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Home Of Cathy Thompson

Proffitt again is spelling champ

In less than 30 minutes this morning, Wendy Proffitt won her second Scurry County Spelling Bee in a row. Wes White finished second.

Wendy next gets to compete in the regional spelling bee in Lubbock on March 28. Wes will be an alternate.

In February, Wendy won the junior high bee in Snyder and Wes was the elementary bee winner in Ira. Wendy also won the campus spelling bee when she was a student at West, Northeast and East.

The seventh grader is the daughter of Doug amd Jill Proffitt. Wes, a sixth grader, is the son of Art and Pat White.

Sixteen students competed this morning. All had won their school's campus bees held last month. The first and second place winners at each school were able to compete in the county bee.

Medals were presented to all who competed while the top two spellers also received trophies.

After a practice round, two spellers were eliminated in the first round. Another four misspelled words in the second round and six more were eliminated in round three.

By round five, Wendy and Wes were the only contestants. Wes misspelled "improprieties." For the victory, Wendy correctly spelled "contradicted" followed by "concurrence."

Students could ask for a word to be repeated, a definition and to be used in a sentence.

In addition to Wendy and Wes, others who spelled included Samantha Everett, Sara Thornhill, Lucy Amarillas, October Wells, Shaina Kerr, Danni Garcia, Breanna Talavara, Terrel Culp, Julie Mireles, Brittainy Milota, Dustin Williamson, Charles Walker, Nathan Smith and Dani White.

Rebekah Thornton, Northeast teacher, was the pronouncer. WTC staffers who officiated included Janet Halbert, head judge; Marilyn Lancaster, dictionary and recording judge; and Dan Osborn and Janna Martin, both judges.

The 70th annual national spelling bee will be held in Washington, D.C. on May 24-30.



ONE MORE TIME — Wendy Proffitt repeated as champion of the Scurry County Spelling Bee this morning at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. Wendell Sollis, who directs the bee for SISD, presented the trophy. Wendy will next compete in the regional spelling bee in Lubbock on March 28. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The real hero in some movies is the guy who can endure sitting through it."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Stephen Henry, in the Levelland News-Press, printed some some advice that was entitled "Cowboy's Guide to Life." Maybe it was for the benefit of Oprah Winfrey.

--There are two theories to arguin' with a woman. Neither one works.

--After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

--If you find yourself in a hole, the very first thing to do is stop diggin'.

--Never smack a man who's chewin' tobacco.

--It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sleep.

--Never ask a barber if he thinks you need a haircut.

--If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

--Don't worry about bitin' off more than you can chew. Your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.

--Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

--Always drink upstream from the herd.

--Never drop your gun to hug a grizzly.

--If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

--When you give a lesson in meanness to a critter or a person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.

--The best way to have a quiche for dinner is to make it up and put it in the oven to bake at 325 degrees. Meantime, get out a large T-bone, grill it, and when it's done, eat it. As for the quiche, continue to let it bake, but otherwise ignore it.

--When throwin' your weight around, be ready to have it thrown around by somebody else.

--Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back.

--Always take a good look at what you're about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but it's critical to know what it was.

--The quickest way to double your money is fold it over and put it back in your pocket.

--Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Enjoy the weekend!

Patterson's revenues, net earnings increase

Patterson Energy Inc., headquartered in Snyder, has announced record levels of operating revenues and net income for its fiscal year that ended Dec. 31.

For the year ended, net income was $22.2 million, or 75 cents per diluted share, as compared to a 1996 net income of $4.3 million, or 21 cents per diluted share.

Earnings per share information reflects 2-for-1 stock splits effective in July, 1997 and in January, 1998.

Operating revenues in 1997 totaled $191 million, an increase of 127 percent over 1996 operating revenues of $84 million.

The increase in operating revenues and net income was largely attributable to the addition of 35 fully-operable rigs to Patterson's contract drilling fleet through the successful completions of five separate acquisitions during 1997.

Patterson attained an average rig utilization rate of 89 percent during '97, resulting in contract drilling revenues of $178 million, an increase of 141 percent over 1996 drilling revenues of $74 million.

Direct drilling costs were 72 percent of related drilling revenues compared to 81 percent in 1996.

Earnings before interest, expense, taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization was $54 million in 1997 compared to $14 million in 1996, an increase of 286 percent.

Cloyce Talbott, chairman and chief executive officer, said management is pleased with 1997 operating results, considering that most of the acquisitions were in the second half of the year.

Additionally, Talbott pointed out the improved financial strength of the company. It had a working capital of $46.4 million in 1997 compared to $17.6 million in 1996.

Talbott said the publicly-held company is seeing a weakness in the land drilling market during the first quarter of 1998, due mainly to lower oil prices.

Patterson owns 114 drilling rigs, of which 108 are operable.

Bullock quits voucher group

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, upset with a fund-raising letter that seeks "a Republican majority" in the Texas House and ouster of its Democratic speaker, has resigned as honorary head of a group pushing for school vouchers.

"Since partisanship has been introduced into this effort, I feel I can no longer serve as the group's honorary chairman," Bullock, a Democrat, said in a letter to the chairman of the pro-voucher group Putting Children First.

Vouchers would allow students to transfer to private schools using tax dollars to pay their tuition.

Employment 24-year high

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robust job growth fueled by low interest rates and mild winter weather returned the nation's unemployment rate to a 24-year low of 4.6 percent in February.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined from 4.7 percent in January and December and matched November's 4.6 percent rate, which was the lowest since October 1973, the Labor Department said today.

"It's the closest thing to worker heaven that we've had in decades," said economist Allen Sinai of Primark Decision Economics in Boston. "There are more jobs available for more people at more pay than at any time since the early 1960s."

On Wall Street, the normally inflation-wary bond market shrugged off the strong report and the stock market bounced back after two days of losses. In the first half hour of trading, the Dow Jones average of industrial stocks jumped 45 points to 8,490.

