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# Mass suicide leaves 39 cultists dead in California

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. (AP) — The mysterious computer-cult whose members died in a mass suicide left videotapes announcing their plans and may have timed their deaths to the approach of the Hale-Bopp comet, an associate of a former member said today.

The 39 men and women dressed in black, wore their hair in buzz cuts and lived in an antiseptic, million-dollar mansion stocked with bulk food and computer hardware used to create Internet sites.

They sent a farewell videotape to a former member and died in the same mansion, lying in apparent peace on their backs, arms at their sides, each covered across the face and chest with a triangular shroud of purple cloth.

Sheriff's deputies who went to the Spanish-style mansion on a tip Wednesday found the victims of one of the biggest mass suicides in U.S. history. Other than the bodies, they found little but mystery.

"There's no gunshot wounds, there's no knife holes in anybody," said San Diego County Sheriff's Cmdr. Alan Fulmer. "Nothing to my knowledge has been found in the way of poison."

The home apparently was the center of a thriving business designing Web pages for businesses that want a presence on the Internet. Customers of the company called Higher Source described the home's occupants as cultlike and clannish, but businesslike and proficient.

Nick Matzorkis, a Beverly Hills businessman who employs a former member of the Higher Source group, said today that members sent the employee — whom he identified only as Rio — two videotapes this week that described their intentions. He told NBC's "Today" show that it was his understanding that they died Monday and used sleeping pills to kill themselves.

Members believed it was time to "shed their containers," perhaps to rendezvous with a UFO they believed was traveling behind the Hale-Bopp comet, Matzorkis said. The comet is currently visible from Earth.

A rumor that a UFO has trailed the comet has been circulating for months on the Internet; astronomers say the object cited by the theory's proponent, an amateur astronomer, is actually a star distorted by the optics of the amateur's telescope.

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# Physicians will issue statement on lease offer

## *After seeing final proposal from CHS*

By Bill McClellan
*Managing Editor*

Local physicians say they soon will issue a statement regarding the possible lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital, the chairman of the hospital's medical staff said today.

Dr. Gary Nussey, speaking at this morning's Cogdell board meeting, also questioned what he called "unintended consequences" of the due diligence contract which allows Community Health Systems (CHS) to gain information about Cogdell.

First, however, he said the medical staff does plan to issue a statement about the potential lease of Cogdell to CHS.

"There is intense interest in the community about the lease of the hospital and a lot of people want to know what the physicians' opinion is," said Dr. Nussey. "We're waiting to hear what the final proposal will be before we come to a conclusion."

Dr. Nussey said the medical staff's response will be in written form, and probably also be announced in a public forum, such as a Cogdell board meeting or commissioners court meeting.

Community Health Systems is proposing to lease Cogdell and has been obtaining information under a due dilligence contract for the past few weeks. The for-profit organization is expected to present its proposal on or before April 7.

Dr. Nussey questioned how due diligence contract has affected Cogdell.

"I think CHS should have told us up front, this is what it is going to cost you in terms of hours and dollars."

Dr. Nussey said he has been given no firm figures but was told that Cogdell has put in "hundreds of hours" and "thousands of dollars" in meeting the due diligence contract.

"My question is, whose going to pay for this?" said Dr. Nussey.

"I don't think we can afford to do this thing over and over... Maybe this is a good lesson. Maybe we can learn from that."

The family practitioner also said CHS's probe comes "at a time when we can't afford it," noting that hospital staff and administrators are busy preparing for an upcoming Joint Commission survey.

Dr. Nussey, who last month encouraged more active physician recruitment, reiterated that. He encouraged the administration and board to develop strategies to bring new physicians to Snyder.

There is currently office space for three more physicians at the new St. Mary Healthcare Center, although Dr. Thomas Kerr may be joining that group. At any rate, a move by him would free his current office, still leaving three available office spaces for new physicians, the board was told.

"I look for a time when we have eight physicians in our town," said Dr. Nussey. "I think in time we will be able to support that. And I look for a time when we have an array of specialists, maybe some who reside here."

On that note, Bill Weldon, vice president for St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock, told the board that the question of the lease proposal must be handled quickly.

"Until there is a decision on what the hospital is going to do, you are going to have a very difficult time recruiting. These physicians will want to know who is managing the hospital."

Any decision concerning a proposed lease lies with Scurry County Commissioners Court since Cogdell is county owned, although citizens can petition for a vote on the matter. Members of the commissioners court have indicated that citizens would be given an opportunity vote on the future of the hospital.

The hospital currently operates under a management contract through St. Mary Hospital.

ST. MARY OPEN HOUSE — Charley O. Trimble, CEO for St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock, visits at the open house with Snyder's Dr. Gary Nussey and Gold Coaters Ricky Fritz and R.C. Patton. The open house for the St. Mary Family Healthcare Center was held Wednesday afternoon. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "A pessimist has the feeling he isn't going anywhere, but likely he's already arrived."**

The only redeeming value of TV talk show is to show the viewer they may be more "normal" than they thought.

Those shows seem to attract odd balls with even stranger attitudes and experiences. Sometimes, one would have to believe that some of the situations must actually be made up.

That does bring up an interesting question: What is normal?

We found a checklist to shed a little light on that subject. It uses statistics, and you know what they say about those.

At any rate, check yourself out by comparing these numbers in the "Are you normal" survey.

--Only 30 percent of people can flare their nostrils.

--Some 21 percent of people make their beds daily, and five percent never do.

--Men do 29 percent of the weekly laundry, but only seven percent of women trust their husbands to do the wash correctly.

--Three out of four of us store our paper money in rigid order, with singles leading up to larger demoninations.

--A whopping 91 percent of people tell fibs regularly.

--Half the population sneak food into the movie theaters to avoid the high prices of cinema snacks.

--Some 90 percent believe in devine retribution.

--Two-thirds eat the cake before the frosting.

--When no one else is around, 47 percent drink straight from the carton.

--Snickers is the most popular candy.

--Almost 85 percent will consume Spam this year.

--Almost one-third of U.S. women color their hair.

--Only 30 percent know their cholesterol level.

--Almost half of all men, 46.5 percent, say they put the seat down after using the toilet. But almost virtually all women say it's always left upright.

--A lot are sneaky. Some 39 percent peek in the host's bathroom cabinet; 71.6 percent eavesdrop; and 10 percent would switch price tags in a retail store.

How'd you fare? If you've never been invited to "talk trash" on the tube, you may indeed be nothing more than normal.

# CMH to purchase new CT scanner

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board members today agreed to purchase a new CT scanner and reviewed preliminary plans for renovation of the doctor's clinic as a rehabilitation and therapy area.

The board unanimously agreed to a three-year purchase of a $566,847 CT scanner from General Electric. The "state-of-the-art" equipment is being obtained via a block purchase through Cogdell's connection with St. Mary Hospital and St. Joseph's Health Systems. That connection is saving Cogdell some $85,000, said Jeff Reecer, hospital CEO. Previously, it had been estimated that Cogdell would save between $35,000 and $75,000.

Payment will be $17,000 a month.

Cogdell has been leasing a scanner for the past 11 years. "We've paid for that scanner many times over by now," panned Reecer.

The new scanner will speed up the process for patients and provide much more detail for physicians in making a diagnosis, the board was told.

Bids will be let soon for renovation of the Doctor's Clinic, with a projected bid-opening date of April 22, Reecer said. The renovation will allow several departments to move into the space, including the Heart Gym, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

Statistics indicate that in 1996, there were 1,036 patients who utilized therapy through Cogdell — 929 on an out-patient basis. It was noted that in 1989, there were 384 people on an out-patient basis.

Bids will be sent out for a base plan and three alternates. Construction for the base plan is estimated at $123,500. One alternate would include a therapy pool, construction for which would be $70,000. A second option is an assisted living training area, estimated at $8,000, and the third involves handicapped parking and a handicap drive-through area estimated at $14,000.

Those costs are for construction only, and do not include equipment, furnishings or professional fees, the board was told.

The board will view bids before making any decisions.

Hospital board members also approved the February operating and financial report. Utilization statistics indicated an average daily census of 13, a long term census of 36.5, 1,330 home health visits, 51 cardiac rehabilitation visits, 63 endoscopy procedures, 91 surgical patients, 10 newborns and 582 emergency room visits.

Cogdell had a net income for the month of $28,779.

Present were board members J.B. Tate, Dr. Mark Weaver, Jimmy McMillan, Stanley Martin and board chairman Jim Cave. E.D. Walton was absent.

# 'Nunsense' reservations become available Tuesday

The Ritz Community Theatre spring musical "Nunsense," by Dan Groggin, will open Thursday, April 10, at the Ritz Theatre on the south side of the square.

Reservations for season ticket holders will begin Tuesday and continue Wednesday. Reservations for the general public will be available beginning Thursday, April 3 through Friday, April 18.

Sam Robertson is the director, and Judy Brown is the accompanist.

The show will run April 10 through 14 and April 17 through 20. Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances start at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are $7. For groups of 10 or more (reserved and prepaid), tickets are $6. Call 573-4035 between 2 and 5 p.m. for reservations and ticket information.

# Students get long holiday

It's a long holiday for some, a shorter one for others, but school districts and government entities will take some time off for Easter.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh public school districts will dismiss classes at the regular time today and enjoy a four-day weekend. Classes won't resume until Tuesday morning.

Western Texas College students and faculty will take Friday off, but will return to classes Monday morning.

City and county will be closed Friday. This includes City Hall, the courthouse, museum, health unit and extension offices.

Scurry County Library, normally open Friday and Saturday, will be closed both those days and will reopen Monday.

Scurry County Senior Center will be open Friday, but will close Monday.

Snyder Post Office and financial institutions will conduct business as usual.

## ASK US

**Q—Will the circus that will be performing here next month be set up inside the coliseum?**

**A—No. In what is billed as the "biggest big top on earth", the Carson & Barnes Circus will be inside a circus tent that measures 396 feet by 146 feet.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Wednesday, 65 degrees; low, 37; 7 a.m. reading Thursday, 46; .03 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 5.08 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, fair. Low 45-50. W-NW wind 15-25 mph, gusty. Caution advised on area lakes. Friday, sunny. High near 75. N-NE wind 10-15 mph.

Vanessa Chavez
**Sunny**

**Sunset:** 7 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 6:37 a.m.
**Of 85 days in 1997, the sun has shone 76 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.**

**--Unknown**

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# New immigration law causes some confusion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration attempted Wednesday to clear up confusion over a new immigration law amid reports of illegal immigrants rushing into marriage and unfounded fears of mass deportations.

Key provisions of the immigration law signed last year by President Clinton go into effect Tuesday.

"The law is indeed very complex and does very fundamentally change the manner in which we do business," Immigration and Naturalization Service Deputy Commissioner Chris Sale told reporters Wednesday.

But she added, "The law does not change our enforcement priorities."

Those priorities have long been the apprehension and removal of illegal aliens who commit serious crimes in the United States — not the student who overstays a visa or the farm worker who entered without authorization.

