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WTC putts golf issue around again

Committee formed to consider lease, fees, improvements

By Bill McClellan
Managing Editor

Western Texas College trustees putted around with a familiar issue Monday — the financial drain produced by the campus golf course — before forming a committee to study the question.

Trustees are in general agreement that the nine-hole course helps attract students, has aesthetic appeal and is an asset to the community.

But the financial aspect — the course and pro shop loses between $45,000 and $55,000 annually — has come up continually in the past three to four years. As yet, no answers have been found to alleviate the problem.

The issue came up again Monday as a result of several developments. Among them:

—a proposal has been received from an unnamed company interested in leasing the course;

—pre-bid information is in on the construction of 20 cart sheds and lighting of the driving range, proposals which could enhance use of the course and therefore produce more revenue;

—and, the fact that auxiliary enterprises are being strained to make up for the annual financial loss.

The lease proposal and pre-bid information are the most pressing issues dealing with the nine-hole course, but trustees have been informed that the inability for auxiliary enterprises to pay for the upkeep is a looming problem.

Auxiliary enterprises include the dorm, apartments, bookstore and cafeteria, as well as the pro shop and golf course. At present, all of those endeavors except for the golf course/pro shop are producing a net revenue.

However, trustees have been informed that revenue produced by those enterprises no longer covers the expense of the golf course. The board has also been informed that general funds cannot be used for upkeep of the course.

"It's getting to the point were the other enterprises are not generating enough numbers (dollars) to cover the cost of the golf course," Dr. Harry Krenek, college president, said Monday. "We need to increase revenue, reduce expenses or find some other source, such as leasing the course."

In an effort to determine the best direction for the golf course, board president Dr. Jay Kidd appointed a committee of himself, trustees Jackie Greene and Eddie Peterson, director of fiscal services Patricia Claxton, WTC vice president Bettie McQueen, pro shop director Rick Kahlick and golf course superintendent Bill Mitchell.

That group is to meet at 8 p.m. Thursday.

The committee will discuss the possibility of leasing the course, whether to entertain bid information on the cart sheds and lighting, as well as the possibility of increasing membership and green fees.

In order to consider a lease proposal, the law requires that the college advertise and call for bids/proposals from other interested firms.

Estimated construction costs for construction of 20 cart sheds is $30,000 to $35,000, while lighting the driving range is expected to cost from $35,000 to $40,000.

"It's been really important to the community, been an asset to the community, and I personally feel privatizing it could be a very dangerous thing," said Mitchell. He urged that any contract with an outside company be carefully worded to prevent irreparable harm from coming to the course if the company should not be able to generate a profit.

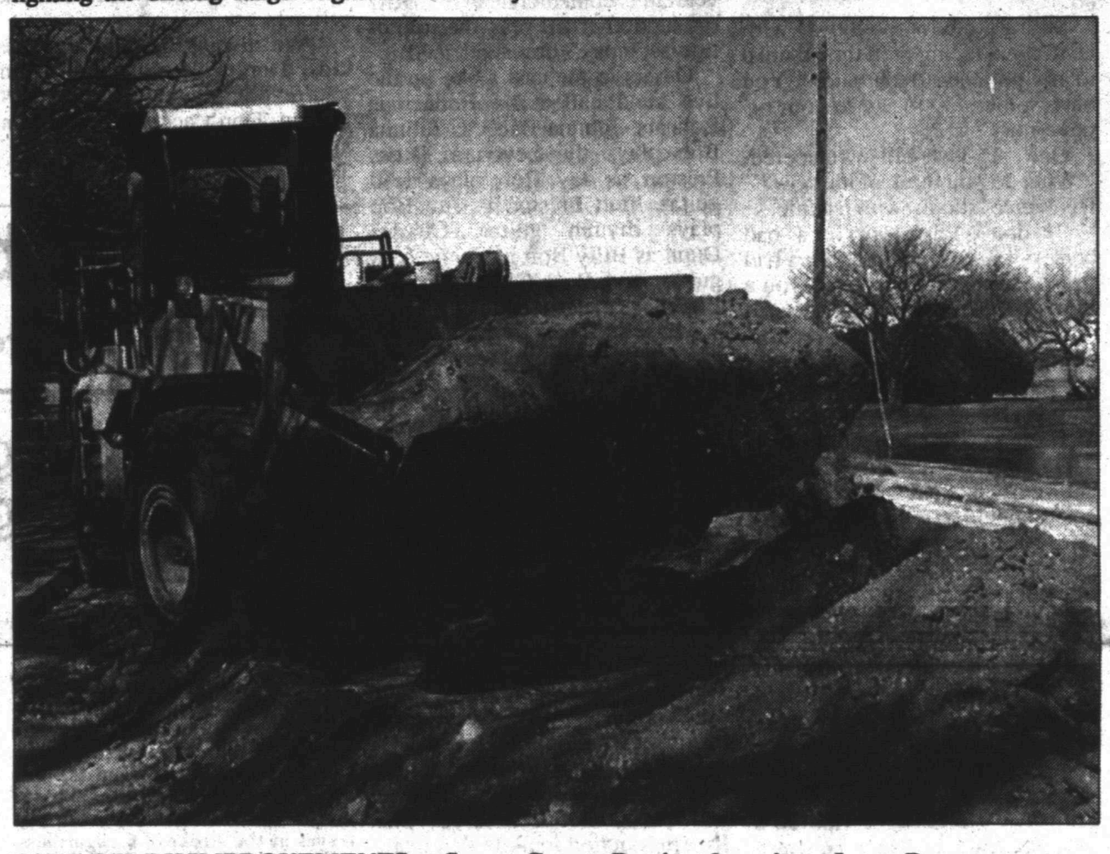
Kahlick said he has a waiting list of about 10 members who want cart shed space and has received inquiries from other residents. He also noted that while lighting the driving range might produce some revenue, it would also require hiring part-time help to oversee the range during the evening hours.

Kahlick said in addition to other methods of revenue enhancement, the committee may want to consider an increase in the price of membership fees.

"The membership fees have not been raised in the five years since I have been here. That is something that seriously needs to be looked at," said Kahlick, who pointed out that the $36.81 monthly fee for an individual amounts to a little more than a dollar a day. The course currently has 134 members.

The problem, as pointed out to the board, that even if WTC had 300 members at $36.81, it would not be enough to put the course at a break-even point.

Meanwhile, the board awaits the recommendations from the committee.



TOWLE PARK IMPROVEMENTS — Scurry County Precinct 3 employee Larry Denson operates a front-end loader as work continues on the exit lane of the park. Until the work is completed, the north lane will have two-way traffic. Work is expected to be completed by early next week. (SDN Staff Photo)

Voters headed to polls today

County judge, precinct commissioner among races at issue

Scurry County citizens have until 7 this evening to make their choices for who they want to represent them at the local, state and national levels of government.

Voting was reported as brisk this morning at City Hall, site of the Republican Party Primary.

Democratic voting places — there are 11 of them — reported a lighter turnout.

That's not surprising, since the race garnering the most attention locally is on the Republican ballot where Ricky Fritz, incumbent for county judge, is facing a challenge from agribusinessman Ted Crenwelge. There are no Democratic candidates for the post.

The only other locally-contested race in today's election is in the Democratic Primary, where two candidates are vying to replace Precinct 4 County Commissioner Jerry Gannaway. They are Chloanne Lindsey and Scott Richburg. Milton Adams is uncontested on the Republican ballot and will face the winner in November.

Voters are reminded to bring their blue 1998 registration card to the polls. If the card is unavailable, picture identification will be required.

Scurry County citizens will have to look past the other local candidates to find any other contested races on their ballots.

On the state-wide Democratic ballot, former attorney general Jim Mattox is seeking his old office. He's challenged by Gene Kelly and Morris Overstreet. Pete Patterson and Ernesto De Leon are candidates for agriculture commissioner and Joe Henderson and Gary Dugger are running for railroad commission.

On the Republican state ballot, Gov. George Bush is opposed by R.C. Crawford. GOP candidates for attorney general are Tom Pauken, Barry Williamson and John Cornyn.

Land commissioner candidates are Jerry Patterson, Don Loucks

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Blood drive is at FBC until 7 p.m.

Snyder's monthly blood drive is underway, and donors have until 7 this evening at the First Baptist Family Life Center.

The blood drive moves Wednesday to Cogdell Hospital where the mobile coach will be parked outside the doctor's lounge from noon until 5 p.m.

On Thursday, the blood drive will continue at the Price Daniel unit from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This month's blood drive is dedicated to Snyder's Jimmy Hess who spent five weeks in a Lubbock hospital. Donors may designate their blood as a replacement for Hess who is now recovering at home.

Ira ISD board meets Wednesday

Ira ISD trustees on Wednesday will consider personnel contracts, recommendations from a textbook committee and election of representatives to the Region 14 Education Service Center.

The meeting is set for 7:30 a.m.

Also on the agenda is the financial report.

Build new schools, local citizen urges

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Snyder ISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax told a crowd of some 100 citizens Monday night at the junior high school that the board of trustees has not authorized any new construction in a proposed bond issue.

"They have just said they would look at other options," said Lomax, as a meeting to discuss needed improvements at the junior high school concluded.

Lomax's statements came after local businessman Mike Dennis proposed that the district, "walk away from elementary school buildings that are at least 50-years-old."

Dennis proposed building two new elememtary schools, one at the East Elementary site and one at the West Elementary location.

"Instead of spending $15 million for renovation, I propose spending $20 million and have two new elementary schools," said Dennis.

He added that all planned renovations at Snyder High School and the junior high would be made, plus, a new competition gym for the district could be built at the junior high school.

"The number of campuses would drop from five to two," said Dennis. "And the savings of operating three fewer campuses could pay the difference between renovating and new construction.

"I believe this is best for the long run in Snyder. I don't think repairing 50-year-old buildings is the right thing to do."

Dennis said he believes the architectual report that found the buildings are "structurally sound" at the present.

"But what about 20 or 30 years from now?" said Dennis. "No one can say they will even be standing."

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Central forum, trustee meeting scheduled tonight

Snyder ISD trustees get a late start on their monthly meeting tonight as it won't begin until after architects meet with citizens at Central Elementary.

That meeting, to discuss needed improvements at the 50-year-old building, is set for 6 o'clock, while trustees will convene at 8.

Among the major action items are the approval of contract extensions for teachers, adoption of the school calendar for 1998-99 and the approval of First Southwest and Bond Counsel as the school's financial advisor for a bond issue.

That action will come after a workshop with representatives of the firm.

Trustees will also have a workshop with representatives of BGR Architects-Engineers concerning the proposed bond issue.

In other matters, the board will adopt textbooks recommended by the district's textbook committee, consider approval of a Texas Education Agency waiver application for three additional staff development days for next year and elect members to the board of directors for the Region 14 Education Service Center.

Trustees will also acknowledge recent grants the district has received and an award presented to Mary Ann Juarez from the Texas Parent Coordinating Council.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's okay to play with the IRS — but only if you play by their rules."

It's that time of year again, the annual trip back through cancelled checks hoping to find something that's deductible.

Taxpayers are finding more checks, but fewer writeoffs. What used to be ain't no more. And the Infernal Revenue people are laughing "Gotcha."

We're not sure who understands the tax code. Sen. Lauch Faircloth of North Carolina put it this way: "Our tax code is incomprehensible to all but a few tax attorneys who make a living off the current chaos created by tax laws."