In a Rose Garden news conference, President Clinton declared, "These are good times for America. We continue to have the strongest economy in a generation, the lowest unemployment in a quarter century. We're on track to have the longest peacetime recovery in the history of our country."

Employers created a greater-than-expected 310,000 jobs, on top of 375,000 in January. That included 41,000 new construction jobs and 17,000 jobs in the finance industry.

Commissioner Katharine G. Abraham of the Bureau of Labor Statistics said a drop in mortgage rates, to a four-year low of just under 7 percent, has increased demand for new homes.

"In addition, the severe rain and ice storms in some parts of the country have spurred hiring for cleanup and rebuilding," she said.

"Finally ... this winter's weather has been sufficiently mild in many parts of the country to allow the continuation of construction activity that ordinarily would have been curtailed."

She noted that mortgage brokers accounted for 7,000 of the new finance industry jobs "partly reflecting refinancing activity that was prompted by low mortgage rates."

Conservatives, Newt at odds on surpluses

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich says budget surpluses should not be used to cut taxes for now, putting him at odds with conservatives who want the surpluses used to slash taxes as deeply as possible.

For the first time, Gingrich, R-Ga., backed away from his previous plan for using expected budget surpluses: reducing the national debt, which helps Social Security by strengthening the economy; tax cuts; and more spending for roads, research and defense.

"I think that we should focus the surplus on Social Security," he said Thursday. The budget now is balanced with huge Social Security trust fund surpluses.

"If we get an operating surplus (without using Social Security surpluses), I want the operating surplus to go back to the taxpayers," he said.

Gingrich said he believed that could occur in two years, while Congressional Budget Office figures show it may take years longer.

The speaker said he still wants tax cuts this year. He said they should be paid for with spending cuts and with revenues he believes will be approved this year from either a settlement with the tobacco industry or higher cigarette taxes.

"I am for tax cuts," Gingrich said today before touring a school in his district north of Atlanta. "I am also for saving Social Security. We should take the surplus and pay for Social Security. And we should take all the new government programs the president has and instead of creating new bureaucracies, we should cut taxes with that money."

The speaker's comments highlighted how President Clinton's call in his State of the Union address to "save Social Security first" has weakened and divided Republicans.

Snyder Wheels swap meet underway; show Saturday

As many as 100 vintage cars, trucks and other vehicles will be at the Scurry County Coliseum for Saturday's annual Snyder Wheels Car Show.

The antique and customized vehicles will be on display to the general public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is $6 for adults. Children ages 6 to 12 will be admitted for $3. Children 6 and under are admitted free, when accompanied by an adult.

Car enthusiasts began gathering today for the two-day swap meet. Space is open to vendors and the swap meeting is open free to the public.



WOW GRANDPA, NIFTY CAR — Snyder's Ken Pollard and his 5-month-old grandson, Blake, (pictured at right) admire an antique car Tuesday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Vehicles of all types will be on display at the coliseum Saturday during the Snyder Wheels Car Show. A swap meet is being held today and tomorrow. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q. - I know Snyder played Lamesa this year in basketball, but did the Tigers play Lamesa's opponent in tonight regional championship game?

A. - Yes. Snyder played Canyon Randall in December, losing 54-49 in overtime.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 57 degrees; low, 32; 7 a.m. Friday, 38; no precipitation; total for 1998, 2.76 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance. Low, lower 40s. SE wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy, windy, 20% rain chance. High, mid 60s. Wind W west 25-35 mph, gusty.

Jaedi Baze
Rain chance

Sunset: 6:45 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.
Of 64 days in 1998, the sun has shone 62 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When written in Chinese, the word "crisis" is composed of two characters — one represents danger and the other represents opportunity.

Unknown

Deckhand vanishes: suicide or accident?

SEATTLE (AP) — The night he disappeared, Steven Lance Brown was working on the car deck of a ferry as it made the six-mile run across Puget Sound.

A few minutes into the trip, Brown was asked to go up to the second mate's office to sign his pay docket.

He never got there.

The 41-year-old deckhand was last seen going up a flight of stairs on the ferry, which makes 14 round trips a day between Seattle and Bainbridge Island.

At least two passengers later said they heard yells of "Help! Help!" One said she saw a light "resembling a flashlight" in the water about 25 feet from the boat.

Investigators are still trying to determine what happened to Brown the night of Feb. 18.

Did he jump? Did someone force him off? Did he perhaps fake his death?

And was his disappearance somehow connected to a murder-for-hire plot in which he was implicated back in 1986?

Investigators haven't ruled anything out, but ferry officials say it's nearly impossible to fall off the 460-foot boat, which has 4-foot railings.

"We've never lost a deckhand off a ferry — ever — and we've been in existence since 1951," said Washington State Ferries spokeswoman Susan Harris-Huether.

"There's only two ways off that boat that I can see — getting thrown off or jumping off," said port Capt. Jim Malde, who is involved in the investigation.

Brown's family dismissed the possibility of suicide.

"A family's natural inclination is to think, 'No, no way — that's not the Steve we know,'" said one of his six siblings, Brad Brown. "But stepping back and looking at it realistically without the emotion, I still stand by it, and my family does, that no, that's not something he would do."

Brown's mother, Dorothy, with whom he had been staying on and off, said suicide is unlikely because "he had so many things going on." He and a friend had started a business marketing Irish coffee and teas, and he had planned to go to San Francisco on business the weekend of Feb. 21-22, she said.

On the night he disappeared, three of the ferry's 350 passengers reported hearing cries for help minutes after the boat left the Seattle dock at 7:58 p.m.

At 8:15 p.m., the ferry captain told the Coast Guard he was reversing course to search for a possible man overboard. When nothing unusual was spotted, the boat continued on.