The INS each year removes fewer than 100,000 of the 5 million people living here without authorization.

"We have no intention of having mass sweeps," said INS Deputy General Counsel Paul Virtue.

Nonetheless, the anxiety among immigrants since Congress rewrote national immigration policy has hit new levels with key provisions taking effect April 1. Hundreds of thousands of legal immigrants also are facing the cutoff of welfare benefits this August or September from separate welfare revisions.

"The law does not mean that immigrants must file for a change in status or get married before April 1," Sale stressed Wednesday.

Long lines were reported last week outside INS offices in New York and Dallas, with throngs queuing overnight to legalize their status — many having recently married a U.S. citizen.

Marriage to an American doesn't automatically result in a government work permit, or green card, Virtue noted. "There is no reason for somebody to go out and get married, certainly no reason for somebody to commit marriage fraud, which we're concerned about," he said.

In Texas, California and elsewhere, illegal aliens have attempted to turn themselves in to INS officials in the mistaken belief that doing so before Tuesday will result in preferential treatment.

Taking effect Tuesday are provisions:

—Making it easier to deport illegal aliens unless they can meet a new, stricter standard: that their removal would result in "exceptional and extremely unusual hardship" to a close relative who is a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident. Other changes also will serve to expedite deportation and removal procedures.

—Giving INS officers authority to refuse entry to travelers presenting themselves at airports or other ports of entry with invalid or fraudulent documents unless a credible fear of persecution or asylum claim is made.

## Date Book

March 27, 1997

*Today is the 86th day of 1997 and the eighth day of spring.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became first secretary of the Communist Party and premier of the Soviet Union.

On this day in 1964, Alaska was rocked by an earthquake that measured 8.4 on the Richter scale.

On this day in 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin died in a plane crash.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen (1845-1923), physicist; Edward Steichen (1879-1973), photographer; Dashiell Hammett (1894-1961), writer; Louis Simpson (1923-), poet, is 74; Sarah Vaughan (1924-1990), singer; Anthony Lewis (1927-), journalist, is 70; Cale Yarborough (1940-), auto racer, is 57; Michael York (1942-), actor, is 55.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1994, Magic Johnson coached his first game for the Los Angeles Lakers.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "About the capitalist states, it doesn't depend on you whether or not we exist.... Whether you like it or not, history is on our side. We will bury you." Nikita Khrushchev

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1980, storm-churned 20-foot waves and high winds caused a North Sea oil rig to collapse, killing 123 of the 212 aboard.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between full moon (March 23) and last quarter (March 31).

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# Cybersex screening program also blocks poet

WASHINGTON (AP) — She may hold a high place in the pantheon of American poets. But as far as some computer censorship programs are concerned, Anne Sexton is not much more than a three-letter word: sex.

Because her name has those letters, s-e-x, screening programs designed to protect children from Internet smut won't let them see material on the late poet, either.

Close to a dozen software censoring products are being marketed to parents as an alternative or supplement to federal Internet content controls overturned by a judicial panel and now under Supreme Court review.

The judges who struck down the Communications Decency Act last year found home-based censorship preferable to the government restrictions. They said the strength of the Internet and liberty is the same: "chaos and cacophony."

Trying to carve that chaos into manageable chunks is a handful for the programs set up to shield kids from the wilder side of the Net.

It's a task summed up by the title of one of the purged poet's best-known work: "To Bedlam and Part Way Back."

In blocking the likes of Deviant Dictionary, the programs may deny reams of information on AIDS prevention. Yet many of the walls against porn can be broached by the determined user.

A foolproof filter "is impossible to develop because of the subjective nature of what is considered objectionable," PC Magazine says in a review of seven programs.

Still, they may help children explore the Web "in relative safety."

That's a tall order in a medium connecting some 40 million people using more than 9 million computers to find material that constantly changes.

The cybercensors try to do it with lists of sites and words that will set off a trip wire. Sex, violence and language are among up to a dozen subjects that parents can attempt to screen out.

How well do they work? A grown-up "Junior" downloaded a few of them and went looking for love in all the wrong places.

When a program called Net Nanny discovered Junior's raunchy tour, it slapped a "violation" label on the screen, shut down the system and primly recorded the misdeed for Mom and Dad to see.

Another screening program, Cyber Patrol (motto: "To surf and protect"), blocked information not only on Sexton, but on Sri Lanka, an exotic country it seemed to mistake as erotic.

Both were "code 5" violations — not as severe as the code 1 Free Babe Zone, but blocked just the same.

Even so, the program allowed the Female Appreciation Page, with explicit nudity, to slip through.

Indeed, Sexton's work might be too strong for some parents' tastes. But while allowing people to see material on other controversial artists, Cyber Patrol drew the line on one with "sex" in her name. Searches using the words "sextuplets," "Essex" and "Sussex" met the same fate: "Access denied."

Net Nanny allowed a lingering exploration of the Hustler magazine home page before it cottoned on to what was happening and stopped it.

But it denied access to a discussion of erotic needlework. Junior had to disable Nanny by using the adult password before eavesdropping on mystifying messages:

"Are there male parts to cross-stitch also, like I'd bother to waste my time!"

"I was thinking ... it might work as a bean bag chair."

Screening programs may help kids from becoming accidental tourists in seamy nether worlds. Users may be less likely to trigger graphic sexual content by entering an innocent search phrase for a school project.

That's one worry about a medium that displays racy titles such as Blackberry's and family fare such as WizKids on the same menu screen.

But bawdy material usually carries a warning that it is not to be seen by minors, and accessing it requires a series of deliberate, if easy, steps.

In one attempt at sorting out the smut, Microsoft's Internet Explorer now comes with a security system offering parents five levels of tolerance for sex, nudity, language and violence. It depends on voluntary ratings.

The system can be tweaked, for example, to allow "provocative frontal nudity" or hold the line at "frontal nudity." It will permit "clothed sexual touching" or stop at "passionate kissing."

## Berry's World

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*"I had a feeling that something like this would happen. He's been spending way too much time looking at cave drawings."*

# First Baptist sets 'Victor'

"The Victor," a dramatic Easter musical, will be presented by the Music Ministry of the First Baptist Church today and Friday at 7 p.m.

Beginning with the resurrection of Lazarus, "The Victor" chronicles Jesus' last days of earthly ministry through drama and music.

Benjamin, a Jewish religious leader who is very curious and concerned about Jesus, serves as guide through the events leading up to the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Admission is free. The public is cordially invited to attend.


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# Mammograms encouraged for 40-plus women

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving to end one of the most contentious issues in medicine, the government is recommending that women in their 40s get routine mammograms to check for breast cancer.

The presidentially appointed National Cancer Advisory Board suggests that women get mammograms every one to two years in their 40s, The Associated Press learned Wednesday.

For women at high risk of breast cancer, the recommendation advises seeking expert medical advice before age 40 to determine the frequency at which they will need mammograms in the following decade. High risk factors include a family history of breast cancer and delaying pregnancy until after age 30.

The board, which advises the National Cancer Institute, was scheduled to announce its recommendations today. And sources close to the decision said NCI Director Richard Klausner would support the board's determination.

The government's long-anticipated decision moves closer to what cancer advocates recommend. The American Cancer Society on Sunday tightened its own recommendations for 40-somethings from mammograms every year or two to annual screenings.

Congress is preparing to address whether insurance companies should be forced to pay for mammograms in the 40s, and President Clinton was expected to address that issue at a White House appearance today. Clinton already has proposed free annual mammograms for Medicare patients.

The cancer institute since 1993 has said there's insufficient scientific evidence to justify mammograms for women in their 40s. But in January, a panel of experts assembled by the institute recommended that women decide for themselves whether to start mammograms in their 40s, based on their individual assessments of the risks and benefits.

The outcry was immediate. The Senate unanimously urged women to get mammograms in their 40s, and Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., pressured Klausner to reverse his expert panel's opinion.

The science is murky on how much benefit mammograms offer women in their 40s. Scientists agree that annual mammograms are vital for women in their 50s, cutting breast cancer deaths by 30 percent. And they agree mammograms are mostly unnecessary in the 30s.

The combined results of eight studies of 40-something mammograms suggests the exams could reduce breast cancer deaths by 17 percent. But it is unclear from these studies whether mammograms in the early 40s or the late 40s actually saved lives.

Younger women have denser breasts that are more difficult for mammograms to penetrate and this density changes only gradually during middle age, making it harder to say that two women would benefit equally from a mammogram at age 40 versus age 50.

Indeed, experts say that only about 15 percent of the lumps mammograms detect in 40-something women prove to be cancerous — and the X-rays miss twice as much cancer in this age group as in older women.

So women and their doctors must decide whether the expense and the possibility of being frightened by benign tumors or lulled into a false sense of security is worth the possible benefit.

Breast cancer strikes about 180,000 American women each year, and is expected to kill 44,000 this year — about 10 percent of them under age 50.

Mammograms cost $40 to $150, and as many as 90 percent of the abnormalities they uncover are benign. Women often undergo stressful, somewhat painful further testing.

# Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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## One Generation's Invention Is Necessary Appliance for Next

DEAR ABBY: I can't get a letter that I read in your column out of my mind. It was from "Happily Selfish Parent," who wrote that today's young people want everything and people of her generation wanted only food, shelter and clothing.

I would like to point out that all of the things she thinks we "have to have" — television, computers, answering machines, pagers, CDs, videos and microwaves — did not exist in her day. She couldn't want items that hadn't been invented yet. Nor was she bombarded by the media to desire such things.

Let me ask her this: Did you consider newfangled inventions like radios and telephones important? How about electric lights and indoor plumbing? It's all relative. Don't be a sour grape.

LIVING FRUGALLY AT 35

**DEAR LIVING FRUGALLY: I defended today's young people in my answer to "Happily Selfish Parent," but not as eloquently as they did themselves. They responded in droves. Most of them had part-time jobs while they went to school (some held more than one). Many have budgets and savings plans. Some have never borrowed from their parents, but of those who did, the majority paid back all the money. They purchase their "luxury items" with their own money.**

**One young reader summed it up very well: "Financial irresponsibility is not a generational trait but one that spans genders, races and ages. Please don't take your own family's shortcomings out on a whole generation. We have proven that we deserve better."**

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DEAR ABBY: I have a problem I haven't seen before in your column. My husband and I went to the wedding of a co-worker of his. A few weeks after the wedding, my husband's co-worker handed him a card, which turned out to be a thank-you note, generically thanking us for the lovely gift. The problem? We had not yet given a gift.

We and our friends are divided. Some say we are off the hook for a gift, since it would be embarrassing to the couple to receive a gift after sending us a thank-you note; others say if we were intending to give a gift, we should do so. We're curious as to what you say.

