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Home of Alex Jaimes

Tax on travel trailers brings crowd to meet

Almost 20 people crowded into the Scurry County Appraisal District's board of directors' meeting this morning, upset over the possibility of a new tax directed at travel trailers.

Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks assured the guests that the recently-passed legislation was a mistake, and that they would not be taxed for their trailers.

Crooks read a letter from Gov. Rick Perry explaining that legislation designed to exempt travel trailers from tax rolls achieved, by mistake, just the opposite.

The letter also stated that legislation would be introduced during the next legislative session to reverse the current situation.

Crooks told the audience the law allows cities, counties and college districts to exempt travel trailers from their tax rolls, but school districts, under the new regulations, have no choice but to tax the trailers.

Citing that the tax will be repealed in the next session and any taxes collected would be refunded, Crooks said most districts would likely choose not to impose the tax.

"We are not going to do anything with this. It is our intent to let it alone and not mess with it," he said. "I think imposing the tax, then refunding it next year would just be beating a dead horse."

Snyder ISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax said today that the school district is "not in favor of this tax" and expects the decision to be reversed in the next legislative session.

"As far as I'm concerned, you're not going to see this tax in Scurry County," he said.

Sponsors of the bill, Rep. Kino Flores of Mission and Sen. Eddie Lucio of Brownsville have committed to introduce legislation during the next session to end ad valorem taxation of travel trailers.

In other business, the board approved proposed amendments to the appraisal and collection budgets.

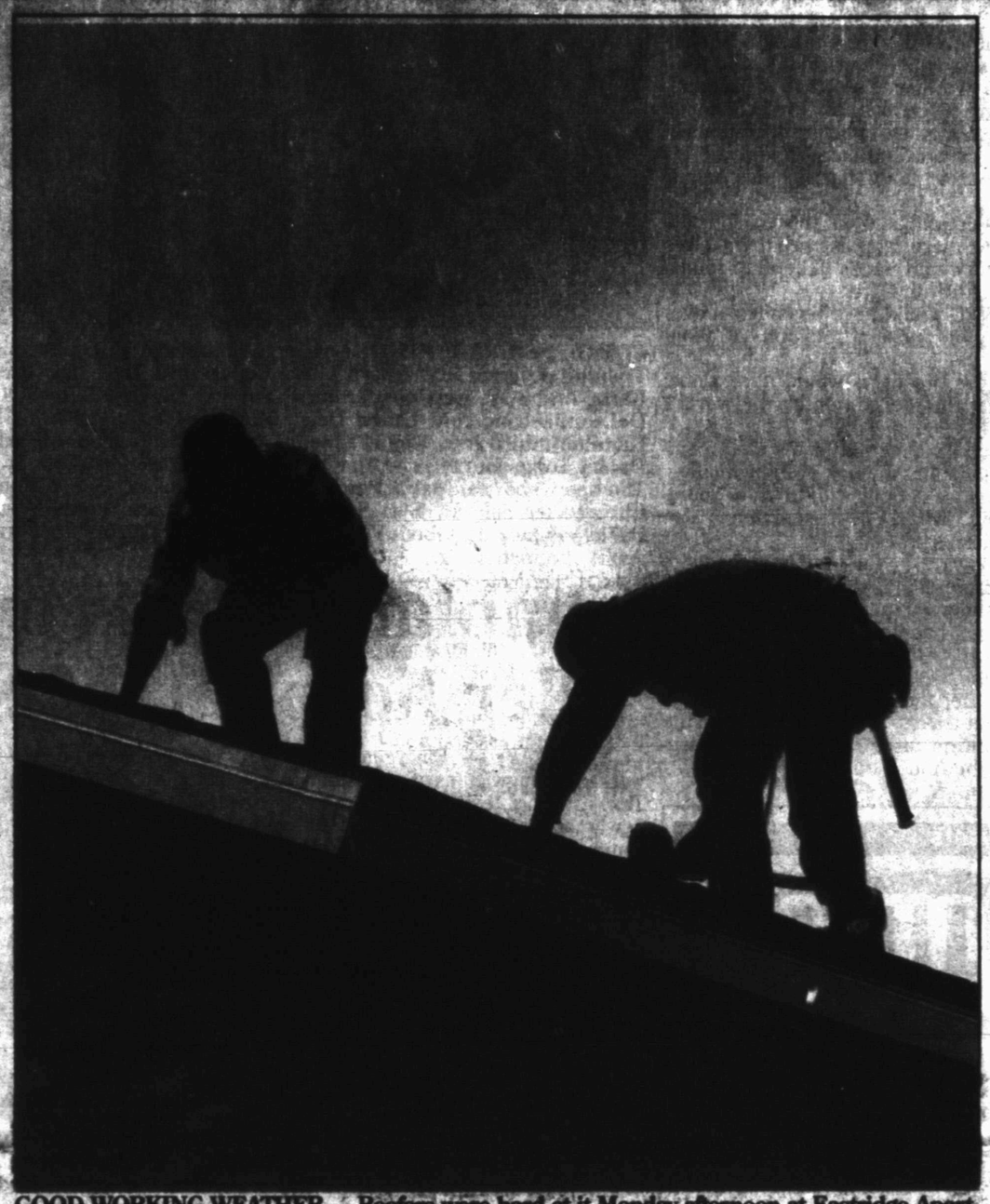
Approved were an appraisal carryover of $45,858.69 and a collection carryover of $2,408.83 for the 2001 budget.

Jene Steakley of Steakley Insurance Agency was present to discuss the 29-percent increase in health and life insurance costs experienced by the district this year.

Steakley said the large increase is a national trend and reported that the increases will "hopefully begin to level off this year."

The board reviewed collection reports for Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

In Hermleigh, 91 percent of taxes have been collected, while 94.6 percent have been received in Ira. Crooks said more taxes are expected to be received before the end of March.



GOOD WORKING WEATHER — Roofers were hard at it Monday afternoon at Eastridge Apartments on Brick Plant Road, where extensive renovations are in progress. The apartments have a new exterior look, as well as refinished interiors. (SDN Staff Photo)

Wedneday meet set for Ira trustees

Ira ISD trustees have a number of items on their 7:30 a.m. Wednesday agenda, as teacher contract extensions will be reviewed, as well as accepting the resignations of two teachers.

Supt. Jim Rumage said reading teacher Cynthia Shoults and math teacher Theresa Daniel have submitted letters of resignation.

The trustees will also consider naming technology director David Brown as an assistant superintendent.

The school calendar for 2002-2003 is up for adoption with the suggested starting date for school being Aug. 15.

The trustees will also consider approving recommended textbooks, and a program to lower employee on-the-job-injuries.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some people worry most when they don't have anything to worry about."

If Charlie Brown were still around, he might say "Good grief."

Innocent little ole sippy cups are under attack.

A sippy cup is the modern plastic cup equipped with a tight lid and a protruding bill-shaped spout.

It was made so that the kid can toss it, kick it, drop it, turn it upside down, stomp on it and the contents still aren't supposed to spill.

It works because of a valve that releases the liquid only when a kid puts his lips around the bill and sucks.

Then the do-gooders arrived on the scene claiming it causes everything from slurring speech to tooth decay.

Speech pathologists say children are using the sippy cup far too long — still sucking and slurping when they ought to be swilling and gulping.

The experts say prolonged use results in a lazy tongue that produces sloppy sounds.

Also, some dentists are saying they are finding more cavities among constant users of the non-spill cup.

It's bound to be a terrorist plot. We hear thumb-sucking will make kids fat.

Medical theories remind us of the chap who went to a doctor about his sore throat.

The doc wanted to know if the man smoked.

"No, never in my life," the patient replied.

"Too bad," replied the doctor, "Giving up smoking would have helped."

And we're still reading about those fad diets that are supposed to drop pounds while reading.

Still our doc says exercise — including pushing away from the table — is necessary.

Here's a three-day-a-week plan for building arm and shoulder muscles.

Start out by standing outside the house with a five-pound potato sack in each hand. Extend arms straight out to the side and hold as long as possible.

After a few weeks, move up to a 10-pound potato sack in each hand. Hold straight out for a full minute.

Next, start putting a few potatoes in the sack. However caution is advised: Don't overdo at this level.

Always, follow workout with a milkshake or banana split.

Deadline Wednesday to compete for local boards, city council

Wednesday is the deadline for filing for local boards and the city council, and so far, all places have candidates and no contested races have developed.

Ira's school board has had all three incumbents file, with Fran Farmer filling out the necessary paper work this morning.

On Monday, Sid Wall and Lance Autry filed for another term.

All three Hermleigh incumbents also have filed as Tony Lambaren, Burton Sandefur and Larry West are seeking another term on that school's board.

Glenn Clarady and Mark McCormick have filed for another term on the Snyder school board, while Doug Neff is seeking the post currently held by Janet Stribling. Stribling is a candidate for Scurry County Judge on the Democratic ticket.

Drew Bullard and Jackie Greene are both seeking another term on the Western Texas College board.

Incumbents Vernest Tippens, David Harrell and James Ashley have filed for the Snyder city council, as has Ron Shaw. Present councilman I.E. Martin is not seeking another term.

Texas law provides that if there are no locally contested races, the present boards can declare the candidates duly elected.

East Texas youth first victim of heavy rains

LONGVIEW (AP) — A rain-swollen creek has claimed the life of an East Texas youth amid heavy rains that have prompted flash flood watches and warnings across the northern half of the state.

The 4-year-old boy drowned Monday in Marshall creek. The unidentified boy was swept underwater along with his 10-year-old sister and a 13-year-old friend while they were swimming.

Strong thunderstorms from an upper-level, low pressure system dumped up to four inches of rain Monday on North and East Texas. The National Weather Service warned of flooding in the regions.

The weather was expected to delay several flights today at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Some American Airlines flights were delayed more than two hours, and the airline canceled 21 flights today.

Up to five inches of rain were expected from the storm system.

In the East Texas death, law officers said they believe the victim had been underwater for 10 minutes before police arrived and tried to revive him. His two companions were treated for hypothermia and released Monday night from Marshall Regional Medical Center.

The boy, the girls and their parents were not identified by police, pending notification of relatives.

According to investigators, the boy had been playing with his sister and their friend in his backyard when the 13-year-old girl invited the other two to swim in a nearby creek, Leland Benoit of the Marshall Police Department told the Longview News-Journal in today's editions.

Benoit said the boy began struggling in the water and the 13-year-old girl sent the younger girl for help at the nearest house. A man at the house, about 150 yards away from the creek, called 911. The boy's sister then returned to the creek and was in the water with the other two when police arrived.

"As officers responded, as they got to the creek area, all three kids were in the water," Benoit said.

Locally, one inch of rain was recorded near Fluvanna, while three-fourths fell at Scurry County Gin, west of Snyder.

The official amount reported in the city was .21 of an inch. For a complete wrapup of county rainfall reports, see page 10 of today's edition.

Officer election on BCD agenda for Wednesday

Scurry County's Board of Development (BCD) will meet at noon Wednesday and Ray Myers will take his place on the board.

Myers is a plant operator with Torch Energy.

He is taking the place of David Koonce whose term has expired.

The board will elect new officers, and consider its sponsorship of the Big Country RC & D for this year.

Financial statements will also be presented for approval.

The meeting is in the DCOS boardroom at American State Bank.

Chamber approves hotel funds

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors granted one request for hotel/motel funds, and tabled another request when they met at noon Monday.

The directors granted $1,000 for the Gateway Family Services' four-person golf scramble on April 6.

