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Home Of Mary Webster

NOON MEETING - Scurry County commissioners met at the county museum for lunch and a tour of the facility on Monday. Museum director Charlene Akers points out some information about a photo to commissioners Howard Limmer, left, and Jerry Gannaway. (SDN Staff Photo)

By city council...

Water quality eyed

Within two years, dirty water problems in northeast Snyder should be corrected.

That was the word from city staff Monday night during the Snyder City Council's regular March meeting.

Although not an agenda item, City Engineer Beverly Coots said that water line replacement to serve northeast Snyder would occur sometime in late 1999.

Coots said the city plans to again apply for a $365,000 grant to finance the project. The grant would require a 45 per cent match from the city.

In response to a question by Mayor David Holt, Coots said the $225,000 budgeted by the city each year can be used as a match for the grant.

Coots said the problem in northeast Snyder will be addressed — with or without the grant.

The issue of water quality surfaced at last week's community meeting concerning needed school repairs. Complaints about the water from both parents and school staffers dominated the facilities meeting.

Northeast Principal Lee Presswood was present at Monday's council meeting and thanked the city for giving priority to the water quality issue.

The discussion of water came during a bid item for water line replacement materials to be used in the Noble Heights Addition. The council accepted the low bid of $21,204.80 from Plastic Wholesale of Abilene. Other bidders were Western Industrial of Lubbock and U.S. Filter of Waco.

Another utility item on the agenda was approval, on first reading, of an ordinance dealing with Snyder utility rates.

Effective with the March billing, all city utility bills will be delinquent 10 days from billing date, and a delinquent notice will be mailed.

The delinquent customer will have seven days to respond. If the bill has not been paid by the date stated on the delinquent notice, service will be terminated.

The only other change in the ordinance had to do with the disposal of used tires at the landfill. The fee charged will be the same that is charged to the city for a transporter to dispose of the tires.

In the only other bid items, the council accepted Big Country Autoland's for a three-quarter ton extended cab pickup to be used by the city engineer. The bid was $18,242 after the council suggested eliminating the extended warranty. Other bids were submitted by Wilson Motors and from HGAC.

Also approved on second reading was an ordinance setting appropriations for the fiscal year beginning last October. The ordinance was amended to reflect changes made in employee benefits. The total budget, including all funds, is $8.1 million.

The council also officially called the municipal election for May 2 and named Ollie Peek as election judge and Rosalinda Tovar as alternate judge. The terms of four single-member council members as well as one at-large member will be on the ballot.

The council approved two annual reports — one by the Development Corporation of Snyder and one by the Snyder Police Department.

John DeLille, DCOS executive director, said infrastructure to serve the industrial park should be complete by the end of the month and that the work on Lorber Industries' building is progressing.

He noted that the DCOS cash flow will be tight for the next three years, but that the economic development corporation would continue to work with other prospects as well as existing industry.

In a related item, the council also approved the change of Lorber Street in the industrial park to Lorber Lane.

Police Chief Lannie Lee presented his department's activity report for 1997. He praised the quality of his department members and noted there had been little turnover and morale appears to be good.

Lee said he was proud to note a 20 per cent decline in traffic accidents. He attributed both increased enforcement of traffic laws and greater visability as possible reasons for the decrease of 75 accidents. He said the department is strictly enforcing seat belt laws, particularly unrestrained children.

The chief also noted a decline in the number of thefts and burglaries. There was, however, an increase in the number of criminal mischief cases and in narcotic cases. The addition of the drug dog unit, the chief said, was responsible for the increase in the number of narcotic cases.

The council also agreed to sell, for $2,700, an old police car to the juvenile probation department for use in the STAR program.

Mayor Holt presided and council members attending were Dayton Robertson, Vernest Tippens, Jerry Webb, I.E. Martin and Terry Martin.

Attendance is still light at sessions on school's needs

While a list of needed improvements at Snyder High School was compiled last fall by architects and engineers, the list was basically a "maintenance-type survey, a Lubbock architect told some two dozen people Monday night at the high school.

Coda Stephenson was leading the third of seven planned meetings discussing Snyder ISD's aging facilities in order to get input for a bond election for the district.

School trustees have agreed to call a bond issue, but no dollar amount has been set, pending the completion of the community meetings.

"We have not tried to prioritize the needs right now, as we are still gathering information," said Stephenson.

Almost everyone in the audience were employees of the school district, and some had attended an earlier meeting with Stephenson as he met with the school's site-based decision team.

Principal Larry Scott said he had compiled a list of items discussed during the earlier meeting, and that he had given it to Stephenson to be added to other information he will give the trustees.

Among the items discussed last night were a new agriculture barn, improvements to the main gymnasium and the need to upgrade the school's heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing systems.

Architects were also questioned on the cost of a new gymnasium at the high school.

Trustee Luann Burleson asked Stephenson if there might not be a need for an educational consultant during the bond issue process, "Someone more on the education side..., to look into the future for the needs of science and language labs. We've been talking about nuts and bolts, but education is what were are here for."

Stephenson said there are consultants in the field, but most districts he had worked with had relied on their own people.

Tom Gonzalez questioned whether new classroom furniture had been considered, and whether the architects are talking about redesigning classrooms, or just updating them to modern standards.

Stephenson said plans now were just to update them.

"New construction, as we see it now, will be minimum," said Stephenson.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said the $15.1 million figure that the architects have said is needed to update the district's facilities did not include the replacement of the portable buildings on the elementary campuses.

Another public meeting will be held at 7 tonight at West Elementary.

Next week, meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m. Monday at the junior high school, 6 p.m. Tuesday at Central Elementary and at 7 p.m. Thursday at Stanfield Elementary.

The school board will meet at 8 p.m. next Tuesday for its regular monthly meeting.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "On Mondays, some folks look like they finished last in the human race."

In the past, we've passed along church bulletin bloopers. Here's some new ones, thanks to Ty Brunson, Fine Arts chairman at WTC, who found these "Heavenly Typos" somewhere in cyberspace.

--Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

--The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

--Attention Ladies Bible Study class: All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

--Evening massage, 6 p.m.

--The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies would lend their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast.

--Low self-esteem support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday. Please use the back door.

--Ushers will eat latecomers.

--The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

--Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

--The minister spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

--The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

--The 8th graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.

--Today's Sermon: How Much Can a Man Drink? Followed by hymns from a full choir.

--Minister is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.

--Any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning is invited to join the choir.

--Weight watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Tommy Dorsey orchestra concert, dance at 7 tonight

Sounds of the 1930s and '40s will fill Scurry County Coliseum this evening with entertainment by the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra.

Such favorites as "Stardust," "Night Train," "Sunny Side of the Street" and "Marie" will be featured during the concert and dance.

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra is conducted by original band member Buddy Morrow, and features vocalist Walt Andrus.

Andrus has starred at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, the Blue Room in New Orleans and the Moulin Rouge Room in Chicago and has toured the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe.

His album, "Loves a Song," features some classic standards as well as several new songs.

Under Morrow's direction, the band's repertoire embraces not only the classics of the original Tommy Dorsey Orchesta but the spectrum of popular music from Dixieland rhythm and blues and intricate ballads to progressive jazz and current rock tunes.

In addition to the Big Band sounds, a 152-frame slide show of nostalgic scenes will be shown by Ty Brunson, Fine Arts division chair at Western Texas College.

Also from the past will be a display of 1940s cars provided by the Snyder Wheels Club which will have its annual car show and swap meet at the coliseum this weekend.

Tickets are $15 general admission and $20 for reserved seating and are available at the chamber office or at the door. The concert and dance is set for 7 until 10 p.m.

Refreshments will be available, including cheesecakes of all kinds for $2.50 a slice.

U.S. Supreme Court rules for local board "immunity"

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled for the first time that local legislators, such as city council members, can never be sued for actions that are part of "legitimate legislative activity."

Ruling unanimously in a case from Fall River, Mass., the high court gave local legislators the same "absolute immunity" from civil rights lawsuits enjoyed by their federal, state and regional counterparts.

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court that "absolute immunity for local legislators ... finds support not only in history but also in reason."

Tracing the notion of immunity back to colonial times, Thomas said courts historically have "accorded local legislators the same absolute immunity accorded legislators at other levels of government."

Six indictments returned by jury

A Scurry County grand jury Monday handed down six indictments — including one for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Don Ringo Constancio, 26, of 1202 24th was indicted by the 132nd District Court grand jury for the Nov. 16, 1997 offense of firearm possession by a convicted felon.

Constancio had two 1990 convictions, one for burglary and one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He had also been convicted in 1991 for burglary of a vehicle.

Two Snyder women were indicted for forgery by passing, each for writing a $50 check on the account of Elvira Rodriguez. Each check was dated Jan. 15, 1998.

Indicted for forgery were Amy Arriega, 21, of 2106 26th Street and Francis Gutierrez, 25, of 2700 Ave. G.

The grand jury also indicted Naomi Charline Riley, 45 of Sweetwater for possession of marijuana, a second degree felony. The offense occurred Feb.11, 1998.

Jimmy Joe Murphy, 19, of 8465 East Highway 180 was indicted for burglary of a building, a state jail felony. Murphy is charged with the Feb. 16, 1998 burglary of a building owned by Clarence Spieker.

Roy Garza Jr., 26, of 1307 East Coliseum Drive, No. 207, was indicted for felony driving while intoxicated, a March 1, 1998 offense. Court records listed prior DWI convictions in 1992 and 1994.

ASK US

Q. - How many animals were picked up by the city animal warden last year?

A. - The department picked up 1,390 in 1997 compared to 1,414 the previous year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 56; low, 28; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 32; no precipitation; total for 1998, 2.76 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, mid 40s. S wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny, breezy. High 70-75. S-SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty.

Joseph McGough
Sunny, breezy

Sunset: 6:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.
Of 61 days in 1998, the sun has shone 59 days **in Snyder.**

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Men of few words are the best men.

Shakespeare

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Dismantled remains of stolen trucks found on winners' land

CLEVELAND (AP) — The dismantled remains of two stolen trucks have been found buried on land owned by Edgar "Bubba" Groce, a former congressional candidate who won more than $19 million in the Texas Lottery in 1994.

No charges had been filed late Monday, but Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Glenn Welten said authorities may return to the property in Liberty County for more digging.

Welten, who is with the DPS motor vehicle theft division, went to the property Monday with 10 other officers to execute a search warrant on property including about 140 acres, a house and a metal building.

The pasture land belongs to Groce, 61, and his wife, Betty. She's the business manager of the Cleveland school district.

The couple held one of three winning tickets in a Texas Lottery drawing in 1994 and won $19.4 million.

Authorities said the large metal building owned by the couple's son, Jay, has several bays, or compartments, for storing or working on vehicles.

The elder Groce unsuccessfully ran against U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Lufkin, in 1992 and 1994, then lost a Democratic primary bid for the seat in 1996, after Wilson retired from public life.

Groce unlocked a pasture gate to let DPS officers and members of the Montgomery County auto theft task force onto his property, officials said.

Family members could not be reached for comment, The Houston Chronicle reported today.

The search of the metal building led to the seizure of tools that often are used to dismantle stolen cars, officers said. They said a small amount of amphetamines also was confiscated.

