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Yipes! A full moon, lunar eclipse *and* Friday the 13th

(AP) — WARNING: The superstitious may want to stay inside this evening. In a spooky confluence, this Friday the 13th coincides with a full moon *and* a lunar eclipse.

"You put those together and you will have a triple whammy," said Donald Dossey, founder-director of The Phobia Center in Asheville, N.C. "It can be just mild anxiety or just a nagging sense of doom and the symptoms go up to full bloom obsessive behavior. Some people won't even get out of bed."

Nonsense, according to Matt Nisbet, who is part of a group of professional skeptics who boldly planned to spend today passing out chain letters and throwing them away, walking under ladders and smashing a large mirror.

"Our message, in a nutshell, is you have nothing to fear," said Matt Nisbet, whose group publishes the Skeptical Inquirer, a magazine dedicated to debunking claims of the paranormal, UFOs and psychic predictions. "We advocate rational thought based on reason and evidence and logic."

One Friday the 13th, Nisbet's phone went dead after he was asked to go on the radio to discuss the illogic of fearing the date.

Still he holds firm.

"Some say that's bad luck, I say it's me having a faulty phone," he said.

This morning's eclipse — known as a "prenumbral eclipse" — was hardly noticeable because direct sunlight still reached all daytime portions of the moon, unlike in partial or total eclipses. But it still could be seen through much of the world, from western Asia to North America.

Full moons last appeared on Friday the 13th in February 1987, July 1984 and May 1970, said Jack Horkheimer, executive director of the Miami Space Transit Planetarium.

The unease associated with full moons and Fridays the 13th has a long history.

Early Christians believed worshipers of the Moon-goddess Luna were crazy, hence the term "lunatic," said Phillip Stevens Jr., an associate professor at the University of Buffalo who studies religion and cults.

"The Lunar Effect," a 1978 book by psychiatrist Arnold Lieber, claimed the moon influences human "biological tides" and contended homicides increased in Miami and Cleveland near both the new and full moon.

"There will be a lot of negative energies," said Patricia Marks, who has told fortunes from her roadside home in Miami for 23 years. "There should be more boating accidents. I would stay away from the water because the moon is a dominate ruler of water."

The taboo of Friday the 13th arises out of the Christian story of the Last Supper, where Jesus Christ was the 13th guest among his 12 apostles, the night before the Friday when he was crucified, Stevens said.

The ancient Norsemen used 13 knots in their hangman's noose.

In the 19th century, Lloyds of London refused to insure any ship sailing on Friday the 13th. The U.S. Navy still will not launch a ship on that date.

The ill-fated Apollo 13 space mission was launched at 1:13 p.m. (13:13 military time) from pad 39 (the third multiple of 13) and had to be aborted on April 13, 1970.

For years, many hotels and office buildings have not labeled a 13th floor.

But Nisbet points out the end of the work week is Friday, inspiring the motto of "Thank God It's Friday." A baker's dozen is usually a good bargain. The "Friday the 13th" movies brought anything but bad luck to their creators. And Dan Marino, who has thrown for more yards and touchdowns than any quarterback in National Football League history, wears No. 13 (although he hasn't won the Super Bowl).

So relax, but not for too long.

On Sunday, as the Soothsayer told Julius Caesar, "beware the Ides of March."

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Key at Stanfield: permanents, not portables

Faculty sees need for more restrooms, teacher workroom, too

Getting rid of portable buildings and adding restrooms, a teacher workroom and additional storage space are important to the faculty at Stanfield Elementary, should a bond issue to refurbish Snyder ISD campuses become a reality.

Some 45 to 50 teachers and parents met Thursday evening with architects and administrators at Stanfield for the last of seven scheduled public hearings at the various school campuses within the district.

In a preliminary study conducted last fall and released in November, BGR Architects - Engineers of Lubbock identified more than $15 million in improvements and repairs needed throughout the district.

Most of those involve mechanical, electrical and plumbing needs. Architects Coda Stephenson and Mike Briggs have said they have located very few structural problems, despite the fact that most of the district's school buildings are 40 to 50 years old.

The estimated cost to make repairs at Stanfield Elementary is $1.1 million. However, when architects worked up that estimate, they were not taking into account replacing two portable buildings at the campus. That would add another $350,000 to the estimate, Stephenson said. Even then, that figure is based on building a "classroom for a classroom" — in other words, no additional classrooms, restrooms, storage or teacher a workroom.

The portables presently contain five classrooms and no restrooms.

Other than constructing a permanent wing to replace the portables, much of the needed repair at Stanfield is mechanical, the group was told. This includes upgrading the heating and cooling equipment from a two-pipe system to a four-pipe system, or eliminating chillers and boilers altogether and replacing them with a rooftop package. Pumps and piping associated with the present system need to be replaced, and restrooms need to be modified for accessibility.

The electrical system also needs to be updated to present standards. Stanfield was constructed in 1959.

Architects listed numerous other needs, including repairing cracks in brick, painting, wood refinishing and the like.

Meeting with faculty earlier in the day, Stephenson and Briggs also cited teachers' concerns about general security on the campus, a need for staff restrooms and a larger teacher lounge and a teacher workroom.

In response to questions Thursday, the architects said that repairs at Stanfield could be completed in a summer but that construction of an additional wing to replace the portable buildings would take approximately 10 months.

Faculty members also wanted assurance that they will have some input as to the types of renovations made. Both Briggs and Snyder ISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax said they believe the school board intends to continue to receive input from teachers and administrators throughout the process.

"This is not at all typical of how school districts across West Texas deal with a bond issue," Stephenson said, referring to the school board's decision to gain input from teachers and parents. "This is unique. And although it is somewhat harder on us, attending all of these meetings, it gives us a better feel for what needs to be done. I like the concept."

TAKING SHAPE — The 70,000-square foot building at SnTx Park I to house the spinning mill for Lorber Industries of Texas is taking shape as iron workers have been erecting the framework. The site also is lined with roofing components which are to be placed on the building as the next step in the dry-in process to get the facility ready to receive equipment later this month. (SDN Staff Photo)

Annual recognition banquet set tonight

Senior volunteers who have given unselfishly of their time throughout the past year will be recognized tonight at the Senior Citizens Center.

The 19th annual banquet, featuring a western theme, will get underway at 6:30. During the past year, volunteers have worked 43,277 hours.

Pins and certificates will be presented to volunteers according to their accumulative totals. The top 15 volunteers for March 1997 to February 1998 will also be announced.

In addition, Bernhard Bartels will present the Star to Star awards which honor those who have accumulated 10,000 or more hours.

Carla Thompson, director, will give the welcome and Dawson Moreland will give the invocation. Valerie Drum will present special awards.

Pamela Fenton, activity director, and staff will present the pins and certificates. Door prizes will be given away.

Texas Sand will be the featured entertainment.

The meal will consist of roast sirloin au jus, scalloped potatoes, Italian green beans, fresh spinach salad and cheese cake with strawberry topping.

Senate calling for war-crimes trial of Saddam Hussein by UN

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a largely symbolic move, the Senate voted unanimously today to urge the creation of a United Nations tribunal to try Iraqi president Saddam Hussein as an international war criminal.

The 93-0 vote on the nonbinding resolution was a gesture of political frustration in dealing with the Iraqi president. President Clinton's spokesman, Mike McCurry said it was an "interesting idea and we will look at that resolution."

The resolution calls for the U.N. tribunal to be convened "for the purpose of indicting, prosecuting and imprisoning Saddam Hussein."

It passed with no debate today after brief discussion on Thursday.

"It is obvious that taking Saddam Hussein into custody is a very complex matter and perhaps impossible without an enormous military source," a sponsor, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., conceded.

The indictment itself, even in absentia, could give the United States the high moral ground," Specter said Thursday.

Sen. Byron L. Dorgan, D-N.D., another sponsor, told the Senate that Saddam had used chemical weapons on his enemies, both inside and outside Iraq, had waged war against Iran and Kuwait, had attacked Israel and had plotted the assassination of former President Bush.

A war-crimes trial would focus international attention on Saddam's record, Dorgan said.

"The only ceremony Saddam Hussein should attend is a war-crimes trial, convened by the United Nations, sitting in judgment of a dangerous, unrepentant criminal," Dorgan said.

Senate Majority leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., a critic of a U.N.-brokered accord that averted a U.S. military strike against Saddam, is a strong supporter of the effort. Lott has also said he would support increased sanctions, money for a "radio free Iraq" and covert action to bring down the Iraqi president, suggesting "containment doesn't seem to get what we want."

The seven senators who did not vote were Michael Enzi, R-Wyo.; Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C.; James Inhofe, R-Okla.; Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii; James Jeffords, R-Vt.; Jon Kyl, R-Ariz; and John McCain, R-Ariz. There were no other votes scheduled today.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A guy with bad luck is one who gets hit by a truck delivering mirrors."

In case you haven't noticed, it's not only Friday the 13th. It's the second of three on the 1998 calendar.

The good news is that the first one, last month, is already history. You might want to determine if the traditional bad luck day had any impact on your Valentine pursuits.

Today's Friday the 13th is almost over, so we have to endure just one more this year — in November.

A new national poll listed some "favorite fears," Some are afraid of Friday the 13th, the number 13, black cats and bats, or walking under a ladder. Some fear crossing a bridge. There are folks who fear a crowd and others who fear being alone.

Then there are others who are just afraid of being afraid.

The greatest fear, however, is the fear of the unknown. To those 30 percent we suggest it might be more scary to actually know what to expect.

Other top fear categories include the dark, falling from high places, and fear of small places.

No one knows exactly why the combination of Friday and 13 is considered unlucky. But the poll revealed that 15 percent say they prefer to say home on this day — with the lights on.

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Kim Pease, editor of the Rotan Advance, has no fear. At least he didn't when he compared the computer with the tender gender.

Pease said there are at least six ways to prove that computers are female:

--As soon as you have one, a better one is just around the corner.

--No one but the creator understands the internal logic.

--Even the smallest mistakes are immediately commited to memory for future reference.

--The native language used to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.

--The message "bad command or file name" is about as informative as "if you don't know why I'm mad at you, then I'm certainly not going to tell you.

--As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories.

ASK US

Q—Can a person file as a write-in candidate for the Nov. 3 general election? If so, when is the deadline?

A—Yes, you can file as a write-in candidate. The deadline is 5 p.m. Sept. 4.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 47 degrees; low, 22; 7 a.m. Friday, 47; no precipitation; total for 1998, 3.63 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy; 20% rain chance. Fog possible. Low around 45. S-SE wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, cloudy; 40% rain chance; high, lower 60s. S-SE wind 10-20 mph.

Trevor Kubena
Rain chance

Sunset
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Of 71 days in 1998, the sun has shone 69 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Every calling is great when greatly pursued.