After discussion on a request for $2,230 in funds by the Scurry County Museum, no action was taken. The funds will be used for museum brochures and the request was tabled until next month in order to get more specific information.

Executive Director Donna Fowler reported on the chamber banquet held earlier this month and said the chamber would make $1,100 from the event that had approximately 300 in attendance.

Fowler said upcoming events include the Boys Regional Little Dribblers Tournament that will be held in various gyms next week. She also reported the WTC Rodeo will be April 11-13 at the coliseum, and the annual Relay for Life will be at Tiger Stadium on April 19-20.

She also stated the chamber's monthly membership newsletter would be in the Snyder Daily News beginning the first Sunday in April.

ASK US

Q—How many votes did Gov. Perry receive in Scurry County in the Republican Primary?
A—1,059.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 69 degrees; low, 51; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 53; .21 of an inch precipitation; total for 2002, 1.73 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 50% rain chance; low near 40; N winds 15-25 mph. Wednesday, high 60-65; N winds 10-20 mph; rain chance 20%.

Heather Crawford
Rain Chance

Sunset: 6:55 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:48 a.m.
Of 77 days in 2002, the sun has shone 74 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you can't imitate him, don't copy him.
—Casey Stengel

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Affiliates approve global merger of Andersen, KMPG

SINGAPORE (AP) — The Asia-Pacific affiliates of troubled accounting giant Arthur Andersen unanimously supported a global merger with rival KPMG, the companies' executives said today.

The merger talks will continue even if similar ones in Europe concerning operations elsewhere around the world fail, said Aldo Cardoso, chairman of Andersen Worldwide's board of partners, and Colin Holland, chief operating officer of KPMG International.

The merger talks in Frankfurt, Germany, concern operations in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Canada and Latin America.

Andersen Worldwide is the umbrella body that includes Arthur Andersen.

Cardoso said the 13 Andersen affiliates in the Asia-Pacific region unanimously supported the merger to distance themselves from Andersen's U.S. division, which faces federal criminal charges relating to the collapse of Enron Corp.

A combined Andersen and KPMG would have revenues of over $2 billion in the Asia-Pacific region and a work force of about 28,000, Holland said.

Excluding the United States, the two firms would have global revenues of $16.9 billion, making the merged entity the world's second-largest accounting firm.

Senior executives of 13 regional Andersen affiliates met in Singapore to decide whether to negotiate as a block or individually.

Andersen also discussed alternative options with Ernst & Young and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, whose representatives also attended the meeting here, Cardoso said.

Geneva-based Andersen Worldwide is the umbrella body of Andersen, a global network of professional service companies in 85 countries, including Arthur Andersen in the United States.

The U.S. arm, based in Chicago, has been charged by federal authorities with obstructing justice by destroying thousands of documents and deleting computer files about its audit of energy trading firm Enron. Andersen denies the charges.

Andersen is set up in a way that leaves its divisions outside the United States uninvolved in the Enron case, but Enron's spectacular collapse has badly tarnished the Andersen name.

COT CLASS GRADUATION — A large number of students completed the Correctional Officer Training program at Western Texas College last Thursday. Included were from left, first row, Karin Andrews, Eugene Carter, LaShunda Collins, Pamela Collins, Vivian Collins, Marcos DeLeon; second row, Laurel Dean, Maricela Garza, William Glynn, Margie Gutierrez, Charlie Hamilton; third row, Miguel Jimenez Jr., Marvin Kelly, Ruth Krieg, Ruben Lemon, Frank Livia, Daniel Long; fourth row, Marshall McLean, Max Mendieta Jr., Carl Moon Jr., Bobby Nolan, Thomas Osborne, Maria Perches, Michael Reeder, Sheila Reeder; fifth row, Elias Rodriguez, Christopher Salazar, Elsa Sanchez, Anelca Sapien, Francis Seay; sixth row, Donald Turnbo, Pablo Vasquez, Elizabeth Vela, James Williams, Warren Zant and Marcie Zapata. Leonard Dodgen is the instructor.

Woman poses as heiress

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Heiress, socialite, physician, arts benefactor — Tereza Solomon Demoody seemingly had it all.

She lived in the penthouse suite of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, cruised around town in a limousine and claimed Revolutionary War hero Haym Salomon as an ancestor.

So when Demoody asked a prominent real estate broker named Harvey Sklaroff for two personal loans totaling $80,000 — and promised to repay the money within days, with 25 percent interest — it seemed a safe bet to Sklaroff.

It wasn't.

Authorities say Demoody, 48, had constructed an elaborate ruse. She wasn't an heiress or a doctor or an arts benefactor, they say, but a middle-class widow who had exhausted her life insurance money and wanted more. Authorities say Demoody had no intention of making good on the loan.

Demoody, arrested March 1 at her modest Philadelphia rowhouse and charged with theft, was arraigned in a full-length mink coat.

"Usually, when someone is assuming an identity, they assume it on paper only. But she had some kind of need to play dress-up," said Laurel Grass, chief of the fraud unit at the Montgomery County district attorney's office.

Demoody denied all charges in a telephone interview, saying: "The legal question is, 'Did I rip anybody off?' No." She also denied ever claiming to be an heiress or physician, although she said she is an "N.D.," a doctor of naturopathy. Naturopaths use natural substances and therapies to treat disease instead of drugs.

Sklaroff says he just wants his money back. So do a number of others who claim to have been tricked. Demoody allegedly owes $32,000 to her limousine driver and $52,000 to the Ritz-Carlton, where she stayed in a $3,500-per-night suite.

Demoody has run into financial trouble many times over the past 15 years, fending off creditors' lawsuits and declaring bankruptcy at least twice, court records indicate.

Chaplain recalls opening of Tyler hospital, blast victims

TYLER (AP) — Emergency workers taking victims of an East Texas school explosion to a newly opened hospital shared common bonds with their counterparts at the World Trade Center 65 years later, a New York Fire Department chaplain says.

The 1937 blast at the New London school killed more than 300 people. Four survivors of the explosion were at Monday's celebration for the anniversary of Mother Frances Hospital — Ike Challis, Marie (Beard) Challis, Bill Thompson and Arthur Shaw.

Molly Ward, who was in the third grade and outside the school building at the time of the explosion, also attended the luncheon.

The Rev. John Delendick said fire and emergency personnel during the New London school explosion shared with emergency workers in New York City on Sept. 11 an abundance of compassion, generosity and love.

"They have problems in firehouses; there are fights, there are arguments, there are tricks played on each other, we all know that," the Catholic priest said. "But when push comes to shove ... they have learned how to take care of each other together — they have learned how to take care of the citizens of New York, they have learned how to take care of the citizens of Tyler, they have learned how to take care of citizens anywhere."

The Tyler hospital, initially scheduled to open on March 19, 1937, moved the date up by a day because of the blast. Shaw, 83, was taken to Mother Frances in a bread truck and stayed at the hospital for three days. His hospital bill was $3 per day.

Shaw had earlier returned to Mother Frances, having bypass heart surgery about seven years ago and was getting more tests, 60 years after his first hospital stay.

"This is a special day," said J. Lindsey Bradley Jr., president and chief administrative officer for Trinity Mother Frances Health System. "It is a great milestone to reach the 65th anniversary of Mother Frances Hospital. ... Although inaugurated in a very tragic way, it was great the people in Tyler had the vision to build this hospital so it was here when people needed it."

The hospital was first known as Tyler Municipal Hospital, made possible by a $387,000 bond issue during the depression. Tyler had 20 doctors then, and the hospital had 100 beds. Today, Tyler has 530 doctors, 150 of whom work for the Trinity Mother Frances Health System.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
6-12-20-25-36

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-3-1

Date Book

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Today is the 78th day of 2002, and the 89th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1831, New York City's first recorded bank robbery took place. The thieves made off with $245,000, some of which was eventually recovered.

On this day in 1920, the United States Senate voted down the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles for a second time. Because of this, the United States never joined the League of Nations, which was the idea of President Woodrow Wilson.

On this day in 1977, CBS broadcasted the final episode of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show".

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wyatt Earp (1848 - 1929), U.S. Marshal; William Jennings Bryan (1860 - 1925), orator/statesman; Glenn Close (1947 -), actress, is 55; Bruce Willis (1955 -), actor, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Denny McLain was found guilty on charges of racketeering. The former Detroit pitcher, famous for his 30-win season in the Tigers' 1968 championship season, eventually had those charges dropped.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The humblest citizen in all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of Error." - William Jennings Bryan, from his 1896 National Democratic Convention speech.

TODAY'S MOON: In between the new moon (March 13) and the first quarter (March 21)

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Services fair set here on Thursday

What can we do for you?

Scurry Community Services will host a Community Services Fair from 4-6 p.m. Thursday.

Participating programs will include Early Child Intervention, Family Planning, Gateway Family Services, Noah's Attic, Protective & Regulatory Services, Scurry County Health Unit, Scurry County Mental Health Center, Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Others include Snyder Fire Department, Texas Department of Human Resource, W.I.C., Western Texas College, Food Cupboard, Early Head Start, and Snyder Child Day Care.

For more information, call 573-7403.

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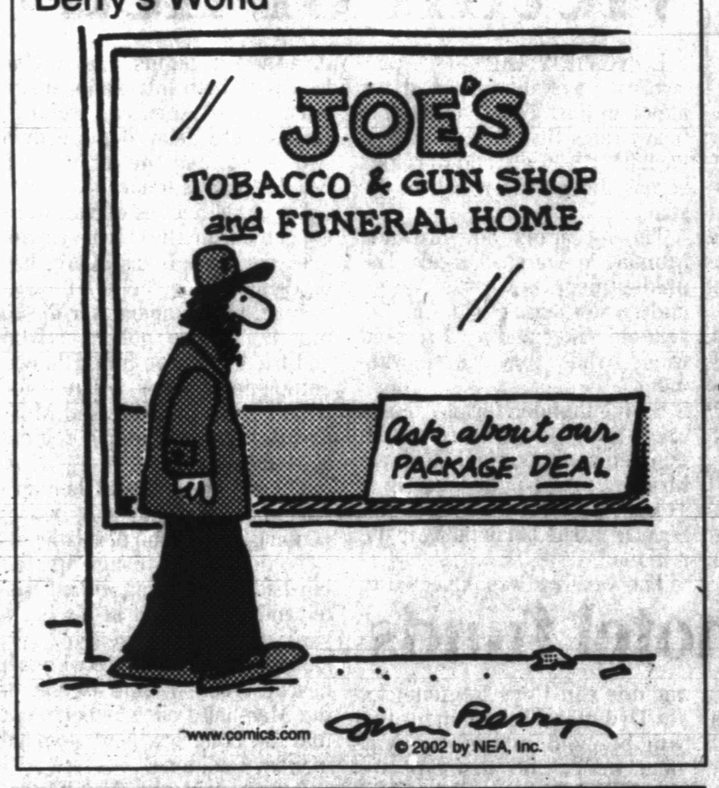

