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*Snyder ISD...*

# Second candidate files for re-election to board

Glenn Clarady joins fellow Snyder ISD board member Janet Stribling on the May 1 ballot as he filed this morning for a fourth term.

Clarady, who was first elected to represent Place 1 on the local school board in 1990, is a 1970 graduate of Snyder High School.

He and his wife, Esther, who is an early childhood teacher in the district, have had two sons graduate from Snyder High School, and they also have a sixth grade son.

Stribling filed last week for her third term for Place 5 on the board.

The term of Place 4 member, Mark McCormick, also expires this spring.

Snyder's city council has three persons running for two at-large positions.

Kirk Taylor, 32, owner and manager of the Quick Car Lube and Tune on College Ave., joined Terry Martin and Ron Shaw as candidates when he filed Friday.

Taylor joins an incumbent councilman and a former councilman on the ballot.

Martin is completing his first term, while Shaw will be seeking to return to city hall.

Shaw had served two terms before being defeated in 1997.

Present at-large councilman Dayton Robertson is running for mayor. Robertson filed last week for the position currently held by David Holt. Mayor Holt said he would not be a candidate for the office.

Incumbent board member Sid Wall filed for one of three spots on the Ira ISD board.

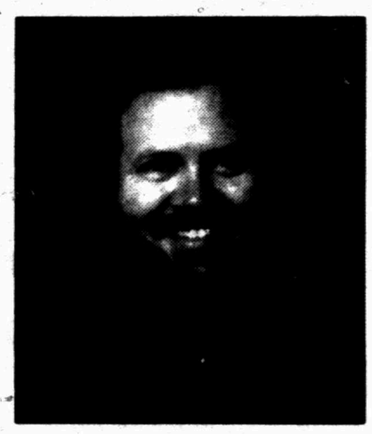
The terms of Kirby Sterling and Lance Autry are also up this spring.

Both incumbents on the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees will seek re-election.

Burton Sandefur will be asking for a second term on the Hermleigh board, while Tony Lambaren is seeking his fourth term.

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

Early voting for the May 1 election begins April 14 and continues through April 27.



Glenn Clarady



NEW ARRIVAL — Steve West, a technician at Lorber Industries, sets a new knitting machine in place. The plant received five of the Mayer machines on Friday. A representative with Mayer's South Carolina office was scheduled to be in town today to set up the machines. Knitting should begin later in the week. (SDN Staff Photo)

## A long way to Colorado for these two

Scurry County deputy Kenny Burns figures it was a long trip back to Colorado.

This was the assumption Burns made after he helped unite a driver of a Winnebago motor home and the passenger he had left in Sweetwater.

Burns said he received an attempt to locate message from dispatcher Jeanette Claxton around 11 a.m. on Saturday on the Winnebago and spotted it just this side of Hermleigh.

"I stopped the man and explained why. He really didn't believe he had left his female companion at the service station in Sweetwater.

"He looked all through the motor home thinking she was there somewhere," said Burns.

"He said while he was washing the windshield, he could see her inside," laughed Burns. "He said he went inside and paid for the gas, got in the motor home and drove off."

"I really felt sorry for the man, who I think was in his early 70s," said Burns. "I let him use my mobile phone to call her to let her know everything was okay."

"She was giving him a hard time and in no uncertain terms, told him to turn around, pick her up and get her back to Colorado as soon as possible."

"I think I even heard an, 'It's over between us' thrown in once or twice," said Burns.

"I really felt sorry for the guy," said the deputy.

# Cindy Nix named head of county's health unit

After meeting in closed session for 35 minutes this morning, Scurry County Commissioners voted 2-1 to appoint Cindy Nix as Scurry County Health Unit department head.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey opposed the action and Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer was absent.



Cindy Nix

The item was on the agenda, Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz said, because it was unclear who was responsible for hiring new employees at the unit.

Prior to this morning's action, there was no official head of the department.

In other action, the court unanimously agreed to replace computer cables throughout the courthouse.

According to Fritz, the county's software representatives, The Software Group of Dallas, informed the courthouse that its current three-strand cable would not be Y2K compliant.

"We were told with the Y2K upgrade in hardware and software we need five-strand cable because of the need for more communication between printers and the mainframe," Fritz said.

Commissioners agreed upon a 30-day bid period and plan to open and consider bids during their March 15 meeting.

The court also approved a line-item transfer for the Justice of the Peace office, transferring $71 from office supplies and using it for a notary fee.

One budget amendment was approved in the amount of $130,500 for Scurry County Coliseum maintenance and repairs pertaining to the roof repairs at the facility.

Fritz said the money was the same budgeted last year, but because the work was not finished in 1998, the budget amendment was necessary.

In other action, the bills were approved for payment.

Fritz presided and commissioners present were Trevey, Roy Idom and Chloanne Lindsey.

# Auditions set today, Tuesday for musical

Auditions will be held today and Tuesday from 5 until 7 p.m. for "Smoke on the Mountain," the spring musical of the Ritz Theatre.

The production is billed as a gospel comedy and requires a seven-member cast.

The play takes place in the sanctuary of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, N.C. in June, 1938.

The church has a membership of 63 in the community whose chief industry is a pickle plant.

Due to the community's economy, many of the workers at the pickle plant have lost their jobs and the Saturday night gospel sings at the church have become popular entertainment for them.

The Sanders family has been invited this particular Saturday by the new, young pastor, Mervin Oglethorpe, to perform at the church.

The dialogue and interaction, the comic characterizations, the testimonies of the family, as well as the lively renditions of the music will keep the audience involved and in stitches throughout the evening.

The Sanders family is led by the daddy, Burl, who owns a filling station on Highway 11. Burl sings and plays a stringed instrument; guitar, string bass or banjo. The mama, Vera, sings and plays the piano.

Other members of the family include Uncle Stanley, Burl's brother, who has recently gotten out of jail. Stanley plays a stringed instrument and sings.

June is the older sister, probably in her 20s, who does sign language to the music and plays hand-held percussion instruments.

The twins, Dennis and Denise, are in their late teens.

They sing and play instruments, also.

In the play, the actors/actresses provide their own accompaniment. A piano, string bass and guitar are used in most of the songs, but a banjo, fiddle, autoharp, ukelele, harmonica or other instruments could be used.

Because of the time period of the play, electronic instruments would not be appropriate.

Pastor Oglethorpe joins in the singing from time to time, and can even join in with an instrument if that actor can play. It is not a requirement.

The music is upbeat and familiar.

Songs will include "Wonderful Time Up There," "No Tears in Heaven," "Christian Cowboy," "Jesus is Mine" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

Those who audition should be prepared to play and sing a verse and chorus of "I'll Fly Away" or another familiar gospel song.

For additional information or to check out a script, call Ellie Dryden at 573-9739 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

# Prosecution rests capital case

JASPER (AP) — James Byrd Jr. was alive as he was chained behind a pickup truck and dragged down a Jasper County road last year until his head was severed, a pathologist testified today before the state rested its capital case against the first of three white men accused of killing the black man.

"It was my opinion, Mr. Byrd was alive up to the point he hit the culvert," Dr. Thomas J. Brown said after a lengthy description of horrible wounds suffered by the 49-year-old victim June 7. "He was alive when the head, shoulder and right arm were separated."

Prosecutors late this morning rested their case after five days of testimony.

The testimony of Brown at the capital murder trial of John William King is important because prosecutors, in order to seek a death penalty against King, must show Byrd's murder also occurred in conjunction with another crime. In this case, it would be kidnapping.

In graphic testimony, Brown said the different colors of blood — reddish-brown before death and yellow-brown after death — show when wounds occurred. He also told of how Byrd was severely wounded and tried to ease the pain to his torso and elbows by lifting his body as flesh was torn away on the bumpy asphalt road, eventually exposing many of his limbs to the bone.

"He would have been very tired, very worn out, trying to keep the pain from being so severe," Brown said.

The pathologist appeared as prosecutors were wrapping up their case against King, a suspected white supremacist.

Jurors were given individual booklets with photos of Byrd's mangled body to follow Brown's descriptions. Byrd's mother and King's father both left the courtroom as the testimony was to begin.

Other family members wiped away tears as the pathologist spoke.

In other testimony today, a police detective said King wrote racist graffiti on the door of his jail cell. He also inscribed on the door: "Shawn Berry is a snitch-ass traitor."

Berry, who also faces trial on the charges, gave an affidavit when he was arrested that led to the arrests of King and Brewer.

And King, in a jailhouse letter to fellow defendant Lawrence Brewer, also expressed pride in the crime and said he realized he might have to die for it.

## Hastert says he will work with Demos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Dennis Hastert, the new House speaker, promises a no-nonsense, hardworking Congress where Republicans will try to work with Democrats, even on such normally partisan issues as increasing the minimum wage.

"The American people want Congress to work, and they don't want it to work exclusively on a Republican way or exclusively on a Democratic way," Hastert, R-Ill., said on "Fox News Sunday." "There's good ideas that come up on both sides of the aisle."

Hastert and other GOP leaders meet President Clinton on Tuesday, both sides trying to show they can lay aside partisan differences and work for the country's good. That's been a common theme for Hastert since he succeeded former Speaker Newt Gingrich.

## County Road 183 undergoing work

The portion of County Road 183 extending two miles north from the northeast corner of the Price Daniel Unit will be closed for the next two to three weeks, Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey announced this morning.

Trevey said the road will be closed to through traffic while it is widened to a 22 foot road.

He said access to one's residence will not be affected by the closing.

ASK US

Q—How many police cars does the city have?

A—Including vehicles for the police chief, criminal investigation division and the animal control officer, a total of 20.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Saturday, 62 degrees; low, 36; high Sunday, 57; low, 34; 7 a.m. Monday, 42; no precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, clear. Lows 25-30. NW-N winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday, sunny. Highs, mid 60s. W winds 5-15 mph.

**Sunset:** 6:35 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 7:17 a.m.
Of 52 days in 1999, the sun has shone 51 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The important thing is not to stop questioning."

Albert Einstein

# $330 million airport requires 2 things: Airlines, passengers

MASCOUTAH, Ill. (AP) — It has all the trappings of a major airport — baggage carousels, ticket counters and televisions broadcasting CNN headlines over and over.

What's missing are airlines — and passengers.

Nearly a year after opening, the $330 million taxpayer-funded MidAmerica Airport is used only by planes flying into the Air Force base that shares its runways.

The airport's boosters had predicted that it would be bustling with commercial airline service by now, and handle 1.1 million passengers next year. But the airlines cited by airport officials as their best prospects — American, Delta and Southwest — say they have no plans to fly here.

"You never know what tomorrow's going to bring, so you don't want to burn any bridges, but right now it's just the best business decision," said Delta spokeswoman Betty Moore.

All of which leaves local officials to insist that they haven't made a big mistake.

"I've not had a nervous moment, one second of lost sleep or one iota of misconception about building this airport," said St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricevic. "It was absolutely the right thing to do."

The airport has its beginnings in 1990 when planners considered the possibility of relocating Lambert-St. Louis International Airport to the Illinois side of the Mississippi River. Lambert, home to Trans World Airlines and one of the nation's busiest airports, is largely hemmed in by development north of St. Louis.

Politics scuttled that plan, but Illinois officials soon concluded that joint civilian-military use of Scott Air Force Base would help to make St. Louis' often-overlooked Illinois suburbs a player in the regional economy.

Three years after St. Clair County adopted the project, construction began with officials confidently predicting that service could start as soon as 1996. After a series of delays, the airport officially opened its runway in March.

Construction of the airport indeed brought plenty of money into the region — all but $30 million of MidAmerica's cost was borne by the federal and state governments, with the county chipping in the rest.

County officials can boast that MidAmerica has lured more government spending — in the form of an Illinois Air National Guard unit that is moving from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, bringing 300 full-time and 1,000 part-time jobs and $100 million in construction spending.

But when it comes to attracting commercial airlines and any private-sector spending and jobs that go with them, experts say MidAmerica faces an uphill battle.

"Frankly, carriers are short of aircraft. They have more opportunity to make money with airplanes than they have the ability to go out and develop new markets," said independent airline analyst Robert Mann.

Airlines know customers want the convenience of frequent flights and a wide range of destinations — something they can't afford to do by spreading operations across two airports, Mann said.

County officials have said they expected to lose money on the airport for at least five years. It will take that long for airlines to gear up for service at the new field, airport director Rick Hargrove said.

But some suspect it will be much longer.

Joe Behnken, a St. Clair County councilman who has been highly critical of the county's efforts to lure an airline to MidAmerica, says the Public Building Commission, which oversees the airport, is incompetent.

