oakland 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 5, 10 innings
Baltimore 12, Boston 7, 11 innings
Minnesota 3, Cleveland 0
Seattle 6, Anaheim 2

Today's Games

Baltimore (Riley 0-0) at Toronto (Batista 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 1-0) at Cleveland (Sabathia 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Wright 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Abbott 0-1), 6:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 1-0) at Boston (Wakefield 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Gobble 0-0) at Minnesota (Santana 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Park 0-2) at Seattle (Meche 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 1-0) at Anaheim (Colon 2-0), 9:05 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, April 17

Boston at Indiana, 1 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 3:30 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 18

Milwaukee at Detroit, noon
Dallas at Sacramento, 2:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 6 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Stanley Cup

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Thursday, April 15

Montreal 5, Boston 1. Boston leads series 3-2
Detroit 4, Nashville 1. Detroit leads series 3-2
San Jose 3, St. Louis 1. San Jose wins series 4-1
Calgary 2, Vancouver 1. Calgary leads series 3-2

Friday, April 16

Ottawa at Toronto, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Little Dribblers

Majors

Nikes 33, Mystics 17

Nikes: T. McGlouthin 11; L. Espinoza 9; B. Minor 5; A. Villa 4; B. Bollinger 2; A. Kenner 2. **Mystics:** A. Hook 7; H. Farmer 6; T. Tyrell 4.

Juniors

Mercury 26, Starzz 25

Mercury: B. Davis 15; J. Driggers 10; A. Wright 1. **Starzz:** S. Bernal 13; T. Garcia 4; T. Kubena 4; V. Ornales 4.

Eight-year-olds

Red Hots 26, Hoopsters 1

Red Hots: K. Pierce 17; A. Hernandez 9. **Hoopsters:** B. Doucette 1.

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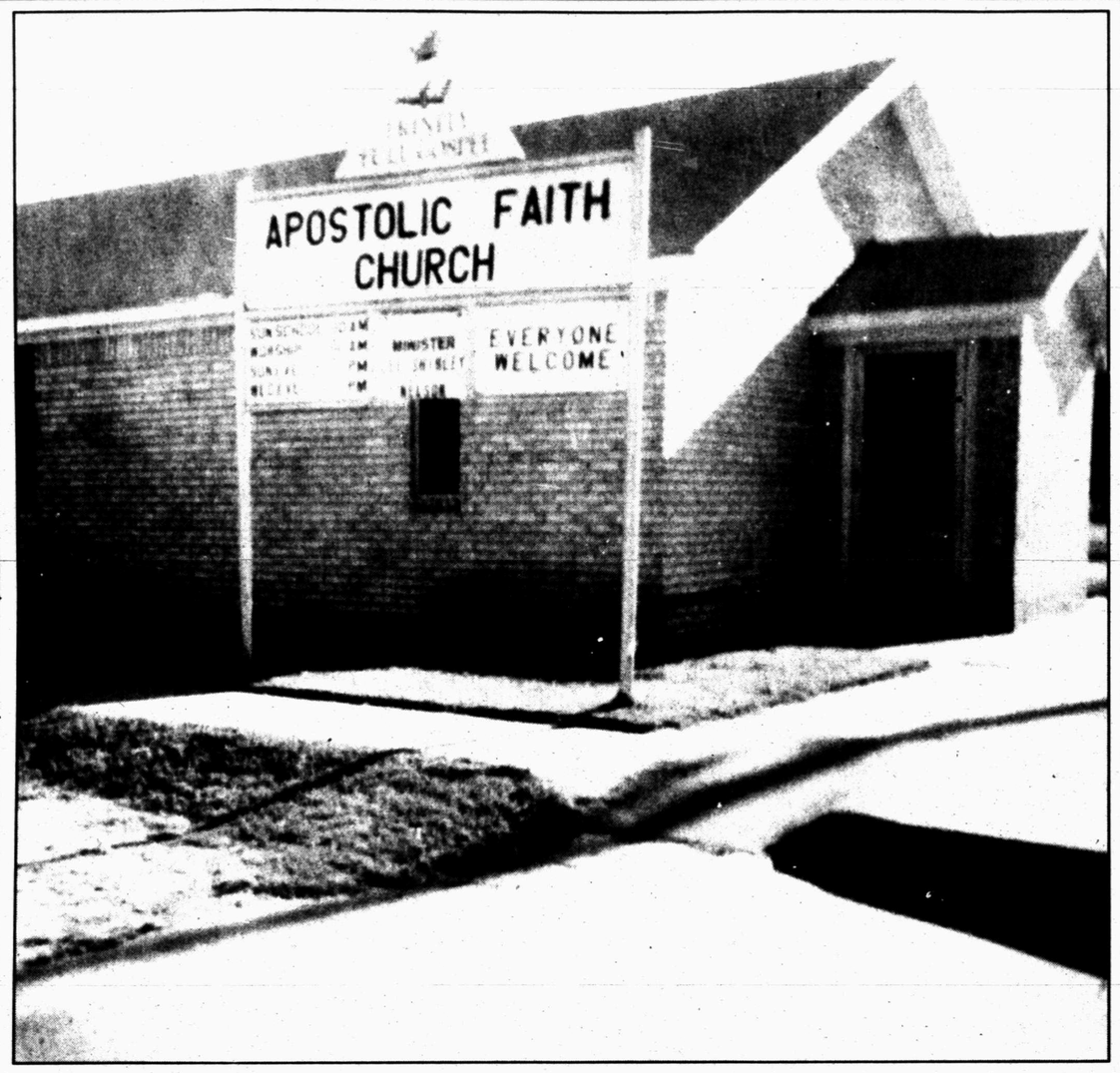