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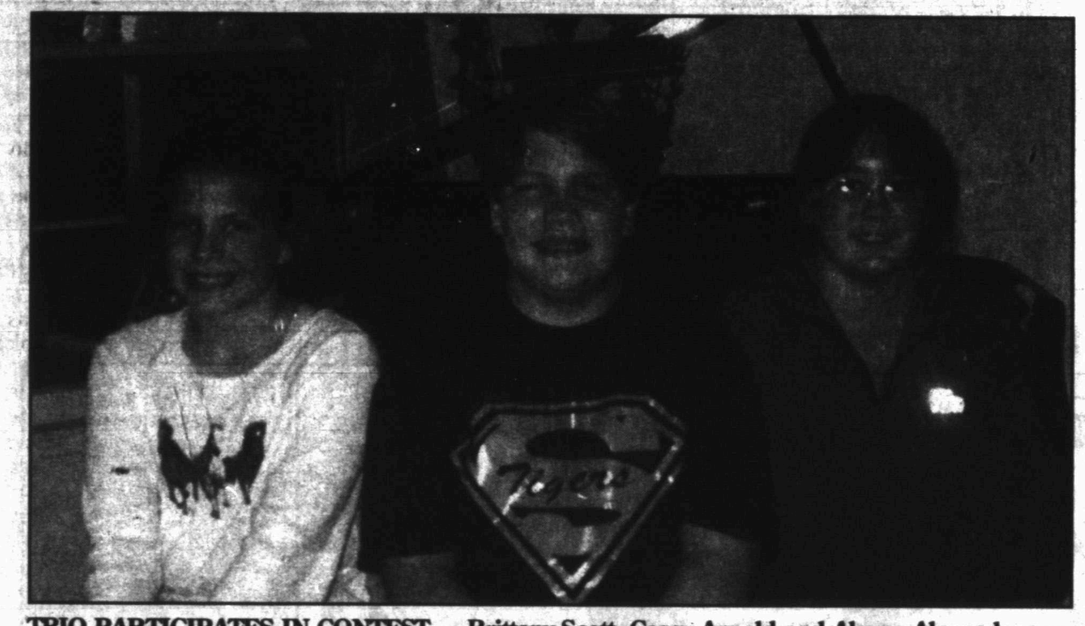
WEDDING SHOWER — Melanie Kidd, bride-elect of Blair Gibson, was honoree at a bridal shower Sunday in the home of James and Keitha Brown. From left are Carol Ann Mulkey, grandmother of the prospective groom from Amarillo; Kari Gibson, his sister from Amarillo; Colleen Gibson, his grandmother from Amarillo; Michele Gibson, his mother from Amarillo; the honoree; Sherry Kidd, her mother from Snyder; Lacey Kidd, her sister from Snyder; Gladys Sanders, her great-grandmother from Roscoe; Ina Myrhl Adams, her grandmother from Hermleigh; and Kathrine Kidd, her grandmother from Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



TRIO PARTICIPATES IN CONTEST — Brittany Scott, Casey Arnold and Alayna Alexander participated in the Lubbock Sonata-Sonatina Contest at Texas Tech on Feb. 23. Brittany received a superior rating and participation ribbon; Casey received a first place-superior rating; and Alayna received second place-superior rating. Casey performed in the Winner's Recital at Hemlee Hall on Feb. 24. Participating but unable to go was Kristen Miller. (Contributed Photo)

Emu flew the coop after being bitten

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The fugitive was a 5-foot male native to Australia who flew the coop after being bitten by a pregnant donkey.

He ran wild for three days, leaping a fence, injuring an officer and stopping traffic in front of a high school.

The fugitive, an emu named "Mu," was recovering in a barn Wednesday from scrapes he suffered during his capture.

"I knew this bird would become famous sooner or later," his owner, Gail Bornstein, said.

The flightless bird, which resembles an ostrich, is one of several exotic pets Bornstein keeps on her miniature horse farm in Escondido, a suburb north of San Diego.

Mu escaped early Sunday from the 20-acre ranch and evaded his owners for two days.

Three officers located the bird and managed to get a blindfold over its small head. Mu was subdued and bound with a rope, but not before a powerful kick dislocated the finger of one of the officers.

During his transport to a shelter, the emu kicked open the rear doors of the animal control truck. He fell out in front of Escondido High School, just as classes were letting out.

Police were called in to direct traffic while animal control officers tried to control the frantic bird. A tranquilizer was administered and Bornstein took the emu home without incident.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; Viewing the Martial Arts program by Greg Gafford, with Taekwondo Academy; hostesses, Pat Floyd and Marge Mathis; 4 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-19-02
♠ A Q J 3
♥ 8 5
♦ 7 5 4 2
♣ 7 6 3

West
♠ K 7 6 2
♥ Q J 7 2
♦ 8 3
♣ Q 8 4

East
♠ 10 8
♥ 10 9 3
♦ K 10 9 6
♣ K J 10 5

South
♠ 9 5 4
♥ A K 6 4
♦ A Q J
♣ A 9 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

The first technique, even in 1926

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I mentioned that last October I bought a copy of Milton C. Work's "Auction Bridge Complete" (John C. Winston Co., 1926). Can you guess the first declarer-play technique he discusses? It's on page 264 — bidding occupies the first 232 pages, card-play the next 173 pages. The 512-page book ends with a description of duplicate, the Laws of Auction Bridge, and a glossary.

Work was the first famous figure of bridge. After gaining three degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, he became a lawyer. But in 1917 Work took a leave of absence to tour the country with Wilbur C. Whitehead to lecture on bridge, organize tournaments, and promote the sale of Liberty bonds. The tour was so successful and his books were selling so well that Work abandoned law for a bridge career. By 1928, he was being paid $7,000 per week to give brief lectures.

As you will surely have guessed, Work starts by introducing budding declarers to the finesse and gives this deal as the example. (I have added the bidding. In auction bridge, South would open one no-trump and it would be passed out because if South won nine tricks, he would still receive the game bonus.)

After West leads a low heart (usually correct from queen-jack-empty-fourth or -fifth, no nine or 10), declarer wins with his king and plays a spade to dummy's jack. When that finesse wins, he tries the diamond finesse. And after four successful pointed-suit finesses, South finds that he has nine tricks: three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and one club.

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Births

Letitia McKinney-Garrett and Brion Garrett announce the birth of their son, Brion Trévon Garrett, weighing seven pounds, nine ounces. He was born at 9:55 a.m. on March 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Melvina Cayler of Las Vegas and Nathaniel Garrett of California. Maternal grandparents are Della and Vernon McKinney of Snyder.

The nectarine is a cross between a plum and a peach.

Quick recipes for entertaining

You can jump-start the season with these easy-to-make, delicious entertaining recipe ideas from Dannon. Dips are an easy solution for a planned party or when guests stop by for a surprise visit.

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Procedure

For optimal consistency, strain yogurt for 20 minutes. To strain the yogurt, set a strainer or colander over a pan or bowl. The base of the strainer should be at least 2 inches above the bottom of the bowl. Line the strainer with cheesecloth or a coffee filter.

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ingredients

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1 teaspoon chopped garlic

Salt and cracked pepper to taste

Procedure

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Mayor pushes diet

NEW YORK (AP) — Is New York City's largest borough getting just a little too large?

Maybe so, says Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. He is urging his fellow Brooklynites to go on a two-month diet.

Starting in mid-April, Markowitz will establish weigh-in stations at hospitals and government offices all around Brooklyn, which has the largest population of the city's five boroughs.

Those who participate will have their starting weight recorded, which will be compared with their heft two months later.

The slightly pudgy Markowitz won't let his constituents go it alone. He says he'll be the first to weigh-in.

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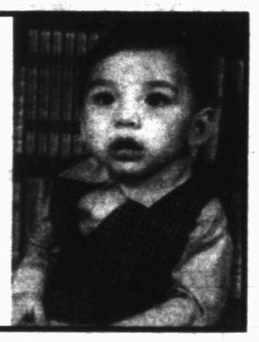

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The Narrow Trail

Up in the mountains you can find a lot of trails leading to streams and mountain lakes. Some of the trails are well worn and wide. If you follow those trails you will find places where there are some fish, but they are small and few in number. Other trails are small and overgrown. Not many people go there. You have to know the way. But if you should know of a path like that, it is likely that there are a lot of big fish at the end of that trail.

Jesus said that the path to life is narrow and not many walk on that path, Matthew 7: 13, 14. Most people, Jesus says, walk on a broad way that leads to destruction. That sounds really negative, but we need to hear Jesus' words in the setting that they were spoken. Matthew 5, 6, and 7 records some of the basic teaching of Jesus. He taught how we should live to please God. He spoke about humility, purity, forgiveness and love for enemies. Jesus teaches about sincerity in prayer and giving, the danger of materialism and the problem of worry. Jesus also teaches us to look at ourselves first before we try to help other people with their lives. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Jesus is not saying that the path to life is restricted or that God only wants a few people to be saved. He is saying that the trail to life is not well worn. Not many turn from selfishness to unselfishness. Not many choose to love their enemies, in fact, not many even try. But the path of Jesus is really the path of life. It leads to the good streams, the streams of living water.

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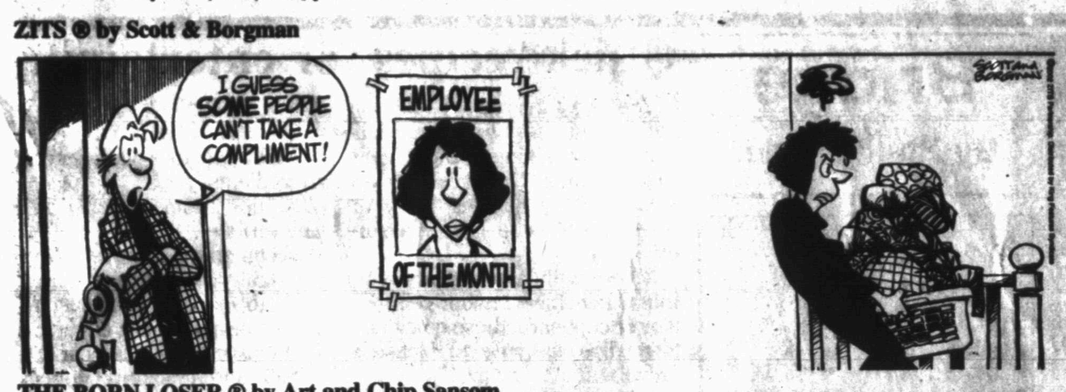

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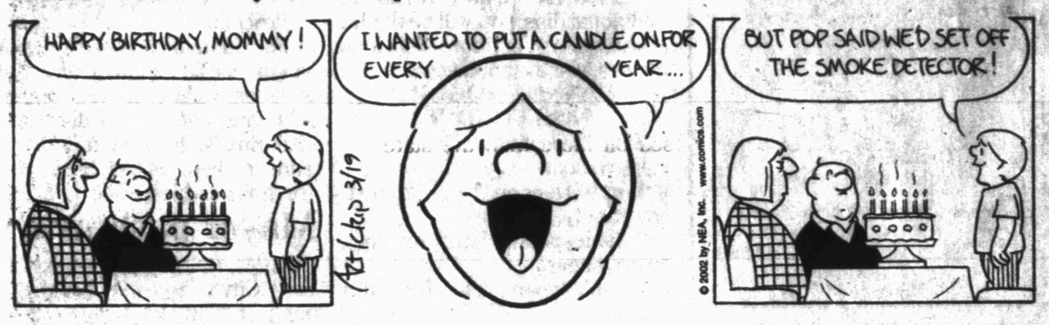

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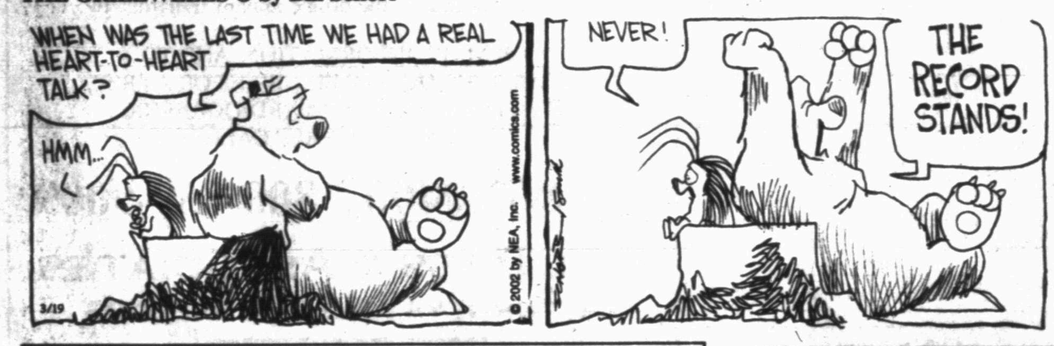

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8 Exultant cry
11 PCB regulator
12 Trolley
13 Apron tops
14 To's opposite
15 Grant
16 Slugger Moises
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19 Faultfinder
21 Keep under wraps
22 H.S. exam
25 Fine-tune
29 Sci-fi gun
31 Hail a cab
34 One, for Pierre
35 Biography
36 Ivy League school
37 Bronze component
38 Horses' fodder
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40 Greeted Rover
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56 Caviar, actually
57 Nights, in classifieds
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59 Finger opposite
60 Quiche ingredient
61 Big — theory
62 Showery mo.