WAITING TO HEAR

**DEAR WAITING TO HEAR: If your husband does not come forward stating that you have not yet sent a gift, someone else may not receive the thank-you that is due.**

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DEAR ABBY: While I was moving a few boxes in the garage of our Montecito, Calif., home, I spotted an aging envelope. The postmark was barely legible: Atolia, Calif., Sept. 3, 1933. The writing was definitely mine. Enough of garage cleaning; I retreated to the porch overlooking the nearby Santa Barbara harbor.

Comfortably seated, I carefully opened the deteriorating envelope. The first few lines brought both memories and a smile. It was a love letter I had written decades ago while employed as a miner far out in the California desert. The letter was directed to a girl in Hermosa Beach, Calif., whom I must have loved very much. Gazing at the boats leaving the harbor, my mind was flooded with memories of the girl in Hermosa Beach. How well I recalled her laughing smile and diminutive size.

My thoughts of the distant past were interrupted by someone calling from the other end of the porch. A lovely woman was approaching holding a new gray suit. "You will look real handsome at our 50th anniversary next week," she said.

It was the girl from Hermosa Beach — older, but as attractive as ever.

DOUGLAS AND JUANITA ROBERTSON

**DEAR DOUGLAS AND JUANITA: Congratulations on your 50th wedding anniversary. May you enjoy many more decades together.**

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# Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-27-97
♠ K Q J
♥ J 9 8 5 4
♦ 5
♣ A 10 9 8

West
♠ 3 2
♥ A 2
♦ A K J 10 7 6
♣ 6 5 3

East
♠ A 10 8 6 5
♥ 6
♦ 9 8 4 3
♣ 7 4 2

South
♠ 9 7 4
♥ K Q 10 7 3
♦ Q 2
♣ K Q J

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♥ | 2 ♦ | 4 ♥ | All pass |

Opening lead: ♦ A

## An age-old dilemma

By Phillip Alder

What do you lead from a suit headed by the ace and king? In North America, the king has been the card of choice, so that if one led an unsupported ace, partner wouldn't be misled. However, *leading an unsupported ace is usually an appallingly bad choice.* Even when partner has bid the suit, you should lead the ace only as a last resort. So, this theory doesn't hold water. Also, leading the king from both the ace-king and king-queen can cause problems. For example, how should third hand signal with the jack if no honor appears in the dummy? Bridge is hard enough without giving oneself unnecessary headaches.

Mark Horton, in his new book, "Step-by-Step Signalling" (Batsford, $19.95 postpaid from Baron Barclay, 800-274-2221), recommends leading the ace when you want an attitude signal from partner, and leading the king when you want a count signal. (Note that it's alliterative.) Yet how does he always know which signal he wants before seeing the dummy?

A third idea is to lead the ace from an even number of cards and the king from an odd number.

However, I like this plan: Lead the ace unless contemplating switching to a singleton. This agreement made East's life much easier in today's deal.

After leading the diamond ace, West switched to the spade three. This looked remarkably like a singleton, but East knew that if it was, West would have led the diamond king, not the ace. So, East signaled encouragement with the spade 10.

West grabbed the first trump trick, led his second spade to East's ace, and received a spade ruff to defeat the contract.

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# Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; Boss, Business Associate banquet; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 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.

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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.

# *Minister gives garden tips*

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rev. Charles G. Gravenstine is a doctor of ministry and master of divinity who has earthly matters on his mind.

Gravenstine, a Lutheran minister and supervisor of pastoral studies at The Catholic University of America, collects leaves and trash. Lots of it. The resulting mulch and compost help him raise a bounty of vegetables in his garden.

The garden soil at his home in the Washington suburbs is quite clayey, which ordinarily drains poorly. Organic matter like leaves or compost builds up the soil and enriches it, at the same time improving drainage.

"I'll run some of the leaves through a chipper-grinder and then rototill or dig them directly into the garden. It makes the soil more friable," he says.

The leaves also are destined to serve as mulch, one way to discourage weeds. He also maintains a compost pile of grass clippings, kitchen waste (except animal products), and garden cuttings.

"I can get the same effect of a compost pile in the bags of leaves," says Gravenstine, who may collect as many as 100 lawn bags full every season. The lawn bags stacked behind his garage heat up just like a compost pile, turning in a few months into what he calls "brown gold," or a very rich soil.

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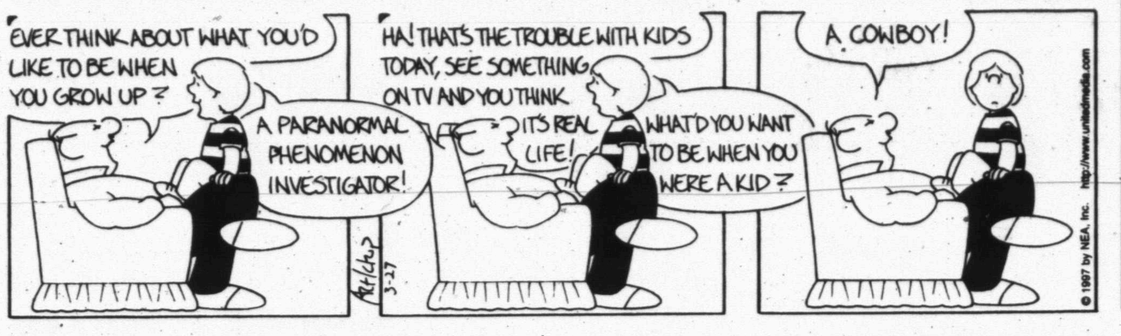


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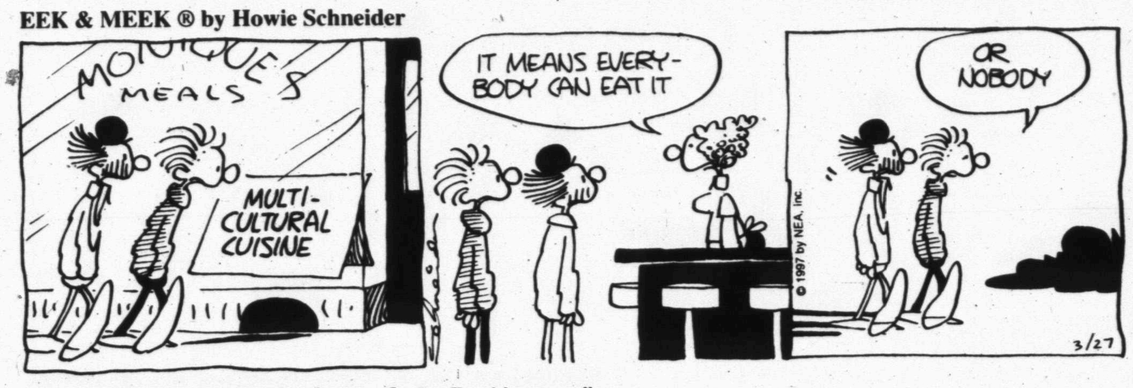


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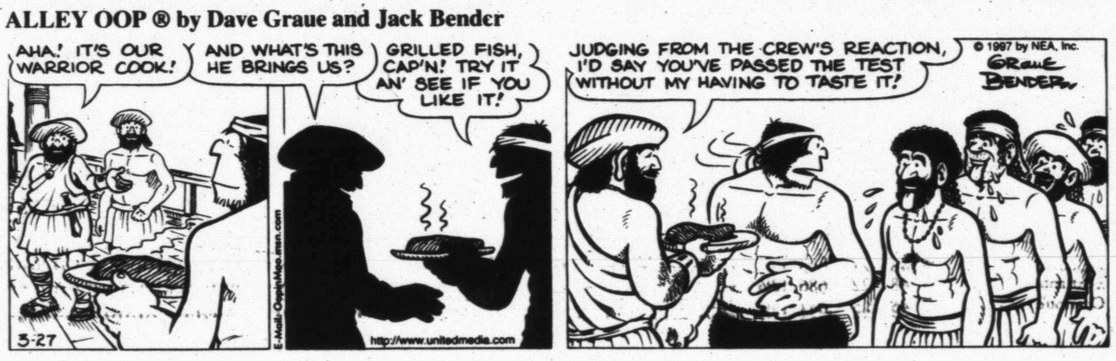


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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Electric horn
7 Satisfactory
13 Crystalline gem
14 Friend of Jerry and George
15 Banana — (sundaes)
16 Lendl's sport
17 Pollack fish
18 Coup d' —
20 Insecticide (abbr.)
21 Russian government
24 Bark cloth
27 Come out again
31 365 days
32 Emulate Picasso
33 Acts like Iman
35 Horse color
36 Coming in
40 Miss Kett of the comics
41 Rich
43 Health resort
46 Floating ice mass
47 Map abbr.
50 Tool
53 Rodent
55 Of Swiss mountains
56 Hair problem
57 Disarranged
58 Used a pencil part

**DOWN**

1 Show affection
2 Easy gait
3 Friend
4 Roman dozen
5 Swimming mammal
6 Certain homesteader
7 Type of drum
8 Bullfight cheer
9 — Quentin
10 Deer
11 City in Oklahoma
12 Remainder
19 Soul (Fr.)
21 — Abdul-Jabbar
22 Hobgoblin
23 Approached
24 Use a keyboard
25 Vast period of time
26 Beyond
28 Melee
29 Small insect
30 Alcohol lamp
34 Sign at a sellout (abbr.)
37 Innate
38 Born
39 Whirl
42 Actress Samantha —
43 Fake
44 Without color
45 Rock-concert sights
47 Hauls
48 Tamarisk salt tree
49 Like some scores
51 Scale notes
52 Chemical suffix
54 — — Clear Day

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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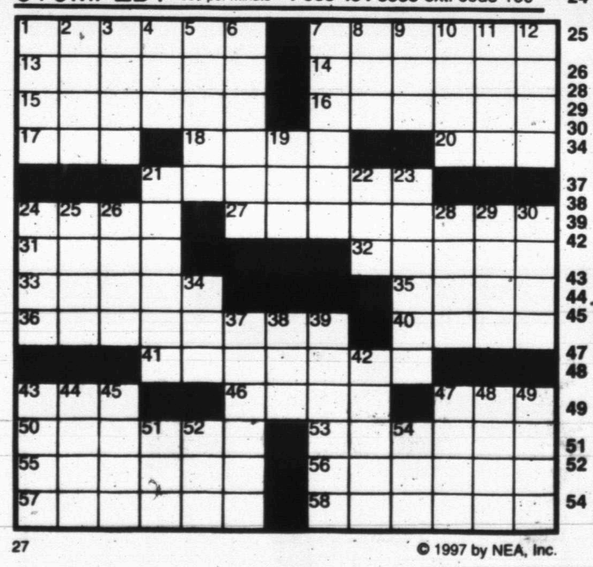