Investigators found two freshly dug spots in the pasture and unearthed two 1998 trucks valued at $28,000 each. They had been reported stolen on Dec. 27 from Martin Auto Park in Cleveland, 45 miles northwest of Houston.

Skip Martin, owner of the dealership, said someone broke in after the business had closed and took three new trucks. One of the trucks was recovered undamaged and returned by police a couple of weeks ago, Martin said, but he did not know how it was located.

The DPS obtained the search warrant for the property from District Judge Judge W.G. "Dub" Woods Jr. after receiving "some information" about the truck thefts, Welten said. He would not elaborate on the information or comment further on the search.

POOL WINNERS — Bruce Ainsworth and Truman Wilson are the latest winners of the Senior Center's Pool Association Partnership Eight Ball Tournament. (Contributed Photo)

Bodyguard feels guilty about surviving

LONDON (AP) — Trevor Rees-Jones says he feels guilty about being the sole survivor of the car crash that killed Princess Diana, The Mirror newspaper reported today.

Rees-Jones, Diana's bodyguard, was quoted as telling the newspaper he was "absolutely devastated" when he learned about the accident from his mother while he was recovering in the same hospital where Diana died.

"I'm sure that anyone who survives an accident where people have died feels a certain sense of guilt," Rees-Jones said. "But in my case the people who died were special people. It doesn't seem right that I should be the only one who lived."

The Mirror interview, which will continue in Wednesday's paper, is the most extensive public comment to date from Rees-Jones, who was severely injured in the Aug. 31 crash in Paris that killed Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and chauffeur Henri Paul.

The Mirror said Rees-Jones' mother told him: "There is no easy way of saying this Trevor, but Diana and Dodi were both killed in the crash and so was the driver, Henri Paul. You were the only survivor."

"I was absolutely devastated, obviously," Rees-Jones told the paper. "There is no easy way to tell someone such dreadful news, is there? It was like a hammer blow — I just sat there in total shock."

The newspaper did not say exactly when he was told of Diana's death, but reported that he was heavily sedated for 10 days after the crash and had been taken off sedation several days before he was told.

"I felt terrible. It was just so shocking. I just assumed that everyone else was OK too. It never crossed my mind that I was the only one," the newspaper reported Rees-Jones as saying.

On Monday, The Mirror quoted Rees-Jones as saying that Diana was conscious after the crash and cried out for Fayed, who was already dead, and that Paul did not appear to have been drinking.

The French doctor who treated Diana as she lay dying in the Pont de l'Alma tunnel said in November that she was semiconscious and did not say "anything precise." Paul was later found to have been legally drunk.

The bodyguard's remarks are sensitive because he works for multimillionaire Mohamed Al Fayed, father of Dodi, employer of Paul and owner of the Ritz Hotel, where Paul was seen drinking before the crash.

Rees-Jones, 29, a former soldier, will be questioned again by the French judge investigating the accident in the coming weeks, his lawyer said. One psychiatrist interviewed by a British TV station questioned whether his testimony would be reliable.

"If the brain is knocked out in that sort of way, not only is the forward memory blocked, but the backward memory too," Desmond Kelly told Sky TV satellite news.

Rees-Jones' psychiatric and medical treatment have been paid for by al Fayed, who also arranged The Mirror interview, rival newspapers said.

In an interview in The Mirror in February, al Fayed, who owns Harrods department store in London, said that he was "99.9 percent certain" of a conspiracy to kill Diana and Dodi, and that the two were engaged. He has offered no independent evidence to support his claims.

Al Fayed is a controversial figure in Britain for his claims and has admitted paying lawmakers to raise issues in Parliament. Under British law, paying the legislators as he did was not illegal nor was it bribery.

He was questioned by police Monday on charges of theft and criminal damage after allegations that Harrods employees tampered with a safety deposit box at the store belonging to a business rival.

Prosecutors reject offer

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — A Maryland prosecutor has rejected a proposal for a teen-ager to return voluntarily from Israel to the United States to face murder charges on condition he be allowed to serve his sentence in Israel if convicted.

Robert Dean, the Montgomery County, Md., state's attorney, said there were too many unanswered questions about the offer by 17-year-old Samuel Sheinbein.

Sheinbein agreed earlier Monday to the compromise suggested by an Israeli judge.

"We were not able to get the assurances of what the sentence would be," Dean said. He added that he would consider such terms only if Sheinbein came back to plead guilty to last September's killing of an acquaintance, 19-year-old Alfred Tello Jr.

Sheinbein, 17, fled to Israel in September, shortly after Tello's dismembered body was found. A second youth also has been charged in the killing.

Under the deal proposed last week, Sheinbein would return to Maryland voluntarily to stand trial but be allowed to serve any sentence in Israel. Prisons in Israel are considered less dangerous than those in the United States.

Sheinbein could get life in prison in the United States. Dean questioned whether Sheinbein would be forced to serve the full sentence in Israel.

Sheinbein contends he is an Israeli citizen because his father has an Israeli passport. Under Israeli law, citizens cannot be sent abroad to stand trial.

West makes honor roll

ABILENE — Linda Gail West of Snyder, a senior history major, has been named to the fall 1997 Dean's Honor Roll at McMurry University.

Cunnington included in Who's Who

FLINT, Mich. — Christopher Cunnington, son of David and Patricia Cunnington, is one of 27 students from Kettering University who will be included in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

ACU honor roll includes six from Snyder

ABILENE — Jami Annette Brown, Matthew Sims Cave, Sterling Eilene Cave, LaTrisha Faye Lee and Russell Ryon Riggan of Snyder were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Abilene Christian University.

To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Rocha completes basic training

(FHTNC) — Marine Pvt. Alfred Rocha, son of Helen and Alfredo Rocha Sr. of Snyder, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

That included 12 weeks of physical and mental training, ending with the 54-hour team effort, The Crucible.

Rocha is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School.

Judge to rule

LAREDO (AP) — A federal judge says he will rule soon on a request to detain a 73-year-old pastor from Rwanda who is being sought by a war crimes tribunal.

The tribunal wants to try Elizaphan Ntakirutimana on genocide charges.

Visiting U.S. District Court Judge John Rainey said Monday he would issue a ruling on the Rwandan detention within a few days and whether to extradite Ntakirutimana.

Ramsey Clark, former U.S. attorney general, argued on the pastor's behalf.

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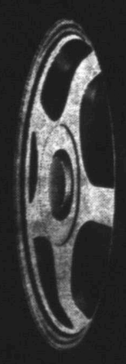

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By Phillip Alder

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♦ Q J 10 8 6 4 3
♣ A

West
♠ Q 8
♥ 6
♦ 7 5 2
♣ K 10 9 8 6 4 2

East
♠ 10 9 7 5 4
♥ 9
♦ A K 9
♣ Q 7 5 3

South
♠ A K J 6 2
♥ A K J 8 4 3 2
♦ ---
♣ J

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♣	3 ♣	3 ♦	5 ♣
Pass	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

The nightmare returns

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I gave deal 52 from the final of the 1980 World Open Team Olympiad. Five of the contestants (Paul Chemla, Christian Mari and Michel Perron for France; Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff for the United States) also competed in the 1997 Bermuda Bowl final. And all five were in action when deal 131 of the 160-board match was played. At the time, France led by 50 international matchpoints (IMPs).

Again, Hamman had 12 major-suit cards, no diamonds and a singleton club. After Chemla (East) passed, Hamman began with a strong, artificial and forcing one club. Perron made a weak jump overcall of three clubs. Wolff showed his diamond suit. Chemla jumped pre-emptively to five clubs. Now Hamman made a forcing pass, which, when followed by five hearts, showed both majors. Wolff raised to six hearts, which Hamman passed. Wolff was criticized for not cue-bidding six clubs, but I can understand why he didn't. It was hard to envision partner's having such a strong hand. So, the United States registered plus 1460.

In the other room, Mari (South) opened one heart, West overcalled, and Alain Levy (North) showed a strong heart raise. So, when East went to five clubs, Mari cue-bid five diamonds. And when this prompted Levy to jump to six hearts, Mari raised to seven. Perhaps he thought that if the club ace were missing, West wouldn't lead the suit and that the contract would then succeed, dummy's club losers disappearing on South's spades.

Here, seven hearts was laydown, giving France 13 IMPs on the way to a 328-301 win.

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BSP ATTENDS POTTERY CLASS — Members of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority attended Ty Brunson's pottery class at WTC. Pictured with Brunson is Jackie Buckland, left, and Carolyn Limmer. (Contributed Photo)

Sorority views WTC art classes...

BSP gains knowledge

Xi Alpha Alpha Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi members met Feb. 24 in the lobby of Western Texas College and attended a pottery class.

Associate professor Ty Brunson, chairperson of the fine art department, instructed students how to mold the lip of a pot to match a lid. Next, BSP members were introduced to Ben Sum, assistant professor in the art department, and his painting class for art majors and non-majors. Members viewed several self-portraits, the last work students do in the class.

Brunson took members to a heated glass demonstration and a computer graphics class where balance, form and color come before subject matter. Brunson said a glass blowing instructor from Texas Tech was taking a course at WTC. He said from 15 to 20 schools would be represented at a one-day exhibit and workshop at WTC in the Fine Arts building on March 28.

As a service project, the sorority will be making a donation to the Noah Project-West in Ty Brunson's honor.

President Dena Ellis conducted a business session. Carolyn Limmer announced plans for a Friendship Luncheon on March 28 at the Smoot House in Colorado City with Margaret Dillaha as a special guest. Jackie Buckland will meet with personnel from Noah Project about how to utilize $600 to be donated by the sorority.

Upcoming meetings for the sorority will be March 10, and March 31 and will be held at Brenda Hedges' office. The meeting closed with the Mizpah and "happy moments."

Former governor married 61 years tries hard to save other marriages

ATLANTA (AP) — He was 16 when they met, she was two years younger. For 61 years they were husband and wife.

When his wife Virginia passed away last year, a grief-stricken Lester Maddox resolved to work to keep other marriages together. The 82-year-old former Georgia governor is launching a one-man campaign, taking out newspaper ads to convince couples to stick to their vows.

"DEAR MOMS & DADS. Help Save Lives, Families and U.S.A. STAY MARRIED," said an ad in Monday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

"If I can save one family and it doesn't cost but a few thousand dollars, then it's worth it," Maddox said.

Maddox met his wife when he was selling soft drinks and candy in his front yard. She rode her bicycle by his house, trying to attract his attention. Three years later, when she was 17, they were married.

Maddox gained notoriety for refusing to serve blacks at his Atlanta restaurant.

Exhibit opens in San Angelo

San Angelo Art Club Inc./Kendall Gallery will be presenting the "C. Russell Myers Membership Exhibit during March. It will be open for public viewing Saturday and judges include Imogene Buck and Sue Fletcher.

Gallery hours are Saturday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and this Sunday, and March 29, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The show will feature paintings by the San Angelo Art Club in oil, watercolor and acrylic. There is no charge to the public.

There will be a tea and awards presentation on March 29 at 3 p.m. For more information, contact Sue Barnett (915) 949-2415.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Couple's breakfast club idea turns neighbors into friends

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for "Lonely in New Mexico." When my husband and I moved to a small town in Washington, we located a vacant lot and bought it with plans to build a home there. As I walked around the neighborhood, I saw only one person outdoors. I approached him and said, "I'm going to be your neighbor." I invited him and his wife to meet us for breakfast once a week at a local restaurant, and told him that I planned to ask more neighbors to join us.

