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THURSDAY

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—What bank is currently serving at the county's financial depository?

A—Snyder National Bank. The county awards the bid for a two year period.

Local

Stanfield

Stanfield Night Out will be this evening at Taco John's. All parents, students and staff are invited to participate.

Snyder Oaks

The Benny Benitez Band will perform at Snyder Oaks from 7-9 p.m. Friday. The public is invited.

8th grade

Parents of 8th grade students will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Savings & Loan to plan an end-of-school party.

Healthcare

Snyder Healthcare Center will hold a family supper at 6 this evening. Families should bring a Mexican casserole, salad or dessert.

Black History

Black History Month will be observed on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Towle Park Barn.

Local talent will be involved. The public is invited.

Lodge 706

Scurry Lodge 706 A.F. & A.M. will have a lunch meeting Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Wives are invited. Following lunch, lodge members will have two Master degrees.

Graduation

Parents of Snyder High School seniors are encouraged to attend a graduation activities planning meeting, set for 7 this evening in the SHS student center.

DCOS board

Approval of minutes and payment of bills are the only action items on the agenda for Development Corporation of Snyder board members, who meet at 7 this evening in the DCOS board room.

Also on the agenda is an executive session to consider land acquisition.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 54 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 31 degrees; trace precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 1.38 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy early with a 30 percent chance of showers, then becoming partly cloudy. Low in the upper 20s. Northeast wind 5-10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. High in upper 50s. Light wind.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:31. Sunrise Friday, 7:24. Of 46 days in 1995, the sun has shone 43 days in Snyder.

City council faces long agenda tonight

A long agenda awaits Snyder City Council tonight as council members are to sort through a list containing 12 items of new business.

Meeting time is 6:30 at City Hall.

The council will hear several reports, including the presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 1994.

The accounting firm of Davis, Kinard Co., will make the audit report for the same period and Police Chief Lannie Lee will give the annual police report.

Chief Lee will also address the council on the status of the Scurry Youth Center and he and Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner will make a request for the police department to become involved in the Drug Detector Dog Program.

Vick Chambers of the city engineering department will present the proposed water improvement project for this summer, which carries an estimated cost of \$200,000.

The project involves some 7,670 feet of new water line. The city decides which lines to replace based upon customer complaints,

the original replacement schedule and the frequency of line breaks.

The lines to be replaced range from four to six inches at a length of 300 to 1,300 feet.

The summer street resurfacing project will also be considered by the council. It will involve approximately six miles, or 31,240 feet. The city has budgeted \$120,000 for the project.

Council members will also consider ordering the council election for May 6. Citizens will be electing a mayor and two at-large council members. Paul Zeck currently serves as mayor and the two at-

large council terms up for election are those held by Ron Shaw and Dayton Robertson.

City Secretary Jeanne Johnson will address the council on the financing of proposed renovations and expansion of the water treatment plant and the city will also be recognized with a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting.

Mike Thornton will address the council on behalf of the Ritz Theatre board of directors and the council will hear a request from Manuel Avila on the repositioning of a common property line be-

tween two lots in the Bassridge Addition.

The council will also consider awarding a bid for the purchase of a new tractor shredder and consider appointing Bobby Martin to a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

An ordinance dealing with the use of L.P. gas within the residential areas of the city will also be considered by the council.

The council will also meet in executive session to discuss pending litigation involving a piece of equipment at the treatment plant.



BEST SPELLERS — The top two spellers in Hermleigh's fourth-sixth grade spelling bee Wednesday afternoon were Kendra Nachlinger, fifth grader, first place; and Adam Roemisch, also a fifth grader, second place. Hermleigh's seventh-eighth grade bee was to begin at 12:20 p.m. today. (SDN Staff Photo)

Two fifth graders win Hermleigh bee

Scurry County spellers continue to vie for the top two places in campus spelling bees and the right to advance to county bee competition on March 10.

The newest winners are Hermleigh fifth graders Kendra Nachlinger, who took first place, and Adam Roemisch, who took second, on Wednesday afternoon.

Kendra is the daughter of Michael and Susie Nachlinger of Hermleigh and Darla Nachlinger of Snyder. Adam is the son of Chip and Kay Roemisch of Hermleigh.

'Dear Liar' continues

"Dear Liar," a production of the Western Texas College drama department, continues tonight through Saturday at the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

Show times are 8 o'clock nightly. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Performing in the play are Mark Jeter of Odessa as playwright George Bernard Shaw and Misty Box of Ira as actress Mrs. Patrick Campbell.

Shaw reportedly wrote his play "Pygmalion" for Mrs. Campbell to star in. The pair maintained their professional and personal relationship, despite being married to other spouses.

"Dear Liar" dramatizes a series of letters written between the playwright and actress. The title of the play is the form of address Mrs. Campbell used when writing to Shaw.

Directing the play is Christine Endy, wife of WTC drama department head Mike Endy.

Reservations for the performances can be made by calling the college at 573-8511, ext. 234.

Hermleigh.

Winners have already been determined at West Elementary School, where students competed Wednesday morning. Sixth graders Ryan Gibson and Ashley Long finished first and second, respectively.

Upcoming campus bees include Hermleigh's seventh and eighth grade spell-off which was to be begin at 12:20 p.m. today.

Three other spelling bees — all slated Friday — will round off this week's competitions. East fifth graders start spelling at 8:30 a.m. Fifth graders at Northeast will begin at 1 p.m. and the junior high contestants vie for top honors at 2 p.m.

Brenda Kuss served as coordinator and pronouncer for the Hermleigh bee. Judges were Terry Powell, Debbie Sandefur and Bertha Lambaren.

Nurses pinned, capped tonight

Twenty-one Western Texas College LVN nursing students will be either pinned or capped at 7 this evening in ceremonies at Trinity Methodist Church.

Featured speaker will be Robert Adams, history instructor at WTC. Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, will offer the invocation and benediction; Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction, will give the welcome; and Melanie Smith, choir director at Snyder High School, will provide music.

Diane Beard and Carol Watkins, nursing instructors, will hand out the certificates.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in the church fellowship hall.

Through Senate...

Lawsuit reform bill passes

From local, AP wire reports

AUSTIN — Despite opposition from consumer groups, a bill has sailed through the Senate that would limit the monetary damages Texans could collect from individuals or companies punished for wrongdoing.

In a unanimous vote on Wednesday, the Senate approved a bill by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, that would cap punitive damages.

Those damages are meant as punishment and are awarded to a plaintiff in addition to damages for actual losses or for pain and suffering.

Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, co-author of the punitive damages legislation, praised its passage.

"Today, the Senate has taken the first step towards stopping lawsuit abuse and restoring the public's faith in a civil justice system that has been out of control for years," said Haywood. "Lt. Gov.

Bob Bullock, Governor Bush and Sen. David Sibley are to be commended for the leadership they have shown in the fight to stop junk lawsuits and excessive damage awards."

The legislation places the new cap on punitive damages at the greater of \$200,000 or two times the amount of economic damages plus non-economic damages up to \$750,000. Currently, punitive damages can't exceed four times the amount awarded for actual losses.