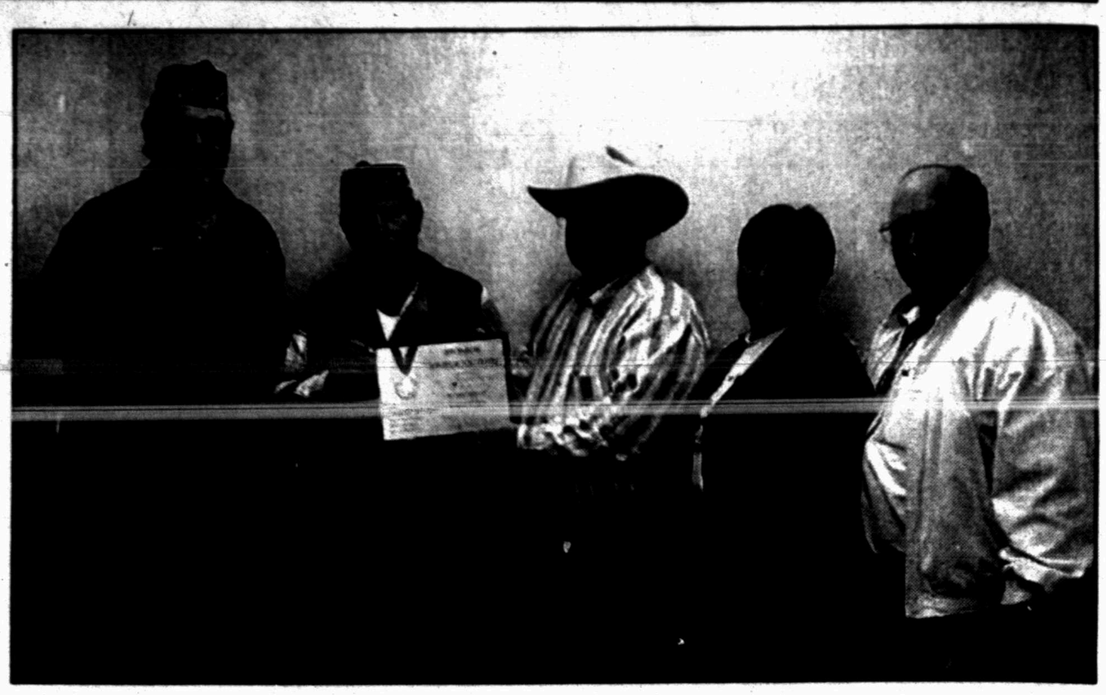
"Those folks know nothing about the management and running of any business, much less an airport," he said.

Baricevic dismissed Behnken's criticisms as political. Behnken is a Republican; Baricevic is his Democratic rival.

Other new airports have found ways to succeed. When Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport in Bentonville, Ark., opened in November at a cost of $109 million, airlines had already signed up.

But that airport had the backing of three influential corporations — Wal-Mart, Tyson Foods and J.B. Hunt Transportation — which pledged their business to airlines using the field, said spokesman Scott Van Laningham.

So far, no businesses have made such a pledge to MidAmerica.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS APPRECIATION — VFW Post 8231 received an appreciation plaque for permitting a dance and bingo projects which raised $1,700 for Special Olympics be held on its premises. From left are John Fair VFW Dist. VIII senior vice commander; Howard Bruns, post commander; T.J. Medart, senior warden at the Price Daniel Unit; Debra and Joe Cheyne, law enforcement Torch Run coordinators for 1998. Dates for another dance and bingo events will be announced later. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## Date Book

Feb. 22, 1999

*Today is GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY; it is the 53rd day of 1999 and the 64th day of winter.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1631, the first public Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

On this day in 1924, Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential address broadcast on radio.

On this day in 1991, President George Bush delivered an ultimatum to Iraq ordering it to withdraw troops from Kuwait.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** George Washington (1732-1799), U.S. president; Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860), philosopher; James Russell Lowell (1819-1891), poet; Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950), poet; Luis Bunuel (1900-1983), film director; Robert Young (1907-1998), actor; Edward M. Kennedy (1932-), U.S. politician, is 67; Jonathan Demme (1944-), film director, is 55; Julius Erving (1950-), basketball great, is 49; Drew Barrymore (1975-), actress, is 24.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1959, Lee Petty won the first Daytona 500.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all." — George Washington

**TODAY'S MOON:** First quarter.

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# Barbara Walters completes Monica Lewinsky interview

NEW YORK (AP) — After months of waiting for the go-ahead from Kenneth Starr, Barbara Walters taped her interview with Monica Lewinsky at a tightly guarded television studio in New York City.

Officially, the network had nothing to say about it, but an ABC executive speaking on the condition of anonymity confirmed the interview was done over the weekend.

Walters and ABC News President David Westin scheduled a news conference for Monday to talk about the interview expected to air over 90 minutes in primetime on March 3 — the final day of a television "sweeps" period used to set local advertising rates.

The date remained tentative. The network might decide to broadcast the interview sooner, the executive said.

Walters is expected to talk Monday about how ABC worked within restrictions placed on the interview by Starr, the independent counsel who investigated President Clinton and his relationship with the one-time White House intern.

Lewinsky reportedly wasn't supposed to make statements going beyond what she's already told Starr's office and a grand jury.

Guards were posted outside the studio Saturday when Lewinsky talked with Walters.

Walter's landing of the Lewinsky interview was considered the biggest TV news coup of the presidential scandal, although its impact may have been diminished by Lewinsky's videotaped testimony during the Senate impeachment trial.

Walters won the interview last November, but Lewinsky couldn't talk until Starr granted his permission. Starr gave an in-depth interview that month to Walters' ABC colleague, Diane Sawyer.

Lewinsky had talked with Oprah Winfrey about an interview earlier last fall, but Winfrey said she had broken off talks when it became clear the former intern wanted to be compensated for the interview. ABC said it had not paid for its interview.

Roseanne had offered to pay Lewinsky more than $1 million if she answered questions on the former sitcom star's struggling syndicated talk show.

*From governors...*

# Possible presidential candidacy for Bush draws some support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush is a hot commodity at the National Governors Association meeting, with many of his 30 fellow Republican colleagues urging him to enter the upcoming presidential race.

Bush, who joins his fellow governors at the White House today for a roundtable with President Clinton, has yet to declare whether he intends to seek the office once held by his father. But many governors believe a bid by the Texan, who leads the GOP field in early polling, is imminent.

"I believe he should (run) because the support is there, therefore I believe he will," Michigan Gov. John Engler, who has been button-holing governors on Bush's behalf, said Sunday.

Connecticut Gov. John Rowland predicted that more than two-thirds of the GOP chief executives would rally swiftly to Bush's side if he enters the race. So did a senior Bush political adviser, who said on condition of anonymity, that at least two-thirds have offered their support if he runs.

"He is our best candidate undoubtedly," Rowland said.

Mindful of the large pool of Republican hopefuls, some say it's premature to issue endorsements.

"Right now, I've got a senator in Arizona that's running and a former vice president in Arizona that's running. And I'm staying neutral," said Gov. Jane Hull, referring to Sen. John McCain and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

Two governors, Mike Huckabee of Arkansas and Don Sundquist of Tennessee, are working for former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, who ran for president in 1996 and will try again. And Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson hasn't ruled out his own bid.

Others are jumping enthusiastically into Bush's corner.

"I just know that in my heart, of all these very fine candidates, George is the best of the best," said Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, chairman of the Republican Governors Association, who has endorsed Bush.

Bush, who allowed last week that he is "warming to the task" of running, said he is gratified by the support. But, he added: "The fact-gathering of one weekend is a part of a decision-making process that's going to take awhile to come to final resolution."

At a news conference with Texas reporters, Bush said he's sticking to a timetable that calls for him to make his announcement next month.

"This decision is one of the heart and one of the head. And in the heart, as I've made it clear the last couple of months, I'm reconciling what this decision means with my family," said Bush, whose 17-year-old twin daughters have expressed reluctance about being exposed to the national spotlight.

Personal scrutiny appears chafing at times to Bush himself.

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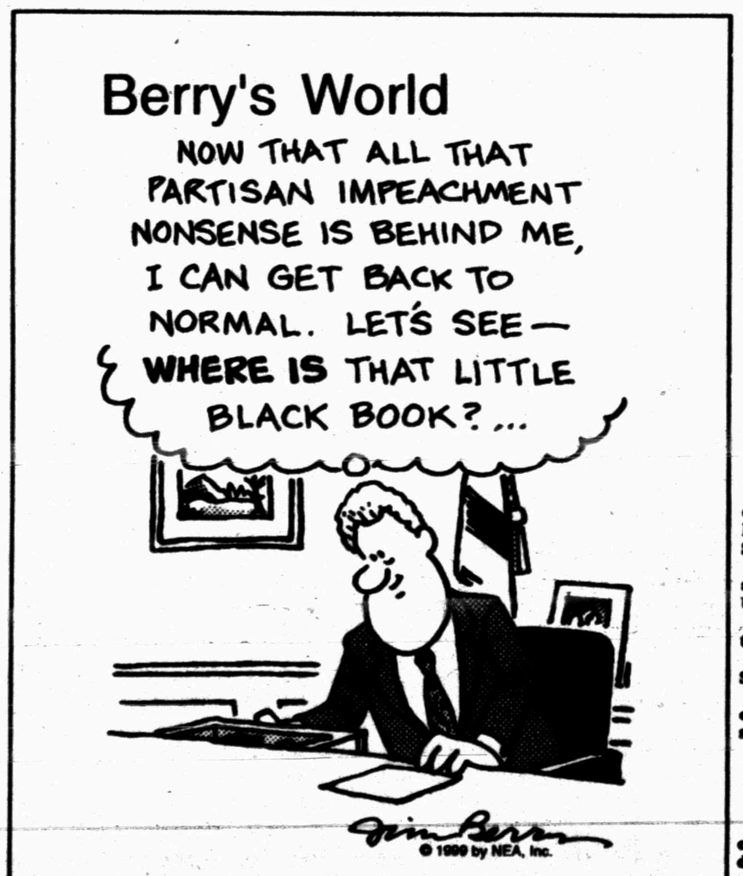
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# Community Calendar

**MONDAY**

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi regular meeting; country club; Jacalyn Lowrance and Mickey Baird, hostesses; "Fit for Life" program by Matt Cross; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information, call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

**WEDNESDAY**

MAWC Game Day and Luncheon; cost is $7.50 with serving to begin at 11:30; games of choice will follow throughtout the afternoon; reservation needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

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

**THURSDAY**

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg; bring painting of landmark; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with noon break.

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

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

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

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

**FRIDAY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SATURDAY**

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

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

*Siskel & Ebert...*

# Rivalry spawned friendship for critics

CHICAGO (AP) — Writing for rival newspapers, the young Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert were fierce competitors, always trying to out-scoop each other.

The icy relationship warmed — after time — when they reluctantly teamed up to co-host a public television program called "Sneak Previews" in 1975.

"For the first five years that we knew each other, Gene Siskel and I hardly spoke. Then it seemed like we never stopped," Ebert wrote in a column titled "Farewell, my friend" on the front page of Sunday's Chicago Sun-Times.

Siskel, 53, a married father of three, died in a hospital in suburban Evanston on Saturday surrounded by his family. The death of the Chicago Tribune critic ended a quiet but strenuous battle against complications that arose after a growth was removed from his brain in May

"I can't even imagine what it will be like (without Siskel)," Ebert said Saturday. "There was a history there, a respect that I'm never really going to replace in my life. It's going to be tough."

The public television show that the pair hosted became so popular it was syndicated nationwide and later renamed "Siskel & Ebert." With their trademarked "thumbs up, thumbs down" reviews, the program became a powerhouse in the film industry. A "thumbs up" could give a film a boost, while a "thumbs down" could sink it.

"The two thumbs up has become an icon in the film industry," said Paul Dergarabedian, a spokesman for Exhibitor Relations Co. which compiles box office receipts. "The average person would look toward them about whether to take their hard-earned dollars to the box office."

The show will continue on with Ebert and revolving guest critics.

Siskel's love affair with movies started when he was a child living on Chicago's North Side. As an orphan schoolboy, he'd walk eight blocks to his neighborhood theater to catch a Saturday matinee with his friends. There, surrounded by red velvet, his lifetime love of movies began.

At the time of his death, Siskel had taken a leave of absence from his work not only with "Siskel & Ebert" and the Chicago Tribune, but also as a film critic for "CBS This Morning" and WBBM-TV, and as a columnist for TV Guide.

In Sunday's column, Ebert recalled how Siskel strove to deflect attention away from his illness and toward his film criticism after his surgery.

"Although it was obvious sometimes that he walked slowly and was in pain, I never once heard him complain. He carried on with a bravery that is hard to imagine," Ebert wrote.

# Oklahoma researchers study new vaccine for brucellosis

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma State University researchers would like nothing more than to put an end to a worldwide disease and give U.S. enemies one less option during a war.

A research group in the College of Veterinary Medicine is developing a vaccine for brucellosis, one of the most serious diseases of livestock and a potential agent in biological weapons.

In livestock, the brucellosis bacteria causes cows to abort, makes calves sick, decreases milk production and interrupts breeding cycles.

"Each aborted fetus has enough bacteria to infect the entire herd of cattle in the U.S.," said project leader John Wyckoff.

Through eradication efforts in the United States, only six affected herds of cattle exist in Texas, Missouri and South Dakota, down from 124,000 nationwide in 1956. The state and federal eradication programs included livestock quarantines, costly vaccinations and widespread animal tests.

But Wyckoff said the disease still affects tens of thousands of livestock and people worldwide.

Current vaccines contain live bacteria that in some cases have infected veterinarians in contact with the medicine. Wyckoff's team is looking to create a vaccine with fewer drawbacks.

"Instead of trying to work with a live vaccine, we are trying to come up with one or two components of the bacteria that, although they are dead, will still stimulate very strong immunity," Wyckoff said.

The project is three to four years away from experimental trials on cattle.

Wyckoff said the disease is still a problem in American cattle, but not to the degree it is with people and animals in developing nations. He said the disease is ingested worldwide mainly by eating unpasteurized dairy products such as soft cheeses. Bacteria can live up to 18 months in such foods.

