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Ask Us

Q—What are the graduation dates for high schools in Scurry County?

A—Graduation exercises are scheduled on Thursday, May 23, for Hermleigh; Friday, May 24, for Ira; and Saturday, June 1, for Snyder seniors.

In Brief

School cuts

by The Associated Press
Thousands of schoolchildren needing help with the basics won't get it this summer as financially pressed districts cut or eliminate summer sessions.

Hardest hit so far: Northeastern and Midwestern cities including Philadelphia, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Boston and Chicago. Summer programs seem safe so far in most Western and Southern states.

Indianapolis plans to cut almost all summer enrichment and elective classes—a decision affecting 11,000 of the district's 50,000 students.

"We're very sensitive to the fact that this is going to bring some difficulties for some parents," said Indianapolis schools spokesman Mark J. Goff. "But quite frankly we cannot afford to do it. That's the bottom line."

Cleveland is cutting its summer program in half by eliminating sessions for grades two, three, seven and 11.

U.S. task force

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — The first wave of U.S. troops to join the battle against disease and starvation in cyclone-devastated Bangladesh today scouted out possible sites along the sea coast for water purification units.

Three score American soldiers arrived Sunday, the first of more than 12,000 U.S. troops — including Persian Gulf War veterans — slated to contribute to the international effort to save storm survivors.

Millions of people are threatened by disease, hunger and exposure following the April 30 cyclone that killed more than 139,000 people, many of whom lived on low-lying islands and in coastal villages along the Bay of Bengal.

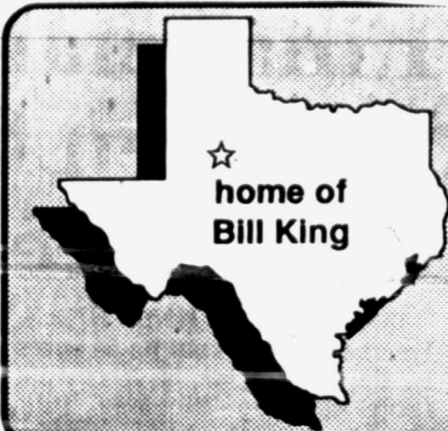
As the misery continued in the southeast, more bad weather struck other parts of Bangladesh. High wind warnings were issued, but none of the new storms and floods approached the intensity of the killer cyclone.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 89 degrees; low, 70 degrees; high Sunday, 93 degrees; low, 65 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 65 degrees. .02 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 3.64 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy in the evening with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, possibly few severe. Mostly cloudy after midnight. Low in upper 60s. Southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of mainly afternoon thunderstorms, a few possibly severe. High 85 to 90. Southeast to south wind 15-20 mph and gusty.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:31 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:48 a.m. Of 132 days in 1991, the sun has shone 127 days in Snyder.



MONDAY

Snyder Daily News

W. Mandela found guilty as accessory to assault

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A judge today convicted Winnie Mandela of being an accessory to assault in the beating of four young men who were abducted from a church home in 1988.

Mrs. Mandela, wife of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, had been charged with kidnapping and assault, but the judge reduced the assault charge to being an accessory after the fact.

Mrs. Mandela, 56, and her two co-defendants had proclaimed their innocence.

The three had been charged with eight counts of kidnapping and assault related to the abduction of four young men from a Methodist Church home in the black township of Soweto. One of the youths was subsequently killed.

Earlier today, co-defendant Xoliswa Falati was found guilty on kidnapping and assault charges. In finding Mrs. Falati guilty, the judge said suggesting the abduction was carried out without Mrs. Mandela's knowledge was like "trying to imagine 'Hamlet' without the prince."

The verdict in the case of the other co-defendant, John Morgan, was not immediately announced. South Africa does not have jury trials and the judge reaches the verdict alone.

Before rendering his verdict, the judge had criticized Mrs. Mandela for being evasive in testimony she gave during the three-month trial.

"I can only conclude she did not wish to disclose the whole truth," he said at one point.

Nelson Mandela, who was in jail for anti-government activity at the time of the crime, was in court for today's session.

The defense and the prosecution had concluded their arguments Friday.

Prosecutors contended the four young men were taken from the church home and beaten because the defendants believed they were homosexuals or had spied for police.

One of the four, Stompie Seipei, was later killed. Jerry Richardson, Mrs. Mandela's former bodyguard, was convicted in the death last year.

Before announcing his verdict, the judge also said Mrs. Mandela had been evasive about a group of youths who lived at her home and were called the Mandela United Soccer Club.



INTERIM MANAGER — Ricky Fritz took over duties as interim manager of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce today. Fritz replaces Tom Roy, who resigned Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Commissioners...

Poles to be erected downtown to hang promotional banners

A probationary period for a county employee was waived and County Judge Bob Doolittle was given authority to work with city officials in installing poles to hang banners during a meeting today of Scurry County Commissioners at the county courthouse.

Commissioners gave Judge Doolittle authority to work with city officials in an effort to install permanent poles around the downtown courthouse and square area from which banners promoting local events could be hung.

The idea of erecting the poles was brought to the attention of both city and county officials earlier this month when organizers of the May 18 parade tried to hang parade banners from utility poles along the square. The last banner had been hung when local utility officials asked that they be taken down because of the possibility of light fixtures being shook loose from the poles.

County and city officials were

unsure this morning if the poles could be up in time for Saturday's parade honoring Scurry County servicemen and women, however Judge Doolittle said he thought it was "extremely important" for the poles to be available to promote upcoming events.

In other court activity, commissioners voted to waive the full six-month probationary period for county employee Elizabeth Scarberry at the request of County Auditor Eddie McHaney. McHaney told the court that Scarberry had been employed by the county since Jan. 7.

During the meeting, Commissioners C.D. Gray and Jerry

Gannaway noted they would be holding public meetings to discuss with residents of their precincts the county's current policy on community centers. In last week's court meeting, it was brought out that the county's policy of charging for the use of the centers is not popular with county residents.