It also raises the standard of proof for awarding punitive damages from "preponderance of evidence" to "clear and convincing evidence."

The measure is part of a package of tort reform legislation that Gov. George W. Bush has made an emergency priority for lawmakers.

"This is a good bill and it's one that I can wholeheartedly sup-

port," Bush said.

"The bill, in and of itself, will not bring out civil justice system fully under control. However, it is a major step in the right direction," added Haywood. "I urge members of the House to join us and pass this legislation quickly."

But consumer organizations sharply criticized it.

"There will no longer be incentives to stop manufacturing products that injure or kill people," Smith said.

Tim Curtis, of Texas Citizen Action, said the bill "protects the worst, most irresponsible corporations that do business in this state. They are no longer trying to fix junk lawsuits. They are trying to fix legitimate claims, so that we can't file any."

Sibley defended his measure, saying the legislation "will give business people and employers their day in court."

From BCD...

Funding plea finds approval

Scurry Board of County Development members on Wednesday re-elected officers and approved a funding request from the soil and water conservation district.

The board put on hold a proposal to purchase a 2.7-acre tract of land adjacent to the Hermleigh Gin site, approved payment of bills and previous minutes, and a line-item transfer.

Board members re-elected Max von Roeder as president and Tim Riggan as vice president. Laurie Graves, Development Corporation of Snyder, Inc. secretary, was also reappointed as secretary for the BCD.

Board members approved a funding request in the amount of \$1,000 to the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District. Approval of the request came after some 45 minutes of discussion and comments by new BCD board

member Terry Hefner and Upper Colorado SWCD board member Ted Crenwelge.

BCD had provided funds to the water district for years, for the purpose of promotion of water and soil conservation in the form of workshops, student poster and essay contests, seminars and a banquet. Last year, the board had effectively turned down the same request from the water district by refusing to take action. The reasoning at the time was that in 1994, BCD's focus was changed from funding promotional projects to providing funds for economic development.

Wednesday, the board was told that the \$1,000 funding request is tied to economic development through the Big Country Resource, Conservation & Development (RC&D) board. Crenwelge explained that without the Upper

Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, there could be no Natural Resource Conservation Office (formerly the Soil and Conservation Office). And without the Natural Resource Conservation Office, there could be no RC&D, he noted. The primary purpose of the RC&D is to promote economic development.

Hefner, who is in charge of the RC&D locally, provided a list of project proposals the RC&D has been involved in since it came into existence here three years ago. She noted that through the RC&D, there \$13,739.68 has been spent in Scurry County.

"I can support this; I can't support funding poster contests, because that's not our purpose," said Riggan.

Subject to some changes in the wording of the request, the board (See BCD, Page 8)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most people who succeed at something make sure they have fun doing it."

Both Democrats and Republicans are clamoring for welfare reform. They agree on reform, but can't agree on just how to make it happen.

A recent article out of Abilene reveals just how desperate is the need for reform of the American system of welfare.

The following is from the police report last month in the Abilene newspaper.

"A 32-year-old woman reported Monday her purse was stolen from her car while she was visiting a friend in south Abilene.

"The woman told officers her \$85 gold checkbook cover and \$190 black eel makeup bag were among the items stolen from the purse, which was later recovered along Interstate 20.

"Police said nearly \$300 in food stamps was also missing."

Makes you wonder what kind of car she was driving.

Other oddities in the news:

A woman sent a request to the Internal Revenue Service asking the IRS for more time to file her tax return. She said, "My husband and my forms have been misplaced. Please send replacements."

"Unfortunately," the IRS responded, "We could only replace the tax forms."

And another:

Most governmental agencies use so many acronyms that even the experts in the field get confused.

The head of the IRS remembers a tax specialist who was listening to a discussion about the IRS' Art Advisory Panel, a group that sets the value on a taxpayer's gift of art.

The tax expert, a Washington lawyer, asked: "What does 'art' stand for?"

Lottery's booming business may need full-time oversight

AUSTIN (AP) — With the Texas Lottery's business booming, a state legislator says it may be time to make serving on the game's oversight commission a full-time job.

"I'm going to really look at that during the session," said Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Arlington.

When it began in 1992, the lottery was headed by Comptroller John Sharp, an official elected statewide.

Since Dec. 3, 1993, lottery and bingo have been overseen by the independent Lottery Commission, which has three non-salaried, part-time members appointed by the governor. While state law requires them to meet six times annually, current members said they have been meeting almost monthly.

supporter, Brimer said Wednesday that he wonders whether a full-time commission might be a better way to protect the public interest in the games that have earned \$2 billion for the state Treasury.

"I want to make sure they have all the information that they need available to them, and that we have a double-check system in place for them to respond to that," Brimer said.

"We just need to make sure that public confidence stays with the program. And the only way you can do that is to have a review system and that goes right back to the commissioners who oversee it," the lawmaker said.

During a meeting of the House Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee, Brimer

quizzed executive director Nora Linares on the way the lottery approves contracts with private vendors.

Many of the agency's functions — including operation of the computerized lotto game, instant ticket printing and advertising — are done by private companies.

In the 1994 fiscal year, the three major contracts totaled \$156 million, said Steve Levine, lottery communications director.

Pick 3

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

9-7-2
(nine, seven, two)



BICYCLE SAFETY — Department of Public Safety troopers conducted a bicycle safety clinic for East kindergarten and first graders last week. From left are, DPS Trooper Rick Campos of Snyder; his son, Hector, Dustyn Williams,

Adam Hopper, Stanley Forbes, Tabitha Jones, Jamie Putnam, all first graders, and DPS Trooper Sally Arredondo of Midland. (SDN Staff Photo)

Career criminal executed for murdering cafeteria worker

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A career criminal was executed early today for killing a cafeteria worker during a robbery, becoming the sixth person to be put to death this year in Texas.

"I forgive all of you and I hope God forgives all of you all," Billy Conn Gardner, 51, said in a brief

final statement.

"I've never been more proud of you than I am now," replied his mother, Nettie Gardner.

Family members hugged and sobbed.

"My brother was convicted of a crime he did not commit," Betsy Gray said afterward. "Tonight,

once again, the state of Texas has committed cold-blooded murder. They are mass-murdering people here almost as bad as if we're in a war."

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press
No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth an estimated \$4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6, 11, 14, 30, 31 and 44.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$11 million.

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SHS journalism students set for practice UIL meet

Several Snyder High School journalism students will be participating in a UIL practice meet Friday in Midland while mathematics students will compete in San Angelo.

Events being held at Midland College on Friday, and the SHS students entered, include:

Newsriting: Michael Cole, Jim Caldwell, Joyce May and Lacey Parker.

Editorial: Lacey Parker, Joyce May, Jim Caldwell and Michael Cole.

Feature writing: Stacey Parker, Lacey Parker, Joyce May, Kim Burton and Michael Cole.

Headline writing: Stacey Parker, Michael Cole, Ross Saltee, Jim Caldwell and Joyce May participating.

Math students and their events Saturday at Lake View High School in San Angelo are:

Math: Ryan Eime, Sarah Fisher, Ana Hernandez and Shawn Neal.