Brown did not report for a roll call when the ferry reached the island minutes later. A search was mounted the next day, and called off that afternoon.

The Washington State Patrol is considering many possibilities, including foul play, accident and suicide, Lt. Charlie Schreck said.

"All the doors are still open," he said.

Brown was hired by the ferry system last May. Previously he had jobs on fishing boats and dairy farms in the Pacific Northwest and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

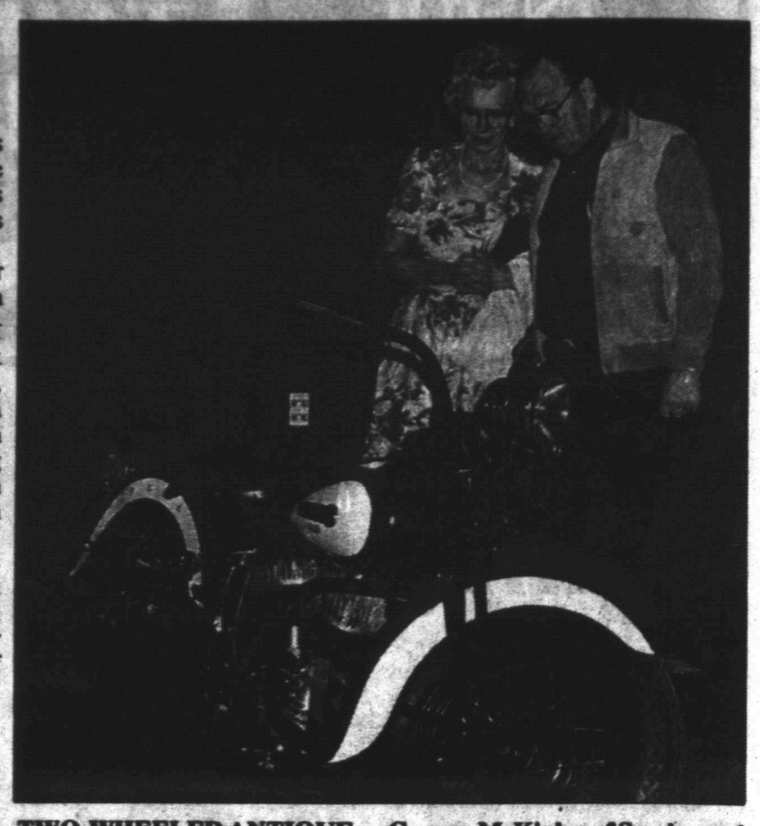
He has also had trouble with the law. Schreck called Brown's criminal record "part of the puzzle" but said investigators have not connected it to his disappearance.

In 1986, Brown and two other men were stopped in suburban Bellevue, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported. In the trunk of their car, police found a shovel, a pick, bow and arrows, a 100-pound bag of lime and an ammunition box containing knives, a disassembled shotgun and a mace — a wooden stick with a spiked ball on a chain.

One of the men, Lesley Wayne Smith, told police the weapons were to be used to kill the third man in the car, Ural Lamarr Daniels, an acquaintance of Brown's.

Earlier that year, Brown had used Daniels' birth certificate — bought from Daniels for $150 — to open a bank account. Brown then deposited a stolen check for $10,000 and began withdrawing money.

The murder-for-hire plot apparently emerged because Daniels wanted some of the money. Smith — who said Brown paid him $1,500 to kill Daniels — was convicted of attempted murder and is serving a 20-year prison sentence.



TWO-WHEELED ANTIQUE — Geneva McKinley of Snyder and Sweetwater's Jim Martin admire a vintage motorcycle on display Tuesday at Scurry County Coliseum. Vehicles of all types will fill the coliseum Friday and Saturday for the Snyder Wheels Car Show and Swap Meet. (SDN Staff Photo)

Four U.S. soldiers, woman injured

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A Bosnian man was killed and a woman seriously injured in a traffic accident involving a vehicle carrying NATO peacekeepers, NATO officials said.

Four U.S. soldiers suffered minor injuries in the accident,

Probation is assessed trio

Three persons will serve probated prisons sentences following guilty pleas entered Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Enrice Tovar Rodriguez pleaded guilty on two counts of forgery, one offense occurred May 24, 1997 and the second on Dec. 24, 1997.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong ordered Rodriguez, 31, of 1602 Ave. O to serve two years on each count in a state jail facility, probated for five years. Sentences will be serve concurrently. The defendant was also given a pair of $500 fines and ordered to spend 30 days in a court-approved treatment facility.

Jimmy Joe Murphy, indicted earlier in the week for burglary of a building, pleaded guilty to the Feb. 16 offense.

Murphy, 19, of 8646 East Highway 180 was given a two-year sentence in a state jail facility, probated for five years. He was also fined $500.

Marcos Martinez Villa, 23, of 605 30th Street pleaded guilty to a charge of felony driving while intoxicated, a Dec. 24, 1997 offense.

Villa was assessed a five-year sentence in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years. He was also ordered to pay a $1,000 fine.

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New Mexico election settled by poker hand

ESTANCIA, N.M. (AP) — With an ace-high flush, James Farrington was re-elected mayor of Estancia.

"That's just fate for you," said Farrington, who won a four-year term Thursday with his winning poker hand. "Justice is done. It has prevailed."

Farrington, a sandwich shop owner who was appointed mayor 2½ years ago, and challenger JoAnn Carlson each received 68 votes in Tuesday's election, beating three other candidates.

State law says a municipal election tie must be broken by a game of chance.

"It's a heck of a way to choose a mayor. It's totally ridiculous. I'm not a gambler," said Ms. Carlson, who vowed to file an appeal today based on her opponent's residency.

Even though Farrington has been mayor, a city councilman and a school board member in the community, Ms. Carlson claims Farrington doesn't live in Estancia, a high plains town about 30 miles southeast of Albuquerque.