Sen. John Breaux recently received an award from the Tax Foundation, a non-profit research organization.

On accepting the award, he recalled that after graduation from law school, he filled out his first income tax form.

"It was returned because it was filled out inaccurately. Now I'm writing the tax laws. That's frightening, isn't it?"

All she wanted was a deduction for working at home.

New York police arrived at the home of a woman who was promptly arrested after investigators found 195 marijuana plants growing in a special room.

She had claimed an income tax deduction for space used for growing plants for medicinal purposes.

She probably also learned that the pint bottle of "cough medicine" can't be written off, either.

According to wire reports:

During the blizzard that paralyzed the northeastern U.S., a woman braved snow drifts to walk to the local post office in order to make sure her quarterly estimated tax payment was received by the IRS' deadline.

When she arrived at the post office, an employee informed her that the Infernal Revenue Service had extended the deadline because of the miserable weather conditions.

The taxpayer's identification: the mother of a high-ranking IRS official.

ASK US

Q—I made a donation to the girl's softball league and now I am told that the league has not started its fund-raiser. What's going on?

A—According to officials with the local softball association, players from C-City have solicited in Snyder.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 45 degrees; low, 20; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 21; no precipitation; total for 1998, 3.63 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 25-30. S wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High 45-50. SW wind 5-15 mph early, NE 10-20 mph.



Teresa Egan
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 6:48 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.
Of 68 days in 1998, the sun has shone 66 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I am more and more convinced that our happiness or unhappiness depends far more on the way we meet the events of life than on the nature of those events themselves.

Wilhelm Von Humbolt

MARCH 10 1998

Gov. Bush undecided about running for U.S. president

MARLIN (AP) — George W. Bush gazes out his airplane window at a patchwork of farms spread out like a Texas-size quilt. He shakes his head and grins his father's crooked grin at a questioner. "It's impossible not to think about 2000," Bush says. "It's all I ever hear."

"Do I want to be president? Am I going to run?" the Texas governor says, repeating questions posed to him throughout this daylong campaign swing. "But I'm not going to fall into that trap."

Yet for all his coy denials, this is a velvet trap. Bush's blue eyes sparkle as he says, "I could win, you know."

Bush has not decided whether to seek the presidency, but many Republicans consider him the early favorite. He is flattered by the attention. And this son of a president is intrigued by the notion of expanding his family's legacy.

"I think I've assumed the mantle," said Bush, discussing his rapid rise from a father's campaign lieutenant to a national political figure in his own right.

For now, Bush, 51, is focused on winning a second term. Though the state has a long history of deposing incumbent state executives, Bush will easily win Tuesday's GOP primary and leads his Democratic opponent by as much as 50 percentage points in the polls. He's raised $13 million.

He won't take re-election for granted, not after watching his father's popularity plunge from Gulf War highs in 1991 to an Election Day loss in 1992.

"Anybody named George Bush knows there's no sure thing in politics," said state Sen. David Sibley of Waco, Texas, a longtime friend.

The loss left the younger Bush embittered, especially at the media's treatment of his father and brothers. Yet he says the prospect of intense scrutiny won't be what keeps him out of a presidential race.

He has dealt with his demons.

He drank his last drop of alcohol during his 40th birthday binge. "I was drinking too much alcohol and it was consuming my time and energy," he said. About this time, Billy Graham "rekindled religion" in his life.

"I think all of us have a little sin in our system," Bush said. He talked about the advantages he had in life — a solid family, a good education, a ton of money.

His interviewer wondered if Bush could survive the inevitable search for skeletons. "Yup," Bush says with no hesitation. An awkward mention of President Clinton's troubles ensues.

"Have I been faithful to my wife? Yes," he said.

How about dope, another Clinton trip wire. Raising his eyebrows, Bush says with a grin, "As governor?"

Bush figures he can be playful because he has never run from his wilder days. "I did some irresponsible things when I was young and irresponsible," he likes to say.

His face is younger, less angular, but he looks a lot like his old man. He is cracking jokes, swapping stories and talking sports. A few minutes later, he approaches a smiling elementary school student and blurts, "Phonics works, dude!"

He presents a striking contrast to an earlier version of himself, a man remembered in Washington as a hard-nosed 1992 operative with a short fuse. Bush has mellowed in office, according to friends and adversaries alike.

"There's a big difference between being a lieutenant and being a general," Bush explained. "It's a different role. Mine is now to lead."

His leadership produced a $1 billion tax cut, tough-love juvenile justice reform and a high-profile campaign to whittle down illiteracy rates. Bush is seeking re-election with a tightly focused agenda: education and cultural stewardship.

"We must address the fundamental problem facing Texas and America today: a culture that says, 'If it feels good do it, and blame somebody else if you've got a problem,'" he told the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

Bush says he won't be accused, like his father, of a lack of purpose. "I've got the vision thing," he said, a riff on his father's tortured syntax.

He sees himself as a "compassionate conservative" — moderate enough to win a general election, if barely conservative enough to survive the GOP primaries. A visit to a juvenile facility in Marlin underscores the balance.

The no-frills prison houses the state's most troubled boys. They wear orange inmate suits and buzz cuts, talk about their rehabilitation programs and answer questions with a sharp "Yes, sir" or "No, sir."

Sitting elbow-to-elbow with teen-agers facing hard time thanks to his policies, Bush said, "You have something to say to your ol' governor?"

One 15-year-old whispered, "What do you think of me now?" His voice shook with shame.

"I don't think you're a bad person. I just think you took a bad step and the state has given you a chance to learn how to succeed outside here," Bush replied. "But, remember, the proof is in the pudding. I hope you learned your lesson: We're tough in Texas."

He shook Johnny's hand, letting his left palm linger on the boy's shoulder. As he leaves, the iron gates clang shut behind him.

Some conservatives question Bush's commitment to welfare reform, school choice and low taxes. The tax issue is critical to Bush, given his father's failure to keep a "no new taxes" pledge.

Grover Norquist, an anti-tax advocate and GOP operative, said the governor made a "strategic error" by proposing $3 billion in property tax cuts. The plan was to be funded by new taxes and $1 billion in budget surpluses.

The proposal failed, and Bush settled for just the $1 billion surplus-financed tax cut.

"Because of that last name, it is more important for George Bush than any other candidate to get tax cuts right," Norquist said.



Cindy Nix

Musical to come to Ritz

The popular musical, "Always Patsy Cline," based on true events from the country singer's life, will be staged at the Ritz Theatre on March 27-29 and April 3-5.

Cindy Nix, local singer and veteran country music performer, will portray and sing the role of Patsy Cline. Gale Northcott, veteran comedienne of Ritz productions, will play the role of Louise, Patsy's devoted friend.

Others in the cast make up the live band called the Bodacious Bobcats. Johnna Babb as Johnna Bob plays the keyboard, Ross Preston as Jay Bob plays lead guitar. Matt Preston as Jim Bob plays rhythm guitar, Charles Dunn as Billy Bob plays the bass guitar, and Paul Glover as Bob Bob plays the drums.

Music in the show includes 20 plus songs that were Patsy Cline's favorites, including "Back In My Baby's Arms," "Anytime," "I Fall To Pieces," "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky-Tonk Angels," "Love Sick Blues," "Crazy," "Seven Lonely Days," "Blue Moon of Kentucky," and more.

The box office will be open from 2-5 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning March 16 and continuing April 3. Season ticket holders may call for reservations Thursday and Friday, March 12-13. Call 573-8880 or come by the ticket window. Tickets are $7.

The music director is Cindy Nix and the technical director is Ellie Dryden. Sponsors for this Ritz production include Pennzoil, Patterson Drilling, Reef Chemical, Pool Well Servicing and B.J. Services.

Pleads guilty

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — A baby sitter pleaded guilty to manslaughter Monday for leaving a toddler to die in a hot van while she played video poker.

Terri Lynn Revere, 44, could be imprisoned for up to 40 years at her sentencing hearing in May. She changed her plea to guilty as jury selection in her trial was about to get underway.

Iowa is the 29th state.

Law enforcement, Internet companies team up on tipline

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Law enforcement and Internet leaders teamed up Monday to start a national tipline aimed at helping parents easily report attempts to abuse their children by people the children encounter in cyberspace.

FBI Director Louis Freeh and America Online chief executive Steve Case were among the speakers at a news conference coordinated by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, which will staff the tipline. Also appearing was Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who, along with Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., helped arrange a 50 percent federal grant for the $600,000 project.

All agreed that as innocent children cruise the Internet, they are increasingly becoming prey for child pornographers and other exploiters.

The tipline contains a form that standardizes incident reporting and forwards the information to the FBI, the U.S. Customs Service, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and local law enforcement officials.

"We always used to tell our kids, 'Don't talk to strangers when you're out playing in the playground. Don't accept candy from anybody who may offer it to you.' Today, the stranger, unfortunately, can come into the house," Gregg said.

The tipline, he said, will help parents serve as "lifeguards on the Internet."

Det. James McLaughlin of the Keene, N.H., police said he no longer spends his day in a patrol car. Instead, he sits in front of a computer monitor and investigates Internet exploitation.

McLaughlin said that when he first went into an online chat room pretending to be a 13-year-old girl, he got so many responses that his computer froze. He has since traced child pornography to Iceland, China and Canada. Since June, he has helped coordinate 60 arrests alleging Internet exploitation.

"It quickly became apparent that it wasn't a local problem, it wasn't a state problem or a national problem but, indeed, a global problem," McLaughlin said.

All involved said the tipline is just one more tool to fight Internet exploitation. The most important safeguard, according to several speakers, is a wary parent.

The CyberTipline can be reached either through the Internet or the phone at www.missingkids.com/cybertip, or at 1-800-843-5678.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Manager Struggles to Keep Office Running on Time

DEAR ABBY: I am the manager of a five-person office. The office hours are supposed to be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with an hour (from noon to 1 p.m.) for lunch.

Three of the staff members are older than I am, so it's uncomfortable for me to correct them. The problem is that two of them always come in late. One of them (I'll call her Betty) comes in from 20 to 40 minutes late almost daily, but she leaves at the stroke of 5, regardless. The other (I'll call her Sue) adjusts her hours and stays late to make up the time.

I have a different kind of problem with "Jan." She refuses to listen when I ask her not to drink or eat near the computer. She becomes defensive when I remind her.

Abby, please help me to resolve these sticky situations. Is there a tactful way to get Betty and Sue to arrive on time, and to get Jan to confine her eating to the lunchroom?

IGNORED IN ATLANTA

DEAR IGNORED: Ask your boss to put the office policies in writing, which may make them easier for you to enforce. Keep in mind that you were made the office manager for a reason, and that these are business relationships — not friendships. Then, with a clear conscience, do the job you were hired to do.

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DEAR ABBY: I was disappointed by your answer to the 18-year-old "crazy and confused" mother who was considering giving her 1-year-old son to a couple at church. You should have encouraged her to exhaust every other option before giving away her child. There are many groups that would help her — such as the church or social services or volunteers in her community.

As a mother of three, I know the early years are hard — especially for a girl that young. But it does get easier, and when the children are in grade school, she could go back to school or work to improve her financial situation.

I'm sure she will regret it deeply if she gives away her child.

JOANNE B. IN FRANKLIN, MASS.

DEAR JOANNE: Your letter is only one in a stack of letters I have received from readers who disagreed with my answer.