Brian Espe, area veterinarian for the U.S. Department of Agriculture said the work of Wyckoff's team is still needed even though the disease is found in only a few of the nation's cattle herds.

Espe said the presence of free-ranging bison in Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park threatens the brucellosis status of the surrounding states free of the disease. "Sooner or later, if the United States is considered free of brucellosis, bison will need to be free in that population," he said.

In addition, wild elk that gather for winter feeding can potentially spread the disease.

Following reports that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was threatening the use of biological weapons armed with brucellosis, the U.S. Army started asking for human vaccines, Wyckoff said.

If humans were exposed to brucellosis, it would be a long-term and disabilitating disease, he said.

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# Bridge

**By Phillip Alder**



North 02-22-99
♠ K J 9
♥ K 6 2
♦ 7 2
♣ K Q 9 7 4

West
♠ A 10 3
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A 10 9 8 4
♣ A 5

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

South
♠ Q 6 5
♥ A 7 4
♦ K Q J
♣ J 10 8 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

| South | West | North | East |
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| | 1 ♦ | Dbl. | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♦ 10

## Minors — who cares about them?

**By Phillip Alder**

We have been considering what to do when you hold 5-3-3-2 shape with a five-card major after your right-hand opponent has opened one of the doubleton suit. Now suppose the long suit is a minor. Does that change matters? Yes, it does — with a capital Y in bold type! Normally, you would overcall one no-trump, if that is feasible, or make a takeout double. You should *not* overcall in the minor unless it is very strong and the only worthwhile feature of your hand.

Why is this? Because we hate to play in five of a minor. On any given deal, it is rare that one side can win 11 tricks, whereas nine or 10 is normal. So, we try to get into three no-trump or four of a major. And if you have three cards in any unbid major, you can always hope your partner has at least five. By doubling, you leave all your options open; by overcalling, you put (almost) all your eggs in that one basket.

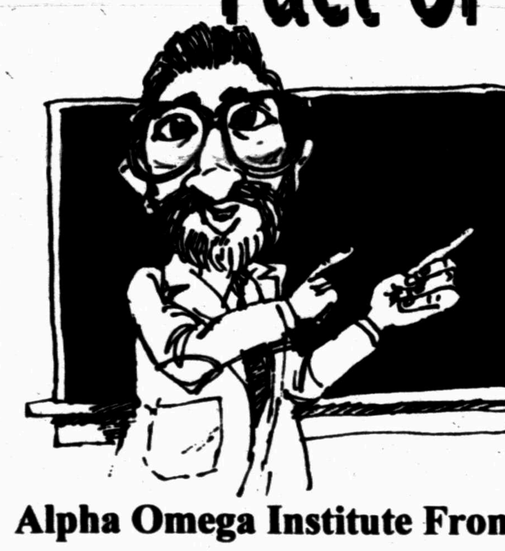
Today's deal is last Thursday's with the black suits switched (and rotated through 180 degrees to keep South the declarer).

Which game would you prefer to be in? West would probably double five clubs and take his three aces. Three no-trump most likely escapes a double, and if West is dozing, the contract will make. After winning the first trick with your diamond jack, you lead a low spade toward dummy. True, West should fly in with the ace and establish his diamonds. But if he sleepily ducks, you win with dummy's jack and immediately switch to clubs, taking nine tricks via one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and four clubs.

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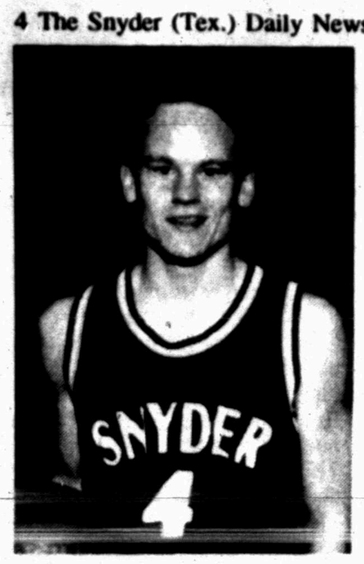
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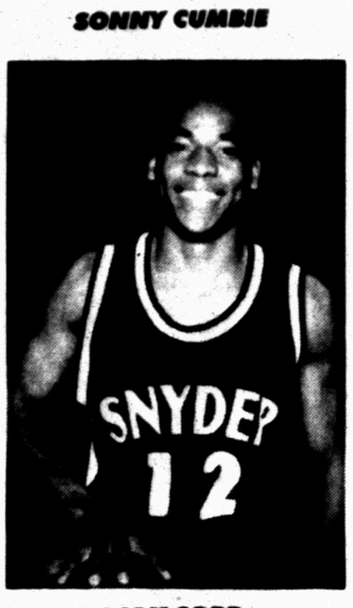
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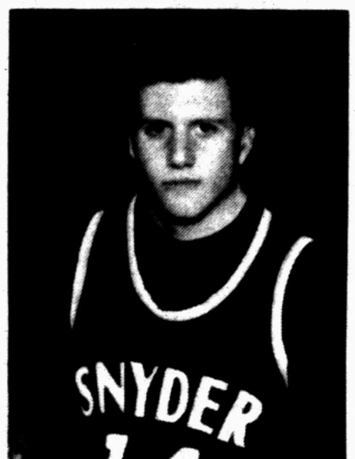
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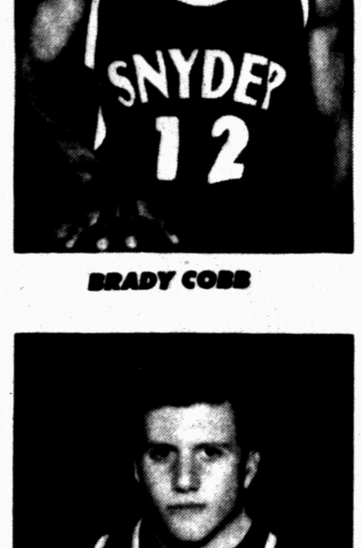
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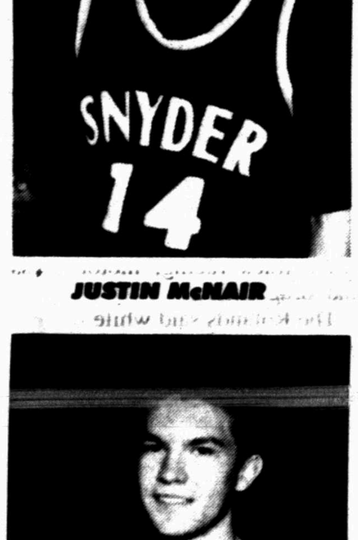
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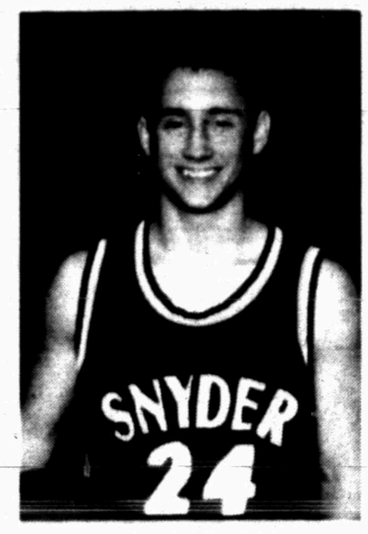
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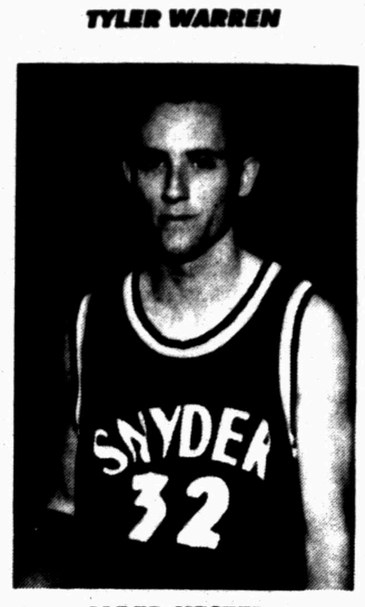
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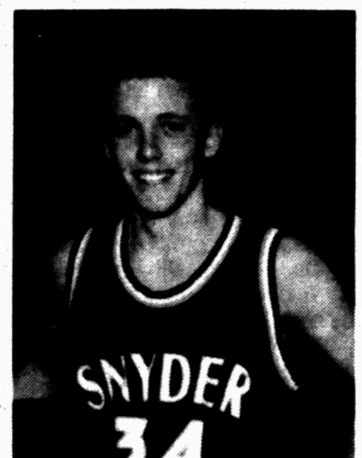

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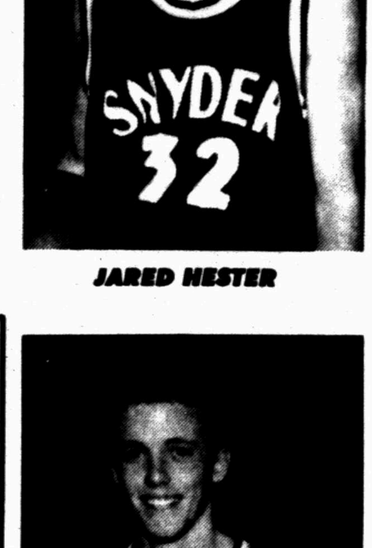
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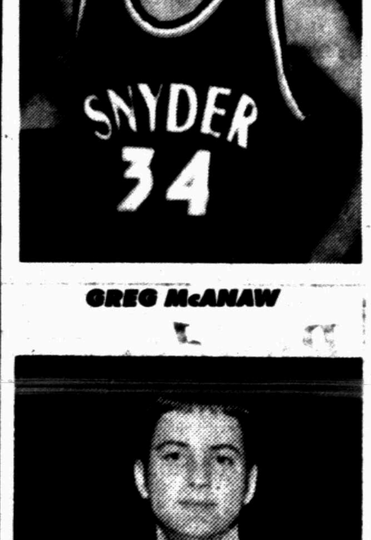
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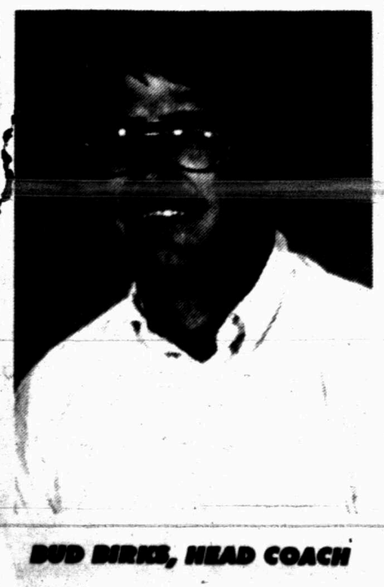
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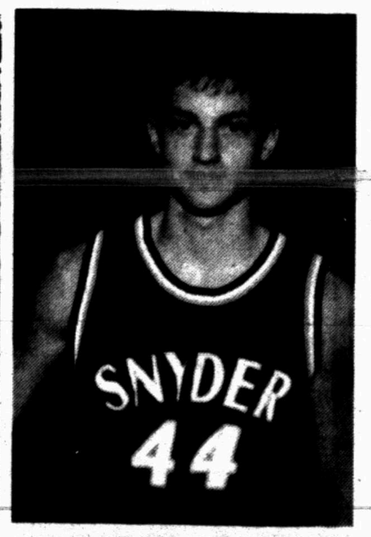

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# SPORTS

## Snyder ups mark to 6-1 at softball event

ABILENE — After posting victories in its first three ballgames, Snyder wasn't going to give up its win streak without a fight.

Lady Tigers raced through two practice games and bracket play of the Softball Slugfest in Abilene, before seeing a six-game winning streak snapped by Lubbock High in the tournament championship, 4-2.

But despite the title loss, the runner-up finish is the highest ever in tourney action for Snyder, who is off to a 6-1 start.

"The girls did an outstanding job," Lady Tiger coach Carmen Bohannon said. "We didn't get the outcome we wanted in the championship, but we fought to the finish."

After keeping errors to a minimum in their first six contests, three Snyder errors in the title game allowed the Lady Westerners to post three of their four runs.

Even with the miscues, the Lady Tigers kept themselves in contention with their bats.

Paced by Kristin Martinez, who slapped a double and two singles in the finale, Snyder rallied in the seventh inning.

The Lady Tigers notched one run and had the bases loaded when the final out was recorded.

Courtney Rinehart pitched all six innings for Snyder, surrendering nine hits and only one earned run, while fanning six Lubbock batters.

"Our pitching was outstanding all tournament long," said Bohannon. "Courtney and Kristin (Martinez) combined to pitch a total of six games in two days and did a great job."

Snyder advanced to the championship by posting three wins earlier in the day.

The Lady Tigers got a single, a double and four RBIs from Martinez in a 10-0 shutout of Hawley in the opener of bracket play.

Next, Snyder pounded Clyde, 17-4, behind a pair of doubles and two singles by Starla Davis.

In the semifinals, Davis' bat helped get the job done once again. The senior blasted a double, a single and four RBIs as the Lady Tigers scratched out a 6-5 win over Abilene Wylie.

Snyder will carry its 6-1 mark into tourney action beginning Thursday at Carrollton.

In a trio of practice games, the Lady Tigers face Waxahachie at 6:15 and Tyler John Tyler at 8:45 on Thursday, before squaring off with Dallas Newman-Smith at 9:15 a.m. Friday.