Ms. Carlson lost the coin toss to decide what game would determine the election in the town of about 800 residents. Farrington selected a single hand of poker.

They played on a beat-up wooden table in a wood-floored gymnasium inside a municipal building. About 15 spectators gathered around the table with about a dozen reporters.

Both players drew five-card heart flushes, raising questions about whether the deck was properly shuffled. Farrington's flush was ace-high, Ms. Carlson's 10-high. A flush is a hand in which all cards are of the same suit.

"I thought it was more fun than a City Council meeting," said spectator Bob Ayre, who works at the nearby courthouse.

In Willard, 10 miles to the south, in 1994, a poker game was necessary when Alfonso Valdez and incumbent Mayor Leroy Garley had tied with 51 votes each. Valdez won with a pair of eights.

"I thought it was kind of absurd," Garley recalled Thursday. "Gambling wasn't even legal in New Mexico at the time."

Farrington conceded the people of Estancia probably would have preferred a runoff election. He said the game-of-chance law should be changed.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, March 7, 1998

Conditions indigenous to your status and finances could show marked improvements in the year ahead. When opportunity knocks, be there to usher in him or her.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Endeavors you personally direct today will be the ones with the strongest probabilities for success. However, you must keep control over all the aspects. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The race does not necessarily go to the swift, but to the determined today, so staying power is the major requirement. Select your objectives and follow your focus.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Open the windows today and let in the fresh air. If you harbor anger or resentment, they will work against your best interests, while forgiveness removes impediments from your path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your four-leaf clover will be working for your benefit where your worldly affairs are concerned today, but you might not be as lucky in situations where friends are involved. Do not take pals for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you view life philosophically today, it will enhance your victories and take the sting out of failure. Both will be operating on the same level.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things should work out reasonably well for you today where your worldly interests are concerned. You may not get everything you want, but you'll do OK.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, if you're seeking a joint involvement, do it with friends with whom you've been successful previously instead of with people who are yet to be tested.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A vain acquaintance might cling to your coattails today and try to claim credit for your achievements. If he or she isn't entitled, brush this person off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will be both resourceful and imaginative today, but your negative thoughts could overpower your bright ideas if you're not careful and steal some of their luster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Impatience could be your least attractive trait today and weaken your position or entice you to make impractical moves. Focus on your strengths, not on your weaknesses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're negotiating a matter of importance today, do it in the fairest manner possible, even if it is with a person you dislike. You could be in for a surprise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Financial conditions in general look favorable for you today. Do not let doubts cast a pall over your opportunities and probabilities.

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Artist Vincent Van Gogh died in 1890 in Auvers, France.

Bird credited with life-saving squawk is fighting illness

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — A gray African parrot who was called a hero after squawking loudly to alert her owner to a fire has been given a 50 percent chance of survival.

Rupert, who is 12, was credited with awakening her owner, Lynn Norley, during a fire at her home in Willistown, Pa., on Feb. 16.

Norley escaped with two dogs. She tried to save Rupert, but the bird passed out and was believed dead. Hours later, Rupert was found alive inside the house when she poked her head through debris.

This week, the parrot began wheezing, and on Wednesday, minutes after undergoing an X-ray, the parrot fell from her perch and had to be resuscitated, said her veterinarian, Dr. Michael Weiss.

Rupert might have a throat obstruction or life-threatening lung damage, Weiss said.

Weiss placed Rupert in an oxygen tank and under 24-hour watch.

Weiss said the next three to five days will be critical. Rupert's condition stabilized Thursday and she was again eating apples, her favorite treat.

"This bird has a tremendous will to live," Weiss said.

Berry's World



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"Get off of my talk show set. You're not outrageous enough."

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1. ALL utility bills will be delinquent 10 days from the billing date and a delinquent notice will be mailed at that time.

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Teen suspects thought they were vampires

DALLAS (AP) — Four teenagers who said they thought they were vampires have been arrested in connection with vandalism and a church fire that caused hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Authorities said the teens went on a drug-fueled spree early Thursday, vandalizing parked cars, spraying satanic graffiti and setting fire to a church in the Lake Highlands area of Dallas.

Bethany Lutheran Church, which lost its fellowship hall and office to fire, was hardest hit. Satanic graffiti was scrawled in hot pink and white paint on exterior brick walls.

"My sadness is not for us; it is for those people who don't know the joy of life," said Carol Spencer, Bethany Lutheran's interim pastor.

Authorities filed felony arson charges against the teens late Thursday and a U.S. attorney from Washington who specializes in hate crimes was expected to join the investigation today.

Officials from the FBI's Evidence Response Team and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were at the scene Thursday.

"We still have a very strong interest in it," said Special Agent Marjorie Poche, an FBI spokeswoman.

Charged with felony arson were a 16-year-old who was not identified because he is a juvenile, Lucas Charles Simms, 17, Brandon Lee Ramsey, 18, and Charles Randal Kinnard, 19.

Authorities said car tires were slashed, windows were broken and vulgarities were spray-painted on cars, homes and fences.

"It's shocking," said Mike Pappas, whose Jeep Cherokee was hit. "The whole neighborhood is upset."

Acid commonly used to treat swimming pools was spread on some cars.

"It can cause some real corrosion," said Kevin Long, who manages Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies. "It's going to cause some damage. It can turn a Coke can into liquid."

One of the cars was a black Mustang that Oliver Howard bought only a week ago. Spray-painted graffiti was on the side of the car and one of the tires was slashed, Howard said.

"I'm one of the lucky ones," said Howard, 25. "I think they just got me as an afterthought on their way back from the church."

The vandalism and arson spree came to light at 4 a.m. Thursday when Dallas police responded to a burglary alarm at the church.

When officers arrived, the back side of the church was in flames. Firefighters and dozens of officers from state and federal law enforcement agencies quickly converged.