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3 Wynonna's mom
4 Needed scratching
5 Locality
6 Run around
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8 Fix a squeak
9 Cable network
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18 Old saying
20 Prone to
23 Opera highlight
24 27th President
26 Burlap fiber
27 Part of BTU
28 Mailed
30 Lubber's aye
31 Memo acronym
32 Alan or Cheryl
33 Kirghiz range
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50 Stein contents
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52 Std.
53 Limb
55 Cool — — cucumber

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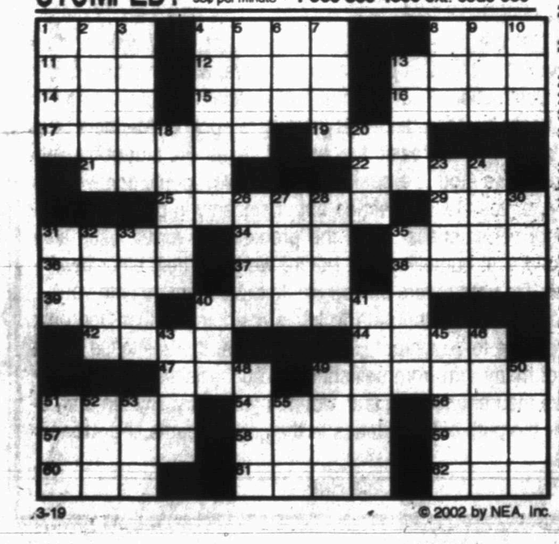

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SPORTS

Local teams return to action this week

After a week off for spring break, several area teams return to the grindstone this week in preparation for upcoming competition.

The Snyder High School golf teams are tuning up for their district openers, while the SHS tracksters and netters prepare for meets in San Angelo, Post and Abilene this weekend.

The Western Texas College rodeo squad also begins competition this week when it takes part in the Odessa collegiate rodeo starting Thursday.

On the links, both SHS teams closed out their non-district schedules on a strong note. The Snyder boys play their first district round Saturday at Big Spring, while the Lady Tigers open 4-4A competition Monday at Levelland.

The SHS boys are coming off a runner-up finish in San Angelo two weeks ago. The Tigers tied Granbury for the best two-round score, before falling on the first playoff hole. Britt Sharrock's two-day total of 153 was tops for the Tigers.

The Lady Tigers fared well in their final non-district tourney, as well. The SHS girls finished third at Andrews, paced by Katie Kerley and Andra Lancaster who tallied two-round totals of 169.

While the golfers open district this week, the SHS tracksters are still building toward their league test. The boys track squad competes Friday and Saturday at the San Angelo Relays, while the girls run in the Caprock Relays in Post on Saturday.

On the tennis courts, Snyder gets back into the swing of things Friday at the Abilene Cooper tournament.

Softball game rescheduled...

Tigers make debut in state poll

For the first time since 1998, the Snyder Tigers have a new title beside their name. As of this morning, they're the state-ranked Tigers.

Snyder broke into the newest high school state baseball poll, making its debut at No. 10. It's the first time the Tigers have been ranked since 1998 when they advanced all the way to the regional semifinals.

"I definitely think we're good enough to be considered one of the top 10 teams in the state," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "But that's just on paper. We still have to go out and prove it.

"Being ranked is nice recognition for the kids and the program, but the most important thing is to still be there when there's only four teams left playing."

The Tigers are scheduled to put their No. 10 ranking and share of the district lead on the line at 7 tonight when they host Big Spring at Moffett Field.

That game is still up in the air, depending on the weather. Monday night's rains and today's forecast for more precipitation could force the contest to be rescheduled. A decision on the game is expected later this afternoon.

The Lady Tigers' district meeting tonight with Plainview at Cates Field has been rescheduled for 4:30 Thursday afternoon.

"We could play the game right now," said girls athletic coordinator Mike Martin. "But the field can't take any more water. There's a pretty good chance that we're going to get more rain, so we wanted to reschedule the game before Plainview got on the road today."

Both SHS squads are tied for the district lead. The Lady Tigers share the top spot with Andrews, Big Spring and Lake View, while the Tigers are knotted with Frenship and Andrews.

That share of the district lead is what Herrera wants his team focused on more than the state ranking.

"The ranking works both ways," the Tiger skipper stated. "On one hand, you hope it gives your kids confidence and incentive to keep working hard.

"But on the other hand, you have a target on your back. Other teams are aiming to knock you off. We know that we'll have to work hard and play well to keep from getting knocked off."

Following today's scheduled action, the Tigers hit the road Friday to face Frenship, while the Lady Tigers host Estacado.

District 4-4A Softball

	District	
Team	W	L
Andrews	3	1
Lake View	3	1
Snyder	3	1
Big Spring	3	1
Frenship	2	2
Levelland	1	3
Plainview	1	3
Estacado	0	4

District 4-4A Baseball

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	2	0	14	6
Frenship	2	0	12	4
Andrews	2	0	9	2
Big Spring	1	1	4	10
Lake View	1	1	6	8
Estacado	0	2	4	9
Levelland	0	2	4	11
Plainview	0	2	7	9

Saturday's result: Lake View 10, Estacado 2.

Today's games: Big Spring at Snyder; Lake View at Andrews; Frenship at Estacado; Plainview at Levelland.

High School Baseball Poll

By The Associated Press

The Top 10 high school baseball rankings for the five UIL classifications as determined by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and THSB Magazine. Rankings are through Mon., March 18.

Class 5A
1. Sugar Land Elkins, 13-0
2. Klein Oak, 12-0
3. Clear Creek, 13-1
4. Cypress Falls, 9-2
5. Keller, 14-2
6. Lubbock Monterey, 13-3
7. Carrollton Smith, 9-2
8. Austin Bowie, 12-2-1
9. Lufkin, 11-3
10. Midland, 12-4

Class 4A
1. Southlake Carroll, 11-5
2. Hewitt Midway, 15-1
3. Saginaw Boswell, 14-0
4. Cedar Park, 12-4
5. Brenham, 10-3
6. Crowley, 13-3
7. Boerne, 13-6
8. Jasper, 10-5
9. Denton Ryan, 9-5
10. Snyder, 14-6

Class 3A
1. La Grange, 12-3
2. Lubbock Cooper, 11-4
3. Sinton, 11-4
4. Lindale, 11-2
5. Seminole, 9-3
6. Longview Spring Hill, 11-4
7. Little Elm, 10-1
8. Yoakum, 9-1
9. Shallowater, 10-3
10. Center, 12-2

Class 2A
1. Hughes Springs, 11-1-1
2. Salado, 10-1
3. Celina, 12-1
4. East Bernard, 8-2
5. Clifton, 12-1
6. Bangs, 4-1
7. Lockney, 8-0
8. Post, 10-2
9. Garrison, 11-1
10. Santo, 5-0

Class 1A
1. Bremond, 10-1
2. Petrolia, record not avail.
3. Bosqueville, 8-1
4. Miles, 5-3
5. Windthorst, 5-3
6. West Sabine, 9-1
7. Brock, 2-2
8. Iola, record not avail.
9. Spurger, record not avail.
10. Savoy, record not avail.

Lowly Rockets bow to Clippers, 93-86

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Facing three games against losing teams, the Los Angeles Clippers consider this week vital to their playoff hopes.

They kicked things off on a winning note, beating Houston 93-86 Monday night for their eighth victory in 11 games.

"It was a must-win," said Elton Brand, who had 20 points and 12 rebounds. "We really needed to win this just to get ourselves back on track and also for the playoff contention."

The Clippers snapped a two-game losing skid and gained a half-game on Utah for the final Western Conference playoff spot. The Clippers are two behind the Jazz, with their other games this week against Golden State and Phoenix, both already out of contention.

"We have to really hone down and win if we want to keep chasing Utah and Seattle," Brand said.

The Clippers are trying to make the playoffs for the first time since 1997.

Michael Olowokandi scored 20 of his 26 points in the first half to lead Los Angeles.

The Clippers set a franchise record by holding their 11th consecutive opponent under 100 points. The previous mark of 10 in a row was set last November.

"They came hard and did a good job on us. The defensive schemes that they put on were difficult," said Cuttino Mobley, who had 21 points for Houston.

Steve Francis led the Rockets with 23 points and nine assists in his first game back after sitting out Saturday's double-overtime loss to Chicago because of recurring migraine headaches.

Olowokandi took just three shots in the second half, which bothered coach Alvin Gentry.

"When Michael's going that well, we've got to find a way to get him the ball more. We just can't have a guy that's on a roll like that get three shots in the second half," Gentry said. "If they're playing him that well, then we've got to make sure somebody else is open or we're getting layups."

Olowokandi, who grabbed 11 rebounds, got his fifth foul with 2:50 remaining and the Clippers ahead 84-79. Mobley scored four points in a row to draw the Rockets to 85-83.

The Clippers' Darius Miles made one of two free throws for an 86-83 lead before Walt Williams missed a 3-pointer and Kelvin Cato received a technical for arguing with an official.

Jeff McInnis, who had 10 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter, hit the free throw to keep Los Angeles ahead 87-83 with 1:40 remaining.

Williams lost the ball out of bounds and Doug Overton, recently signed to a second 10-day contract, hit a running jumper to give the Clippers an 89-83 lead with 25 seconds left.

Baseball players face charges following fight

BOSSIER CITY, La. (AP) — Two high-school baseball players from Longview, Texas, face felony charges and two from Bossier City face misdemeanor charges after a weekend post-game fight at Airline High.

Administrators from the two school districts watched videos taped by parents on Monday and discussed how to discipline the players, Bossier school Superintendent Ken Kruithof said.

The game was over when a Longview player allegedly knocked out Airline catcher Jonathan Colgin. Two players allegedly beat him as he lay on the ground, starting a melee, Kruithof said.

He said the entire incident lasted 28 seconds.

Colgin was hospitalized, but was released by Monday, Kruithof said.

Longview players Marlon Allen Perry, 18, and Leon Craven Jr., 17, are free on $1,000 bond each, said Mark Natale, Bossier City Police Department spokesman Mark Natale said. He said each was booked Saturday night on one count of second-degree battery, a felony.

Two Airline players under age 17 were cited for simple battery, a misdemeanor, and released to their parents. Their names were not released because they are juveniles.

Kruithof said that, in addition to considering penalties against the players, Bossier and Longview school officials were checking on whether umpire Tom Spencer had the authority to call police and point out suspects.