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NRA starting news company with plans to buy radio station

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Rifle Association is creating a news corporation, starting an Internet talk show and preparing to buy a radio station to speak about candidates and gun rights at election time despite new political ad limits.

The 4 million-member gun lobby, looking for the same legal recognition as mainstream news organizations, says it has already hired its first reporter. NRANews.com was to start online broadcasts today.

The NRA is taking the step to operate free of political spending limits, hoping to use unlimited donations known as soft money to focus on gun issues and candidates' positions despite the law's restrictions on soft money-financed political ads close to elections.

"Someone needs to show the court and the politicians how absurd their speech gag on the American public is," Wayne LaPierre, NRA executive vice president, told The Associated Press. "This is an act of defiance. But it's also in 100 percent compliance with the law."

LaPierre said the NRA is taking several steps to become a "legitimate packager of news" like newspapers and TV networks, including hiring Cam Edwards, a conservative talk-show host from Oklahoma City.

Started with a $1 million investment, the Internet programming features news briefs in the morning and at noon, followed by a three-hour afternoon "news show/talk show" with Edwards as host.

The group is setting up an NRA news corporation, possibly for profit, to run its new media operations. It is close to acquiring a radio station that will stream video of its NRA broadcasts to the Internet, LaPierre said.

The NRA plans to own a news operation "just as Disney owns ABC, just as GE owns NBC, just as Time Warner AOL owns CNN, and be the broadcast journalist equivalent of those outlets," LaPierre said.

"Who's to say they're any more legitimate on packaging news to the American public on firearms and hunting than the National Rifle Association, when in fact we've been in the news business longer than they have in terms of packaging news on those subjects?" he asked.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, April 17, 2004

Your standing in the eyes of your peers could be considerably strengthened in the year ahead, but if you let this give you an air of importance, it could all vanish again. Use your status to enrich the lives of others as well as yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you are given authority or have influence over others today, try not to abuse it in any manner. An unwise use of power will cause serious repercussions on you personally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Situations will have a way of working out today exactly as you envision them. If you see the world about you through a negative lens, you'll end up making sure that everything goes wrong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Companions could exert a considerable influence over your spending patterns today. Unfortunately, if they're loose with their funds, you'll tend to fall right in line and do the same.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you hope to achieve anything of substance today, it'll be the wrong day to try to coast. Things in general could be a bit harder to do, but with extra effort, all is possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It'll be important to rely solely on the facts today and not on any hunches you may get. The picture on your instinctual video screen may be distorted and lead you astray.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Do not allow a misunderstanding or a mishap over anything material to come between you and a friend today. Remember, worldly goods can always be replaced, but good pals can't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Associates who are not in harmony with your objectives or way of doing things will turn out to be more of a detriment today than a boost. Don't let anyone impede your progress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Anybody with a poor track record should not be assigned to tackle an important task. Things rarely change. Chances are that person will make a mess again today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Unless you exercise self-discipline today you're apt to give the pursuit of pleasurable activities far more importance than you do your duties and responsibilities. If you play, you will pay.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Conditions today could be a bit more sensitive between you and your mate, so be especially careful not to say or do anything deliberately that might come across as offensive or rude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Co-workers can't be relied on today to cover for you or relieve you from any of your appointed duties. If you don't want trouble with the boss, you'd better be on top of your job.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Chances are any financial problems you may be confronted with today will be of your own making due to carelessness or extravagance. If you're wise, you'll learn a lesson from this.