Calculator: Frances Bavousett and Ryan Eime.

Science: Ryan Eime, Sarah Fisher, Shawn Neal, Veana Clay, David Kerr and Kevin Kerr.

Number Sense: Shanna Block and Ammie Harrison.

Snyder High School students participated in a practice meet last weekend at Monterey High School in Lubock. Those results were:

Science: Zack Briseno, tied for 1st, 9th grade division; Mandy Baker, 8th place, 11th grade division; and David Kerr, 6th place, 11th grade division.

Accounting: SHS was the first place team. In individual honors: Michelle Martin, 3rd; Ellen Strayhorn, 5th; Sterling Cave, 6th.

Current Events: LaTrisha Lee, three-way tie for 3rd place; Mandy Baker, 5th place.

Computer Applications: Kathryn Robbins and Casity Rneau tied for 2nd place.

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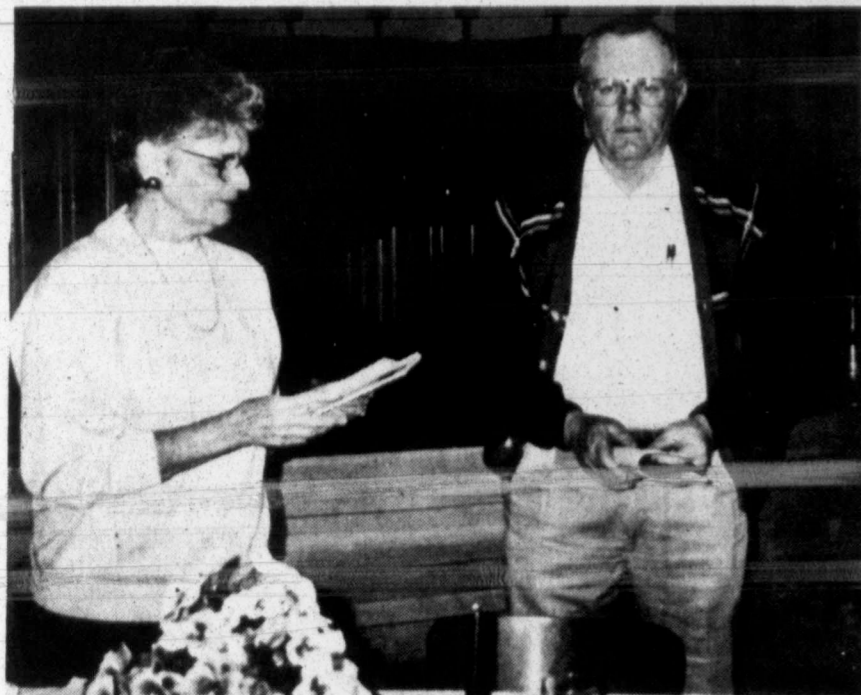
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VETERINARIAN SPEAKS AT ABWA — Charles Church, DVM, presented the program for members of the Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's meeting held in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. He is pictured with program chairwoman Jessie Scarbrough. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Church reviews rabies virus at ABWA club meeting

Dr. Charles Church, veterinarian and owner of the West Texas Animal Clinic in Snyder, spoke to members of the Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association at its recent meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

He elaborated on rabies, stressing how the disease is conveyed through saliva of all warm blooded animals including humans, skunks, bats, coyotes and foxes. Pets, he said, should be vaccinated for this virus of the central nervous system that is so easily transmitted.

Anita Felan led the group in the invocation and Jessie Scarbrough introduced the guest speaker. Inez Teaff, vocational chairman, introduced Vern Beasley, who has been retired from Cogdell Memorial Hospital for three years.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Stuck like glue

By Phillip Alder

Today's mystery name is Philip Silverman. How did we know him? And no, he wasn't the sister of yesterday's Belle Silverman (Beverly Sills).

Sometimes bridge deals feature mysterious results. Have a look at today's. Do you see any way that South, playing in six no-trump, might end up with all 13 tricks after West has led a club?

The deal occurred last summer, during a mixed-pair event in Deauville, France. Opposite a 15-17 no-trump, North overbid with six no-trump. A quantitative four no-trump is surely all her hand is worth. Still, if North had bid four no-trump (either immediately or after Stayman, if that was their agreement), South would have passed and there would have been no story to tell.

Unwisely, West led a deceptive club nine. Suitably deceived, East withheld her ace.

With his total up to 11 tricks, South cashed his diamond winners, noting that East was exhibiting signs of discomfort. She could throw one heart on the third diamond, but what should she discard on the fourth?

Attached firmly to the club ace, East released a spade. Now came four rounds of spades, the last two clubs being discarded from the dummy. East retained three hearts and her old pal the club ace. So South cashed four heart tricks to claim an overtrick!

South had made a critical comment about North's bidding when the dummy appeared. "I hope you'll keep your mouth shut next time," commented North.

We knew Philip Silverman as Phil Silvers. I'm not sure he was a bridge player, but "The Bilko Show" was one of my favorites.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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Browning gives tips on growing houseplants to garden clubbers

Snyder Garden Club members met recently in the Martha Ann Woman's Club to hear a program on houseplants by one of its members, Sandra Browning, and to elect biennial officers.

Browning displayed colored pictures and several live plants including angel wing begonia, calla lily, Christmas cactus, two varieties of spider plants and a bird of paradise bloom.

She said she keeps transplanting tools in her car, prepared to take home a plant during her travels.

She explained the origin of plants and the ways they are altered by retardants, cross pollination, and how they are now planted in artificial materials.

Although, she said, Egyptians put plants in pots 3,000 years ago,

it was not until the 15th century that Italian sailors started to bring home exotic greenery from Asia that plants were brought inside. The first known greenhouse was in 1585 which furnished only the rich with plants. Later the less affluent people were taking cuttings from these plants and growing them in their homes.

Browning said caring for plants can be a learning experience with favorable effects since they release oxygen and humidity in homes. It is believed that working with plants can release stress.

She concluded by giving tips on potting and care of houseplants and encouraged members to visit the Scurry County Library for informational books. She challenged members to try a new plant and enter it in the Scurry County Fair Flower Show in the fall.

Officers for 1995-97 to be installed at the May meeting include Glenda Glasscock, president; Gertrude League, first vice president; Bonnie Fry, second vice president; Billie Jean Sterling, third vice president in charge of the annual fair flower show; Maribeth Vestal, recording secretary; Bernice Parker, corresponding secretary; Sandra Browning, treasurer; LaVerne Hood, historian; and Jo Ann Nunley, reporter.

Low-fat cooking

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor

For AP Special Features
When you crave buttery potatoes, do you skip them, thinking they don't fit in a low-fat diet? Think again. With butter-flavored mix, those comforting spuds are back on the menu again, as the fat-free recipe below proves. Butter-flavored mix is made by blending butter extract with other natural food ingredients. Because the buttery flavor is derived from dairy products, it tastes very close to the real thing. Look for the shelf-stable mix near the seasoning or cooking oil sections in your supermarket.

