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Served during World War I...

Tollie Faver celebrates 104th birthday today

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

The proverbial "luck of the Irish" may still be with Tollie Faver who turned 104 years today, St. Patrick's Day.

No special party is planned, but friends and family are invited to an afternoon reception at 1911 Avenue M, hosted by Tollie's son, Arel Faver, his wife, Pat, and his (Tollie's) daughter, Wernette Smith.

These days, Tollie doesn't get out much and he still lives with his daughter.

At four years past the century mark, Tollie could be the oldest person living in Scurry County, and he may also be the oldest World War I veteran living in the country.

As for his continued longevity, Tollie's explanation in a March 17, 1998 SDN article was "hard work," the same response he had given when he celebrated his 100th birthday.

Tollie drove an automobile until he was 96, often taking friends from the Senior Center to out-of-town appointments. He lived alone until 1991 when he moved in with Wernette.

He was born in a 20-foot square dugout five miles southwest of the community of Light, now called Fluvanna.

When Tollie was just 10 days old, his father, Bedford Faver, French by descent, built a two-room home with a porch for his wife, Mollie, who was Irish, and their children.

A blizzard "out of the north" blanketed the area with snow shortly thereafter, so Bedford moved his family back into the dugout for the duration.

It was so cold, Tollie said in a 1995 SDN article, the animals "froze standing up."

Tollie was the middle child of seven children. He is the only survivor.

His father homesteaded one section of land and later purchased another section. Tollie attended Favorite School, located on the corner of the family's land.

The first car Tollie owned was a Studebaker, which he eventually swapped for an Oakland Roadster, later adding a rumble seat.

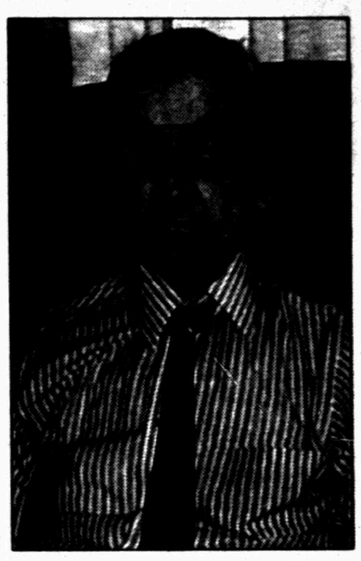
He had that car at the time he married Maggie Werner on July 20, 1922. They had met while she was teaching school in Snyder. Maggie died on July 20, 1966. Of their three children, Arel Faver and Wernette live in Snyder. Charlotte Pitner died in 1983.

Tollie and Maggie farmed. He also held a variety of jobs throughout the years, including working in the oil mill. He worked as a mechanic in Fluvanna and operated a maintainer for six years.

He was a custodian for the Snyder school system for 10 years, before retiring in 1965 at the age of 70.

Decades ago, Tollie also worked as a carpenter and helped to build bomber bases throughout the country during World War II. He volunteered for Army duty in 1917 during World War I. Though he did not see any action overseas, Tollie was assigned to train soldiers in the 95th Division at Camp Sheridan, Ala.

He served 7½ months before being discharged.



Tollie Faver

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "One advantage of happiness over money is that few people try to borrow it."

Want to guess the origin of the following quote?

"Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teaching of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian."

Thanks to Scurry Gillum, longtime county resident, the quote came from the U.S. Supreme Court — in 1892.

Times have changed.

I know the following is true, because it came in the form of a newspaper clipping.

It told about a discount merchandiser in New Jersey and its efforts to fly the American flag at the construction site of a new discount store.

The discounter was taken to court because they flew the American flag on a daily basis at the site of a new shopping center being developed around one of their stores.

Some new residents who enjoy the benefits of the United States wanted the flag removed.

It's hard to believe, but a federal court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and ordered the discount store to remove the flag.

The judge ruled that the flag was intimidating and prejudicial against them.

And more craziness:

A junior varsity coach in Wisconsin has come up with an idiotic way to encourage his team to play better.

The player who finishes last in the coach's rebounding drill has to wear a pair of women's panties.

No harm done, claims the coach, but we suspect he'll soon be moving his own drawers to a new job.

But there is some progress.

Leave it to the Japanese to come up with a way to make life easier for two-job families.

Scientists there have invented a mechanical fish that can swim around your aquarium without ever having to be fed.

It virtually eliminates cleaning out the fish bowl, but eliminates the daily mystery of seeing if the fish is still alive.

Ronnie Anderson files...

Snyder school trustee race draws another candidate

Place 1 on the Snyder Independent School board of trustees now has two candidates as Ronnie Anderson filed for the post currently held by Glenn Clarady.

Clarady had filed for re-election earlier, as had the other incumbents, Mark McCormick and Janet Stribling.

Anderson, 54, is a graduate of Snyder High School and Texas Tech. He graduated from SHS in 1964 and from Tech in 1973 with a degree in accounting.

He is currently employed with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as the commissary manager at the Price Daniel Unit. Anderson had previously worked for oil-related firms.

Anderson has been employed with TDCJ for five years.

He and his wife, Bertha, who works for Pennzoil, have had two children graduate from Snyder High School.

Their son Roger graduated in 1987, and their daughter Michelle graduated in 1989.

Anderson feels his accounting background will help the school district as it faces some uncertain financial times.

"I feel the district will be facing some pretty hard times in the near future," said Anderson.

"I sincerely feel I can be of assistance during this time. Our tax base is considerably lower than in the past and I feel the district must tighten its belt," added Anderson.

Today is the final day for citizens to toss their hats in the ring for local boards and council seats for the May 1 general election.

With the addition of Anderson running for the Snyder school board, the school election and the Snyder city council election are the only two contested ballots through Wednesday morning.

Three people are candidates for two at-large positions on the Snyder City Council.

Incumbent Terry Martin, Ron Shaw and James Ashley are candidates for the two council seats.

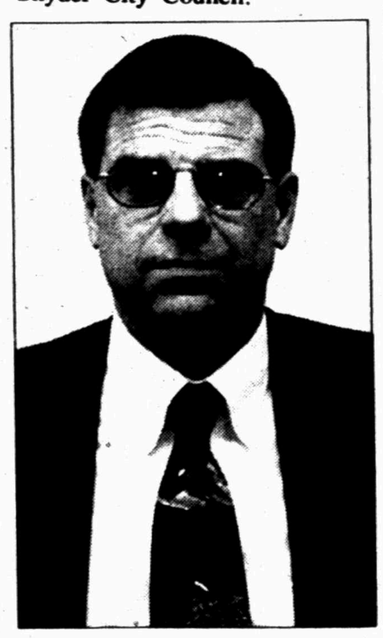
Others who will be on the city's ballot are James Jenkins Jr. and Kirk Taylor, seeking Place 3, and current councilman Dayton Robertson who is running for mayor.

Only incumbents on the Ira Independent School District board of trustees have filed for the board so far, as Lance Autry, Sid Wall and Kirby Sterling are seeking another term.

Both incumbents on the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees are also seeking re-election.

Burton Sandefur and Tony Lambaren have both filed for another term.

There are no board positions up for re-election at Western Texas College.



Ronnie Anderson

SS&L names board, officers

All officers and directors were re-elected as a result of Tuesday's stockholders meeting at Snyder Savings and Loan Association.

Re-elected as directors, with David Cotton again being named chairman of the board, were Dr. James Cave, Monte West, Keith Hackfeld, Dr. Charles Church, John Coffman, Daryl Calley and J.B. Tate Jr.

Tate was re-elected president and Calley was named vice president and comptroller. Kendra Stephens was re-elected vice president, compliance officer and secretary.

Named assistant vice presidents were Denise Estes and Sally Herrington. Mary Helen Green was again chosen as head teller.

Assistant secretaries are Jan Thomas, Tresa Cornett, Ruth Ann Cawthron, Belia Romero and Julie Odom.

SNB re-elects board, officers

Officers and directors of Snyder National Bank were elected Tuesday as a result of the bank's 94th annual shareholders meeting.

Re-elected as bank directors were Ted Crenwelge, Jack Greene Sr., Joe Jackson, Bruce Kallemeyn, Ralph Miller, Max von Roeder, William N. Tolleson, John Ward and Don Wills.

Crenwelge was again named chairman of the board.

Jackson was re-elected president and chief executive officer.

Other officers are Jack Gorman, senior executive vice president; Kallemeyn, executive vice president; and Doug Scott, senior vice president and cashier.

Vice presidents re-elected were Edna Anderson, Glen Gray, Sid Hardegree and Helen McLeod.

Assistant vice presidents are Janie Sullenger and Janelle Orr. Assistant cashiers are Nelda Allen and Janelle Pollard.

At TxDOT meeting...

Plans are announced for 37th, traffic circle

Approximately 30 people attended a 50-minute public meeting Tuesday evening held by the Texas Department of Transportation to discuss planned future highway projects.

There were few public comments. However, Snyder City Manager John Gayle submitted possible local projects for TxDOT consideration.

Gayle's list included the possibility of extending Avenue E south of 37th Street, widening 37th Street west of Houston Avenue, building an overpass at the Huffman/U.S. Hwy. 84 intersection and establishing a truck route south of Snyder on F.M. 1611.

Concerning the possibility of an overpass at Huffman and U.S. Hwy. 84, TxDOT Engineering Specialist David Caffey said the state has been looking at that project in the safety funding category due to the number of accidents at the location.

"It is a dangerous situation," Gayle commented.

"We will continue to pursue that," said Caffey, who works in the Abilene office in the district design department.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey questioned the possibility of raising the clearance of the Avenue E. bridge that crosses U.S. Hwy. 84.

Taking note of the item, Caffey said TxDOT had not discussed the bridge. "These bridges are handled at the state wide level. It is certainly something we can consider."

Representatives from each area in the Abilene District, including Snyder, Abilene, Big Spring and Hamlin, were present to go over the draft of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for their respective areas.

The TIP includes a priority list of projects and project segments that will be carried out in 13 area counties within a three-year period, and a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented.

Planned projects for the Snyder area, which consists of Scurry, Fisher and Kent counties, include the widening of Snyder's 37th Street from east of College Avenue to U.S. Hwy 180 to a five-lane highway complete with

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ASK US

Q—What was the cost of materials for the remodeling of the offices at the courthouse? What was the original estimate?