Time and place of the meetings will be announced at a later date.

Also approved were minutes from previous meetings and bills were paid.

Present were Judge Doolittle and commissioners Gray, Gannaway and Duaine Davis. Absent was Commissioner Roy Idom.

Appraisal district to mail notices of property values

Scurry County Appraisal District will mail notices to property owners showing proposed 1991 values on Wednesday, L.R. Peveler has announced.

Peveler, chief appraiser of the district, said the notice of appraisal value is not a tax bill. "Please do not pay from this notice," he said.

Peveler emphasized the importance of the notice and the key information it contains, however.

"If the property owner has a

question concerning any information on the notice, he should first call or come by the appraisal district office," said Peveler, who added, "A property owner has the right to appeal to the Scurry County Appraisal Review Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership and other areas."

The appraisal review board, more commonly called ARB, is an independent panel of citizens

responsible for reviewing the appraisal district's values. The ARB also hears and settles protests from property owners who disagree with some action by the appraisal district.

Peveler said there is specific information contained in the notices that a property owner should look for.

"Take special note of the proposed value for 1991. The notice shows the land's value and any improvement value for the property for the current year," he said.

An improvement is a building, structure, fence or any other type of fixture to the land.

The appraisal notice also includes current year information on exemptions granted to the property. The notice also proves last year's value.

The estimated taxes are based on the new value and estimated tax rates if the taxing units set tax rates for the same amount of operating dollars as last year. Generally, taxing units set final 1991 tax rates in August and September.

Peveler asked that property owners look carefully at the legal description and mailing address to be sure there are no errors. If the notice contains an old address, the appraisal district should be notified because mail is only forwarded to a new address for a short time and tax bills do

(see VALUES, page 8)



GIRLS STATE DELEGATE — Sherri Buchanan, Snyder High School junior, receives a certificate from American Legion Auxiliary president Dessie Harvel as a delegate to Bluebonnet Girls State at Texas Lutheran College. The Kiwanis Club also contributes to the sponsorship. (SDN Staff Photo)

Buchanan is selected for trip to Girls State

Sherri Buchanan, a junior at Snyder High School, will be representing Snyder at the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State, June 11 through June 21 at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin.

Buchanan is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Kiwanis Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Buchanan of Snyder.

Locally, Dessie Harvel is president of the ladies auxiliary and Girls State chairman.

The purpose of Girls State is to educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. It is a mythical 51st state, where, for a period, the

citizens of Girls State organize their own city, county and state governments. They choose their own officials and learn the duties of the various city, county and state offices, introduce their own bills and form their own law enforcement agencies and courts.

The program is non-partisan.

A visit to the state Capitol is included in the program, which offers the girls an opportunity to assemble in the halls of state legislative bodies and meet officials.

Two citizens from the 1991 Girls State in Seguin will be selected to attend the 1991 Girls Nation, a program which parallels Girls State on a national level.

Court rules workers may be barred from suing in some cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled today that workers may be barred from suing their bosses for alleged age bias if the employees previously agreed to submit such claims to binding arbitration. The decision could affect millions of workers.

By a 7-2 vote, the justices blocked a federal lawsuit by Robert Gilmer of Charlotte, N.C., who was fired at age 62 by a securities firm and replaced by a 28-year-old woman he helped train.

Justice Byron R. White, writing for the court, said the federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act does not foreclose the enforcement of agreements to arbitrate age bias claims.

The court did not apply its ruling to cases of race or gender discrimination against employers.

But some interest groups said in advance of the ruling that a defeat for Gilmer potentially could be devastating for workers who say they are victims of such discrimination.

Gilmer was fired in 1987 as

manager of financial services for Interstate-Johnson Lane Corp.

Six years earlier when he was hired, Gilmer signed a registration form as a securities representative with the New

(see RULING, page 8)

Trustees to tour WTC farm

Western Texas College trustees will take a tour of the college farm today before convening for their May meeting to consider pre-bid information on a central computer system and boiler repairs.

The tour will begin at 4 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 5:45 p.m.

Trustees are to hear from a computer consultant concerning a proposed central computer system for the business office. Following the consultant's report, trustees may decide to go out for bids on computer equipment. The board will also consider pre-bid information on boiler repairs, expected to exceed \$20,000.

The board is expected to approve the resignation of Charles Ivie, auto mechanics instructor, and the retirement of Wanda Falls, who serves in the adult vocational education/continuing education department. Also, the board will consider the employment of a mathematics instructor.

In other business, trustees will consider renewal of the Servicemaster Food Service contract and a request for funds for rodeo team members to attend the National College Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont.

Other items on the agenda include a report on activities from the communications and letters division and a brief preview of the 1991-92 budget.

Minutes and a financial information report are the only other items of business.



BACK IN TIME — Jeanelle Hammack's fourth grade class at Stanfield presented the play, "Back In Time," recently. From left are, back row, Rachel Huddleston, Alicia Peoples, Angela Matthews, Misty Reddin, Daniel Salter, Cooper Wadeigh, Jessie Medrano,

Jim-Britt Brown and Chris Fields. Front row, Patrenda Heffernan, Stephanie Alderete, Vicki Vargas, Stephanie Rameriz, Emily Fowler, Jason Alquist, Brian Beights, Jimmy Santiago and Tommy Gordon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Safety system at nuke plant inaccurate

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Drawings of vital safety systems at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant are inaccurate and omit important details, and many must be redone, according to

4-H youth gear up for Roundup

Scurry County 4-H youth have been preparing for the District 4-H Roundup contest to be held Saturday, May 18, on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock.

Youth will be presenting 4-H demonstrations and talks — ways of showing and telling others how to make or do something while sharing useful information.

Senior 4-H youth preparing for the contest include A'Lise Lloyd, fashion revue; M'Lys Lloyd, farm and ranch economics; Charlie Busby, censorship; and Tammy Voss, public speaking.