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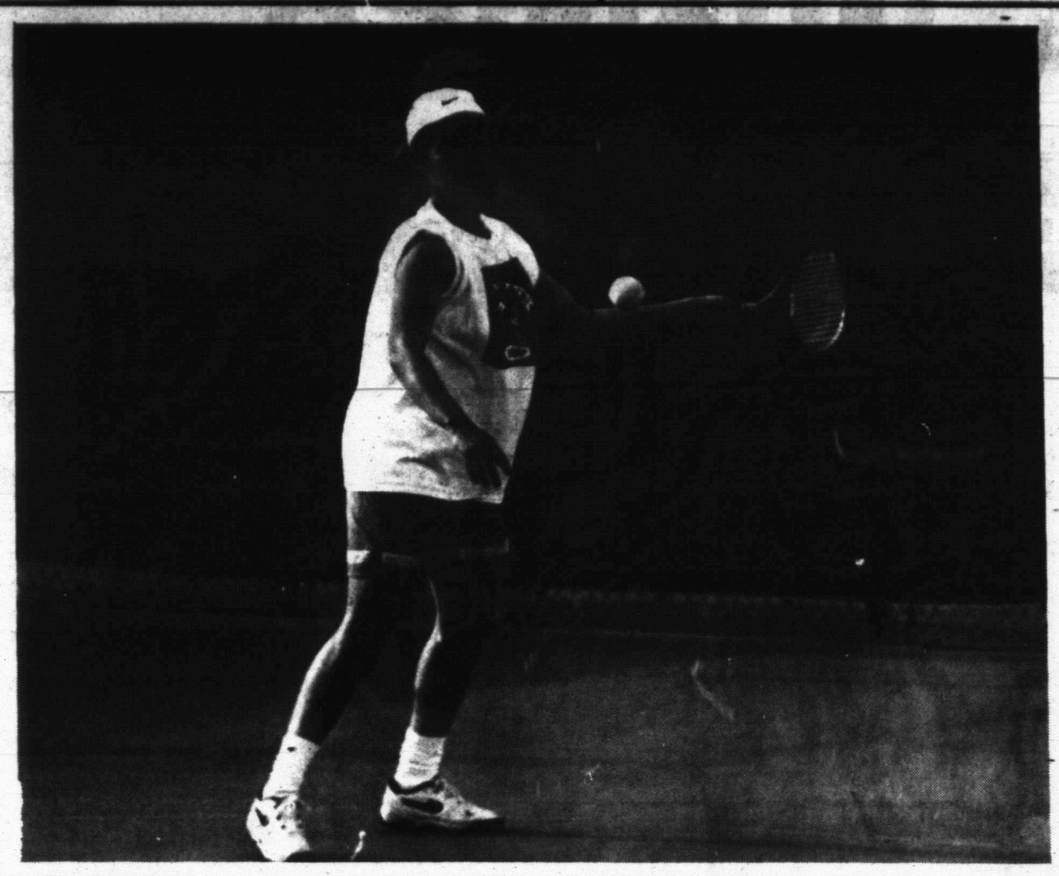

WATCH THE BALL — Snyder netter Laura Gonzales intently watches the ball as she prepares to hit a forehand. The Tiger tennis team was scheduled to host a Midnight Madness Tournament beginning this morning. (SDN Staff Photo by Jamie Sharp)

*Staying at Texas...*

## Penders turns down Rutgers

AUSTIN (AP) — Rutgers offered big bucks and a long-term contract, but Tom Penders said that he will remain the head basketball coach at Texas.

Penders toured the Rutgers campus Tuesday with school President Francis Lawrence and athletic director Fred Gruninger, a close personal friend of the coach for more than 20 years.

The financial package presented by Rutgers would have paid Penders $700,000 annually over at least seven years. But Penders said his decision didn't boil down to money.

"I was offered the Rutgers job," Penders said Wednesday. "It was an offer that I wouldn't have had to work another day in my life if I had taken it. But I love the University of Texas and I'm staying."

Rutgers coach Bob Wenzel was fired almost three weeks ago after then Scarlet Knights finished a fifth straight losing season.

Penders was offered the job after Eddie Fogler rejected an offer from the New Jersey school and decided to stay at South Carolina after getting a raise.

Penders' withdrawal left Drexel coach Bill Herrion as the frontrunner for the Rutgers job. Herrion led Drexel to three NCAA tournament appearances in the last four years.

Herrion visited Rutgers on Wednesday and spoke with athletic director Gruninger and university treasurer Joe Whiteside before leaving for Indianapolis and the Final Four.

Penders, who currently makes just over $400,000 a year, is expected to get a raise that would pay him roughly $550,000 per year, according to Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds.

The raise would make Penders one of the top paid coaches in the Big 12 Conference.

"DeLoss has said he wants to get me on the same level with the other Big 12 coaches," Penders said. "No new contract has been written, but DeLoss has always been fair and his word is golden with me."

Penders said he didn't use the Rutgers job as leverage for a pay raise.

Penders has five years remaining on his current seven-year deal at Texas.

## FISHIN' REPORT

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Mar. 27:

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 63 degrees; black bass up to 7½ pounds are good on white spinners and Carolina-rigged worms and lizards; crappie are fair to good on minnows and small tube jigs fished over brush piles and in the shallows early in the mornings; catfish are fair to good on cut shad and goldfish.

KEMP: Water stained; 3½ feet low; black bass to 6 pounds are good on Power Worms, Culprit worms and lizards fished in the shallows; striped bass are fair to good on live perch; catfish are fair on shad, cheese bait and night crawlers.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; 64 degrees; black bass up to 10 pounds are fair on double willow leaf-bladed spinners, Texas and Carolina-rigged lizards and shiners; crappie are fair to good on minnows and small jigs fished over main lake brush; channel and blue catfish are fair on stink bait and shrimp; flathead catfish are fair on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 1½ feet low; 65 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are good on spinners, Carolina-rigged worms and Slug-gos; striped and white bass are very good on live bait fished on the main lake with some topwater action early and late; crappie are fair on minnows and cut bait; channel catfish are fair to good or cut bait and worms; yellow catfish are fair to good on jugs and trotlines baited with live perch.

It is believed that at least a million meteors have struck the Earth's land surface.

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| Atlantic Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Miami | 52 | 17 | .754 | — |
| x-NewYork | 50 | 20 | .714 | 2½ |
| Orlando | 40 | 29 | .580 | 12 |
| Washington | 34 | 35 | .493 | 18 |
| NewJersey | 22 | 47 | .319 | 30 |
| Philadelphia | 18 | 50 | .265 | 33½ |
| Boston | 13 | 58 | .183 | 40 |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| x-Chicago | 60 | 9 | .870 | — |
| x-Detroit | 48 | 21 | .696 | 12 |
| x-Atlanta | 48 | 22 | .686 | 12½ |
| Charlotte | 45 | 25 | .643 | 15½ |
| Cleveland | 36 | 32 | .529 | 23½ |
| Indiana | 33 | 36 | .478 | 27 |
| Milwaukee | 28 | 41 | .406 | 32 |
| Toronto | 25 | 45 | .357 | 35½ |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Midwest Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Utah | 52 | 17 | .754 | — |
| x-Houston | 46 | 23 | .667 | 6 |
| Minnesota | 34 | 36 | .486 | 18½ |
| Dallas | 22 | 47 | .319 | 30 |
| Denver | 19 | 50 | .275 | 33 |
| SanAntonio | 17 | 52 | .246 | 35 |
| Vancouver | 12 | 60 | .167 | 41½ |
| **Pacific Division** | | | | |
| x-Seattle | 49 | 21 | .700 | — |
| x-L.A.Lakers | 47 | 23 | .671 | 2 |
| x-Portland | 42 | 30 | .583 | 8 |
| L.A.Clippers | 31 | 37 | .456 | 17 |
| Phoenix | 31 | 39 | .443 | 18 |
| Sacramento | 29 | 42 | .408 | 20½ |
| GoldenState | 25 | 44 | .362 | 23½ |

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**Tuesday's Games**
Indiana 98, Toronto 84
Orlando 114, Sacramento 103
Atlanta 96, Portland 89
San Antonio 64, Cleveland 59
Houston 112, Minnesota 103
Chicago 94, Dallas 92
Phoenix 117, Milwaukee 112
L.A. Clippers 110, Vancouver 104, OT
Seattle 126, Golden State 89

**Wednesday's Games**
New Jersey 123, Philadelphia 105
Washington 105, Boston 92
Miami 101, Sacramento 88
Portland 88, Charlotte 87
Indiana 104, Dallas 80
New York 105, Detroit 94
Minnesota 102, Denver 100
Phoenix 109, Seattle 107
L.A. Lakers 106, Milwaukee 84

**Thursday's Games**
Chicago at Toronto, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

**Friday's Games**
New York at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Utah, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

## SHS track, baseball compete this weekend

Compared to the two previous weekends, Snyder High School sports are not nearly as busy.

That is not to say that Snyder will not be represented by some of its teams this weekend.

The varsity boys and girls track teams will journey to the Sweetwater Relays Friday.

The boys had a good individual showing at the Seminole Relays last weekend.

Matthew Fambro continued his consistency, placing first in the high jump and the long jump and second in the 110-meter hurdles. Fambro also finished sixth in the 300-meter dash.

Joey Medley took first in the shot put and third in the discus.

Juan Arizmendi sprinted to a third place finish in the 100-meter dash and sixth in the 200-meter dash. Arizmendi also won fourth in the triple jump with Brady Cobb taking third.

The girls team split from the boys last weekend to compete in the Abilene Classic.

Devon Reed had two personal bests. Reed was third in the long jump with a distance of 16-3¼ and fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.04.

The 800-meter relay team of Reed, Alicia Peoples, Shannon Hall and Christina Holder was fifth. Peoples also won fifth in the high jump with a height of 4-10.

The varsity baseball squad will be seeking its first District 2-4A win Friday in Levelland against the Lobos.

Snyder, 10-6 for the season and in hoop play, had a hard time at the plate Tuesday night, getting only two hits in a 2-0 loss to the Lamesa Tornadoes.

Levelland will be looking to rebound from a 17-7 pounding at the hands of the Plainview Bulldogs. The Lobos are 0-1 in district action and 6-10 on the season.

The JV squad, 8-4-1 for the season, will be in action Saturday when they travel to Frenship to face the Tigers at 1 p.m.

## Snyder hosts Regional Little Dribblers tourney

Snyder will play host to some 14 area Little Dribblers teams today through Saturday in the Region I tournament.

There will be a junior, major and senior division and games will be played at Travis Gym and the high school gym.

Players ages 9-10 play in the junior division, ages 11-12 in the major division and 13-15 in the senior division.

In the junior divison, Snyder #1 will take on Lamesa #2 tonight at 6 in Travis Gym. Should Snyder win, it will face Plainview #1 at 11:45 a.m. Friday at Travis Gym.

Also in the junior division, Snyder #2 will face Lamesa #1 tonight at 7:15 at Travis Gym. If Snyder wins, it will duel with the winner of the Andrews-Plainview #2 game played Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Travis Gym.

In the major division, Snyder #1 will face Andrews tonight at 6 in the high school gym. If Snyder wins, it will face Plainview #1 Friday at 11:45 a.m.

Snyder #2 will take on Lamesa #1 Friday at 10:30 a.m. A Snyder win would put Snyder #2 up against the winner of the Plainview #2-Lamesa #1 game played tonight at 7:15 in the high school gym.