A—The materials cost $315.26. It was estimated the cost would be $200.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 76 degrees; low, 47; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 53; no precipitation; total for 1999, 1.46 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 50% rain chance. Lows, 40-45. Thursday, mostly cloudy; 40% rain chance. Highs, 50-55.

Ryan Claxton
40% chance

Sunset:
6:53 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:50 a.m.
Of 75 days in 1999, the sun has shone 71 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Be wiser than other people, if you can."

Author unknown





TOP FIFTEEN — The Senior Citizens Center recognized its Top 15 volunteers during Friday's Recognition Banquet. Top photo, from left are Nate Pyburn, 647 hours; Mae Brush, 676; Edna Laster, 715.75; Treva Quinney, 778.75. Bottom photo, from left, are Marie Armstrong, 907.50; Dessie Harvel, 1,425; Thadine Harless, 1,681.50. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Clinton eyes Medicare plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and Republicans in Congress say they will continue to work for a Medicare overhaul this year, even though an advisory commission has failed to agree on recommendations for the program's future.

Clinton called Medicare "too important to let partisan progress stand in the way of vital progress," and said he would draft his own rescue plan in hopes of getting an agreement with Congress.

Republicans and Democrats alike see Medicare overhaul as a potent political issue in the 2000 election.

Earlier this year, the president proposed using billions of dollars of expected budget surpluses as a first step toward shoring up the health care program for the elderly and disabled. Republican leaders have so far declined to endorse that idea.

However, key congressional committee chairmen said they would consider an alternative plan developed by the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, even though the commission failed to reach enough consensus to formally recommended the proposal to Congress.

At their final meeting Tuesday evening, 10 of the 17 commission members voted to approve the plan, which would aim to reduce Medicare's costs by making it more like private health benefits. Eleven votes were needed.

Nevertheless, Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, credited the commission with making "considerable bipartisan progress." Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., also has said he would hold hearings on the proposal.

Clinton, however, criticized the plan championed by the commission's co-chairmen, Sen. John Breaux, D-La., and Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., saying it fell short of what was needed.

"Even if all the changes recommended by the commission were adopted, because of the projected inflation rates and health care costs, it would not be sufficient to stabilize the fund," Clinton said Tuesday.

Breaux and Thomas in turn have raised concerns that Clinton's recommendation to use surpluses might simply ease pressure on lawmakers to make difficult but necessary changes to Medicare.

"I likened it to putting more gas in an old car — it still would run like an old car," Breaux said.

Their plan would instead inject competition into Medicare by letting senior citizens choose from among private and government-run insurance options. The government would subsidize their premiums.

That would begin to shift Medicare away from paying people's individual medical bills, making the program more like the health benefits that many companies offer to workers.

Clinton has proposed spending a chunk of the anticipated budget surpluses — about $700 billion — to boost Medicare. But he also said other changes likely would be needed, and he praised some elements of the Breaux-Thomas plan.



MORE TOP FIFTEEN — Gloria Browning and Cary Patrick were among the Top 15 volunteers recognized Friday night at the Senior Citizens center. Gloria had 1,976.75 hours and Cary, 2,024.75. Not pictured: Bill Schiebel, 1,800; Martha Schiebel, 2,000; Dorothy Duncan, 975.25; Margaret Clevenger, 879; Juanita Ellington, 855.75; Opal Wigington, 756.50. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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Senate likely to OK missile-defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is withdrawing a veto threat over a missile-defense bill it has long fought, suggesting bipartisan amendments make the legislation more palatable.

The Senate was expected to pass the final bill today by a lopsided margin.

The bill would make it U.S. policy to deploy a national ballistic-missile defense "as soon as technologically possible." The administration had wanted to delay a decision on whether to field such a system until June 2000, after which actually building it would take an additional five years.

The administration abandoned its opposition on Tuesday, agreeing to a compromise with Republicans designed to keep deployment of a national missile defense from interfering with arms-control efforts with Moscow.

The 99-0 acceptance of a proposal by Sens. Mary Landrieu, D-La., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, all but assured passage in the Senate today of the overall measure.

Although Senate Democrats praised the compromise, critics suggested it was a face-saving gesture that recognized the growing popularity of the bill — in the face of reports of North Korean missile tests and alleged Chinese weapons espionage.

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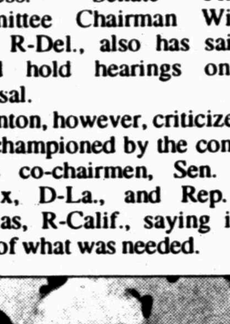
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Irene Masters 2. JoAnn Peek 3. Patty Palmer 4. Naomi Harlin 5. Martha Floyd 6. Ann Cross 7. Jean Godair 8. Gussie Gray 9. Donna Stehley 10. Elizabeth McCloskey

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Date Book

March 17, 1999

Today is the 76th day of 1999 and the 87th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1755, what would later become the state of Kentucky was purchased for $50,000 by the Transylvania Land Company.

On this day in 1912, the Camp Fire Girls was founded by Mrs. Luther Gulick of Lake Sebago, Maine.

On this day in 1969, Golda Meir, a high-school teacher from Milwaukee, Wisc., became the fourth prime minister of Israel.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jim Bridger (1804-1881), frontiersman; Bobby Jones (1902-1971), golfer; Sammy Baugh (1914-), football great, is 85; Mercedes McCambridge (1918-), actress, is 81; Nat "King" Cole (1919-1965), singer; Rudolf Nureyev (1938-1993), ballet dancer; Kurt Russell (1951-), actor, is 48; Danny Ainge (1959-), basketball player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1897, Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out James Corbett in the 14th round, winning the world heavyweight boxing championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The prompter the refusal, the less the disappointment." — Publilius Syrus

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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DWI bills considered

AUSTIN (AP) — The scent of beer always takes Joyce Hunt back 10 years, to the night that her 3-year-old son Mitchie was nearly killed in a drunken driving accident.

"When I went to see him at the hospital, I could smell alcohol all over his little body," Ms. Hunt told a House panel during a Tuesday hearing on drunken driving legislation.

"Please don't let another 10 years pass before this legislation goes through, because that means another 10,000 lives will be lost in Texas," the Austin mother said before stealing a loving glance at her 13-year-old, who now uses a wheelchair.

Just one week after a Senate panel unanimously approved a bill that targeted drunken drivers, the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee took at times tearful testimony on more than a dozen bills. All were left pending.

A bill deemed for "hard-core drunk drivers" would penalize motorists with a blood alcohol content of 0.15 or greater — the equivalent of a 200-pound man downing eight drinks in an hour on an empty stomach.

The bill, proposed by Rep. Todd Smith, R-Euless, would punish first-time offenders with a 90-day minimum sentence rather than the current 72-hour minimum term of confinement. Second-time offenders would face a third-degree felony.

Smith said that while such drivers represent just 1 percent of motorists on weekend nights, they are involved in nearly 50 percent of all fatal crashes.

He also discussed legislation that would increase the penalties for refusing to take a breath test by suspending guilty offenders' driver's licenses for one year, up from the current 90-day period.

At 46 percent, Texas has one of the highest refusal rates in the nation.

"This bill tells Texans who drink and drive, 'the party's over,'" said Smith.

The blood-alcohol level bill is HB 210.

The open container bill is HB 487.

The hard core drunk driver bill is HB 1101.

The breath test bill is HB 2327.

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AWARENESS WEEK — Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz signed a proclamation Monday deeming the week of March 14-20 as Inhalant and Poison Awareness Week. Staff members of the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse were present for the signing including (back row) Gabby Scott, Leroy Ochoa, Samantha Keller, Leslie Cooley and Gina Lunsford. Pictured front row are Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom, Fritz, Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey and Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey. (SDN Staff Photo)

Democrats say...

Bankruptcy bill tough on children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several Democratic lawmakers on Tuesday assailed House legislation that would make it tougher for people to erase their debts in bankruptcy, reigniting a debate over the welfare of single mothers and their children.

Hillary Rodham Clinton played a leading role in the debate last year, when the White House threatened to veto a House-passed bankruptcy overhaul bill and the Senate adjourned without voting on it. Mrs. Clinton, along with consumer groups and some Democrats, complained that the bill would make single mothers and children who are owed support by bankrupt fathers take a back seat to credit card companies in collecting debts.

The House bill being considered this year would have "a devastating impact on the thousands of women who turn to bankruptcy courts to collect alimony and child support from former husbands" who have sought bankruptcy protection, Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, testified Tuesday at a House Judiciary subcommittee hearing.

She was joined by Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., and other Democrats opposed to the bipartisan bill, as the commercial and administrative law subcommittee opened three days of hearings on the legislation, which is backed by credit card companies and retail businesses.

The bill's sponsors, led by Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa., say it gives highest priority among debts to child support and alimony payments, putting them ahead of credit card debt and other obligations.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, meanwhile, said the Clinton administration's position on bankruptcy legislation "is a really big question mark."

Berry's World



GOP split over plans on welfare

WASHINGTON (AP) — With welfare rolls at a 30-year low, billions of dollars in welfare money has yet to be spent, prompting some in Congress to covet the money for other priorities.

It's a prospect that has governors and many of the architects of the 1996 welfare overhaul angry, fearing they will never be able to turn domestic programs over to the states if Congress turns its back on the welfare deal.

Under the 1996 law, $16.5 billion is put in federal accounts each year earmarked for states. Many states have saved the money in case the economy slows down, and many say it will be needed to provide more intensive services for welfare recipients who need the most help getting off welfare.

"There is no question that the Congress made a pledge, a promise," Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, a Republican, said Tuesday. "How can you ever be trusted again if on such a serious issue as this you give your word and give your pledge, and then you go back on it?"

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, noted that states are just beginning to work with welfare recipients who have the most barriers to self-sufficiency.

"As state legislatures confront the toughest challenges of welfare reform, Congress is proposing to pull the rug from under them," Archer wrote to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Americans have left the welfare rolls more quickly than anyone predicted, propelled by a strong economy that helped people find jobs and tougher rules that discouraged them from staying on the dole.