Junior 4-H youth include John Busby, safety and accident prevention; Shane and Cheyenne Robinson, horses; Charles Sweatt, clothing (shoes); and Dennis McHaney, public speaking.

documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The drawings are being used to develop procedures that the government requires before plutonium processing can resume at the plant, which makes atomic bombs that serve as detonators for hydrogen bombs. The drawings also would be used during an accident to determine what emergency action to take.

The safety systems they illustrate include an alarm designed to go off in a nuclear accident, the air flow system inside a Plexiglas box workers can put their gloved hands into and handle plutonium, and a ventilation system within the building that prevents radiation from moving from one area to another.

Plant contractor EG&G ordered the drawings in early 1990 as part of its effort to resume

plutonium operations, which were suspended in November 1989 after safety violations were discovered at the plant 15 miles from Denver.

The drawings ordered by the EG&G were supposed to update old engineering drawings of the plant to show what is now actually in place, thereby ensuring that safety systems exist and are adequately equipped.

No accidents have been blamed on the recent batch of drawings.

But union officials cite an accident at the plant that they blame on an earlier, inadequate drawing.

Because of the drawing, an engineer removing what he believed was obsolete equipment cut a live wire to a system that warns of a runaway nuclear reaction, setting of an alarm, said a February 1990 letter from the United Steelworkers.

Radiation-contaminated workers in body suits ran outside into a parking lot, contaminating other workers, the letter said.

A 1984 report by then-contractor Rockwell International said no injuries or damage were reported. No date was given for the accident.

Union officials complained to EG&G in the letter that adequate drawings of the plutonium processing area were never made after the accident.

Astro-graphs By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

May 14, 1991

Several opportunities of substantial size could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Be aware that you'll lay the foundations, but luck will get top billing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you apply yourself, measures can be taken at this time to enhance your material security over the long haul. You could be very lucky at enlarging your present earnings. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your wit and sense of humor are easily aroused today, and others will find you a jovial companion. You'll be even more entertaining to members of the opposite sex. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** In regard to requests you make today for a bonus or a raise, the percentages for getting a favorable response are in your favor — especially if your recent efforts have been above average.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Conditions in general look hopeful for you at this time, especially where your romance, social life and personal relationships are concerned. Good things could develop through friends.

Financial woes threaten future of congregation

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, Texas (AP) — From its 54 acres on the south side of Northeast Loop 820, the Richland Hills Church of Christ is hard to miss.

The 164,250-square-foot white structure overlooks the Iron Horse Golf Course between Rufe Snow Drive and Denton Highway. It cost nearly \$20 million.

It includes 46 classrooms, a 6-foot-wide fountain in the foyer, the church's offices, a Christian bookstore and a sanctuary with seating for 2,200.

All that is in jeopardy now.

The church — the nation's second-largest Church of Christ congregation and one of the largest churches in the Fort Worth area — is staving off bankruptcy as it tries to negotiate with nearly 1,000 bondholders, some who lost lifetime savings through church investments.

The Richland Hills Church of Christ began selling \$20 million worth of short-term, high-yield bonds in 1985 to build its new facility.

Within months of the first sales, the nation's economy took a nosedive.

The church has not made a payment to bondholders since August 1989 when it defaulted on

nearly \$13 million in principal and interest payments and on a \$3.3 million loan.

And now the church's fate, including that of its northeast Tarrant County property, lies in the hands of an Amarillo bank and a Fort Worth bankruptcy trustee.

When the church decided six years ago to move from the old facility, the congregation's home for 26 years, elders decided to sell short-term bonds and retire their debt quickly rather than obtain a long-term fixed-rate mortgage.

The church sold its old facility to the city for \$4.3 million in cash, and within 10 months the congregation was attending services in the new sanctuary.

Church members pledged \$8 million toward the new facility, and the elders were confident they would get it. After all, the congregation had always given generously in the past. For example, when \$1 million was needed for two expansion projects at the old church, the congregation raised it in two Sundays.

But Texas' economy turned downward, and the collection plate was affected. Not all the pledges were fulfilled.

"Had things worked out right, we would have been in the new building debt-free, or at least completely out of debt within five years," said Lynn Lovell, one of the church's elders.

The church first sold two issues of \$2 million in September 1985, and five months later sold \$5.5 million in bonds to help finance construction costs of the new building.

In November 1986, it sold another \$5.5 million bond issue to retire payments due on the \$2 million bond issues.

Three months before a major payment on the \$5.5 million issue was due in 1987, the church sold \$7.75 million more in bonds to retire that debt and pay for the rest of the new facility.

In 1988, the church borrowed \$3.3 million in the hopes of finding a quick-fix solution before payments on another \$5.5 million issue came due.

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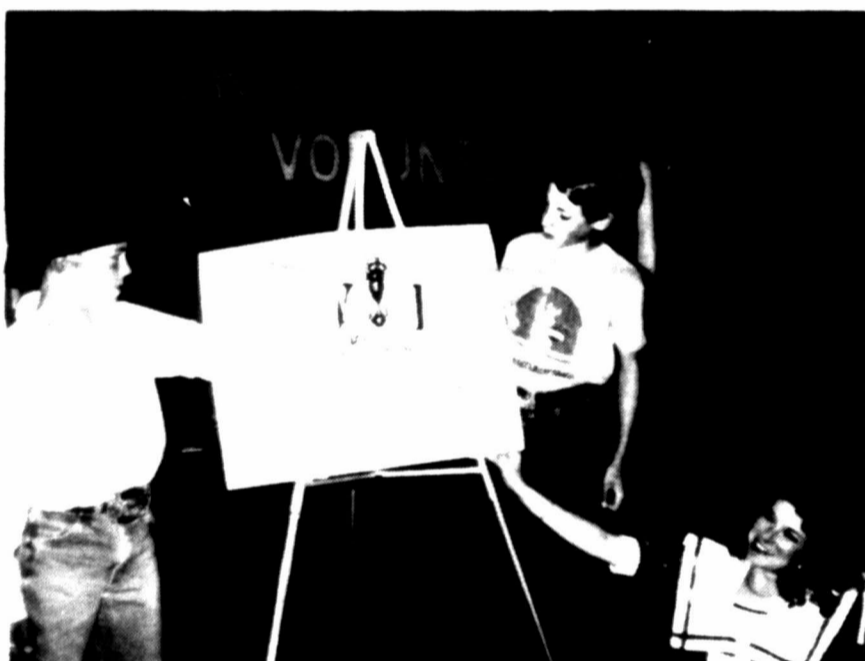
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4-H IN ACTION — Cheyenne Robinson, Shane Robinson and Tammy Voss, left to right, prepare for the District 4-H Roundup to be held May 18 in Lubbock. (Private Photo)