Little by little, more couples joined us for the weekly breakfast. As new neighbors moved in, I invited them to join us. As the "breakfast club" grew, I prepared a list of names, addresses and phone numbers to share so we would all know how to reach one another.

Now this club also has dinner together three times a year, and we arrange to have entertainment for those parties. "Lonely in New Mexico" should consider taking the initiative to organize her neighbors into a social group. At our meetings, we have discovered who has hobbies and common interests, so we can ask for guidance on projects or company on fishing trips. We have no agenda for the club other than friendship.

We have been meeting for eight years and greatly enjoy our weekly get-togethers. Of course, not all of our 80 neighbors attend every meeting, but enough show up so that a good time is had by all.
JEAN J. TVRDY, SEQUIM, WASH.

DEAR JEAN: Yours is an idea worth publicizing. Where there's a will, there's a way to accomplish almost anything. You are to be commended for originating such a far-reaching good-neighbor program. I hope "Lonely in New Mexico" heeds your excellent suggestion.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to "Caught in the Middle in Connecticut," whose family disapproves of his love for an older woman who has a teen-age child, I would like to give him a bit of encouragement because my husband is six years younger than I am.

When we met he was 28 and I was 34. I am of Polynesian descent, was married twice before, and had a child out of wedlock. Believe me, my mother-in-law was not thrilled with me. She not only opposed our getting married, she was extremely against our having children together.

However, our relationship has endured and strengthened. We have been married 13 years. We have two beautiful children in addition to my son and his son.

Where there is love, commitment and communication between two people, age and past history make no difference. Also, my husband has never been one to let others interfere in his life, not even his mother. After all this time, she finally has accepted me as her daughter-in-law.

If he really cares for his older girlfriend, he should stay with her. It's their future, not his family's.
TIME-TESTED IN ARIZONA

DEAR TIME-TESTED: I agree that the young man's future belongs to him. However, he may be emotionally tied to — or perhaps financially dependent upon — his parents, which is why they are giving him an ultimatum. The choice is his, but I cautioned him about making hasty decisions.

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TUESDAY

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

AA and NA meeting; Park Club; noon.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Beautiful Roses," by Wilson Howell; Delores Merritt and Geleska Baze, hostesses; 9:30 a.m.

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.

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180, pot luck supper; 6 p.m.

Deep creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

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Doctor's discovery may end obesity

HILTON HEAD, S.C. -- A doctor has discovered that an ingredient found in a small fruit grown in Asia, combined with an ingredient praised by the U.S. Department of Agriculture can help cause significant weight loss.

In a study reported in a prestigious American medical journal, Dr. Anthony A. Conte, M.D. reported that the formula, now called Bio-Rex 3000, caused patients to lose more than twice as much weight as a control group on the same fat reduced diet. Neither group was instructed to decrease the amount of food they ate or to increase their exercise levels. An article published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* confirms that you don't have to reduce the amount of food you eat to lose weight, provided that you limit the fat.

Scientists suggest that the mechanism behind the weight reduction may include decreasing sugar cravings and interruption of the "Krebs Cycle", an important step in the body's fat storage process. "The best part of this unique discovery is that it is not a drug, but a safe dietary food supplement" says Dr. Conte. The Asian fruit, called garcinia, is similar to citrus fruit found in the United States with one big exception -- it may help some people fight obesity! While Dr. Conte's study may be preliminary, the exclusive North American distributor, Phillips Gulf Corp., is calling the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement "Nature's Ideal Diet Aid."

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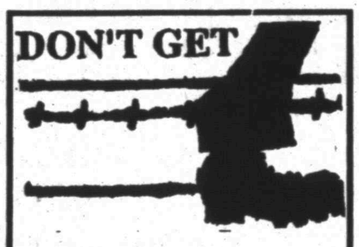

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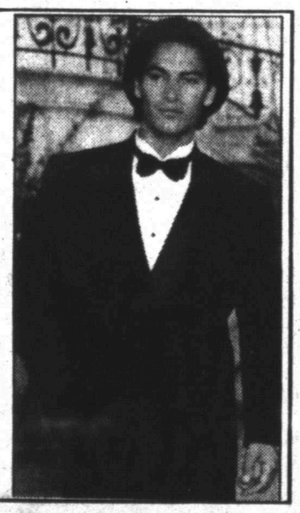

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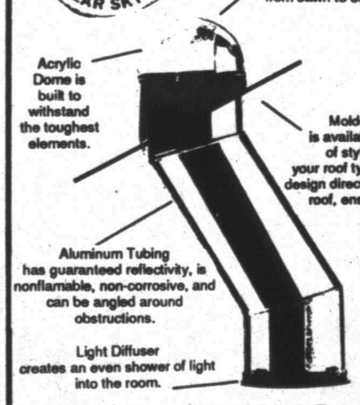

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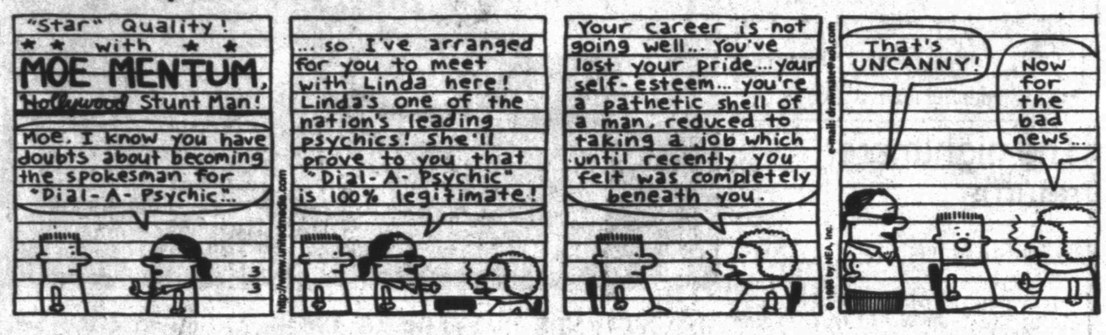

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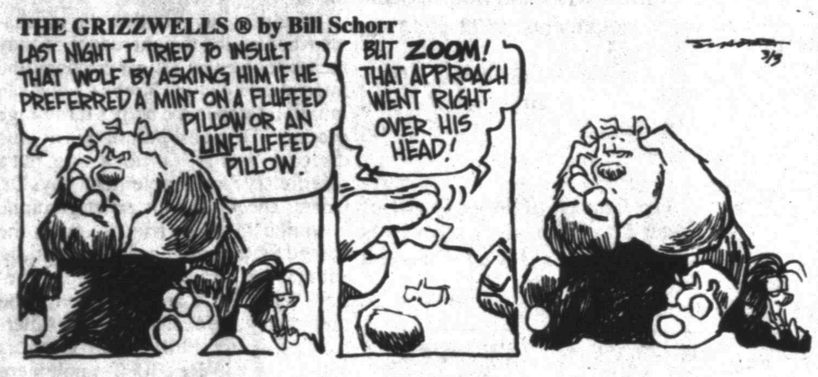

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7 Positive replies
12 Type of stork
13 Type of chop
14 At hand
15 Tempt
16 Foot part
17 DDE
18 Roast beef au —
21 Emulate John Grisham
23 O'Hare vehicle
26 Oil exporter
28 Pintail duck
29 Suffix for glob
30 Church part
31 Loser
33 Acting like a beaver
36 Japanese native
37 Hardware item
38 Horse directives
40 Prophet
41 Language suffix
42 Unclothed people
44 Sault — Marie
45 Peach center
46 Layer of cloth
48 Vaporize
51 Drove (a vehicle)
55 Out of — (disordered)
56 Arctic native
57 Said further
58 Believer in one God

DOWN

1 Neighbor of Neb.
2 Miner's find
3 Org. for Tiger Woods
4 Segment
5 Nudge
6 Strata
7 New York ball club
8 Art deco illustrator
9 Capuchin monkey
10 List ender (abbr.)
11 Observe
13 Actor Harvey —
18 Catchy verse
19 Distant planet
20 Wild
22 Pictured
23 Trial groups
24 Hawk
25 Teacher's goal
27 Recent
32 Western hemisphere assn.
34 Set fire to
35 Neither masculine nor feminine
39 Group of seven
43 Splash through mud
45 Liver appetizer
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49 Offer
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52 Roman 52
53 Printer's measures
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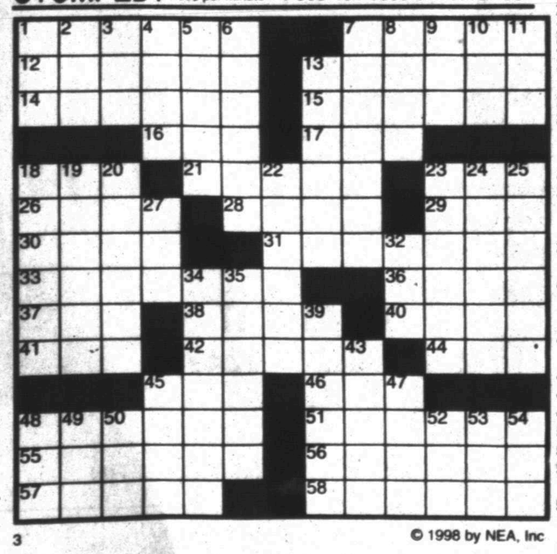

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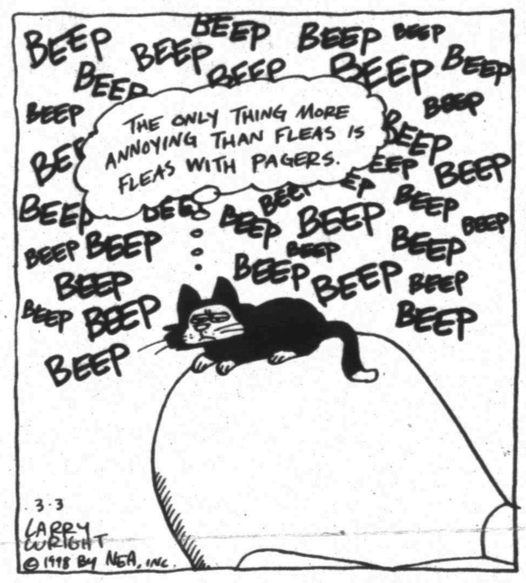

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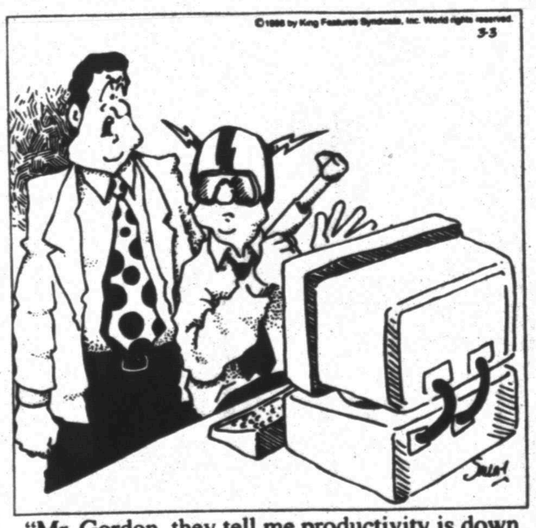

"Mr. Gordon, they tell me productivity is down in this department. Can you tell me why?"