Locals fare well at horseshoe pitching event

Three local competitors secured top honors Saturday at a state-sanctioned horseshoe pitching tournament at Scurry County Coliseum.

Bernard Bartels won the tourney championship to take home the highest prize.

Don Duncan was runner-up in Class A and earned the trophy for highest single game. Raymond Holdridge also fared well with a second-place finish in Class C.

The next local tournament is scheduled for April 21. Competition is open to everyone, and practices are held Thursday's at 5:30 p.m. at the coliseum.

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At Durham, N.C.
Duke 76, Texas Christian 66
At Waco
Drake 76, Baylor 72
At Austin
Texas 76, UC Santa Barbara 60
Monday, March 18
At Columbia, S.C.
South Carolina 75, Cincinnati 56
Semifinals
At Raleigh, N.C.
Saturday, March 23
Duke (29-3) vs. Texas (22-9)
South Carolina (24-6) vs. Drake (25-7)
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At State College, Pa.
Penn State 96, Florida International 79
At Manhattan, Kan.
Kansas State 82, Arkansas 68
Monday, March 18
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Old Dominion 74, Purdue 70 (OT)
At Storrs, Conn.
Connecticut X, Iowa X
Semifinals
At Milwaukee
Saturday, March 23
Penn State (23-11) vs. Connecticut (35-0)
Kansas State (26-7) vs. Old Dominion (27-5)
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 89, Notre Dame 50
Monday, March 18
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
North Carolina 72, Minnesota 69
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt 61, Arizona State 35
At Ames, Iowa
Brigham Young 75, Iowa State 69
Semifinals
At Ames, Iowa
Saturday, March 23
Vanderbilt (29-6) vs. North Carolina (27-7)
Brigham Young (24-8) vs. Tennessee (27-4)
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At Lubbock
Texas Tech 77, Mississippi State 55
At Boulder, Colo.
Colorado 69, LSU 58
Monday, March 18
At Norman, Okla.
Oklahoma 66, Villanova 53
At Stanford, Calif.
Stanford 77, Tulane 55
Semifinals
At Boise, Idaho
Saturday, March 23
Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Texas Tech (20-11)
Colorado (23-9) vs. Stanford (32-2)
Championship
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 9:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	42	24	.636	—
Boston	38	29	.567	4½
Orlando	36	30	.545	6
Philadelphia	34	31	.523	7½
Miami	30	34	.469	11
Washington	31	36	.463	11½
New York	25	40	.385	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	38	27	.585	—
Milwaukee	36	29	.554	2
Indiana	34	32	.515	4½
Charlotte	33	33	.500	5½
Toronto	30	37	.448	9
Atlanta	25	40	.385	13
Cleveland	24	42	.364	14½
Chicago	17	50	.254	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	46	20	.697	—
San Antonio	45	21	.682	1
Minnesota	40	26	.606	6
Utah	36	30	.545	10
Houston	25	41	.379	21
Denver	19	45	.297	26
Memphis	17	49	.258	29

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	47	18	.723	—
Sacramento	47	18	.723	—
Portland	41	25	.621	6½
Seattle	37	30	.552	11
L.A. Clippers	35	33	.515	13½
Phoenix	30	37	.448	18
Golden State	17	48	.262	30

Monday's Games
Portland 100, Boston 91
Charlotte 113, Milwaukee 110
Detroit 98, Denver 91
L.A. Clippers 93, Houston 86
Washington 99, Golden State 96

Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Utah, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland at Boston, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Portland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Girls basketball camp scheduled

The Snyder Tiger girls basketball camp is set for May 28-31 at the SHS gym. The camp is for incoming third through ninth graders, and cost is $60, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the elementary and junior high schools, or can be picked up at the SHS girls basketball office. Players can pre-register through May 15.

NFL could switch games to Monday night

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Important late-season NFL games this season might be switched from Sunday afternoon to Monday night to attract more viewers.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the 2002 schedule, expected to be released in the next week or two, probably will allow one Sunday game in each of the last four weeks to be moved to Monday night. Any changes would be decided at least four weeks in advance.

Pirates have mess in outfield

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Derek Bell, who hit only .173 last season, said he'll go into "Operation Shutdown" and won't risk injuring himself if the Pittsburgh Pirates do not give him the starting job in right field.

Manager Lloyd McClendon and general manager Dave Littlefield said Bell, Armando Rios and Craig Wilson are competing and the starter hasn't been decided. But Littlefield said Bell has done little to win the job.

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Justice review details string of human errors by the FBI

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Justice Department investigation concludes the FBI did not intentionally withhold evidence from Timothy McVeigh's lawyers but that two supervisors should be disciplined for waiting months to disclose the belated discovery of documents in the case, according to people familiar with the findings.

The Justice Department inspector general identified a string of human errors that resulted in the discovery of the documents and an unexpected one-month delay in McVeigh's execution last spring. But the probe concludes that none of the papers disproved McVeigh's guilt in the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, according to the sources.

"Ultimately, the IG concluded the documents would not have changed the outcome," one person said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

FBI Assistant Director John Collingwood said late Monday that his agency has been implementing numerous changes since last year to ensure incidents like this don't occur again.

"We have brought in new records management experts, consolidated our records functions in one office and retrained our employees — all intended to enhance operations and increase accountability," he said.

"More importantly, with funding from Congress we are rebuilding our computerized information infrastructure in ways that will not permit many of the things that happened here while increasing security at the same time," he said.

Collingwood said a key phase will occur next spring with the unveiling of a new computer system that will not allow FBI agents to create documents unless they are attached to the master case file so that the lead investigative officer knows about every piece of evidence in a case.

He added that another key is the "creation of a culture within the agency that understands records management is critical — although quite mundane compared to the spectacular other things we often do — and is just as important in protecting rights and supporting strong investigations and prosecutions."

Justice officials briefed key lawmakers' staffs on Monday and prepared to release the inspector general's report as early as today. Congressional staff and Justice officials involved in the briefings declined comment Monday or did not return calls seeking reaction.

The inspector general concluded two FBI supervisors should be disciplined for their role in the mishap, the people familiar with the findings said. The sources did not identify the officials, but said they knew as early as January 2001 that relevant documents had not been produced to McVeigh's team.

When the belated discovery of 4,500 pages of FBI documents abruptly postponed McVeigh's execution, it generated an immediate outcry and questions about the FBI's performance.

'Operation Candyman' leads to arrests in child porn sting

By The Associated Press

The alleged ringleader of an electronic newsgroup that authorities say attracted thousands of subscribers and users with child pornography was held today in East Texas as a federal sting continued to reach across the country.

Initiated a year ago by an undercover Houston FBI agent, the sting has now netted 89 people in 26 states — including Mark Bates of Palestine and seven other men from Southeast Texas.

The sting, dubbed "Operation Candyman," has been run by a Houston law-enforcement task force.

Bates hid his face as he was led to federal court in Tyler on Monday. A detention hearing is set for Thursday on charges of conspiracy and transport of child pornography.

Bates, 32, is accused in a 10-count indictment of operating his Candyman Web site for two months starting Dec. 6, 2000. Bates was identified as the news groups' "moderator," said Houston FBI spokesman Bob Doguim.

Investigators followed the trail wherever it led from Houston, Doguim said.

The newsgroup, which operated for three months beginning Dec. 6, 2000, contained sections that allowed members to post images or video of child pornography for others to download, a federal prosecutor said.

The images of exploited children that the subscribers downloaded or exchanged "were absolutely appalling in the depth of their depravity," said U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby.

"These children," said Shelby, "are not sexual objects. They were not put here for the sexual gratification of adults."

Authorities said Bates' newsgroup attracted 7,000 U.S. users and subscribers and 2,400 overseas.

According to the indictment, Bates was accused of inviting subscribers to join the Candyman newsgroup with the message, "This group is for People who love kids. You can post any type of messages you like to or any type of pics and vids you like, too ... "

Also, Bates allegedly distributed a survey asking subscribers whether they wanted to see more boys or girls, of what ages, and whether they preferred "more actions" or "soft pics."

Less than a year ago, a Fort Worth couple was sent to prison for conspiracy to distribute and possess child pornography in what authorities called the largest child-pornography business discovered in the United States.

In August, Thomas Reedy was sentenced to life in prison and his wife, Janice, received 14 years. They sold access to child pornography on Internet sites with names like "Cyber Lolita" and "Child Rape." Authorities say it was an international operation with 250,000 subscribers that grossed as much as $1.4 million a month.

The FBI said it expected to arrest at least 50 other people nationwide by week's end in the sweep.

"To those who seek to exploit and prey upon our children by producing, distributing and exchanging child pornography via the Internet, be warned. Our investigation will continue," said Michael Shelby, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Texas.

The seven Houston-area men who allegedly subscribed to the Internet site were charged with conspiracy to transport or distribute and receive child pornography via the Internet.

Those named in the indictment include: Jayson Anderson, 28, of Baytown; Hector Ezeta, 38, of Houston; Walter Fitzpatrick, 61, of Liverpool; Robert Froman, 49, of Pasadena; Stephen Michael Johnston, 21, of College Station; Christopher James Tinney, 20, of Katy; and Billy Loyd White, 45, of Channelview.

Defendants face anywhere from five to 15 years in prison and fines of up to $250,000 if convicted of any of the charges.

'Empire' to be sold by Trump and partners

NEW YORK (AP) — An investor group that holds the lease on the Empire State Building has agreed to purchase the building from real estate magnate Donald Trump and his partner for $57.5 million, according to newspaper reports.

Peter Malkin, whose group, Empire State Building Associates, will buy the 102-story landmark, the newspapers reported, citing unidentified sources close to the transaction.

Malkin's group already holds a lease on the building through 2076.

For the first time since 1961, the same group of investors will own the building and control the long-term lease. That means the building could be sold more easily and could ensure better financing terms.

The terms of the deal apparently give Trump and his partner, Japanese billionaire Hideki Yokoi, more than $6 million of the sale's proceeds, plus additional expenses.

The closing was expected to take place next month.

Under the 114-year lease drawn up in 1961, the building's owner receives $1.97 million a year in rent, decreasing to $1.72 million a year until 2076.

Since the manager of the building will remain the same, little was expected to change for the Empire State Building's 950 tenants and 20,000 workers.