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County
Tex-Con Oil and Gas has completed the No. 3 R.H. Odom in the Tonto field, six miles northeast of Snyder. The well produced 26 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 57 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,231-786 feet, and location is in the J.K. Smith survey No. 29.

Exxon Corp. has completed the No. 2,409 Sharon Ridge Canyon unit in the Diamond M field, 13 miles southwest of Snyder. The well produced 29 barrels of 30 gravity oil and 1,926 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 3,586-1 with perforations from 6,749-790 feet. Location is in Section 121, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Gibson and Ray has plugged and abandoned the No. 1 King Shadow in the Lucy field, 12 miles east of Gail. The 4,150-foot project was located in Section 285, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Deminex U.S. Oil Co. will drill the No. 5,316 Ira unit in the Sharon Ridge field, two miles southwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 1,835 feet, location is in Section 115, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Deminex will drill the No. 5,925 Ira unit in the Sharon Ridge field, two miles southwest of Ira. Also planned for a depth of 1,835 feet, drill site is in Section 115, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Deminex will drill the No. 5,315 Ira unit in the Sharon Ridge field, two miles southwest of Ira. Planned depth is 1,835 feet, and location is in Section 115, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County
Joe Gibson and Associates has plugged and abandoned the No. 1 O'Keefe, a 6,620-foot wildcat located eight miles west of Jayton. Location was in Section 24, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 1 Spires, an 8,000-foot wildcat located 16 miles southwest of Clairemont. Location is in Section 717, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County
Eagle Oil and Gas Co. has plugged and abandoned the No. 1-A Windham Eagle, a 5,000-foot wildcat, six miles southwest of Justiceburg. Location was in Section 682, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Fina Oil and Chemical will drill the No. 1-A Kirkpatrick in the Rocker A field, three miles northwest of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 5,500 feet, location is in Section 945, Block 97, H&TC survey.

J.C. Steizer has completed the No. 8 K. Stoker in the Garza field, three miles southeast of Post. The venture was finaled to produce 11 barrels of 37 gravity oil and 63 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,725-930 feet, and location is in Section 31, Block 5, GH&RR survey.

Chisholm Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 1 Connell Estate in the HCL field, three miles northwest of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 5,050 feet, location is in Section 6, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Borden County
Amoco Production Co. has completed the No. 16-A T. J. Good in the Jo-Mill field, 10 miles southwest of Gail. The well was finaled to produce 22 barrels of 31 gravity oil and and 37 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 727-1 with perforations from 7,122-138 feet. Location is in Section 36, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Patchwork Squares Extension Homemakers Club; 9:30 a.m.
 Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.
 LeLeche League; conference room of Senior Center; children welcome, information call 573-7844; 10 a.m.
 Scurry County Retired Teachers Association; Senior Citizens Center; election of officers on agenda; 12 noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
 Overeaters Anonymous; fellowship hall of Morning Side Baptist Church; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 or Kelly at 573-7705 for information.
 Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall, 2701 Ave. Z; 7:30 p.m.
 American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.
 White Buffalo Stamp Club; TU Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (open); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626 or 573-9410.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 10 a.m.
 Daughters of the American Revolution; Country Club; noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Plainview Extension Homemakers Club; Northeast Community Center; 2 p.m.
 Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God Church; 5:30 p.m.
 Amite Study Club; 7 p.m.
 Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.
 Adult Children of Alcoholics; Park Club in Winston Park; 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 573-8885 or 573-9410.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 Canyon Gun Club; 3201 Ave. U; 7:30 p.m.
 TOPS TX 56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF & AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-8110, 573-3308 or 573-5867.
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Scurry County Penwomen; 1:30 p.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Honey Do's Extension Homemakers Club; 9:30 a.m.
 Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; The Shack; noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City Bridge Room; 1:30 p.m.
 Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Cosmorama Studay Club dinner and installation; home of Paula Gilbert, 2908 35th; 6:30 p.m.
 Alateen, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 6:30 p.m.
 Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank Conference Room; 7 p.m.
 Desert Storm Support meeting; National Guard Armory; 7 p.m.
 Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.
 Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall; 1912 35th; 8 p.m.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5 year olds.
 Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
 Overeaters Anonymous; 1 p.m. Park Club at Winston Park. For information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839
 Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
 ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment by calling 573-9742 or 573-2763.
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-2101, 573-3657 or 573-3956.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting).

Oppose helmets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — About 3,000 motorcyclists, including rocker Billy Idol, loudly descended on City Hall to protest a state bill that would require them to wear helmets.

Many bikers at Sunday's rally complained that helmets impair their hearing and vision.

Idol, whose hits include "White Wedding" and "Rebel Yell," said the issue is freedom of choice.

"The rider is the only one who knows when he's safe, not somebody sitting in the Legislature," he said. Idol said he never wears a helmet, despite a motorcycle accident in February 1990 that severely injured his right leg.

A bill approved by the Legislature would require all motorcycle, motor scooter and motorized bicycle riders to wear state-approved helmets or face fines. Gov. Pete Wilson has not said whether he will sign the bill.


Supporter say helmets would save lives and reduce public spending on accident victims who lack insurance.