"I GAVE MR. WILSON THE AFTERNOON OFF."

SPORTS

Snyder track team lacks experience but not effort

Runners take your mark.

Track season is underway and Snyder High School might be short on numbers but is long on effort.

With only 12 girls and 15 boys participating, the biggest obstacle facing the SHS coaches is finding out who does better in which events.

"We may end up being a little stronger in the field events this year," Lady Tiger coach Vanessa Gutierrez said. "We lost some strong runners from last season.

"We don't have that many kids, but the ones that are here are working really hard. We just have to find out what their strongest events are."

The only returning runner for the Lady Tigers is Shannon Hall. The junior is expected to run the 200-meter event and the 800-relay, as well as high jump.

Felsha Biggers is back to toss the shot, along with Amy Brooks.

Newcomers on the track for the Lady Tigers are Ashley Delce, Mandy Hess, Gail McKinney, Mary Hollis, Carmen Solinas and Jennifer Garza.

As for the boys, field events also seem to be the Tigers' strong suit.

Junior Brady Cobb will compete in the triple jump, while freshman Jared Thornhill takes the pole vaulting duties.

"We have a few sprinters back, in Juan Arizmendi and Brady Cobb," Tiger assistant coach Matt Gutierrez remarked. "Right now we're trying to fill in the spots on the relays and in the hurdles."

The Tiger coaching staff is currently looking at Arizmendi and Marcus McClain in the hurdle events.

Joe Esparza and Mark Medley will throw the shot and discus for Snyder.

Both SHS squads will travel to Andrews on Saturday for the Mustang Relays, before returning home to host their own event March 14.

Joining Snyder in this year's Canyon Reef Relays will be Canyon, Lubbock High, Estacado, Frenship, Levelland and Lamesa in the girls division.

Estacado, Levelland, Lamesa, Frenship and the host Tigers will compete for the boys crown.

Snyder will also be the host for this season's district meet April 17-18, with regionals May 1-2 in San Angelo.

Astros edge Braves, 7-6

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Mitch Meluskey hit a tiebreaking, bases-loaded double in the ninth inning following a pair of errors, leading the Houston Astros over the Atlanta Braves 7-6 Monday.

Houston got two walks in the ninth by Pedro Borbon, making his first appearance in a game since tearing the medial collateral ligament of his left elbow in August 1996.

Borbon felt something in his elbow after walking J.R. Phillips — the fifth batter he faced — and took himself out of the game. He will be examined Tuesday.

"I don't understand it," Borbon said. "I felt great out there. It's hard for me to say what's wrong. Whatever it is, I'm just real disappointed. I'm sick of it. I think I worked hard enough. Did everything I was supposed to do. I feel fine, and then I get into a game and one pitch. No warning."

A fielding error by first baseman Randall Simon and a throwing error by second baseman Marty Malloy helped Houston load the bases. Meluskey's double, which broke a 4-all tie, came off Adam Butler.

Atlanta scored twice in the bottom half on an RBI single by Gerald Williams and a triple by Curtis Pride.

Moises Alou had a double and two singles and scored twice for the Astros. Sean Berry had a two-run single.

Rangers come to terms with pitchers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers reached agreements with pitchers Rick Helling and Mark Brandenburg on one-year contracts, the team announced Monday.

The Rangers also renewed the contract of third baseman Fernando Tatis on Monday.

Terms of the agreements were not announced. The moves placed under contract the last of the 39 players on the Rangers' roster.

Helling, a 27-year-old right-hander, was 3-3 with a 4.58 ERA in 10 games after his return to the Rangers in the Aug. 12 deal that sent relief pitcher Ed Vosberg to the Florida Marlins.

Eight of Helling's Rangers appearances were starts, but he is expected to begin the 1998 season as a long-relief pitcher in the Rangers' bullpen.

Brandenburg, 27, went 0-2 with a 5.49 ERA in 31 relief appearances for the Red Sox last season.

The right-handed sidearmer from Texas Tech returned to the Rangers from the Boston Red Sox in the same Noy. 6 deal that brought pitcher Aaron Sele and catcher Bill Haselman. In exchange, the Red Sox received catcher Jim Leyritz and outfielder Damon Buford.

Tatis made his major league debut with the Rangers last season, stepping in at third base after Dean Palmer was traded to Kansas City.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	18	.695	-
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NewJersey	33	26	.559	8
Washington	30	29	.508	11
Orlando	29	29	.500	11½
Boston	28	30	.483	12½
Philadelphia	19	37	.339	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	43	16	.729	-
Indiana	40	17	.702	2
Charlotte	35	23	.603	7½
Atlanta	34	24	.586	8½
Cleveland	31	27	.534	11½
Milwaukee	28	28	.500	13½
Detroit	27	31	.466	15½
Toronto	13	43	.232	28½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

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Utah	39	16	.709	-
SanAntonio	40	18	.690	½
Minnesota	31	26	.544	9
Houston	28	29	.491	12
Vancouver	14	43	.246	26
Dallas	11	47	.190	29½
Denver	5	53	.086	35½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	44	13	.772	-
L.A.Lakers	39	18	.684	5
Phoenix	38	19	.667	6
Portland	33	24	.579	11
Sacramento	24	36	.400	21½
L.A.Clippers	12	45	.211	32
GoldenState	12	46	.207	32½

Sunday's Games

New York 101, L.A. Lakers 89
Indiana 90, Denver 63
Atlanta 101, Vancouver 76
Utah 106, Houston 100
Seattle 89, Phoenix 87
Minnesota 115, Detroit 113, 2OT
Cleveland 102, Golden State 82
Boston 102, Portland 101
Miami 85, New Jersey 84

Monday's Games

Washington 96, L.A. Lakers 86
Charlotte 112, Golden State 83
Detroit 100, Dallas 94
San Antonio 116, Sacramento 95

Tuesday's Games

Utah at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Indiana at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
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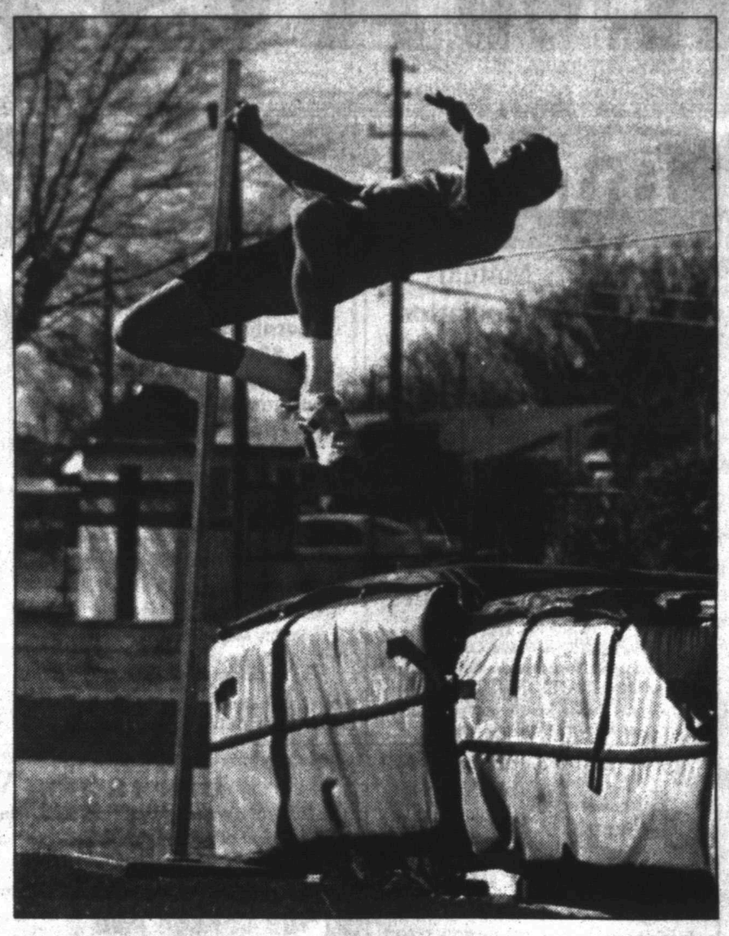


THE FLOP — Tiger trackster Andy Parker goes up and over the bar during high jump practice Monday at Snyder High School. The Tigers take part Saturday in the Mustang Relays at Andrews. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hoop playoffs continue; Tors face Western Hills

The Lamesa Golden Tornadoes try to take one step closer to the state tournament tonight when they square off with Fort Worth Western Hills at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene. Tipoff is slated for 7 o'clock.

The Tors carry a mark of 31-2, while Western Hills enters the contest at 22-10.

The winner will advance to face either Canyon Randall or Graham for the Region I state tourney berth.

The girls get underway Thursday in Austin. The Region I represenatives are 1A Nazareth, 2A Ozona, 3A Comanche, 4A Canyon Randall and 5A Amarillo Palo Duro.

Snyder Springers...

Tumbling meet slated for Saturday

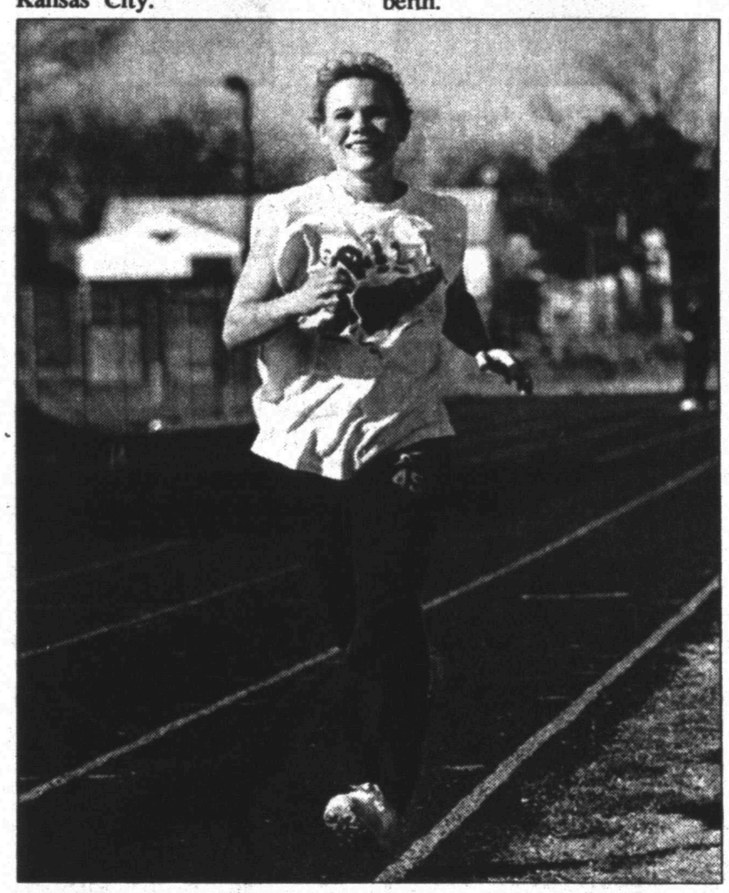
The Snyder Springers' Invitational will take place Saturday at Snyder High School Gymnasium.