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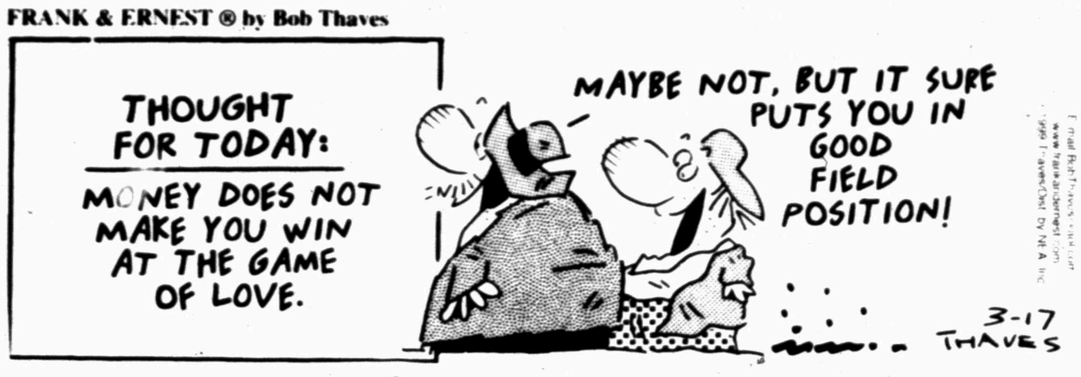
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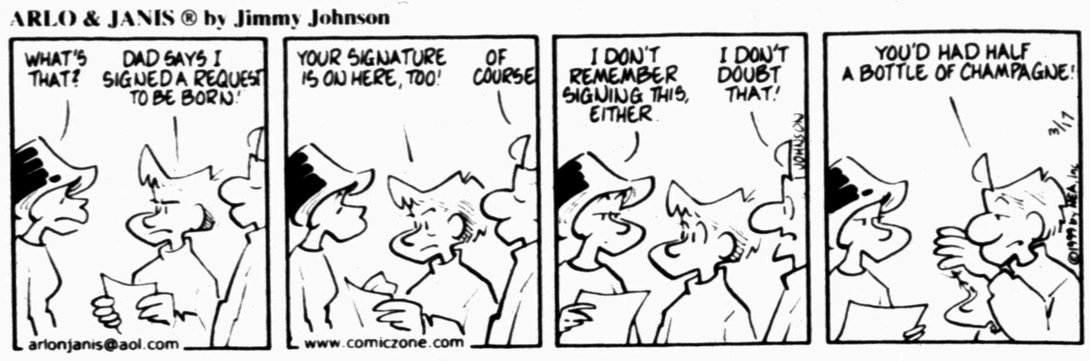
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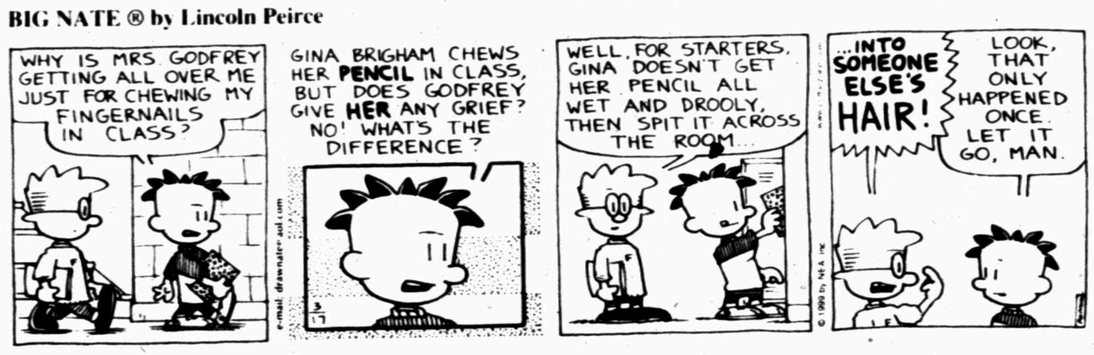
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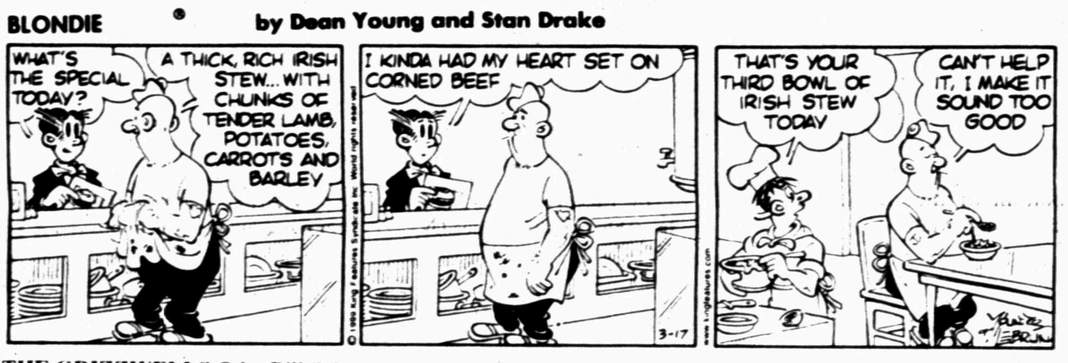


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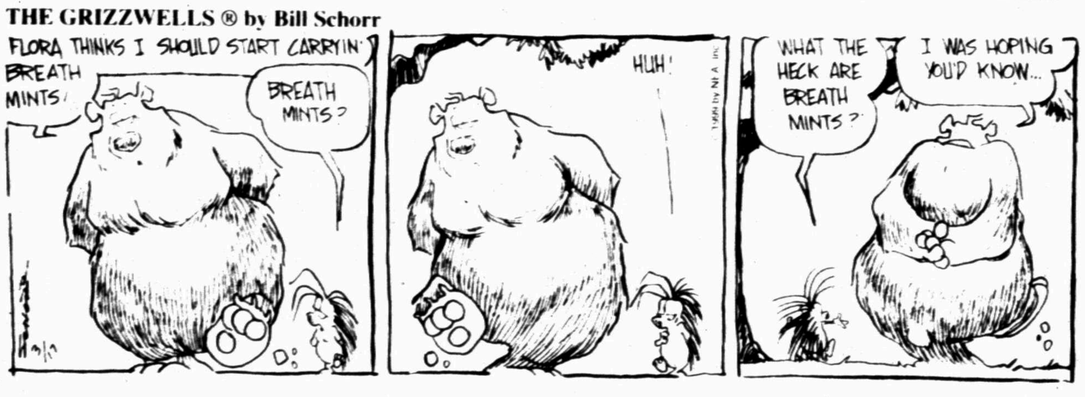
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1 Fanatic
7 Hall's rock partner
12 Soldiers obey them
13 Hercules' dozen
14 Prophecy maker
15 Wears away
16 Sultry
17 Opp. of NNE
18 Won a boxing bout
21 Religious poem
23 Gymnastics move
26 Biblical kingdom
28 Director Kazan
29 Chemical suffix
30 Novelist Ferber
31 Winning margins, in racing
33 Least distant
36 Coup d'—
37 Superlative suffix
38 Roald or Arlene
40 "Vogue" competitor
41 Map abbr.
42 "— Scott!"
44 Chariot end
45 Convene
46 Waste cloth
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56 Writer Christie
57 Wide necktie
58 Walk uncertainly

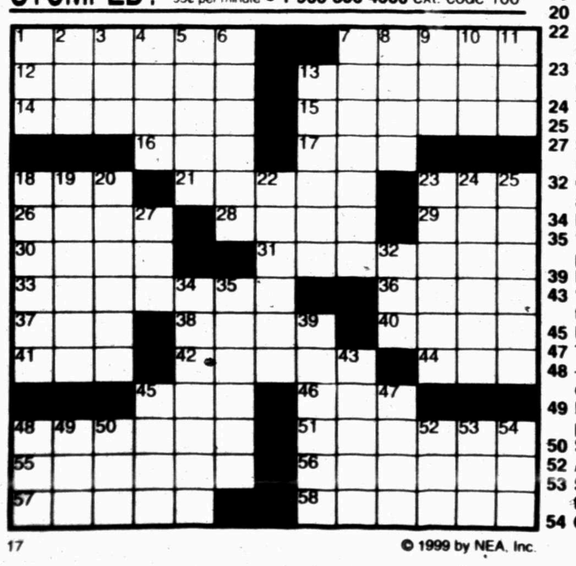
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7 Rower
8 Take — — (acknowledge applause)
9 Director Browning
10 Poetic preposition
11 Draft agcy.
13 Actor Nielsen
18 Having more acuity
19 Most peculiar
20 Be charitable
22 "— — King's Men"
23 Teatime utensil
24 Take a breath
25 Annoy
27 St. Patrick's mo.
32 Command to a horse
34 Most nervous
35 "No Exit" playwright
39 Lasso
43 "It takes two to —"
45 Frighten away
47 Tiny pest
48 — — good deed
49 Possessive pronoun
50 Spasm
52 ABA member
53 Start of many titles
54 Corn unit

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Vernon: What! Have those icy things in bed with me? I should say not.



SPORTS

Key keeping busy with sports, family

Contributed to the SDN
by PATRICK HANCOCK

LUBBOCK — For 1995 Snyder graduate Reagan Key, baseball is more than a game. For the Lubbock Christian University pitcher, it'a an important part of life.

"Without baseball, I would feel empty inside," Key said.

Key played most sports at SHS, but in his sophomore year he decided to concentrate his energies on sports where he felt he had a better chance to succeed at the college level.

"In high school, I played football, basketball and baseball when I was a freshman," said Key. "I decided after that year to just play baseball and football, because I felt I had a better chance to play one of those in college."

As with most pitchers, Key has his own ritual that he performs before every game.

"The morning of a game I eat waffles," Key admitted. "I also put the same legging on the same leg and say a prayer before I loosen up."

Now that baseball season has started, Key has his goals set for the season.

"As long as I go out and give 110 percent, that's all I'm looking for, from an individual standpoint," the Chaparral hurler stated. "The team winning is more important. If I can help the team win by pitching, or by just being in the dugout, then that's what I'll do."

Aside from baseball, Key has goals for his education.