The National Head Injury Foundation estimates more than 1 million Americans each year suffer head injuries.

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Queen's U.S. agenda will be a busy one

WASHINGTON (AP).— Queen Elizabeth II is planning a little all-American fun on her ninth visit to the United States: she'll meet "Stormin' Norman" Schwarzkopf, eat popcorn at a baseball game and remember the Alamo.

But the queen's visit also will have a formal side.

She'll address Congress — she's the first British monarch to do so — visit a housing project in the nation's capital, tour George Washington's home at Mount Vernon and host a garden party.

Because the queen and her husband, Prince Philip, are the Bushes' guests, the state visit will include a White House dinner and a reciprocal event at the British Embassy.

The closely guarded invitation lists for those parties have kept Washington's social set on tenterhooks for weeks. Bruised egos have already surfaced.

Evangeline Bruce, the doyen of Washington society and the widow David K. Bruce, the former U.S. ambassador to Britain, for example, was excluded

from the black-tie sit-down dinner at the embassy.

The queen is using her official trip — she arrives Tuesday for nine days — to get to know America better. After four days in Washington, she'll head to Florida and Texas.

"If you look at the queen's previous visits, there is a clear gap in the southeast quadrant from Texas to Florida," said Michael Price, a spokesman at the British Embassy. "She is going there because she has not been there before, and secondly because these are very important states with fast-growing populations."

Because the queen is the queen, she presumably can go anywhere she wants — and meet anyone she wants. That includes Schwarzkopf, the American hero of the Persian Gulf War.

The general will be on hand to greet the queen when she arrives at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., headquarters for U.S. Central Command. Other stops on her itinerary are Miami and, in Texas, Austin, Dallas,

Houston and San Antonio, home of the Alamo.

At the end of her official trip, the queen, still an avid horsewoman at age 65, will travel to Kentucky to see her brood mares. Her husband will return to England.

Buckingham Palace has refused to divulge details of the Kentucky leg of the trip, saying it will be a private affair. In the past, however, the queen has visited Will Farish, a wealthy oil man who entertains Bush at a turkey shoot every year.

In Washington, the queen will mix formality with fun.

On the floor of the House, she'll deliver a speech that is unlike those made by many lawmakers. "It will be short but substantive," Price said. The topic: the United Kingdom-United States relationship.

Under the British Constitution, the queen does not have private views; she represents the policy of her elected ministers in Parlia-

ment. In this case, she would express the policy of Conservative Prime Minister John Major.

The queen will get a crash-course in the Great American Pastime — baseball — when she attends a Baltimore Orioles game with Bush. Baseball is as foreign to the British as cricket is to Americans.

The queen will honor her countrymen when she attends a festival honoring British film and television makers and she'll see a scene from King Lear, Shakespeare's opus at the Folger Theater.

The queen's last official visit was in 1983 when she ate lunch with then-President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, at their ranch in the mountains outside Santa Barbara, Calif. That visit was marred by a freak storm that pounded California. Since then she has visited Kentucky three times.

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<p>NORTH</p> <p>♠ Q 8 7 ♥ K J 9 2 ♦ A 3 ♣ Q 10 5</p>	<p>EAST</p> <p>♠ 10 4 3 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K 9 8 2 ♣ J 8 4 2</p>	<p>SOUTH</p> <p>♠ K 2 ♥ Q 10 8 7 4 ♦ J 5 4 ♣ 9 3</p>
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Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: West

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Opening lead: ♠ K

complicated, but there are some guidelines. Normally, when partner leads an honor, signal attitude. Show whether you hold an equivalent honor — a touching honor — to the one led. But if attitude is known (the equivalent honor is in the dummy), signal count. Of course this doesn't automatically produce perfect defense.

No one held back in the bidding of today's deal. North and South claimed they were lured on by the sirenlike vulnerable game bonus.

West led the king of clubs, and with the queen (the equivalent honor) in the dummy, East dropped the eight, showing an even number of cards. This had to be from four, following his two-club raise.

What should West do at trick two? Cashing the ace of clubs would establish dummy's queen. But would the discard be of any use to declarer? Probably not. Here cashing the second club trick is the only way to defeat the contract. Eventually East scores the king of diamonds.

West switches at trick two, declarer gets rid of his club loser on three rounds of spades.

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Signals, anyone?


By Phillip Alder

To find the best defense, you usually need help from your partner in the form of signals.

There are two basic signals: attitude and count. When expressing attitude, you play a high card to say you like a suit, and a low card to say you don't. When giving count, you play a low card to show an odd number in the suit.

Which signal should you give? Whatever you think your partner needs to know. And if he doesn't need to know anything — or doesn't watch your cards — don't signal. That sounds