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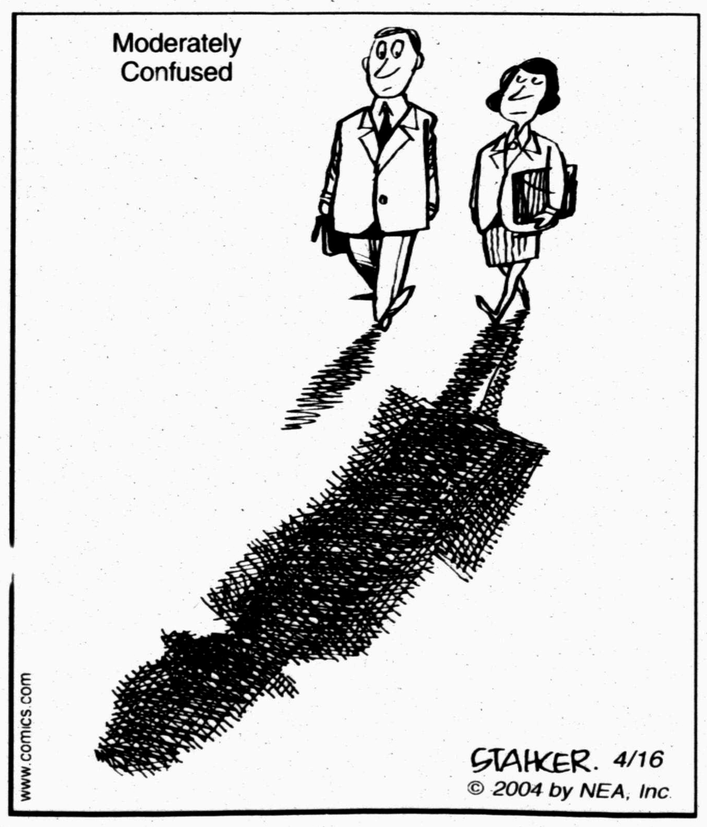

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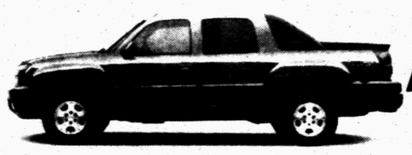

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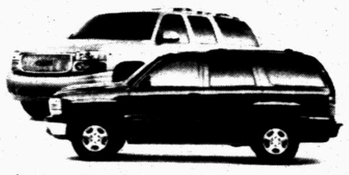

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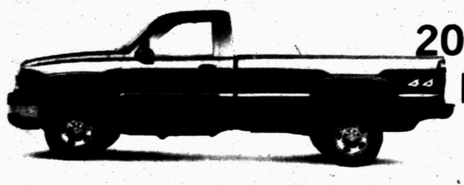

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Grand jurors start third year of work

HOUSTON (AP) — Grand jurors reviewing more evidence in the collapse of energy giant Enron Corp. have begun their third year of work, including a continuing investigation into former chairman Ken Lay and others.

The grand jury's work has produced indictments against 22 people, including former Enron Chief Executive Jeff Skilling and former Enron Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow, in a variety of Enron-related schemes.

In January, Fastow pleaded guilty in January to two counts of conspiracy, admitting to orchestrating schemes to manipulate Enron's finances while self-dealing to enrich himself on the side. He is cooperating with Enron Task Force prosecutors and eventually will serve 10 years in prison.

Legal experts aren't surprised that the panel is being held over another six months.

"It has to be an amazingly complex investigation and, of course, it is much better to have one grand jury handle the entire investigation than transferring it to another," Susan Brenner, a University of Dayton School of Law professor who has written a book about federal grand juries, told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

She said prosecutors won't have to face the prospect of a new grand jury uneducated on the complicated details of Enron side deals and the massive cast of characters unless the investigation goes beyond 36 months.

Attorneys for Skilling, who has who pleaded innocent to 35 felony charges, are attempting to gain more information on the grand jury in preparation for a motion to dismiss their client's indictment.