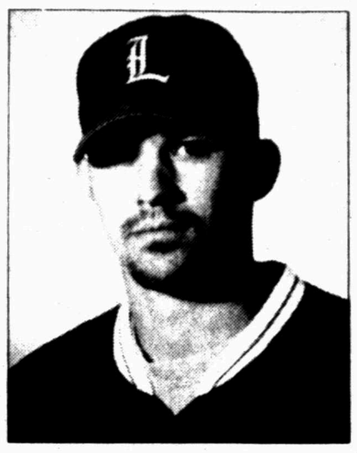
"I'm a kinesiology and education major," he said. "I want to be a coach and pass down what I've learned to kids. If I don't make it to the next level, then I'd like to coach a successful team."

But baseball and classes don't take up all of Key's time. He also has a wife and a 22-month-old son.

"With my spare time, I like to spend it with my wife and son," Key remarked. "Between school and baseball, I don't have that much extra time. Sunday is usually when I get to spend most of my time with them."

Along with his wife and son, Key also gets encouragement from his parents, Wesley and Janice Key.

"My parents are very supportive," the LCU senior said. "They



Reagan Key

didn't push me into baseball. It was my decision to play it. They are also very interested in my education and want me to get my degree."

This season will be Key's last to pitch for the Chaparrals, but his education will continue. Key is expected to graduate in the spring of 2000.

Lady Tigers win 5-4A opener

Not having played in a district game in over two years, any thoughts of the Lady Tigers wilting under the pressure of a league battle were quickly diminished on Tuesday.

Snyder built an early lead, then relied on its pitching and defense to notch a 5-2 victory over Lake View in the district opener at Cates Field.

The Maidens fall to 10-9 on the year, while the Lady Tigers improve to 12-6 entering Friday's contest at Andrews.

With the district-favorite Lady Mustangs looming on the horizon, Tuesday's victory was just what the Lady Tigers needed.

"This was a big win for us," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannn said. "It's always important to get off to a good start, especially when you have to go on the road for your next game. The girls played extremely well. Our pitching and fielding was great tonight."

After pitching every game in the Snyder tournament over the weekend, Kristin Martinez had the ball in her hand once again for the Lady Tigers.

The junior hurler surrendered only two hits through the first six innings, before Lake View managed a pair of runs on three hits and an error in the final frame.

But the Maidens' seventh-inning rally was too little, too late as Snyder had already staked a 5-0 advantage after three innings.

Martinez drove in Whitney Webb to post the Lady Tigers' first run in the opening frame.

Snyder padded its lead in the second. Consecutive singles from Jennifer Newman, Angie Shoemake and Webb, combined with a Lake View error, pushed the margin to 4-0.

The Lady Tigers capped their scoring in the third when Lake View pitcher Michelle Morales mishandled a ground ball of the bat of Amy Ricks, allowing Martinez to cross the plate.

Snyder's infielders made sure the five-run would stand, gloving everything which came their way. Only two balls made it through the Lady Tiger infield through the first five innings.

Snyder's play in the field was highlighted by a third-inning double play. With a runner on second, Lady Tiger shortstop Christy Tomlinson snared a line drive, then quickly shoveled the ball to Amber Haarmeyer to force the runner at second base.

"We did the things you have to do to win district games," said Bohannon. "Every girl did her job and it equalled a win for us. That's what we have to do all the way through district play."

After the Lady Tigers take their 1-0 league mark to Andrews on Saturday, they return home Tuesday to host Ft. Stockton.

Lake View	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp lf	4	0	0	0
Burris lf	3	0	1	0
Moorehead cf	3	0	0	0
Hill 3b	3	0	0	0
Morales p	2	0	1	0
McNeil cr	0	1	0	0
Gomez dh	3	1	0	0
Baker ss	3	0	2	1
Bradbury 1b	1	0	0	0
Slate 1b	2	0	0	0
Anchondo rf	3	0	1	1
Totals	27	2	5	2

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb lf	4	2	2	0
Mackey cf	3	0	0	0
Tomlinson ss	1	0	0	0
Davis c	2	0	0	0
Martinez p	3	1	2	1
Purcell 1b	3	0	0	0
Ricks 3b	3	0	0	1
Newman rf	3	1	1	0
Shoemake dh	3	1	1	0
Totals	25	5	6	2

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Snyder .....1 3 1 0 0 0 x — 5 6 3

DP: Snyder 1. LOB - Lake View 5, Snyder 10. 2B - Morales.

Lake View	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Morales	6	6	5	5	6	1
Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Martinez	7	5	2	1	0	3

Livingston carries Mats past Snyder

Against Snyder last season, Lubbock Estacado's Bobby Livingston turned in strong performances but couldn't pick up the win.

On Tuesday, with another year of experience under his belt, the Matador hurler got the best of the Tigers.

Livingston limited Snyder to only three hits and struck out nine Tigers en route to a 7-2 Estacado win at Moffett Field.

Snyder, which swept the Matadors during district play last season, falls to 11-5 entering Saturday's doubleheader at Lubbock Coronado.

Coming off a title victory at the Snyder tournament, the Tigers fell behind on Tuesday.

Pitching for only second time this season, starter Josh Ward walked the first two Matadors he faced, then gave up a double as Estacado staked a 2-0 lead.

Snyder got one run back in the bottom of the first on an RBI-single by Matt Rodgers.

But in the third inning, the Matadors showed their power.

A double, followed by a base on balls and an intentional walk, loaded the bases for clean-up hitter Anthony Dupree.

The Estacado third baseman came through in the clutch, blasting a 1-1 offering over the left-field fence for a grand slam home run and a 6-1 Matador advantage.

The five-run cushion was more than enough for Livingston. The sophomore left-hander allowed only one hit over the final five innings.

Snyder posted its final run in the sixth when Clint Hook raced home on an Estacado error.

Cory Mandrell pitched the final 4⅓ innings for the Tigers, surrendering only two hits while fanning five Matadors.

Following Saturday's 1 p.m. doubleheader at Coronado, the Tigers host Abilene Wylie at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Estacado	ab	r	h	bi
Upshaw rf	4	3	2	0
Saldana lf	0	2	0	0
B.Livingston p	3	0	1	2
Wallace cr	0	1	0	0
Dupree 3b	3	1	1	4
Davis c	3	0	0	1
K.Livingston 1b	3	0	0	0
Hibbler cf	3	0	0	0
Reyna 2b	3	0	1	0
Hernandez ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	25	7	5	7

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena 2b	4	1	1	0
Grimmett cf	2	0	0	0
Roemisch cf	1	0	0	0
Rodgers ss	3	0	1	1
Hook 1b	3	1	0	0
Shields dh	2	0	0	0
Martinez dh	1	0	0	0
Bedell lf	2	0	0	0
Jones lf	1	0	0	0
Wilson 3b	2	0	1	0
Alexander rf	2	0	0	0
Hester rf	1	0	0	0
Ward p	1	0	0	0
Mandrell p	2	0	0	0
Totals	27	2	3	1

Estacado.....2 0 4 0 1 0 0 — 7 5 6
Snyder .....1 0 0 0 0 1 0 — 2 3 1

LOB - Estacado 2, Snyder 5. 2B - Upshaw, B.Livingston; Wilson. HR - Dupree.

Estacado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
B.Livingston	7	3	2	2	1	9
Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ward	2 1-3	3	6	6	4	3
Mandrell	4 2-3	2	1	1	1	5

'Dogs fall to Gordon

HAMLIN — Following a successful run in the basketball playoffs, Ira's non-district baseball season began and ended Tuesday night.

In their only warm-up before opening district play on Friday, the Ira Bulldogs dropped a 2-1 decision to Gordon.

The Bulldogs limited Gordon to just one hit, but surrendered two unearned runs for 2-1 deficit.

"We've only had three full workouts, so I'm pretty pleased with how we played," Ira coach Bubba Edwards said. "Now we have to open district before having two open dates when we can get in some more practice time."

Gordon opened the scoring with a run in the fourth inning, before Ira knotted the tally in the sixth.

Following a Jerek Brown single in the sixth, Seth Sterling belted a triple to drive in the Bulldogs' only run.

Gordon scored the game-winner off an Ira error in the top of the final frame.

Jason Olvera started the game on the mound for the Bulldogs, holding Gordon hitless through five innings. Brown pitched the final two innings in relief.

Ira travels to Rotan, a state semifinalist last year, for its district opener on Friday. The game has been moved up to a 4 p.m. start.

Owners lean toward LA

HOUSTON (AP) — The NFL's expansion derby has run into overtime, Los Angeles has won the coin flip and is driving deep inside Houston territory.

Los Angeles has an easy scoring opportunity, barring an unforeseen fumble.

The NFL awarded its 32nd franchise to Los Angeles on Tuesday night, but the gift is contingent on the city getting a suitable financing and stadium plan in place within six months. If they don't, then — fumble! — owners say Houston gets the nod in mid-September.

Officials here were disappointed but heartened that Texas' largest city remains in the hunt.

"The city of Houston and Harris County have worked together to support this effort to return football to Houston, and the game is not over yet," Mayor Lee Brown said.

Meeting in Phoenix, the league's 31 owners settled on a compromise solution to the contentious expansion question. Los Angeles, with 5.5 million TV households, all along was a heavy favorite over football-hungry Houston, with 4 million.

Houston is still alive because neither of Los Angeles' two prospective ownership groups has cobbled together solid game plans. Houston businessman Robert McNair is eager to move forward with a publicly financed stadium ready to be built. He also has guaranteed sellouts for five years.

"There was a feeling that Los Angeles was an advantageous location they couldn't ignore," McNair said in Phoenix. "But they have six months. It's better than having an open-ended situation."