However, I stand by my answer. Only the young mother knows what she can handle, and she said in her letter that she is unable not only to support two children financially, she is unable to give her boy the love and care he needs. Since she has found a family at church who will love and cherish him, I think she's doing the right thing. If more people chose that path, there might be fewer abused or neglected children.

Read on for another view:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your reply supporting the 18-year-old girl in making an adoptive plan for her son. Our beautiful 1-year-old baby girl, "Katie," joined our family through open adoption, making a situation of loss — infertility for us, an unplanned pregnancy for her birth parents — into a miracle.

In open adoption, the adoptive parents and birth parents work out with a lawyer or agency whatever contact they are both comfortable with. With our fully open adoption, we see Katie's birth mom twice a month (which is as much our wish as hers), and her extended family as well. Our baby has another whole branch of family to love her, and they've been able to go on with their lives without regret, being able to see for themselves that Katie is the most loved, cared-for child in the world.

Abby, please ask your readers to consider "open adoption" when making decisions around adoption or unplanned pregnancies. It can be scary when you first hear about it, but I can tell you in all honesty that it has enriched our lives, our daughter's life, and also her birth mom's. Thank you.

M.L.S., CINCINNATI

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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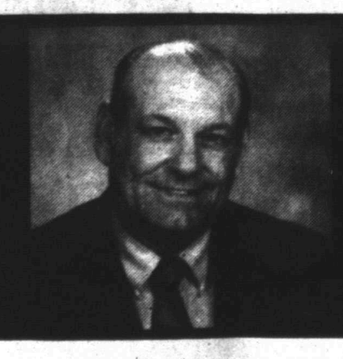
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Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner and Jake
(Contributed Photo)

PD officer, canine visit ABWA meet

Scurry Charter Chapter of ABWA named the woman of the year and had a program by Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner and his dog, Jake, at its February meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Longtime member Betty Boyd, Scurry chapter's Woman of the Year, has been very active in the organization. She was secretary in 1991-92, courtesy chairman for six years and has served on various committees.

Mrs. Boyd owns and manages the Specialty Advertising Business which she started 35 years ago. In addition, she has operated My Custom Video Service for three years.

She sings with the Sunshine Choir at the Senior Center and volunteers at the Noah Project-West. Mrs. Boyd enjoys writing and has poems published in several magazines, and she will be included in the 1998-99 edition of Who's Who in Executives and Professionals, chosen for an article written in an Advertising Trade Journal.

Sgt. Pitner who has been with the Snyder Police Department since 1985, and his dog, Jake, demonstrated how they work as a team to search for drugs. Jake has been with the department 3½ years and another dog is in training. One of their duties is regular visits to the Snyder schools.

Kathy Landes, speech therapist with the SISD, gave the monthly vocational talk.

President Carol Young announced the spring district meeting in Marshall on April 16-17, and the business associate meeting is set for March 26.

Maxie McNew was hostess to 11 members and three guests that included Pitner, Jackie McNew and Ann Gaylean.

Billboard's top recordings

The nation's best-selling recorded music from Billboard magazine is printed with permission. Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; gold signifies more than 500,000 sold.

By The Associated Press

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2. "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion (Sony)
3. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace)(Platinum)
4. "No, No, No," Destiny's Child (Columbia)(Gold)
5. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia)(Gold)
6. "Swing My Way," K.P. & Envy! (Eastwest)(Gold)
7. "Together Again," Janet (Virgin)(Gold)
8. "What You Want," Mase featuring Total (Bad Boy-Arista)(Gold)
9. "Gone Till November," Wyclef Jean (Ruffhouse)(Gold)
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2. "Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music)(Platinum)
3. "Charge It 2 Da Game," Silkk the Shocker (No Limit)
4. "Savage Garden," Savage Garden (Columbia)(Platinum)
5. "'The Wedding Singer' Soundtrack," (Maverick-Warner)
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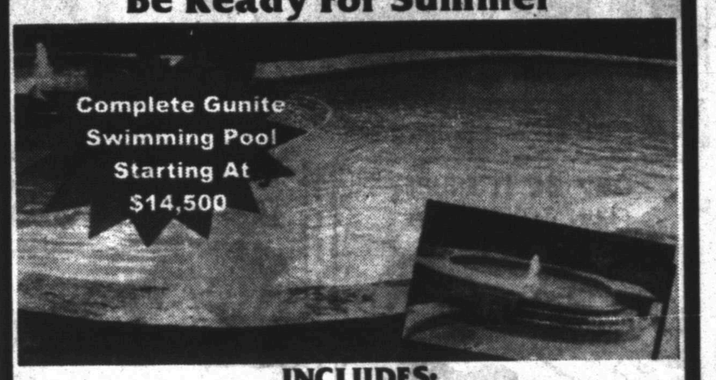
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3. "Bebe Winans," Bebe Winans (Atlantic)
4. "Finally Karen," Karen Clark-Sheard (Island)
5. "Strength," The New Life Community Choir featuring John P. Kee (New Life)
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7. "Live in Detroit," Vickie Winans (CGI)
8. "Donnie McClurkin," Donnie McClurkin (Warner Alliance)
9. "Live in Oakland — Home Again," Daryl Coley with the New Generation Singers Reunion Choir (Verity)
10. "Reflections," O'Landa Draper & The Associates," (Alliance)

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4. "'The Apostle,' Soundtrack," (Rising Tide)
5. "Bebe Winans," Bebe Winans (Atlantic)
6. "Behind The Eyes," Amy Grant (Myrrh) (Gold)
7. "Greatest Hits," Steven Curtis Chapman (Sparrow)
8. "Shades of Grace," Bob Carlisle (Diadem-Benson)(Platinum)
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	♦ 8 6	
	♣ K 9 7 6 4	
West		East
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♦ Q 9 5 2		♦ K J 10 7 4
♣ Q 5 2		♣ ---
	South	
	♠ A 6 4	
	♥ K 5 2	
	♦ A 3	
	♣ A J 10 8 3	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

One step, two step

By Phillip Alder

Ambrose Bierce, in characteristic fashion, said, "All are lunatics, but he who can analyze his delusions is called a ..." What?

Many (most?) bridge players delude themselves into thinking that they play better than they do. But whatever one's standard, to play well involves analysis. And, strange as it sounds at first, sometimes you can work out the right play from something that did *not* happen. For example, the responder passes his partner's opening bid. You now know he doesn't have six high-card points. That might prove critical.

Which negative inference applies in today's deal? You reach three no-trump by the speedy route. West leads the diamond two. How do you continue?

You have seven top tricks: two spades, two hearts, one diamond and two clubs. Clearly, the only danger is a 3-0 club break and a misguess. If you lose a trick to the club queen, surely the defenders will cash enough diamond tricks to defeat you.

If either defender is void in clubs, who is it?

The key is the opening lead: the diamond *two*. This tells you, assuming West is honest, that he has only four diamonds. Can he be void in clubs? If he is, he must have nine major-suit cards. Surely West would have led from his five-card major rather than his four-card minor. So, East is the only candidate for a club void. Start with the club *ace*. When East discards, your two-step analysis is duly rewarded.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Ladies in Banking," by Nelda Fields and Barbara McGee; hostess, LaDean Rhodes; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

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

Beta Sigma Phi; Brenda Hedges' office; program, "David's Bugs," by WTC professor David Cates; 7 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club, 1910 25th; 7:30 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.

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WEDNESDAY

AARP board meeting; Senior Center; 1 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building on W. 37th; program in oils by Janet Bybel of Levelland; hostess, Karen Rinker; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., break for lunch.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's 10 a.m.

Unreliable van helps trooper's job

WOODBRIDGE, Va. (AP) — A state trooper who watched a minivan swerve and then finally break down on Interstate 95 found more than engine trouble when he stopped to help. Police said he also found 258 pounds of marijuana.

Trooper Doug Brooks said the 1992 Plymouth minivan pulled in front of him Friday afternoon. It almost immediately began weaving as if it had engine trouble and pulled off the road.

When Brooks stopped to help, he noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from the van. The three men inside also appeared nervous, Brooks said, and a subsequent search revealed illegal Cuban cigars and seven garbage bags filled with marijuana.

The three men were charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

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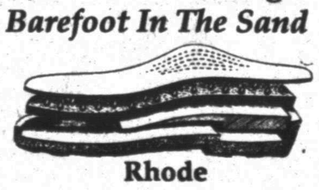
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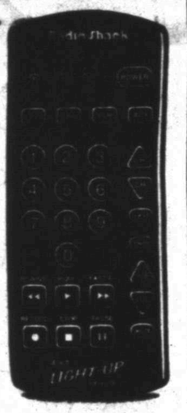
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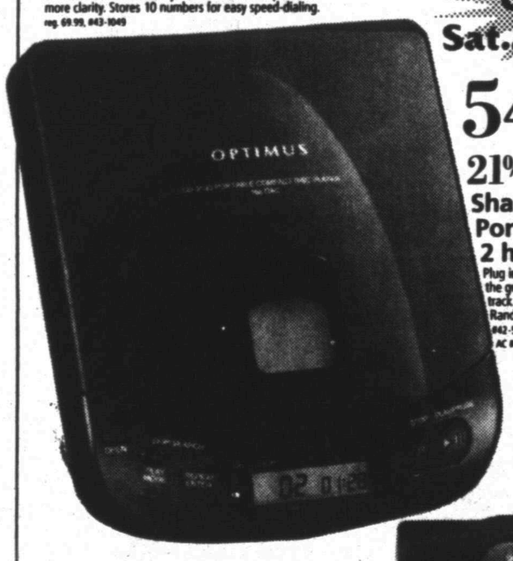
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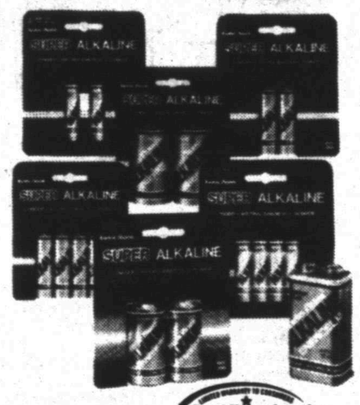
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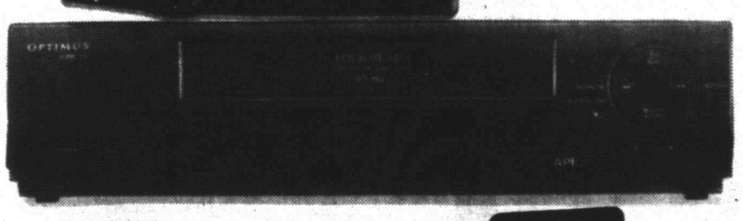