Snyder #1 begins play in the senior division Friday at 8 a.m. in the high school gym against Lamesa. A possible Snyder #1-Snyder #2 matchup could happen if Snyder #2 defeats Andrews #1 Friday at 9:15 a.m. at the high school gym.

The championship games will be played Saturday with the juniors playing at 1 p.m. at Travis Gym, the majors playing at 2:15 at the high school gym and the seniors playing at 8:30 p.m. at Travis Gym.

## Lady Cards take first

The Hermleigh Lady Cardinal softball squad made a trip to the Eula Tournament Saturday and came home with a first place trophy.

The Lady Cards won two out of three games in the round robin tournament to garner the first place trophy. May was second overall.

In the Hermleigh's first game, the Lady Cards destroyed the May Lady Tigers, 21-0.

Hermleigh ripped 14 hits and didn't allow any baserunners past first base. The game was called in the third inning.

Hermleigh did not have such an easy time in its second game, falling 6-3 to the Ballinger Lady Bearcats.

"We went in feeling confident," said coach Stacey Wright. "That and the fact that we are not used to hitting off a slow pitcher killed us."

Freshmen April Digby and Kendra Dacus each belted doubles in the loss.

The Lady Cards rebounded in third game, dropping host Eula, 7-6.

Brandy Gill dominated Eula, allowing only one single, walking four and fanning 11.

Kara Engle and Kendra Dacus each had a triple and Kelly Gonzales, Dacus, Gill, Engle, April Digby and Anna Tahkapaa combined for nine singles.

Hermleigh continues its season Thursday in Snyder against Coahoma at 6:30 p.m.

## *McClain, Riggan scheduled to ink with Abilene Christian*

**Two Snyder Tiger football players are scheduled to ink with Abilene Christian University early next week.**

**Quarterback Russell Riggan and runningback L.S. McClain chose ACU over a number of schools.**

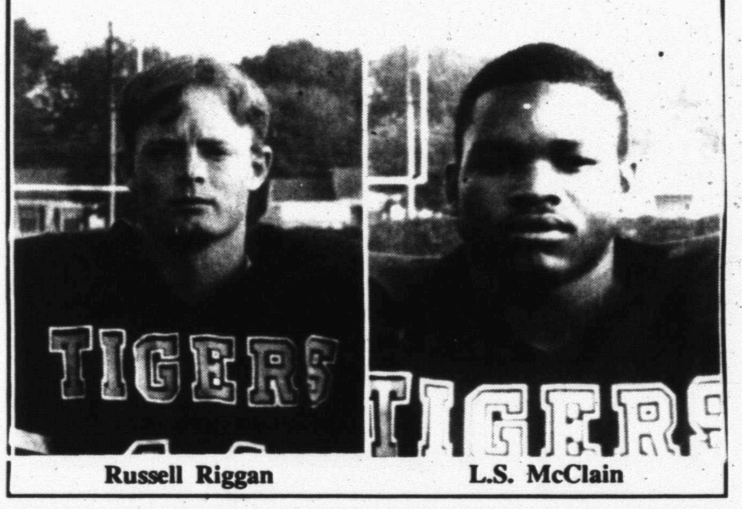
**Riggan, a 5-9, 175-pound senior, had been looked at by Texas Tech, Angelo State University, Trinity Christian College and the University of Chicago.**

**Riggan was second in the area in passing and 12th in the area in rushing for the '96 season. He was named to the All-District Second Team and he was a team co-captain.**

**Riggan plans to major in marketing and international business. He is the son of Tim and Dianna Riggan.**

**McClain, a 5-8, 185-pound senior, was recruited by Texas Tech, Texas A&M Commerce, Texas A&M-Kingsville, West Texas A&M, Howard Payne University, Cisco Junior College, Ranger Junior College, Tarleton State University, Angelo State and the University of Chicago before deciding on ACU.**

**McClain was first in the district in rushing and second in the area. He was an All-District First Team selection and a team co-captain. He is the son of L.S. McClain Jr. and Jan McClain.**




Russell Riggan — L.S. McClain

HEADED TO RENO — Members of the ESP (Electronic Submersible Pump) bowling team will represent Snyder at the 60th annual Ladies 1997 National Tournament in Reno, Nevada Friday and Saturday. Members are from left, back row: Jenny Rainwater, Malcolm Rainwater, Daphene Thompson. Bottom row: Team captain Grace Beauchamp, Vicky Renshaw and Tracy Boone. Not pictured is April Cambre of Gretna, La. (Contributed Photo)

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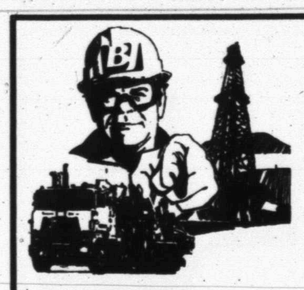

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# Austin Briefs

## Tougher terms for sex offenders

AUSTIN (AP) — The strength of the language, not the bill's intent, was the focus of a House committee considering several bills related to the punishment of sex offenders.

Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, authored a bill that would send two-time sex offenders to jail for 60 years without parole. Rep. Pete Gallego, D-El Paso, offered another bill to allow pedophiles to volunteer for surgical castration.

The bills were heard before the House Corrections Committee Wednesday. Gallego's bill was approved. Rep. Patricia Gray, D-Galveston, and committee chairman Rep. Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville, opposed it.

Ms. Greenberg's bill went to a subcommittee.

Under Gallego's bill, the voluntary castration, which would require counseling before surgery, would not be a consideration in the offenders' parole.

"This is not barbaric," Gallego said. "What's barbaric is releasing these people into society."

Releasing sexual offenders was the subject of the day. The more controversial of the bills was Ms. Greenberg's, which would apply to second-time offenders of sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault or indecent conduct with a child.

The Castration bill is HB769. The Repeat offender bill is HB104.

## Senator seeks athletic fee disclosure

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker wants to limit the use of college fees for athletics and would require students to be told how much of their fees support school sports.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, said the limit and disclosure would foster accountability in college athletics.

The committee did not take a vote on the bill.

Ogden said his proposal is aimed at colleges that make up athletic budget deficits with student and general fees.

According to Ogden, the University of Houston athletic program runs the largest deficit of state-funded schools. The university's approximately $6 million deficit in 1996 was supplemented by approximately $2 million in student fees, he said.

University of Houston athletic officials couldn't be reached for comment.

The athletics fee bill is SB806.

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# Missing girl is located

Snyder police officers filed a missing person report Wednesday afternoon in reference to a 16-year-old female not returning home from school.

Around 5 p.m., officers were told by the girl's mother that she believed the girl to be in the San Antonio area. The information was entered into the Texas Crime Information Center files. Wednesday night, however, relatives of the girl notified the police department that the girl had been located.

In other activity, city officers investigated a minor accident that occurred at 4:06 p.m. on the parking lot of Wal-Mart. Involved were a 1980 Ford pickup driven by Amecia Warr of 1540 SCR 183 and a 1985 Lincoln driven by Kathryn Adams of 2993 CR 258.

The fire department responded to a reported house fire at 2:34 p.m. in the 3800 block of Gary Brewer Road. Items in a pan on a stove had begun to smoke and filled the house with smoke. Only damage to the pan and contents were reported.

Two offense reports for Class C assault were reported at 3:44 p.m. in the 2800 block of Avenue M in reference to several subjects fighting in the area.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 3:18 this morning from the 5200 block of Etgen Road.

At 3:47 p.m. Tuesday, officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident in the 1300 block of East Coliseum Drive. Involved were a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Cody Gill of Mineral Wells and a 1995 Chevrolet driven by Jackie Hackfeld of 3219 College Avenue.

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| AT&T Corps | 36⅛ | 35⅝ | 35½ | — ½ |
| AirTouch | 24⅛ | 24¼ | 24⅛ | + ⅛ |
| Albertsons | 35 | 34¼ | 34⅜ | — ½ |
| AlldSignal | 75⅝ | 74½ | 74⅝ | — ⅜ |
| Alltel | 34⅝ | 33⅞ | 33⅞ | — ⅝ |
| AmerOnline | 44⅞ | 43⅝ | 43⅝ | —1 |
| AmStores | 45 | 44⅞ | 44⅞ | |
| Ameritech | 63 | 61⅞ | 61⅞ | —1 |
| Amoco | 90⅛ | 90 | 90⅛ | + ⅜ |
| AndarkPtr | 58⅞ | 58⅛ | 58⅛ | + ½ |
| ArmcoInc | 4 | 3⅞ | 3⅞ | |
| AtlRichfld | 135⅞ | 134⅞ | 135⅛ | +1⅛ |
| ATMOS Egy | 25⅛ | 25⅜ | 25⅜ | — ⅛ |
| Aviall | 11¼ | 11¼ | 11¼ | |
| BakerHughes | 41¼ | 40⅝ | 40⅝ | + ⅜ |
| BellAtl | 62⅜ | 61⅞ | 61⅞ | — ⅞ |
| BellSouth | 44⅝ | 43¾ | 43¾ | — ⅞ |
| BethSteel | 8⅛ | 8⅛ | 8⅛ | |
| BritPet | 138¼ | 137⅞ | 138⅛ | — ⅜ |
| BurlNoSFe | 77⅛ | 76⅝ | 76⅝ | — ⅛ |
| Caterpillar | 81⅞ | 81 | 81⅛ | + ⅛ |
| CenSoWst | 22⅛ | 20⅞ | 21 | —1 |
| Chevron | 72⅞ | 72¼ | 72⅝ | + ⅛ |
| Chrysler s | 30⅞ | 30⅛ | 30⅝ | + ⅜ |
| Coastal | 49 | 48⅞ | 49 | + ⅛ |
| CocaColas | 58⅞ | 57⅞ | 58⅛ | + ⅛ |
| ColgatePalm | 107⅞ | 105⅞ | 105⅞ | —1⅞ |
| ComclMetals | 29 | 28⅞ | 28⅞ | — ⅛ |
| CooperIn | 44 | 43⅞ | 43⅞ | — ⅛ |
| CyprusAmax | 24⅝ | 24⅛ | 24⅛ | — ½ |
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| DeltaAirl | 86 | 85⅞ | 85½ | — ⅛ |
| DigitalEq | 29⅝ | 28⅞ | 28⅞ | — ⅜ |
| Dillard | 32⅛ | 31⅞ | 31⅞ | |
| DowChem | 82 | 81⅞ | 81⅞ | — ⅛ |
| DresserInd | 32⅛ | 31⅞ | 32 | |
| DuPont | 111⅞ | 109⅞ | 110⅛ | + ⅜ |
| EastmanChem | 54½ | 54⅛ | 54½ | + ⅛ |
| EstKodak | 78⅞ | 78⅛ | 78⅛ | + ⅛ |
| EDS Corp | 43⅞ | 43 | 43⅞ | |
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| Entergy | 24⅝ | 24⅛ | 24⅛ | — ⅜ |
| Exxon | 111⅞ | 109⅞ | 110⅛ | + ⅜ |
| Exxonwi | 55⅞ | 55 | 55⅛ | + ⅜ |
| FstBksAm | 12⅝ | 12⅛ | 12⅛ | + ⅛ |
| Flowers | 27⅛ | 26⅞ | 27 | + ⅛ |
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| GenMotors | 56⅛ | 55⅞ | 55⅞ | — ⅛ |
| GaPacif | 74⅛ | 74⅛ | 74⅛ | — ⅛ |
| GlobalMar | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | + ⅛ |
| Goodrich | 38 | 37⅞ | 37⅞ | + ⅛ |
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| GtAtlPac | 25⅞ | 25⅞ | 25⅞ | |
| Haliburtn | 74⅛ | 73⅞ | 73⅞ | + ½ |
| Hanson ADS n | 23⅛ | 23⅛ | 23⅛ | — ⅛ |
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| HomeDepot | 56 | 55⅛ | 55⅛ | — ⅛ |
| HoustonInds | 21⅞ | 21⅞ | 21⅞ | |
| IBM | 141⅞ | 140⅛ | 140⅛ | |
| IntlPaper | 41⅛ | 40⅞ | 41 | — ⅛ |
| JohnsnJn s | 57⅞ | 57⅛ | 57⅛ | + ⅛ |
| K mart | 12⅝ | 12⅜ | 12½ | — ⅛ |
| Kroger | 53 | 52⅞ | 52⅞ | — ⅛ |