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	5	.773	-
Orlando	16	7	.696	1½
NewYork	14	9	.609	3½
Philadelphia	12	9	.571	4½
Washington	9	13	.409	8
Boston	7	12	.368	8½
NewJersey	3	18	.143	13½
Central Division				
Indiana	15	6	.714	-
Atlanta	13	9	.591	2½
Milwaukee	12	9	.571	3
Detroit	12	10	.545	3½
Cleveland	10	10	.500	4½
Toronto	8	12	.400	6½
Charlotte	6	14	.300	8½
Chicago	6	15	.286	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	18	4	.818	-
SanAntonio	14	8	.636	4
Houston	14	9	.609	4½
Minnesota	13	10	.565	5½
Dallas	8	15	.348	10½
Denver	6	16	.273	12
Vancouver	4	19	.174	14½
Pacific Division				
Portland	17	5	.773	-
L.A.Lakers	17	7	.708	1
Seattle	12	9	.571	4½
Phoenix	12	10	.545	5
Sacramento	11	13	.458	7
GoldenState	9	13	.409	8
L.A.Clippers	1	20	.048	15½

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta 85, Indiana 79
New York 113, L.A. Clippers 89
Cleveland 86, Detroit 82
Miami 94, Washington 85
Toronto 100, New Jersey 85
L.A. Lakers 107, Minnesota 101
Phoenix 110, Milwaukee 92
Houston 101, Portland 93
Seattle 87, Vancouver 85
San Antonio 121, Sacramento 109

Wednesday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Baseball: Snyder freshmen at Grape Creek, 4 p.m.
FRIDAY
Softball: Snyder Lady Tigers at Andrews, 5 p.m.
Golf: Snyder Tigers at Ft. Stockton tourney.
SATURDAY
Baseball: Snyder Tigers at Lubbock Coronado, double-header, 1 p.m.
Snyder freshmen at Grape Creek tourney.
Golf: Snyder Tigers at Ft. Stockton tourney.
Track: Snyder at Rattlesnake Relays, Sweetwater.

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Sports Briefs

Haskins recovering from surgery

EL PASO (AP) — Texas-El Paso basketball coach Don Haskins was in stable condition Tuesday night after a pacemaker was implanted next to his heart, his doctor said.

"His condition is stable and everything went well," said Dr. Felice K. Bruno at Providence Memorial Hospital.

Haskins, 69, was expected to remain hospitalized for several days, Bruno said.

During nearly four decades at UTEP, Haskins has amassed more than 700 victories and led the Miners to an NCAA championship in 1966 and to Western Athletic Conference titles in 1970, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1992.

Ravens obtain Mitchell

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens finally got the quarterback they coveted, obtaining Scott Mitchell from the Detroit Lions for two draft picks. Mitchell cost Baltimore a third-round draft choice this year and a conditional fifth-round selection in 2000.

The latter pick will be upgraded to a fourth-rounder if Mitchell appears in half the Ravens' offensive plays. Mitchell signed a one-year deal with Baltimore for a reported $3 million.

Boselli agrees to $26 miilion deal

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars made Tony Boselli the highest-paid offensive lineman in football, agreeing to a four-year contract extension worth $26 million.

The All-Pro left tackle, widely considered the best in the NFL, will play out two of the final three years of his current contract, which pays him an average of $2.5 million per year. The new contract will take effect in 2001 and will keep him in Jacksonville through 2004.

Rodman remains on leave

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dennis Rodman remained on a paid, indefinite leave of absence from the Los Angeles Lakers, with neither the player nor team having anything definitive to say about it other than it continued. Lakers spokesman John Black reiterated that Rodman was being paid his $12,195 salary per game.

Bliss interviews for Baylor job

DALLAS (AP) — Baylor's vacant head basketball coaching position has a new applicant from New Mexico, according to a published report.

A Bears athletic department source told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions that New Mexico basketball coach Dave Bliss has interviewed at the Texas school.

Tulsa athletic director Judy MacLeod told the newspaper that the Bears also sought permission to interview Tulsa's Bill Self.

Harry Miller, former Baylor coach, resigned under pressure on March 5.

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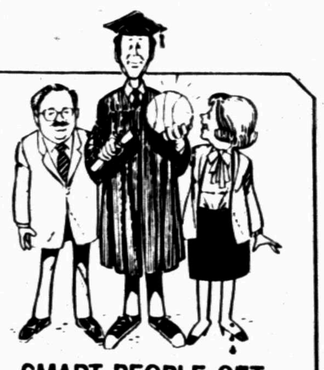
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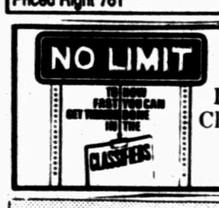
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Seventeen, St. Paddy's Day lucky for N. Texas woman

GARLAND (AP) — Dianne Henley's life would make a boring paint-by-numbers picture. Only because one number sums it up: 17.

Both of her kids were born on March 17, and so was a nephew. Her latest husband was also born on St. Patrick's Day. He was named Pat because of the birth date, Neither Pat nor Dianne have Irish or Catholic roots.

Pat's dad, by the way, was born on March 17.

Want that magic number one more time? Add the number of Dianne's marriages (10) to Pat's (seven).

"Elizabeth Taylor, eat your heart out," said Dianne, who met her beloved two years ago after an Internet courtship.

"I think it all came together for a reason," the secretary told The Dallas Morning News. "I think there was a higher power at work."

The odds on it all were longer than the American Statistical Association's Jane Swartzloff could calculate Wednesday.

"This is not an easy problem to solve," the spokeswoman said. "She'd better play those numbers in the lottery, is all I can say."

Delaware lawyer gets death

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Angry, sinister, controlling and malignant — a judge described Thomas Capano as all of that and then sentenced the former attorney and political adviser to die for killing his mistress.

Superior Court Judge William Swain Lee lashed out at Capano from the bench Tuesday before sentencing him to death by injection for murdering Anne Marie Fahey in June 1996.

"The defendant fully expected to get away with murder and, were it not for his own arrogance and controlling nature, may well have succeeded," Lee said.

The judge added that it was Capano's own behavior — his need "to show everyone that he was in charge" — that led to his downfall. He set a June 28 execution date, though years of appeals are expected.

Capano sat silently as the sentence was read. When he was led from the courtroom back to Gander Hill Prison, he mouthed to family members, "It will be all right."

Capano, 49, was convicted Jan. 17 after a three-month trial that exposed lurid details about some of Delaware's most prominent figures. He now becomes the 18th person on death row in Delaware.

A member of a wealthy and influential Wilmington family, Capano admitted to dumping Ms. Fahey's body in an ice chest off the New Jersey coast.

But he testified that another mistress, Deborah MacIntyre, had accidentally shot Ms. Fahey in a jealous rage and said he got rid of the body to protect himself and Ms. MacIntyre. She denied the accusation.

The judge noted that when Ms. MacIntyre told prosecutors that Capano asked her to buy him a gun before Ms. Fahey's disappearance, he attempted — from prison — to have her house burglarized.

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Births

Greg and Courtney Jones announce the birth of their son, Raiden Lerek Jones, born at 2:06 p.m., Feb. 24 in Odessa Regional Hospital. He weighed four pounds, four ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Barrie and Debbie Bowlin of Snyder and Curtis and Traci Landon of San Angelo. Paternal grandparents are Aubrey and Setsuko Jones of Snyder.

Maternal great-grandparents are Vergie Howard, and Charlie and Joyce Landon. Paternal great-grandparents are Howard and Rosemary Jones. All are of Snyder.

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AT&T Corp	82 11-16	81 11-16	81⅛— 9-16
AirTouch	91⅛	89⅞	90 — 2⅛
Albertsons	60	59¼	59⅜— ⅛
AlldSignal	45¼	45⅛	45 9-16— 7-16
Alltel	59	58⅛	58 7-16— ⅛
AmOnline s	105¼	102¼	103⅜—1 9-16
AmStores	36 3-16	35¾	35¾— ½
Ameritech	66 3-16	64 15-16	64 15-16—1 15-16
AndrkPr s	35⅝	34¾	35⅛+ ⅛
Armcolnc	4¼	4⅛	4⅛— ⅛
AtlRichfld	63⅛	62⅛	62⅛+1 7-16
ATMOS Egy	23⅛	23 1-16	23 1-16— ⅛
Aviall	15⅜	15 3-16	15⅜— ¼
BP Amoco	98 1-16	97 1-16	97 13-16+2 11-16
BakerHughes	22¼	21⅜	22⅛+ 1¼
BankAmerica	72	70 5-16	70 13-16—1 9-16
BellAtl s	55 5-16	54 7-16	54 11-16— ⅜
BellSouth s	46⅜	46¼	46 5-16— ¼
BethSteel	8¾	8¼	8 11-16+ 3-16
BurlNoSFe s	35¾	35 3-16	35 9-16— 3-16
CBS Corp	36 15-16	36 7-16	36½— 7-16
Caterpillar	46 15-16	46	46 15-16+2 15-16
CenSoWst	24	15-16	24¼ 24¼
Chevron	86	15-16	85¾ 86¼+ ⅜
Citigroup	65¼	62¾	62¾— 1¾
Coastal s	35 5-16	33 13-16	35 3-16+1 3-16
CocaCola	68	15-16	67¼ 68 —11-16
ColgatePalm	89¾	88	9-16 88¾— 1
ComclMetals	22 9-16	22 7-16	22 9-16— 1-16
Cooperln	44 13-16	44¼	44 11-16+ 3-16
CyprusAmax	10¼	10⅛	10 13-16
DaimlrChry n	94	5-16	92¼ 92¾— ⅜
DallSemicn	35 11-16	35	1-16 35 7-16— ⅛
DeltaAirl s	67⅞	66	7-16 67¼+ ⅛
Dillards Inc	28	27¼	27 5-16+ ⅛
DowChem	97⅛	96	96 5-16— ⅜
DuPont	56	55	55 5-16+ 1-16
EastmanChem	46¼	45¾	45⅝— 9-16
EstKodak	68⅝	67	9-16 67 11-16
EDS Corp	48¼	48¼	48¼—1 1-16
Entergy	28	15-16	28⅜ 28¾— ¼
Exxon	74	7-16	73¼ 73⅛+ ⅜
FstBksAm	19	1-16	19 1-16 19 1-16
Flowers	24¼	24	3-16 24 3-16+ 3-16
FordMotor s	57⅞	57	3-16 57 7-16— ⅛
GTE Cp	62	61	5-16 61 7-16— 9-16
GenDynam s	64¾	63¾	63 13-16+ 1-16
GenElec	110	108	5-16 108⅛— 1¼
GenMills	77	5-16	75¾ 76⅛+ 3-16
GenMotors	89 9-16	88	11-16 88 11-16— 7-16
GaPacGP	77	7-16	76¼ 77⅛+13-16
GlobalMar	10⅞	10⅝	10⅝+ 5-16
Goodrich	35¾	35¼	35 3-16— 1-16
Goodyear s	51 15-16	51⅛	51 7-16— 3-16
GtAtlPac	34	32	1-16 33⅛+ 1⅛
Halliburtn	36¾	35	7-16 36 3-16+1 5-16
Hasbro ADS	44 1-16	43	5-16 44 1-16— 9-16
HarteHanks	27	13-16	27¾ 27¾+ 1-16
HomeDepot	63	15-16	63¾ 63⅜— ⅛
IBM	180	178	1-16 178⅜— 2¾
IntlPaper	43¾	42¼	43¾— ⅛
JohnsonJn	90¾	89	13-16 90 — ⅛
K mart	17¾	17	17 1-16— 5-16
Kroger Co	67¾	66	15-16 67¼+ 3-16
Litton		59	5-16 59 5/9¾
LockheedM s	42¼	40⅛	40 9-16—1 7-16
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Lubys	15¾		15¾ 15¾
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Texaco	56	3-16	54 7-16 55 9-16+1 11-16
TexInd	24⅛		23¼ 24 5-16+ 2
TexasInst	105	3-16	101 13-16 102⅜— 1¼
TexUtil	43	15-16	43¾ 43⅜— ⅛
Textron	80⅛	79	7-16 79⅛—15-16
TriconGlbR	64	9-16	63⅜ 64 7-16+13-16
Trinitylnds	32	7-16	3232⅛+ 5-16
TritonEngy			7 6½ 7 + ½
Tyler	4	15-16	4⅝ 4 13-16— ⅛
US West Inc	55	15-16	55 7-16 55 9-16— ⅛
USX-Marathn	24½		23¾ 24⅛+ ⅜
USX-USS	23¾		23¾ 23½+ ⅛
UnCarbde	44¾	44	3-16 44 5-16+ 5-16
UnionPacif	51	13-16	51 9-16 51 13-16+ 1-16
UnitedTech	132⅛	130¼	130 11-16+1 1-16
Unocal	33¾	31	15-16 32 15-16+15-16
Venator Grp	6¼	6	1-16 6 3-16+ ⅛
WalMart	96	7-16	95¼ 95 3-16—11-16
WellsFargo	37¼	36	1-16 36¼—1 5-16
WstnGasRs	6½		6⅜ 6⅜— ⅛
WinnDixie	42¾	42	5-16 42⅜— 5-16
Xerox Cp s	55	3-16	53 15-16 54½+ ⅛