The event, a Division I-District II tumbling and trampoline competition, is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

There will be 175 kids from seven teams competing. Squads from Hobbs, N.M., Brownfield, Odessa, Midland, Comanche and Midland will join the host Springers.

The entrants will be divided into six age groups, ranging from 3-year-olds to 13 and over.

The Grand March is slated for 12:30, with concessions and T-shirts on sale throughout the day.



MAKING HER ROUNDS — Lady Tiger track member Shannon Hall prepares for Saturday's meet in Andrews. Hall is the only returning runner for the Snyder girls, competing in the 200-meter dash and the 800-meter relay. (SDN Staff Photo)

Westerners lead by 10 in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — Golfers from Western Texas College have dominated the junior college competition, and now they are taking on the senior college talent.

WTC held a 10-stroke lead Monday after the first round of the St. Mary University Invitational played at Cedar Creek Country Club.

WTC had a team total of 297, 10 strokes in front of Oklahoma Christian Univerisity and Paris Junior College who were tied for second with a 307.

Out of 13 teams entered, only four are from community colleges, said WTC Coach Milton Ham.

WTC's Andreas Ljunggren and Peter Gustavsson were tied for first in the medalist race with a 72. Fredrik Widmark, with a 73, was tied for second.

Michael Stenger and Thomas Korberg each carded a round of 80.

The final 18 holes were to be played today.

Local Sports Schedule

Thursday

Softball: Snyder varsity and JV at Abilene, doubleheader, 4:30 & 6 p.m.

Baseball: Snyder varsity vs. Canyon Randall, Frenship tourney, 2 p.m.

Friday

Softball: Snyder varsity and JV at Hawley, 4 p.m., 5:30.

Baseball: Snyder varsity vs. Borger, 9 a.m.; Snyder vs. Andrews, 11:30.

Baseball: Snyder JV and freshman at Odessa tourney.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Sweetwater Invitational.

Golf: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews; Snyder varsity girls at San Angelo.Invitational.

Saturday

Track: Snyder boys and girls at Mustang Relays, Andrews.

Softball: Snyder JV at Snyder tourney.

Baseball: Snyder at Frenship tourney.

Baseball: Snyder JV and freshman at Odessa tourney.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Sweetwater Invitational.

Golf: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews; Snyder varsity girls at San Angelo.

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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of ARVEL HALL, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,418:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of ARVEL HALL, Deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by Ricky Fritz, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 26th day of February, 1998, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to MARGARET MOZELL HALL, 3609 KERRVILLE, SNYDER, TX 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 26th day of February, 1998.

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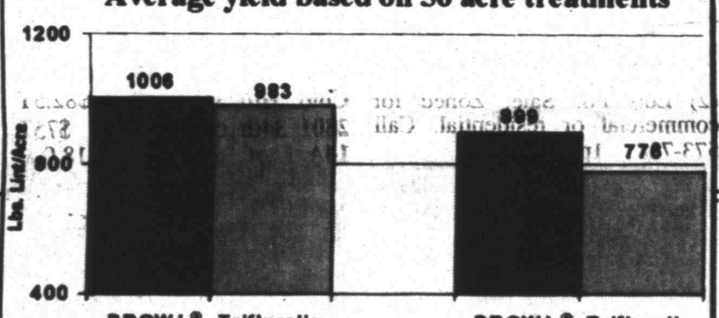

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The pictures, taken by the spacecraft Galileo in December, show a 16-mile wide crater that may have been filled by water that rose from below and froze on the surface, scientists said Monday.

Also found were large frozen plates surrounded by what appears to be a slushy material that has frozen as well. Still another clue is an area of the moon's crust that has been wrenched apart and filled with a material, possibly from below, in a phenomenon similar to what happens on the Earth's ocean floor.

"It's an incredibly exciting place because it has the potential to teach us about the origin of Earth and maybe even life," said James Head, a scientist at Brown University.

Brown and Arizona State University are helping NASA analyze the photos, which are detailed enough to see a truck-sized object on Europa's surface.

The photos have a resolution up to 20 times higher than earlier Galileo pictures and hundreds of times higher than the best images taken by the Voyager spacecraft in 1979.

"We'd never seen the surface at this resolution at all," Head said. "It's a little bit like putting the surface under a microscope."

Scientists speculate Europa may contain life because it has the key ingredients: heat, water, and organic material falling from comets and meteorites.

Galileo, which was launched in 1989 and arrived at Jupiter in December 1995, is expected to transmit data until the end of 1999. NASA hopes to send another spacecraft to Europa in 2003.

Woodward trial bound for appeals

BOSTON (AP) — Prosecutors say Louise Woodward, the nanny convicted of shaking a baby to death, can't claim justice was miscarried when a jury voted to convict her of murder, because she forced the panel into it.

The former au pair heads back to court Friday to appeal her case.

The defense says she should have the slate wiped clean. Barring that, her attorneys maintain, Ms. Woodward should not end up back behind bars.

Prosecutors argue that the judge's reduction to manslaughter of the jury's second-degree murder verdict constitutes an error of law.

They are also asking the state's highest court to reinstate Ms. Woodward's second-degree murder conviction, based partly on the fact that Ms. Woodward had asked that the jury not have the option of convicting her of manslaughter.

"A jury cannot be criticized for going astray if it fails to return a verdict that was not an option," prosecutors said in a brief filed Monday. "The defendant cannot benefit from an error she invited."

A jury convicted Ms. Woodward of second-degree murder last October in the death of Matthew Eappen, an 8-month-old baby in her care.

Ms. Woodward, now 20, was accused of shaking and slamming the baby, causing fatal skull injuries on Feb. 4, 1997. The baby died five days later.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	130	15-16	128¾	130 9-16+2 9-16
AT&T Corp	61	5-16	60	9-16 61 1-16+ 3-16
AirTouch	44	9-16	44	5-16 44¾— ½
Albertsons	48¾		47¾	48⅜+ ¼
AlldSignal s	42¾		41¾	41 13-16— 9-16
Alltel	46¾		45	15-16 46 — ⅝
AmerOnline	117	11-16	113	115 7-16—2 3-16
AmStoresa	25¾		24¾	25 1-16+ 1-16
Ameritech s	43¾		42¾	43 5-16+ 1-16
Amoco	87	7-16	86	7-16 86½— ½
AndarkPr	66		65	5-16 65 7-16— ¼
Armcolnc	5		7-16	5⅝ 5 7-16
AtlRichfld s	78¾		77⅞	78¾— 1-16
ATMOS Egy	29¾		29⅛	29 3-16— 1-16
Aviall	14⅜		14	7-16 14½— ⅛
BakerHughes	42¾		40⅝	42⅝+ 7-16
BellAtl	93⅛		92	5-16 92⅛+ 7-16
BellSouth	62	1-16	61	5-16 61⅜+ 3-16
BethSteel	10	15-16	10⅜	10 15-16+ ⅛
BritPet s	85	1-16	84	13-16 84¼— 3-16
BurlNoSFe	101	9-16	100⅜	101⅛+ ⅜
CBS Corp	31	5-16	31	31 5-16+ ⅛
Caterpillar s	54	53	1-16	53 7-16— ¼
CenSoWst	26¼		26⅛	26⅛— ⅛
Chevron	82¼		82⅛	82 11-16+ ⅛
Chrysler	39	7-16	39	39 3-16
Coastal	64¼		64	64 1-16— 3-16
CocaCola	68	1-16	67	9-16 67⅜— ⅛
ColgatePalm s	81¼		80¾	80⅝— ⅛
ComclMetals	32¼		31⅛	32⅛+ ¼
CooperIn	56	13-16	56⅛	56½— 1-16
CyprusAmax	16	15-16	16¾	16¾+ 5-16
DallSemicn	42¾		41⅞	41¾— 3⅜
DeltaAirl	115	15-16	114	3-16 115¼+2 1-16
DigitalEq	54⅜	52	13-16	54 9-16— 9-16
Dillards Inc	35¾		35	9-16 35⅜
DowChem	91	11-16	91¼	91 5-16— ⅛
DresserInd	47⅞	45	15-16	46⅝+1 3-16
DuPont s	63	7-16	62	5-16 63⅛+11-16
EastmanChem	66		65⅜	65⅝— 1-16
EstKodak	67⅛	66	9-16	66 9-16—15-16
EDS Corp	43	5-16	42¾	43 1-16— ⅜
Entergy	28	15-16	28	13-16 28⅛— 1-16
Exxon s	63¾		63⅜	63⅝+ ¼
FstBksAm	23	1-16	23	1-16 23 1-16
Flowers s	25¾		25¼	25 5-16— 5-16
FordMotor	58¼		57	58 +1 3-16
GTE Cp	54	3-16	53	13-16 54 1-16— 5-16
GenDynam	85	13-16	85	85 3-16—13-16
GenElecs	76	13-16	76¾	76⅝+ 1-16
GenMills	71¼		71	3-16 71¼— 1-16
GenMotors	70⅜	69	13-16	70 5-16— 9-16
GaPacGP s	62¾		61¾	61⅜—11-16
GlobalMar	24¼		23	13-16 24⅛
Goodrich	49¾		49⅛	49⅜
Goodyear s	69¾		68¾	68⅝+ ¼
GtAtlPac	30	7-16	30	3-16 30⅜— 1-16
Halliburtn s	48¾		47	7-16 48⅜+ ¼
Hanson ADS	26		25	13-16 25⅞+ ¼
HarteHanks	43¾		43	43 — ⅜
HomeDepot s	64	7-16	63	9-16 64 3-16— ⅜
HoustonInds	25¾		25	11-16 25¾
IBM s	100⅞	99	13-16	100⅜—1 7-16
IntlPaper	48	3-16	47	9-16 48 1-16— 1-16
JohnsonJn	75¼	74	9-16	74 11-16— 1-16
K mart	13¾		13⅜	13 9-16+ 1-16
Kroger s	43	5-16	42⅜	43 1-16+ ⅛
Litton	61⅛	61	7-16	61 9-16— ⅛
LockhdMart	114	9-16	114	114 — 1⅛
Lowes Cos	61		60⅜	60⅝— ⅛
Lubys	17	9-16	17⅛	17⅜+ ¼
LucentTech	106⅛		104⅜	106⅝— 1⅛
MayDeptStrs	61¼		61	61 11-16+11-16
Medtronic s	53⅛	52	1-16	52 1-16—13-16
Mobils	71	15-16	71⅛	71⅛+ ⅛
Monsanto	51	7-16	51	51 1-16—11-16
MorganJP	122⅞		121	122⅜—1 3-16
Motorola	56⅛	55	9-16	55 11-16— ¼
NCR Corp	31	7-16	31	31 — 7-16
NationsBk	68		67	9-16 67⅝— 3-16
Navistar	31	7-16	30¾	31⅛+ ⅛
Norwests	41	5-16	40	13-16 40 15-16— ⅛
OryxEngy	25¼		25¼	25⅛+ 5-16
Penney JC	72¼		71⅛	71⅛— ⅛
Pennzoil	66	11-16	66	66 5-16— 5-16
PepBoys	25⅜		25	25 1-16— ⅛
PepsiCo	37	3-16	36⅜	36 15-16— 1-16
PhelpDodge	64⅞		64	1-16 64⅜+ ⅜
PhilipPet	49¼		48¾	49 1-16+ 7-16
PilgrmPrd	13⅜	12	5-16	12 5-16— 3-16
Polaroid	45⅛		45	7-16 45⅛
Praxair	48⅛	47	11-16	48 + 3-16
ProctGamb s	82⅜	81	⅛ 81	15-16— 9-16
PubSNwMx	23⅜		23¼	23 5-16— 1-16
RoyalDut s	55⅛	54	15-16	54 15-16+ ⅜
SBC Comm	76	11-16	76	76 1-16— ⅛
SaraLee	57¼		56¾	56⅝+ ⅛
Scripps EW	53¾		53⅜	53⅜— ⅛
SearsRoeb	54⅜		53¾	54 1-16— 7-16
SherwinW	33¾		33	5-16 33⅜— ⅛
SmthBc ADS s	61¼	60	7-16	60 13-16— 1-16
SouthernCo	24¼		24	11-16 24⅛+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	29	15-16	28	15-16 29 1-16
Sprint	66⅛		65	11-16 66⅛— ⅛
SunCo	40⅝		40	11-16 40 11-16— ⅛
TNP Ent	32		31	15-16 31 15-16
Tandy s	44¾		44¼	44 5-16— 7-16
TempleInland	59¾		59	9-16 59⅝+ 1-16
Tenneco	41	13-16	41⅛	41⅜+ ⅛
Texaco s	55⅞		55⅛	55⅜+ ⅛
TexInd	56	3-16	55	15-16 56 1-16+ ⅛
TexasInst s	55		52⅛	53 3-16—2 5-16
TexUtil	40	11-16	40	7-16 40 9-16
Textron s	74	15-16	74	74⅜+ ⅛
Travelers s	55		5-16	54¾ 54⅞
TriconGlbR n	29	3-16	28⅞	29⅛— 5-16
TrinityInds	50	7-16	50¼	50⅜+ ⅛
TritonEngy	31	13-16	31¼	31 9-16— ⅛
Tyler	7⅞	6	13-16	7⅞— 7-16
US WestCm	52	1-16	51⅜	51 13-16— 1
USWstMda	32⅞		32⅜	32½+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	35¾		35	5-16 35 5-16— ⅜
USX-USS	36		35	11-16 35 13-16— ½
UnCarbde	48	11-16	47	47⅜+ ⅛
UnionPacif	50	7-16	50	50 3-16— 9-16
UnitedTech	90		89⅛	89⅜— ⅛
Unocal	37	7-16	36¾	37⅜+ ⅛
WalMart	47	1-16	46⅝	46 15-16+ 1-16
WstnGasRs	17⅞		17⅞	17⅜+ ⅛
WinnDixie	53¼		53⅛	53⅛— ⅛
Woolworth	23	3-16	23	1-16 23⅜— 1-16
Xerox Corp	88⅜		88	1-16 88⅛— 7-16
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Two arrests made Monday