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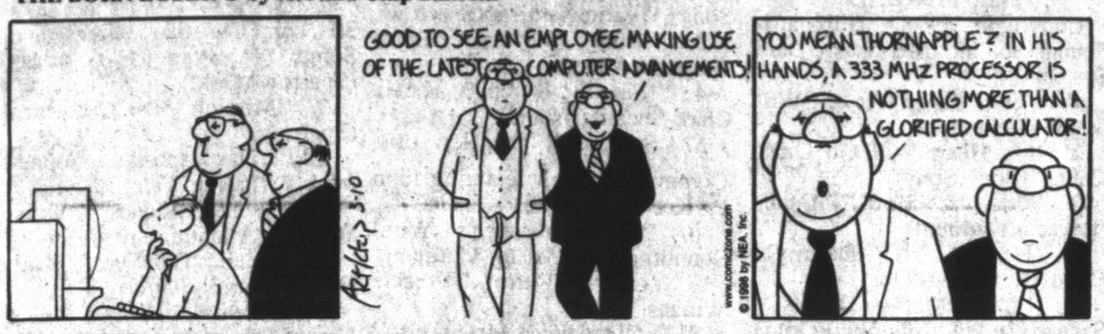
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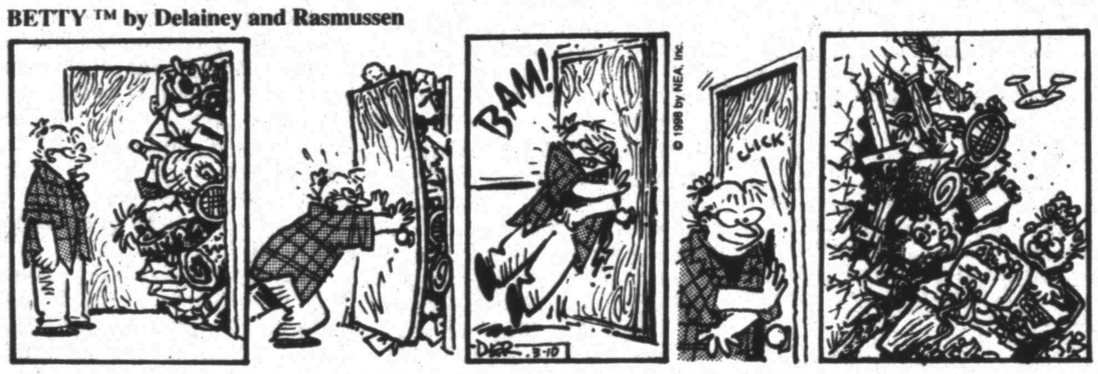
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16 Ideal place
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18 Actress Blyth
20 Lord's wife
21 Boa, e.g.
23 French world
27 Agatha Christie's genre
32 Foreigner
33 Soft drinks
34 Moses' mountain
35 Roman official
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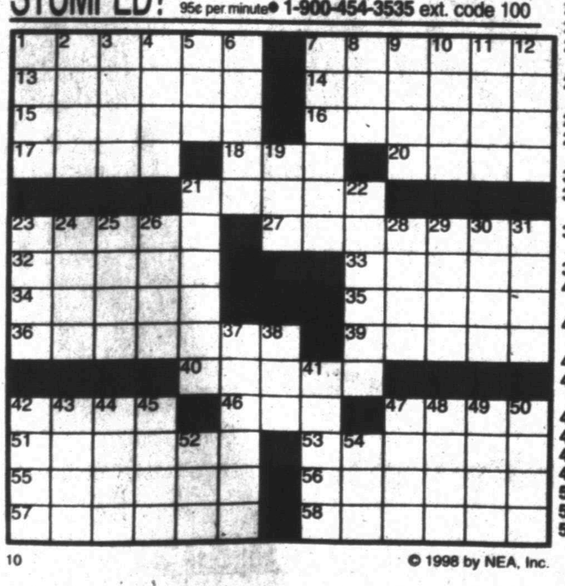
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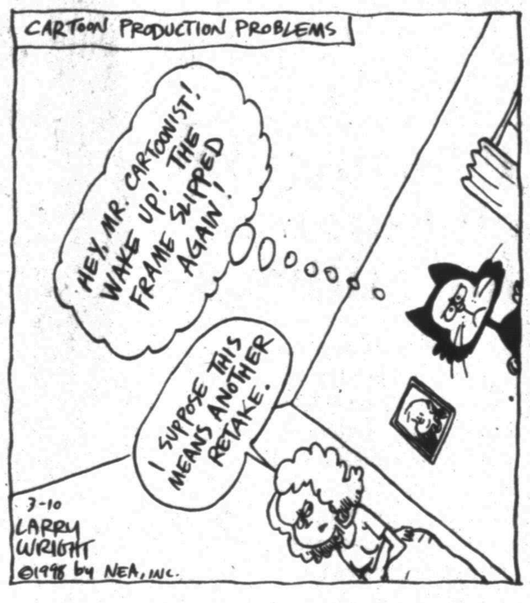
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SPORTS

Tigers tame Bobcats, 3-0

The Tigers had been gunning for San Angelo Central for two years.

Monday they shot the Bobcats down.

Snyder, which hadn't defeated Central since an 11-10 decision in '96, captured a 3-0 victory at Moffett Field.

Clay Berryman overpowered the Bobcats from the mound, striking out eight and giving up only three hits.

"This was a huge win for us," Snyder coach Roland Hererra said. "I can't emphasize enough how well Clay pitched. He was perfect with just about every pitch."

After retiring Central in the top of the first, the Tigers seized a lead in the bottom of the inning that they would never relinquish.

Clay Berryman got on with a single to center, followed by a Kyle Beck walk.

Next-up, David Smith blasted a double, scoring Berryman and advancing Beck to third.

Beck would later score, giving Snyder a 2-0 advantage.

In the second, Sonny Cumbie led off with a base hit to left field.

The Snyder catcher scored later on an error by the Bobcats' first baseman for a 3-0 Tiger lead.

Central's only real threat came in the fifth.

After getting the first two batters out on ground balls, Berryman hit Bobcat right fielder Robert Moreno.

Next, No. 9 hitter Walker Walz knocked a single to right, moving Moreno into scoring position at third.

But Berryman regrouped, fanning the top man in Central's batting order on three consecutive strikes.

The Snyder hurler ended the contest with his final two strikeouts.

With the victory, the Tigers improve to 8-2, heading into the Snyder tournament.

The Tigers match-up with Monahans at 4:30 Thursday in the opening round.

Central	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0
Snyder	2 1 0 0 0 0 0 — 3

Snyder: Beck and Smith, double; Cumbie, two singles; Berryman, Fish and Hernandez, single. Berryman (WP), 7 innings, 0 R, 3 H, 1 BB, 8 SO.



STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SIGN — Snyder High School golf coach Matt Glenn, left, and Cogdell Hospital CEO Jeff Reecer stand beside the sign depicting the 1997 Class 4A girls golf title. CMH purchased and placed the sign north of the pro shop at the Snyder Country Club to show support of Scurry County youth. Team members listed are Alissa Wells, Julie Doolittle, Keisha Gafford, Lacey Kidd, Randi Reed and Daysha Weaver. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

JV trounces Odessa, 13-3

Snyder's JV baseball squad pounded out 15 hits and struck out only three times Monday, as it trounced Odessa High, 13-3.

Josh Ward pitched all five innings for the Tigers, allowing three runs on three hits, two walks and five strike outs.

Bebos Martinez belted two doubles for Snyder, while Wes Wilson knocked three singles.

The Tigers took control early on, posting four runs in each of the first two innings.

Snyder, which improves to 4-2 on the season, will be on the diamond again Thursday for the Frenship tournament. The Tigers face Canyon Randall in the opening round at 1 p.m.

Odessa	0 0 0 2 1 — 3
Snyder	4 4 2 3 - —13

Snyder: Martinez, two doubles; Beck, double; Wilson, three singles; Hester, Jones and Grimmett, two singles; Ward, Gordon and Kerr, single. Ward (WP), 5 innings, 3 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 5 SO.

Astro shortstops battle for roster's starting job

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Houston Astros have good defense and good hitting at shortstop. Unfortunately, the same person doesn't do both jobs.

Tim (The Glove) Bogar showed range and poise but not as much offense last season. He still earned the starting job after coming over from the New York Mets and was working on his hitting this spring.

When Bogar broke his wrist last season, Ricky (The Bat) Gutierrez stepped in as the starter and proved valuable at the plate. He's working hard to improve his defense.

Soon, manager Larry Dierker must choose between offense, defense or a combination of the two.

"I feel like Bogie was our No. 1 shortstop and he played adequately at the end of the year," Dierker said. "Bogie was better defensively but Ricky has come into camp in good and he's planning on making it hard for us (to make a decision) and I hope he does."

Bogar hit .249 in 97 games with the Astros last season with 60 hits and 30 RBIs. He committed six errors.

"I just see it as two guys competing at short," Gutierrez said. "They say he's a glove man and I'm the guy with the bat. "I just came in working hard with my glove but the main thing I need to work on is quickness. My glove is okay but I need to get to the balls."

Gutierrez hit .261 in 102 games last season with 79 hits, 34 RBIs and three homers. He committed eight errors.

"That may be the way they are looking at it (glove vs. bat) but it's not the way I look at it," Bogar said. "We are fortunate to have two guys who can play the position. A lot of teams aren't that fortunate."

Bulldog bats come to life

After an offensive explosion over the weekend, the Ira Bulldogs are looking to stay on a roll.

Ira hosts Coahoma JV today in doubleheader action, beginning at 4 p.m.

The Bulldogs toppled Abilene Christian High, 8-2, Friday before drubbing Grape Creek JV, 23-1, on Saturday.

Ira pitcher Jerek Brown and catcher Jenson Gainer teamed up to keep Grape Creek batters guessing all game long.

Brown surrendered only four hits and helped himself out from the plate.

The Bulldog hurler blasted a three-run homer in the first to open the flood gates.

Brown and Drew Wall went 4 for 5 on the day, with Gainer going 3 for 3.

"Our entire line-up from top to bottom hit the ball extremely well," Ira coach Joee Gainer said. "The kids played an excellent ball-game in the field, also. Things are starting to come together for us."

Lady Tiger JV notches 12-stroke tourney win

Jenny Chandler fired a 91 Monday at Western Texas College, powering the Lady Tiger junior varsity to a 12-stroke victory in the Snyder JV golf tournament.

Snyder's boys posted a 404 total to claim seventh place.

The Lady Tigers' 383 bested second-place San Angelo Lake View (395) and third-place Lubbock Coronado (487).

Snyder's Kara Harrison carded a 96, while Casey Blackard shot 97. Leslie Mitchell registered a 99 and Amber Rich came in with a 103.

Competing individually for the Lady Tigers were Stephanie Alderete and Sally Barham. Alderete fired a 92 and Barham posted a 106.

For the Tigers, Jason Dennis led the way with a 94. Jason French turned in a 95 and Matt Coronado a 99. David Beard and Lyndell Lee both carded a 116.

First place in the boys division went to Lubbock Monterey (346) with Coronado (354) nabbing the runner-up spot. San Angelo Central was third with a 365.

Both Snyder squads will be back on the links Monday at Levelland.

Newson rallies Rangers

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (A) — Warren Newson's two-run single capped a three-run ninth inning Monday as the Texas Rangers rallied to beat a Detroit Tigers split squad 10-9.

Texas trailed 9-7 when Joe Hall doubled off Dan Crow to start the bottom of the ninth. Rob Sasser hit an RBI double with one out and Warren Morris drew a two-out walk, bringing up Newson.

Texas starter Darren Oliver allowed seven hits and five runs in 3 2-3 innings. Todd Van Poppel pitched a scoreless ninth.

Greg Keagle started for the Tigers, allowing three hits and no runs in three innings.

Local Sports Schedule

Today

Softball: Snyder varsity at San Angelo Lake View, 6 p.m.; Snyder JV at Frenship, 5 p.m.

Softball: Haskell at Hermleigh, 4:45.

Baseball: Coahoma JV at Ira, doubleheader, 4 p.m.

State Basketball Tournament Results

Thursday's Games

Class A
Goodnight (32-4) vs. Gruver (22-12) — 8:30 a.m.
Moulton (36-2) vs. Lipan (31-6) — 10 a.m.