Oilver Wendell Holmes

Radio Shack's grand opening set Saturday

A host of activities Saturday will mark the recent opening of a new Radio Shack store, located on the west side of the square next to Colortyme.

KSNY will broadcast live and several items will be given away, including door prizes, batteries, tapes, CDs and a satellite dish.

Cassie Davidson manages the store while her husband, Roger, manages Colortyme. Radio Shack opened in late January. Store hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The store stocks many Radio Shack products, including a full line of batteries for a wide variety of products including cordless phones and hearing aids.

Any Radio Shack item not stocked will be available through catalog.

Besides Radio Shack and Colortyme, Davidson is also an authorized Cellular One dealer and serves the Snyder, Colorado City and Sweetwater area.

The Davidsons are stockholders in TLH Enterprises, headquartered in Corsicana, an employee-owned business which manages outlets for Radio Shack, Colortyme and Cellular One.

John Howell is Davidson's assistant and Alan Lindsey, Davidson's nephew, is a field representative.

The Davidsons, who live in Colorado City, are former Odessa residents. Davidson managed Colortyme there for four years before the Snyder store opened in 1996.

Mrs. Davidson trained managers for the Rosa's Cafe chain for 4½ years.

In past years, they also owned a welding fabrication business in Odessa.

NEW STORE — A grand opening is planned Saturday for Radio Shack, which opened on the square in late January. From left are Roger Davidson, who manages Colortyme next door; his wife Cassie, who manages Radio Shack; and John Howell, Davidson's assistant. Not pictured is field represenative Alan Lindsey. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Poll: New York's image improving

NEW YORK (AP) — After years of being maligned by the rest of America, New York City is getting good reviews.

A national poll conducted by The New York Times shows 61 percent of people surveyed have a generally "good image" of the city, compared to the 43 percent who did so in 1996.

About one in four people said crime was the city's main attribute in 1996, but half as many said so in the latest poll. The characteristic most frequently attributed to the city in the new poll: It's big.

Among the recent surge of tourists attracted by the city's strong economy and dropping crime rate, the impression is even better.

Mr. ZTV being as busy as a bee is having too much fun turning 51

Love,
Donna & The Boys

New study now links low-salt diet with higher risk of death

LONDON (AP) — Casting doubt on long-held dietary wisdom, a controversial new study says a low-salt diet actually increases the chance of untimely death.

But the report's critics say it's too early to pass the salt shaker.

The study, led by Dr. Michael Alderman, chairman of epidemiology at Albert Einstein School of Medicine in New York and president of the American Society of Hypertension, suggests the U.S. government should consider suspending its recommendation that people restrict the amount of salt they eat.

"The lower the sodium, the worse off you are," Alderman said. "There's an association. Is it the cause? I don't know. Any way you slice it, that's not an argument for eating a low-sodium diet."

The study says that no single level of sodium will be appropriate for every person in all circumstances, and that the data provide no support for a blanket recommendation regarding dietary sodium.

"It is possible that the harm of a low-sodium diet may outweigh its benefit," said the study, which was published in The Lancet, a British medical journal.

Alderman examined the relationship between sodium intake and death among 11,346 Americans evaluated in the 1970s by the U.S. government's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

By 1992, 3,923 of them had died. He found there were 19 deaths for every 1,000 years of life in the people with the highest salt intake, compared to 23 in those who ate the least salt.

Overall, a 1,000-milligram increase in dietary salt was associated with a 10 percent reduction in mortality.

The link between low-salt diets and death held up even after the researchers factored in blood pressure, cholesterol level, age, gender, economic status and mineral deficiencies.

But critics of the study said the salt consumption information in the original government survey on which the research is based was inaccurate because participants had underestimated the amount of salt they were eating.

"There are major methodological flaws which makes meaningful interpretation of this paper virtually impossible," said Dr. Paul Elliott, an epidemiologist at London's Imperial College and one of the authors of a key study on which conventional cut-the-salt wisdom is based.

Dr. Graham MacGregor of St. George's Hospital in London agreed, saying he believed the link could have been a statistical fluke.

Plus, they said, Alderman served on a policy advisory committee for the Salt Institute until a few years ago.

Alderman said he saw no conflict of interest in his association with the institute, and that he gave all the fees involved to charity.

U.S. health officials recommend Americans restrict the amount of salt in their diets to no more than 6 grams, or one teaspoon, per day, based on several studies showing a restricted sodium diet can lower blood pressure.

The average American eats about 12 grams of salt a day, and about 80 percent of that comes from processed foods.

"We have a preponderance of evidence that cannot be ignored. There are lots of clinical trials that show lowering blood pressure saves lives," said Edward Roccella, coordinator of the National High Blood Pressure Education Program at the National Institutes of Health.

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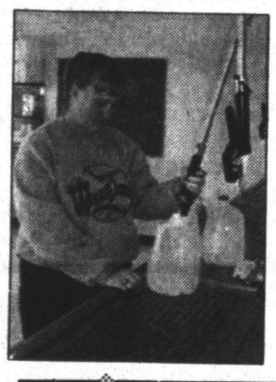

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Heavy losses may force price hike for HMO coverage

DALLAS (AP) — Thirteen of the 16 health maintenance organizations serving North Texas posted losses in 1997, raising the likelihood of increased premiums for employers and less coverage for consumers.

The losses that were revealed Thursday range from $772,375 to $53.8 million, according to annual reports filed with the Texas Department of Insurance.

In 1996, the same HMO's reported a combined $45 million loss.

The state won't compile a report on the figures until late April, but The Dallas Morning News reviewed the filings in Austin.

Managed health-care officials expressed shock at the numbers.

"I don't think anybody would have anticipated losses to be that high, especially in a single-market area," Geoff Wurzel, executive director of the Texas Association of Health Plans, told the newspaper.

"It's definitely a reflection of an extremely competitive market," Wurzel said.

A premium increase of almost 10 percent can be expected this year, with additional rate increases next year, insurance executives said.

Industry officials said the losses are attributable in large part to premiums being underpriced.

"The good news for consumers is that they've gotten a real bargain. The bad news is that prices are going up," said Jim Cassity, president of Prudential HealthCare's six-state Central Division.

Kaiser Permanente had the biggest loss, $53.8 million, compared to a $42.9 million deficit in 1996. Kaiser officials said last month that they would sell their 130,000-member Texas HMO by year's end.

Health-care analysts and some HMO officials said HMO premiums have been underpriced to attract employers to plans.

If so, the prices achieved their purpose — HMO membership grew by 19 percent last year to 1.1 million.

"They kept their rates low enough so that they could add those members, but it didn't necessarily improve the bottom line," said Kurt Fish, an analyst with Dain Rauscher in Dallas. "They were adding them at a loss."

Some insurers said they were hit with higher-than-expected medical and prescription drug costs.

Wurzel said the 1997 losses don't signal disaster for the HMO industry.

"The overwhelming results don't spell doom and gloom for the industry as a whole," he said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Holiday Gifts of Food Deserve No Thank-You From Overeater

DEAR ABBY: I am a compulsive overeater. After years of struggle, I have found relief in Overeaters Anonymous. On Jan. 23, I celebrated one year of abstinence.

Having just gone through my first holiday season without using food to medicate my feelings, I'm acutely aware of the many ways well-meaning friends and relatives made things more difficult. I was presented with several gifts of home-baked sweets. The givers acknowledged my eating problems by saying, "I know you can't have any of this, but ..."

Abby, I know I am responsible for what I eat and I can depend on my Higher Power to help me through unavoidable temptations. But if my family and friends really understood that giving certain foods to a compulsive overeater is like handing a bottle of liquor to an alcoholic, maybe they would be more careful about what they choose to give. A meaningful card would have been much more appreciated.

I assume that some of them gave sweets because they feel sorry for my kids or husband. My family is free to have sweets away from home, and they do occasionally. Actually, they have all commented how little they miss sweets — they're much happier with their new, healthier, happier mom and wife than they were with me when sweets were readily available.

I have learned to consume most foods in moderation, but based on my past experience, I know there are certain foods I simply cannot touch. Sweet foods happen to be my personal binge foods. To eat just one bite could lead to a relapse. I am not willing to take that risk, and I'm sure that others who care about me wouldn't want me to.

Abby, I was able to move those "treats" out of the house quickly, but I wish my friends and family would do me a favor by selecting nonedible gifts.

THANKS BUT NO THANKS
IN ARIZONA

DEAR THANKS BUT NO THANKS: Whatever the motive of the friends and relatives who presented you with gifts of home-baked sweets over the holidays, the term for it is "sabotage." And you are correct in your assessment that it's on a par with offering a drink to an alcoholic — or a cigarette to someone who has recently quit smoking.

Now you know that when you're in the company of these people, you will have to be on guard. I wish you the best of luck with your program. You're on the right track, and I congratulate you.

Readers, if you need Overeaters Anonymous, look in your telephone directory, or for general information and meeting locations, send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: OA World Service Office, P.O. Box 44020, Rio Rancho, N.M. 87174-4020.

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DEAR ABBY: On the last leg of a 6,100-mile trip out west, my husband and I stopped for breakfast at a restaurant in Kentucky.

Instead of presenting us with our check, the waitress said our bill had been taken care of — but she was not to tell us by whom.

What a nice gesture, but why us?

PUZZLED AND THANKFUL
IN CINCY

P.S. The only explanation we can think of is that someone must have overheard my husband say to me, "How are we going to pay for this?" — meaning cash or credit card.

DEAR PUZZLED: Perhaps it was your lucky day. Enjoy the warm memory.

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Clinton won't apologize for slavery during African trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — No apology for slavery is coming from President Clinton during his six-nation tour of Africa, even though he will visit two nations that were prominent in the slave trade and stand in a house where captive Africans were once processed as chattel.

The White House said Thursday that Clinton will not use the occasion to issue an apology because "that is not an issue that is central on the minds of many Americans." Aides are trying to keep Clinton's 12-day trip — the longest visit to the continent by any U.S. president — from getting bogged down in too many side issues.

"Getting into an issue that, for most Americans, is extraneous and off point is not something that he intends to do," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said when asked how the president could justify not making an apology during the trip. "He certainly is going to talk about the legacy of slavery and the scar that it represents on America. But this other question ... is very far off the mark when it comes to what real work we need to do."

The apology issue was raised last June in a resolution introduced by Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio. Clinton was cool to Hall's proposal, fearing an apology would prompt the descendants of slaves to demand government compensation. He also has declined to address the matter through his national dialogue on race relations, but did pass the issue to his race advisory board, which has never taken it up.

A few black leaders, including Jesse Jackson and singer Stevie Wonder, have urged an apology but mainstream civil rights organizations have questioned the value of such a move.

Melvin Foote, executive director of the private advocacy group Constituency for Africa, said Clinton is wise to steer clear of a slavery apology on the trip, which begins March 22.