A 21-year-old Snyder woman was arrested at 5 p.m. Monday after being indicted by the Scurry County grand jury earlier in the day.

Deputies arrested Amy Arriega, 2106 26th, for forgery. She is charged with forging a $50 check on Elvira Rodriguez's account on Jan. 15.

One other arrest was made Monday as officers took a 22-year-old male into custody at 10:18 p.m. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated in the 2500 block of Avenue G.

In other activity Monday, officers are investigating a break-in of the pressbox at the girls' softball complex. An offense report for burglary was submitted.

Gracie Gutierrez requested to speak to an officer at 8 p.m. as an undetermined amount of money was stolen from a unit at the Park Village Apartments. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

An officer was requested at Cogdell Hospital's emergency room around 3 o'clock this morning as a window had been broken out of a vehicle parked in the hospital's emergency room drive. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

8 arrested in theft of armored car millions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — While the FBI spent five months looking for David Scott Ghantt, authorities say his accomplices in a $17 million heist were living the high life — a new car, a new home, even breast implants for one.

As Ghantt and seven others await hearings on charges from the October theft, authorities still have a big unanswered question: Where's most of the money?

Ghantt, 28, was arrested Sunday at Playa del Carmen, Mexico, near the island resort of Cozumel. He was brought back to Charlotte, where a federal grand jury in October charged him with bank larceny after a van load of cash was stolen from a Loomis, Fargo and Co. warehouse.

In addition to Ghantt, who repaired helicopters for the Army during the Gulf War before becoming a Loomis, Fargo armored car driver, seven other North Carolina residents were arrested Monday.

They are Steve and Michelle Chambers; Kelly Jane Campbell, a former Loomis employee and Ghantt's alleged love interest; Michael McKinney; Thomas Grant; his brother, Eric Grant; and Eric Payne.

Six were charged with aiding, abetting and counseling the commission of a bank larceny, being accessories after the fact and hindering Ghantt's capture. It was unclear this morning whether Eric Grant, who turned himself in later Monday, faced the same charges.

The other six appeared in leg irons Monday before U.S. Magistrate Carl Horn, who ordered them jailed until a bond hearing Thursday.

Two of the suspects — Steven Chambers and McKinney — plotted to kill Ghantt under the guise of bringing him more cash in Mexico, according to arrest affidavits. No related charges have been filed.

While $14 million is still missing, court documents paint a picture of lavish spending by some of the defendants after the robbery.

According to court documents, federal agents began looking at the spending habits of Steven and Michelle Chambers after being tipped by a confidential informant suspicious of "their sudden wealth."

Chambers himself was a former FBI informant who had provided information "on a then future Loomis armored car robbery which never materialized," the documents said.

Within 24 days of the real heist, Chambers went from a mobile home to a $635,000 home in Cramer Mountain Country Club, authorities said. His wife, they said, got breast implants and used cash to purchase a 1998 BMW Z3 sports car.

From Oct. 6 through Feb. 20, the couple made 47 deposits totaling $271,500 at a Belmont bank, and at one point Michelle Chambers tried to get an official bank check with $200,000 in cash, authorities said.

Investigators also discovered the couple had bought a furniture business for $100,000 and purchased a $43,000 diamond ring.

The court documents said Payne's lifestyle also changed immediately after the theft. He took a three-week vacation and bought a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and Chevrolet Tahoe, and his wife quit her job as a receptionist, affidavits said.

As for Ghantt, he was reported missing by his wife Oct. 5, the same say the armored car company reported the theft and said one of its vans was missing. Authorities found his pickup truck next to the Loomis building.

It was the second heist at Loomis, Fargo last year.

Foundation reveals floating sea pen for famous whale

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — Keiko got his first look Monday at the design for his halfway house to the open sea.

The group that rescued the "Free Willy" star from a cramped Mexico City amusement park two years ago unveiled a scale model of the sea pen that will be used to adapt the killer whale to his eventual home in the North Atlantic.

"From this new home, Keiko will be safely reintroduced to the sounds and sensations of his native environment after 18 years of living in concrete pools," said Beverlee Hughes, president of the Free Willy Keiko Foundation.

The $350,000 floating pen will be placed somewhere in the North Atlantic, possibly as early as this fall. There, he will learn how to catch fish, swim against the tides and smooth the transition to the day when he will be set completely free, just like in the movie.

Foundation spokeswoman Diane Hammond said the group is negotiating with the governments of Iceland, Ireland and Scotland and hopes to have a site picked soon.

"If everything comes together, we're still hoping to be able to move him to the sea pen by this fall," Hammond said.

The sea pen will be 250 feet long, 100 feet wide and 24 feet deep or more, depending on the actual depth of the bay or fjord that's selected. The pen will not be attached to land but will be anchored to the bottom of the bay and will be reachable by boat.

Last fall, officials at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, where Keiko has been the star attraction, raised concerns with the foundation about whether Keiko was healthy enough to be released to the wild.

Aquarium President Phyllis Bell said Monday, however, said that those concerns were put to rest earlier this year when a federally appointed panel of experts gave Keiko a clean bill of health.

"We're totally supportive," she said.

Age at which baby fat lost important

CHICAGO (AP) — Children who reach the thinnest point of childhood before age 5 are more than twice as likely to become obese adults than children who lose their baby fat later, researchers say.

The finding held true regardless of whether parents were overweight, which is already known to be a strong indicator of a child's future size, according to a report in this month's issue of Pediatrics.

All children grow leaner after the first year of life until age 5 or 6, when they become fatter again, said researchers led by Dr. Robert Whitaker, a pediatrician at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati.

The age of greatest leanness is called "adiposity rebound," and researchers compared differing ages at which it occurred among 390 subjects who were tracked until they were 21 to 29 years old.

The children were divided into three groups, according to when they reached adiposity rebound. Those who did before they were 4.8 years old were compared with those who did between 4.8 and 6.2 years and those who reached the stage after 6.2 years.

Whitaker said the age range apparently is a "critical developmental period, just as it is for language development or capacity for listening to music or any of a number of things."

The finding has no immediate practical implication, Whitaker said. But more research could reveal strategies to help early rebounders avoid obesity.

A researcher not associated with the study agreed.

"In terms of understanding causes and possibly understanding intervention points, this is potentially very important," said Aviva Must, a childhood obesity researcher at New England Medical Center in Boston.

Meanwhile, federal researchers reported Monday that the number of overweight children continued to increase through 1994.

About 4.5 million children, or 11 percent of youngsters ages 6 to 17, were markedly overweight through that year. That compares with about 5.5 percent in 1980 and about 4 percent in 1963-65.

Lack of exercise is considered a main cause.

In young children, for example, there was no significant rise in calorie consumption corresponding to the rise in overweight children, said epidemiologist Richard Troiano of the National Cancer Institute.

"There needs to be a healthy diet, but rather than trying to figure out what foods to take away and restrict, I find it a more positive message to encourage more physical activity," said Troiano.

'Gone With the Wind' is still tops in dollars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Talk up "Titanic" all you want — Scarlett and Rhett still rule when it comes to box office dollars.

The nation's top film for the past three months has earned $427 million in North America, just $34 million short of the record set by "Star Wars."

But counting admissions and adjusting for inflation, "Gone With the Wind" would have sold $1.29 billion in tickets at current prices, according to calculations made Monday by Variety, a Hollywood trade newspaper.

That would put "Titanic" in 23rd place behind the 1939 Academy Award-winning epic tale of Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler.

Other inflation-adjusted leaders are 1937's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" ($1.03 billion in 1998 dollars), 1977's "Star Wars" ($812 million), 1982's "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" ($725.4 million) and 1961's "101 Dalmatians" ($656.6 million).

Still, "Titanic" has become the first film to pass $1 billion in global box office receipts, 20th Century Fox said Monday. And it is still beating all newcomers.

Over the weekend, "Dark City" fared best of the new films against "Titanic," finishing fourth. "Krippendorf's Tribe" was seventh, "Caught Up" was 10th and "Kissing a Fool" was 11th.

"An Alan Smithee Film: Burn Hollywood Burn," a satire from screenwriter Joe Eszterhas, opened to horrible business for a major studio release. The Disney film grossed only $28,892 nationally in 19 locations.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Get help for problem drinkers

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, who is 47 years old, drinks between four and eight cans of beer a day. Some days, he does not drink at all; on others, he clearly exceeds his limit. Is this pattern harmful to his health?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt.