Evidence led authorities almost immediately to a nearby residence where the 16-year-old boy lives. The boy and the three others were taken into custody about eight hours after the spree was discovered.

"We have strong evidence linking these individuals to the fire and other crimes in the neighborhood," deputy fire chief Tom Oney said.

Officials would not discuss specific evidence but said the four suspects had given statements.

The Dallas Morning News reported today that one suspect told detectives the teens believe they are vampires.

"They have marks on their arms," the newspaper quoted a source as saying. "They sucked the blood out of each other's arms."

The newspaper said the teens were said to have smoked marijuana laced with an unknown substance before embarking on the vandalism rampage.

The 16-year-old suspect was led through police headquarters Thursday afternoon. He wore dark clothing and had gauze wrapped around one wrist. His family, through an unidentified friend, declined to comment on his arrest.

The other suspects also wore black or dark clothing when they were arrested.

Fire official Oney said some of the teens sat in lawn chairs on top of a carport and watched as authorities went through the ruined portion of the church Thursday morning.

"It appeared to me that they were savoring the fruits of the damage," Chief Oney said. "They were enjoying watching us look at it."

Government eyes hepatitis C victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 1 million Americans are infected with incurable hepatitis C and do not know it, Surgeon General David Satcher said while outlining plans to inform the public.

The effort will focus on an estimated 300,000 people who received tainted blood in blood transfusions before a reliable test was developed in mid-1992. It also will include a general public education campaign.

"Hepatitis C is a grave threat to our society," Satcher told a House subcommittee Thursday. "We know that many Americans infected ... are unaware they have the disease."

The Department of Health and Human Services' campaign will encourage people to get tested for the serious liver infection, which was not identified until 1988. It can take 20 years for symptoms to surface.

There is no cure, but various treatments are in use and doctors are searching for improved therapies. Worldwide, an estimated 170 million people are infected. U.S. health officials estimate 4 million Americans have hepatitis C and a quarter of them are unaware of it.

"These people need to be told," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., chairman of the House Government and Oversight's human resources subcommittee. "They need to be tested. Many will need treatment, and many will need to learn how to prevent further spread of the disease."

He compared the government's inertia on hepatitis C to its early reaction to AIDS. "Federal public health agencies have often pondered, but never implemented, a comprehensive response to this insidious infectious agent," he said.

New research suggests hepatitis C patients are particularly vulnerable to liver failure, and the virus is the leading reason for liver transplants in the United States.

Intravenous drug users make up the vast majority of hepatitis C victims. But about 300,000 people may have contracted it from a blood transfusion before the first screening tests were created in 1990.

Thanks to improved screenings, the risk of infection through a blood transfusion today is very small.

Satcher said the department plans to write to people who received blood before 1992 from donors who later tested positive for the virus. These blood recipients have a 40 percent to 70 percent chance of having the virus.

It may be several months before the letters are sent, though. HHS agencies must still recommend details to Secretary Donna Shalala, who then will issue a regulation guiding the program.

Blood banks nationwide then must identify potential victims. They will have to check their records for any donor who tested positive for hepatitis C since 1992, then check if he or she donated blood before. If so, they will have to trace the earlier donation to the recipient.

But this will not find those who received tainted blood from a donor who never donated again. It will not reveal those infected by dirty needles or sexual contact.

To reach them, Satcher said, the government plans an educational campaign for health care providers and the general public, an effort first recommended last summer by a Public Health Service blood advisory committee. Details will be announced in about a month, Satcher said.

While the number of new infections has dropped dramatically over the last several years, 30,000 new cases appear each year, and about 10,000 people die annually.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 03-06-98
♠ A J 7
♥ K 8
♦ K 3
♣ 10 9 7 6 5 3

West
♠ 5 3 2
♥ 9
♦ Q 8 5 4 2
♣ K Q J 2

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

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

Paul Chemla (West) might have started with the diamond four, but he preferred to lead from his club sequence, selecting the queen as per his partnership's agreement. Declarer won with the ace and returned his second club. What should Perron discard?

Well, you or I would throw a low heart without more thought. That's why we weren't playing in the world championship: Perron flicked the spade eight onto the table.

West switched to a diamond, South taking East's nine with his jack. Now declarer had to find the spade queen. Remembering Perron's discard, Bocchi led a low spade to dummy's jack. However, Perron produced the queen as if out of his back pocket. Then the defenders cashed four diamonds and a club for three down: 150 to France.

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Not only the domain of declarer

By Phillip Alder

In the last two days, I have shown you a brace of beautiful deception plays by declarer. Well, a defender can also pull the wool over declarer's eyes. Here is French world champion Michel Perron playing against Italy in Tunisia last October.

In the other room, the Italian East opened with a weak two-bid. Neither North nor South had quite enough to bid, so two hearts became the final contract. With the aid of some friendly defense, declarer emerged with six tricks: 100 to France.

Perron is a believer in the sound approach. Needing a better suit for a weak two, he passed as dealer. Norbert Bocchi, South, opened with a weak no-trump, showing 12-14 points. In leaping straight to game, Giorgio Duboin, North, hoped his club suit would be useful.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Deadbeat Boyfriend Departs But Herpes Legacy Lives On

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend (I'll call him Harry) and I broke up recently, so now I'm a single mother of a 3-year-old daughter. Harry gives me no money for our little girl and refuses to help me pay off the bills we accumulated together on my credit cards.

He immediately moved in with the girl he cheated on me with during our relationship. He was unfaithful from the beginning, abusive at times, and was never able to hold a job.

So, why do I feel like I still need him? Harry gave me herpes. That's why. Deep down I feel like no one else will ever want me.

I just don't know what to do anymore. Although Harry moved out months ago, and even though I hate him for what he did to me, I'm still making excuses for him. Please help me. I'm ...

LOST IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR LOST: Harry is not the answer to your problems; he's the reason you're in this fix. It's time to rebuild your self-esteem and stop making excuses for a man who wasn't much of a man in the first place.