"He's not going on the trip just to appease African-Americans. He's trying to get Americans to deal with Africa in a more useful way," Foote said. "This is not the time or the place. That apology stuff is symbolic to me. I want some meat and potatoes."

Clinton is expected to speak about historic ties between Africa and America during a speech in Senegal at Goree Island, once a major hub of the slave trade. He opens his trip with a stop in Ghana, which also served as a slave trading base.

As a symbolic gesture in 1994, a group of Ghanaian chiefs performed a ceremony of atonement for slavery for a group of black Americans, a move that many Ghanaians considered offensive.

Besides Ghana and Senegal, Clinton will visit Uganda, Botswana, South Africa and Rwanda. He is looking to reshape American perceptions of Africa, and will stress a plan to bolster U.S. trade and investment there.

"There is too much to gain to be idle, and too much to lose from indifference," said Susan Rice, assistant secretary of state for Africa. "We must not allow the failures and the seeming intractable problems of Africa to obscure its great promise."

The president also wants improved relations with Africa out of security concerns, hoping to enlist African leaders in containing the threat from such nations such as Iraq, Libya and Sudan.

That concerns Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on African affairs. He asked Clinton Thursday to clarify U.S. policy toward Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and Eritrea, where new leaders have replaced "some of the most corrupt and brutal governments in Africa."

"No African country is perfect," Rice said. "But that doesn't mean that we should not recognize progress where it has occurred and try to be supportive of it."

That approach would pose a sticky problem for the Clinton administration with Nigeria,

Engineer, 102, oldest worker in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Engineer Milton Garland could have left the workplace 37 years ago. He did not even think about it. Now he is 102 and the nation's oldest known worker.

Garland says he does not worry, believes every problem has a solution, thinks common sense will handle most difficulties, eats almost anything but cannot stand sauerkraut.

He also could not dally in Washington after a whirlwind day that included a banquet honoring older American workers and a meeting with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. He had to teach an engineering class in the morning.

Garland has worked for the same Pennsylvania engineering firm since 1920, so long that he thinks life and work are about the same thing.

"I don't think age has anything to do with your desire to work," Garland told a news conference at the National Press Club on Thursday. He said he was in charge when his company installed the building's refrigeration equipment in the late 1920s.

Question: "Where would you be if you had retired 37 years ago at age 65?"

Answer: "I'd be in my grave."

At 102, Garland is not only not in his grave, he is the new symbol of older working adults across the country. He was chosen for the role by an organization called Green Thumb, which champions older workers. The qualifications were simple. Work at least 20 hours a week and have the earliest birth date Green Thumb could find.

"I love the work I am doing," Garland said, leaning forward in his vested, dark pinstripe suit. "My advice is to go into something and stay with it until you like it. You can't like it until you obtain expertise in that work. Once you are an expert, it's a pleasure. And once you like what you do, you don't like to quit doing it."

Garland is an expert in what he does, although he now works about 20 hours a week. He holds 40 patents, mostly involving innovations in refrigeration technology. He helped perfect the production of synthetic rubber during World War II.

At the news conference, Garland had no problem fielding questions.

Does he have a special diet?

"I eat anything but sauerkraut," he replied, a definite edge in his deliberately raised voice.

He stays away from most desserts, has made doing things "correctly" a golden rule and never loses sleep from worry.

"I don't worry about anything," Garland said. "Worry never solved any problem. If the problem is there, you'll find the answer. You just have to keep working on it."

Milton W. Garland was born in Harrisburg, Pa., on Aug. 23, 1895. He graduated from high school in 1915, interrupted his education to serve in the Navy in World War I, and joined the Frick Co. of Waynesboro, Pa., in 1920, rising to vice president for education.

Garland has worked for Frick for 78 years. His current duties are coordinating international patents and giving training classes.

But even for Garland there is more to life than work. He was accompanied to the news conference by his wife, Alice. Sponsors said he has two children, seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and one great, great grandson.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; cost $30; Snyder Savings & Loan; no reservations needed, call 573-2850 for information; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-13-98
♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 5 4
♦ A 6 5
♣ K Q J 10

West
♠ 10
♥ Q 10 8 7 2
♦ 7 2
♣ 9 8 6 4 3

East
♠ Q 9 8
♥ A K J 6
♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ A 7

South
♠ K J 7 4 3
♥ 9 3
♦ K Q J 8
♣ 5 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Dbl.
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

On this deal, South was in four spades. West led a heart, East taking two tricks in the suit before exiting with a diamond. After winning in hand, declarer played a spade to dummy's ace and a spade to his king. When the queen didn't drop, South conceded defeat, losing one spade, two hearts and one club.

"That was unlucky," claimed South. "The spade queen wasn't over the jack. And I took the percentage play in trumps."

"That is such a silly superstition," observed North. "It is true that at the rubber-bridge table, where players rarely shuffle properly, a queen might stay glued to a jack from a previous deal, but it is hardly a reliable rule upon which to rest the success of your contract.

"Also, you failed to take into account that information affects the *a priori* odds. Here, East made a takeout double of my one-club opening. This strongly implied that he was short in clubs and long in the other three suits. As it is particularly dangerous for a player to double when short in spades, you should have finessed in trumps on the second round."

Edmund Burke, an Irish philosopher and statesman, claimed superstition is the religion of feeble minds. Joseph Hall, a former Bishop of Norwich in England, said it is godless religion. And Goethe felt it is the poetry of life. To each his own!

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On the day of superstitions

By Phillip Alder

On the second of four Friday the 13ths this year, how do you view superstition?

There are superstitions at the bridge table, like "queen over jack," but they are excuses for avoiding analysis.

Datebook

March 13, 1998

Today is the 72nd day of 1998 and the 83rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1639, Harvard University was named for clergyman John Harvard.

On this day in 1781, Uranus was discovered by English astronomer Sir William Herschel.

On this day in 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Priestley (1733-1804), chemist; Percival Lowell (1855-1916), astronomer; Oswald Garrison Villard (1872-1949), editor-journalist; Janet Flanner (1892-1978), journalist; L. Ron Hubbard (1911-1986), religious leader-writer; Neil Sedaka (1939-), singer-songwriter, is 59; Dana Delany (1957-), actress, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, Milwaukee outfielder Bobby Thomson fractured his ankle and was replaced by rookie Hank Aaron.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A brand-new mediocrity is thought more of than accustomed excellence." — Baltasar Gracian

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1990, a tornadic thunderstorm killed 10,000 geese in York County, Neb.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon.

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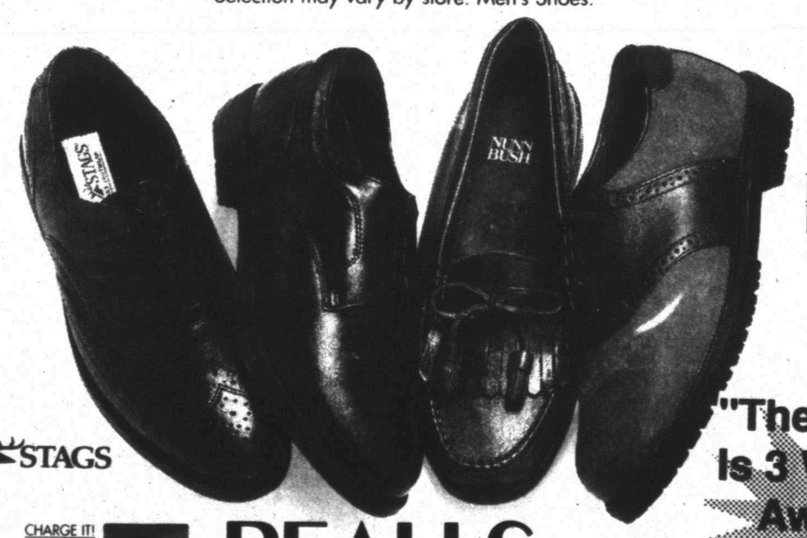

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ACROSS

1 Type of remark
6 Aide (abbr.)
10 Omen
12 Electric current unit
14 Toddlers' toys
15 Rude looks
16 Last mo.
17 Annapolis grad
19 Poor grades
20 Saw-toothed
23 Cuts
26 Positive vote
27 Limo user
30 Charge with gas
32 Package
34 Singer Franklin
35 Dried grape
36 Fishing pole
37 French season
39 Top of a wave
40 Conscriptee
42 Agree
45 Heat unit (abbr.)
46 Use a lawn-cutting machine
49 Open declaration
51 Scat!
54 Horsemanship school
55 Singer Frankie —
56 Knob
57 Siskel's partner

DOWN

1 Hollywood's elephant boy
2 — and void
3 — — Rhythm
4 French nobleman
5 Aircraftsman
6 Qty.
7 Digging tool
8 Dry
9 Yew or pine
11 River in Belgium
12 Ore analyst
13 Type of curve
18 Gun grp.
20 Tiff
21 Swimmer Williams
22 Card combination
23 District in Germany
24 Roman tyrant
25 Irritated
27 Flower holder
28 Egyptian goddess
29 Confined
31 Fit for ingesting
33 Glossy fabric
38 Newt
40 Deposited moisture on
41 Brass instrument
42 Traffic tie-up
43 Tennis player Lendl
44 Cher's ex, Sonny —
46 Double agent
47 — — about
48 Left
50 Vital statistic
52 Day before a holiday
53 Type of fest

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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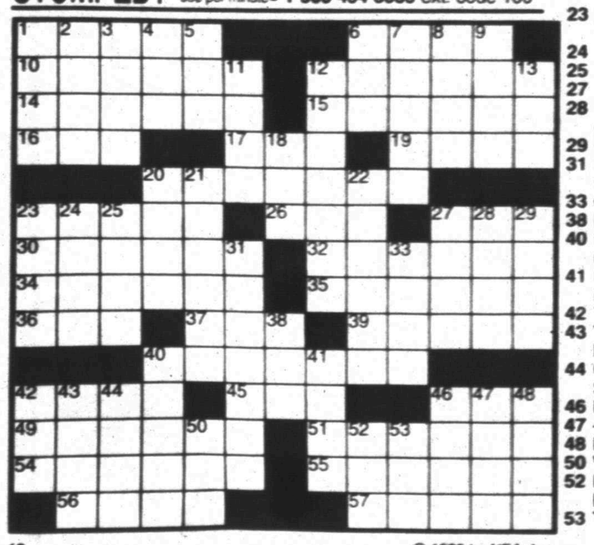

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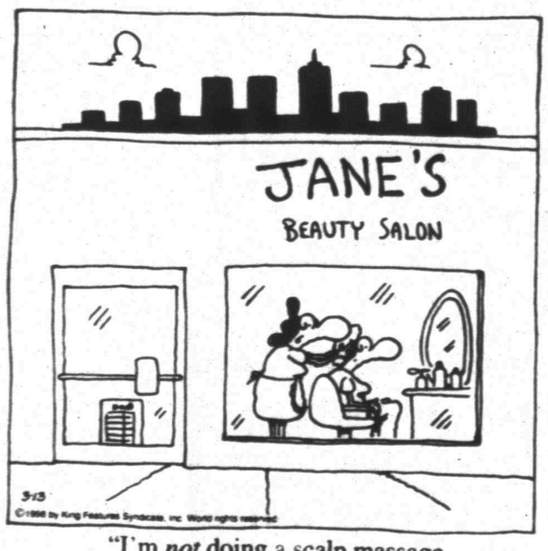

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SPORTS

Tigers claw their way into semifinal

Ten teams kicked off the Snyder Baseball Tournament on Thursday.