As I have written before, the average adult cannot physically tolerate more than 4 ounces of spirits — or the equivalent in wine or beer — a day, without risking serious medical complications including liver and heart disease. Your husband averages a six-pack a day, an amount that is clearly excessive. Thus, over time, he will probably suffer unpleasant consequences from his habit.

But that is not the whole story.

As most recovering alcoholics know, it's not so much a question of the QUANTITY one consumes. Rather, the PATTERN of drinking is the key element in the diagnosis of alcoholism. An alcoholic need drink only once a year, but if he gets blotto, that's alcoholism.

Normal people can take or leave alcohol. It's no big deal and they don't pay it a second thought. On the other hand, the alcoholic NEEDS to drink; one is never enough, and daily consumption is the rule.

Despite the brevity of your description, I strongly suspect that your husband has crossed the line: At best, he is a problem drinker; at worst, an alcoholic. (Only he can make that distinction, after treatment and counselling.) I believe that you should share your concerns with him — even show him my reply to your question. I am certain that he could be helped by going to a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, as you could be by attending Al-Anon, a "sister" group for people whose loved ones abuse alcohol. Or, as an alternative, consider involving your family physician, who can advise you and your husband and bring to bear the available resources in your community.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Substance Abuse and Mental Health." 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: In a recent response, you correctly advised a reader that folic acid supplements would not lower his cholesterol level. Do you think that the reader was confused? Perhaps he wanted to lower his level of homocysteine, since this substance has been implicated as a cause of premature arteriosclerosis and heart disease.

DEAR READER: Quite possibly. There's a lot of interest now in homocysteine. And, as you pointed out, high levels are associated with heart disease. Folic acid supplements appear to reduce homocysteine in the bloodstream. Whether this therapy will someday become the standard is still a question. Nonetheless, your point was well-taken.

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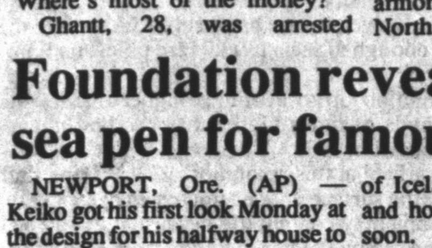

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Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Snow swirling in gusts up to 100 miles an hour curtained the windows of the Coast Guard ready-shack. "Six men on a sinking dragger off Nantucket" was the terse radio message. The 'copter commander could refuse to launch in such weather, but he knew the crew of *Gannet* could not live five minutes in the cold sea, so he set out. Far out on the ocean *Gannet* labored in towering seas. Her crew was desperately hand-bailing when the captain saw the red light on the belly of the helicopter. "You can let up now boys," he shouted, "the Coast Guard is here!" But the danger was not over. It was impossible to get a line on board to transfer a pump. Running low on fuel, the 'copter crew tied two floating pumps together and dropped them near the dragger, marking the spot with a flare. One pump was damaged in the fall, but the second kept the *Gannet* afloat until the cutter came to tow them to port.

The helicopter crew did not have to go out, but they did. Their plans did not go smoothly, but they were still able to rescue the men who would have died. Christ commissions us to tell His Good News to everyone so that some will be rescued.

Millions proposed for after school programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edward Kennedy is trying to revive efforts to channel federal money into crime prevention for youths, four years after "midnight basketball" became a buzzword for Republican critics of such prevention efforts.

Kennedy's legislation, introduced Monday, would spend $7.25 billion over five years on after-school programs. The aim is to keep youths occupied — and away from trouble — between the crucial hours of 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"It's not 'Leave It To Beaver' anymore, June is not in the kitchen," said Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., who is sponsoring a companion measure in the House. "Children need some help."

One component of the "American After-School Act" would provide $1.25 billion over five years in matching grants to local public and private agencies for after-school prevention programs in high-crime neighborhoods and areas with high numbers of youths considered at risk for committing crimes.

To fund the grants this year, Kennedy's bill would direct that half of $500 million already approved by Congress for juvenile justice law enforcement could be used for prevention activities.

Kennedy said that proposal has met with resistance from Republicans on the Judiciary Committee, chaired by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

"There will be a battle on the floor of the U.S. Senate," he said.

Jeanne Lopatto, spokeswoman for the committee, said juvenile justice legislation now pending in committee already includes $1 billion over five years that state and local governments could use for prevention.

"It can be used for anything," Lopatto said. "We feel that's the best way to go."

Kennedy, who estimated that 5 million children — some as young as 8 or 9 — spend some time alone after school, favors linking federal funds more directly to crime prevention efforts.

Crime prevention programs are a Democratic priority often denigrated by Republicans, who undermined them after taking over Congress in 1995. Most prevention programs have been eliminated in favor of providing block grants with few strings attached to local communities.

Although the 1994 crime law, which spawned debate over the effectiveness of midnight basketball leagues and other efforts targeting at-risk youths, authorized $6.9 billion for crime prevention, only $688 million has been spent.

At birth, a panda is smaller than a mouse and weighs about 4 ounces.

Researchers: early promise shown by melanoma vaccine

NEW YORK (AP) — A pair of vaccines intended to make the body attack the deadly skin cancer melanoma are showing early promise, researchers say, including the shrinking of tumors in some patients.

All patients tested had advanced cancer. Researchers cautioned that it was too early to know whether the vaccine therapy will help patients live longer.

The cancer strikes about 42,000 Americans a year, killing 7,300. Sun exposure is the main cause, and the most at risk are people who had even one bad sunburn as a child.

Melanomas often start as small, mole-like growths that increase in size, change color, become ulcerated and bleed easily from slight injury. Malignant melanoma can spread to other parts of the body quickly, but when caught early is highly curable.

Still, up to 30 percent of early-to intermediate-stage patients will suffer a recurrence in a few years because surgery missed tiny cells waiting to grow into new, even deadlier tumors. Melanoma cases have risen dramatically in the past 25 years.

Melanoma vaccines — to treat the disease rather than prevent it — have long been tried in patients, and some past studies have reported that they prolong life. The new work is reported in this month's issue of the journal Nature Medicine.

One study was done by Dr. Steven Rosenberg and colleagues at the National Cancer Institute. Their vaccine used a modified bit of protein the immune system can recognize on cancer cells.

Experts: in warmth of El Nino, termites come

MIAMI (AP) — El Nino has already brought tornadoes, floods and drought to Americans this winter — and now comes the termite.

It's warmer and wetter this winter for much of the nation, an environment the little timber eaters just love.

"In Arizona, California and Florida — we have never seen termite activity like this so early," said Scott Nolen, president of exterminator Truly Nolen of America Inc. "Usually, it's too cold for them to swarm."

Homeowners spend $2 billion every year to control termites, according to the National Pest Control Association in Dunn Loring, Va. Termite damage exceeds the damage costs of fires, floods and tornadoes combined.

States that are usually only marginally affected by the ravenous insects, such as South Dakota, are sure to see increased termite damage, said Nan-Yo Su, an entomology professor at the University of Florida.

Places like Georgia or the Carolinas, where the bugs usually die in the winter, may have year-round termites.

The El Nino phenomenon occurs when Pacific Ocean waters naturally warm off the coast of South America. It affects weather patterns, spawning hurricanes in the Pacific and heavy storms in North America. This winter, El Nino has fueled tornadoes that killed at least 40 people in Florida and dangerous mudslides in California.

For much of the country, however, the result has been a warmer, more humid winter.

If termite infestation is caught early, most homes can be saved with minimal damage, as long as they aren't Formosan termites. The termites, which come from Asia, are extremely resistant to pesticides and can number in the millions in a single colony that can stretch a city block.

Some homeowners swear they've seen the bugs munching on concrete.

"I've seen a home where Formosans destroyed a brand new oak floor in a year," said Greg Baumann,

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 4, 1998

There are indications you might make some type of career change in the year ahead. This alteration could produce positive results and help improve things for you materially.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Self-indulgent pursuits aren't likely to bring the enjoyment you anticipate today. You will find gratification in doing things for those you love. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Trying to ignore an unpleasant matter will not eradicate it. Face up to the facts, regardless of content, and cut this paper dragon down to size.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not be too liberal with information today about your financial position. An associate with ulterior motives might try to use what you reveal in a penalizing way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) How to ethically share something with others could be a major consideration for you today. You can't do all of the taking, nor should you be the only one giving.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Should someone who has helped you previously require assistance today, be the first to volunteer. Do not try to hide behind a bunch of lame excuses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Follow your logical assessments today instead of yielding to the thinking of others who are only trying to protect their own positions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even if you feel certain you are right, adjusting your thinking and cooperating with another will net you more in return than insisting things be done your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It might not be as easy as you thought finding someone to take care of a matter for you today that you have been ignoring. Unfortunately, if you don't do it, it's not apt to get done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It could put a strain on your pocketbook later if you fail to attend to something potentially profitable today just because you would rather play than work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A watchful eye and a firm grip pertaining to those in your charge might be required tools today, because a lack of discipline could turn your household into something a bit rowdy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your entire schedule could get foiled today if you fail to deal with developments as they arise. This isn't a day to sweep problems under the rug.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you think before you spend today you won't end up with merchandise of little use you won't need. Conversely, being a smart shopper will save you money.

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Date Book

March 3, 1998

Today is the 62nd day of 1998 and the 73rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1875, Georges Bizet's opera "Carmen" premiered in Paris.

On this day in 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the official national anthem of the United States.

On this day in 1988, the record for curtain calls — 67 minutes — was set by Luciano Pavarotti in West Berlin.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George M. Pullman (1831-1897), manufacturer; Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922), inventor; Matthew B. Ridgway (1895-1993), U.S. Army general; Jean Harlow (1911-1937), actress; Julius Boros (1920-1994), golfer; Herschel Walker (1962-), football player, is 36; Jackie Joyner-Kersee (1962-), athlete, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Peter V. Ueberroth was named commissioner of baseball by the 26 major-league owners.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nature takes no account of even the most reasonable of human excuses." — Joseph Wood Krutch

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1985, a major storm left about 80 percent of South Dakota's roads blocked.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 26) and first quarter (March 5).