Boy attacked

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A leopard bit the head of a 6-year-old boy who climbed an embankment at a zoo to get a better look at the big cats on Tuesday.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 03-17-99
♠ A J 5 4
♥ J 7
♦ A Q J 9
♣ 9 5 4

West
♠ ? 7
♥ 9 5 4 2
♦ K 7 6 2
♣ A K 6

East
♠ ? 8 3
♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ 8 5
♣ Q 10 8 3

South
♠ K 10 6 2
♥ A K Q
♦ 10 4 3
♣ J 7 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♣ A

This way or that?

By Phillip Alder

Most finesses are simple in theory: If a key opponent has the missing high honor, you gain an extra trick. But sometimes you will be faced with a two-way finesse, one you can take through either opponent. Then, you must either use the available information — perhaps an opponent entered the auction — or guess well.

Take today's deal as an example. You cruise into four spades. West begins the defense by cashing the club ace-king; then, in answer to a come-on signal, he plays a third round to East's queen. Back comes a heart. You need the rest of the tricks. So, along with requiring the diamond finesse to succeed, you must decide which opponent holds the trump queen. Whom will you pick? Why?

North's raise to two spades doesn't guarantee four trumps. With a *minimum* opening and 3-4-5-1 distribution, you should raise partner, not rebid two diamonds. (Never rebid in a five-card suit unless you have absolutely nothing else to do.) Even with 3-1-5-4, it is better to raise partner than to rebid two clubs. So, South's jump to three no-trump describes a balanced hand with game values and only four spades. North, with four-card support, retreats to the major-suit game.

The key clue is West's initial pass. He has produced the club ace-king, and you must assume he has the diamond king. So, if he has the spade queen as well, he started with 12 high-card points. These days, most players open with that count. True, it's not a certainty, but it's better than nothing. Play East for the spade queen.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, March 18, 1999

Lady Luck could fill in for you when your skills and abilities aren't up to the tasks in the year ahead. This will be especially true where your career and earnings are concerned.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The trends are stirring in your favor today, so make the most of any opportunity that comes your way. Even something good you have going for you can be improved. 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 $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're much more capable of handling things that are grand in scope than you are in taking care of mundane issues. Today's aspects favor you where large endeavors are concerned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Deal with those who have clout today, because they're the ones who'll do you favors without even asking. You can accomplish your aims with their support.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're feeling optimistic today concerning your hopes and expectations, you should be. There's justification since you're in a fortunate cycle where desires can become realities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do a good job today at things you're managing for others and not just for yourself, and you'll be rewarded handsomely. The benefits might be higher than usual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's important today for you appreciate that a positive attitude far outweighs a negative one, because the more philosophical you are, the luckier you'll get at achieving success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A pleasant surprise could be in the offing today when you earnestly strive to be of assistance to another. As a result, the one you end up helping the most will be yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Cupid hasn't forgotten you and he might prove it to you today as conditions in the romance department suddenly take a major turn for the better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today's happenings might reveal to you that a new interest you've been involved with has far greater potential than you realized. The evidence will be overwhelming.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because of your innate abilities to deal with others, you'll be extremely effective today and will quickly become the catalyst for any group with which you're involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't put off anything that could be materially meaningful to you until another day. Your chances of fulfilling your expectations are at a high point.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) What you think of yourself and how you behave will have a direct relationship to events today. If you see yourself as lucky, this will manifest itself in reality.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Migraines and sex

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read with interest your column about a woman who suffered migraine headaches whenever she had sex. The reverse is true for me.

I often suffer from cluster-type and tension headaches that are invariably relieved by orgasm. My supportive husband is always quite willing to give me my "therapy." I wonder if my solution to a headache problem is unique. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Most cases of severe headache, including migraine, are not cured by having sex, with one exception: Tension headache. In this instance, stress causes the shoulder, neck and scalp muscles to contract; headache is a common consequence. Obviously, any stress-relieving technique — be it mild tranquilizers, hot packs, massage or orgasm — can get rid of the headache by releasing muscle spasm. Your situation is not unique but your solution won't work for everyone.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why would any doctor in his right mind operate on an 85-year-old woman to remove her spleen? The organ was supposedly manufacturing too many blood cells, but the patient didn't survive the surgery.

DEAR READER: Without more information, I cannot form an opinion about this difficult situation. Tragically, the patient did not survive the procedure. However, if she had been active, alert and independent, the operation may have been appropriate. She might have had a form of leukemia, called a lymphoproliferative disorder, from which she would have died if her spleen weren't removed.

Sometimes these decisions are difficult to judge, even in retrospect. Nonetheless, I am sure that the patient's doctor would be willing to discuss, with family members, the reasons for the surgery, as well as the reasons why she died.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 62-year-old woman who was troubled with constipation since childhood. I began using 2 tablespoons of a fast-acting antacid for stomach gas, and that solved the problem. Why would an antacid work?

DEAR READER: Because aluminum hydroxide (the active ingredient in many antacid preparations) is extremely constipating, most manufacturers add a mild laxative (such as magnesium carbonate) to their products to overcome this obstacle. Your intestine is probably reacting to the magnesium. If your constipation problem has been solved, you will not harm yourself by using small amounts of the product on a regular basis.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." 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.

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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Scurry County Country

NRCS Report

By Kevin L. Wright, Resource Team Leader
Scurry, Fisher, & Borden counties

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has set the ranking deadline for the 1999 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The first ranking deadline for the 1999 program year is March 31. And a second ranking deadline is set for July 1.

Applications from individual landowners interested in participating in the EQIP during the 1999 program year received before March 31 will be ranked for program eligibility during April and those received after March 31 will be ranked after the July 1 deadline.

Producers who did not qualify for the EQIP program during the March 31 ranking period may request a deferment from their local Farm Service Administration (FSA) office and be eligible to be re-ranked during the July 1 ranking period.

It should be noted that applications received after the July 1 deadline, as part of the EQIP continuous program sign-up provisions, will be held until the 2000 program year ranking period.

Private landowners should be aware that EQIP provides technical educational and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner.

Cost share practices include placement of appropriate structural or vegetative practices, such as animal waste management facilities, irrigation management equipment, vegetative buffers and wildlife habitat enhancement, to name a few. Eligible practices will depend on the location of the farm or ranch on which the practice is to be installed and the major resource concern to be addressed in that particular area. Information on eligible cost share practices and major resource concerns of an area can be secured from your local NRCS field office.

To learn more about EQIP or to submit an EQIP contract application, contact your local NRCS field office. Local NRCS field offices are listed in the U.S. government section of the white pages of your phone book under United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

A lightning bolt generated temperatures five times hotter than the surface of the sun.

Ag Spotlight on the Texas Legislature

By Susan Combs, Texas Ag Commissioner

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today applauded a proposal by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant, for emergency appropriations of $25 million for boll weevil eradication. The direct state funding would help offset the enormous cost producers incurred during last year's severe drought.

The proposed $25 million emergency appropriation to the Texas Department of Agriculture could be utilized during the current fiscal year to help continue boll weevil eradication efforts underway in the state. In addition to Ratliff's proposal, Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has legislation pending that would authorize a state-fund, cost-share program for boll weevil eradication.

"Cotton is the state's top cash crop earning more than $1.5 billion a year in direct cash receipts," Combs said. "Sen. Ratliff, Sen. Duncan and the Texas Legislature understand the problems of drought and boll weevils that have plagued our cotton farmers. Our producers have been losing their competitive edge to growers in other southern states which have not experienced drought and where boll weevil eradication has been completed resulting in lower production costs.

"It is of utmost importance that eradication be as successful in Texas as it has been in other states such as Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas," Combs said. "These other states received a 30 percent direct cost share from the federal government to offset the cost of their program. The federal share has now dropped to 10 percent so state assistance will help make up some of the difference to complete this critical program in Texas."