After one day of competition only four squads have a shot at the crown — the Tigers are one of them.

Snyder run-ruled Monahans, 9-1, before rallying to top Lubbock Christian, 3-2, to advance into the semifinals. The Tigers will face Ft. Stockton at 4:30 this afternoon with a berth in the title tilt on the line.

Clay Berryman turned in another stellar performance on the mound against Monahans.

The Tiger hurler pitched a one-hitter and struck out 11 opposing batters.

The only hit off Berryman was double in the first inning which resulted in Monahans' only run.

After going down in order in the bottom of the first, the Tigers busted loose in the second.

Two walks, a single by Matt Rodgers and two Monahans' errors resulted in four Snyder runs.

Then, after John Border reached first on base on balls, Berryman blasted a 1-0 offering over the left field fence to raise the tally to 6-0.

The Tigers added another run in the fifth, before Sonny Cumbie doubled in two more in the sixth to end the contest.

The victory set up a battle with the Lubbock Christian Eagles.

Senior Eagle pitcher Todd Pringle stymied Snyder early on. The Tigers stranded five base runners in the first three innings.

A hit batsman in the first frame and a walk in the fourth led to two Eagle runs off Snyder pitcher Kyle Beck.

Trailing 2-0 in the bottom of the fourth, the Tigers mounted a rally.

Eric Lang led off with a double and Cumbie reached on a fielder's choice.

Next up, Chris Hernandez belted a double to center field, scoring Lang and Cumbie.

Two batters later, Berryman singled home Hernandez for the game winner.

Beck fanned four Eagles over the final three innings, finishing with 12 strikeouts on the night.

In other action Monday, Ft Stockton put away Sweetwater, 5-3. Dumas shutout Pecos, 5-0, before trouncing Brownfield, 11-5. El Paso Ysleta rallied to top Big Spring, 2-1.

Dumas was to have faced Ysleta this morning in the other semifinal match-up.

The championship contest is slated for Saturday at 7 p.m.

Pecos	000 000 0—0
Dumas	012 020 x—5

Pecos: Contreras, double; Luna and Gutierrez, single. Abila (LP), 6 innings, 5 H, 2 BB, 14 SO.

Dumas: Lesly, double and single; Reynolds, double; Garcia and Apodaca, single. Stewart (WP), 7 innings, 3 H, 2 BB, 11 SO.

Big Spring	100 000 0—1
EP Ysleta	000 002 x—2

Big Spring: Pate, home run and single; Hanson and Moutin, single. Darling (LP), 5⅓ innings, 6 H, 2 BB, 5 SO; Denton, ⅔ inning, 1 H, 0 BB, 1 SO.

Ysleta: J. Hernandez, double and single; Rodriguez and Mendoza, single; Trejo, Solis and Montero, single. Hernandez (WP), 7 innings, 4 H, 3 BB, 13 SO.

Monahans	100 000—1
Snyder	060 012—9

Monahans: Najar, double. Poras (LP), 5 innings, 4 H, 4 BB, 3 SO; Aguilar, 0 innings, 2 H, 1 BB, 0 SO.

Snyder: Berryman, home run; Cumbie, double and single; Rodgers, two singles; Smith and Lang, single. Berryman (WP), 6 innings, 1 H, 3 BB, 11 SO.

Dumas	150 101 3—11
Brownfield	100 002 2— 5

Dumas: Chairez, double and two singles; Reynolds and Hendricks, double and single; Lesly, two singles; Evenson and Apodaca, single. Martin (WP), 4 innings, 5 H, 2 BB, 7 SO; Rex, 2 innings, 3 H, 0 BB, 0 SO; Lesly, 1 inning, 0 H, 2 BB, 1 SO.

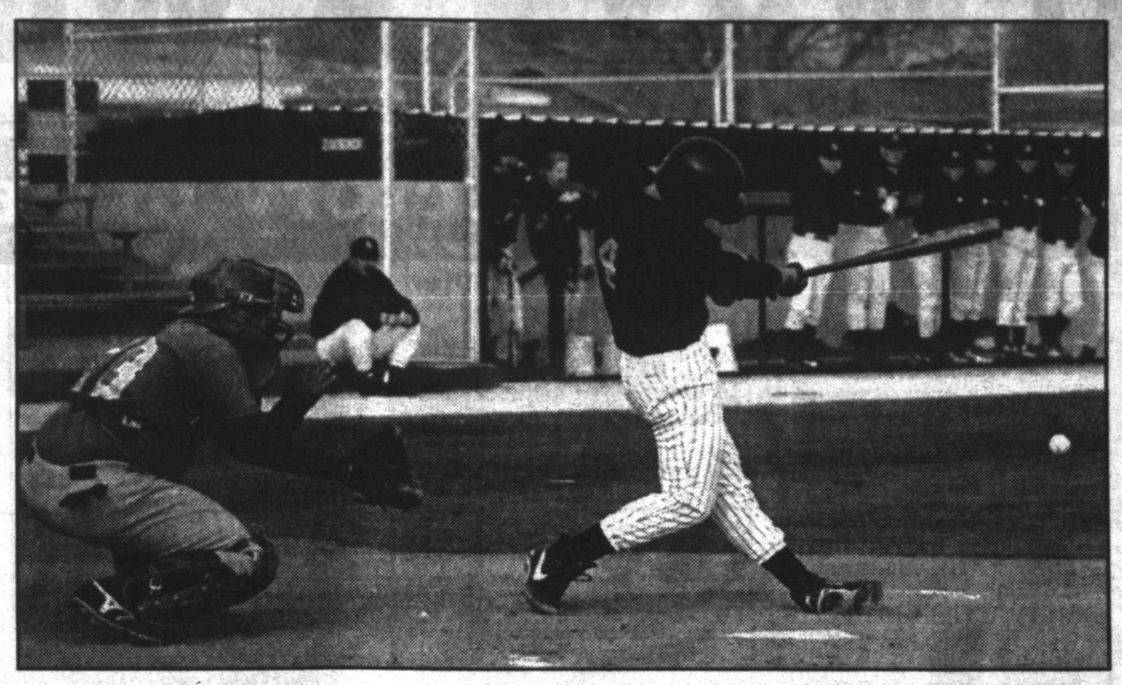
Brownfield: Buford, triple and single; Cruz, two singles; Altamirano, Quintanilla, Gober and Martinez, single. Buford (LP), 6 innings, 11 H, 5 BB, 7 SO; Edwards, 1 inning, 2 H, 2 BB, 1 SO.

Lubb Christian	100 100 0—2
Snyder	000 300 x—3

Lubb Christian: Middleton, double and single; Basom, double; Jenkins, single. Pringle (LP), 6 innings, 6 H, 3 BB, 1 HB, 4 SO.

Snyder: Lang, Fish and Hernandez, double; Berryman, Rodgers and Cumbie, single. Beck (WP), 7 innings, 4 H, 1 BB, 1 HB, 12 SO.

Ft. Stockton 5, Sweetwater 3



FIGHTING ONE OFF — Snyder's Clay Berryman fouls off a pitch to stay alive against Monahans during opening-round action of the Snyder tournament. Berryman belted a home run in his next at bat, powering the Tigers to a 9-1 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers rout Monahans, Anson; SHS JV, Hermleigh finish pool play

The Lady Tigers picked a good time to start playing their best softball — in front of the home crowd.

Snyder dumped Ft. Stockton, 7-1, before routing Anson, 17-4, during opening round Division I pool-play action of the Snyder Softball Tournament.

The Lady Tigers were to have played the final contest in their pool at 12:30 this afternoon against Midland Christian.

In Snyder's first match-up, Brittany Drummond gave up only two hits and struck out two through four innings. Pool play games last four innings or 1 hour 20 minutes.

At the plate, Kristin Martinez and Darcee Purcell knocked a double apiece for Snyder.

Against Anson it was Courtney Rinehart on the hill for the Lady Tigers. Rinehart surrendered five hits and struck out two, while her teammates got the bats going.

Martinez belted a triple, with Purcell and Tomlinson each slapping a double and a single.

Snyder blew the game open in the first, posting 12 runs in the opening inning.

With a win over Midland Christian, the Lady Tigers would wrap up first place in Pool C and receive a first round bye in bracket play.

In Division II, Snyder JV closed pool play with a mark of 2-1.

The Lady Tiger JV toppled Loraine, 8-3, before blowing out Ft. Stockton JV, 24-3.

SHS JV was nipped by Colorado City, 3-2, to close out the day.

Hermleigh placed third in Pool A after registering a 1-2 mark.

The Lady Cardinals fell to 5A Lubbock Monterey varsity, 8-0, and to Coahoma JV, 14-1.

Hermleigh received a 7-0 victory by forfeit. Abilene Wylie's varsity and JV was forced to forfeit all of today's contests due to a district game.

With pool play finishing up this morning, the teams were to move into the bracket portion of the tourney this afternoon.

DIVISION I
EP Eastwood 3, Coahoma 1
Ft. Stockton 7, Anson 4
Coronado 11, Hawley 4
Big Spring 16, Clyde 3
Snyder 7, Ft. Stockton 1
EP Ysleta 13, Clyde 5
Wylie 5, EP Eastwood 1
Snyder 17, Anson 4
Hawley 5, Lake View 2
Coronado 13, Clyde 6

DIVISION II
Monterey 8, Hermleigh 0
Colorado City 5, Loraine 3
Snyder JV 8, Loraine 3
Coahoma JV 14, Hermleigh 1
Snyder JV 24, Ft. Stockton JV 3
Monterey 18, Wylie JV 3
Coahoma JV 5, Monterey 1
Colorado City 3, Snyder JV 2

Astros nip Dodgers, 6-5

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Dave Clark hit the game-winning single in the 10th inning as the Houston Astros rallied to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-5 Thursday and extended their winning streak to four.

Trailing 5-2 in the seventh, Houston tied the game on a two-run homer by J.R. Phillips, his third of the spring, and an RBI single by Richard Hidalgo off loser Darren Hall.

C.J. Nitkowski pitched a perfect 10th for the victory.

Raul Mondesi, Mike Piazza and Mike Devereaux had two hits each for Los Angeles.