LEMON-PEPPER POTATOES
1 1/2-ounce envelope butter-flavored mix

1 tablespoon snipped fresh chives or sliced green onion tops

1/2 teaspoon lemon-pepper seasoning

1/4 cup water

1 pound small red potatoes (6 to 8), cut into 1-inch pieces

In an 11- by 7- by 1 1/2-inch baking pan combine the butter-flavored mix, chives and lemon-pepper seasoning. Stir in the water. Add the potatoes; toss to coat well.

Bake, uncovered, in a 375-degree F oven for 45 to 50 minutes or until potatoes are tender and beginning to brown, stirring twice. Makes 4 side-dish servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 125 cal., 0 g fat, 0 mg chol., 2 g pro., 28 g carbo., 2 g fiber, 314 mg sodium. Daily Values: 29 percent vit. C, 13 percent thiamine, 12 percent niacin.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m. SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m. Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Bathing and shaving tips for women

NEW YORK (AP) — A long, hot bath on a cold winter's night is not the ideal time for women to shave their legs.

"A prolonged bath will make

Making clean getaway

NEW YORK (AP) — If an item of clothing figures in only one outfit, leave it at home when you travel. It's not worth its weight in your bag.

And, when packing a wardrobe that will work for you, make good use of plastic bags. Layer a doubled-up drycleaning bag between each piece of clothing to reduce wrinkles. Grab self-locking bags from the kitchen to pack cosmetics and toiletries, stockings and underwear. Larger sizes are good for shoes, wet swimwear and dirty laundry.

These tips from Apriori, the bridge sportswear collection from Escada.



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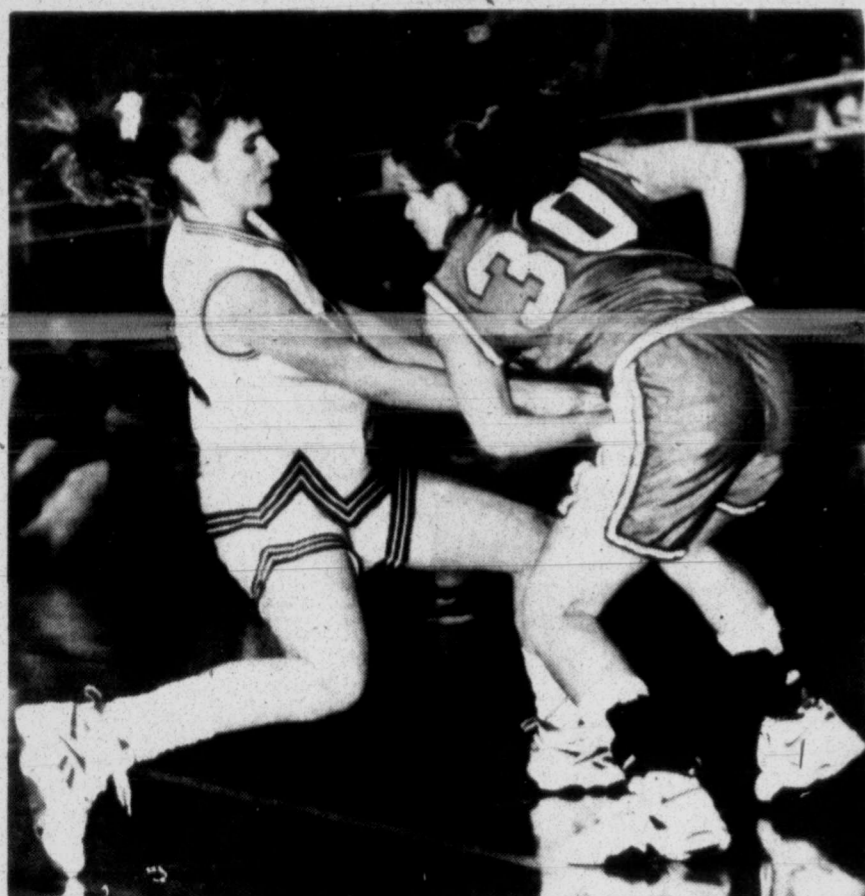
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Sports



GIVE IT BACK — Western Texas' Penny Glenn attempts to steal the ball from South Plains' Erika Pendleton during the third meeting between the two teams. South Plains won that game 83-66. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Westerners face "Do or Die" tonight

Lady Westerners need win over South Plains to stay in conference race

LEVELLAND — "Tonight is a do or die game for us," Western Texas head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols said. "There are no more maybes."

Western Texas will try to stay in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race tonight at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Coronado against the South Plains Lady Texans.

A win would keep the Lady Westerners in the race, barely, but with only one game remaining, a loss would eliminate them.

"We know that we have to win tonight," Coach Nichols said. "In order to do that we have to play our game and not worry about what has happened in the past."

South Plains (18-10, 6-4) meets Western Texas (10-18, 3-7) for the fourth time this season in tonight's contest. The Lady Texans have won two of the first three meetings. Their only loss came in a wild 85-83 Western Texas win during the Pre-season Conference

Tournament in Odessa. The other two meetings, both in Snyder, resulted in lopsided victories for South Plains.

In the last meeting, South Plains was able to control the offensive boards throughout the game and forced Western Texas into foul trouble. The Lady Texans converted 32 of 43 free throws (74 percent) in the contest and came away with a 83-66 victory.

South Plains' Monica Watts scored a game high 19 points and Emily Fowler and Dana Cunningham added 16 apiece. The Lady Texans hit five 3-pointers, including three from Fowler in the game.

The Lady Westerners got 17 points from Jackie Wright and Ericka Thompson scored 14.

"The key for us tonight is to push the ball up the floor and take our shots," Coach Nichols said. "We can't let them (South Plains) or the officials take us out of our

game. If we jump out to an early lead we can come out on top."

One thing that has worried Nichols in the last few ballgames is the lack of scoring punch from her top guns.

"We're not getting the offensive contribution that we had grown accustomed to from our players," she said. "Jackie hasn't had a big scoring night in a while and Ericka, Carri (Moss) and Donna (Carrell) have slowed down too."

A sidenote to tonight's contest is the absence of freshman post player Rachel Brown.

Brown, who joined the team at semester break, was injured in a two-car accident Tuesday night and flown to Lubbock Methodist Hospital where she was treated for a broken pelvis.

"Our thoughts are with Rachel," Coach Nichols said. "She's getting better. I hope the accident

doesn't play too much of an emotional factor tonight."

WJCAC standings

| Team | Conference | | | All Games | | |
|--------------|------------|---|------|-----------|----|------|
| | W | L | Pct | W | L | Pct |
| Howard | 8 | 1 | .889 | 24 | 2 | .923 |
| Midland | 6 | 4 | .600 | 21 | 7 | .750 |
| South Plains | 6 | 4 | .600 | 18 | 10 | .643 |
| FPC | 4 | 5 | .444 | 12 | 14 | .462 |
| NMJC | 4 | 5 | .444 | 13 | 14 | .481 |
| WTC | 3 | 7 | .300 | 10 | 18 | .357 |
| Odessa | 2 | 7 | .222 | 12 | 12 | .500 |

Thursday's results: Western Texas 86, Midland 72; South Plains 63, Odessa 60; Howard 68, New Mexico 45; Frank Phillips (bye).