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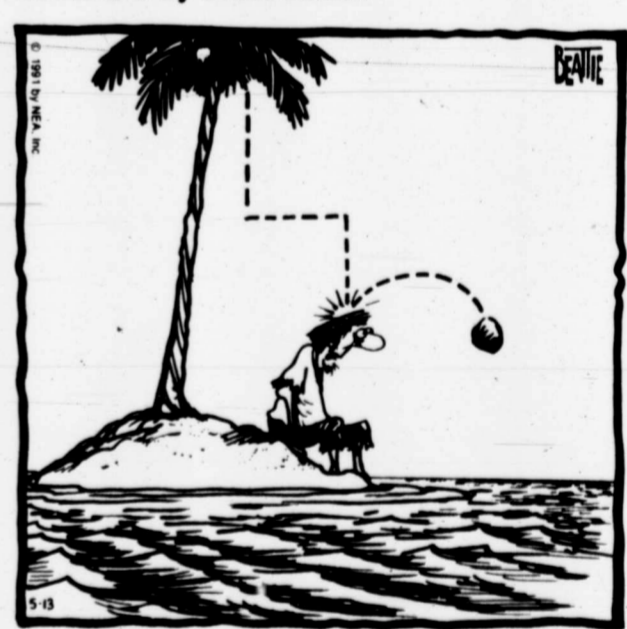
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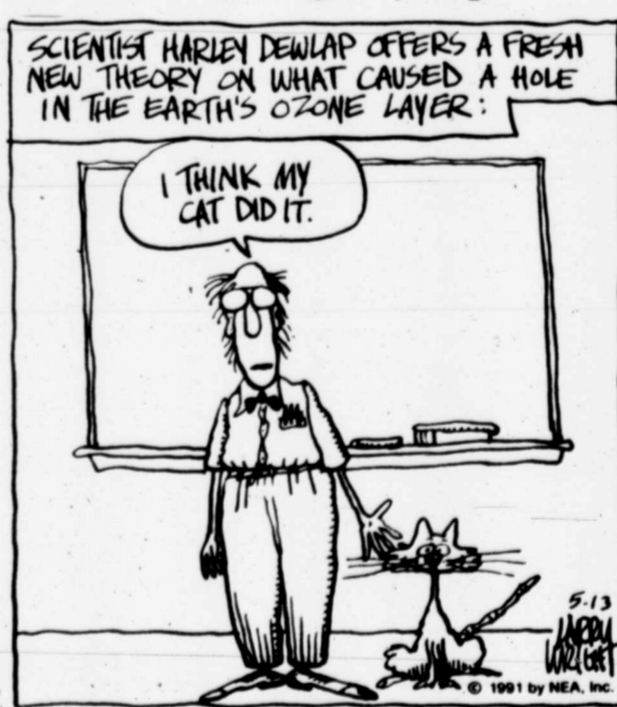
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Killer bees live up to their name in Mexico

HOUSTON (AP) — The aggressive Africanized honeybees have dealt death to the honey industry and even some people in southern Mexico, where beekeepers complain the Mexican government has written them off.

Leonardo Gomez Perez, a 70-year-old widower, was stung to death by thousands of Africanized honeybees, often called killer bees. The bees were provoked by Perez's machete slicing into their hive in a grove of coffee trees. He died in a Tapachula hospital 11 hours later.

"When I got there, some of the bees were on my father, and some were flying, looking for so-

meone else to attack," his son, Porfirio Gomez Perez, told the Houston Chronicle in a report from Santa Rita, Mexico.

"So I picked him up. But I was being attacked and there was nothing I could do but flee and leave him there, abandoned. I ran to the river," he said.

Leonardo Gomez became the 40th person to die in Mexico of bee stings since 1986, when swarms of so-called killer bees entered Chiapas, the southernmost state that shares a border with Guatemala.

In Chiapas, the bees have killed nine people — more than any other state — and caused considerable economic loss, destroy-

ing the honey bee industry and introducing a breed of bee impossible to manage.

"We had absolutely no knowledge about the bees," Gomez said. "We had heard they

were dangerous, but we didn't know if they had arrived up here."

The Africanized bees have been on a slow northern trek since escaping from a Brazilian

laboratory in 1957. A swarm of the aggressive bees was first spotted in South Texas last October and several more were recently trapped.

Texas' nine southernmost counties have been quarantined since the bees were first spotted last year. The quarantine bars the movement of any bees from the area.

Experts say the Africanized bees spotted in Texas are "pioneer swarms," with the main front remaining in Mexico, about 75 miles south of the border.

Ermilio Galvez Monson, 72, told the Chronicle that his home has been repeatedly visited by

the Africanized bees.

"My wife was contemplating making a hive for them. She was getting a box ready. I told her, 'Yes, you'll have them and one day they'll come out and get you.'"

"We can't go near them," said Sabino Mejia Perez. "They've been here a year, and when they come out, they come out in a huge ball," Mejia said.

Mexican beekeepers say that Chiapas was written off by the Mexican government, which instead is concentrating efforts to combat Africanized bees in the Yucatan peninsula, the source of 40 percent of Mexico's honey production, and in other states.

City addicts slip through methadone regulations

HOUSTON (AP) — Unlike in other major cities, most of Houston's methadone clinics are not run by the government, or even by physicians. And critics say they're nothing more than legalized drug dealing.

"The counseling in methadone clinics is a joke," Bill, a former heroin addict and methadone user told the Houston Chronicle. "It was just touching bases so they could get their paperwork in order."

"I was on a program here in Houston for five years," said another former addict, "and I never heard of Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous. They don't urge you to look for alternate lifestyles. They encourage you to stay on their programs. Their incentive for being in business is to make a profit."

As demand for heroin treatment increases, so does the demand for methadone programs.

About 120,000 of an estimated 500,000 heroin addicts nationwide are enrolled in methadone programs. Of the 7,000 enrolled in Texas, about 2,700 are in Houston.

In just the last four years, nine new private clinics have opened in Houston.

"These people are nothing more than legalized drug dealers," charged Al Dugan, a Houston oilman and former board chairman of the Cenikor

program, which treats heroin addicts.

"The doctor has a profit in maintaining an addict as an addict, and the government says it's all right. It is free enterprise at its lowest."

Increased competition for the methadone business is making regulations governing the substitute drug looser, creating a black market and some say, another class of addicts.

"There has been a proliferation of private programs in the country, particularly in Texas, Florida and California," said Stephen Molinari, with the National Institute on Drug Abuse in Maryland.

But methadone still enjoys support from the medical community which contends the drug curbs addiction successfully when used properly.

However, methadone street sales have risen sharply, mainly because patients are allowed to take home multiple doses.

Former drug addicts say counseling services are hard to come by in methadone programs, drug testing is spotty, and patients are discouraged from getting off methadone.

"People can say whatever they want to say about methadone, but it does what it is supposed to do," says John Pascucci, co-owner of two private Houston clinics.

Dear Abby



Parents' Reluctance to Discuss Sex Disturbs This Candid Mom

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I hope that by printing this letter it will make other parents do some serious thinking about their relationships with their teens.