SHS set to host annual track event

Snyder High School's track teams get a chance to thrill the home crowd Saturday at the Canyon Reef Relays.

The Lady Tigers will be competing against athletes from Canyon High, Lubbock High, Estacado, Frenship, Lamesa and Levelland.

The Snyder girls are coming off strong performances at the Mustang Relays in Andrews.

Callie Bane could contend for a podium finish in both hurdling events, with Ashley Delce doing the same in the triple jump and 200-meter dash.

For the Snyder boys, Juan Arizmendi has seen the most success in the running events. Arizmendi grabbed the runner-up spot in the 100-meter dash in Andrews with a time of 11.26 seconds.

But the field events might be where the Tigers shine.

Joe Esparza is strong in the shot put, while Jared Thornhill in the pole vault and Andy Parker in the high jump could also garner points.

Competing with Snyder in the boys division will be Estacado, Levelland, Lamesa and Frenship.

Local Sports Schedule

Today

Softball: Snyder varsity, JV and Hermleigh at Snyder tourney.

Baseball: Snyder vs. Ft. Stockton, Snyder tourney, 4:30.

Baseball: Snyder JV vs. Shallowater, Frenship tourney, 2 p.m.

Baseball: Snyder freshmen at Grape Creek tourney.

Golf: Snyder varsity boys at San Angelo, first round.

Golf: Snyder varsity girls at Andrews, first round.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Abilene Invitational.

Saturday

Softball: Snyder varsity, JV and Hermleigh at Snyder tourney.

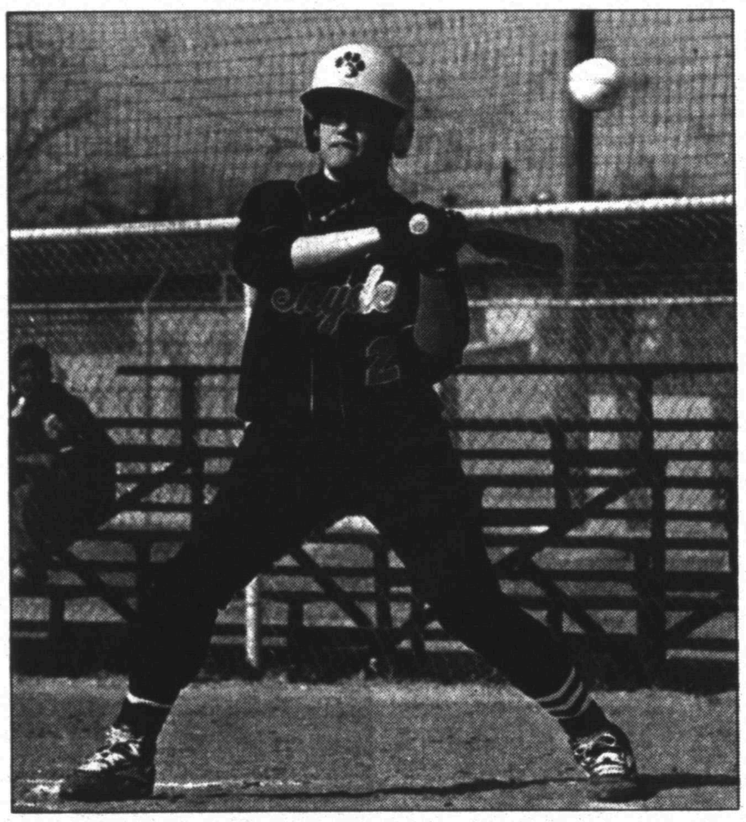
Track: Snyder at Canyon Reef Relays, Tiger Stadium.

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Snyder tourney.

Baseball: Snyder JV at Frenship tourney,; Snyder freshmen at Grape Creek tourney.

Golf: Snyder varsity boys at San Angelo, final round.

Golf: Snyder varsity girls at Andrews, final round.



I DON'T THINK SO — Lady Tiger Amanda Huff lays off a high pitch against Ft. Stockton during pool play of the Snyder Softball Tournament. Snyder downed the Prowlers, 7-1. (SDN Staff Photo)

NCAA Basketball Championships

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At The Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.
North Carolina 88, Navy 52
North Carolina Charlotte 77, Illinois-Chicago 62
Princeton 69, UNLV 57
Michigan State 83, Eastern Michigan 71
At The MCI Center
Washington
Washington 69, Xavier 68
Richmond 62, South Carolina 61
Indiana 94, Oklahoma 87, OT
Connecticut 93, Fairleigh Dickinson 85

Second Round
Saturday, March 14
At The Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.
North Carolina (31-3) vs. North Carolina Charlotte (20-10), 12:10 p.m.
Michigan State (21-7) vs. Princeton (27-1), 30 minutes after previous game
At The MCI Center
Washington
Richmond (23-7) vs. Washington (19-9), 4:38 p.m.
Connecticut (30-4) vs. Indiana (20-11), 30 minutes after previous game

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Syracuse (24-8) vs. Iona (27-5), 12:25 p.m.
New Mexico (23-7) vs. Butler (22-10), 30 minutes after previous game
Oklahoma State (21-6) vs. George Washington (24-8), 7:40 p.m.
Duke (29-3) vs. Radford (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Kentucky (29-4) vs. South Carolina State (22-7), 12:15 p.m.
Massachusetts (21-10) vs. Saint Louis (21-10), 30 minutes after previous game
Michigan (24-8) vs. Davidson (20-9), 7:40 p.m.
UCLA (22-8) vs. Miami (18-9), 30 minutes after previous game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At The Myriad
Oklahoma City
Mississippi (22-6) vs. Valparaiso (21-9), 12:30 p.m.
Texas Christian (27-5) vs. Florida State (17-13), 30 minutes after previous game
Rhode Island (22-8) vs. Murray State (29-3), 7:50 p.m.
Kansas (34-3) vs. Prairie View (13-16), 30 minutes after previous game
At The United Center
Chicago
Clemson (18-13) vs. Western Michigan (20-7), 12:30 p.m.
Stanford (26-4) vs. College of Charleston (24-5), 30 minutes after previous game
Purdue (26-7) vs. Delaware (20-9), 7:55 p.m.
St. John's (22-9) vs. Detroit (24-5), 30 minutes after previous game

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At Arco Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Maryland 82, Utah State 68
Illinois 64, South Alabama 51
Illinois State 82, Tennessee 81, OT
Arizona 99, Nicholls State 60
At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
West Virginia 82, Temple 52
Cincinnati 65, Northern Arizona 62
Utah 85, San Francisco 68
Arkansas 74, Nebraska 65
Second Round
Saturday, March 14
At Arco Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Maryland (20-10) vs. Illinois (23-9), 4:30 p.m.
Arizona (28-4) vs. Illinois State (25-5), 30 minutes after previous game
At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
Cincinnati (27-5) vs. West Virginia (23-8), 2:20 p.m.
Utah (26-3) vs. Arkansas (24-8), 30 minutes after previous game

Sports Briefs

Track meet volunteers

Snyder High School is in need of volunteers to work Saturday at the Canyon Reef Relays.

Anyone wishing to help should contact the SHS athletic office at 574-6035.

Golf tournament

Snyder Country Club has postponed the Open House Golf Tournament slated for Saturday. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

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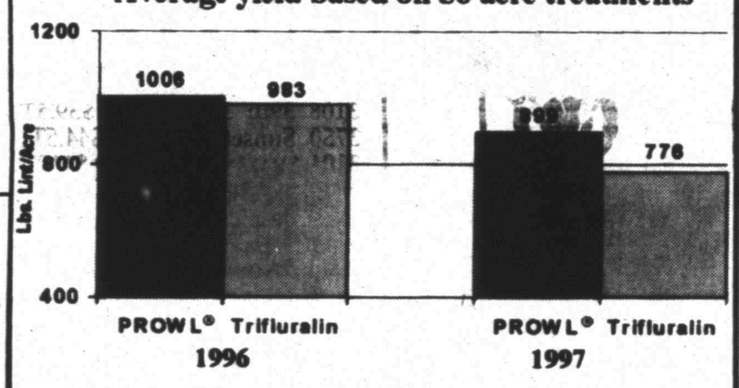

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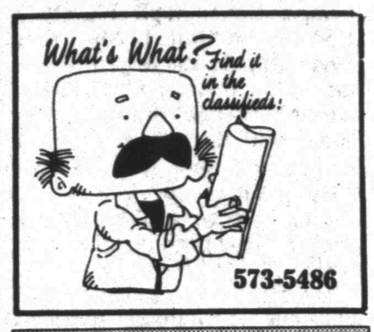

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The juror first complained Thursday, the second day of deliberations in the case of Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney, charged with harassing or threatening six military women. After coming back to court today, the juror agreed to remain on the panel and deliberations continued.

"One of the court members was upset over how the deliberation was going and there was some discussion of whether the member wanted to be part of the deliberative process," said the judge, Col. Ferdinand Clervi.

Jury president Col. Donald Whitfield told the judge and lawyers from both sides this morning that the upset juror had agreed to remain on the panel.

"This morning it seemed a little better," Whitfield said.

Even if one of the six men and two women quits, the jury could continue deliberating. At least one-third of the jury must be enlisted soldiers, and the panel now has four enlisted men and four officers.

Unlike civilian trials, a military jury does not have to reach a unanimous verdict. A guilty verdict would require a two-thirds vote, or six of the eight jurors in McKinney's case.