In addition to the posted direct emergency appropriation, Combs is proposing to lend over $100 million in low-interst funds from the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, which will reduce the cost of boll weevil eradication.

"If we are able to decrease the estimated $100 an acre program by $20 with direct funding, I am hoping to further reduce the cost of the additional $80 through the low-interest loan program.

"With help from the Texas Legislature with an emergency appropriation and an additional low-interest loan from the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, our cotton growers can continue to be leaders in this nation at producing fiber," Combs said.

Texas produces about 30 percent of the nation's cotton.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,103 head of cattle for the Thursday, March 11 sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 34 to 38.50.
Canners and low cutters: 28 to 33
Slaughter bulls: 42 to 48.50.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 80-100
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 72-83
700-800: 67-74
Feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 80-90
400-500: 72-82
500-600: 70-78.50
600-700: 65-75.50
700-800: 62-66.50
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 72 to 78.50; 700-800, 64 to 78.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 525 to 725: Grade 400 to 525.
Springers: 300 to 550.
Baby calves: 80 to 150.
Doodlers 150 to 2105

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 386 head of cattle for the Saturday, March 13 sale. Feeder steers and heifers were firm. Slaugher cows were steady with bulls $2 higher. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
200 to 300: 103 to 110
300 to 400: 104 to 111
400 to 500: 84.50 to 95
500 to 600: 81 to 87
Feeder Heifers:
200 to 300: 88.50 to 94
300 to 400: 83.50 to 93
500 to 600: 72 to 74
Young bred cows: 425 to 485
Cows and calves: 580 to 680
Slaughter cows: high yielding: 37.50 to 38.50.
Slaughter bulls: low dressing: 48.50 to 51.

Scurry 4-H members win at Houston

Scurry County 4-H participants in the Houston Livestock Show Feb. 25-March 6, placed as follows:

Swine: Corbin Smith, placed 20th with a heavy weight lamb; other exhibiting swine were Jared Boyd, Justin Boyd, Tatum Gruben and Tess Gruben.

Lambs: Corbin Smith placed 20th with a heavy weight crossbred lamb. Others exhibiting sheep were Keila Helms, Justin Boyd, Katie Voss, Chelsea Hackfeld and Brady Hackfeld.

Steers: T'Leah Eicke showed the champion Angus. Rad Eicke placed 12th with the middleweight Chiamina. Katie Voss placed 6th with the heavy weight AOB. Cody Beaver placed 5th with the light weight Angus. Morgan Miller placed 7th with the heavy weight Limousin. Tatum Gruben placed 11th with the middle weight Maine.

Among others exhibiting that did not make the sale were Jordan Stansell placing 17th with a heavy weight AOB. Malorye Miller and Tess Gruben also exhibited steers.

Matter of Fact

Susan Combs
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

In virtually all sports, playing at home is suppose to provide some type of advantage – an edge over your competition that makes it pretty difficult for them to stick with you. Farming and ranching aren't exactly like a football championship or the last game in a baseball playoff series. However the same "home field advantage" philosophy should still hold true for the hardworking folks of Texas agriculture.

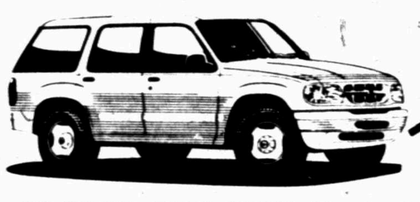
Yes, Texas farmers and ranchers are always looking for new markets around the world. However, the most important customers of our agricultural products will always be right here at home. Luckily, Texas pride is more than just a myth.

According to a recent survey, almost 90 percent of those questioned said a retail sign highlighting a Texas product would influence them to buy Texas food, wine, plants or apparel products. That Texas mystique also helps to sell our products everywhere else. The positive response to our state's heritage and image is an asset few other states enjoy.

In addition, Texans buying Texas products provides a solid foundation for our diverse industry. A loyal consumer base makes economic sense for the entire state, because if agriculture succeeds, we all win.

No, I'm not talking the Super Bowl or the Final Four or the World Series. But like in sports, our producers know that if the home folks are with them then Texas agriculture gets an economic "home field advantage" that's tough to beat.

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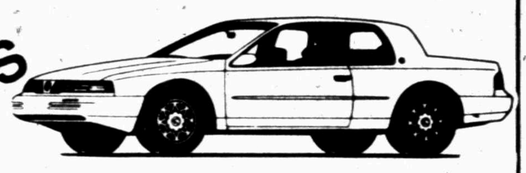


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Dow retreats after breaking 10,000

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average retreated this morning, a day after briefly breaking the 10,000 milestone.

The Dow rose briefly and then fell, and at midmorning was down about 30 points at the 9,900 level, 100 points from 10,000.

For a brief moment Tuesday, the Dow stood atop 10,000, but as often happens when the blue-chip stock indicator reaches new milestones, selling pulled it back down.

The Dow fluctuated between positive and negative territory in the early going today, and at 10 a.m. was up 14.43 to 9,944.90, just 55 points from 10,000.

During Tuesday's historic session, the Dow breached the five-digit mark 20 minutes into the day, traded as high as 10,001.78, then fell back within a minute and closed at 9,930.47, down 28.30.

The Dow's achievement wasn't a one-day event — it was just part of a long Wall Street rally fed by a strong U.S. economy, low interest rates and the world's growing fascination with high technology, particularly the World Wide Web.

"This is a phenomenon that's been going on for three years," said Ralph Acampora, director of technical research at Prudential Securities.

The Dow, which represents companies with a combined market value of more than $2.5 trillion, is already up 8 percent this year. And no matter what the market does in the next few days, analysts are looking for the Dow ultimately to continue its advance.

"If the Dow merely does what it's been doing, you'll have a Dow 20,000 in 10 years," said Jeffrey Applegate, chief investment strategist at Lehman Brothers.

To most analysts, the Dow's ascension to 10,000 is more of a curiosity or media event.

"The 10,000 mark is absolutely a psychological milestone," said Jan Holman, vice president of investment services at American Express Financial Advisors in Minneapolis. "But for most investors, it's just another day."

The Dow 10,000 rocket was launched early in the decade — when the index hadn't even reached 3,000 yet — as the United States recovered from the 1990-91 recession.

Deadliest railway accident in six years...

Investigators asking if driver drove around crossing barrier

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (AP) — Federal investigators said today they are looking into whether the driver of a semitrailer drove around a crossing barrier in an attempt to beat an oncoming train, causing the nation's deadliest railroad accident in six years.

Officials with the National Transportation Safety Board said the driver, Jack Stokes, was just one part of the investigation into the wreck of the City of New Orleans, and that the train engineer and the warning system were also being examined.

At least 13 people were killed and more than 100 injured in Monday night's accident.

Amtrak's chairman, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, said Stokes was trying to dodge the crossing gates, thinking the oncoming train was a slow-moving freight train instead of a faster passenger train.

"The engineer said he saw the lights flashing, he saw the barriers down and then he saw the truck stop and try to get around it," Thompson said. "There was no way to avoid it."

Stokes has said the barriers did not go down until he was on the tracks.

Tire marks were found on the road, the timber of the crossing, and on the road shoulder in the dirt, said Bob Lauby, director of the NTSB's office of railroad safety.

"The tire marks may belong to the truck, they may not," Lauby said. "Put all these marks together and we should be able to recreate exactly where the truck was and how it negotiated that crossing."

Investigators also planned to recreate the driver's approach to the crossing to see whether he could not see the train approaching, John Goglia of the National Transportation Safety Board told NBC's "Today" show this morning.

Authorities insist those gates were down and the signal lights were flashing red when the train slammed into a semitrailer loaded with steel.

TxDOT announces plans

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sidewalks and gutters.

The project bid will be let in November and estimated cost is $2.4 million.

According to Jerry Beard, local TxDOT engineering specialist, the road currently carries approximatley 10,000 vehicles a day.

Beard also announced plans to reconstruct Snyder's traffic circle which connects Business 84, U.S. Hwy. 180 and South Hwy. 208.

"We plan to completely realign and reconstruct the traffic circle and hopefully cut down on the number of accidents," Beard said.

The project will be let in April 2000.

Another planned local project is the reconstruction of the eastbound lane of U.S. Hwy 84 from Ezell Key to Hermleigh.

The project will be let in April 2000 at an estimated cost of $2 million.

Also planned is the reconstruction of the east and westbound lanes of U.S. Hwy. 84 from the Mitchell County line to east of Hermleigh and from the Nolan County line to the Scurry County line. Both projects will be let in April 2000 and total almost $4 million.

Various other projects are included in Snyder's TIP including seal coating and county road bridge replacements.

Citizens wishing to comment on the meeting or possible projects may do so by submitting written comments to William L. Hale, district engineer at P.O. Box 150 in Abilene.

Comments must be received in Abilene by noon, March 29.

A public meeting will also be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Hamlin.

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Three arrested; various reports filed Tuesday

Local law enforcement made three arrests Tuesday and handled a variety of complaints ranging from cruelty to animals to threatened suicide.

Two subjects were taken into custody by deputies on outstanding misdemeanor warrants at 9:37 a.m. in the 1300 block of North Avenue O. Arrested were a 22-year-old male for motion to revoke probation and a 21-year-old female for Class C criminal mischief.

A 44-year-old male was booked into county jail at 9:35 p.m. on outstanding Midland Co. warrants for issuance of a bad check and theft by check.

In other acitivity, an offense report for disorderly conduct was filed at 8:21 a.m.

An offense report for forgery was filed at 11:50 a.m. at West Texas State Bank in reference to a forgery.

At 3:23 p.m., Janie Rodriguez requested to speak to an officer in reference to her vehicle being damaged while it was parked in the 400 block of 20th Street. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Officers were called to the 27th Street bridge at 4:51 p.m. in reference to two juveniles being cruel to a small dog under the bridge.

The dog was transported to a veterinarian and the juveniles were transported to the police department where they were later released to their parents. An offense report for cruelty to animals was filed.

Hortensia Mendoza requested an officer at 605 29th Street at 6:33 p.m. in reference to her five-year-old son being bitten by a dog. An offense report was filed.

At 6:45 p.m., an officer was requested in the 1500 block of 40th Street in reference to an unknown vehicle striking a vehicle owned by Kevin Hare and leaving the scene. An offense report for two vehicle hit and run was filed.