Monday's results: Howard 78, Western Texas 49; South Plains 79, Midland 71; New Mexico J.C. 69, Frank Phillips 67; Odessa (bye).

Today's games: South Plains at Western Texas 7:30 p.m.; New Mexico J.C. at Odessa 5:50 p.m.; Howard at Frank Phillips, 5:50 p.m.; Midland (bye).

Girls High School Playoffs

By The Associated Press
Girls High School Playoff Pairings

CLASS 4A
REGION I BI-DISTRICT
Burkburnett (23-5) vs. Levelland (30-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wylie

CLASS 3A
REGION I BI-DISTRICT
Childress (18-7) vs. Dimmitt (21-12), 7 p.m. Friday, West Texas A&M, Canyon

Bowie (29-2) vs. Decatur (21-7), 7 p.m. Friday, Keller
Slaton (26-5) vs. Ballinger (25-6), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Snyder

CLASS 2A
REGION I BI-DISTRICT
Hawley (24-5) vs. DeLeon (22-7), 8 p.m. Friday, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene

Stratford (23-7) vs. Panhandle (28-1), 8 p.m. Thursday, Borger
Abernathy (25-9) vs. Sundown (21-9), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock Monterey

El Dorado (22-6) vs. Winters (24-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Big Spring

CLASS A
REGION I BI-DISTRICT
Hartley (21-5) vs. Vega (20-9), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Amarillo Highland Park

Groom (27-1) vs. Fort Elliott (21-7), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Pampa
Miami (11-16) vs. Silvertown (23-8), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Clarendon

Sudan (32-0) vs. Cotton Center (13-17), 7 p.m. Thursday, Hale Center

Spur (22-6) vs. Wilson (14-12), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Coronado

Whitharral (27-1) vs. Whiteface (22-7), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Levelland

Loop (20-3) vs. Grady (16-10), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Seagraves

Petersburg (12-14) vs. New Home (18-11), 8 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Coronado

Meadow (21-8) vs. Anton (21-8), 8 p.m. Friday, Levelland

REGION II BI-DISTRICT
Chillicothe vs. District 18-A runner-up, TBA.

Benjamin vs. District 18-A, TBA.
Jayton vs. Paint Creek, 6:30 p.m. Friday at Haskell.

Rule (19-6) vs. Throckmorton, 6:30 p.m. Saturday at McMurry University, Abilene.

Midway (23-6) or Bellevue (19-9) vs. Santo (9-1), TBA.

Brook (8-2) vs. Midway (23-6) or Bellevue (19-9), TBA.

Newcastle (17-12) vs. Gordon or Lingleville, TBA.

Woodson vs. Lipan, TBA.
Rankin (20-9) vs. Ira (17-9), 7 p.m. Friday at Midland Greenwood.

Garden City (19-9) vs. Hermleigh (7-19), 6 p.m. Friday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring.

Robert Lee (18-10) vs. Blackwell, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Sweetwater.

Highland (19-7) vs. Bronte (17-11), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Abilene.

Rising Star vs. Sidney, TBA.
Zephyr vs. Clyde Eula, TBA.

Ballinger, Slaton meet this evening

In what promises to be a well-fought game, the Ballinger Lady Bearcats battle the Slaton Lady Tigers tonight at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Ballinger (25-6) represents District 6-3A as the runner-up and Slaton (26-5) is the champion of District 5-3A.

The Lady Tigers boast two players over 5-10. Junior Phylesha Whaley, 5-10½, and Rosielita Smith, a 5-10 sophomore, are averaging 20 and 15 points respectively on the season.

Game time is scheduled for 7:30.

Tomorrow night at the Coliseum, the Brownfield Lady Cubs face off against Abilene Wylie Lady Bulldogs.

Brownfield (23-9) comes into the game as the District 5-3A runner-up, while Wylie (24-4) is the District 6-3A champion.

Friday's matchup is slated to begin at 7.

NBA Glance

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All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-------------------|---------|----|------|------|
| | Orlando | 38 | 11 | .776 |
| New York | 30 | 17 | .638 | 7 |
| Boston | 20 | 28 | .417 | 17½ |
| New Jersey | 20 | 31 | .392 | 19 |
| Miami | 18 | 29 | .383 | 19 |
| Philadelphia | 14 | 35 | .286 | 24 |
| Washington | 12 | 35 | .255 | 25 |

| Central Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------------|-----------|----|------|------|
| | Charlotte | 31 | 18 | .633 |
| Cleveland | 29 | 19 | .604 | 1½ |
| Indiana | 28 | 20 | .583 | 2½ |
| Chicago | 24 | 25 | .490 | 7 |
| Atlanta | 23 | 26 | .469 | 8 |
| Milwaukee | 19 | 30 | .388 | 12 |
| Detroit | 18 | 30 | .375 | 12½ |

| Midwest Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------------|------|----|------|------|
| | Utah | 35 | 14 | .714 |
| San Antonio | 31 | 15 | .674 | 2½ |
| Houston | 30 | 17 | .638 | 4 |
| Denver | 20 | 27 | .426 | 14 |
| Dallas | 19 | 28 | .404 | 15 |
| Minnesota | 12 | 37 | .245 | 23 |

| Pacific Division | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------------|---------|----|------|------|
| | Phoenix | 39 | 10 | .796 |
| Seattle | 34 | 13 | .723 | 4 |
| L.A. Lakers | 30 | 16 | .652 | 7½ |
| Sacramento | 26 | 20 | .565 | 11½ |
| Portland | 25 | 22 | .532 | 13 |
| Golden State | 14 | 33 | .298 | 24 |
| L.A. Clippers | 8 | 41 | .163 | 31 |

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 101, Philadelphia 97
Cleveland 100, Orlando 99, OT
Indiana 114, Detroit 88
Chicago 107, Washington 92
Phoenix 120, Portland 113, OT
L.A. Lakers 102, Seattle 96
Boston 116, Golden State 115

Thursday's Games
Denver at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

NHL Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic Division | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|-------------------|--------------|---|---|-----|----|----|
| | N.Y. Rangers | 6 | 6 | 1 | 13 | 34 |
| Florida | 6 | 7 | 1 | 13 | 34 | 38 |
| Philadelphia | 6 | 7 | 1 | 13 | 35 | 40 |
| New Jersey | 5 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 27 | 28 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 5 | 6 | 1 | 11 | 32 | 39 |
| Tampa Bay | 5 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 38 | 42 |
| Washington | 2 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 22 | 34 |

| Northeast Division | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|--------------------|------------|----|---|-----|----|----|
| | Pittsburgh | 11 | 0 | 1 | 23 | 56 |
| Quebec | 11 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 46 | 22 |
| Boston | 7 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 36 | 29 |
| Buffalo | 6 | 6 | 1 | 13 | 25 | 27 |
| Montreal | 4 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 29 | 33 |
| Hartford | 3 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 31 | 32 |
| Ottawa | 1 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 25 | 41 |

| Western Conference | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|--------------------|---------|---|---|-----|----|----|
| | Detroit | 8 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 50 |
| Chicago | 8 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 50 | 27 |
| St. Louis | 7 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 50 | 38 |
| Toronto | 6 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 43 | 45 |
| Winnipeg | 4 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 42 | 52 |
| Dallas | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 34 | 39 |

| Pacific Division | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|------------------|----------|---|---|-----|----|----|
| | San Jose | 6 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 27 |
| Edmonton | 6 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 38 | 42 |
| Calgary | 6 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 41 | 31 |
| Los Angeles | 4 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 39 | 40 |
| Anaheim | 4 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 24 | 48 |
| Vancouver | 2 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 29 | 43 |