## Midday Stocks

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| Litton | 40⅝ | 40⅝ | 40⅝ | — ⅛ |
| LockhdMart | 86 | 85⅞ | 85⅞ | — ⅛ |
| Lowes Cos | 38⅞ | 38¼ | 38⅝ | + ⅛ |
| Lubys | 19⅝ | 18⅞ | 19 | — ⅛ |
| LucentTech n | 53⅞ | 52⅞ | 53⅛ | + ⅛ |
| MayDeptStrs | 49 | 48¼ | 48⅝ | — ⅜ |
| Medtronic | 62⅝ | 61⅞ | 61⅞ | +3⅛ |
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# Lawyers to use Liggett admission in lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jean Connor smoked R.J. Reynolds cigarettes from age 15 to her death from cancer at 49. Fellow Floridian James Clark smoked Liggett cigarettes for 24 years, dying at 51.

In two weeks, Connor's family will ask a Florida court to make RJR pay for her death, the first trial in which Liggett's dramatic confession of a cigarette conspiracy will be used against its larger, richer rivals.

But the Liggett deal that gave lawyers powerful new ammunition against the tobacco industry also means Clark's widow — and thousands of others, willingly or not — gave up any chance at winning their own big verdicts.

"I do feel badly that the people who are injured by Liggett products cannot receive full compensation," said Norwood Wilner, attorney for the Clarks and Connors. He helped broker a related settlement to dismiss all private lawsuits against Liggett in return for tiny payments to potentially thousands of people.

Betty Clark agreed to settle, the lawyer says, because "hopefully, with the cooperation of Liggett, we can bring the rest of the industry to justice."

RJR says it's not worried about that evidence. But it did seek, unsuccessfully, to postpone Connor's trial because of Liggett's admissions.

"We are not Liggett," said RJR spokeswoman Peggy Carter. "You can't broadly sweep every company in an industry based on one company's words or actions." actions."

Liggett last week agreed to label its cigarettes addictive, and publicly admitted cigarettes are targeted to teen-agers and do cause cancer. It also will turn over thousands of documents believed to incriminate its rivals, testify against its competitors and forfeit 25 percent of its pretax profits for the next 25 years.

The settlement ends Liggett's liability in 22 state lawsuits seeking to recover Medicaid money spent treating sick smokers. And, pending a judge's approval, it also would end all smokers' lawsuits against the firm, now and in the future.

Nobody would get much money. Based on Liggett's 1995 income, $575,000 a year would be divided among the 22 state Medicaid funds and the suing Liggett smokers.

How many people that proves to be will determine how a court-appointed board apportions the money. In addition to 107 private lawsuits pending against Liggett, there are about 15 class-action suits seeking to represent thousands.

But most of those people — aside from Wilner's clients — have not agreed to this class settlement. Attorneys thus plan to challenge the deal on July 11.

It's hard to "justify a deal where you bind absent parties," explained Northeastern University tobacco attorney Richard Daynard, who predicted the private settlement provision won't be approved.

Liggett wanted the class settlement because one big verdict could bankrupt it, said company spokesman Paul Caminiti. "Liggett simply doesn't have the money to satisfy all these claims."

But attorneys general say their deal with Liggett — which stands regardless of the class settlement — was more about getting powerful evidence against the tobacco industry than about money. And Liggett's confession set off a chain reaction:

—Liggett rivals are fighting to keep sealed all settlement documents that mention them. But a Texas hearing originally set for Thursday on whether to unseal the papers there was postponed late Wednesday.

—The Justice Department will examine the Liggett documents as part of a federal grand jury probe of whether top tobacco executives lied to the government and committed fraud.

—Tobacco foes began lobbying Congress Wednesday to hold hearings with tobacco executives under oath to answer Liggett's admissions.

—Recent settlement talks with other firms have stalled. Liggett got in writing that any other firm would have to pay much more — billions — to settle.

# Doctor fights child neglect citation

BOSTON (AP) — A quick errand cost Dr. Bobbie Sweitzer $15,000.

Sweitzer did what every parent has probably considered at least once: dashed into a store while her children slept soundly in the car.

After leaving her two young girls asleep for a few moments in her Porsche while dropping off a roll of film, she found herself accused of child neglect, allegations that took her eight months and $15,000 in legal fees to beat.

"It never entered my mind that I was doing something wrong," Sweitzer, 39, said Wednesday.

It was July 2 and the Massachusetts General Hospital anesthesiologist was taking her daughters, then 1 and 4½, to a free puppet show at the mall not far from their suburban Sherborn home.

On the way, Sweitzer, who takes Tuesdays off to spend with her girls, decided to drop the film at a Sam's Club store in suburban Natick. The girls were sleeping soundly when she pulled into the parking lot.

So she cracked the car windows, locked the doors, activated the alarm system and ran into the store. Sweitzer said the weather was cool and the children were out of her view for only about 20 or 30 seconds.

That was apparently all it took for another shopper to see the girls and call police. By the time officers arrived, Sweitzer was already gone.

When she got home, there were two messages from a Natick detective wanting to discuss the "incident" at Sam's Club. She was baffled, and thought maybe someone had accused her of damaging another car.

She called police and found out she had been reported for leaving her children alone. And then the officer read the doctor her Miranda rights.

She hired a lawyer and then took a scheduled family trip. She and her husband returned home to find a letter from the Massachusetts Department of Social Services saying there was enough evidence to support a child neglect citation.

Although DSS never filed criminal charges, the agency did say that Sweitzer posed a "moderate" to "severe" risk to her children. Abuse allegations remain on file until the youngest child turns 18.

"As a physician, I'm well aware that hot cars can cause brain damage and dehydration," Sweitzer said, but social workers treated her "as if I was a 16-year-old drug-addicted mother who hadn't thought twice about her children's safety."

DSS spokeswoman Lorraine Carli said cases like these are difficult for the department.

"We always walk that fine line of the need to protect children and balancing the unwarranted state intervention into families," Carli said.

She noted that cars in which children were left have been hijacked, hit and towed, and a 3-month-old boy died in the state two years ago after being left in a hot car.


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## Dr. Gott

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## Second opinion is the way to go

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of right-leg pain, my doctor ordered an MRI scan that showed a bulging disc between the 4th and 5th lumbar vertebrae. I was given pain pills and physical therapy. No improvement. In fact, the pain worsened and my right leg became noticeably weak.

I went to a highly regarded neurosurgeon in my community. The visit was less than satisfactory. The man told me that he couldn't believe that the herniated disc was the cause of my symptoms; he thought that the problems were "in my head."

Doctor, I am not imagining the pain and progressive weakness, which causes me to stumble (I can't easily raise my foot) and has severely hampered my lifestyle. Is there something I can do to get well?

DEAR READER: See another neurosurgeon.

The syndrome you describe is characteristic of sciatica (pressure on spinal nerves), usually caused by herniated discs, leading to pain and weakness. The "foot drop" (inability to raise your foot) is completely consistent with this diagnosis. In my opinion, surgery is the only therapy that will relieve your symptoms and prevent permanent damage.

The new neurosurgeon will, of course, examine you and review the MRI scan. But I'd be surprised if he stopped there. I believe that you need a myelogram, a type of X-ray test that will, once and for all, document that the disc — or some other hard object in your spine — is compressing the nerves that lead to your leg. Then the surgeon will know exactly the extent of the damage and where to operate.

Like most other patients, you don't have to be satisfied with a medical opinion that contradicts reality. In cases such as yours, a second opinion is mandatory.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." 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: For some time, I have become violently ill from eating garlic and onions, especially onions. I get a pounding headache, followed by vomiting. What can I do to prevent this?

DEAR READER: Stop eating what makes you sick.

You may have developed a food allergy to onions and garlic, or the edibles may simply be reacting badly in your system. In any case, listen to what your body is telling you and modify your diet.

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## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, March 28, 1997

You can expect some lifestyle changes in the year ahead in that you might establish two new distinct groups of friends. One will be social and the other will be related to your business objectives.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your best asset today is your ability to present things in a palatable manner. Even if you offer criticism, you'll know how to make it sound like a pleasant compliment. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Significant changes can be made advantageously today if you're in control of the events instead of letting circumstances establish the rules.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** In order to maintain harmony in your partnership arrangements today, it's best to stand back a bit and let your counterpart have center stage.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Acknowledgment and praise can be used efficiently today to infuse enthusiasm in a subordinate who appears to be bored by his or her duties.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** It is best to take the more complicated assignments yourself today, instead of delegating them, if you are the most knowledgeable and experienced.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** If you feel creative today, use this talent to advance an idea you've been contemplating. Your imagination isn't running amuck, it's working for you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Actions speak louder than words today, so instead of merely expressing your ideas verbally, make a few simple visual charts to show others how they work.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** If you look beneath the surface today, you might be lucky in discovering something that might benefit you financially. Do not take any situation at face value.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your determination will be obvious to others today. You should be able to get your way by being agreeable, not aggressive.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your associations will have a strong influence on your outlook and attitude today, so be selective. Look for people who possess compassionate natures.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Clubs or organizations are likely to offer you the largest rewards today — both tangible and intangible.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You are capable of substantial accomplishments today, so don't sidestep challenges just because a particular goal looks difficult to achieve.