Lawyers Daniel Petrocelli, Bruce Hiler and Ron Woods have asked U.S. District Judge Sim Lake to order the clerk's office to provide records about how the grand jury was chosen, who was excused and why and what was said to the jurors to determine they were fit for the grand jury.

The request states that criminal defendants may move to dismiss an indictment for substantial failure to comply with the law that regulates how grand juries should be chosen. The lawyers also said they have to see the jury lists and know what was said.

U.S. officials, Iraqis open talks

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — U.S. military and civilian officials met today with leaders from Fallujah, the first known direct negotiations involving Americans since the siege of the city began April 5.

Until now, U.S.-allied Iraqi leaders have been holding talks with city representatives trying to find an end to fighting that has killed dozens of U.S. soldiers and hundreds of Iraqis.

"We are coming in here with an open mind. It is very important what we are doing. We are trying to give diplomatic negotiations a chance here," Marine Maj. T.V. Johnson said.

Eleven members of the Fallujah delegation attended the talks, most wearing business suits, but one member attended wearing traditional robes.

An Iraqi leader said he saw "flexibility" on the side of an anti-American cleric amid diplomatic efforts to end a standoff with U.S. troops in Najaf, one of the holiest Shiite cities.

U.S. commanders said they expect to rotate some of the troops surrounding Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, a sign that imminent combat was not expected.

Iranian envoy Hossein Sadeghi was in Najaf today, but representatives of Muqtada al-Sadr said the envoy had no meetings with the anti-American cleric. Sadeghi's visit was arranged by Britain and appeared to have the approval of the United States, reflecting an eagerness to find a solution that would avert a U.S. assault on the city.

The number of foreigners missing in Iraq rose after a U.S. businessman was abducted Thursday from his hotel in the southern city of Basra by kidnappers disguised as policemen. A Danish businessman was believed kidnapped earlier in the week.

The Marines have halted offensive operations in Fallujah, 35 miles west of Baghdad, for a week, and Sunni insurgents called a cease-fire on Sunday to allow talks to take place. But the truce has been severely strained by nightly fighting between the two sides.

U.S. officials would not comment on the substance of the negotiations, held at a Marine base near Fallujah.

The U.S. delegation was led by Ambassador Richard Jones and Maj. Gen. Joseph Weber. The Iraqi delegates asked that their names not be released and that no pictures be taken for fear of reprisals by militants.

Two persons arrested in Snyder

• ***Arrests***

A 17-year-old man was arrested at 8:21 p.m. Thursday on charges of evading arrest and minor in possession of alcohol.

Tomas Tarin Nieto, 31, of Odessa, was arrested on charges of felony driving while intoxicated and having an open container at 12:39 a.m. Friday.

• ***Stolen Property***

Police responded to a call at 4:58 Thursday about $50 being taken from a locker at Snyder High School.

At 7:28 Thursday, police responded to the 800 block of 31st Street concerning a report of missing rifles and cash.

• ***Harassing calls***

Reports of harassing calls from the 500 block of 25th were called in at 6:59 p.m. Thursday.

• ***Grass fire***

A grass fire was reported on U.S. 84 near the wind farm northwest of Snyder at 2:51 p.m. Thursday.

• ***Reckless driving***

Deputies responded to reports of juveniles riding a 3-wheeler around the 1300 block of North Ave. O at 7:28 p.m.

• ***Emus at large***

Deputies responded 10 miles east on Highway 180 twice, at 9:24 a.m. and 11:23 a.m., to calls concerning emus at large on and near the highway. The owner was located and the emus penned up.

Obituaries

Marvin Sentell

1931-2004

Marvin F. Sentell, 73, died at 10:40 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Sentell is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Fane Downs, interim pastor, officiating.

Marvin Sentell

Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 24, 1931 in Snyder, he was a graduate of Snyder High School and Texas Tech University. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1955.

Mr. Sentell served as an artillery officer in the U.S. Army for two years and worked in the district attorney's office in Fort Worth for one year before joining the office of Texas Attorney General.

He married Julie Tiffany on Nov. 1, 1975 in Snyder. Mr. Sentell returned to Snyder in 1988 to set up a private law practice until 1998. He was Democratic candidate for 132nd District Judge in 1992. Mr. Sentell was active in the Snyder Rotary Club, serving as club president in 1994 and as district governor in 1996. He also was a Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Snyder where he served as an elder.