Class 3A
Clarksville (31-5) vs. Stafford (27-7) — 2 p.m.
Tulia (35-0) vs. Crockett (25-7) — 3:30 p.m.

Class 4A
Lamesa (32-3) vs. Houston Waltrip (31-3) 7 p.m.
Waco Univ. (34-3) vs. Highland Park (32-3) 8:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Class 2A
Krum (35-1) vs. Beckville (32-4) 9:30 a.m.
Little River Academy (35-1) vs. Lockney (19-6) 11 a.m.

Class 5A
Midland (34-2) vs. Pearland (29-8) 3 p.m.
San Antonio Taft (34-4) vs. Round Rock Westwood (31-6) 7 p.m.

Saturday's Championship Games
Class 1A - 9 a.m.
Class 3A - 10:30 a.m.
Class 2A - 2:30 p.m.
Class 4A - 4 p.m.
Class 5A - 8 p.m.

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Teams	W	L
The Shack	83	43
Reef Chemical	72	54
Bar-H-Bar	70	56
Stooges	68	58
Stephens Office	64	62
Eddins-Walcher	53½	72½
P&P Longhorns	47½	78½
Whit's Auto	46	80

High series scratch: Roger Pavlik, 560.
High series handicap: David Hoops, 628.
High game scratch: Harold Kornegay, 233.
High game handicap: Bob Motley, 242.
Splits and special mentions: Charlie Collins, 4-5-7; Greg Hodge, 2-10; Mark Glasscock, 6-8; Whit Parks, 4-5; Don Pavlovsky, 3-10.

Jack & Jill

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Teams	W	L
House of Antieks	66	38
Musslewhite	58	46
Stephens Office	57½	46½
Landes Storage	56	48
Stone Welding	51½	52½
J.C. Wells Drilling	49	55
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Just in Time	46	58
York Transport	44	60
KSNY	43	61

High series scratch: Jeff Smith, 529.
High series handicap: Penni Coffee, 590.
High game scratch: Daphne Thompson, 200.
High game handicap: Jerry Surratt, 229.
Splits and special mentions: Daphne Thompson, 2-7; Mark Thompson, Dennis Snyder and Brenda Hook, 3-10; Lionel Crisp, 5-10; Joel Hook, 5-6; Robert Coffey, 3-9-10; Tom Seabourn, 3-5-10; Jeff Smith, 3-10, 4-7-10.

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Baze Gun Repair	61½	42½
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High series scratch: Wanda Johnson, 530.
High series handicap: Sherry Walker, 620.
High game scratch: Donna Smith, 199.
High game handicap: Georgie Tarver, 232.
Splits and special mentions: Daphne Thompson and Setsuko Jones, 2-7; Alma Posey, 4-5; Georgie Tarver, 3-10; Cara Lindsey, 2-7(2), 5-10; Wanda Johnson, 224, 530.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	43	19	.694	-
NewYork	34	26	.567	8
NewJersey	33	29	.532	10
Orlando	32	29	.525	10½
Washington	32	30	.516	11
Boston	29	32	.475	13½
Philadelphia	21	39	.350	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	45	16	.738	-
Indiana	43	18	.705	2
Charlotte	38	23	.623	7
Atlanta	36	24	.600	8½
Cleveland	32	29	.525	13
Milwaukee	29	30	.492	15
Detroit	27	34	.443	18
Toronto	13	47	.217	31½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	44	16	.733	-
SanAntonio	41	20	.672	3½
Minnesota	32	29	.525	12½
Houston	30	31	.492	14½
Vancouver	15	45	.250	29
Dallas	13	48	.213	31½
Denver	5	57	.081	40

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	46	15	.754	-
L.A.Lakers	42	18	.700	3½
Phoenix	40	21	.656	6
Portland	34	25	.576	11
Sacramento	26	37	.413	21
GoldenState	14	47	.230	32
L.A.Clippers	13	48	.213	33

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Monday's Games
Orlando 88, Philadelphia 78
Phoenix 134, L.A. Clippers 105
Utah 100, Houston 93
Golden State 93, Sacramento 88

Tuesday's Games
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	39	16	8	86	182	125
Philadelphia	32	20	9	73	178	142
Washington	28	24	11	67	174	166
N.Y.Rangers	19	27	17	55	155	171
N.Y.Islanders	22	32	8	52	162	174
Florida	18	32	12	48	148	182
TampaBay	13	41	9	35	121	206

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	32	18	14	78	182	151
Montreal	30	25	7	67	180	159
Boston	26	23	13	65	157	148
Buffalo	25	22	14	64	154	146
Ottawa	25	28	10	60	143	156
Carolina	25	30	7	57	155	172

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	38	15	10	86	187	124
Detroit	34	17	13	81	191	146
St.Louis	36	22	8	80	200	156
Phoenix	24	27	12	60	170	179
Chicago	24	28	11	59	154	154
Toronto	21	33	8	50	147	181

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	33	17	16	82	195	160
LosAngeles	29	22	11	69	180	164
Edmonton	24	30	10	58	164	184
SanJose	25	30	7	57	155	166
Calgary	19	32	12	50	166	194
Anaheim	20	34	9	49	149	193
Vancouver	19	35	10	48	177	227

Monday's Games
Washington 5, Calgary 2
Montreal 6, Florida 1
New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 2, tie
Edmonton 4, Chicago 3, OT
Tampa Bay 2, Colorado 1
St. Louis 4, Vancouver 0
San Jose 3, Toronto 2
Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 3, OT

Tuesday's Games
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Calgary at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

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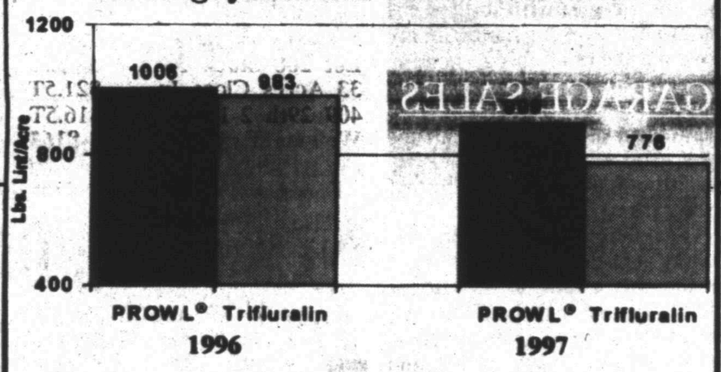
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Bomb suspect's brother severs his hand with saw

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The brother of the man wanted in the first fatal bombing of a U.S. abortion clinic has cut off his hand, the FBI said.

South Carolina television stations, citing police sources, reported that Daniel Rudolph videotaped himself Sunday intentionally severing his hand with a circular saw.

Jim Rumchak, the agent in charge of the FBI office in Charleston, refused to comment Monday on any details or motive. Police also declined to comment.

"I don't know what was in his mind," Rumchak said. "I have no idea why he would do what he did, and it's certainly unfortunate and regrettable.

"I don't see where our contacts with him would have forced him to have this kind of incident occur."

Eric Rudolph, 31, is a suspect in the Jan. 29 bombing at the New Woman All Women Clinic in Birmingham, Ala., which killed an off-duty policeman and severely injured a nurse. Authorities believe he may be hiding in the forested mountains near his Murphy, N.C., home.

Local law officers witness a relatively quiet Monday

After a busy weekend weather-wise, local law enforement personnel had a relatively quiet Monday.

Officers arrested a 35-year-old male at Municipal Court at 10:43 a.m. on outstanding city warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear. The man chose to go to jail to lay out his fines on the warrants.

In other activity, Chris Thornhill requested an officer at 5305 Trinity Blvd. as someone had damaged a set of double doors on the south side of a building with a vehicle. Officers filed an offense report for Class B criminal mischief.

A clerk at Skinny's on 37th Street told officers at 2 p.m. that someone had failed to pay for $13.70 worth of gas.

Officers were called to the 1300 block of 23rd Street at 4:51 p.m. as a person said juveniles were shooting BB guns toward a residence.

An offense report for barking dogs was submitted at 5:51 p.m. as a person complained of the animals in the 2600 block of Avenue B.