Bracket play gets underway at 10:30 Friday.

**ABILENE'S SOFTBALL SLUGFEST**

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| Hawley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |

Snyder: Darcee Purcell, 3 singles; Whitney Webb, single and triple; Cameron Mackey, Christy Tomlinson and Kristin Martinez, single and double; Courtney Rinehart, 2 singles; Amy Ricks, double.

Martinez, 4 IP, 5 H, 5 K; Mackey, 1 IP, 1 H, 1 BB.

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| Clyde | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | — 4 |

Snyder: Starla Davis, 2 singles and 2 doubles; Rinehart, single and 2 doubles; Mackey and Purcell, 3 singles; Ricks, 2 singles; Tomlinson and Jennifer Newman, single.

Rinehart, 6 IP, 4 R, 5 H, 5 K, 1 BB.

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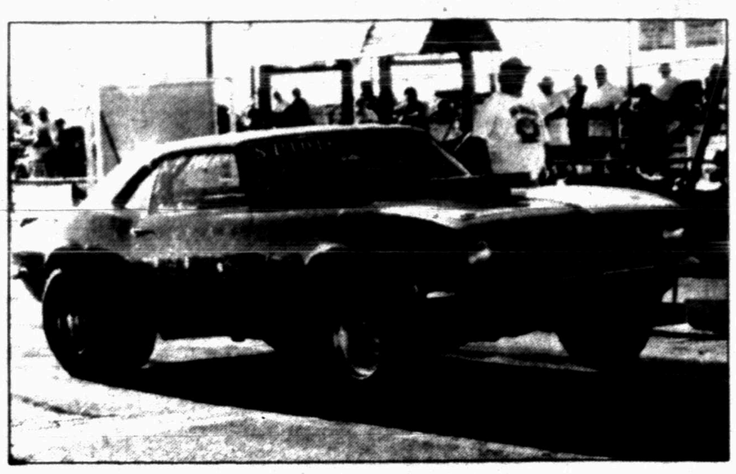
Snyder: Davis, single and double; Webb, 2 singles; Ricks and Newman, double; Mackey and Tomlinson, single.

Martinez, 6 IP, 5 R, 8 H, 2 K, 1 BB.

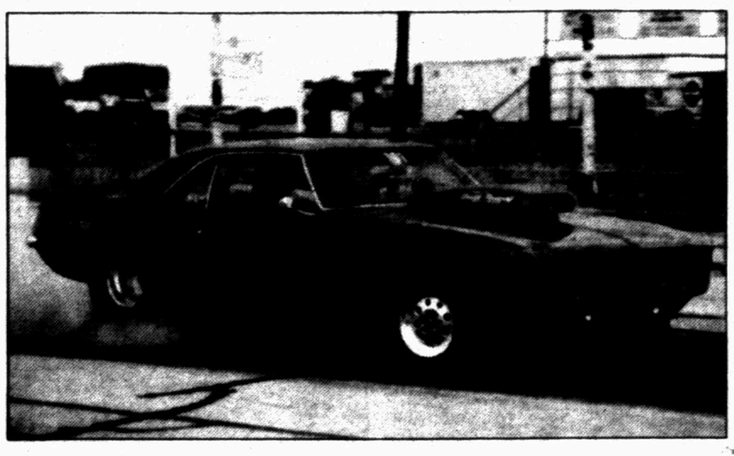
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Snyder: Martinez, 2 singles and double; Mackey, double; Webb, Tomlinson, Rinehart and Purcell, single.

Rinehart, 6 IP, 4 R, 9 H, 6 K.



RED HOT — Snyder's Robert Roland (top) is getting ready for the 1999 drag racing season. Roland and his 1968 Camero Z28 is shown at the starting line in last year's race at Abilene where Roland finished second. David Baremore (below) enters his 1969 Camero RS in races around the area. Last year, Baremore was a points leader in his class. The racing season begins Friday in Wall, near San Angelo. (Contributed Photo)



## Area drivers excited about racing season

As the racing season approaches, at least seven area drivers will be fine-tuning their machines.

The 1999 drag racing season begins Feb. 26-28 at the Wall Dragway, near San Angelo. The season's second racing weekend is March 6 at Penwell, 16 miles west of Odessa.

The 1st annual Big Money one-eighth mile race, March 26-28, will offer prizes totaling more than $25,000. The racing season ends in November.

For the Robert Roland family, it's a family event. It's fun, but it's also serious business. Robert's wife Tina is the racing coordinator, while their sons Tray and Joey serve as the pit crew.

The Rolands got a late start last season, but still managed a first-place finish, two runner-ups, a third place and an eighth place. One of the runner-up finishes came at the Abilene Shootout, where over 500 cars competed.

The Rolands' car is a 1968 Z-28 Camaro they named "Red Hot." And the keys to drag racing are fast starts and a consistent car.

A hand-held weather computer is used by the serious racers to calculate the slightest changes throughout the day. These calculations are needed to help predict the dial-in time for each race, which is usually won or lost by only a few thousandths of a second.

"There's a lot to it," Mrs. Roland said. "It's a family event. A lot of people from the area — including Snyder — just like to go and watch, see who crosses the finish line first."

The racers are divided into classes according to their elapsed time in the quarter-mile.

In addition to adult competition, there is also a junior division for kids from ages 8 to 17. The youngsters drive modified cars with a smaller engine, but still reach speeds of 75 m.p.h.

The Rolands aren't the only family from Snyder enjoying the sport of drag racing. David and Deborah Baremore also compete in a 1969 Camaro RS.

Last season, David captured top honors at Wall Dragway. Baremore was named track champion after notching the most points and grabbing the most money.

Other local racers include Daniel Sanders, Ray Cooley, Clark Humphrey, Michael Huff and David Boyd. Also joining these drivers is Snyder's Tod Stinson who competes in motorcycle class.

To insure the safety of everyone involved, each vehicle must pass an inspection prior to competition.

"These are not junkers," Robert Roland said. "Most are beautiful high-performance cars that have to meet the requirements for their class, from tennis shoes and baseball caps in the Street Class to roll cages, fire suits and helmets in the Super Pro Class."

Currently there is a petition for a large racing complex to be built in Abilene. If approved, the complex could accommodate circle track racing, motor cross and drag racing.

The Rolands said while Snyder might not be able to support a full-time track, they believe it could host an annual event, similar to the one in Abilene.

"On race weekend, competitors and their families stay in motels, eat at restaurants, buy fuel and supplies and shop with the local merchants," said Robert. "The Abilene Shootout had over 500 cars at one event. Not only is it good for business, it also gives families which have never been to the drag races an opportunity to experience it."

The Rolands added that anyone interested in learning about racing should call any of the local tracks or drivers themselves for more information.

*On the links...*

## Lady Tigers secure another title

In their final tune-up before the biggest non-district event of the year, the Lady Tigers got the result they were looking for.

Holding a 10-stroke lead after Friday's first round of the Snyder Classic, the Lady Tigers poured it on Saturday, firing a final-round 325 to win the tournament by 20 strokes over Abilene High.

Snyder's 339-325—664 performance in only their second outing of the spring pleased coach Matt Glenn.

"I think we're playing every bit as good as we were at this time last year," Glenn said. "I'm looking forward to playing against some tough teams on a really tough golf course this week."

Next up for the Lady Tigers is a two-day event in San Antonio, with the opening round held at prestigious The Dominion Country Club.

The highly-touted tourney extends invitations to the top-five teams in Class 5A and 4A, as well as defending state champions from other classifications.

"This is going to be a top-notch event," said Glenn. "It'll have all the bells and whistles and we're going to have to keep our composure, keep the ball in play and have good course management."

The Lady Tigers did all three of those things over the weekend.

Keisha Gafford followed up her 83 at Snyder Country Club with a 76 Saturday at Western Texas College to claim the third spot in the medalist race with a 159 total.

Lacey Kidd fired a 79-83—162, with Randi Reed carding a 86-84—170. Sally Barham turned in a 91-82—173, while Stephanie Alderete finished with a 95-86—181.

Pampa's Alison Piersall posted rounds of 75 and 81 to grab top medalist honors.

In Division II competition, Snyder JV rallied on the final day to capture the runner-up spot, despite being the only junior varsity squad in the event.

Snyder fired a 384 on Saturday to take second place with a 779. Monahans won the division with a tourney total of 751.

Adriene McJimsey paced the Lady Tigers, coming in at 95-90—185.

Casey Blackard shot a 99-90—189, while Kara Harrison fired a 94-96—190. Leslie Mitchell posted 107-108—215, with Stephanie Beck carding a 112-116—228.

**SNYDER CLASSIC**

**Division I**

Snyder, 339-325—664; Abilene High, 349-335—684; Abilene Wylie, 353-334—707; Andrews; Ft. Stockton; Pampa; Lamesa; Abilene Cooper; Midland Lee; Odessa Permian; Highland Park.

**Division II**

Monahans, 371-380—751; Snyder, 395-384—779; Lubbock Monterey, 398-406—806; Frenship; Sweetwater; Post; Lake View; Lubbock Coronado; Big Spring; Lubbock High.

*In final round...*

## Tigers shave 61 strokes

ABILENE — Tough golf courses can produce some high points and force some low points during a tournament.

Combine a tough course with youthful players and the result is the Snyder Tigers' performance at the Big Country Invitational.

Snyder struggled in the opening round at Fairway Oaks CC, before shaving 61 strokes on Saturday to finish in a tie for 11th at 665.

Andrews, powered by Brad Gibson's 3-under par 68, captured the title after vaulting from third place into the top spot by carding a final round of 1-over par 285 at Maxwell GC.

The Tigers also made a second-round leap.

After posting a 363 on Friday, Snyder fired a 302 on Saturday. The Tigers' final-round tally was the fourth lowest of the day.

Patrick McKamie led Saturday's charge with a 2-over-par 73, while Levi Mandrell led Snyder in the final standings with a 84-76—160. McKamie turned in an opening-round 88 for a total of 161.

Landon Day carded a 89-74—163, with Clinton Calmes finishing at 102-79—181. Jason Williams, who didn't compete in the opening round, carded an 88 on Saturday.

Gibson, Andrews' top player, took top medalist honors with a tourney total of 145.

**Big Country Invitational**

Andrews, 313-285—598; Odessa Permian, 304-301—605; Lubbock Coronado, 310-313—623; Abilene Cooper, 338-298—636; Abilene Wylie, 332-304—636; SA Central, 329-314—643; Midland Lee, 340-307—647; Midland High, 338-310—648; Borger, 340-310—650; Odessa high, 345-315—660; Snyder, 363-302—665; Abilene High, 352-313—665; Big Spring, 346-324; 670; Lubbock Monterey, 361-328—689; Lubbock High, 366-329—695; Brownwood, 380-336—716.

## *Bulldogs start playoff trek against Cougars*

Finally.

After wrapping up their district schedule 17 days ago, the Ira Bulldogs finally get their shot in the postseason Tuesday when they square off with Klondike in a bi-district matchup at 8 p.m. at Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Bulldogs enter the playoffs as the District 18 runner-up with a record of 19-7, while the District 17 champion Cougars are carrying a mark of 17-12.

Since the league finale, Ira has played three practice games, capturing victories in a pair of them to gain some momentum heading into Tuesday's contest.

The Bulldogs have been paced for much of the season by their players in the paint, Logan Daves and Jerek Brown.

Daves has used his 6-7 frame to overpower opponents down low, while Brown has the athletic ability to pop out and hit the medium-range jumper, as well as battle on the low block.

During its district run, Ira dropped only two games, both of them coming at the hands of league champion Borden County.

The Coyotes (15-3) begin their playoff trek tonight at 6 o'clock against Wellman-Union in Big Spring.

The winner of Tuesday's Ira-Klondike tilt will face the winner of the contest between Blackwell (15-5) and Bronte (10-13).

This is the Bulldogs' first trip to the playoffs in recent years. Head coach Bubba Edwards has led his squad back to the postseason in only his first year on the Bulldog bench.

## *SHS lifters nab runner-up spot*

MONAHANS — Eight Tigers secured top-five finishes Saturday to power Snyder into second place overall at the Monahans powerlifting meet.

Joe Esparza, Cheyenne Robinson and Jacob Hodges grabbed runner-up finishes in their respective divisions.

Esparza posted a total lift of 1,245 in the 242-pound class, while Robinson tallied a total 1,190 in the 198-pound class. Hodges, competing in the 181-pound bracket, hoisted 1,105 pounds.

In the 275-pound class, Chase McJimsey notched a total lift of 1,125 to claim third place, while Sam Bedell took third in the 181-pound division with a total 1,100.

Aaron Stansell wrapped up the fourth spot in the 220-pound classification after posting a total of 945 pounds.

Jeff Fuentes was fifth in the 242-pound bracket with a total of 1,095, while Jeff Knowles grabbed fifth in the 198-pound class with a lift of 860 pounds.

## Snyder to host playoff games

Scurry County Coliseum will play host to three playoff basketball games.

Tonight, Lubbock Coronado (9-19) and Abilene Cooper (21-6) will square off in a 5A boys bi-district tilt at 7:30. Ticket prices are $4 for adults and $2 for students. Only District 3-5A and 4-5A passes will be accepted.

New Deal and Jim Ned will battle Tuesday at 6:30 in boys 2A action, followed by Midland High (27-3) and Lubbock Coronado (27-5) in a girls Class 5A regional quarterfinal at 8 p.m.