Wednesday's Games
Hartford 4, Montreal 1
N.Y. Rangers 2, Buffalo 1
New Jersey 4, Washington 2
Florida 2, Ottawa 0
Edmonton 4, Toronto 1
Los Angeles 3, Dallas 1
Detroit 5, Winnipeg 1
San Jose 3, Vancouver 1

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Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Quebec at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

MGA plans skins tourney

The men's golf association at WTC has scheduled a skins tournament Saturday at 10 a.m. Individual players will play in evenly matched foursomes. Cost for the tournament is \$5.50.

Cardin rolls a 201 game

Former state ramp bowling champion Ellen Cardin, bowled a 201 last week at Snyder Lanes. Ellen, who took first place last October in the state ramp bowling competition, is a Snyder Junior High School student.

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Ellen's mother, Jeanie Cardin of Hermleigh, assisted her.

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UT, Tech remain tied

By The Associated Press

Terrence Rencher says the defense made the difference, but his offense spoke for itself as the Texas Longhorns held onto a first-place tie in the Southwest Conference race with an easy victory over Southern Methodist.

Rencher hit 13 of 17 shots from the field and wound up with 27 points Wednesday night as he led the Longhorns to a 91-65 win over the Mustangs.

Texas Tech kept pace with Texas with a 98-72 victory over the Houston Cougars. In the other conference game, Rice defeated Texas A&M, 75-69.

It was the 23rd straight home victory for Texas (16-5, 8-2 SWC). The Mustangs (5-16, 2-8) got 13 points from Matt

Timme, while Jabari Hearn had 11 points and 8 rebounds.

Carl Simpson added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Longhorns.

Lance Hughes scored 29 points, including a school-record seven 3-pointers, to lead Texas Tech past Houston, 98-72.

Texas Tech is 14-7 overall and 8-2 in conference play. Houston (7-14, 4-6) got 21 points from Tim Moore.

Shaun Igo scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to give Rice the 75-69 victory over Texas A&M.

Rice (11-10, 6-4) went on a 14-4 run in the first half to secure its lead. Tony McGinnis scored 20 points A&M (11-14, 4-6).

Beuerlein selected 1st

NEW YORK (AP) — The Carolina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars weren't star struck in the NFL expansion draft.

Instead, pro football's newest franchises generally went for young, inexpensive players, ignoring such Pro Bowl talents as Chris Doleman, Michael Dean Perry, Mark Rypien and Gary Clark.

Some big names were selected. The first overall choice, by Jacksonville, was quarterback Steve Beuerlein, whom Arizona Cardinals coach Buddy Ryan benched last season. Beuerlein, an eight-year veteran who was a backup to Troy Aikman on Dallas' 1992 championship team, will earn \$2 million this year.

"One of my claims to fame throughout my career is that I've always been able to take a hit," Beuerlein said.

If Beuerlein, 30, gets any time, he does have 1991 Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard and his big-play potential at receiver. He has Reggie Cobb, a one-time 1,000-yard rusher with Tampa Bay, in the backfield.

Carolina's familiar names included Pittsburgh cornerback Tim McKyer, a two-time Super Bowl winner with San Francisco who was beaten in the AFC Championship game for the deciding touchdown; nose tackle Greg Kragen of Kansas City, who played for three losing Super Bowl teams in Denver; Cleveland receiver Mark Carrier; and Jets quarterback Jack Trudeau.

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CBS to revamp schedule

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS, running in third place for the prime-time season, will add three new series to its schedule in March and is lifting four half-hour shows to make room.

The new series are "Under One Roof," a one-hour drama, and the half-hour comedies "The George Wendt Show" and "The Office," CBS Entertainment President Peter Tortorici said in a news release Wednesday.

The network added three new series in January as well, "Women of the House," "Double Rush" and "Cybill."

CBS, which has won the prime time ratings for the last three seasons, also is running third for the February ratings sweep — one of three, annual, monthlong periods of audience measurement that help set local station ad rates.

The series going on indefinite

hiatus are "Hearts Afire," which aired its last episode Feb. 1, and "The Boys Are Back," which aired its last episode on Jan. 28. Tortorici said the future scheduling was "to be determined."

On temporary hiatus are the reality-based "Rescue 911," which last aired March 7, and "Love & War," which last aired Feb. 1 but continues in production. The two series will return to the schedule at a date to be announced, Tortorici said.

Less certain are the futures of "Women of the House," which debuted in January and stars Delta Burke and Teri Garr, and "Touched by an Angel," starring Della Reese and Roma Downey.

"Women of the House" had its last telecast Feb. 1 and will get a three-week Monday tryout in the spring, Tortorici said, while

"Touched by an Angel" returns to the schedule for two Saturday nights, Feb. 25 and March 4.

CBS, which has won the last three February sweeps — monthlong periods of intensive audience measurement, is in third place in this year's sweep, which ends Feb. 26.

"Under One Roof," about a contemporary, multi-generational black family in middle-class Seattle, premieres Tuesday, March 14. It stars James Earl Jones, Joe Morton and Vanessa Bell Calloway, and is produced by Thomas Carter.

"The George Wendt Show" stars "Cheers" regular Wendt ("Norm!") and Pat Finn as brothers George and Dan Coleman, hosts of a weekly radio program on automobiles. It premieres Wednesday, March 8, at 8 p.m. EST.



POLAR CEMETERY WORK — A group of volunteers have been working at the Polar Cemetery in an effort to install new grave markers in the cemetery. The first known burial was in 1917 according to Mamie Patterson who has organized the project. Shown, from left, are Mrs. Patterson, Willis Ratliff, Tucker Reeve, Jim Bural, Eddie Jo Richardson and J. B. Patterson. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Ferguson rests his case

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — The man accused of killing six people on a commuter train wrapped up his defense after calling one witness — and it wasn't himself.

Faced with a 2 p.m. Wednesday deadline imposed by an increasingly agitated judge, Colin Ferguson — who is representing himself — scrapped his original plan to testify on his own behalf.

"It is something I would not like to do under the circumstances," said Ferguson. "I will be forced to rest."

Outside court, a woman whose husband was killed and son crippled in the attack called Ferguson a coward.

"I just knew he wouldn't take the stand," said a sobbing Carolyn McCarthy. "He doesn't have the

guts to testify. ... He is nothing without (his gun)."