The Sept. 11 attacks that collapsed the World Trade Center's twin towers made the Empire State Building once again the tallest building in the city.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	27.15	26.37	26.39	—.71
AOL TimeWrn	27.15	26.30	26.45	—.35
AT&T Corp s	15.94	15.63	15.74	—.12
Albertsons	32.50	32.30	32.34	+.12
Alltel	55.33	54.48	54.68	—2.01
AmEl Pw	45.56	45.15	45.16	+.15
AndarkPtr	57.90	57.16	57.79	+.40
ATMOS Egy	23.99	23.80	23.99	+.10
Avisll	8.76	8.67	8.68	—.03
BP PLC	52.52	52.35	52.45	+.15
BakerHughes	39.40	38.79	39.04	—.07
Bank of Amer	69.47	68.94	69.40	+.59
BellSouth	38.69	38.25	38.30	—.10
vjBeth Steel	.42	.40	.41	—.02
BurlNoSFe	30.48	30.08	30.33	+.25
Caterpillar	59.75	59.22	59.60	+.48
ChevronTex	91.00	90.68	90.87	+.51
Citigroup	50.05	49.51	49.70	+.15
CocaCola	49.10	48.85	48.95	+.28
ColgatePal	57.65	56.50	57.47	+1.04
ComclMetals	39.38	39.20	39.22	+.05
Cooperin	41.86	40.98	40.98	—.62
DaimlrChry	48.12	47.74	47.87	+.71
DeltaAirl	35.45	34.05	34.10	—1.16
Dillards Inc	25.17	24.80	24.99	—.17
DowChem	33.59	33.03	33.45	+.56
DuPont	48.90	48.46	48.82	+.35
EastmanChem	47.18	46.70	46.91	+.22
EstKodak	32.50	31.56	32.13	+.18
EDS Corp	65.89	64.76	65.68	+1.00
Entergy	41.74	41.45	41.57	+.05
ExxonMobil s	43.98	43.70	43.82	+.08
FstBksAm	42.00	40.90	41.88	+.58
FootLocker	16.82	16.65	16.82	+.17
GenDynam	91.78	90.81	91.78	+.73
GenElec	40.10	39.75	39.77	—.13
GenMills	49.01	48.04	49.01	+.98
GenMotors	61.40	60.56	60.74	—.37
GePacific	29.83	29.25	29.74	+.39
Goodrich	31.50	31.25	31.46	+.22
Goodyear s	27.83	27.37	27.51	+.07
GtAtlPac	27.90	27.40	27.41	—.39
Halliburtn	17.20	16.75	17.02	+.42
Hanson ADS	38.65	38.21	38.57	+1.27
HarteHanks	30.34	30.01	30.33	+.11
HomeDepot	49.99	48.93	49.24	+.53
Honeywellntl	40.40	39.86	39.98	—.09
IBM	107.25	106.49	107.06	+.71
IntlPaper	44.96	44.54	44.92	+.69
JohnsonJn s	65.15	64.70	65.09	+.43
vjK mart	1.68	1.59	1.67	+.10
KinderMorg	49.89	49.27	49.45	—.30
Kroger Co	22.64	22.25	22.45	+.23
LockheedM	58.00	57.60	57.92	+.08
Lowes Cos s	44.74	43.90	44.63	+.80
Lubys	6.95	6.79	6.82	—.03
LucentTech	4.84	4.42	4.55	—.23
MarathonOil	29.94	29.68	29.70	—.09
MayDeptStr	37.11	36.90	37.05	+.06
Medtronic	46.20	45.80	46.01	+.08
Motorola	14.00	13.60	13.89	
NCR Corp	45.22	44.37	45.13	+.43
Navistar	44.25	43.28	43.77	+.90
PNM Rescs	28.50	28.40	28.43	+.08
Penney JC	21.94	21.62	21.89	+.11
PepBoys	15.95	15.60	15.90	+.19
PepsiCo	51.05	50.55	50.98	+.27
Pharmacia	46.10	45.72	46.07	+.07
PhelpDodge	41.40	40.95	41.34	+.44
PhilipPet	63.72	63.23	63.32	—.13
PilgrmPrd B	13.60	13.50	13.51	—.04
Praxair	60.30	59.85	60.19	+.14
ProctGamb	89.70	88.00	89.16	+1.50
RadioShack	29.50	29.10	29.22	—.08
ReliantEngy	25.60	24.95	25.44	+.44
RoyalDut	55.32	55.06	55.18	+.16
SBC Comm	39.28	38.61	38.81	—.09
SaraLee	20.95	20.65	20.95	+.39
Scripps EW	81.47	79.70	80.35	—.95
SearsRoeb	52.35	51.96	52.00	—.15
SherwinW	29.15	28.90	28.95	—.01
SouthernCo s	26.47	26.21	26.41	+.14
SwstAirl	20.00	19.50	19.56	—.30
SprintFON	15.96	15.50	15.72	—.15
SprintPCS	10.85	10.27	10.41	—.34
Sunoco Inc	41.99	41.54	41.99	+.56
TXU Corp	53.07	52.80	53.03	+.35
TempleInland	59.94	59.30	59.76	+.50
TexInd	42.50	42.01	42.01	—.26
TexasInst	34.50	33.00	34.27	+.27
Textron	49.99	48.95	49.94	+.50
TriconGlbR	58.45	58.24	58.29	+.04
TrinityInds	23.98	23.75	23.96	+.11
TylerTech	5.03	5.01	5.03	+.03
UnionPacif	61.18	60.80	61.05	+.45
USSteel	17.05	16.75	17.02	+.37
UnitedTech	74.75	73.85	74.65	+.95
Unocal	39.24	38.70	38.93	—.05
VerizonComm	47.82	47.13	47.21	—.41
WalMart	63.84	63.04	63.28	—.27
WellsFargo	50.37	50.09	50.23	+.06
WstnGasRs	37.30	36.94	37.06	+.16
WinnDixie	16.17	15.83	16.00	+.17
Xerox Cp	10.75	10.50	10.70	+.16

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 20, 2002
Unusual circumstances could bring about a realization in the year ahead that you must relinquish old unworkable plans to make way for new ones that can take you to the places of your dreams.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Beating your head against a brick wall and hoping that it will crumble will do nothing but give you a headache. Try to find a circuitous route to bypass it. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You tend to draw both weaknesses and strengths off of your friends. If they are optimistic, you'll be productive and happy. If they are negative, you can be fruitless and grumpy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll have plenty of opportunity to add to your resources. The trouble is, if you haven't been diligent, past bills and new obligations may negate your gains.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you have any hope of getting along with someone who is pertinent to your immediate plans, you must find a way to have a meeting of the minds. Without it you'll lose his/her support.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's vitally important that assignments are evenlydistributed when working in conjunction with another on a mentally tedious job. Otherwise, defection can result.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)— Don't expect a friend to fulfill a commitment that was shaky to begin with. It most likely won't happen, so be prepared to go it alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be a good sport and look the other way if someone with whom you're involved can't get their act together. This person should be consoled, not chastised.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You're the last person who usually needs to be told to keep an open mind when others can't agree with you. You're one of the peacemakers of the world. Don't make war.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — In most cases, switching horses in midstream is not a good idea. However, if something isn't working out, you may have to do just that if you hope to reach your goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It won't be due to a lack of good ideas that you're held back. Chances are that it'll be the people with whom you're involved who will cause your plans to stall.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today's obstacles might be more than you can handle. If you take your eye off what you're doing, you could trip over your own feet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If it's up to you to team people up for a social activity, be careful of who you mix together. One bad combination can ruin it for everybody.

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Woman arrested in Florida suspect in husband's death

DESTIN, Fla. (AP) — A woman suspected of killing her husband with a dose of horse tranquilizers and burying his body in a California vineyard has been arrested in this Florida Panhandle beach town.

Laren Renee Sims, who spent six years as Elisa McNabney, was arrested late Monday.

She did not resist arrest and told officers, "I'm the one you're looking for," said Rick Hord, spokesman for the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators say she killed Larry McNabney and put his body in a hastily dug grave in a San Joaquin County vineyard.

Larry McNabney was last seen at a horse show Sept. 10.

Judge removes himself from case

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge removed himself from a case involving real estate developer Abe Hirschfeld — in prison for trying to have a business partner killed — because the judge was told Hirschfeld had tried to have him killed, too.

State Supreme Court Justice Ira Gammerman said Monday that he was told about Hirschfeld's alleged plot three weeks ago.

The judge said Hirschfeld, 82, was heard trying to hire an assassin at the Sullivan Correctional Facility, where he is serving one to three years for trying to have his late business partner, Stanley Stahl, killed. Stahl died of natural causes.

"They said he was trying to find someone to remove the judge from his case," Gammerman said, referring to law enforcement officials who told him of the alleged plot.

Hirschfeld enjoys the presumption of innocence until the accusations are proven, his lawyer said Monday.

Barbara Thompson, spokeswoman for the Manhattan district attorney's office, said the allegation was under investigation.

The case stems from a lawsuit against Hirschfeld by Stahl's estate and by Hirschfeld's daughter, Rachel Hirschfeld. The plaintiffs accuse the developer of not giving them their shares of business revenues.

Hirschfeld, a frequent political candidate and former owner of the New York Post, entered prison in August 2000. He was denied parole last summer.

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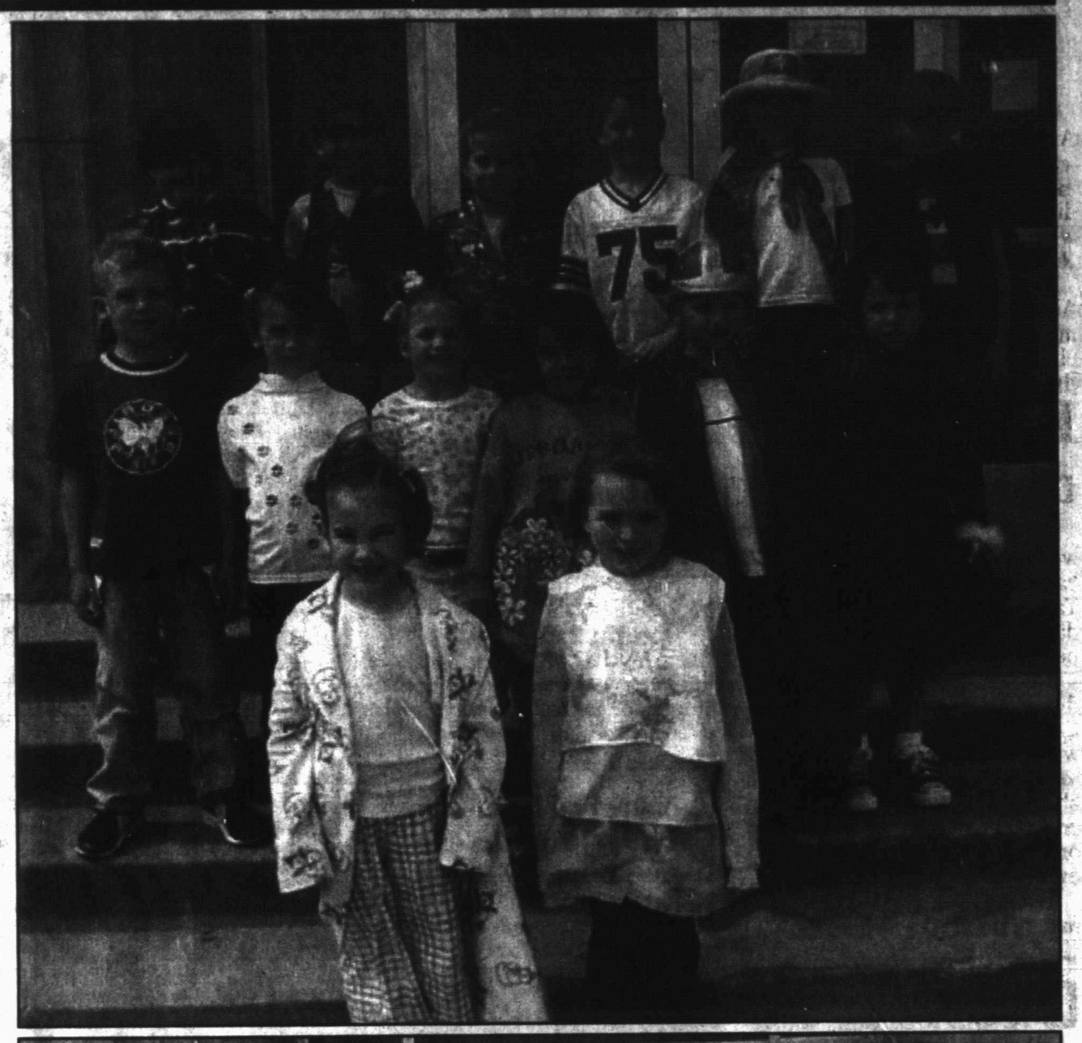

ALMOST ANYTHING GOES — West Elementary students and staff recently dressed wild and crazy for Almost Anything Goes Day. Students also got to chew gum the following day. To qualify, students and staff donated money to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life walk, scheduled April 19. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit cancer research. Primary students (top photo) are from left, front row, Megan McWilliams, Alyssa Hobbs; second row, Hunter Ward, Jaylen Boon, Courtney Pollard, Teah Dollins, Mason Tabor, Katrina Avila; third row, Amanda Roemer, Nolan Duzan, Kylie Bell, Reid Pinson, Mekayla Duzan, Taylor Duzan. Sixth graders and teachers (bottom photo) are from left, front row, Stephen Davidson, Colton Brewster, Whitney Jenkins, James Castro, Bobby Escobedo, Robert Coble, Kaycee Loveall; second row, Brent Bollinger, Ryan Claxton, Levi Mayfield, Allison Sharrock, Erin Hogan, Sheryll Reed; third row, Blane Knipe, Justin Singleton, Kelly Holdren, Elaine Byrd, Diane Hogan. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Hurricane Center to issue alerts five days in advance

MIAMI (AP) — The National Hurricane Center will give hurricane warnings two days earlier in 2003, allowing officials five days to clear the coasts for the massive storms.