A person called the sheriff's office shortly after 10 p.m. in reference to drag racers on the Clairemont Highway.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMRCorp	141¼	138¾	139	15-16+1 9-16
AT&T	62 15-16	62 3-16	62 11-16	+1 7-16
AirTouch	43¾	43 1-16	43 7-16+	⅛
Albertsons	52¾	51¾	52 3-16+	7-16
AlldSignal	42 9-16	42 3-16	42 7-16+	5-16
Alltel	48¾	47¾	47¾+	3-16
AmerOnline	126 7-16	124¾	124¾+	1¾
AmOnline wi	63¾	62¼	62 15-16	+15-16
AmStoress	25¾	25¾	25 7-16	
Ameritech s	44 11-16	44 1-16	44¾-	1-16
Amoco	84	83¼	83½-	⅜
AndarkPtr	63¼	62 13-16	63 7-16+	¼
AnmcoInc	5¼	5 1-16	5 1-16-	3-16
AtlRichfld s	75 15-16	75 3-16	75¾-	⅜
ATMOS Egy	29¼	29¼	29¾-	5-16
Aviall	15¾	15 5-16	15 5-16-	1-16
BakerHughes	38¼	37¼	37 11-16-	⅜
BellAtl	94¼	93¾	94 3-16+	3-16
BellSouth	61 5-16	60¾	61 +	3-16
BethSteel	11¾	11 3-16	11 5-16+	1-16
BritPet s	82¼	80 11-16	82¾+	1 5-16
BurlNoSFe	103¾	103¼	103¾-	⅜
CBS Corp	31 7-16	31¼	31 5-16+	¼
Caterpillar s	53 7-16	52¼	53¾+	⅜
CenSoW	27 1-16	26 13-16	26 15-16+	1-16
Chevron	82 5-16	81¾	82 +	1-16
Chrysler	41 9-16	40¾	41 5-16+	⅜
Coastal	64 7-16	64	64 -	3-16
CocaCola	72 15-16	72 9-16	72¾+	3-16
ColgatePalm s	87¼	85 15-16	86½-	¼
ComclMetals	32¼	32¾	32¼-	3-16
CooperIn	59¼	58¾	59 +	⅜
CyprusAmax	17¾	17¾	17¾	
DallSemicn	41¼	41	41¼+	5-16
DeltaAirl	120 9-16	119 7-16	120¾+	1 3-16
DigitalEq	50¾	49 13-16	49 13-16+	1-16
Dillards Inc	36¼	36	36¾+	⅜
DowChem	91 5-16	90¾	91¼+	⅜
DresserInd	44 5-16	43¾	44 3-16-	3-16
DuPont s	64 1-16	63 5-16	63 5-16-	⅜
EstmnChm	66 1-16	65 9-16	65¾-	1-16
EstKodak	64 1-16	62¾	63 3-16-	9-16
EDS Corp	43¾	42¾	42¾-	3-16
Entergy	28¾	28 5-16	28¾	
Exxon	63 3-16	62¾	62 15-16+	7-16
FstBksAm	23¾	23¼	23¾	
Flowers s	25 11-16	25¼	25¾-	⅜
FordMotor	60 3-16	59 9-16	60 3-16+	⅜
GTE Cp	55 1-16	54 9-16	54 13-16+	1-16
GenDynam	87¼	86 15-16	87¾-	1-16
GenlElecs	79¾	79	79 3-16+	11-16
GenMills	71 13-16	71 3-16	71 13-16+	⅜
GenMotors	73 5-16	72¾	73 1-16+	⅜
GaPacGP s	64¼	64 7-16	64¾+	13-16
GlobalMar	23¼	22¾	22 15-16-	¼
Goodrich	50¾	50 7-16	50¾+	5-16
Goodyear s	69 7-16	68¾	69¾+	⅜
GtAtlPac	31 3-16	30¾	30¾-	½
Halliburtn s	46¼	45 9-16	46¼+	⅜
Hanson ADS	27¼	27 5-16	27¼+	5-16
HarteHanks	42¼	42¼	42¼+	⅜
HomeDepot s	68¼	67	68 1-16+	1 11-16
HoustonInds	26 13-16	26 9-16	26¾+	⅜
IBM s	97 11-16	97	97¾+	1
IntlPaper	50¾	50	50 3-16+	⅜
JohnsonJn	75¾	74 9-16	75 1-16+	⅜
K mart	16¾	16 3-16	16 13-16+	9-16
Kroger s	44¾	44 11-16	44 13-16-	⅜
Litton	62¼	61 7-16	61 13-16+	⅜
LockhdMart	115	113	113 -	3
Lowes Cos	68¼	67 13-16	68¾+	1¾
Lubys	17 13-16	17¾	17 9-16-	1-16
LucentTech	109 13-16	108 7-16	109¾+	1¾
Lucentwi	55 3-16	54¼	55 3-16+	1 1-16
MayDeptStrs	64 11-16	64¼	64 9-16-	1-16
Medtro	51 13-16	51 1-16	51 13-16+	13-16
Mobils	71 15-16	71 7-16	71 13-16+	1
Monsanto	50¾	50	50¾+	7-16
MorganJP	122 5-16	121	121¾-	9-16
Motorola	53 9-16	53¼	53 5-16+	¼
NCR Corp	33¼	31 13-16	33 +	1¾
NationsBk	69¼	68 13-16	69 1-16+	⅜
Navistar	33¾	32 7-16	33 +	⅜
Norwests	43 7-16	42 15-16	43¼+	5-16
OryxEngy	24¼	24¼	24 5-16+	1-16
Penney JC	75 1-16	74½	74¾+	¼
Pennzoil	67 3-16	66¾	66¾-	1-16
PepBoys	26 7-16	26 3-16	26¾+	3-16
PepsiCo	39¾	39 7-16	39 9-16+	5-16
PhelpDodge	68¼	67½	67½-	½
PhilipPet	49¼	48 13-16	49¼+	⅜
PilgrmPrd	14¼	13¾	14¼+	9-16
Polaroid	45 5-16	45 3-16	45¼+	⅛
Praxair	47	46¾	46 13-16+	1-16
ProctGamb s	85 15-16	85¼	85¾+	⅜
PubSNwMx	22¼	22 9-16	22¾	
RoyalDut s	53¼	52 15-16	53¾-	⅛
SBC Comm	78¼	77¼	77¾-	½
SBC Comm wi	39	39	39 +	⅛
SaraLee	57 5-16	57	57¼+	3-16
Scripps EW	53¾	53 11-16	53¾+	⅛
SearsRoeb	58 9-16	57¼	58¼+	7-16
SherwinW	34 9-16	34¼	34¼+	1-16
SouthBc	66 15-16	66 7-16	66 13-16+	7-16
SouthernCo	26 3-16	26	26 1-16+	⅜
SwstAirl s	30 13-16	30¾	30½+	3-16
Sprint	69¼	68¾	68¾-	⅜
SunCo	40 15-16	40¼	40 15-16+	⅛
TNP Ent	32¼	31 9-16	32¼+	⅛
Tandy s	45¼	44 15-16	45 5-16+	5-16
TempleInland	61¼	60 13-16	61¾+	11-16
Tenneco	43	42¾	42 13-16	
Texaco s	57	56 3-16	56 11-16+	15-16
TexInd	55¾	54 11-16	55 1-16+	⅜
TexasInst s	54¼	52¾	52¾-	½
TexUtil	39¾	39¾	39¾-	½
Textron s	73 11-16	73 5-16	73 7-16	-3-16
Travelers s	57¼	56¼	56 11-16	+1 3-16
TriconGb	28¾	28 9-16	28 11-16-	1-16
TrinityInds	52 5-16	52	52¼+	3-16
TritonEngy	31¾	31 3-16	31¾+	⅜
Tyler	7 13-16	7¾	7 13-16-	1-16
US WestCm	54	53 9-16	53 9-16+	3-16
USWstM	33 13-16	33 1-16	33 11-16+	1¼
USX-Marathn	35 1-16	34 13-16	34¾+	⅜
USX-USS	38 1-16	37 7-16	37¾+	⅜
UnCarbde	46¼	46¼	46¾+	⅜
UnionPacif	50 11-16	50¾	50 11-16+	7-16
UnitedTech	91	90¾	90 13-16+	⅛
Unocal	37¼	36¾	37 5-16+	⅜
WalMart	52¼	51¾	52	+11-16
WstnGas	17 5-16	17 1-16	17 5-16+	3-16
WinnDixie	55 13-16	55 3-16	55 13-16+	¾
Woolworth	24 5-16	24 1-16	24 1-16-	⅛
Xerox Corp	94¾	92¾	94	+1 7-16
ZenithE	6¾	6 1-16	6¾+	1-16

Births

Nathan and Maggie Souder of Snyder are parents of a son, Nathan Allen Souder Jr., born at 3:59 a.m. on March 5 in Mitchell County Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 13 ounces.

His grandparents are Shorty and Janie Salinas of Snyder and Jess and Joan Souder of Rogersville, Mo. Great-grandparents are Bill and Betty Souder and Domingo Trejo, all of Snyder.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dora Guerrero, Bobbie Marchel, Donna Mills, Horace Pruett, Annie Wasson, Sally Avila, Flora Gladson, Eva Hester, Alfred Leib, Triston Lopez, Timothy Wright.

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Workers to decide whether Saturn experiment is failure

SPRING HILL, Tenn. (AP) — The 7,200 workers in General Motors Corp.'s Saturn factory decide this week whether to give their ambitious labor-management experiment more time, or become just another car company.

Workers will vote Tuesday and Wednesday on whether to adopt the traditional contract that governs the Big Three automakers' 400,000 other workers.

A "no" vote means sticking with Saturn's "risk-and-reward" pay program, in which employees average about 12 percent less in salary but can add to their base pay by hitting efficiency, training and other targets.

Stephen Hoek, a technician on the assembly line since 1993, said he likes Saturn's team approach and plans to vote against a change.

"I'll be surprised if anything changes," he said outside the headquarters of United Auto Workers Local 1853 on Monday. "I think most people like it just the way it is — the Saturn way."

In earlier years, bonuses hit $10,000 and Saturn workers made about $4,000 more than GM's other workers. But last year, because fewer cars were made, they made about $4,000 under their GM counterparts.

Since the first Saturn came off the line in 1990, advertising campaigns have touted "a new kind of car company" with a cheerful and contented work force.

The Saturn way is a team approach in the factory, a no-haggle pricing policy on the sales floor and a reputation for premium customer service.

But beginning in 1996, the market for small cars started shrinking as gasoline prices decreased and demand grew for sport utility vehicles and light trucks. Saturn cut production last year when sales dropped almost 10 percent, and the company lowered prices on its 1998 models to try to spur sales.

Last month, Saturn also cut the goal that helps determine this year's bonuses from 310,000 cars to 280,000 and set the maximum payout for production and quality goals at $5,000.

Some workers are angry that two years ago Saturn ignored their suggestion to develop its own line of sports utility vehicle. Today, Honda and Toyota have hot-selling versions and Saturn is considering the product for 2002.

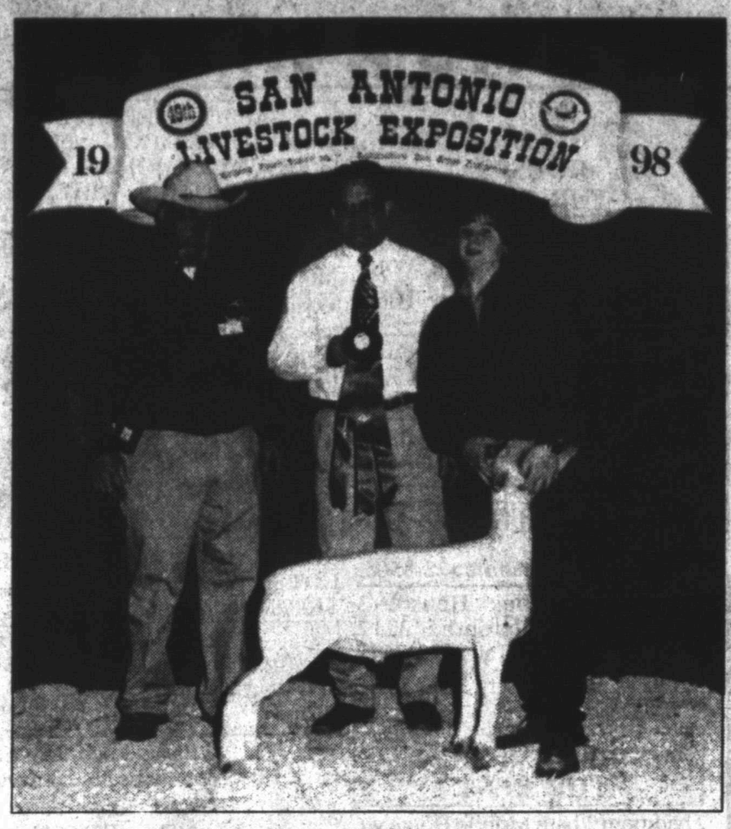
Last month, workers voted to hold the referendum. In 1992, the only other time the contract went before workers, 80 percent voted to keep the unique deal.

In Spring Hill, about 30 miles south of Nashville, there is little evidence of the impending vote. Signs in the town of 4,357 promote upcoming Babe Ruth baseball tryouts and Friday night gospel singing — nothing about contracts, lost overtime or job security.

"It's work as usual," Saturn spokesman Greg Martin said. "The UAW is a democratic organization and they're going through the democratic process."

Joseph Rypkowski, president of Local 1853, said he expects the contract to stay intact by a comfortable margin.

"Our survey of members last year showed that only 30 percent were somewhat or very dissatisfied," he said. "I expect this week's vote will reflect those same numbers."



GRAND CHAMPION — Celeigh Sterling of Ira showed the grand champion lamb Thursday at San Antonio. Previously this season, she had shown two reserve champion lambs. (Contributed Photo)

C. Sterling's lamb picked grand champ

SAN ANTONIO — Thirteen-year-old Celeigh Sterling won grand champion with her Southdown lamb Thursday at the livestock show.

The Ira native won two reserve champions titles previously this season, but this is her first win at a major show.

Gail breeder owns one bull

Joe Canon of Gail owns one bull listed in the 1998 Spring Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association which is headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo.

Issued in both the spring and the fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on more than 4,800 sires.

Grand jury will probe allegations of sex in prison

LIBERTY (AP) — Allegations that the chief security officer at the Lucile Plane State Jail had sex with four female inmates will be reviewed by a Liberty County grand jury.

David Nunnelee, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Monday that the grand jury will meet Wednesday, reviewing allegations against Maj. Jonathan Swint, 35.