Instead of testifying, Ferguson delivered a rambling 20-minute monologue in which he claimed he was forced to appear on CNN's "Larry King Live" and is the victim of a murder conspiracy linked to the prison slaying of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

"The Jeffrey Dahmer incident was not a coincidence. ... He was set up as a prelude against me," Ferguson said. "There's a conspiracy to murder me if I'm convicted."

His speech came at a hearing without the jury present. He was to deliver his closing argument today.

Ferguson is accused of killing six people and wounding 19 on a

packed Long Island Rail Road commuter train. A dozen of the victims have testified that he shot them.

He has claimed the shootings were committed by an unidentified white man who stole his gun. This week, he theorized that the killer was a black man who looks like him and shares his name.

Acting as his own lawyer despite advice to plead innocent by reason of insanity, Ferguson called only one witness — a detective who already had testified for the prosecution. Ferguson said two of his witnesses refused to testify because they were afraid for their lives.

If Ferguson had decided to testify, he would have been questioned by one of his legal advisers.

Dole threatens to hold up base closing panel meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole is threatening to block approval of the military base-closing commission's newest members until the White House explains why it didn't nominate someone he recommended.

Michael P.W. Stone, a former secretary of the Army, was one of two people Dole, R-Kan., recommended to President Clinton for appointment to the eight-member panel.

The White House said it intended to nominate Stone but then withdrew his name without explanation, Senate aides said Wednesday.

A senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee warned that the dispute could disrupt the process of closing unneeded bases.

"There's a danger of politicizing the process," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said after a confirmation hearing Wednesday for five other nominees.

The committee's chairman,

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., said the Senate needs to approve the nominations quickly so the commission can start working. But Dole wants an explanation from the White House about Stone before he allows a vote on the nominees, said Dole spokeswoman Joyce Campbell.

Congress set up the Base Closure and Realignment Commission in the late 1980s to provide an independent, bipartisan method of

deciding which bases to close. The commission is to get recommendations from the Pentagon by March 1 and then draw up a list of closings to be accepted or rejected by Congress and the president later this year.

Six of the commission members are recommended to the president by congressional leaders.

The White House did not return telephone calls Wednesday seeking comment on Stone.

Academy will re-evaluate committee after complaints

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The Oscar nominating procedure for documentaries will be reevaluated in the wake of the snubbing of the acclaimed "Hoop Dreams."

"We'll be taking a close, hard look at the procedures of the Documentary Committee to see if changes need to be made," Arthur Hiller, president of the Academy

of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, said Wednesday.

"Hoop Dreams" follows two Chicago high school stars as they pursue dreams of playing professional basketball. Despite collecting some of the best reviews for any film last year, the only nomination "Hoop Dreams" received Tuesday was for best editing.

The committee that nominates documentaries is composed not of documentary filmmakers, but of 47 veteran Academy members who volunteer. The committee has bypassed such highly regarded films as "The Thin Blue Line" and "Roger and Me."

Hiller suggested some critics had not seen this year's five nominated documentaries: "Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision," "Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter," "D-Day Remembered," "Freedom on My Mind" and "A Great Day in Harlem."

"Maya Lin" was made by the chairwoman of the documentary committee, though she didn't vote.

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Senators touting term limits plans

AUSTIN (AP) — One senator proposing term limits for state officeholders says he has some concerns about the idea.

"I don't know if, in fact, we are going to end up turning over the whole deal to the bureaucrats," Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, said Wednesday. "We hire some of the finest, smartest people to work in these (state government) agencies, and they work every day ... trying to get more and more and more power."

Armbrister also said term limits rely heavily on the "personal integrity" of an officeholder serving his or her final term.

"(If) I'm elected for my last four years, why should I do anything for anybody except feather my nest for four years? That's a major concern with a lot of people," he said.

But Armbrister, who has served in the Senate since 1987 and was a House member before that, said he's sponsoring term limits because polls show that's what people favor.

"We deal very rarely with reality. We only deal with perception

of reality. And the perceptions are out there that the longer you stay in, you become manipulative or controlled or whatever," he said.

Armbrister and Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said there's enough support in the Texas Senate to send voters a constitutional amendment to limit state officeholders' terms to 12 years.

A group backing the idea, Texans for Term Limitations, said the proposal also has a good chance of passing the House.

A constitutional amendment requires two-thirds approval by both chambers and voter ratification in a statewide election to take effect.

"I am convinced that 1995 represents the best shot we have ever had to pass term limitations in Texas," said Rob Mosbacher, an unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor in 1990 and founder of Texans for Term Limitations.

He said the group will raise about \$150,000 to "let people know around the state where their representatives stand" on the question.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Feb. 17, 1995

In the year ahead, you might find more profitable uses for your creative, artistic and inventive talents than you have in the past. Do not impose limits on your imagination.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid jumping to conclusions today. Your decisions will be more effective if you take time to analyze all of the pertinent information.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can be surprisingly productive today if you don't rush through your assignments. For best results, strive for consistency rather than speed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even if you are in the company of someone who could help you out financially today, resist the urge to make a pitch.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to be especially patient with your family and in-laws today, even if they are exasperating. You will thank yourself for keeping quiet when they leave smiling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This could be a pleasant day if you make it a point to look for the virtues in your companions instead of their faults. No one likes being under a microscope.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Before making any purchases today, carefully examine the merchandise. Make sure that the price you pay doesn't exceed the value of the item.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The trends are in your favor today, and you're capable of considerable accomplishments if you pace yourself. Allow adequate time for your endeavors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When negotiating a significant matter today, play hard to get. Let them come to you for a change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) When conversing with friends today, try to keep the conversation light and pleasant. Avoid shop talk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It is very probable that you will achieve an important objective today, even if your initial efforts don't succeed. Regroup and try again.

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Poll: most withhold judgment on choice of surgeon general

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans overwhelmingly reject the notion that Dr. Henry Foster is unfit to be surgeon general because he performed abortions and gave different accounts of how many, an Associated Press poll finds.

Seventy percent of the 1,008 adults in the poll think the abortions themselves should not disqualify the Tennessee obstetrician from serving as the nation's chief advocate for public health. Twenty-two percent say the abortions should disqualify him; 8 percent aren't sure.

One-third say the different accounts show a lack of truthfulness on Dr. Foster's part. But more respondents, 43 percent, believe these were innocent misstatements. The rest are not sure.

While 36 percent support the nomination and 22 percent are opposed, a substantial 41 percent won't offer an opinion. The undecided include 29 percent who say they don't have enough information; the others may feel informed but are still uncertain.

The poll was taken Friday through Tuesday by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants. Results have a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

While the White House has tried to portray Foster as a victim of anti-abortion zealots, some members of Congress from both parties say his nomination is endangered more by his botched account of his past.

Among all those polled, only 19

percent say Foster's credibility has suffered so much that President Clinton should withdraw his nomination. An overwhelming 73 percent take the alternative view that Foster deserves a full hearing so that the Senate can decide whether to confirm him.

Even those who oppose legalized abortion favor a full hearing, 49 percent to 44 percent.