My neighbor's 17-year-old daughter and the daughter's 16-year-old girlfriend spent two hours talking to me about boys and sex. The 17-year-old is thinking about having sex with her boyfriend. While I certainly did not encourage it, I did talk openly about safe-sex practices and birth control. I also explained why it would be better if she waited until she is older and more mature.

What bothers me the most is, why aren't these girls talking to their own mothers? The girls are friends of my teen-aged sons — that is how they know me.

Abby, it isn't my place to talk to them about these things, but since I'm the only one they trust, I won't betray them. My sons and I are very open with each other, and we discuss everything they have on their minds.

I wish more parents would listen to their kids — even if what the kids say may shock and dismay them. Parents shouldn't judge — they should just be there for their children.

SOMEBODY ELSE'S MOM

DEAR MOM: The neighbors' kids are talking to you because they are not comfortable talking to their own moms (or dads). How lucky for them that you are there for them.

Unfortunately, not all parents are comfortable talking to their teens about safe-sex practices and birth control. Some may even resent the fact that their children are getting information from a neighbor (you) that they,

their own parents, would be reluctant to give them.

I say, if kids ask — they are old enough to know. What our children don't know can hurt them.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you for advice about a dilemma that I never thought would happen to me. Several months ago, I asked a girl to attend the high school prom with me. She didn't say yes, but she didn't say no either. A couple of weeks later, I asked her again, and she was very evasive. Tired of her games, I asked another girl and she said yes right away. When the first girl found out that I had asked someone else to the prom, she became moody and distant. Then I found out through the grapevine that she had bought a prom dress on the assumption that she was going with me.

I have no sympathy for her. Her indefinite replies left me second-guessing, so I asked somebody else. Now several people seem to think that I am at fault. The way I see it, since I asked her twice without getting a definite response, I think I should be allowed to ask somebody else. Am I right?

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FIFTH AT STATE — Andrea Smith earned a fifth place in prose reading during the state UIL contest. (SDN Staff Photo)

Move said afoot to terminate collider

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of the superconducting super collider are taking aim at the controversial atom smasher by seeking support for legislation to kill the project.

The bill, expected to be introduced sometime this month, is seen as the boldest attack to date on the \$8.25 billion collider, which is to be built at a site south of Dallas.

The legislation would prohibit spending on the collider and comes as other congressional skeptics have complained that the Energy Department is underestimating the cost to taxpayers of building the project.

"We should not proceed to turn over one spadeful of earth for that tunnel. There's too much uncertainty, too high a risk, and too many unanswered questions," Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., said after an oversight hearing Thursday.

Boehlert said the Energy Department has responded to his concerns with "clever evasions,

Historian has to condense story

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Local historian Henry Guerra has been given five minutes or less to explain the history of the Alamo to Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Phillip.

That's going to be a tough assignment for Guerra on May 21 when he gives the royal couple a rapid tour of the Shrine of Texas Liberty.

The Alamo is to be the royal couple's first stop on a 1-hour 45-minute tour of the city, which is to include a barge ride on the river and a quick visit to the Institute of Texan Cultures.

Guerra said he planned to mention the 29 British subjects who fought at the Alamo.

Texans say project on schedule, budget

wishful thinking, erroneous arithmetic, broken promises and outright lies."

Energy Department officials disclosed during the hearing that the "final" \$8.25 billion price tag announced just three months ago did not include several expenses that could push the cost to \$9.1 billion.

And DOE documents indicate the agency has strong doubts about its ability to raise \$1.7 billion from foreign contributors, which would also push up the total taxpayer cost.

At the same time, Rep. Jim Slattery, seeking support for the legislation, cited DOE independent cost estimates as putting the total tab at \$11.8 billion.

Slattery, D-Kan., and Rep. Dennis Eckart, D-Ohio, are circulating a letter on Capitol Hill seeking co-sponsors for their bill, which Slattery said would be introduced in the next week to 10 days.

"The costs of the SSC are too high and the benefits are too uncertain for the SSC to be a responsible choice for America's

research dollars," the letter said. Slattery said the SSC will siphon money from small basic research projects across the country. He also complained about unreliable cost estimates. Two years ago, the collider's projected cost was \$5.9 billion.

"This is a project that we've just gotten off the drawing board, and it's already running into serious cost overrun problems," Slattery said Friday.

But Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, predicted Slattery and Eckart would have real trouble getting

the bill to the House floor for a vote.

"I'm going to fight that tooth and nail," said Barton, whose district includes the collider site.

"It may be a good way to get a little publicity, but as far as a serious legislative threat, I don't think that's valid," he said.

He said SSC opponents were using the project to "beat on their chests and tell how frugal they are."

Barton said he is confident, however, that the SSC can be built on schedule and within its budget.

DOE is seeking \$534 million for the collider for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. Tunneling a 54-mile ring under Central Texas would begin in late summer 1992 under the current schedule.

That's why Energy Secretary James D. Watkins considers next year's appropriation critical, but it's also why some opponents believe now would be the time to stop the SSC, before expensive tunneling work gets under way.

Black students are skeptical

HAMPTON, Va. (AP) — President Bush's promises to fight discrimination did not win over an audience of black college graduates who remember he vetoed civil rights legislation last year.

Many of the students at Hampton University did not want the president to give the graduation address, which was received Sunday at times with scattered applause or silence.

In a wide ranging speech on his administration's domestic priorities, Bush referred to his housing program that includes allowing tenants to buy public housing.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband underwent repair of an abdominal aortic aneurysm. He lost most of the circulation in his right femoral artery because of blockage after surgery and was treated with Trental. Last month he developed pancreatitis, and his doctor discontinued the Trental as well as Niacin for cholesterol control. Could either of these medications have given him pancreatitis?

DEAR READER: High doses of niacin, particularly the timed-release brands, can lead to liver inflammation and, I suppose, by extension, to pancreas inflammation (pancreatitis). However, this would be unusual in patients taking niacin, a vitamin commonly used to lower blood cholesterol and improve circulation.