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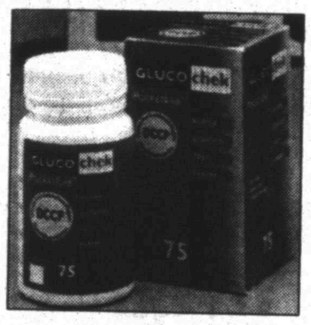

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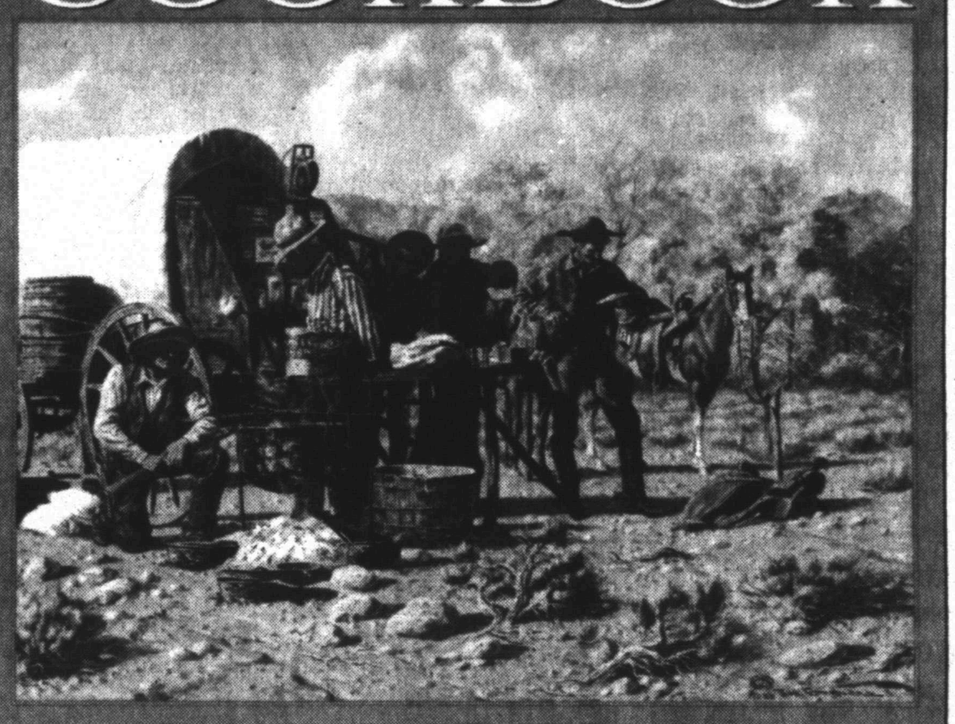
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Gas tax to be used on highway spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate committee voted unanimously today to add $26 billion to planned highway spending over the next six years by ensuring that all the taxes Americans pay at the gas pump go to road and infrastructure programs.

"This is about as good as we are going to get," Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the ranking Democrat on the Environment and Public Works Committee, said before the 17-0 vote to amend the highway spending bill currently on the Senate floor. Some gas tax money traditionally has gone to other uses, including deficit reduction.

The full Senate is expected to take up the amendment later in the day. On Monday, key lawmakers reached agreement on the compromise that boosted spending levels, settled the gas tax issue and sought to make distribution of funds among the states more equitable.

"We have reached an agreement today that will guarantee that over the next six years that every penny collected in the 4.3 cents-per-gallon tax on gasoline will go to build roads and only roads," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said Monday.

Gramm, joined by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., in pushing the gas tax issue, said it will allow the Senate to increase by $26 billion to $173 billion the amount allotted for highway spending over the next six years. That would increase highway spending 45 percent over the last six-year highway bill, which expired last fall, he said. A temporary, interim highway bill expires May 1.

The environment committee agreed last fall to spend $145 billion for the highway bill, a figure arrived at with an eye toward staying under spending caps set in the balanced budget deal reached by President Clinton and Congress. The Senate Commerce Committee provided another $2 billion for highway safety projects.

But Congress finished last year's session without acting on the bill, and there has been growing consensus among lawmakers that the amount wasn't enough to deal with the nation's crumbling infrastructure. The gas tax was seen as a ready source of extra money.

Clinton's 1993 budget reduction package set aside 4.3 cents of the 18.3 cents-per-gallon federal gas tax for deficit reduction. Last year, the 4.3 cents was moved to the federal highway trust fund, but was still reserved for non-highway purposes.

Members of Security Council and U.S. disagree on meaning

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A U.N. warning to Iraq of "severest consequences" if it breaks a deal on weapons inspections gives Washington a green light to attack if Baghdad fails to honor the accord, the U.S. ambassador contended today.

Most of the 15 members of the Security Council, which issued the warning Monday, sharply disagreed.

Envoys from many countries, including longtime U.S. allies, said only the Security Council has the authority to determine whether Iraq has breached the deal, and what should be done if it does.

The dispute had been the main obstacle to quick approval of a resolution endorsing Secretary-General Kofi Annan's agreement with the Iraqis to open all sites, including eight presidential palaces, to U.N. arms inspectors.

Annan said if his deal holds, "we will be moving on to a period when Iraq will complete its obligations and the council can begin thinking of lifting the sanctions" imposed more than seven years ago.

After days of intensive negotiations, the council unanimously approved a resolution endorsing the agreement and warning Iraq of "severest consequences" if it fails to comply.

"This gives us the green light to approach our policy of diplomacy and force and it shows to the world once again that the onus of complying with this agreement is with Iraq," U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said this morning on NBC's "Today."

Asked if the resolution gives the green light for a U.S. attack, Richardson replied, "The answer is yes. And we already had that green light."

"I think this resolution is drafted as such so it is perfectly clear that any member state can take unilateral action of that member state feels there is a grevious violation," he added.

In Washington, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said today there was no doubt that "severest consequences" meant military action.

Jurors shown bloody crime scene from 1997 murder in Midland

MIDLAND (AP) — On the first day of a teen-ager's trial on capital murder charges, a jury was shown bloody crime scene photos from the residence of his next-door neighbor, a 53-year-old school teacher.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Frederick Keck, 18, who was arrested with three other men while he was driving the victim's car in the early morning hours of last April 17.

Later in the day, police found the body of Helen Johnson in a shallow grave in south Midland County. She had been stabbed to death.

A Midland police officer testified Monday that when he and another officer went to Ms. Johnson's townhome, they found a lot of blood, especially in the dining area. He said there were bloodstains on the wall and on a phone that appeared to have been ripped from the wall.

Over the objections of Keck's attorney, the jury was shown a videotape that was automatically recorded by a patrol car. Keck was heard telling an officer that he had borrowed the car from a friend named Eric.

After a box of wine was found, Keck and the other occupants were arrested on charges of minor in possession. A search of the car revealed a pillowcase, gloves and a bunch of jewelry underneath the front seat. In the trunk were a computer, a briefcase and a purse.

Assistant District Robin Sams told jurors that Keck kicked in the front door of Ms. Johnson's residence on April 16 and remained inside until she returned home at 5:30 p.m.

She said after Keck killed the woman, he left with the woman's jewelry, television set and a VCR, then later returned with three friends. The prosecutor said they wrapped Ms. Johnson's body in a sheet, put it in the trunk of her car, then dumped it into a caliche pit near a county road.

Jury selection starts in 'Republic' trial

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge in the bank and mail fraud trial of nine Texas separatists says he hopes to seat a jury in the case by Wednesday.

Jury selection in the case against Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren and eight followers started Monday, with potential panelists asked about their dealings with the government.

U.S. District Judge Joe Fish asked 64 people if they had endured "any experience that left sort of a bad taste in your mouth that the government would not be starting off on equal footing with the defendants if you are a judge in this case."

When Fish asked how many of the potential jurors had heard of the case, about half raised their hands. A number of them acknowledged having a bias against McLaren and his followers.

"I think the Republic of Texas people are crazy," said Robert Berry, one of 13 panelists who were dismissed. "I think that would sway me a little bit. I would like to think they are guilty."

McLaren did not speak in court and spent the day thumbing through documents and taking notes.

Fish earlier said he hoped to have jury selection completed Monday but later said the panel probably won't be seated until Wednesday.

Obituaries

Mildred Carrell

1911-1998

ODESSA — Mildred L. Carrell, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 28, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Funeral service for Mrs. Carrell, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The Rev. Kevin Strempke will officiate. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Born June 18, 1911 in Cooper, Tex., she married Harvey E. Carrell on Feb. 14, 1937 in Scurry County. He preceded her in death. A homemaker, Mrs. Carrell moved to Odessa from Winters in 1987.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann Carrell of Odessa and Katherine Barth of Mabank; a son, H.L. Carrell of Roslyn, Pa.; a brother, James W. Patterson of Lubbock; and two sisters, Nanelle Ahern of Albuquerque, N.M. and Lorena Wellborn of Socorro, N.M.

A. Preston Morris

1926-1998

COLORADO CITY — A. Preston Morris, the father of Scott Morris of Snyder, died Monday, March 2, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Morris, 71, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Calvary Baptist Church. The Revs. Sammy Elliott and Fred Smith will officiate. Burial will follow in the Handley Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 14, 1926 in Mitchell County, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He married Jean Lankford on Feb. 12, 1983 in Colorado City.

Retired from the U.S. Postal Service, Mr. Morris had served on several boards, including the Mitchell County Hospital board.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Morris of Colorado City; two other sons, Tommy Morris and Kirk Morris, both of Colorado City; a brother, Price Morris of Marble Falls; two sisters, Cleda Goswick of Hobbs, N.M. and Betty Dockery of Colorado City; and 11 grandchildren.

Doyle Conley

1929-1998

ABILENE — Doyle Curtis Conley, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 28, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Conley, 68, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Hillcrest Church of Christ. Burial was to follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born March 31, 1929 in Henderson, he graduated from Merkel High School in 1946. He worked for the REA in Merkel for three years and was a member of the National Guard for four years.

He married Delores J. "Bootsie" Clemmer on Jan. 5, 1952 in Jones County.

Mr. Conley worked as an electrician for Humble Oil for 17 years in Stanton, Snyder, Odessa and Monahans.

In 1967, he moved to Fort Stockton and owned Gibson's Discount Center for 21 years. He served on the Fort Stockton school board, was a Blue Coat for the chamber of commerce and was a member of the Lions Club and Booster Club. He served as a deacon in the Fort Stockton Church of Christ.

He moved to San Angelo in 1988 and worked in real estate. Mr. Conley moved to Abilene in 1991 and owned two nutritional food stores. He had served as an official at the state UIL track meet for the past 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Bootsie Conley of Abilene; a daughter, Jeanette Campbell of Odessa; two sons, Steve Conley of Abilene and Stan Conley of Midland; his mother, Leona Conley of Merkel; a sister-in-law, Lois Price of Snyder; a niece, Karen Wadleigh of Snyder; and seven grandchildren.

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Births

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Snyder Bass Club will meet at 7 this evening at Snyder National Bank.

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

Model airplane club meeting

The Snyder Area Model Airplance Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Winston Field. Vistors and guests are welcome.

Book "Tiger Jazz"

Snyder High School show choir "Tiger Jazz" is interested in performing for local organizations. The group has a 25-to-30-minute show of popular favorites from the 1930s to the 1980s. To book a performance call 573-6301.

Snyder Wheels Swap Meet

Snyder Wheels Swap Meet is slated for Friday and Saturday and the car show will be Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. For information, call 573-3579 or 573-9009.

Kiwanis Pancake Feast

Snyder Noon Kiwanis Pancake Feast will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the West Elementary cafeteria. Cost is $4. Children under six may eat free. There will be a drawing for a remote control television.

WTC Booster Club

Western Texas College's Basketball Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Rudy's.

Childrens' Miracle Network

Both Snyder Dairy Queen locations will offer a Lemon Freezer for a 50-cent donation to Hendricks Hospital in Abilene to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. The offer is good while supply lasts.

Princes Di Ty Beanie raffle

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

Rotary Fundraiser

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

Road to Recovery program

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

Adult basic education

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

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

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Please enter on the east side, which faces the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome; child care will be provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

Conversational Spanish

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

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Asssociation will sponsor a five-mile walk on Saturday, April 4, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Instilling Moral Values," followed by "Can God Forgive Even Me?," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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(eight, five, three)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
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(four, nineteen, twenty-three, thirty, thirty-eight)