A report was received at 7:42 p.m. that three male juveniles and one female juvenile had a pit bull dog inside Praire Dog Town. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate. A close patrol was maintained.

Officers submitted an offense report for threatened suicide at 10:51 p.m.

A request was received at 11:13 p.m. for an attempt to locate on a 16-year-old female who had not returned home. An offense report for runaway was filed.

A one-vehicle accident at 6:26 p.m. 12 miles north of Snyder on U.S. Hwy. 84 sent a 19-year-old woman to the hospital.

Kendra Benham of Muleshoe was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where she was treated and released.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a small grass fire at 4:01 p.m. to the east of Eastridge Apartments on Brick Plant Road. Damage was limited to grass.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available today and every Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

Heart association board

The American Heart Association board will meet at noon Thursday at the Pizza Inn. Anyone interested in helping with the May 15 Heart Walk is invited. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041 for more information.

Boy Scout car wash

Boy Scout Troop 27 will hold a car wash fund-raiser for new tents Saturday at Wal-Mart from 1 until 5 p.m. The cost will be a $5 donation for cars, and $10 for larger vehicles.

Baseball Tiger Moms

SHS baseball Tiger Moms will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at the former Lone Star Gas building. For more information, call LeaAnn Shields at 573-9862.

SHS tennis boosters

SHS Tennis Booster Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Savings and Loan. For more information, call 573-2400.

First Presbyterian sets speakers

Drs. Jerry and Judy Horton, directors of Down Home Ranch, will speak at the First Presbyterian Church at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Soccer registration

Registration for the Snyder Soccer Association will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Snyder Lanes.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "God's Joy When a Son Comes Home," followed by "God and the Rebellious Child."

Choir booster club

The SHS Choir Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the choir room to discuss the choir banquet. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Library book sale

Scurry County Library book sale will begin Wednesday through Saturday during regular library hours. A variety of books, including children's, will be available.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Funiture, appliances and other items are appreciated. Clothes are not needed at this time. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Postal Service entrance exam

The examination for data conversion operator for the U.S. Postal Service will be open to the public through March 26 at the remote encoding center in Abilene. Applications and additional information are available at the Snyder post office.

Reception for warden

A reception to welcome Warden Wilhelmenia Howard and her husband, Tony, to Snyder will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 29, at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Howard is the new warden at the Price Daniel Unit, and Tony is TDCJ regional supervisor for internal affairs.

Windbreak trees available

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra windbreak trees, both hardwood and evergreens, available.

Aggie scholarships

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' Club will award two scholarships to a high school senior and a current A&M student. Students in Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties are eligible. Applications are available at the high schools and postmark deadline for applications is April 1.

Townhall meeting

State Rep. David Counts, along with Mayor David Holt, will conduct a townhall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Snyder City Hall.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on Wednesday, April 7, from 5-9 p.m. at Snyder High School.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-6-3
(seven, six, three)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
16-17-24-29-38
(sixteen, seventeen, twenty-four, twenty-nine, thirty-eight)

Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Woman's 'Mr. Wonderful' Was Really Full of Spleen

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: As an animal lover, I'd like to share my story so that others may learn from my mistake.

I have had the best companion of my life, my dog Chelsey, for about seven years. Two years ago, I met "Mr. Wonderful," we fell in love, moved in together, and then the honeymoon started to deteriorate. I learned that Mr. Wonderful had a mean streak in him that I was unwilling to live with. As we arranged our breakup (settling bank accounts, dividing up furniture, etc.), Mr. W. made a very big issue out of how close he'd grown to Chelsey, and he insisted that he keep her. Against my better judgment, I let him have her.

Big mistake! To make a long story short, Mr. W. took Chelsey out to a rural area and dumped her. Mr. W. didn't want her — he just wanted to get in one last dig at me.

So there I was, blindly thinking that the two of them were living happily ever after. Meanwhile, some kindly country folks found Chelsey and took her to the city animal shelter, where she was chosen "Pet of the Week." For this honor, she made a short appearance on one of the local TV stations' news broadcasts. I almost had a cardiac arrest when I saw my Chelsey on TV described as a "stray" found eating out of trash cans.

Abby, let this be a lesson. When you're breaking up with someone, don't let him have your beloved pet!

PAT IN FIRCREST, WASH.

DEAR PAT: You and Chelsey are both very lucky — first to have been reunited against great odds, and second, to have the pathological "Mr. Wonderful" out of your lives before he caused more damage.

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DEAR ABBY: My letter is prompted by my frustration with insurance representatives with no medical knowledge. I am a physician, and am frequently asked by my patients to write or call on their behalf regarding a medical bill that the insurance company has denied. Many times, I am just repeating what the patient has already said to the claims person. Other times, I am engaged in disputes with claims people who don't know what they are talking about.

Recently I was explaining a disease process to an insurance representative when she haughtily informed me that she had taken a medical terminology class. Perhaps she is able to spell "nephrophthisis," but I believe her scope of knowledge ends there. Since I don't know how to fix cars, I certainly wouldn't argue with my mechanic about the automobile engine.

My colleagues report similar experiences. My patients share horror stories. I would like to hear an explanation as to why insurance companies employ people who handle claims in subjects about which they are not knowledgeable.

FRUSTRATED DOC, UTICA, N.Y.

DEAR FRUSTRATED DOC: I suspect it has a lot to do with cost containment. If a medical professional were handling the claims, it might drive administrative costs through the roof; and if a debate actually occurred between two medically knowledgeable professionals about whether a claim should be paid, the company might find itself paying out more fees to doctors. I'd be interested in a response from insurance companies — if it is short, sweet and to the point.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MY IRISH READERS: Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all. In the words of an old Irish blessing:

May you never forget what is worth remembering,

Or remember what is best forgotten.

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Dropout bill filed

AUSTIN (AP) — While the official statewide dropout rate has fallen to just over 9 percent, figures for the nine largest urban school districts show a much bigger problem, a senator said, touting legislation meant to help keep students in school.

The Texas Education Agency reports that for 1996-97, the latest figures available, 9.1 percent of seventh-graders left before graduating from high school.

But state Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said Tuesday his staff's examination of figures for the nine big districts shows TEA lost track, on average, of more than 33 percent of students between their freshman and senior years in high school.

Barrientos called that the "evaporation rate."

When the evaporation rate is added to the reported dropout rate, Barrientos said 47 percent of students had dropped out or disappeared over the three-year period studied. He said that compared to 41 percent who had either graduated or were on track to graduate.

The dropout bill is SB1561.

The compensatory education bill is SB1562.

Senate to vote on electric deregulation

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer watchdog groups are rallying against an electricity deregulation bill they say would benefit large industries while doing nothing for average Texans.

"No residential customers are demanding the bill," Janee Briesemesiter, senior policy analyst for Consumers Union, said of the measure to be taken up by the Senate today.

"No residential customers will receive any savings from this bill any greater than what they will get under the current law. In fact, they could get less."

If passed by the Senate and House and signed by the governor, the bill would allow Texans to pick their electricity provider much like they already pick from among long-distance telephone companies.

Bill sponsor Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, called the measure "a fair, far-reaching plan that will benefit all Texans."

"We've been studying this issue for more than five years and have developed a fair plan that is unlike those adopted by other states," he said.

Sibley's measure would create a complicated system for introducing competition into the marketplace while trying to ensure lower prices and reliable service for customers.

The rates of such investor-owned utilities as Dallas-based TU Electric would be frozen for three years, then lowered by 5 percent starting Jan. 1, 2002.

Senators have submitted more than 50 amendments, ranging from clarifications in language to setting goals for developing alternative energy sources.

Tom Smith, executive director of the consumer group Public Citizen, said lawmakers might be rushing into deregulation without enough information.

"We see no reasons why Texas should dive into uncharted waters at the expense of consumers when we will have better information two or four years down the line," he said.

The investor-owned utilities also have expressed concern about key provisions in the bill that would limit their ability to compete for customers in their former geographic monopolies for up to five years.

"We have some concerns about the bill," said Christopher Schein, spokesman for TU Electric. "We are not ready to fully support it. We'd like our areas of concern addressed and that's what the legislative process is for."

If the bill passes the Senate it could then head to the House State Affairs Committee.

Sibley's bill is SB7.

Bill would require gun show dealers to check backgrounds

AUSTIN (AP) — On-the-spot criminal background checks would be required for all firearms sales at Texas gun shows under bills that drew support Tuesday from law enforcement officials in several of the state's largest cities.

"Unfortunately in Texas, gun shows provide a huge array of weapons that are easily available to criminals because no background check is required," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

Federal law requires background checks for gun show purchases from licensed dealers, but hobbyists selling from their private collections are exempt, resulting in anonymous sales every year, West said.

Texas' gun shows — 472 in 1998 — are magnets for minors and felons seeking guns and wanting to avoid background checks, West said.

"It's no secret that criminals and minors will do the easiest thing they can in order to get guns," West said. He and Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, filed bills in the House and Senate to require the checks.

National Rifle Association spokesman Jim Manown said the group would oppose the bills.

"The NRA certainly supports instant background checks, but these recent attempts to restrict sales at gun shows is unnecessary," Manown said.

Federal and state laws prohibiting the sale of firearms to felons and minors already apply at gun shows, Manown said.

Law enforcement officials from Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and other cities said requiring unlicensed dealers to conduct background checks at gun shows would help prevent illegal gun sales.

Lt. Mike Akroyd of the San Antonio Police Department said research there showed minors or felons are involved in half of violent crimes with firearms.

"We believe this effort would help us tremendously in our efforts to fight crime in San Antonio," Akroyd said.

According to Ms. Danburg, the federal Justice Department has reported between 25 percent and 50 percent of sellers at gun shows are not licensed dealers and therefore not conducting background checks.

The gun show HB1199 and SB1566.

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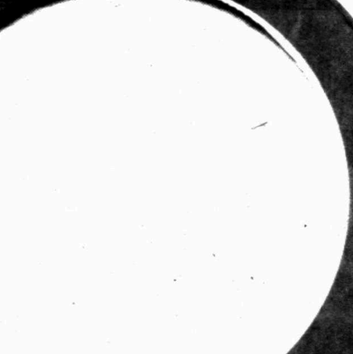


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