Since Harry is a deadbeat and the credit cards were yours, face the fact that you'll get no help from him. Focus on your daughter and paying your bills.

As for no one else ever wanting you, that's not necessarily so. An estimated one in five people age 12 and older in this country (approximately 40 million to 50 million) have genital herpes, so you are far from alone.

For a packet of information on herpes, write the Herpes Resource Center, American Social Health Association, Dept. PR85, P.O. 13827, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709, enclosing $1 to cover postage and handling. ASHA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to stopping sexually transmitted diseases.

Please write again in six months and let me know how you are. I care.

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DEAR ABBY: Here's a funny piece a friend gave me. I hope you like it.

RICHARD J. KOVAR JR., BEREA, OHIO

DEAR RICHARD: It is very funny, and I have printed it several times. I liked it so much I included it in my booklet titled "Keepers." A number of readers request it each year, so here it is again — enjoy!

OLD FOLKS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE

Old folks are worth a fortune! With silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years; some might even call me a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go see John. Then Charley Horse comes along, and when he is here, he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. (He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.) After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed — with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age, I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I do — all the time. No matter where I am — in the parlor, upstairs in the kitchen or down in the basement — I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Benign tumor weighs 85 pounds

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — A Hungarian man who put on a baffling amount of weight last year found out why this week — when doctors removed an 85-pound tumor from his stomach.

Happily, the tumor was benign, the state news agency MTI reported Thursday.

Doctors had to cut the tumor in three parts in order to remove it, said chief surgeon Marta Perlaki, who called it the largest tumor she'd ever seen.

The man's weight ballooned from 180 pounds last year to 270 pounds before he was operated on Tuesday in the eastern Hungarian town of Debrecen.

Perlaki said the patient was in stable condition.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to reclassify the Rate Group for several Southwestern Bell's exchanges.

The typical customer's bill for one Basic Local Service 1-party line may change from **$2.40** to **$7.80 annually for Residence** and from **$5.40 to $36.00 annually for Business.**

This Rate Group reclassification may result in a change in the rate that affected customers are currently being billed for Basic Local Service. Only the Basic Local Service charges may be affected. Charges for other services will not be affected. Currently, customers affected by this Rate Group reclassification are receiving direct notification of this change in their monthly statement.

The Commission has received the application as PUC Docket No. 18509 (SOAH Docket No. 473-98-0092). Certain municipalities have moved to intervene in the proceeding and may request that the Commission require Southwestern Bell to reimburse these municipalities for their attorneys' fees and other costs pursuant to the provisions of Section 51.006 of the Texas Utility Code. Southwestern Bell reserves the right to petition the Commission in the same proceeding to impose a surcharge on customer bills to recover reimbursement costs.

Persons who wish to comment or want additional information regarding this application may receive this information at no cost to them and at the expense of Southwestern Bell by calling or writing the Commission. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13336, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or you may call the Commission at 1-888-782-8477 or 512-936-7120. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at 512 936-7136.

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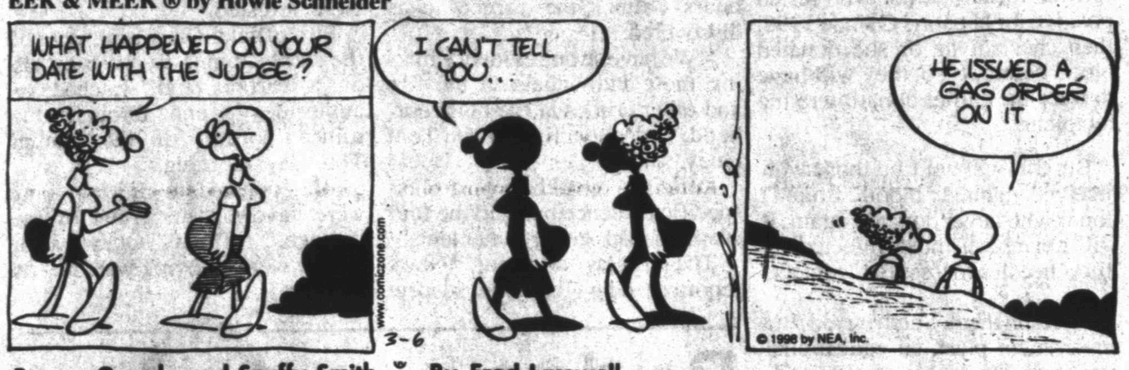
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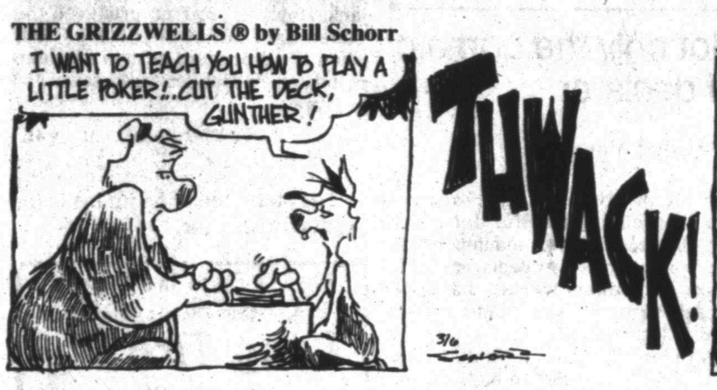
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14 Make untidy (2 wds.)
15 Delaware Indian
16 Powerful explosive (abbr.)
17 School org.
18 Common ailment
21 General Powell
23 Naval addr.
26 Charged particles
28 Rockfish
29 Vase
30 Outside (comb. form)
31 Causes of ruin
33 Cheese dish
36 Greek peak
37 Actor Gulager
38 Give off (heat)
40 Close a falcon's eyes
41 Wide shoe size
42 Capital of Oregon
44 Fr. holy woman
45 Lively dance
46 Chinese philosophy
48 Obstruct
51 Grooved
55 Lessened
56 It's for the birds!
57 Nostrils
58 Crave