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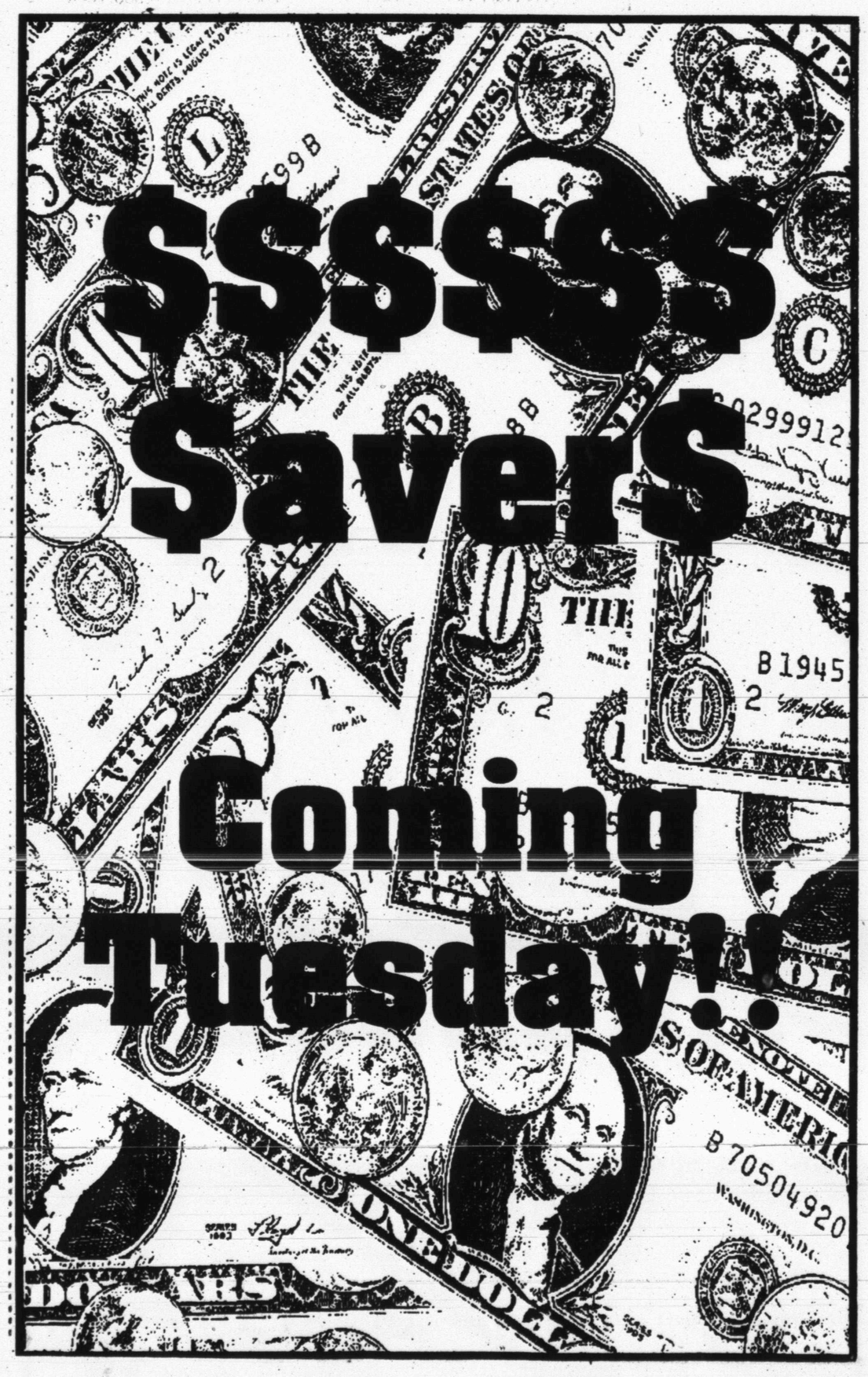


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# 2 more tax proposals touted

AUSTIN (AP) — The list of ideas for cutting local school property taxes has grown by two, with one lawmaker proposing to abolish property levies altogether.

State lawmakers are trying to find a way to lower local school property taxes by increasing the state's share of education funding.

The House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding is considering a plan to pay for a cut to local school taxes by eliminating many exemptions to the current sales tax, expanding the business tax and raising other taxes.

Gov. George W. Bush has proposed a half-cent sales tax increase, a new business tax and the use of $1 billion in state funds to replace money lost when the local taxes are lowered.

But Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, said if local property taxes aren't abolished, lawmakers will force them back up in the future. He's pushing a plan to abolish all property taxes.

To pay for it, Heflin would raise the sales tax and subject nearly all goods and services, including food, to the higher tax.

"I don't want to tamper with the sales tax without doing away with the property tax," Heflin said.

Under his proposal, the state sales tax would rise 2.75 cents on the dollar to 9 cents. Local governments, school districts and other taxing entities would split another 2 cents per $1.

Dick Lavine, of the Center for Public Policies Priorities, said Heflin's plan would harm poorer Texans.

"The sales tax is inherently regressive," Lavine said.

Heflin countered that the property tax is more regressive. He said the sales tax has a "choice" component because consumers can choose what to buy.

Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Arlington, said that's not the case with food.

But Heflin said people choose between prepared foods — which already are taxed — and unprepared foods. He also said savings from abolishing all property taxes would offset the higher sales tax for most people.

"That's an interesting idea," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes. "People have said that they want to contribute through their local school taxes and this plan obviously wouldn't allow that. But the governor welcomes ideas as the process moves along."

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, offered up the other plan, which would become part of committee proposal. It would subject all businesses to the current business tax but would give small corporations, sole proprietorships and partnerships a tax break.

Meanwhile, Ms. Hughes said neither the governor nor his top staff was aware of a memo from the Texas Film Commission to industry officials warning them of proposed tax changes.

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The proposed constitutional amendment to abolish property taxes is HJR95.

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# Hepatitis C expected to kill 24,000 yearly

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — The number of Americans dying each year of hepatitis C will triple to about 24,000 within two decades and there is little medical science can do because current treatments are not effective for most patients, experts say.

Heptatitis C is a blood-borne virus that has infected about 4 million Americans, mostly as the result of needle-sharing by drug users, according to a committee of experts sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

The panel issued a report Wednesday that noted that even though the rate of infection from hepatitis C is going down, many Americans will still die of liver failure caused by the disease.

"There is a large reservoir of patients with chronic (hepatitis C) disease who will become ill, require liver transplants or die," said Dr. D.W. Powell of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Powell was chairman of a panel of experts selected by the NIH to evaluate the current understanding, diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis C.

In their report, the 12 committee members said that treatment of the disease with current drugs has been "disappointing" because only about 20 percent of patients with chronic disease have been cured.

"The therapy has been effective for some, but the rate of complete clearance (cure) is quite small," said Powell.

For most people, hepatitis C is benign, with few symptoms or signs of illness for many years.

"A good portion of people don't know they are infected," said Powell.

About 15 percent of patients throw off the disease without medical help. The rest, however, develop a chronic, simmering infection that never goes away. The health of most of these patients is never seriously affected, although they all are carriers who can give the virus to others.

The principal drugs used are all based on interferon, an immune system protein produced by the body to fight viral infections.

Treatment with these drugs requires injections three times a week for six months to a year. The committee found that the longer treatment period produces better results. Coincidently, the Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday gave approval to use one of the hepatitis C drugs for up to two years, an extension from the previously-approved six months.

Antiviral drugs, used in combination with interferon, are now being tested and at least one, ribavirin, "has shown promise," the committee said.

Hepatitis C is spread most commonly by needle sharing among intravenous drug users. It can also be spread through blood transfusions, but this has become very uncommon — about 1 case per 10,000 transfusions — as the result of a blood test that detects the disease in blood donors.

Powell said sexual relations with many partners is also a risk factor since the virus can be present in both blood and body fluids.

For about a fifth of the chronic patients, 10 to 20 years of hepatitis C infection leads to cirrhosis, a disorder that scars the liver. A small percentage of these cirrhosis patients eventually have liver failure and can die without an organ transplant, said Powell.

The committee estimated that about 8,000 Americans are dying annually now from hepatitis C and that this number will triple over the next 20 years. Chronic infection by the virus already is the leading reason for liver transplants.

There are an estimated 30,000 new cases of the disease annually, the report said, but the rate of new disease is declining.

The committee said that due to the poor success with current therapies, treatment should be limited to hepatitis C patients who have signs of progressive cirrhosis. Such patients will have elevated levels of an enzyme, called ALT, that is secreted by dying liver cells. They will also test positive for the presence of the virus and show signs of severe disease in liver biopsy tests.

# Protesters force crew from movie to leave

NEW YORK (AP) — A film company will shoot its movie elsewhere after being chased out of a Brooklyn neighborhood by residents angry about the depiction of their ultra-Orthodox Jewish community.

"We had a legal permit to film there," Miramax Films spokesman Tom Piechura said Wednesday. "However, the community did not want us to film there, so we decided to leave."

Piechura said the movie entitled "A Price Below Rubies" and starring Renee Zellweger of "Jerry Maguire" is "a family drama set in a Hasidic community." It was tentatively scheduled for a fall release.

Filming was disrupted Tuesday when between 50 and 100 residents of Brooklyn's Borough Park neighborhood took to the streets to protest how their community was being filmed.

While other New Yorkers have complained that movie crews are inconvenient, Hasidic communities present a particular challenge for the film industry.

Hasidim generally do not watch movies or television and are not impressed by Hollywood glamour, but they are concerned about how the larger society views their culture.

Residents said movie makers piled up garbage to make the street look dirty and dressed the actors in tatters.

"The way they dressed the extras was very disgusting," said toy store owner Eli Linick. "They put the people in rags — schmattes. The women here are dressed very up-to-date, though modestly."

Piechura called the claim "completely false."

# Dogs get death row reprieve

BEND, Ore. (AP) — Jessie and Chase were released Wednesday from death row, where they were sentenced for chasing sheep even though they never got so much as a nibble of mutton.

Lynn Stone picked up her golden retriever and beagle from a private kennel Wednesday afternoon, a day after persuading sheep owner William Keith Kays to withdraw his complaint. The dogs had been imprisoned for three months.

She said her 8-year-old daughter, Kayla, was thrilled.

"We've done a couple of dances," Ms. Stone said.

Kays had signed the complaint against Jessie, the 7-year-old female retriever, and Chase, an 11-month-old male beagle, on Jan. 5 after catching them running after his small flock of sheep.

No sheep were harmed, although the dogs did have wool in their mouths. Still, a 24-year-old Oregon law demanded just one punishment: death.

The case drew tremendous public sympathy, with the governor's office getting about 100 calls a day in late January, more than double the number who protested Oregon's execution of a convicted murderer last fall.

Ms. Stone hired a lawyer, Chris Eck, to challenge the death order, running up legal and other bills close to $12,000.

Last week, a judge ordered a new hearing, essentially nullifying the death order. Two Deschutes County commissioners signed papers Wednesday authorizing the dogs' release and agreeing not to seek charges against Kays for withdrawing his complaint.

# Austin Briefs

## Senator studies proportional voting

AUSTIN (AP) — Noting that women make up more than half the Texas population but less than 10 percent of the Texas Senate, Sen. Jane Nelson has a solution to promote parity.