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Aviall	14 15-16	14 13-16	14⅞	— 1-16
BakerHughes	39⅝	38 11-16	39	— 3-16
BellAtl	96⅛	95⅛	96½	+ 1⅛
BellSouth	61⅛	60⅞	61 7-16	+15-16
BethSteel	12 3-16	11 15-16	12 1-16	+ 9-16
BritPet s	82⅛	81 11-16	82⅛	— ⅝
BurlNoSFe	102	100⅞	100 13-16	— ⅞
CBS Corp	31 9-16	31 3-16	31⅛	+ ⅛
Caterpillar s	56⅞	56⅛	56⅝	+ ⅝
CenSoWst	26 15-16	26⅞	26 15-16	
Chevron	83 3-16	82 9-16	82 15-16	+ 3-16
Chrysler	42⅞	42⅛	42⅞	+ ⅛
Coastal	64⅞	64 5-16	64⅞	+ ½
CocaCola	72 71 5-16	71 7-16	— 3-16	
ColgatePalm s	85⅛	82⅛	83 13-16	— 1⅛
ComclMetals	32 9-16	32⅛	32 9-16	+ 1-16
CooperIn	59 7-16	59	59 5-16	+ 1-16
CyprusAmax	17⅞	17⅛	17⅝	+ ⅛
DallSemicn	40⅞	39 15-16	40	— ⅞
DeltaAirl	122⅛	121 9-16	121⅝	+13-16
DigitalEq	51 5-16	50⅞	50⅝	+ ⅛
Dillards Inc	36⅛	36⅛	36 7-16	— 1-16
DowChem	93 13-16	92⅞	93 7-16	+ ⅛
DresserInd	45 1-16	44⅞	44⅝	+ 1-16
DuPont s	63 7-16	62 7-16	62 13-16	— ⅛
EastmanChem	65⅞	65⅛	65⅝	— ⅛
EstKodak	63 1-16	62⅞	62 7-16	— ⅝
EDS Corp	46⅞	45 9-16	46⅛	+ 1⅜
Entergy	27 13-16	27⅞	27⅞	— 1-16
Exxon	64⅛	63⅞	64⅛	+ ⅝
FstBksAm	23 9-16	23 9-16	23 9-16	
Flowers s	25⅛	25	25	— 3-16
FordMotor	59⅞	58⅛	59 3-16	+1 13-16
GTE Cp	56 15-16	56⅞	56⅝	+ ⅜
GenDynam	88	87⅛	87 9-16	— ⅛
GenElecs	78 15-16	77⅞	78⅛	—1 1-16
GenMills	73⅛	72⅞	73	— ⅛
GenMotors	73	72	72⅝	+ ⅛
GaPacGP s	68	67 11-16	67 11-16	—13-16
GlobalMar	23 5-16	23	23⅛	+ 3-16
Goodrich	51⅞	51⅛	51⅛	+ ⅛
Goodyear s		71⅛	70⅞	71
GtAtlPac	30 13-16	30 9-16	30 13-16	+ ⅛
Halliburtn s	46 7-16	45⅛	45 15-16	+ 1-16
Hanson ADS	29⅝	29 3-16	29⅛	+ 5-16
HarteHanks	43	42⅛	43	+ ⅜
HomeDepot s	69⅛	68 15-16	69 5-16	— 3-16
HoustonInds	26⅞	26 9-16	26 11-16	+ 3-16
IBM s	101⅛	100 1-16	100⅝	+ ⅜
IntlPaper	51 15-16	51⅛	51 9-16	— 1-16
JohnsonJn	76 7-16	75 9-16	75⅝	— ⅛
K mart	16⅛	15 15-16	16⅛	+ ⅛
Kroger s	46 15-16	46 1-16	46 15-16	+ ⅞
Litton	62	61⅞	61⅞	— ⅛
LockhdMart	116 11-16	114⅝	115⅝	+1 1-16
Lowes Cos	69 15-16	68⅝	68⅝	— ⅜
Lubys	17⅞	17⅝	17 13-16	
LucentTech	119⅝	117 9-16	117 13-16	+2 9-16
LucentTch wi	60	59⅛	59⅝	+1 3-16
MayDeptStrs	64 13-16	64 1-16	64 3-16	— 5-16
Medtronic s	52 7-16	52	52⅝	+ 3-16
Mobils	72 11-16	72	72⅝	+ ⅛
Monsanto	51 3-16	50 9-16	50⅞	— ⅜
MorganJP	125	123 13-16	125	+ 1⅛
Motorola	55⅞	55 7-16	55 11-16	+ 9-16
NCR Corp	34 3-16	33⅞	34 1-16	+ ⅛
NationsBk	70 9-16	69⅛	69 13-16	— 9-16
Navistar	34⅛	33⅞	34⅛	+ 7-16
Norwests	43 5-16	42 15-16	43⅛	— 1-16
OryxEngy	24 7-16	24 3-16	24 7-16	+ 3-16
Penney JC	74 11-16	74	74 5-16	+ ⅛
Pennzoil	66	65⅞	65⅞	+ 1-16
PepBoys	26⅛	25 15-16	26 1-16	
PepsiCo	43⅜	42	42 15-16	— 1-16
PhelpDodge	67 13-16	67⅞	67⅝	— 3-16
PhilipPet	49 3-16	48 13-16	49	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	14	13 13-16	13 15-16	— 3-16
Polaroid	45⅛	44 13-16	45	+ 5-16
Praxair	47 7-16	46 15-16	46 15-16	— ⅛
ProctGamb s	83 9-16	82 5-16	82 11-16	— 1⅛
PubSNwMx	22⅞	22 9-16	22 11-16	
RoyalDut s	54 13-16	54⅝	54 13-16	+ ⅛
SBC Comm	80 1-16	79⅞	80 1-16	+11-16
SBC Comm wi	39 15-16	39 15-16	39 15-16	+ ⅛
SaraLee	58 13-16	58⅛	58 13-16	+ 5-16
Scripps EW	53 7-16	52 15-16	53 7-16	+ 7-16
SearsRoeb	57⅝	57 1-16	57⅛	— ⅛
SherwinW	33⅝	33⅛	33⅜	— 1-16
SmthBc ADS s	63⅞	62⅝	63⅛	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	26	25⅞	25⅞	— ⅛
SwstAirl s	30 15-16	30 5-16	30 13-16	+ 5-16
Sprint	69⅛	68 7-16	68 13-16	+ 9-16
SunCo	42⅞	42 1-16	42 7-16	+ ⅜
TNP Ent	32 7-16	32⅛	32 5-16	+ 3-16
Tandy s	45⅞	44⅞	45⅛	+ 7-16
TempleInland	64 1-16	63⅛	63⅝	— ⅛
Tenneco	44⅛	43⅞	43 15-16	—11-16
Texaco s	57⅝	56 11-16	57⅛	+ 1-16
TexInd	51 15-16	51 11-16	51 13-16	+ ⅛
TexasInst s	55⅛	54 7-16	55 3-16	+13-16
TexUtil	40 3-16	39 13-16	40⅛	+ 7-16
Textron s	72⅛	71⅛	71 15-16	— 1-16
Travelers s	61 1-16	59⅞	60⅛	+ ⅛
TriconGlbR n	30⅛	29⅞	30 1-16	+ 5-16
TrinityInds			53⅛	53 53
TritonEngy	34	33⅛	33⅛	— 7-16
Tyler	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	+ ⅛
US WestCm	54 5-16	53⅞	54 3-16	+ 3-16
USWstMda	34 9-16	34⅛	34⅛	+ 1-16
USX-Marathn	36⅛	36	36 1-16	— 1-16
USX-USS	38⅝	38 5-16	38⅛	— ⅛
UnCarbde	47⅛	46⅞	46⅛	— 7-16
UnionPacif	51 11-16	51⅛	51 11-16	+ 7-16
UnitedTech	91 3-16	90 11-16	91⅛	+ 1⅛
Unocal	38⅛	37 15-16	38	+ 1-16
WalMart	51 11-16	51	51 11-16	+ ⅜
WstnGasRs	17 9-16	17⅛	17 9-16	+ 3-16
WinnDixie	59⅛	58⅛	58⅛	— ⅛
Woolworth	24⅛	23⅞	24⅛	+ ⅛
Xerox Corp	95 15-16	95⅛	95⅛	+ ⅜
ZenithE		7⅛	7 1-16	7⅛

Deputies investigate report of cattle theft

Snyder area peace officers investigated the theft of some cattle and made one unrelated arrest Thursday.

Jack Martin contacted the sheriff's office at 8:40 a.m. to report that someone had taken two 1,000-pound registered Hereford heifers from his property along Ennis Creek Road. A report for theft was filed and the case is under investigation.

A 27-year-old male was taken into custody in the 2900 block of Avenue Z at 6:37 p.m. Thursday for driving while his license is suspended.

At 11:47 p.m., a clerk at Rip Griffin's contacted officers to report that someone in a tan pick-up had driven off without paying for $16.01 in gasoline.

A woman along north U.S. Highway 84 called the sheriff's office at 11:30 p.m. to say she had seen a subject standing in her doorway. She said the subject ran off when she entered the room.

Larry Carrisalez called officers at 8:35 a.m. to complain that two dogs were killing his chickens. He had chased the dogs away by the time an officer arrived.

Officers investigated two minor traffic accidents, one in the sophomore parking lot at Snyder High School at 3:41 p.m. and another at the traffic circle at 5:15 p.m. No reports were available Friday morning. There were no injuries in either accident.

Man pleads guilty to DWI offense

A 25-year-old Odessa man pleaded guilty Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Timmy Lee Hart pleaded guilty to a Dec. 18, 1997 charge of felony driving while intoxicated.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong assessed a five-year probated prison sentence and a $750 fine. Hart will also serve 240 days in the Scurry County Jail and spend 30 days in a court-approved substance abuse treatment center.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Helen Hardiman, Monuela Marroquin, Candi Anderle of Rotan, Martin Brooks, George Martinez.

DISMISSALS: Judy Beard, Martin Brooks, Sally Avila, Nathan Sorrells, Annie Wasson.

CENSUS: 48 (Med., Surg.-18, Long-term Care-26, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Monuela Marroquin of Snyder announces the birth of her seven-pound, 11-ounce son at 10:02 a.m. on March 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Senate OKs highway bill; nearly $11 billion for Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas would receive a nearly $11 billion infusion of cash from Washington to build and restore the state's highways, roads and bridges under a six-year transportation bill approved by the Senate.

On a 96-4 vote Thursday, senators wrapped up a lengthy and sometimes acrimonious debate that had many scrambling to ensure their states would receive a fair share of the $214 billion pie.

Yet the topic is far from closed because the House is shaping its own highway bill, ensuring that the final legislation will be a compromise between both chambers' competing visions.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Irving, warned Thursday that "there are a couple of things in the Senate bill I'm not particularly excited by."

The Senate bill marked a substantial victory for Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and others who fought to increase the size of the original outline, which was far smaller than what House leaders are pushing for.

Gramm and his allies, including Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., successfully added $26 billion to the Senate bill by ensuring that all taxes paid by motorists at the gas pump would go for transportation. Currently, some of the money is diverted away from the federal highway trust fund for other purposes, including deficit reduction.

"This marks the culmination of nearly two years of hard work in trying to get the federal government to live up to its commitment," Gramm said. "This bill is a clear victory for the driving public. It will keep the promise that government made to use the gasoline tax money paid by drivers to build and repair our roads."

Texas would receive $1.7 billion more under the Senate-passed bill than under the initial version adopted by the Senate public works committee.

In all, the state would get $10.9 billion of the $171 billion dedicated for surface transportation, and an as yet unknown share of the $41 billion set aside for mass transit. That would represent an increase for Texas of about $700 million annually over the last highway bill.

"This is great news," said Texas Transportation Commissioner David Laney. "It is a critical step toward getting Texas an equitable return on the transportation dollars sent to Washington."

But Laney noted that Senate passage marked only a first step. And as the debate shifts to the House, he cautioned: "The stakes for Texas are high."

In a last-minute addition, the Senate agreed Wednesday to funnel more money to Texas and six other states that have been disadvantaged under the formula used to allocate highway spending. Currently, Texas receives 76 cents for every dollar paid into the highway trust fund. Texas would gain an extra $543 million in so-called "bonus" funding to help rectify the inequity.