DOWN

1 I think, therefore — —
2 Opposite of post
3 Printers' units
4 Group of actors
5 Curved inward
6 Taker of prisoners
7 Hanoi's place
8 Wild buffalo
9 Cagers' org.
10 Short sleep
11 Birthday figure
13 Of Swiss mountains
18 Ferocious
19 Site
20 Disloyal
22 Type of soup
23 Worries
24 Adjusted beforehand
25 At a reduced price (2 wds.)
27 Wooden tub
32 Dawn goddess
34 Moreover
35 Pictured
39 Set of four
43 Purple shade
45 Ballet leap
47 Elevator inventor
48 Author Fleming
49 CEO's deg.
50 Average
52 Mai — (cocktail)
53 Make a mistake
54 Change the color of

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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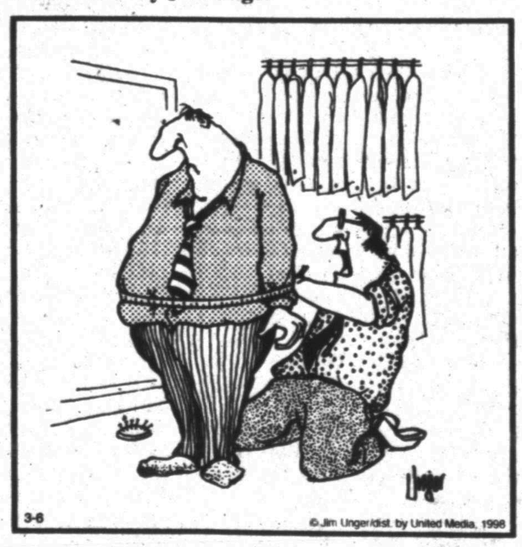
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SPORTS

Home runs blast Tigers to 12-3 win

WOLFFORTH — The Tigers picked up right where they left off.

After claiming the crown of the Mineral Wells tournament last week, Snyder opened the Frenship event with a 12-3 pasting of Canyon Randall.

The Tigers, now 5-1 on the season, were to have faced Borger and Andrews this morning in second-round action.

Snyder got things started early on Thursday.

Following a Kyle Beck single in the bottom of the first, David Smith blasted the first of two Tiger home runs to give Snyder a 2-0 advantage.

Randall answered with two runs in the bottom of the frame, before the Tigers stole the lead again.

Sonny Cumbie singled home Matt Rodgers and John Border drove in Cumbie for a 4-2 tally in the top of the second.

Then Clay Berryman went to work.

The Snyder hurler struck out three Raiders in the bottom of the inning, en route to a nine-strike out, one-walk performance.

The Tiger bats remained hot.

Chris Hernandez belted a 2-2 pitch over the fence during a seven-run fourth inning, putting Snyder on top 11-2.

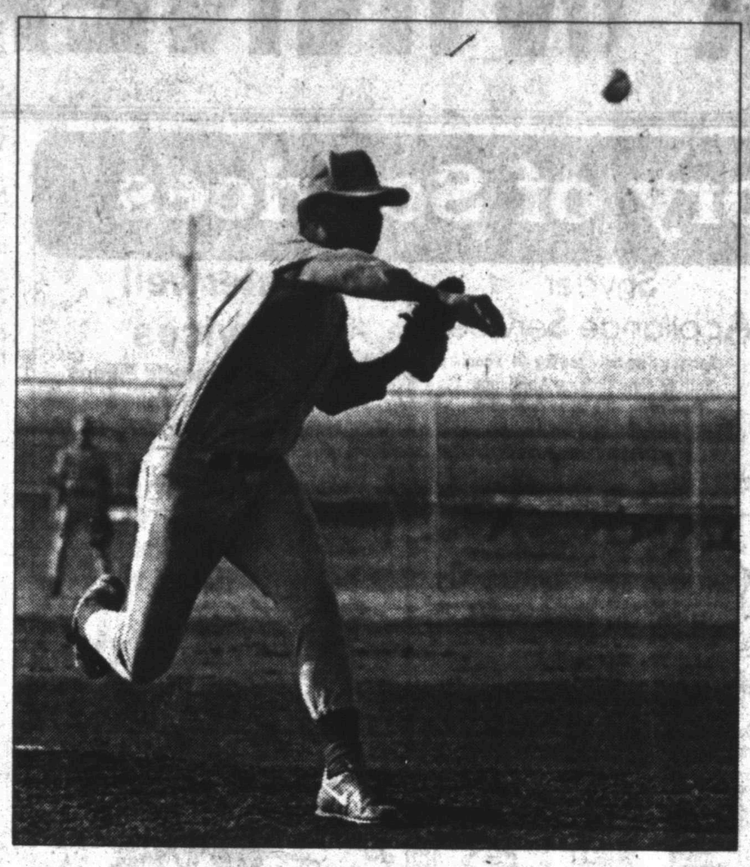
Berryman would surrender only four hits in the contest, as Randall posted a run in the bottom of the fourth.

Cumbie crossed home plate in the seventh to cap the scoring.

The Tigers broke out for 10 hits, including the two home runs and an Eric Lang double, while striking out only three times.

Snyder	2	2	0	7	0	0	1	—	12
Randall	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	—	3

Snyder: Smith and Hernandez, home runs; Lang, double; Border and Rodgers, two singles; Berryman, Beck and Cumbie, single. Berryman (WP), 7 innings, 3 R, 4 H, 9 SO, 1 BB.



ROCK AND FIRE — Cardinal hurler Randy Hernandez delivers a pitch Thursday during opening-round action of the Ira Classic. Hermleigh fell to Eula, 29-2, while Rotan topped Ira, 18-8. (SDN Staff Photo)

'Dogs, Cardinals drop opening-round contests

IRA — Some days the plate must seem smaller than the ball.