**Local Sports Schedule**

**TODAY**

**Basketball:** Western Texas at South Plains, 5:50 p.m.

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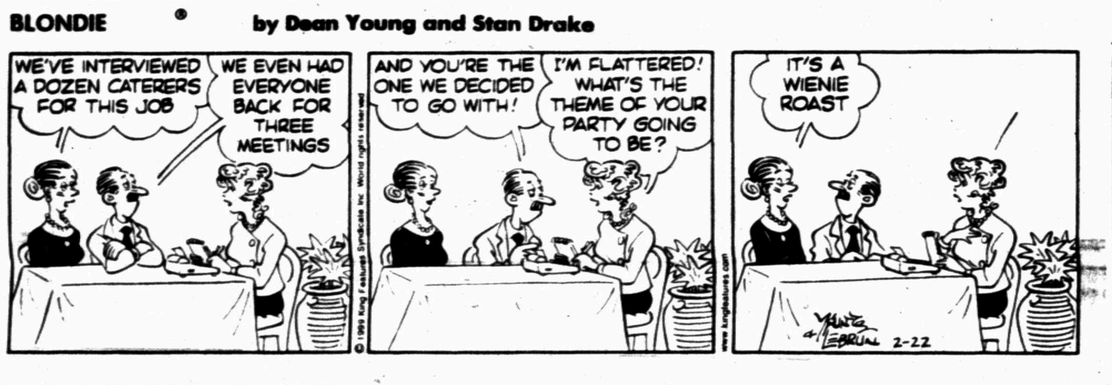

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**ACROSS**

1 City map, perhaps
6 Relax
10 "—'s Punctured Romance" (silent movie)
12 It may get heavy at night
14 Glossy paint
15 Tranquil
16 Got together
17 Krazy — of the comics
19 — fixe (obsession)
20 Outshine the star?
23 — — fours (crawling)
26 Greek vowel
27 Butter serving
30 Large seabird
32 Luxurious fur
34 Recital
35 Popeye, for one
36 Actor Wallach
37 FedEx competitor
39 Oldest man in space
40 Left out
42 Trousers parts
45 Front of a truck
46 "Bali —"
49 New York lake
51 In ill health
54 Northern
55 Theater district
56 Belgrade resident
57 Lazybones

**DOWN**

1 Newspaper article
2 Planetary complement
3 Thin board
4 New Haven tree
5 Dead heat
6 Kind of bread
7 Unearthly
8 Arctic vehicle
9 Prong
11 Part of BPOE
12 Heirs' concerns
13 Scottish river
18 Had some ham
20 Arm bone
21 General assembly
22 Sale site, sometimes
23 Eye amorously
24 Brad
25 One opposed
27 Soft carpet surface
28 Unknown author's abbr.
29 30 Across kin
31 Characteristic
33 Not spicy
38 RR stop
40 Basket willow
41 Construction beam
42 Tennis shot
43 Adam's grandson
44 Roberts' "Pretty Woman" costar
46 Place for Jack and Jill
47 Chip in a chip
48 Composer Stravinsky
50 Pat gently
52 Sundial number
53 Boy

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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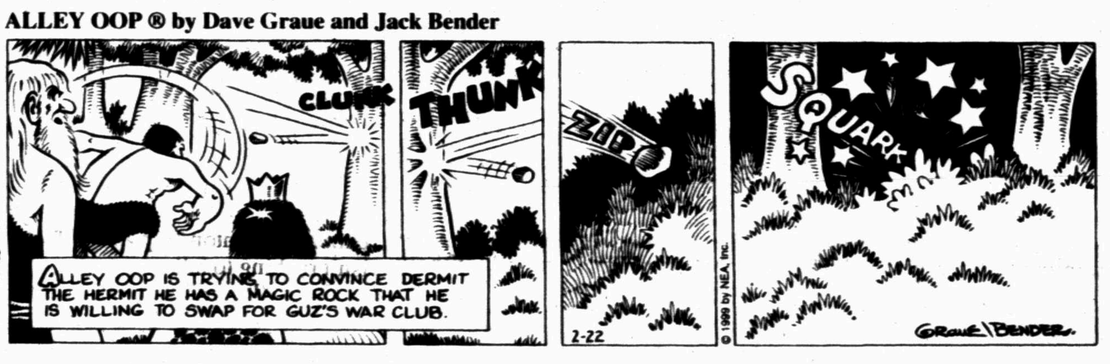

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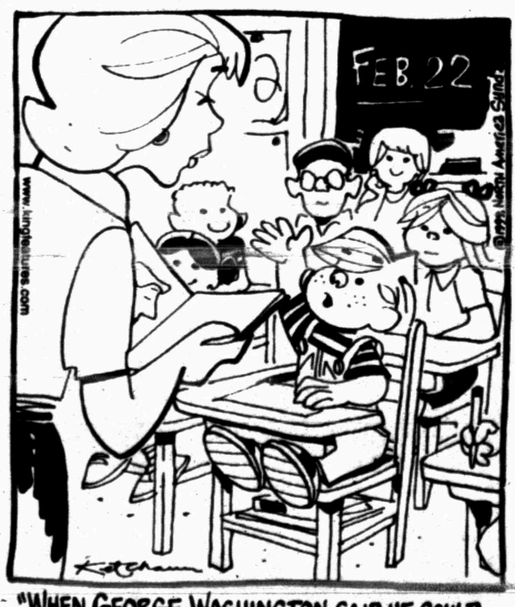


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# Scientists create genetically altered swine

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — At a top-secret farm hidden in the Northeast, scientists are growing pigs whose DNA has been altered with human genes.

It sounds like the stuff of science fiction, yet officials at Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc. say they are close to figuring out how these pigs can figure in the treatment of human organ failures, spinal cord injuries and illnesses such as Parkinson's disease.

The idea of transplanting animal parts to humans, called xenotransplantation, isn't new. But, until recently, nobody knew how to keep the human body from rejecting the organs.

About 18,000 organ transplants are performed in the United States each year and more than 40,000 patients are waiting for donor organs, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. About 10 Americans die each day waiting for transplants, network officials say.

Alexion's first altered pigs, created with the help of researchers at Virginia Tech in the early 1990s, contained a human gene called CD-59. Scientists hoped the grafted gene would trick the human body's immune system into believing that the pig parts were human.

While transplanted organs from those pigs were able to survive for a couple of days in their new host, the body eventually rejected the parts.

A major breakthrough came last year when the small biotechnology firm, working with scientists in Australia, figured out a way to alter a sugar-like molecule in pig cells so that human antibodies would not recognize it as foreign.

The molecule had been acting as a magnet for human antibodies, betraying the fact that the transplanted tissue was not human. Alexion quickly patented the process.

"If you now take cells from those animals and challenge them with human serum, they are almost indestructible in the lab," said Stephen P. Squinto, the chief technology officer at Alexion.

Scientists at Alexion have already transplanted brain cells from their transgenic pigs into rodents with a syndrome similar to Parkinson's, a degenerative nerve condition that affects motor function.

The transplanted cells not only survived, they became neurotransmitters in the animals' brains and helped correct the tremors, Squinto said.

The same experiments are now being conducted in baboons. If those experiments work, Alexion hopes to begin human trials by the end of the year. Researchers hope that within 15 years humans will be able to receive permanent organ transplants from swine.

The company also has seen remarkable results by transplanting cells from a pig's snout into the damaged spinal columns of rodents, Squinto said. The cells replace the damaged protective sheath around the spine and allow nerve cells to regenerate.

"Would we expect that we will be able to take a person who is a paraplegic and have them walking or running in the Olympics?" Squinto said. "No, I don't think that's the case. But restoring some function to that person is certainly a goal."

Xenotransplantation faces stiff opposition from some in the medical community and from animal-rights activists. Alexion was unwilling to allow a reporter or photographer to visit their facilities, in part because they could be targeted by animal rights protesters.

Among the medical concerns: the fear that transplanted organs could bring with them new diseases caused by viruses now living only in pigs.

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# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



## Mother Is Tempted to Tattle On Daughter's Married Lover

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My 21-year-old daughter, "Cammie," has been seeing a 24-year-old married man for three years. They met at work, and after only a few months became lovers. He was still in college and had been married only a year.

He told Cammie he was going to treat his wife indifferently so she'd leave him. He just couldn't be the bad guy. He's an only child and depends on his parents for support. He's afraid of their reaction to a divorce, financially and emotionally.

He promised Cammie he'd move out after his wife graduated from college. Then he said he'd leave after he graduated. Then he said after he gets out of debt and after he gets a job. Well, he moved all right — into a bigger apartment with his wife after she got pregnant.

Cammie found out about the pregnancy after I saw his wife's name in a newspaper ad for the gift registry of a local baby store. I called and confirmed the information and was told her due date is just two weeks away. This man had kept the pregnancy a secret the entire time. Cammie was going to end the affair, but relented when he cried on her shoulder about not wanting children yet, and what a nightmare this is.

Abby, his disregard for my daughter's feelings and future are astounding. It's tearing my heart out. I want Cammie to find a soul mate and build a life, not live like a prisoner, waiting to see a married man a couple of hours a week. If this affair was revealed to the wife or his parents, he'd be forced to be honest. Should I tell?

OUTRAGED MOTHER
IN OREGON

**DEAR MOTHER: It's tempting to meddle, but your daughter is an adult, so I'd advise against it. Although you and I know she's wasting her time buying what this supersalesman is selling, some people have to learn the hard way, as the next letter reveals. It arrived in the same batch as yours. Perhaps reading it will help her see the light. Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Maybe my experience will keep other hearts from being broken as mine was. I was involved with a married man. He swore he and his wife were breaking up; it was taking so long only because of the children. How could I have been so stupid?

It happened two years ago, but only now am I seeing clearly. Now I'm finally able to talk about it. I'm shocked how similar my experience has been to that of other women.

These men all say practically the same thing: "You make me feel alive again." (I now realize that how you feel about yourself comes from within.) "I can talk to you and you really listen." (I didn't have three small children underfoot demanding my attention.) "My wife and I have a lousy sex life." (Some even claim it's nonexistent, but their wives seem to get pregnant anyway. Immaculate conception, perhaps?)

Take it from me, ladies, what your married lover is telling you is what they all say — and what he'll no doubt tell the next gullible woman who comes along. I was a fool. I feel guilt and sadness for the pain my actions caused my ex-lover's wife when she found out about our affair. I can only offer my heartfelt apology.

To those of you who are having affairs — please learn from my mistakes. The pleasure is dwarfed in comparison to the pain that's inflicted on so many people. It's just not worth it.

EX-MISTRESS
IN MASSACHUSETTS

**DEAR EX-MISTRESS: Affairs with unavailable people fail far more often than they succeed, and the damage they cause will far outlive the romance. Your letter is a wake-up call. I hope others will heed it.**

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# DeLay now facing questions about his own truthfulness

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Tom DeLay, the House Republican leader who led the drive to impeach President Clinton for statements he made under oath, now finds himself at the center of his own controversy over truthfulness.

DeLay got a lot of media attention as he kept up a steady stream of invective against Clinton. But now the spotlight has turned and is focused on the Texan. DeLay is being asked about discrepancies between statements he made in a legal proceeding and in financial disclosure forms he is required to file as a member of Congress.

"Frankly, it's my opinion he lied to me under oath," said Gerald DeNisco, the Houston lawyer who questioned DeLay for a 1994 deposition in a civil lawsuit filed against the congressman by a business partner.

The former pest exterminator, whose profile rose after the former speaker, Rep. Newt Gingrich, resigned, blames Democrats for critical media coverage.

"I am the most investigated man in America. They're trying to bring me down," DeLay, the No. 3 GOP House leader, said this month.

Yet the man who repeatedly exhorted Clinton to provide facts isn't rushing to talk.

Generally loquacious, the majority whip is brushing off inquiries regarding the lawsuit filed against him by a business partner who claimed DeLay and a third partner were trying to oust him from a pest control firm.

"We have answers to all of that," DeLay said in a brief hallway encounter. "It ain't worth talking about."

Aides have been equally tight-lipped. Questions about DeLay's business dealings were first raised by an alternative Houston weekly in 1995 and were resurrected recently by The New Republic, a liberal-oriented magazine. "These stories are being forwarded by political enemies of Tom DeLay, and we choose not to fight them out in the press," said spokesman Michael Scanlon.

The roots of DeLay's current troubles reach back to that 1994 deposition, taken 10 months before he got the GOP leadership post.

DeLay, who owned a third of Albo Pest Control, testified that he had not been an officer of the company for two or three years. But on congressional financial disclosure forms filed for several years preceding the deposition — and one filed three months afterward — he listed himself as chairman of Albo's board of directors. He dropped the title on his 1995 report.

DeNisco, the lawyer, said he believes DeLay was attempting to limit financial liability by denying he was a corporate officer. DeLay later retreated somewhat from his claim, saying he couldn't remember when he resigned.

The spat with former Albo partner Robert Blankenship, ultimately settled with an undisclosed payment to Blankenship, wasn't DeLay's first business dispute.

A court imposed a $32,000 judgment against DeLay in 1984 after he stopped making payments to Robert Bartnett for the purchase of Bartnett's pest control company. DeLay, elected to Congress in 1984, didn't report that debt on his disclosure form.