Mr. Sentell also was a director of the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, a director and past-president of the Historic Scurry County Inc., and a director of the Children's Trust Fund of Texas Family Pride Council.

He and his wife Julie also were active in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and served several times as host parents for exchange students in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, John Sears Sentell and Joe Sentell.

Survivors include his wife, Julie Sentell of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Holly and Mike Davis and Erin and Lawson Copley, all of Dallas; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Waylana Sentell of Lamesa and Mike and Susanna Sentell of Austin; a sister, Mary Sue Harbaugh of Anacortes, Wash.; four nieces, Susan Birkenfeld of Snyder, Diane Russo of Waco, Kelley Mabry of Spokane, Wash., Lois Harbaugh of Bellevue, Wash.; two nephews, Mark Harbaugh of Fircrest, Wash., and Charles Harbaugh of Seattle; a cousin, Anne Sears of Longmont, Colo.; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Scurry County Museum, 6200 College Ave., or to a favorite charity.

Visitation will be held from 7-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Vivian Lewis

1918-2004

Vivian Lewis, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Thursday, April 15, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Lewis, 85, will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. David Phillips of Northside Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 13, 1918 in O'Donnell, she married H.E. Lewis on Sept. 20, 1937 in Snyder.

Mrs. Lewis, a housewife, was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Survivors include her husband, H.E. Lewis of Snyder; three sons, Randy Lewis, Ralph Lewis and Ronnie Lewis, all of Snyder; a sister, Rosa Mae Williams of Andrews; and five grandchildren.

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Dane said missing; 3 Japaneese freed

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A Danish businessman was believed kidnapped in Iraq, Denmark's Foreign Ministry said today, while a Chinese citizen was reportedly released amid a wave of abductions that have accompanied heightened violence in postwar Iraq.

The Chinese man was released today, two days after being taken into captivity, said Muthanna Harith, a member of the Islamic Clerics Committee, the highest Sunni organization in Iraq.

The committee earlier had worked for the release of three Japanese hostages, two volunteer aid workers and a freelance photojournalist, who were freed Thursday.

Russia, meanwhile, sent another plane today to evacuate employees of its companies from Iraq but said many workers have chosen to stay. Foreign ministry spokesman Andrei Yegorov said the plane was to bring back 118 people.

The two-day evacuation effort began Thursday after the abduction of three Russian and five Ukrainian employees of Interenergoservis on Monday. They were released unharmed the next day.

The Danish Foreign Ministry did not give more details or identify the missing man.

"A Danish national likely is being held back in Iraq," the Danish Foreign Ministry said in a statement. "No Iraqis or Iraqi groups have contacted Danish authorities."

Danish public television DR-1 reported that he was a businessman in his 30s and working on a sewage project in Iraq. The man was traveling from the southern Iraqi city of Basra to Baghdad when he was taken captive in Tadji, 20 miles north of Basra, DR-1 said.

Denmark, which backed the U.S.-led war to oust Saddam Hussein, has 410 troops in Basra and nearby Qurnah, 250 miles southeast of Baghdad. There are also a dozen Danish police officers in Basra.

There had been no earlier public reports of the kidnapping of the Chinese man who was released today.

Snyder woman gets probation

A 22-year-old Snyder woman was placed on probation for seven years after pleading guilty Wednesday in 132nd District Court.

Naomi Larralde of 2601 Ave. U pleaded guilty to a Jan. 17 charge of burglary of a home owned by Juanita Olivia Deleon.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Larralde to serve seven years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for seven years. Larralde also was fined $750.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 4/17	Sun 4/18	Mon 4/19
82/60	79/60	80/57
A few isolated thunderstorms developing during the afternoon. High 82F.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise 7:11 AM, Sunset 8:15 PM	Sunrise 7:10 AM, Sunset 8:16 PM	Sunrise 7:09 AM, Sunset 8:17 PM