The expanded forecasts will be less exact, with a margin of error of about 350 miles, said Max Mayfield, director of the center. Current three-day forecasts have a margin of error of 200 miles.

Mayfield said the Navy requested the change because they require up to 96 hours to move docked ships and other equipment. NASA officials and oil companies also wanted more time to move equipment.

Other forecasters already issue warnings up to seven days in advance.

"If local meteorologists can do it, we certainly should do it," Mayfield said. "People need as much warning as they can get."

Some emergency managers said they worried the expanded forecasts will make residents more complacent.

"I have a problem with people overreacting to long-term forecasts," said Billy Wagner Jr., Monroe County's senior director of emergency management. "I hope they can get the error rate down."

Sempra buying Enron's metal trading business

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for Enron Metals & Commodity Corp. have asked a federal bankruptcy court in New York to approve a deal that would send the metal trading business to Sempra Energy Trading for $43.5 million.

Enron Corp. and Stamford, Conn.-based Sempra Energy Trading announced the deal Monday. Enron Metals & Commodity Corp. is based in New York.

The companies asked the court to approve the transaction by April 29.

In February, Sempra agreed to buy Enron Metals Ltd. for $145 million. The unit, now known as Sempra Metals Ltd., is the largest metals trading company in the United Kingdom.

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Terrorists switch to 'soft targets' overseas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Avoid places where fellow Americans congregate, even churches and schools. Drive to work a different way each day, with the windows up. Be cautious. Remain vigilant.

The government is giving Americans overseas those warnings after a weekend attack on a church in Islamabad, Pakistan, that killed five people, including an American woman who worked at the U.S. Embassy and her teen-age daughter.

Because embassy buildings and overseas U.S. military bases are now so fortified against attacks, terrorists increasingly might turn to more vulnerable targets — including schools, restaurants and even churches — where Americans gather, the State Department warned Monday.

"One would have hoped that there would be some respect for a church," said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher. "But even that doesn't always exist."

Total security is impossible, officials acknowledge. Private companies and the government need to have workers overseas, and those workers often want their families nearby. If families are nearby, they must do things like shop and go to school.

In recent months, some U.S. companies with operations in the Middle East or south Asia have chosen to relocate workers' family members to another location, like Europe, still close enough for frequent visits, said Vince Cannistraro, a former government counterterrorism official who runs his own security business.

Others are cutting back on the number of Americans overseas, relying instead on more local workers.

Still other U.S. companies are spending thousands of dollars to add guards and improve the physical security at compounds where their employees live, Cannistraro said.

The U.S. military makes many of its bases in Middle Eastern countries and other hot spots "unaccompanied," meaning that spouses and children cannot go along. But that is viewed as a hardship, and thus rotations have to be frequent, costing more money.

It can be tricky to know when a place is safe.

The Americans killed in Islamabad — Barbara Green, an employee at the Embassy, and her 17-year-old daughter, Kristen Wormsley — chose to leave Pakistan temporarily after Sept. 11, with State Department authorization, because they felt conditions were too dangerous.

In late January, the embassy concluded the situation had improved and allowed them and other departed Americans to return.

"The people at posts were looking forward to having their families back with them," Boucher said. "And at that time, we operated on the best security information we had."

Another 14 Americans — all private citizens — were injured in the Islamabad church attack.

Terrorists have always looked for "soft" targets when their primary goal — military bases and government offices — have proved difficult to reach.

Fifteen years ago, in an attack blamed on Libya, two U.S. soldiers were killed in a bombing at a West Berlin disco. In 1997, four American auditors of a U.S. oil company and their Pakistani driver were killed while traveling in Karachi, Pakistan,crete barriers, sophisticated cameras, armored vehicles and guards with machine guns.

"If you're going to exact some revenge against Americans, you look for softer targets. (Journalist) Daniel Pearl was a softer target. They went after him," Cannistraro said.

Russell Yates misses jury duty and wife's sentencing

HOUSTON (AP) — After weeks of attending his wife's capital murder trial, Russell Yates was absent on the one day he was legally obligated to be at the courthouse.

Yates was a no-show for jury duty at the Harris County Courthouse on Monday. He went to New York City instead to appear on NBC's "Today" show in the morning, then flew cross-country for an interview on "Larry King Live" in the evening.

Yates missed his wife's formal sentencing Monday morning and his 12:15 p.m. jury call.

"We saw him all over TV the last day or so, so we know he's preoccupied," said Harris County District Clerk Charles Bacarisse, whose office oversees the jury selection process.

"Sadly, a lot of citizens in our county miss jury duty," he said. "It's always unfortunate, but in this case it's unfortunate and ironic. It's completely bizarre."

Andrea Yates was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to two concurrent life prison terms for drowning her children on June 20.

Unemployment benefits are taxable

WASHINGTON (AP) — As unfair as it might seem, unemployment benefits are subject to federal taxes. But many expenses of looking for a job are tax deductible, as are the costs of relocating for a new job.

For the roughly 8 million Americans who are unemployed, doing their taxes this year raises a host of unfamiliar questions.

"If you've never done it, you've got lots of surprises," said Paula Kennedy, a certified public accountant with Joel Isaacson and Co. of New York.

One thing is certain: In the eyes of the Internal Revenue Service, "income is income," said Barbara Moore, an attorney with CCH Inc., a tax publishing firm in Riverwoods, Ill. That definition includes jobless benefits.

"Whether it comes from a paycheck or unemployment benefits has no bearing on your tax obligation," Moore said.

Many states provide jobless people with the option of having income taxes withheld from their benefit checks. Whether or not that option is taken, the amount of benefits must be reported on the IRS 1040 form as income.

Now, the good news. Many job search costs are tax deductible — and moving to a new home for a job is as well, so long as the new job is far enough away.

"It applies to things like having your resume printed, employment and placement agency fees and travel expenses if the trip is primarily for a job search," Kennedy said. "You've got to keep records to show the search is happening."

Even auto mileage, postage and phone calls related to the search can be deducted, as well as the costs of maintaining any licenses or union memberships related to a particular trade.

But there's a couple of catches: these deductions can only be claimed by taxpayers who itemize — that is, take detailed deductions on Schedule A — and only for the amount above 2 percent of a taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

Moving expenses are also deductible, and taxpayers don't have to itemize to claim them. But, as always with tax law, it's not as simple as it sounds.

A taxpayer's new job has to be at least 50 miles away from that person's former home for the deduction to apply.

"The distance has to be the shortest of the most commonly traveled routes," Kennedy said.

Some other tax tips for the unemployed:

—Penalties and taxes kick in for those who take possession of a 401(k) or other retirement plan they had with a former employer. Unless the money is rolled into another plan within 60 days, the former employer must withhold 20 percent of the total for taxes. If the money is rolled into a new plan, its the taxpayer who must pay the 20 percent in taxes — and there could also be a 10 percent penalty for early withdrawal.

"Unless it's completely unavoidable, you do not want to take possession of or take any distributions from your qualified retirement plan until you reach the required age," Moore said.

— For individual retirement accounts only, penalties are waived if money withdrawn is used exclusively to pay for health insurance. Other health costs are deductible, but only above 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income that are not covered by insurance.

—Former employers were required to send a W-2 income statement at the end of January. Taxpayers who didn't get one should use their last check stub to find their total income from that job.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Wives, children and debt are left trailing in man's wake

DEAR ABBY: After reading "Used in Jonesboro, Tenn.," about the woman who married a man who had lied about his past, I feel compelled to share my story.

I, too, asked all the right questions. Here's what I later found out:

His first wife left him and got the child he didn't care about. The second wife, who gave him two children, got a thousand bucks and an old car when he decided it was time for wife No. 3. Wife No. 3 left when it was time for wife No. 4. He sold the house she had paid for from her previous husband's life insurance. Wife No. 4 got nothing except the joy of meeting wife No. 5. Wife No. 5 is now deep in credit card debt and will have to work a long time because her retirement money is missing. Wife No. 6 (me) lost not only retirement money, but a house and car that were paid for. It was his turn to make the car payment, and he let it be repossessed. (He did, however, "find" the money to make the payment on his pickup.)

There's a lot more misery I could share, but it would curl your hair. — USED UP IN TEXAS

DEAR USED UP IN TEXAS: I believe you. If it's any comfort, you're not alone. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a male relative who has been legally married and divorced 13 times. He is in his 50s, has three college degrees and is very charming.

I've met many of his wives. What amazes me is how gullible they are. They are lonely, Christian women who believe everything he says. What seems to trip them up is that he immediately offers marriage, and they see this as the ultimate commitment. Ha! When they do start asking questions, he leaves them saddled with huge debts and takes off. — STUNNED OBSERVER

DEAR STUNNED: Why are you stunned? A common denominator with sociopaths is their abundance of charm. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Ten years after my divorce, I decided it was time to start dating again. I met a nice man. We dated steadily, sharing our life stories as we went. However, early on I caught an inconsistency in his marriage history, so I decided to check him out.

Marriage, divorce and property transactions are all public records, so a trip to my county courthouse was all I needed. I discovered he had been married not once, not twice, but at least five times.

I also learned that he did not own the home he claimed was his. There's no telling what other lies I would have uncovered had I kept looking. It gave me great satisfaction to tell this guy in no uncertain terms that he'd been "busted."

Later, I began dating another man. Once again, he and I shared our life stories, and I wasted no time in visiting the courthouse. The people who worked at the courthouse were most helpful. They directed me to the proper offices and helped me find the information I was looking for. Abby, every detail was exactly as he told me. Eventually we married, and we share a happy life.

At first he was offended that I had checked out his story. To this day, he teases me about it. But I'm proud that I went into our marriage with my eyes wide open, and I encourage everyone to do the same by taking advantage of public records. — SMART IN CINCINNATI

DEAR SMART: Good for you! Public records can eliminate not only private pain but public embarrassment.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

See a rheumatologist for polymyositis

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with polymyositis. What can you tell me about this disease?

DEAR READER: First of all, I recommend that you first discuss this issue with your doctor. This is the best resource. I'll simply make some generic observations.

Polymyositis, a muscle disease of unknown cause, is one of many autoimmune disorders (such as lupus and scleroderma) marked by the body's inappropriate reaction to its own normal tissues.

Patients experience muscle pain, inflammation and weakness. The affliction may be associated with malignant tumors elsewhere in the body and often develops with related diseases, such as progressive systemic sclerosis and vasculitis. Additional symptoms include rash, arthritis, fever, malaise and weight loss.