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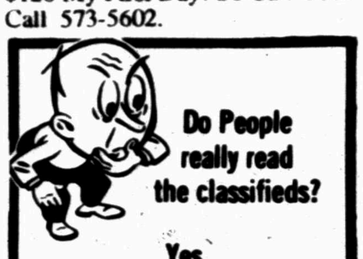
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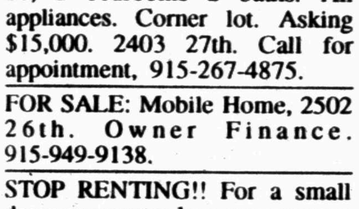
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# Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



## Living wills are sometimes ignored

DEAR DR. GOTT: A year ago, my mother suffered a large brain hemorrhage that left her in a coma. Despite her living will and against the wishes of the family, her doctor insisted on aggressive management. Now she is in a nursing home and requires a tracheostomy and a feeding tube. She is barely rousable but the doctors say this is not machine life-support and they refuse to let her die in peace. This is not at all what she wanted. Please help me to understand how we got into this mess.

DEAR READER: Alas, I wish I could. This is precisely the nightmare that most of us fear. Your mother appears to be the recipient of unwanted and inappropriate "techno-medicine."

I believe that much of the problem stems from a new attitude in medical practice: Doctors view death as the ultimate enemy and they will go to great lengths to foil the natural process of dying. Many young physicians miss the big picture; they refuse to take into account patients' wishes and they pay no attention to common sense.

To me, this is contaminated medicine, comparable to trial lawyers who strive only to get their clients off the hook, often at the expense of the truth. Doctors who preserve life at any cost are not serving their patients well. This is the other end of the spectrum from Dr. Kevorkian, who believes that he is justified in killing patients. Both extremes are wrong, in my opinion; a reasonable approach lies in the middle ground.

Unfortunately, depending on the laws in your state, you have limited choices at this point. Certainly, you can petition the court to declare your mother incompetent, be awarded a health care proxy (which enables you to make medical decisions for her), and then instruct her doctors to administer comfort-only care. You could also choose to monitor the situation and wait for your mother to die a painless and natural death. Neither of these choices is ideal.

Therefore, I recommend the following: Find another doctor who understands the complexity of the situation. Such a doctor should accept your mother's (and the family's) wishes and, in so doing, provide care that is designed to minimize pain and suffering. While the doctor probably will not remove her tracheostomy and feeding tube, he or she could eliminate your mother's medicines (except those for pain-control) and avoid treating complications, such as pneumonia, that might appear later. While changing doctors may not necessarily hasten your mother's death, the family will feel relief that the new physician is at least committed to a sensible and humane philosophy of treatment and care. At long last, your mother's wishes would get the attention they deserve.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 67 and still have a desire for sex. However, my husband can no longer perform. Could the Premarin cream I use vaginally have something to do with this?

DEAR READER: Probably not, unless you are using it at the time of intercourse, in which case your husband could be absorbing enough to affect his erections.

To solve this problem, I'd start with a urologist. After examining your husband, the specialist should be able to determine the cause of his impotence and suggest appropriate therapy, ranging from medicines — such as Viagra — to various devices.

In your case, the Premarin cream is a satisfactory antidote to the dryness and tissue thinning that plague many post-menopausal women. Should your husband be unable to overcome his erectile dysfunction, you may have to investigate other options. For example, many couples who share your predicament have found that non-intercourse methods of sexual release are quite satisfactory.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I want to lose 20 pounds. As a 14-year-old girl who weighs 110, I believe I am overweight; all my female classmates weigh about 90 pounds. How can I lose weight safely?

DEAR READER: As a general rule, anyone can lose weight safely by sharply reducing fat and eliminating sugar from the diet. This approach is usually healthful and effective.

Having said this, I must caution you. There is an epidemic among today's teen-agers to lose inappropriate amounts of weight in order to achieve some fictitious ideal of slimness. In many instances, the compulsion to lose pounds can lead to — or be part of — an eating disorder. Therefore, because of your age, I urge you to check with your pediatrician before dieting. Your goal of 20 pounds is almost 20 percent of your body weight. A loss of that magnitude could well be unhealthy for a girl your age. Judging from your present weight, I believe that you would be making a mistake to lose more.

Your doctor may be able to reassure you that you needn't match your classmates. As all of you mature, you will tend to grow in different directions — up, out and around. I suggest that you pay less attention to your appropriate weight of 110, make sure that you are eating a well-balanced diet, cut back on junk food, and wait to see how your body develops in the next two to three years.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my revised and completely new 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About a year ago, I saw a psychiatrist who prescribed Ativan. I'm now down to one pill a day, but I still feel depressed and fatigued. My family wants me to stop the medicine. What is your opinion?

DEAR READER: Ativan is recommended by the manufacturer for short-term treatment of anxiety disorders, both with and without depression. The drug is not an antidepressant. Moreover, it can cause many side effects, including palpitations, intestinal upset and fatigue.

I believe that you would be better served by taking an antidepressant, such as Paxil or Wellbutrin. These drugs are specifically designed to treat depression. If, on a therapeutic dose, you still feel anxious, you could use an occasional Ativan to reduce your anxiety level. I suggest that you return to your psychiatrist, emphasize your feelings of depression and see if the doctor wouldn't agree that a change in medication is in order.

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## Markets Midday Stocks

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| | High | Low | Last |
|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp s | 55 3-16 | 54¼ | 55⅛+ 1¼ |
| AT&T Corp | 86½ | 85⅛ | 86 7-16+11-16 |
| AirTouch | 92¼ 92 | | 92 9-16+1 117-256 |
| Albertsons | 55¼ 53 | | 11-16 53⅛— 1⅛ |
| AlldSignal | 43⅞ | 42¼ | 43 5-16+15-16 |
| Alltel | 60¾ 59 | | 11-16 60½+11-16 |
| AmOnline s | 166¾ 161 | | 7-16 166⅝+ 6⅜ |
| AmOnline wi | 83¼ | 81¼ | 83½+ 2¼ |
| AmStores | 32 | 31¼ | 31⅝—11-16 |
| Ameritech | 65⅞ | 64¼ | 65¼+1 11-16 |
| AndrkPtr s | 28⅜ | 2828 | + 1-16 |
| Armcolnc | 4 15-16 | 4⅞ | 4⅝— 1-16 |
| AtlRichfld | 57⅛ | 5656½ | —11-16 |
| ATMOS Egy | 24 9-16 | 24 | 3-16 24½— ½ |
| Aviall | 12 3-16 | 11⅞ | 12 1-16+ 5-16 |
| BP Amoco | 82 7-16 | 81⅞ | 82½+ ⅜ |
| BakerHughes | 18 1-16 | 17⅞ | 18 + ⅛ |
| BankAmerica | 65 15-16 | 64½ | 65 11-16+ ⅜ |
| BellAtl s | 59 5-16 | 57 | 5-16 59 1-16+ 1⅛ |
| BellSouth s | 46 11-16 | 45⅞ | 46 11-16+ 1⅜ |
| BethSteel | 8¼ | 88⅛ | + 1-16 |
| BurlNoSFe s | 34 1-16 | 33¼ | 34 + 7-16 |
| CBS Corp | 37 7-16 | 37 | 1-16 37 5-16+ 3-16 |
| Caterpillar | 45¾ | 44¼ | 44 15-16— ⅛ |
| CenSoWst | 25 7-16 | 25 | 3-16 25 7-16+ 3-16 |
| Chevron | 76⅞ 75 | | 15-16 76½— 7-16 |
| Citigroup | 55½ 54 | | 11-16 55⅛+1 1-16 |
| Coastal s | 32 | 31⅞ | 31¾+ 3-16 |
| CocaCola | 65⅞ | 64¼ | 64¼— ⅛ |
| ColgatePalm | 86¼ | 85⅛ | 86 5-16+ 9-16 |
| ComclMetals | 23¼ | 22 | 9-16 23 + ⅛ |
| Cooperln | 43¼ | 43½ | 43 13-16+ 5-16 |
| CyprusAmax | 10 15-16 | 10⅝ | 10 15-16+ 3-16 |
| DaimlrChry n | 95 7-16 | 94⅞ | '95⅜+1 7-16 |
| DallSemicn | 36 9-16 | 35 | 13-16 36 3-16+ ⅛ |
| DeltaAirl s | 57½ | 56⅜ | 56 15-16+ 1⅛ |
| Dillards Inc | 26¼ | 25 | 13-16 26⅛+ ¾ |
| DowChem | 97 13-16 | 96½ | 97⅜+1 1-16 |
| DuPont | 52⅜ | 52 | 52 9-16— 3-16 |
| EastmanChem | 47⅛ | 46 | 1-16 47⅛+13-16 |
| EstKodak | 69 1-16 | 67½ | 68 13-16+ 2⅜ |
| EDS Corp | 46 1-16 | 45⅛ | 45 11-16+ 7-16 |
| Entergy | 29 9-16 | 29 | 3-16 29½— ⅛ |
| Exxon | 68¾ | 68 | 68 9-16+ 1-16 |
| Flowers | 24 7-16 | 24 | 1-16 24⅜+ ¼ |
| FordMotor s | 60 7-16 | 59⅝ | 60¼+1 7-16 |
| GTE Cp | 66¾ | 64½ | 66⅛+ 1⅛ |
| GenDynam s | 60 13-16 | 59⅝ | 60⅜+ ⅜ |
| GenElec | 102½ 100 | 3-16 | 102 5-16+1 15-16 |
| GenMills | 83 5-16 | 82¼ | 83 5-16+11-16 |
| GenMotors | 87¼ 85 | 5-16 | 86 13-16+ 1⅜ |
| GaPacGP | 68¼ | 6768⅛+ | ⅛ |
| GlobalMar | 7⅞ | 7⅜ | 7 11-16+ 1-16 |
| Goodrich | 34 7-16 | 33 | 1-16 34⅛+ 1⅜ |
| Goodyear s | 48 11-16 | 4848 | — ⅛ |
| GtAtlPac | 30¾ 30 | 9-16 | 30¾— 1-16 |
| Halliburtn | 29⅜ | 28⅝ | 29 + ⅜ |
| Hanson ADS | 38½ | 3838½+ | 1½ |
| HarteHanks s | 25 3-16 | 25 | 1-16 25⅛— 1-16 |
| HomeDepot | 61 1-16 | 59 | 15-16 60¼— ¼ |
| IBM | 174¾ 171 | 1-16 | 174 7-16+2 13-16 |
| IntlPaper | 42¼ | 42 | 1-16 42 9-16+ ½ |
| JohnsonJn | 87½ | 86⅛ | 87 3-16+ 9-16 |
| K mart | 16 9-16 | 16⅛ | 16⅜+ ⅛ |
| Kroger Co | 61 5-16 | 60⅝ | 61 1-16 |
| Litton | 53⅜ 53 | 1-16 | 53 3-16+ 7-16 |
| LockheedM s | 36⅛ | 36 | 3-16 36⅛+ 7-16 |
| Lowes Cos s | 58⅛ | 56 | 3-16 56 7-16— ⅛ |
| Lubys | 14 7-16 | 14¼ | 14⅜+ ⅛ |
| LucentTech s | 105 | 103¼ | 105 + 2 |
| MayDeptStrs | 60 3-16 | 59 | 60 3-16+ 1 |
| MediaOne | 55 5-16 | 54 | 7-16 55 — 3-16 |
| Medtronic | 74 13-16 | 7474⅛— | 7-16 |
| Mobil | 85 11-16 | 84⅜ | 85 5-16— 3-16 |
| Monsanto | 46 7-16 | 45¾ | 46 7-16+1 1-16 |
| MorganJP | 111⅛ 109 | 13-16 | 111 1-16+ 7-16 |
| Motorola | 68¾ 67 | 5-16 | 68 5-16+15-16 |
| NCR Corp | 44 7-16 | 43¾ | 44⅜+ ⅜ |
| Navistar | 40¾ 39 | 9-16 | 39 15-16+ 7-16 |
| OryxEngy | 10 11-16 | 10 | 3-16 10⅜+ ⅜ |
| Penney JC | 39¼ | 38⅛ | 38 11-16+ 3-16 |
| PennzEargy s | 10 9 | 13-16 | 9 15-16+ 3-16 |
| PepBoys | 18¼ | 18⅛ | 18¼ |
| PepsiCo | 40¼ 38 | 13-16 | 40 1-16+ ⅛ |
| PhelpDodge | 46⅛ | 45 | 5-16 45⅝+13-16 |
| PhilipPet | 38⅛ | 38 | 38 1-16+ 3-16 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 20¼ | 20⅛ | 20⅛+ ¼ |
| Polaroid | 22⅛ | 21⅛ | 21⅜— ⅛ |
| Praxair | 35 13-16 | 34¼ | 35 13-16+1 1-16 |
| ProctGamb | 91¾ 91 | 1-16 | 91⅜— 1-16 |
| PubSNwMx | 16 9-16 | 16 | 5-16 16⅜— 1-16 |
| ReliantEngy | 27¼ 27 | 5-16 | 27 11-16+ ¼ |
| RoyalDut | 43 41 | 15-16 | 43 +1 3-16 |
| SBC Comm | 53 7-16 | 51¾ | 53⅛+1 9-16 |
| SaraLee s | 26 15-16 | 26 | 7-16 26 15-16+ 3-16 |
| Scripps EW | 43¾ | 43 | 3-16 43 7-16 |
| SearsRoeb | 40¾ 39 | 15-16 | 40 9-16+ ⅞ |
| SherwinW | 23¾ | 23¼ | 23⅜— 1-16 |
| SmithklBchm | 70⅜ 69 | 1-16 | 70⅛+ 1⅛ |
| SouthernCo | 26 | 1-16 | 25 9-16 25⅞ |
| SwstAirl s | 30¼ | 29⅝ | 30⅛+ ¼ |
| SprintFON n | 86¼ | 82⅜ | 86⅛+ 5¼ |
| SprintPCS n | 32¼ | 31 | 5-16 32⅛+ ⅜ |
| Sunoco Inc | 31⅜ | 31⅛ | 31 9-16— 5-16 |
| TNP Ent | 30⅛ | 30 | 9-16 30⅛+ 1-16 |
| Tandy | 57 7-16 | 55 | 15-16 57 3-16+ 1½ |
| TempleInland | 59 3-16 | 58 | 1-16 59⅛+15-16 |
| Tenneco | 29½ | 28¾ | 29⅛+ 1⅜ |
| Texaco | 49 3-16 | 48 | 48 11-16— ⅜ |
| Texind | 23 9-16 | 23¼ | 23 9-16+ 7-16 |
| TexasInst | 96 | 93 | 11-16 96 + 3 |
| TexUtil | 43½ | 42¼ | 43⅜— ⅛ |
| Textron | 78 5-16 | 76 | 13-16 78 5-16+ 1¼ |
| TriconGlbR | 59 15-16 | 58¼ | 59⅛+1 11-16 |
| TrinityInds | 33¾ | 32 | 15-16 33 3-16+ ⅛ |
| TritonEngy | 6 1-16 | 5 | 15-16 5 15-16— 1-16 |
| Tyler | 4¾ | 4¾ | 4¾+ ⅛ |
| US West Inc | 61 3-16 | 59⅜ | 61¼+1 3-16 |
| USX-Marathn | 21 1-16 | 20 | 13-16 21 — ⅛ |
| USX-USS | 25 7-16 | 25 | 5-16 25⅛+ ⅛ |
| UnCarbde | 39¾ | 39 | 39 9-16—11-16 |
| UnionPacif | 49¼ | 48⅛ | 49¼+ ⅛ |
| UnitedTech | 123⅝ | 120⅞ | 123 9-16— 1⅜ |
| Unocal | 28¼ | 27 | 15-16 28 5-16+ ⅛ |
| Venator Grp | 4 11-16 | 4 | 5-16 4¾+ 7-16 |
| WalMart | 87⅞ | 85⅜ | 87¼+ 2⅜ |
| WellsFargo | 37 3-16 | 36⅝ | 37 + ⅛ |
| WstnGasRs | 5⅛ | 5⅛ | 5⅛+ ⅛ |
| WinnDixie | 43 5-16 | 42¾ | 43¼— 1-16 |
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# 'Payback' and 'Message' duel for top movie position; 'October' shoots for stars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kevin Costner's romantic "Message in a Bottle" and Mel Gibson's violent "Payback" both hit it big at the box office this weekend, estimates showed.