The state also would be eligible to compete for a share of the $450 million set aside for trade corridor and border infrastructure improvements.

Lawmakers face a ticking clock in passing a new bill. The current short-term bill expires May 1. Absent federal funding on that date, some states could be forced to curtail some highway projects. Texas officials have said they have enough of a cushion to keep projects going for at least several months.

Although the chairman of the House transportation committee has said that Congress may not meet the May 1 deadline, Armey expressed confidence Thursday that a bill would be passed.

"If it is not in fact enacted, we would probably look at a short extension," he said. "But at this point I am not concerned about not making it."

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Sugar is a no-no for many diabetics

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My fasting blood sugars consistently run about 300 milligrams/deciliter. I know that I should limit sugar in my diet, but my doctors won't tell me how much I can have.

DEAR READER: None. You have to eliminate table sugar, cane sugar and corn syrup (commercial sweetener) from your diet, because you are diabetic. Ordinarily, the fasting blood sugar should not exceed 110 milligrams per deciliter. Yours is clearly too high, indicating that you don't have enough insulin to correct it. Therefore, one answer to your problem is to eat no sugar whatsoever. Refined sugar is not a vital nutrient; you can do without it.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a chronic fungus infection under my breasts, along my waist, under my arms, and in my genital area. What causes this? Creams don't work.

DEAR READER: Yeast infections of the skin and genitals are common in diabetics. I suggest that you bring this to your doctor's attention and have a blood sugar determination. If you have diabetes, yeast infections can be extremely hard to eradicate until your sugar levels are brought under control with diet and/or medicine.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have three questions.

Does pulling a child's hair keep it full and strong?

Does brushing your teeth until your gums bleed help prevent cavities?

Does stretching my penis at night when I go to bed help lengthen it?

DEAR READER: No, no and no.

Pulling hair is uncomfortable and unnecessary. This practice will not strengthen the hair shaft.

Vigorous brushing day in and day out — to the point of bleeding — will not help protect against dental disease. In fact, over time, intense brushing may wear down the enamel, as well as injure the gums. Ask your dentist to instruct you in proper brushing technique.

Although some religious mystics in India have adopted the habit of hanging stones from their penises in order to lengthen their organs, I think this practice is crazy. Pulling on it at night isn't going to help either. Leave well enough alone.

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JonBenet Ramsey case...

Police seek grand jury probe

DENVER (AP) — They've been blocked by JonBenet Ramsey's uncooperative parents and unable to get prosecutors to file charges.

Almost 15 months into the mystery of who killed the 6-year-old beauty contestant, Boulder police recommended Thursday that the case be turned over to a grand jury for "a complete investigation."

"The appropriate step at this time is to ask for a grand jury to assist us in gathering additional admissible evidence," Police Cmdr. Mark Beckner said.

Boulder County District Attorney Alex Hunter said the police department "concluded that its investigation has not resulted in sufficient admissible evidence to convict anyone of the murder."

He said he will review the evidence before deciding whether to turn to a grand jury, which can be used to obtain sworn testimony, to obtain evidence not available through routine investigation and to seek indictments.

Grand jury proceedings, which are secret, are sometimes used to force uncooperative witnesses to testify.

A grand jury indictment allows authorities to arrest someone for probable cause, a lower standard than the "beyond reasonable doubt" threshold that must be met to find someone guilty at trial.

Beckner said the recommendation did not indicate that the investigation is at a stalemate.

"We still have 26 investigative tasks to complete," he said. "We are at a point where we think a grand jury would be helpful and help get testimony we are not able to get through other means."

Beckner said the Ramseys have refused to cooperate with police requests for interviews since he took over the case in December. Police last interviewed the Ramseys on April 30.

JonBenet's strangled and beaten body was found in the basement of the family's home on Dec. 26, 1996. Her mother, Patsy Ramsey, said she found a ransom note on a back stairway hours before the body was found by her father, John Ramsey.

Authorities have refused to rule out the Ramseys as possible suspects. A call to the family's spokeswoman was not returned.

Al Fayed seeks further probe

PARIS (AP) — Raising new questions about the role of a mysterious white Fiat, Mohamed Al Fayed met Thursday with the French judge investigating the Paris car crash that killed Princess Diana and his son Dodi.

A smiling Al Fayed emerged after two hours of talks with Judge Herve Stephan and described the meeting as "great."

His lawyer, Georges Kiejman, added that Al Fayed had been "satisfied by everything explained to him" by the judge.

Kiejman also said a request had been made for "additional investigations," specifically that Al Fayed wanted to know more about the theory that the couple's car collided with another vehicle — possibly a white Fiat — before slamming into the 13th pillar of the Pont de l'Alma tunnel.

So far, Judge Stephan and police investigators have focused on the drunken state of driver Henri Paul, who also died in the Aug. 31 crash. They have also cited the high speed at which Paul was driving the Mercedes, and the Fiat Uno.

Last week, Stephan met for the fourth time with bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, the sole survivor of the crash.

Rees-Jones' French lawyer, Christian Curtil, said his client, who suffered amnesia from severe head injuries, was gradually recalling more about events immediately before and after the crash.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, March 14, 1998

In the year ahead, you might make some sensitive revisions in your basic philosophy to keep current with developments. These changes will prove to be quite beneficial.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A situation in which you're interested has been undergoing some positive alterations that weren't apparent to you or others — until today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Several valuable relationships can be strengthened today if you show a willingness to cooperate. Do what's necessary without being directed to do so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions that directly affect your work could be more favorable today than they will be tomorrow. Synchronize your moves to the present trends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A calculated risk might be in order today pertaining to something you have analyzed thoroughly. Do not be timid in domains where bold measures are required.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something profitable could develop for you through a shared endeavor. It might not look like much at first glance, but appearances can be deceptive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Newly acquired knowledge could have a positive effect upon an important decision you may have to make soon. Continue to keep up with the latest bulletins.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, you could be rather fortunate in an involvement that is not as run-of-the-mill as you first thought. It might yield more than anticipated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A chance social encounter today might turn out more interesting than if it had been planned. Excitement is in the air if you just let things happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The choice is up to you today; you can be either positive or negative. The latter thoughts invite failure, while the former ones usher in success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, you could be luckier than usual through your friends and contacts. Do not be too proud to accept favors from those who are anxious to help you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your chances for success in commercial endeavors today will be based upon your ability to make on-the-spot adjustments as needs arise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A better way of doing something might occur to you today, even though it could mean making a radical adjustment that should be considered seriously.

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Facts About The BIBLE

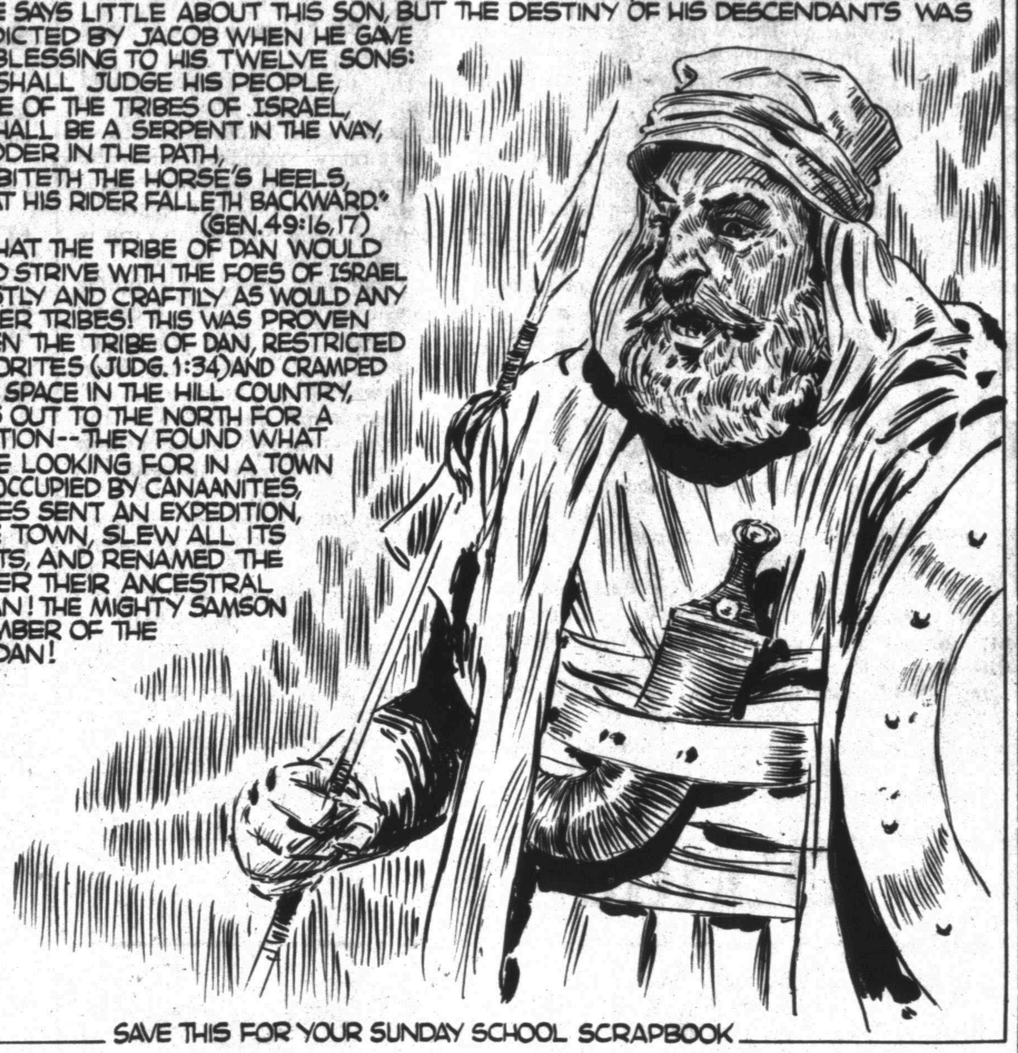
BY JOHN LEHTI

THE FIFTH SON!