Foster paid courtesy calls on senators Wednesday and said he would use hearings next month to rebut lies about him, adding: "I want people to see my record, my whole life's work, see me in toto."

President Clinton nominated Foster on Feb. 2, citing his success with a program that has discouraged teen-age pregnancies in Nashville public housing projects.

Since Foster supports abortion rights and distributing condoms to youngsters, he quickly drew opposition from the same conservative groups that hounded Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the surgeon general fired in December.

A Republican senator was told by the White House that Foster performed only one abortion, but the day after his nomination, Foster said it was "fewer than a do-

zen" during nearly 30 years as an obstetrician-gynecologist. He later revised the number to 39 and said he supervised a drug study in which the pregnancies of 55 women were terminated.

Of those in the poll who generally favor abortion rights, Foster gets 45 percent support and only 14 percent opposition. He is opposed by 44 percent of those who think abortion should not be allowed.

Sixty percent of abortion opponents think his involvement with the procedure disqualifies him, a view rejected by 87 percent of those who favor legalized abortion. Fifty-seven percent of abortion opponents suspect him of lying, compared with 25 percent of those who are for abortion rights.

The poll found 65 percent of U.S. adults think that if a woman wants to have an abortion and her doctor agrees to do it, she should be allowed to have an abortion. Only 22 percent say she should not be allowed, but polls over the years have found substantial additional support for various limits short of outlawing all abortion.

Berry's World



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Authorities capture 'world's most wanted' computer hacker

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — He was a notorious computer vandal, a fugitive described by one official as "the most wanted hacker in the world."

In more than two years on the run, Kevin D. Mitnick allegedly pilfered thousands of data files and at least 20,000 credit card numbers, worming his way into even the most sophisticated systems.

But Mitnick, who once broke into a top-secret military defense system as a teen-age prank, apparently infiltrated one computer too many.

One of his latest victims, a computer security expert, was so angered that he made it his crusade to track Mitnick down. With his help, the FBI traced Mitnick to a Raleigh apartment and arrested him Wednesday.

Mitnick, 31, was charged with computer fraud, punishable by 20 years in prison, and illegal use of a telephone access device, which carries a maximum 15-year sentence. Both crimes also are punishable by \$250,000 fines.

He already was wanted in California for violating probation on a previous hacking conviction. A hearing was scheduled for Friday.

"He was clearly the most wanted computer hacker in the world," Kent Walker, an assistant

U.S. attorney in San Francisco who helped coordinate the investigation, told The New York Times. "He allegedly had access to corporate trade secrets worth billions of dollars. He was a very big threat."

Mitnick had been on the run since 1992. Authorities say he broke into many of the nation's telephone networks, and most recently he had become a suspect in a rash of break-ins on the global Internet computer network.

"He's a computer terrorist," said John Russell, a U.S. Justice Department spokesman.

Mitnick's downfall began Christmas Day, when he broke into the home computer of Tsutomu Shimomura of the San Diego Supercomputer Center and stole security programs he had written.

Incensed, Shimomura canceled a ski vacation and assembled a team of computer experts to hunt down the intruder. They traced Mitnick to Netcom, a nationwide Internet access provider, and with the help of federally subpoenaed phone records determined that he was placing calls from a cellular phone near Raleigh-Durham International Airport, the Times said.

Early Monday morning, Shimomura drove around Raleigh with a telephone company technician. They used a cellular frequency direction-finding antenna hooked to a laptop to narrow the search to an apartment complex.

The FBI arrested Mitnick after a 24-hour stakeout. Shimomura, 30, attended Mitnick's prearrest hearing

Wednesday at the federal courthouse in Raleigh. At the end of the hearing, a handcuffed Mitnick turned to Shimomura, whom he had never met, according to the Times.

"Hello, Tsutomu," Mitnick said. "I respect your skills."

Shimomura nodded solemnly. Authorities characterize Mitnick as a program pirate obsessed with cracking secret access codes.

He began hacking in high school, breaking into the school district's main computers and calling himself "Condor," from the Robert Redford CIA movie "Three Days of the Condor."

As a teen-age prank in 1982, he allegedly broke into a North American Air Defense Command computer in Colorado Springs, Colo.



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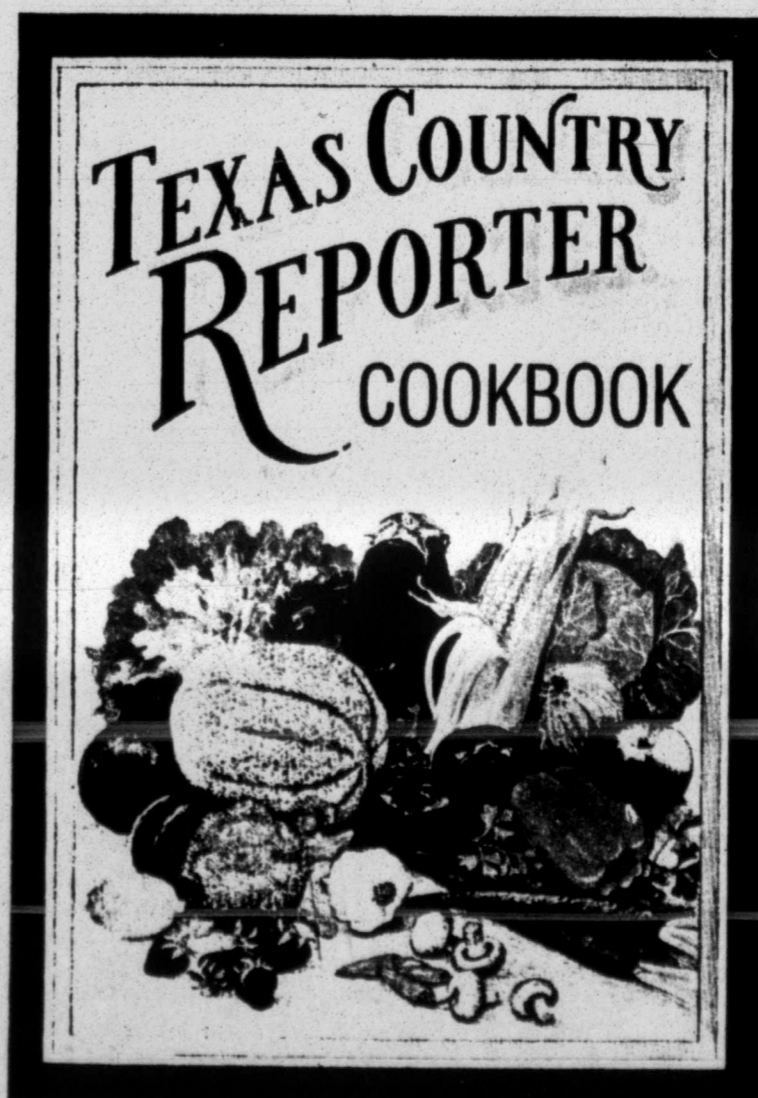
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Clancy said he doesn't think he's misleading fans.

"George Lucas didn't write all the 'Star Wars' books," he said. "Gene Roddenberry didn't write all the 'Star Trek' books."