Swint resigned last week as chief security officer at the state jail, but denied any wrongdoing, prison officials said. They said he gave no explanation for his resignation.

The officer had worked for the TDCJ for nearly a decade and had been assigned to the state jail since 1996. He supervised a staff of guards who oversee the 2,100 female inmates.

Swint could not be reached for comment Monday, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

Nunnelee said an internal investigation began after an inmate registered a complaint last September. Three more inmates have come forward with allegations of sexual misconduct since the investigation began, the most recent complaint coming in February.

Two inmates alleged that Swint fondled them, Nunnelee said, and the other two alleged a "sexual act."

East Texas pharmacist enters guilty plea in wife's murder

RUSK (AP) — An East Texas pharmacist had claimed that his wife killed herself last June by taking an overdose of prescription drugs, then slitting her wrists and shooting herself.

But Frederic Welborn Lunsford admitted on Monday that it was he who killed his wife, Janis Pamela Lunsford.

After Lunsford's guilty plea, District Judge John Robert Adamson ordered him jailed pending sentencing in about six weeks.

District Attorney Jim Cromwell said Lunsford killed his wife to avoid losing his children in a divorce and custody battle. A seven-month investigation revealed that Lunsford carried out a plan to kill his wife over a two-year period.

Lunsford repeatedly poisoned his wife of 14 years with prescription medication he stole from Drug Emporium in Tyler, where he worked, Cromwell said.

The medication gave the woman rashes, swelling in her joints, slurred speech and other medical problems, the prosecutor said.

Lunsford told her she was dying of Lupus, a chronic inflammatory disease, despite a doctor's report that she did not have the disease, Cromwell said.

Officials said that on June 28, 1997, Lunsford gave his wife excessive amounts of methadone, a drug used to treat addictions to narcotics, and ambian, a hallucinogenic sleeping aid, which put her in a coma like sleep. Then he shot her in the chest and cut her wrists as she lay in the bed of their Rusk home.

The pharmacist told police and family members that his wife committed suicide because she did not want to live with the Lupus. But Mrs. Lunsford's relatives said she would not have taken her own life.

The suicide claim quickly unraveled.

An autopsy revealed the toxic dose of drugs, and investigators concluded it would have been impossible for Mrs. Lunsford to take the drugs, slit her wrists and shoot herself, investigator Randy Hatch said.

Hatch said there were no fingerprints or blood on the rifle and bloody footprints led from the bedroom to the bathroom and a utility closet where towels were found covered in blood.

Hatch said a Nacogdoches woman who allegedly had an affair with the pharmacist helped with the investigation.

Datebook

March 10, 1998

Today is the 69th day of 1998 and the 80th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the Civil War.

On this day in 1949, Mildred E. Gillars, who made radio broadcasts for the Nazis, was convicted of treason in Washington.

On this day in 1993, Dr. David Gunn was shot to death outside an abortion clinic in Pensacola, Fla.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ferdinand V of Castile (1452-1516), King of Aragon; Lillian D. Wald (1867-1940), social worker-nurse; Barry Fitzgerald (1888-1961), actor; Bix Beiderbecke (1903-1931), musician; James Herriot (1916-1995), author; Chuck Norris (1939-), actor, is 59; David Rabe (1940-), dramatist, is 58; Edward Windsor (1964-), English prince, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1966, five-time Horse of the Year Kelso retired from racing.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Night brings our troubles to light, rather than banishes them." — Seneca

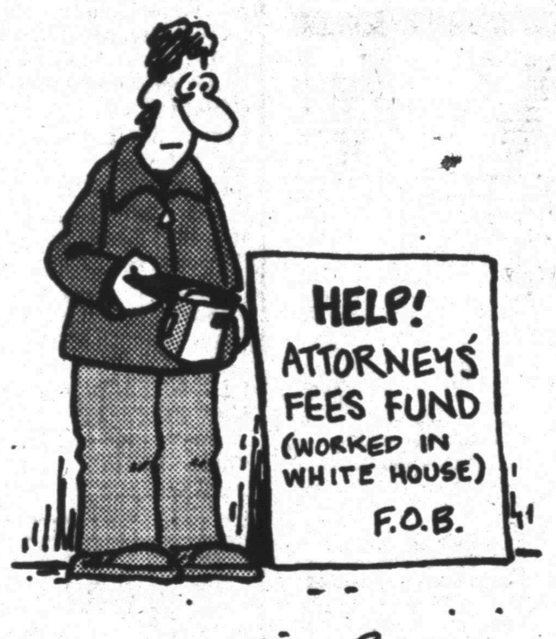
TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1938, a house near Salinas, Kan., was destroyed by a tornado, but all 17 people in the house lived.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 5) and full moon (March 12).

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BASIC ELECTRIC FUNDAMENTALS — Pennzoil and AMOCO company employees taking a class in basic electric fundamentals under Harold Yearwood watched a demonstration in arcing safety by Midwest Electric Cooperative. Participating in the demonstration, from left, were Dalvin Alexander, Jimmy Kiker and Edwin Jackson and not pictured, Lewis Tate and Thomas Whitt. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Congressman, wife sentenced in campaign fund-raising case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — U.S. Rep. Jay Kim asked for forgiveness amid signs that he will seek a fourth term despite admitting to what prosecutors called the largest case of campaign finance violations in U.S. history.

A spokesman for the three-term Republican said Kim still plans to run for re-election even though he was sentenced Monday to two months of home confinement under electronic monitoring.

Kim, who could have faced up to six months in jail for his guilty plea on misdemeanor charges, also was sentenced to one year of probation, 200 hours of community service and a $5,000 fine.

"Thank God it's over," Kim said in a statement in which he apologized to his family, friends, voters and the judge. "I am truly sorry for my mistakes. All I can ask is for forgiveness."

Despite the difficulty of campaigning while under home confinement, Kim spokesman P.J. O'Neil said the congressman won't quit.

"He intends to run for re-election," O'Neil said without explaining the details. "That remains to be worked out."

The sentence capped a dramatic downward spiral for the congressman whose suburban 41st Congressional District east of Los Angeles includes parts of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties.

Kim became the first Korean-American congressman when he was elected in 1992, but he quickly was faced with allegations of campaign wrongdoing.

He and wife June Oak Kim entered guilty pleas Aug. 11 to misdemeanor charges of accepting and hiding $230,000 in contributions. It is illegal for candidates to take money from foreign contributors or companies.

June Oak Kim was sentenced to one year probation and 250 hours of community service and fined $5,000.

The campaign committee for Kim was ordered to pay a $170,000 fine and placed on five years of probation. An organization, like an individual, can be convicted of criminal charges.

U.S. District Judge Richard Paez didn't explain how Kim's home detention program would work, except to say the lawmaker could continue his "work duties" while under "electronic monitoring." It wasn't known whether Kim would be allowed to travel to Washington.

Federal prosecutor Stephen Mansfield, calling this the largest case of campaign violations in U.S. history, had sought a jail sentence but said he accepted Monday's decisions.

Last November, Kim's campaign treasurer, Seokuk Ma, pleaded guilty to three charges of making and receiving illegal donations. He was sentenced to five years of probation and fined $12,000. The felony charges were reduced to misdemeanors in exchange for his agreement to testify against the Kims.

Lawmakers fear revenue loss from Internet tax proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposed law to exempt Internet sales from local taxes would hurt local businesses and governments, city leaders say.

The proposed "Internet Tax Freedom Act" may sound as American as mom and apple pie, but for local officials who gathered this week at the annual conference of the National League of Cities, the proposal is the subject of scorn. There's been no shortage of rhetoric about the possible impacts of the proposed legislation.

The measure would "devastate the lives of average merchants," said Clarence Anthony, vice president of the league.

"Putting together the words Internet and freedom sounds real good, but the details of this legislation might truly bankrupt city governments," said Anthony, who is mayor of South Bay, Fla.

Introduced by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Rep. Chris Cox, R-Calif., the Internet legislation would prohibit state and local governments from imposing any new taxes on computer transactions, such as taxes on Internet access or online services.

Its supporters, who include President Clinton and a bipartisan group in Congress, maintain new taxes on Internet transactions would force business people to become tax collectors and might stunt the rapidly growing area of Internet sales.

Accurate figures are hard to come by, but some computer trade experts estimate the number of Internet transactions doubles every four weeks, said Brian O'Neill, president of the league.

But O'Neill, a city councilman in Philadelphia, said the inability to collect local taxes on Internet sales means fewer police officers, more unfilled potholes and a competitive disadvantage for conventional shops that do charge their customers local taxes when they make purchases.

"This is unfair to Main Street business people. This is as un-American as it gets," O'Neill said.

The league got some good news for its cause Monday when Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told members, "We will not have action in the Senate until we work out an agreement you are comfortable with."

But during a workshop in the Internet tax issue Monday, Harry Smith, mayor of Greenwood, Miss., urged his colleagues to step up lobbying efforts despite Lott's pledge.

"Lott is only one man and he's subject to pressure on this issue," Smith said. "A lot of money is involved in this."

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Partnerships might not work out too well for you today. This is because both you and your counterpart may both be too self-serving and singular. 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) Strive to be charitable today, but make sure it is for the right people and for the right reasons. Do not let yourself become a victim of a manipulator.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're watching your waistline today, stand guard over indulgence. Remember, unbecoming bulges are the fines we pay for exceeding the food limit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to stay out of competitions today, especially those that directly affect your work or career. Lady Luck could be extremely fickle at this time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Braggarts are the type of people you usually find very unattractive. Be careful today you don't give others reasons to put you in this category.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unless you truly know what you're doing, be wary today about managing things for others. Your bungling could exceed your good intentions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Giving and taking is a two-way street today that you should keep uppermost in your mind. Strive to be as generous in return as people are with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not do today what you can put off until tomorrow is a detrimental policy to follow at this time. Avoid the urge to play things this way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take with a grain of salt today big promises made to you by an influential contact. This person might be a better talker than a producer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be extremely careful today not to give others the impression they are being used to serve your ambitions. Your image could be tarnished.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Ideas you conceive today might sound like dazzlers at first, but they could contain flaws that won't be obvious to you or others until implemented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be careful not to overspend advances that are yet to be in your possession. There might be a delay you won't be able to overcome too easily.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

A little dirt won't hurt you

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent article, you stated that beef is not contaminated by the fodder that cattle eat and, you concluded, people who have a problem with that ought to stick to vegetables.

Well, let's look at what goes into fruit and vegetables. Many farmers fertilize their fields with E. coli-containing chicken waste and hog manure — even, in some countries, human excrement. That's not all! Look at what makes up our soil. Soil has pretty nasty stuff in it and most of it is radioactive. Yep, put a Geiger counter next to it and listen to it click away. There are heavy metals in the soil, as well as bugs, slugs and every other thing imaginable.

Then, to top things off, soil mostly contains DIRT, the stuff your mom made you wash off your hands before eating. The dirt that gave you pinworms, typhoid and heaven knows what! Dirt can turn to MUD!

Let's face it. Other than the taste of food, everything about its cultivation and processing is disgusting. I'll bet you're more likely to get sick from eating vegetables than from consuming properly cooked meats.

DEAR READER: Whew!

Every so often, I get letters like yours that could politely be called "off the wall." I usually ignore them. I'm publishing yours because it is so full of inaccuracies that most of my readers will be amused. Most important, you seem to have lost an important attribute for a healthy and happy life: perspective.