DAN WAS THE FIFTH SON OF JACOB. HIS MOTHER WAS BILHAH, HANDMAID TO JACOB'S WIFE, RACHEL. JACOB'S OTHER WIFE, LEAH, HAD ALREADY BORNE FOUR SONS. TO JACOB AND RACHEL, DESPAIRING THAT SHE WOULD HAVE NO CHILDREN, SHE GAVE HER HANDMAID TO JACOB AS A CONCUBINE, IN THE HOPE THAT SHE COULD GIVE A SON TO JACOB IN THAT MANNER AND, FORTUNATELY, BILHAH DID CONCEIVE AND RACHEL NAMED THE INFANT SON DAN; FOR, SHE SAID, GOD HATH JUDGED ME, AND HATH ALSO HEARD MY VOICE, AND HATH GIVEN ME A SON --THE BIBLE SAYS LITTLE ABOUT THIS SON, BUT THE DESTINY OF HIS DESCENDANTS WAS THUS PREDICTED BY JACOB WHEN HE GAVE HIS FINAL BLESSING TO HIS TWELVE SONS:

"DAN SHALL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE,
AS ONE OF THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL,
DAN SHALL BE A SERPENT IN THE WAY,
AN ADDER IN THE PATH,
THAT BITETH THE HORSE'S HEELS,
SO THAT HIS RIDER FALLETH BACKWARD."
(GEN.49:16,17)

MEANING THAT THE TRIBE OF DAN WOULD BATTLE AND STRIVE WITH THE FOES OF ISRAEL AS EARNESTLY AND CRAFTILY AS WOULD ANY OF THE OTHER TRIBES! THIS WAS PROVEN LATER WHEN THE TRIBE OF DAN, RESTRICTED BY THE AMORITES (JUDG.1:34) AND CRAMPED FOR LIVING SPACE IN THE HILL COUNTRY, SENT SPIES OUT TO THE NORTH FOR A NEW LOCATION--THEY FOUND WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR IN A TOWN OF LAISH, OCCUPIED BY CANAANITES. THE DANITES SENT AN EXPEDITION, SEIZED THE TOWN, SLEW ALL ITS INHABITANTS, AND RENAMED THE TOWN AFTER THEIR ANCESTRAL FATHER, DAN! THE MIGHTY SAMSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE TRIBE OF DAN!



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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

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Cold snap severely damages blueberries

ATLANTA (AP) — This week's cold snap has killed half or more of Georgia's blueberry crop, as temperatures across the Southeast reached record lows today but were expected to begin rising.

Most of the damage to the crop came Thursday night and early today, said Scott NeSmith, a University of Georgia blueberry expert who provided the estimate.

"I have to wait until the ice melts to start looking at the damage, and I could lose a lot," Adaire Chambers, a blueberry farmer in Homerville, said this morning.

Also today, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman was to inspect the peach crop in central Georgia, where a freeze warning was in effect this morning.

This week's cold weather has also threatened the peach crop in the Carolinas, where growers kept large, propeller-like machines mounted on towers operating through the night to draw air through the trees.

"We have a potential catastrophic situation," said Larry Yonce, who has a 1,000-acre peach orchard in Saluda County, S.C. "We're just in a very grave circumstance."

The damage to peaches could send consumer prices up 30 percent, said Scott Rawlins, a commodity specialist with the American Farm Bureau Federation. "Based on what I've seen, I don't see how that peach crop is going to survive," he said.

Blueberries may face a similar fate. Georgia's 200 growers produced 15 million pounds of fruit in 1997 and had been expected to produce up to 17 million pounds this year. Now, the crop could easily drop to 6 million to 8 million, NeSmith said.

The damage does not compare to 1996 and 1993, when storms wrecked the blueberry crop, he said. Five million pounds were produced in 1996, when 11 million pounds were expected.

Across the region, strawberry farmers have sprayed water on buds to form an ice coating at 32 degrees that saves the delicate tissue from lower temperatures.

U.S. stops China from selling nuclear equipment to Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — China halted negotiations to sell Iran material that could be used to develop a nuclear weapon after the U.S. discovered the deal and raised objections, President Clinton said today.

The United States learned about secret negotiations between the two governments just weeks after Beijing pledged to halt assistance to Iran's nuclear programs.

After winning that promise, the United States obtained information about "a low level discussion" in the Chinese government about the possibility of some transfers "which would have been inconsistent with that agreement," Clinton said.

"We followed through on it," Clinton added. "The Chinese followed through on it and kept their agreement to the letter."

He spoke with reporters in the Oval Office during a picture-taking session with the prime minister of Thailand, Chuan Leekpai.

Clinton said the episode "is further support for the proposition that we should be engaged with China. ... I'm well pleased, actually, with the way that issue came out."

Earlier, the White House confirmed details about the proposed transaction.

"We did express proliferation-related concerns to the government of the Peoples Republic and they reacted swiftly and firmly to interrupt the transaction," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said.

"They know how seriously we take our proliferation-related concerns and their response on this matter was satisfactory and as expected given the fruitful dialogue we've had on proliferation issues," the spokesman added.

The Washington Post reported that the deal involved hundreds of tons of anhydrous hydrogen fluoride and was discovered by the National Security Agency last October.

The United States waited until early February to confront China about the deal. When it did, Chinese officials argued that the material, also known as hydrofluoric acid, was not on the list of controlled nuclear substances maintained by international arms control authorities.

Obituaries

Milton Comer

1945-1998

Milton Lee Comer, a longtime resident of Snyder, died at 1:04 a.m. today in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mr. Comer, 52, is planned for 3 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Gary Hubbard, chaplain of the Big Spring Hospice, will officiate. Cremation is planned.

Born July 8, 1945 in Corsicana, he was a member of the Church of Christ, and he had been employed by Texas Utility Fuel Co. for 20 years.

Survivors include his mother, Doris Mae Comer of Snyder; a son, Adam Comer of Odessa; a sister, Sandra Graves of Snyder; and a brother, Byron Comer of Spring Branch.

Carrol Stansell

1927-1998

CISCO — Carrol Stansell, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, March 12, in Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Stansell, 70, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Thomas Goodman will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Sherman Ervin. Burial will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery.

Born April 5, 1927 in Scranton, Tex., he married Lena Ruth Green on July 28, 1945 in Nimrod, Tex.

Mr. Stansell moved to Snyder in 1955 and worked for Halliburton until his retirement in 1973 when he moved to Brownwood to operate a Western Auto Store. He had also worked as a tool pusher, a bookkeeper and operated his ranch near Cisco.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eastland and had served several Baptist churches as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Lena Ruth Stansell of Cisco; a son, Charles Duane Stansell of Brownwood; three daughters, Caroline Ruth Wadzeck of Dayton, Connie Rae Morgan of Bedford and Chere Rene Permenter of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; a brother, Clyde Stansell of Eastland; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to the Cisco Cemetery Association.

Amber N. Cantu

Infant

Amber Nicole Cantu was stillborn Wednesday at Lubbock's University Medical Center. Services are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Survivors include her mother, Angela Berkley of Snyder; and her maternal grandparents, James and Rosa Swigert of Snyder.

Donna Jones

1942-1998

MIDLAND — Funeral service for Donna Beth Jones is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Greenwood Church of Christ with Eli Borden, officiating.

Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Pyron Cemetery in Scurry County. Ellis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jones, 55, died Wednesday, March 11, along with her mother, Daisy Borland, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Midland.

Born Nov. 1, 1942 in Roscoe, she graduated from Plains High School. She lived in Denver City, Andrews and Singapore before moving to Greenwood in Midland County.

Mrs. Jones was a seamstress and decorator, and she was a member of the Greenwood Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Joe Todd Jones of Dallas; a daughter, Tasha-Ni Jones of Midland; a sister, Ann Wall of Midland; two brothers, Lt. Col (Ret.) Roy Borland of Galston, Australia, and R. Mike Borland of Midland; six aunts, Mable Glass and Merle Glass, both of Hemleigh, Dixie Glass of Snyder, Oleta Glass of Slaton, Jane Bollinger of Roscoe and Geneva Smith of Lockney; and two grandchildren, Kyra Mikayla Jones of Midland and Rex Colton Dickens of Midland.

The family suggests memorials to Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Permian Basin, Box 60442 in Midland, 79711.

Daisy Borland

1914-1998

MIDLAND — Funeral service for Daisy Borland, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Greenwood Church of Christ with Eli Borden officiating.

Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Pyron Cemetery in Scurry County. Ellis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Borland, and her daughter, Donna Beth Jones, died Wednesday, March 11, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Midland.

Born Sept. 29, 1914 in Scurry County, she married Howard Theron Borland on Jan. 26, 1935 in Roscoe. He died in 1988.

Mrs. Borland grew up in the Pyron community. After her marriage, she and her husband farmed in Lamesa and in Pyron. They moved to Plains in 1954 where they farmed until 1965 when they bought a farm in Midland County near the Greenwood community.

She was a homemaker and an active partner on the farm. She and her husband were charter members of the Greenwood Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kathy Wall, in 1985.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Wall of Midland; two sons, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Roy Borland of Galston, Australia, and R. Mike Borland of Midland; four sisters, Mable Glass and Merle Glass, both of Hermleigh, Jane Bollinger of Roscoe and Geneva Smith of Lockney; two sisters-in-law, Dixie Glass of Snyder and Oleta Glass of Slaton; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley in Midland, 79705.

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Snyder Church of the Nazarene revival

Snyder Church of the Nazarene is hosting a revival through Sunday. Lay ministers are Oliver Butler on Saturday, and Dywaine Beal today and Sunday.

Evening services are 6:30 p.m. Sunday services are 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. The church is located on the Colorado City Highway.

'Defeating Your Giants'

Word is Life Deliverance Church, 602 30th Street, will present a "Defeating Your Giants" conference with Marcia Sanders at 7 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will be honoring 50-year Masons at 7 p.m. Saturday. Each will be given 50-year pins and certificates. Refreshments will be served. All Masons, family and friends are invited.

Fly zone opposition

Citizens interested in joining together to oppose the proposed Air Force training route over Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Garza, Lynn, Stonewall, Borden and Dawson counties are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in Worsham Auditorium. Officers and directors from each county will be elected.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "The Church is His Body," followed by "The Truth About Sex: Purity," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

AARP Chapter 2063

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Sgt. Pete Barrera with the STAR program will be the guest speaker.

Princes Di Ty Beanie raffle

The Snyder Lions Club is selling $1 chances for a Princess Di Ty Beanie Baby to be given away March 24. Tickets are available at various Snyder merchants and from Lions Club members.

Rotary Fundraiser

Snyder Rotary Club is selling $10 donations good for a chance for a round trip for two persons to London.

Autograph party

Historic Scurry County will present an autograph party with Jean Everett from 1:30-3:30 Sunday, March 22, at the Dermott School. You are invited to meet the author and have her sign a copy of her book, "Pioneer Profiles." Refreshments will be served. A portion of the proceeds from books sold will be donated to Historic Scurry County, Inc.

Debt-free workshop slated

A workshop titled "Debt-free and Prosperous Living" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at Western Texas College. Tuition is $29 and a $5 workbook is free with the purchase of the suggested $39 textbook. Reservations are required. Call 573-8511.

Diabetics meeting set

Diabetics are invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. March 26 in the new rehab services building at 5301 Trinity Blvd.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Conversational Spanish

WTC Continuing Ed is offering a Conversational Spanish class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday. Robert Adams is the instructor. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Asssociation will sponsor a five-mile walk on Saturday, April 4, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park. Walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

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

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