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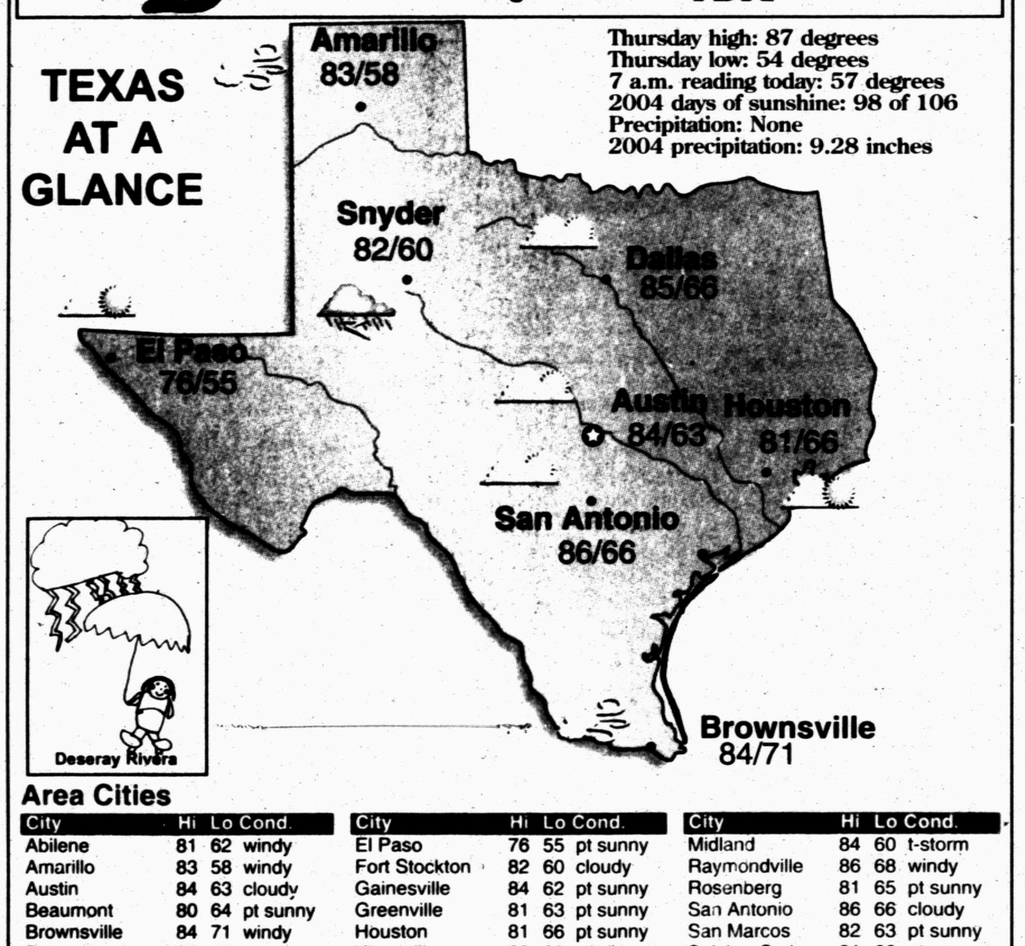
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Thursday high: 87 degrees
Thursday low: 54 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 57 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 98 of 106
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 9.28 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	62	windy	El Paso	76	55	pt sunny	Midland	84	60	t-storm
Amarillo	83	58	windy	Fort Stockton	82	60	cloudy	Raymondville	86	68	windy
Austin	84	63	cloudy	Gainesville	84	62	pt sunny	Rosenberg	81	65	pt sunny
Beaumont	80	64	pt sunny	Greenville	81	63	pt sunny	San Antonio	86	66	cloudy
Brownsville	84	71	windy	Houston	81	66	pt sunny	San Marcos	82	63	pt sunny
Brownwood	86	62	cloudy	Kingsville	85	69	windy	Sulphur Springs	81	62	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	83	70	windy	Livingston	81	61	pt sunny	Sweetwater	81	61	t-storm
Corsicana	82	64	pt sunny	Longview	81	62	pt sunny	Tyler	82	62	pt sunny
Dallas	85	66	cloudy	Lubbock	84	59	t-storm	Weatherford	84	62	cloudy
Del Rio	85	66	cloudy	Lufkin	83	63	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	86	64	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	81	51	sunny	Houston	81	66	pt sunny	Phoenix	82	55	windy
Boston	65	55	mst sunny	Los Angeles	62	49	rain	San Francisco	57	47	rain
Chicago	77	62	t-storm	Miami	76	69	windy	Seattle	56	42	rain
Dallas	85	66	cloudy	Minneapolis	69	58	cloudy	St. Louis	85	66	mst sunny
Denver	72	43	windy	New York	68	58	mst sunny	Washington, DC	78	59	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 27	May 4

UV Index

Sat 4/17	Sun 4/18	Mon 4/19
Moderate	High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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