Trental (pentoxifylline) is usually prescribed to patients with peripheral vascular disease (diminished arterial circulation). It improves blood flow by reducing blood viscosity. In my experience, the drug is not especially effective. This is important because the potential side effects can be quite serious: nausea, vomiting, indigestion, bloating, formation of gallstones and

loss of appetite, to mention a few. Like niacin, Trental can affect the liver but has not been reported to cause pancreatitis. Nonetheless, the liver and pancreas are interrelated, so a disorder in one organ could affect the other.

In my opinion, your husband should discuss this issue with his doctor and investigate alternative therapies. For example, a low-fat diet, regular exercise, cessation of smoking and one aspirin tablet a day might do as much to help your husband as the supposed effects of niacin and Trental.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 44-year-old female with spina bifida occulta near the base of my spine. What is your opinion of me seeing a chiropractor for this condition? I've been taking pain pills for 24 years and am now on disability. I have no other health problems.

DEAR READER: Spina bifida occulta is a congenital abnormality of the spine, marked by defective closure of the vertebral column. The severity of spina bifida varies considerably: On one extreme is a completely open spine (usually leading to death); on the other, minor abnormalities with few or no symptoms (spina bifida

occulta).

Usually, people with this mild form of the condition have chronic back pain because the spinal abnormality leads to muscle spasm. Physical therapy, special back exercises and hot compresses often help symptoms; pain medicine may be necessary. Because the pain of spina bifida occulta is muscular in origin, chiropractic manipulation may help in controlling it.

Obviously, as with any professional service group, there are good chiropractors and bad ones. Therefore, I can't give you blanket approval except to say that the back pain of mild spina bifida may be helped by a good chiropractor. You might also consider seeing an orthopedic specialist for additional advice and treatment.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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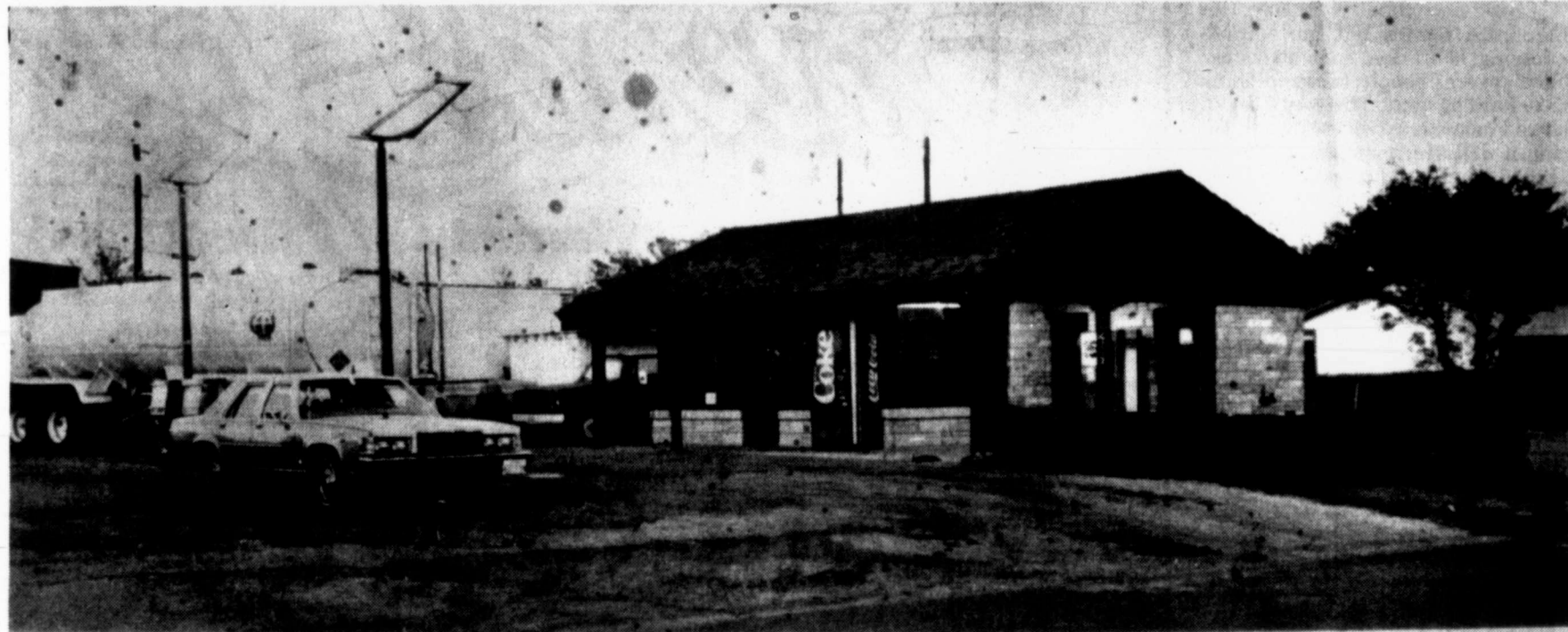
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Sidelined by hip injury, Jackson frustrated

NEW YORK (AP) — Bo Jackson says he can't bear to read the sports section now that he's been sidelined from baseball and football by a hip injury.

"I go out every Sunday morning, get the paper, sit in my yard and read the comics," Jackson.

28, told *People* magazine in its May 20 issue.

Unable to play ball, forced to hobble about on crutches, Jackson said he feels "like a caged animal."

He passes the time practicing archery in the back yard, straightening out his fishing

tackle box and pursuing his rehabilitation program, which includes lifting weights and running in a swimming pool.

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Turner and Fonda

MEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — Tufts University graduates were expecting Ted Turner at commencement, but they also got his girlfriend, Jane Fonda.

Turner, who created CNN, was the keynote speaker Sunday and received an honorary degree. Fonda, the actress and exercise mogul, sat in the front row.

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