"October Sky," the story of a coal miner's son with dreams of building rockets, opened to respectable business by grossing a studio-estimated $6 million for fifth place.

Two other new releases, the workplace comedy "Office Space" and the bad-girl teen movie "Jawbreaker," did lackluster business. "My Favorite Martian" continued to do attract theatergoers after two weeks.

"Message in a Bottle," starring Costner as a widower who finds love again, and "Payback," a violent revenge story with Gibson as a double-crossed criminal, both had estimated three-day grosses of $10.3 million.

If the estimates are correct, "Message" had a slightly higher per-location average since it was playing on fewer screens. Final figures are due today.

"October Sky's" fifth-place opening launches it closer to the Brendan Fraser fish-out-water comedy "Blast from the Past." The comedy, co-starring Alicia Silverstone, made $6.1 million for fourth, according to the studio. But several rivals disputed New Line's estimate for "Blast" as too high.

"October Sky's" per-location average of just more than $4,000 was hardly stellar, buy was still the second-highest of the wide-releases, just behind "Message in a Bottle." That's an encouraging sign for a small movie that is tricky to market.

"This is a film that needs to find its place in the marketplace because of the importance of the word of the mouth," said Nikki Rocco, president of Universal Pictures distribution. "I think it has that word of mouth."

Academy Award nominations helped the Elizabethan romance "Shakespeare in Love" and Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan." "Shakespeare" grossed $5.8 million for fourth place and the re-issue of "Ryan" got $2.4 million for 10th.

The new business for "Ryan," pushed the World War II saga passed last summer's space adventure "Armageddon" to become the highest-grossing film released in 1998. "Ryan" now has grossed $203.2 million.

The other best-picture nominees for the March 21 awards, "Life is Beautiful," "The Thin Red Line" and "Elizabeth," were out of the top 10. Italy's "Life is Beautiful," the tragic-comedy story set against the Holocaust, was 11th with $2.3 million.

## Five are arrested over the weekend

Law enforcement personnel arrested five individuals over the weekend.

At 11:57 p.m. Saturday, officers took a male juvenile into custody for minor in possession of tobacco. He was transported to the law enforcement center where he was released to his parents.

Two subjects were taken into custody by deputies at 12:16 a.m. Sunday on Hwy. 208. A 26-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended and on a misdemeanor warrant for motion to revoke probation on an original charge of driving while intoxicated. Also arrested was a 27-year-old male for public intoxication.

A 28-year-old male was taken into custody by officers at 1:25 p.m. Sunday in the 2300 block of College for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male at 3:09 p.m. Sunday on Hwy. 180 for minor in possession of alcohol and misdemeanor coercion of a police officer.

Two offense reports were also filed over the weekend.

Officers filed an offense report for Class C assault/family violence at 4:51 p.m. Saturday.

Lawrence Jaramillo requested an officer at 8:54 a.m. Sunday at Jaramillo's in reference to reporting a burglary. An offense report for burlgary of a building was filed.

## Hospital

ADMISSIONS: (Feb. 19) Virginia Bethel, Frances Machen, W.N. Stone and Welda McHaney of Hermleigh; (Feb. 20) Kenneth Smith, Ola Floyd; (Feb. 21) Pat Johnston, Walter Littlefield and Emma Shaw of Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: (Feb. 19) Lavania Azbill, Austin Davis; (Feb. 20) Teresa Early, James Manely, Hannah Camp, Murlene Goswick, Sherod McCowen, Miranda Rinehart; (Feb. 22) Jimmy Martinez, Betty Rawlings, Lillian Sellers.

CENSUS: Long-term Care, 25; Medical and Surgical, 24; ICU, 1; Total: 50.

# Congress, Clinton at odds over defense shield

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans, unwilling to yield ground to President Clinton in fulfilling a long-time dream of building a national antimissile defense shield, are pressing for early votes on legislation to require a crash development program.

GOP leaders want to make it, along with a 4.8 percent military pay raise, among the first items of business when Congress meets this week for the first time since Clinton's Senate impeachment trial.

But the White House is threatening a veto — even though the president earmarked $6.6 billion for a missile defense program in the budget he submitted only three weeks ago.

Among other problems, the administration claims the measure before Congress would interfere with talks beginning today in Moscow on modifications to the landmark 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty.

"I cannot think of a worse way to begin a negotiation on the ABM treaty," White House national security adviser Sandy Berger said.

Republicans are crying foul, suggesting Clinton's main motivation is political— to help Vice President Al Gore by undermining GOP attempts to use missile defense as a 2000 campaign issue.

At stake is a scaled-down version of the Strategic Defense Initiative that President Reagan proposed in 1983 to protect American cities from incoming ballistic missiles — a system that critics derided as "Star Wars" because it was originally intended to be space-based.

Essentially, the administration plan would set aside money for a missile defense program — but delay a presidential decision on actually building one until June 2000. The legislation before Congress would do away with the presidential decision part, making deployment official U.S. policy.

"For the life of me, I can't understand the administration's position," said Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., the prime author of the House version. The threat to the U.S. mainland "is here today and we have no defense against that threat. Why would you wait a year?"

Weldon: It would take three or four years to build such a system anyway, so Clinton's position puts off a go-ahead until the middle of a presidential campaign year.


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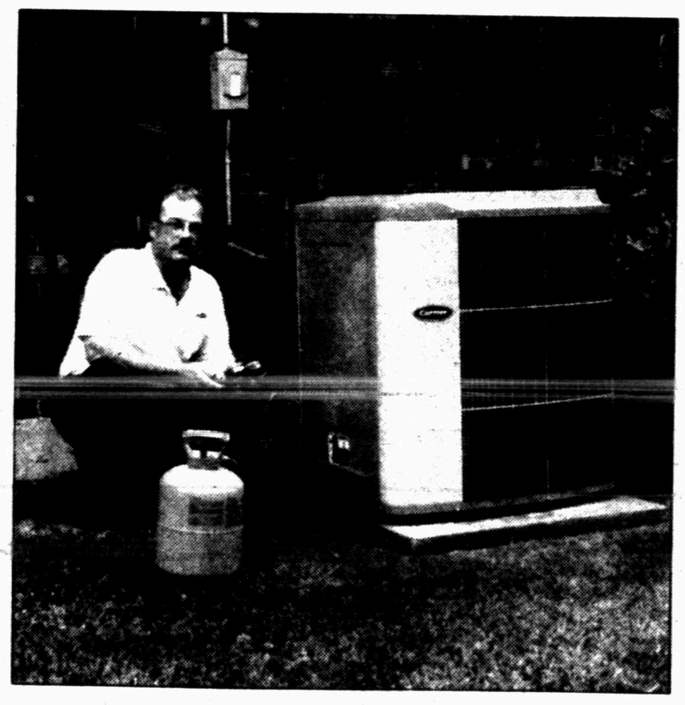
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# Mrs. Clinton warned of pitfalls in NY politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's reputation for toughness and political smarts will be put to a full test if she decides to run for a New York Senate seat, politicians from both parties warned her Sunday.

Former GOP Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, a potential rival for the seat, said Republicans "are actually relishing the battle."

New York's combative mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, said a run by the first lady would give him an incentive for seeking the Republican nomination. "Starting off from the underdog position would probably be a good thing, from my point of view," Giuliani said on CNN's "Late Edition."

With the impeachment over and Congress not yet back in full gear, the possibility of a Clinton-Giuliani race in New York dominated the Sunday news programs. It's the cover story for both Time and Newsweek this week.

Former New York Mayor Ed Koch, a Democrat, predicted that Mrs. Clinton would win if she runs for the seat being vacated by four-term Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a Democrat. But "it'll be a tough fight. It won't be a win in a walk," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Republicans differed on the outcome but agreed it would be close. A Time/CNN poll of New York residents put Mrs. Clinton ahead of Giuliani 52 percent to 43 percent, but Giuliani, on ABC's "This Week," said in the end "we are looking at a 2 or 3 percent race."

Mrs. Clinton has said she is talking to people about running and has not made up her mind. Time magazine quoted Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., who is urging Mrs. Clinton to run, as saying he had discussed her candidacy with President Clinton and "he was more excited than I've ever seen him about anything." Publicly, the president has said only that she would make a good senator, and he would support whatever decision she makes.

Weighing against a run is New York's notoriety for expensive, no-holds-barred negative politicking. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, like Mrs. Clinton a native of Illinois, said that even as a person familiar with tough Chicago politics, "I'm not sure why anybody from Illinois wants to stick their nose in New York politics."

Former New York Rep. Susan Molinari, a Republican, said her gut feeling was that the first lady will not enter the race. "This is not the kind of rough and tumble she wants to put herself back into," she said on CNN. Giuliani "is going to be an extremely formidable candidate and will beat her."

Geraldine Ferraro, in Time, recalled how she twice lost bids for a New York Senate seat, "and I can tell you that it is no walk in the park. The tabloids try to eat you alive every day. Much worse, they go after your family."

Ferraro said she hoped Mrs. Clinton would run, but another Democrat, former White House aide George Stephanopoulos, writing in Newsweek, advised otherwise. "Whitewater billing records, cattle futures, the travel office and Castle Grande will all be back," he wrote. "Do you really want to spend your last year in the White House reliving the most painful episodes of your tenure?"

Giuliani said he had no intention of attacking Mrs. Clinton over the impeachment of her husband or accusing her of being a carpetbagger who doesn't live in New York.

But, when asked on ABC about the first lady's statements last year that she favored an independent Palestinian state, he noted that he agreed with the official White House position that the status of Palestinian-controlled lands are to be negotiated. "

## Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

### Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1999

People who care about you will be willing and ready to assist you in the year ahead. The assurance of their support will enable you to act in a more confident and purposeful manner.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** This may be one of those rare days when you could be luckier than usual with your natural ability to originate enterprises or personally direct them. Put your talents to good use!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Lucky you! You'll have allies going out of their way today to help you in ways you couldn't for yourself. Their efforts might bring about an interesting harvest.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Even small setbacks won't be able to upset the apple cart today. Whatever you envision can be worked out to satisfy all of your high hopes and expectations.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** The scope of something you've been working diligently on could be far grander than you first expected. You could get the first inkling of this today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today is the day to pen something you've been wanting to publish or promote to influence public opinion on a larger scale. Light the fuse to your rocket now.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Transformations that are controlled by outside factors could be developing for you today. They might have a beneficial effect on your finances or status in some manner.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** There is a strong possibility that someone whose influence you consider to be far above your own could approach you today concerning an alliance or partnership of some kind. You'll be flattered.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Perform in ways that will impress your superiors today, and that raise or promotion you've been hankering for could be yours. The eyes of the powers that be are on you at this time.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A rise in popularity could be in store for you today. You're fun to be around, but your charisma might be more outstanding — drawing people of all levels to you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Even if surface indicators don't appear to be supportive, that innately lucky feeling you sense today is a rather accurate barometer. Something good is on the horizon.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Expand on those special ideas or plans you would like to develop today. Now is the time for you to think and operate on a grand scale.