The diagnosis is suspected from the symptoms, verified by blood tests (which show abnormal proteins and other abnormalities) and confirmed by electrical testing of muscles and biopsy.

The prognosis varies. Some patients, especially children, may experience a mild form of the disease, interspersed with long periods of remission; other patients, notably those with underlying heart or lung disease, may succumb quickly from complications, such as pneumonia.

Prednisone and other medications are the treatments of choice and almost always lead to improvement in muscular strength and an overall feeling of well-being. Obviously, if the polymyositis is secondary to a tumor, the malignancy must be treated with surgery, radiation or chemotherapy before the muscular affliction can be controlled.

Because there is wide variation in the severity of the disease and patients' responses to therapy, I urge you to consult with a rheumatologist about your specific case.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following gallbladder surgery last year, I've had troublesome pains in my right leg. First it was the front of the leg and now it's above the knee. Is this a consequence of surgery? My doctor has concluded that it's arthritis.

DEAR READER: I don't know the cause of your leg pains, but I doubt that they are the consequence of surgery. Also, from your brief description, the discomfort does not appear to emanate from your joints; therefore, arthritis seems unlikely.

I wonder if you're not suffering from myalgia, muscle pain caused by inflammation or over-use. As you know, however, thrombophlebitis (blood clots in the leg veins) is a dreaded complication following surgery and can appear without warning during periods of convalescence, such as post-operative inactivity. This disorder ordinarily affects the calf — not the thigh — and is readily diagnosed on physical examination and by ultrasound testing. To make sure that your leg is free of clots, you should have an ultrasound exam of your leg. If the test is negative, your doctor may choose to refer you to an orthopedic specialist for a second opinion.

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Fed prosecutors to seek death penalty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors are preparing to seek the death penalty against Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to government officials and a letter sent by prosecutors to victims' families.

Attorney General John Ashcroft has not given final approval to prosecutors to push for the death penalty, but the Justice Department has until March 29 to make a decision, according to two officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

In the meantime, prosecutors are getting ready to argue that the man they allege conspired and trained alongside the Sept. 11 airliner hijackers should be put to death.

The government's intention to seek capital punishment was first disclosed in a letter from U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty and lead prosecutor David J. Novak to dozens of victims' families.

The letter, dated March 7, said that if the Justice Department gave final approval, "the Moussaoui case will become a capital prosecution, meaning that the United States will be asking the jury to find that defendant Moussaoui should be executed should he be found guilty."

Moussaoui, 33, a French citizen of Moroccan descent, is charged with conspiring with Osama bin Laden, along with the 19 alleged hijackers and others, to commit the Sept. 11 attacks. His trial is scheduled to begin Sept. 30.

On the day of the terrorist attacks, Moussaoui was in a prison cell. He had been arrested in Minnesota in August on visa violations after flight school instructors became suspicious.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.21
Lake Thomas	Sprinkle
Hermleigh	.04
Fluvanna	1.00
Polar	.04
Loyd Mountain	Trace
Ira	.25
Union	.24
Gail	.01
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	.03
Sc. County (W)	.75
Inadale	.02

Totals as reported by area residents for Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Two arrests made Monday

Arrests

Troopers arrested a 23-year-old man on U.S. 84 Monday morning for driving with no license and no liability insurance.

Disturbance

A woman requested an officer at her residence Monday morning in reference to her husband creating a disturbance.

Officers were dispatched to the location and advised the disagreement was over child custody and no assault had occurred. The man was served a criminal trespass warning to stay away from the residence.

Criminal mischief

Armondo Hernandez Monday reported damage to his vehicle on CR 2123. A deputy contacted Hernandez and submitted an offense report for Class A criminal mischief.

Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence at 7:30 p.m. Monday because her neighbors were being loud.

Another woman requested a close patrol after seeing a man near her home and having a criminal trespass warning against him.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Allsup's on College Ave. reported a drive off and provided officers with a description of the vehicle and its driver.

A drive off worth $9.21 was reported from Snyder One Stop just before 6 a.m. Tuesday. The clerk described the driver and his vehicle and advised he is a frequent customer at the store.

Obituaries

Alvin Frasier

1932-2002

Alvin F. Frasier of Snyder died Saturday, March 16, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Service for Mr. Frasier, 69, was set for 3 p.m. Tuesday, in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, was to officiate and assisting was to be the Rev. George Frasier, his nephew from Coleman. Burial was to follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Alvin Frasier

He was born June 10, 1932 in Gorman and married Neta Jean McClearen on Feb. 24, 1955 in Gorman. Mr. Frasier worked at Colonial Hill Baptist Church for four years.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny and Susie Frasier of Colorado City, and Darrell and Michelle Frasier of Andrews; a grandson, Dusty Frasier of Dallas; four step-grandchildren, Kim Milliken of Colorado City, Misty Roquemore of Jacksonville, Fla., Bryn Barnes and Daron Barnes of Andrews; and several nieces and nephews.

Audy Springfield

1908-2002

COLORADO CITY — L.A. "Audy" Springfield, 93, father of Margie Green of Snyder, died Sunday, March 17, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church in Colorado City with Dr. Ted Spear officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 24, 1908 in Parker County, he married Thelma Graham in Ackerly on Jan. 30, 1932. She died on May 6, 1991 after 59 years of marriage. They moved to Colorado City in 1932, and to Kermit in 1956. He retired as a lumber yard manager and returned to Colorado City in 1977. He was a member of First Baptist Church, and the Amigo's Sunday School Class.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Lida Springfield; two sisters, Madelene Springfield and Opal Phillips; and three brothers, Barney Springfield, Waymon Springfield and Henry Springfield.

Surviving are two other daughters and sons-in-law, Winona and Oly Ray Hitt of Lubbock and Patty and Dub Taylor of Orland, Calif; a sister-in-law, Mirl Springfield of Canyon Lake; eight grandchildren including Chuch Green , Linda Derrick and Melisa Nickerson, all of Snyder; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Homer Gainer

1922-2002

HOUSTON — Homer Odell Gainer, father of Joee Marlar Gainer of Mansfield, formerly of Ira, died Sunday, March 17.

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in Westbury Church of Christ in Houston and burial will follow in Melvin, Texas at 11 a.m. Friday in Melvin Cemetery.

Born on April 28, 1922 in Eden, he graduated from Eden High School and received his degree from Texas A&M University in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and retired as a Lt. Col. He was employed with Exxon for 34 years and worked on five continents.

A lifelong member of the Church of Christ, his service included Lifeline Chaplaincy, Christian Chronicle, Boles Children's Home and trustee for Abilene Christian University.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Nova Gainer.

Mr. Gainer is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty Marlar Gainer of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dell Anne and David Patterson of Irving and Lucy and Jack Brady of Dallas; a daughter-in-law, Joni Gainer of Mansfield; a sister, Dr. Aleene Van de Grift of Dallas, a brother, Dr. Beryl Gainer of Katy; six grandchildren including Jenson Gainer and John Gainer, formerly of Ira; and three great-grandchildren.

Abel Gonzales

1930-2002

Abel Gonzales of Snyder died Monday, March 18, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Service for Mr. Gonzales, 71, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Leo Moras will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Abel Gonzales

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today in the funeral home with Salome Barreta officiating.

Born on Sept. 14, 1930 in Taylor, Tex., he married Elena Rodriguez on Sept. 3, 1958 in Scurry County. She died on Nov. 13, 1978. Mr. Gonzales retired from Holder Construction after 35 years service in pipeline construction.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

Survivors include a son, Ruben Gonzales of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Billy Joe Mojica of Lubbock; a sister, Josephine Martinez of San Marcus; three granddaughters, Malina, Rosanna and Victoria Gonzales, all of Snyder; a grandson, Ben Gonzales of Snyder; two step granddaughters, Brandi Russell and Chelsea Russell, both of Snyder; several nieces and nephews.

Corky Houston

1934-2002

COLORADO CITY — Dave "Corky" Houston, former Snyder resident, died Monday, March 18. Services are pending for Mr. Houston, 67, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City.

He was born on July 31, 1934 in Slaton.

Survivors include a son, Sam Houston of Houston; a daughter, Mary Alice of Colorado City; his mother, Eunice Houston of Snyder; a sister, Nita Brown of Snyder; a niece and nephew, Debbie Early and Dave Brown, both of Snyder; two granddaughters, Jennifer and Jessica Smith of Colorado City; and three great-grandchildren.

Bert Neelley

1919-2002

Bert Neelley of Lubbock, a native of Snyder, died Sunday, March 17. He was 82.

Funeral service has been set at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The Rev. Elton Wyatt and Glen Reddell will officiate. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

He was born June 4, 1919 in Snyder and married Melba Avent on Feb. 2, 1941 in Canadian. A 1936 graduate of Tulia High School, he served in the Army from 1944-1947. Mr. Neelley worked for the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for 25 years as business and industrual editor, retiring in 1985.

Mr. Neelley, an artist, was a past president of Lubbock Garden and Arts Association, taught art continuing education at Texas Tech and Lubbock Christian universities.

He published the first printed paper in Friona and worked for the Perryton paper from 1956-1959. He taught Sunday school at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Melba Neelley of Lubbock; three sons, Robert Neelley of Friona, Rick Neelley of Loveland, Colo., and David Neelley of Austin; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Joe Villa

1981-2002

Joe Villa, 20, of Snyder died Monday, March 18, in Houston.

He was born Nov. 24, 1981 in Snyder.

Service for Mr. Villa is pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Jr.-Sr. Prom help

Parents and junior students are encouraged to help with decorating the Scurry County Coliseum this week in preparation for Saturday's prom. Work is from 5-9 p.m. nightly, and a large number of imitation Ficus trees are also needed for decorating. Put your name on them and they will be returned. Please bring to the coliseum by Wednesday.

4-H Horse Club

Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 p.m. today at the East Elementary School cafeteria.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30–11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

The Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. today at Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Scurry County 4-H Club meeting

The Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. today at East Elementary.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

GED pre-registration and test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED tests will be from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday in the GED testing center, Building 7B, on the WTC campus. The math segment will begin at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Community Services Fair

Scurry Community Services will host a Community Services Fair from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at 2800 2nd Street. Participating programs include early child intervention, family planning, Gateway Family Services, Noah's Attic, protective and regulatory services, health unit, mental health center, Snyder Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, fire department, department of human resource, W.I.C., WTC, Food Cupboard, Chips Program, Head Start, Early Head Start, Snyder Child Day Care. Call 573-7403 for more information.

Beginning clogging lessons

Sign up now for beginning clogging lessons to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at the coliseum annex. Call Shirley Miller at 573-0807 for more information.

Senior center banquet

The 23rd annual Scurry County Senior Center volunteer recognition banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Senior Center.

PTK induction

Western Texas College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter will formally induct new members at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fine Arts Theatre. A reception will follow in the foyer.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School is needing addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

Healing and communion service

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at 1411 25th St. with Marvin and Joan Applin. Call 573-1517, or 281-358-9389 for additional information.

Enchilada dinner

The third annual Knights of Columbus enchilada dinner is Sunday at West Elementary. Serving will be from noon until 5 p.m. Adult plates are $5 and child's plates are $3. Meal includes tea and dessert.

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Foster care meeting

To learn more information of foster care and adoption, attend an informational meeting to be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services office at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each and Evergreens are $2.25. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

American Legion membership drive

The American Legion is holding its membership drive and if you or a family member served in the military, you could be eligible for membership in the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion. Call 573-4082, 573-6542 or 574-6805 for more information.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

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