"Perhaps we need to set a quota for the 1998 elections to ensure that there will be at least 16 women senators" when the 31-member Senate convenes in regular session in 1999, Mrs. Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said in a letter to her colleagues. She attached a news story about a proposal for gender quotas for the French parliament.

"In the meantime, might I suggest that we enact a proportional voting system for the remainder of the current session whereby each vote cast by Senators (Florence) Shapiro, (Judith) Zaffirini and myself count 5.17 times while each male senator's vote would count 0.55 times to ensure equitable representation," she wrote.

"It seems only fair."

## Bush signs bill to expand UT facility

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas can expand its football stadium — and partially block two previously protected views of the Capitol — under a bill signed into law Wednesday by Gov. George W. Bush.

Previous law protected certain views of the Capitol from obstruction. Two of those corridors would be partially blocked by a plan to add more seats to the 75,512-seat Darrell K Royal-Memorial Stadium.

Supporters of the bill said the two views, one from the UT campus and one from a nearby, busy intersection, already are partly blocked.

The bill by Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, and Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, was the second Bush signed into law this session.

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The stadium construction bill is SB438.

## Bill to allow access to prescriptions

AUSTIN (AP) — Nearly all Texans who wear contact lenses would be able to get copies of their prescriptions under a bill headed to the full House.

According to a study by Consumers Union, nearly 70 percent of Texas eye doctors won't release contact-lens prescriptions to their patients. That limits patients to buying lenses only from their doctors.

According to the Consumers Union report, the price of replacing a pair of contacts can range from $40 to $140 at doctors' offices.

Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, says that's unfair. A bill he pushed through the House Committee on Public Health Wednesday would require doctors to release the prescriptions, or explain in writing why not.

"There's both an ability to shop around and get a better price and a huge convenience issue here," Maxey said.

The bill says eye doctors could withhold prescriptions if patients have serious medical problems that need special attention. First-time contact-lens wearers also could be refused their prescription if they need follow-up treatment.

"We think this will be good for consumers in economics as well as in health," said Fred Niemann, an attorney for the Optometric Association.

## Charter bill approved by committee

AUSTIN (AP) — Sixty more independent charter schools could be created under a bill approved by the Senate Education Committee.

The bill by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, was OK'd Wednesday and goes to the full Senate for consideration.

The publicly funded campuses are independent of school districts, free from many state regulations and able to enroll students regardless of district lines.

The charter schools are subject to accountability standards, including a requirement for their students to take the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

The 1995 education overhaul allowed for 20 such schools. The State Board of Education already has awarded all those charters and has been flooded with additional requests.

Under Bivins' bill, 30 more free-standing charter schools would be allowed in each of the next two years.

The independent charter schools are separate from campus charters, which may be granted by local school boards.

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The charter-school bill is SB519.

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# Still no end to hostage crisis

LIMA, Peru (AP) — The longest hostage standoff in Latin American history reached 100 days today, with rebels still occupying the Japanese ambassador's residence in hopes of winning freedom for their jailed comrades.

Efforts to end the crisis and free the 72 hostages have proven fruitless, frustrating President Alberto Fujimori because he had hoped to have the impasse resolved by now.

"Terrorists must not be wandering around. Terrorists must not be free," he said. "Those who must be free are the citizens who work for Peru."

Fujimori had promised to wipe out Peru's guerrilla groups by the end of his first term in 1995. He had pronounced the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement virtually defeated before the group seized the ambassador's compound Dec. 17.

There were reports that a solution to the crisis was nearing.

The Kyodo news agency said today Japan is considering economic aid to Cuba if that country takes in rebels.

"Cuba has not mentioned any economic aid at all as a condition, but it isn't gladly accepting the rebels," Kyodo quoted a senior Japanese Foreign Ministry official as saying.

"The Japanese government, therefore, must study it (economic aid to Cuba) in the future," the official, who was not identified, was quoted as saying.

Cuban President Fidel Castro offered to give asylum to the guerrillas from a humanitarian point of view when Japan's parliamentary vice minister of foreign affairs visited Havana earlier this month.

# Principal's daughter pleads 'no contest'

FLORESVILLE (AP) — The teen-age daughter of a high school principal pleaded no contest this morning to shooting her mother to death.

Maggie Ward was sentenced to 20 years in prison. She must serve at least 10 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Miss Ward, now 17, was 16 at the time of the killing. She had been certified to stand trial as an adult and could have faced up to 99 years or life in prison.

Miss Ward was charged with murder in the Feb. 26, 1996, death of her mother, Janet Ward, 47, who was shot in the back of the head with a .38-caliber pistol at the family's home in Poth.

In the months after the killing, Tom Ward, Maggie's father and Janet's husband, urged that his daughter receive psychiatric treatment, not a prison sentence. He claimed she was suicidal at the time of the attack.

Ward, who was the principal at Poth High School, said his daughter had emotional problems and had been seeing therapists.

Defense attorney Kirk Sherman has described Maggie Ward as a "clearly mentally ill girl."

The day of the shooting police found her curled up in a fetal position in the front seat of her mother's car, her hands covering her ears. She claimed she fired the gun accidentally.

"I did not mean to shoot her. My finger slipped on the trigger," a police affidavit quoted her as saying during her arrest.

Police have alleged Miss Ward's close relationship with another teen-age girl bothered her mother. Mrs. Ward was planning to take her daughter to Austin the day of the shooting to live with family friends.

In the hours before the killing, Mrs. Ward, a teacher and licensed Assemblies of God minister, had taken a rare day off from her teaching job at a private school so she and Miss Ward could go to San Antonio for doctors' appointments and some shopping.

## Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Lennie Banks, 4000 Ave. U; Lindsey Jackson, 31 Helm Heights; Quinta Haymond, 4400 Ave. U #5A1.

DIMSISSALS: Kehm Murr, Raymond Ornelas.

CENSUS: 47 (Med., Surg.-11, Long-term Care-36).

## Obituaries

### Mariann Neblett

**1943-1997**

Mariann Neblett, an employee of TCA Cable of Snyder, died suddenly Wednesday evening, March 26, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring after becoming ill en route to the Midland Regional Airport.

Services for Mrs. Neblett, 53, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 11, 1943 in Roscoe, she married Robert Neblett on Sept. 22, 1962 in Hermleigh. Prior to working for TCA, she had worked in the Learning Resource Center at Western Texas College. Mrs. Neblett was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Hazel Lee, and a brother, Melvin E. Reeves.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Neblett of Snyder; a son, Robert Neblett of St. Louis; a daughter, Tonya Robison of Angleton; three sisters, Willie Mae Vaughn and Kathryn Booth, both of Carthage, and Barbara Hilchey of Longview; two brothers, Kenneth Reeves of Abilene and Lloyd Delmer Reeves of Albuquerque; a granddaughter, Emily Ann Robison of Angleton; and a stepmother, Ruby Reeves of Snyder.

Mariann Neblett

### M.D. Robertson

**1925-1997**

BIG SPRING — Funeral service was set for 2:30 p.m. today in the Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel for M.D. "Rob" Robertson, 71. Graveside service was set for 4 p.m. today in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Robertson, the father of Kim Robertson of Snyder, died Monday, March 24, in a Big Spring hospital.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he married Johnnie Laster in 1944 in Colorado City. Mr. Robertson moved to Howard County in 1965 and worked for Cosden Refinery, retiring in 1982.

Survivors also include his wife, Johnnie Robertson of Big Spring; a daughter, Brenda Robertson of Sand Springs; a brother, Vernice Robertson of Louise, Tex.; two sisters, Betty Lou Schroeder of Fairfield, Calif. and Lillie Bell Orsak of Sand Springs; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### Marion Bowers

**1926-1997**

SAN ANTONIO — Marion Clark Bowers, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 25, in San Antonio.

A memorial service was set today in the San Antonio First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder.

Born in Brownfield, he received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas.

He worked as a petroleum engineer for Stanolin Oil Co. in Snyder and Brownfield. He later was a cotton and peanut farmer in Gaines County.

A U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, he married Rosemary Neely in 1954. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Rob Bowers, David Bowers and Ric Bowers; a sister, Bobbie Hicks of Brownfield; a brother, Robert Bowers of San Antonio; and two grandsons.

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# What's Up?

## Easter musical to be presented

First Baptist Church will present "The Victor," a dramatic Easter musical, at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The public is invited.

## Landfill closed Saturday

The city landfill will be open Friday, but will close Saturday in recognition of the Easter weekend.

## AARP bake sale

The local AARP chapter will have a bake sale from 8:30 until noon Saturday at Wal-Mart.

## Ira gospel singing

Ira First Baptist, Church of God, Church of Christ and United Methodist are hosting a community singing at the Ira School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Call Judy Smallwood at 573-5785 or Linda Darnell at 573-9527 to have your group placed on the program. Everyone is invited.

## Easter sunrise service

East Side Church of Christ invites everyone to a sunrise service to begin at 6 a.m. Sunday at the J.R. Cave Ranch, approximately 5.5 miles south of the Traffic Circle on Highway 208.

## Baptist sunrise service

First Baptist Church invites everyone to a sunrise service Sunday at 6 a.m. at the Tommy and Shelby Clayton residence north of Snyder.

## Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

## Free tax help provided

An AARP tax aide is available Wednesdays at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. to help middle and low income older taxpayers prepare their personal income taxes. For information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

## Ira Neighborhood Watch

Ira Neighborhood Watch will meet at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Ira Community Center. A number of topics will be discussed, including theft of newspapers from the post office. Law enforcement personnel will be on hand. For further information, call Tommy Huddleston at 573-5051.

## Hermleigh Cemetery Association

Hermleigh Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5, in the Hermleigh Community Center. All interested persons are invited to attend.

## Wildflower tours available

Scurry County Museum will be conducting wildflower tours from April 7-30. Tours should be scheduled at least five days in advance by calling 573-6107. The tours will be given by Western Texas College botany students.

## Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Senior Center. Cost is $6 per plate, including carryouts. Children under six eat free.

## Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The sixth Bible tape, "Concern Without Worry," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "Jesus Turned My Life Around."

## Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

## SNS needs financial help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing, which repairs homes of persons over 65 or disabled, is in need of donations for the April 26 workday. Donations can be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, or dropped off at Sam Robertson's Insurance or the West Elementary School office.

## Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

## Festival Day

The Windmill Club, comprised of employees of the Price Daniel unit, will host Festival Day starting at 8 a.m. April 5 on the old Kmart parking lot.

Included will be a garage sale, car wash, petting zoo and concessions. Proceeds will benefit both the Windmill Club and the Special Olympics.

## Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-3-4
(two, three, four)

## Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 19-20-25-35-36-38.
Estimated jackpot: $31 million.
Number matching six of six: none.
Matching five of six: 210. Prize: $1,786.
Matching four of six: 10,978. Prize: $123.
Matching three of six: 216,389. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
Estimated jackpot: $45 million.