Definition of a human being: a low-life form cursed by the ability to realize it could do better. You have carried this interpretation to new extremes.

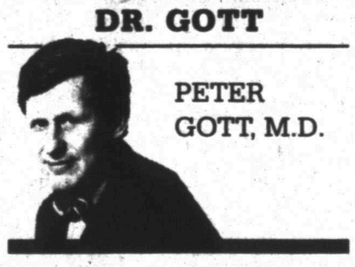
Hey, we depend on soil, the recycling of nitrogen in waste, mud and good ol' dirt. The components of soil don't enter growing plants; only the chemical molecules do. The tomatoes in your garden don't care if the nitrogen they need comes from chicken poop or synthetic fertilizer; it's all the same to them. The bacteria aren't a factor. They just sit in the soil, happy in their own ecosystem. The radioactivity in soil is trivial. You get more radiation by lying in the sun for an hour.

You can get crazy from imagining all the possible hazards in our environment. You have what I call "whole wheat germs": You worry about trivial stuff. Yes, wash your fruit and vegetables. But for heaven's sake, lighten up. Enjoy our environment, mud and all, because it's all we've got. And make sure that you eat a balanced diet that contains fruit, vegetables and a certain amount of dirt. Your body can take it.

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

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One example is that of the prisoner. When a prisoner is put on parole, he is still shackled with certain restrictions. He still is not declared to be innocent of his guilt. Even if he goes through the parole period without further blemishing his record, his guilt has not been removed, and he must live with the pressure of having suspicion and perhaps disrespect cast in his direction. But in contrast, by God's grace all spiritual prisoners can be fully pardoned.

Then, there is the speedster. Suppose some heavy-footed motorist exceeds the legal speed limit and is stopped by a patrolman. The offender rightly deserves to be ticketed and fined, but the patrolman mercifully issues a warning ticket instead. That is grace!

In both cases the offender is guilty, but in both he is freely, unconditionally pardoned--his offense and his guilt are totally forgiven.

Rudy's Senior of the Week!



Senior Teresa Early is involved in band and DECA at Snyder High School. After graduation she plans to attend WTC for two years, then go to Washington State University in St. Louis, Mo. to become a physical therapist.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Snow-choked roads strand travelers

CHESTERTON, Ind. (AP) — Car windows opened ever so slightly whenever someone trudged up, head bowed against the snow and blinding wind.

"What's going on?" they asked. "How soon before we can move?"

The response again and again — a discouraging shake of the head.

It was the same weary scene hour after hour Monday for motorists stuck on snow-choked roads across the Plains and Midwest, as a blustery snowstorm knocked out power to 440,000 people and ushered out what had been a mild El Nino winter.

The storm dragged cold air southward across the Plains, dropping temperatures to record lows today including 9 below zero at Hastings, Neb., and 13 above as far south as Harrison, Ark. Today's lows in northern Ohio were in the 20s, about 30 degrees colder than 24 hours earlier, and the wind made it feel like it was below zero.

Eight deaths were blamed on the storm, which had dwindled to a few isolated snow showers today over the Ohio Valley and lower Great Lakes.

In a tangle of stalled traffic in northern Indiana, buffeted by 40 mph wind gusts, some people got out to wade through thick snowdrifts but all they could see were cars and trucks stretching to both horizons.

"You hear these guys swearing and cussing, moaning and groaning," said Tom McCormack, a trucker stranded on Interstate 80-90 for most of Monday. "They've got to realize there's nothing you can do about it."

About 10 inches of snow fell on northern Indiana, 11 in Illinois and 12 in Wisconsin. The 15 inches of snow that fell over the weekend in central Iowa was swept into 12-foot snowdrifts in Des Moines by the wind.

"It's bad. There are 4- to 6-foot drifts, and as soon as they can plow, the winds blow the roads covered again," said Sally Sears, cashier at the Flying J Travel Plaza off Interstate 80-35 near Des Moines.

Accumulations were much lower in Ohio, but in Cleveland early today, a jetliner skidded off a runway at Hopkins International Airport. The 140 passengers aboard the Delta Airlines jetliner, which was arriving from Atlanta, were evacuated without injury.

Earlier, the heavy snow in Illinois nearly shut down O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, the world's busiest passenger hub, before things got back to normal late Monday.

5,000 evacuate as river levels go up

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Nearly 5,000 people had evacuated today as the Flint River rose above flood stage in southwestern Georgia following a weekend of heavy rain.

The evacuees included nearly all 3,000 students and faculty at Albany State University, who left campus Monday. The only students remaining were 40 residents of a dormitory on higher ground, said spokeswoman Cynthia Hoke.

Two shelters were opened in the city of more than 78,000 people and several bridges and roads were closed, said Dougherty County Clerk Barbara Russell.

"It's in the houses," Ms. Russell said of the flooding in Albany, an area hit by record flooding caused by Tropical Storm Alberto in 1994.

At least nine deaths had been blamed on weekend storms across the Southeast. A 20-month-old boy was missing after being swept from his mother's car when they plunged into a flooded Georgia creek.

Water was slowly receding today at Elba, Ala., where some 2,000 people had to evacuate Sunday when a levee burst, filling streets as much as 6 feet deep.

In and around Albany, people used moving vans, trucks, cars and even horse trailers to get their belongings away from the rising Flint, although it was not expected to crest until Saturday.

"These people aren't going to take any chances," Dougherty County Police Lt. Jimmy Sexton said. "These folks, some of them haven't even been able to rebuild from last time."

In adjacent Lee County, residents started heading for higher ground as creeks rose.

"They're getting out quicker, and most have volunteered to get their stuff out," said Charles Hardison, head of the Lee County Emergency Management Agency.

Closing arguments underway

FORT BELVOIR, Va. (AP) — The case against Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney is fundamentally a case of abuse of power, a prosecutor said as closing arguments started today.

McKinney, 47, faces 19 charges ranging from adultery, a crime in the military, to obstruction of justice.

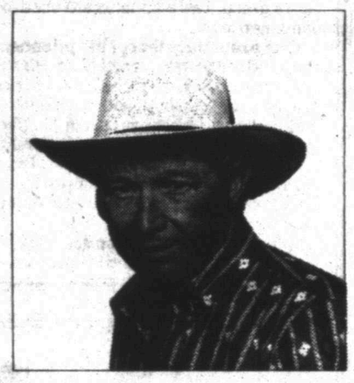
"It's not a case about race, it's not a case about gender, it's not a case about sex, although most of the charges before you concern sex," said the prosecutor, Lt. Col. Michael Child.

"This case is about abuse of power," Child said. "It's about the highest enlisted soldier in the Army abusing the power and responsibility that were given to him."

The prosecution argument was to be followed by the defense argument, then a prosecution rebuttal. The arguments are the last step before the military jury of four officers and four enlisted men gets the case, probably later today or Wednesday.

Six women say McKinney pressured them for sex.

Obituaries



Edwin Youngblood

Mr. Youngblood

1941-1998

LUBBOCK — Edwin Youngblood, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, March 7, at his home in Lubbock.

Services are pending at Sanders Funeral Home.

Mr. Youngblood, 56, worked as a mechanic in Snyder before moving to Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Youngblood of Lubbock; two sons, Robert Youngblood of El Toro, Calif., and Timothy Youngblood of Lubbock; a daughter, Crystal Aguilar of Lubbock; a daughter-in-law, Margie Ornelas of El Toro; a brother, Glen Lewallen of Salem, Ore.; three sisters, Debbie Wood and Shirley Wagner, both of Lubbock, and Linda Faye of Wichita Falls; his mother, Beatrice Bozeman of Lubbock; his stepfather, Pat Lewallen of Salem; two grandchildren, Tamara Youngblood and Patrick Youngblood, both of Lubbock; and his in-laws, Ray and Irene Wagner of Snyder.

Election

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and David Dewhurst.

Ag commissioner candidates are Susan Combs and Hamp Hodges. Railroad commission candidates are Tony Garza and Steve Stockman.

Also on the ballot are contested races for for Supreme Court Justice and Court of Criminal Appeals.

Back to the local scene, several candidates who don't have a primary opponent will be opposed in November. Roy Idom, Precinct 2 county commissioner, is unopposed in the Republican Primary, but will face Democrat Linda Sellars in the general election.

Democrat Peace Justice for Precinct 2 John Williamson will face Independent Pamela Bryant in November.

Unopposed in both the primary and general election as Republicans are County Clerk Joan Bunch, Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds and district clerk candidate Trina Rodgers. Also unopposed is Democrat County Treasurer Charlie Bell.

At the close of early voting Friday, 954 votes had been cast in the Republican primary and 149 voters had marked a Democratic ballot.

With 11,226 registered voters in the county, the early voting turnout of 1,118 was 9.9 percent of those eligible. There were three GOP and four Demo mail ballots still out.

Schools

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In their study last fall, architects noted some $1.8 million in needed renovations at the 50-year-old building.

Another member of the audience echoed somewhat of the same sentiments.

Jim Sartor questioned architect Coda Stephenson on whether renovations would be needed in five or 10 years.

Stephenson said the planned renovations to the school district would be more than a "Band-Aid" approach.

The Lubbock architect told the audience that most of the items architects and engineers had targeted were "maintenance items" such as heating and cooling systems and electrical and plumbing updates.

"Most people driving by the buildings after the renovation work will not notice anything different about the buildings," Stephenson said in a meeting at West Elementary last week.

One person questioned Lomax on the availablity of federal funds for the project.

Lomax said there are no federal funds available, but in the past, the legislature had funded a portion of bond projects based on the district's wealth.

"That program was for only two years," said Lomax. "And the money was rapidly taken up by schools in a building program at the time."

The superintendent said there were rumors the legislature would fund the program again, and if so, Snyder might be eligible for some $350,000 a year for the life of the bond issue.

"There are a lot of ifs here," said Lomax, noting that a bond would have to be passed before a district could become eligible.

"We can't apply for the money if a bond has not been passed," Lomax had said earlier.

Architects are to meet with citizens at 6 this evening at Central Elementary to discuss improvements on that campus.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SHS Choir Boosters

Snyder High School Choir Boosters will meet at 7 this evening in the choir room. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

'True Colors' workshop

Price Brown will present his workshop on "True Colors" at 4:15 p.m. today at the high school student center. The workshop is sponsored by the Texas State Teachers Association. Everyone is invited.

Scurry 4-H Horse Club

Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 this evening at East Elementary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Masonic Lodge meeting

The Snyder Chapter Council of Scurry Masonic Lodge will receive the deputy grand masters at 7:30 this evening.

Northeast book fair

Northeast Elementary is holding a scholastic book fair through Friday. The fair will be daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday only.

West book fair

West Elementary is holding a book fair from 8-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. through Thursday and 8-11:30 a.m. Friday in the school auditorium.

Stanfield book fair

Stanfield Elementary is having a book fair through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Donuts for Dads will be held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Central Parent Council

Central Parent Council will meet at noon Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

SHS Classes of 1952 and 1953

Snyder High School Classes of 1952 and '53 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the home of Ned and Polly Underwood, 3009 Austin, to plan a reunion. All members are urged to attend.

Class of 1978

Snyder High School Class of 1978 will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Connie Huddleston residence to plan the 20-year reunion. Call 573-8806 for directions or more information. All interested classmates are invited to attend.

ABWA dinner

Deep Creek Chapter of the American Business Women's Association has an open invitation to all working women to attend a spring membership campaign dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday at The Shack.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday 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.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

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

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