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# Convicted killer admits to 4th murder

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former Sunday school teacher and convicted killer who confessed to three murders also admitted he killed a Fort Worth woman.

Faryion Edward Wardrip told investigators last week he killed Debra Taylor in March 1985.

The confession answered questions that had nagged Ms. Taylor's family for nearly 14 years.

"It's not so much that I went on with my life, but that I pretty much gave up on them finding a suspect," Tarra Shirley, Ms. Taylor's 21-year-old daughter, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions. She was 7 years old when her mother was killed.

"I talked to the police several years ago, probably about five years ago, and they still didn't know anything, so I just gave up on it."

Wardrip, 39, was charged Tuesday with capital murder in the 1985 death of Ellen Blau and was being held in Wichita Falls. The 21-year-old college student's decomposed body was found in a field, three weeks after she disappeared from her nighttime job at a store.

Wardrip also has been charged in the 1984 killing of Terry Sims and the 1985 death of Toni Gibbs. He has confessed to all three crimes, as well as Ms. Taylor's killing, according to his arrest affidavit in Ms. Blau's death.

At the time of the confession, Wardrip was on parole for the 1986 killing of Tina Elizabeth Kimbrew, a 21-year- old waitress. He was released from prison in December 1997, after serving 11 years of a 35-year sentence.

Two Fort Worth detectives went to Wichita Falls last week and returned with Wardrip's statement about Ms. Taylor. Lt. Mark Krey, supervisor of the Fort Worth police violent crimes unit, said details Wardrip provided about Ms. Taylor's death "folded nicely" with what police already knew.

Ms. Taylor left her east Fort Worth home after an argument with her second husband, Kenneth Taylor, and walked to a nearby bar.

Wardrip, in town looking for a job, told police he visited the same bar and talked and danced with the pretty blond 25-year-old mother of two.

# Few agencies follow seizure reporting rules

AMARILLO (AP) — Two-thirds of the state's law-enforcement agencies did not report their cash and property seizures to the governor's office in the last two years despite laws requiring them to do so, the Amarillo Globe-News reported.

Under a 1989 state law, peace officers can seize cash, vehicles and property if they believe the assets were used in the course of a crime. The assets are forfeited to the county if the local prosecutor can prove they were used illegally.

Each of the state's police departments, sheriff's departments and district attorneys' offices — even those with no seizures to report — must submit an annual forfeiture report to the governor's office.

According to a Globe-News study of records from the criminal justice division of the governor's office, only 34.11 percent of the state's 1,598 law-enforcement agencies reported the assets they seized in 1997. Only 29.51 percent reported their seized assets in 1998, the records show.

The agencies that did report in 1997 showed income of $17.7 million from their seizures, and 1998's reported income was $11.8 million, the newspaper reported for Sunday's edition.

Most agencies do not report their seizures because there is no penalty for failing to do so, said Richard Nedelkoff, the criminal justice division's executive director.

"It's a toothless law that means nothing," Amarillo attorney Jeff Blackburn said. "It just becomes a heyday for law-enforcement officers who have sticky fingers."

Blackburn is representing a couple from whom police in Deaf Smith County seized $320,000 and a vehicle.

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# Clinton seeks education reform support

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today asked the nation's governors to support his proposed education reforms, saying winning approval will be "tough politics" but ultimately worth the battle.

"Some will say the federal government should be giving states more flexibility, not demanding more accountability," Clinton said. "I say it's a false choice, and the federal government should be giving you more of both."

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore held a roundtable discussion at the White House with 53 governors from the states and territories attending the National Governors' Association's annual winter meeting.

Clinton sought to find common ground with governors who are split along political lines over the federal role in improving the performance of public schools. Democrats have largely backed Clinton's proposal, while Republican governors say Washington should have limited say in the way education dollars are used.

"This is tough politics. I don't know that I could have passed this through my legislature," Clinton said, referring to his tenure as governor of Arkansas. "We don't have any business telling you whom to hire, how to teach, how to run schools. ... But let's not kid ourselves. We're not doing our children any favors by continuing to subsidize practices that do not work and failing to invest in practices that do."

Some of the governors indicated they were pursuing waivers from the Department of Education to have some flexibility now so they can use federal dollars allocated for one purpose, such as reducing class size in primary grades, for others such as preparing 10th graders for high school graduation exams.

# Albright pressing Albanians to sign Kosovo peace accord

RAMBOUILLET, France (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright pressured ethnic Albanians today to sign a Kosovo peace accord, so the full focus of diplomacy could be aimed at the recalcitrant Serbs.

A U.S. official at the peace conference said the future of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army remained a sticking point for the ethnic Albanians. Under the proposed three-year interim plan, the KLA would be disarmed.

The ethnic Albanian delegation, made up of KLA members as well as more moderate politicians, was apparently split on disarmament.

Albright's spokesman, James P. Rubin, said the secretary spoke by telephone with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov and Albanian officials in Tirana. She also planned to call President Clinton.

Rubin reported no progress in the talks today.

The phone calls, he said, were to work up support for "the emerging agreement" of the Kosovo Albanians. He said their demand for a referendum on independence was also a major sticking point that needed to be worked out.

"Kosovo Albanians continue to move forward toward an agreement," Rubin said.

## Obituaries

### Troy Crowder

**1914-1999**

Graveside service for Troy Nixon Crowder, a Scurry County native, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery.

The Rev. Marvin Applin of Gentle Dove Ministries will officiate. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangemnts.

Mr. Crowder, 84, died Saturday, Feb. 20, in Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital in Gonzales after a lengthy illness.

Born April 7, 1914 in Ira, he married Gloria Green on July 3, 1979 She died in 1994.

Mr. Crowder had lived in Scurry County most of his life. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he worked as a driller for numerous oil companies in West Texas and New Mexico. He was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include a son, Troy Dean Crowder of Tyler; a brother, Doyle Crowder of Roscoe; two sisters, Lanette Patterson of San Angelo and Faye Shotell of Paradise, Calif.; 11 grandchildren, Kimberly Panell and Jennifer Grametbaur of New Braunfels, Joe Richard Luna of Midland, Jeffery Moss, Thomas Green, Shaunna Green and Valerie Green, all of Snyder, Michael Grametbaur of Houston, Troy Don Grametbaur of Marble Falls and Bonita Blackwell and Joshua Blackwell, both of Odessa; and two great-grandchildren, Brittney Pannell and Megan Pannell, both of New Braunfels.

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### Mrs. Henderson

**1904-1999**

Beatrice Henderson, a longtime Snyder resident, died Saturday, Feb. 20, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Henderson, 94, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery. Milton Stephens of Snyder will officiate, and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 25, 1904 in Scurry County, she was born and reared here and married Harry Walter Henderson in 1957 in New Mexico. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Henderson lived in Highlands, Tex. for several years and was a department store clerk. She also sold Stanley Products.

Survivors include two step daughters, Jo Ann Prince of Snyder and Linda Lasco of Houston; a sister, Etta Gould of Ventura, Calif; four step grandchildren, Janie McCormick, Tim Prince and Scotty Prince, all of Snyder, and Tana Mochman of Houston; two step great-grandchildren, Megan McCormick and Matt McCormick, both of Snyder.

### Vera Dryden

**1908-1999**

Graveside service for Vera Beatrice Dryden, a lifetime resident of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Marvin Applin of the Gentle Dove Ministries will officiate.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dryden, 90, died Saturday, Feb. 20, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born April 4, 1908 in Denton County, she was married to Griff Dryden who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a son, Don Arvin Dryden in 1995.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Dryden of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### Maxine Courtney

**1936-1999**

Funeral service for Maxine Ione Courtney, longtime Snyder resident, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Courtney, 62, died Friday, Feb. 19, at her home.

Born May 10, 1936 in Brownfield, she married James Courtney Sr. on March 15, 1956 in San Antonio.

Mrs. Courtney had been a beautician for more than 30 years and worked for Nancy's Art Style in Snyder Shopping Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sarah and Charles Marchbanks; a daughter, Sandra Courtney; and a sister, June Solsona.

Survivors include her husband, James Courtney of Snyder; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Kevin Courtney, Danny and Teresa Courtney, Tim and Kelly Courtney and James and Mary Courtney, all of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kim and Tony Lapape of Washington and Theresa and Bryant Mitchell of Snyder; two sisters, Sarah Lopez and Jessie Simmons, both of Sandia Park, N.M., four brothers, H.D. Marchbanks of Edgewood, N.M., Charles Marchbanks of Mountain Air, N.M., Al Marchbanks of Panama City, Fla. and Bobby Marchbanks of Seattle, Wash.; 18 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

### Aileene Cook

**1921-1999**

SWEETWATER — Aileene Cook, the sister of Elna Fay Huff of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 20, in Rolling Plains Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cook, 77, was held Sunday in the First United Methodist Church of Nolan. The Revs. Ronnie Newton and Richard Petree officiated. Burial followed in Slaters Chapel in Nolan.

Born in Mulberry Canyon, she married J.L. Cook in 1942 in Gainesville, Fa. He preceded her in death.

A homemaker, she was a member of the First Methodist Church, Woodmen of the World and the 600 Bowling Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Leigh White of Nolan; two brothers, Billy Wayne Frazier of Roscoe and David Frazier of Karnes City; and one grandchild.

### Thomas Oliver

**1900-1999**

BROWNFIELD — Thomas Pratt Oliver, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 20, in Brownfield.

Funeral service for Mr. Oliver, 98, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Brownfield Church of Christ with Bob Reynolds, minister, officiating. Mike McDonald will assist.

Burial will follow in the Terry County Memorial Park under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Born April 24, 1900 in Mertens, he attended school in Snyder and Grandview.

Mr. Oliver married Fern Marie Entrekins on Dec. 31, 1931 in Lovington, N.M. He farmed in the Gomez community until 1982 when he moved to Brownfield. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Oliver was preceded in death by a son, Billy Ray Oliver, in 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Fern Oliver of Brownfield, a daughter, Jeri Scott of Brownfield; a son, Freddie Oliver of Brownfield; a sister, Vera Layton of Portland, Ore.; a granddaughter; and a great-grandson.

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ONGOINGS

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### Discover Creation program

A Discover Creation program, designed by former evolutionists, will be presented from 7-9 p.m. today through Wednesday in the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church. Evidence from both science and scripture will be presented and will be informative for both youth and adults.

### Class of '74 reunion

There will be a meeting at 7 this evening at the College Ave. Dairy Queen to plan the class of 1974 reunion. For more information, call 573-7014 or 573-3653.

### Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 tonight are "What Kind of Body Will We Have in the Resurrection," followed by "Fear of Death."

### Distance learning course

Midwestern State University will offer a trimester course, public personnel administation, through the distance learning lab on the Western Texas College campus. The course begins Tuesday and will meet from 5:30-9:15 p.m. each Tuesday. To apply, call 1-888-521-1112 or 940 397-4400.

### Genealogy Society meeting

Joanne Sterling will present a program on requirements for Daughters of the American Revolution at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the meeting of the Genealogy Society in the Scurry County Library. Interested persons are welcome.

### Free satellite broadcast

A free satellite broadcast on tuberculosis control in correctional facilities is planned on Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. in Room 203 of Western Texas College's Learning Resource Center. WTC will award three contact hours to individuals participitating in the broadcast.

### Community garden meeting

A meeting to plan the 1999 community garden will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the basement of First Presbyterian Church. All interested persons are welcome.

### A&M mother's club

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mother's Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at 2806 36th St. Plans will be made for awarding two scholarships. All Aggie moms, area Aggies or interested persons are encouraged to attend. Call Caron Perkins, 573-4729 or Kathy Murphree, 915-235-1031.

### Diabetes support group

Snyder Diabetes Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Hospital cafeteria.

### Parents of SHS seniors

Turn in three photos of your senior (baby, elementary, present) to be used in a video at the end-of-year steak supper. Identify on back of the photo and turn in by next Monday to Katie Necessary at the high school or mail to her at 2901 37th. Donations of $20 are encouraged and appreciated for end-of-year activities.

### Kiwanis pancake feast

Snyder Kiwanis Club will held its annual Pancake Feast Saturday, March 6, in the West Elementary Cafeteria from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are $4 per person and children under six may eat free. There will be a drawing for a free TV. Tickets may be purchased at the door, from any club member or by calling 573-2191.

### Free tax aid service

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

### Mills medical fund

A fund to assist with the cancer treatment of Marie Mills has been opened at Snyder National Bank.

### Windbreak trees available

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

### Hermleigh photos wanted

The Scurry County Museum is seeking photographs of buildings in Hermleigh. The photos may be donated or loaned and one will be used on the 1999 Christmas ornament. Call 573-6107 or come by the museum on the WTC campus.

### Pick 3

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

3-0-0

### Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated $14 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 1-3-5-16-41-42

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $18 million.