The Hermleigh Cardinals and the Ira Bulldogs both posted double-digit walks, as the two teams dropped opening-round contests in the Ira Classic.

In the first game, Eula ace Cody Williams surrendered only a Johnny Garza double in the second, as the Cardinals fell 29-2.

Williams was in control the entire contest, striking out nine and giving up just three base on balls.

After retiring Eula in the first inning, Hermleigh hurler Randy Hernandez ran into trouble.

The Pirates sent 13 men to the plate during an eight-run third inning, giving Eula an 11-0 lead.

Andy Luna and Jason Hernandez would post the Cards' only two runs in the bottom of the third, after each drew a walk.

But Eula kept the pressure on in the fourth, as 21 Pirates came to bat to score 15 runs.

Eula added three more in the fifth for the 29-2 final tally.

The nightcap between Ira and Rotan JV was tight early on.

After the lead-off man scored for the Yellowhammers, Bulldog hurler Jerek Brown settled down.

The sophomore pitcher didn't give up another run, while striking out six through three innings.

The Bulldog bats went to work in the second, with Terry Jamison knocking a double during a four-run rally.

Jamison, a freshman, took to the mound in the fourth to record two strike outs.

But the Yellowhammers knotted the contest with three runs on a walk, two singles and a triple.

Rotan the broke the game open in the fifth.

Ira surrendered eight runs on only one hit, as the Bulldogs committed five errors in the inning.

Perry Jamison, older brother of Terry, came in to finish the inning on the mound.

Ira tried to mount a comeback in the bottom of the frame.

Back-to-back singles by Brown and Jonathan Davis sent two Bulldogs home. Davis would later score when Drew Wall worked the Rotan pitcher to a bases-loaded walk.

But the Yellowhammers added six more in the sixth to pull away again.

The three Bulldog hurlers combined for 12 walks and 10 strikeouts.

The Ira Classic continues today with a 4 o'clock match-up between the 'Dogs and Abilene Christian High B, followed by Hermleigh vs. Abilene Christian A at 6:30.

Eula	0	3	8	15	3	—	29	
Hermleigh	0	0	2	0	0	—	2	

Hermleigh: Garza, double. Hernandez (LP), 3 innings, 15 R, 7 H, 8 BB, 1 SO; Digby, 2 innings, 14 runs, 7 H, 11 BB, 3 SO.

Rotan	1	0	0	3	8	6	—	18
Ira	0	4	0	0	3	1	—	8

Ira: Brown, double and single; Everton and T. Jamison, double; Wall, P. Jamison, Davis and Juarez, single. T Jamison (LP), 1 2-3 innings, 11 R, 4 H, 5 BB, 1 HB, 1 SO; Brown, 3 innings, 1 R, 1 H, 2 BB, 6 SO; P. Jamison, 1 1-3 innings, 6 R, 2 H, 5 BB, 2 SO.

Abilene Cooper capitalizes on Lady Tigers' miscues in field

ABILENE — The Lady Tigers matched 5A Abilene Cooper at the plate Thursday night.

But in the end it was fielding errors that cost Snyder the most.

The Lady Cougars scored three unearned runs on two errors to capture a 4-2 victory in the opener of a doubleheader.

Then four Snyder miscues in the fourth inning of the nightcap led to seven Cooper runs, as the Lady Tigers were edged, 15-14.

"The girls really played hard tonight," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "I'm really proud of the way we hit the ball. We've made a lot of improvement but we're still not playing as smart as we can. Bad decisions in the field cost us tonight."

In the first contest, Starla Davis knocked three singles and Amanda Huff belted a triple and base hit.

But with the score knotted at 2-2 in the fifth, a Lady Tiger overthrow allowed two Cooper runners to come home for the 4-2 final.

Kristin Martinez went all seven innings on the mound for Snyder, giving up seven hits and only two walks.

The Lady Tigers went to work at the plate in the second game.

CeCe Valadez blasted two triples and a double for a 7-2 Snyder advantage in the top of the fourth.

But four more bobbles in the field let seven Lady Cougars score in the bottom of the frame.

Snyder quickly mounted a rally.

The Lady Tigers posted a run in the fifth, two in the sixth and four in the top of the seventh to steal a 14-13 lead.

But when a Cooper runner barely beat out a throw to first on a bunt, it allowed the Lady Cougars to put up a sacrifice fly to register the game-winner.

Snyder will be in action again tonight when it travels to Hawley for a 5:30 battle with the Lady Bearcats.

"The girls should be up to play Hawley," Bohannon stated. "They really didn't get down on themselves after these two losses, because they know they played a lot better."

The Lady Tigers toppled Hawley, 4-0, during the Abilene tourney earlier in the season.

Cooper	0	1	0	1	2	0	-	—	4		
Snyder	0	2	0	0	0	0	—	—	2		

Snyder: Huff, triple and single; Davis, three singles; Johnson, two singles; Valadez, Fisk and Ricks, single. Martinez (LP), 7 innings, 7 H, 12 BB, 10 SO.

Cooper	1	0	1	7	0	4	2	—	15		
Snyder	2	0	0	5	1	2	4	—	14		

Snyder: Valadez, two triples and double; Purcell, triple and double; Tomlinson, two doubles and single; Huff, Fisk and Johnson, double and single; Davis, Drummond and Rinehart, single. Rinehart (LP), 2 innings, 6 H, 0 BB, 2 SO; Drummond, 5 innings, 12 H, 0 BB, 1 SO.

Rangers fall to Reds, 2-1, in exhibition

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Steve Cooke pitched five strong innings and the Cincinnati Reds got homers from Reggie Sanders and Roberto Petagine in a 2-1 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Cooke allowed one run and six hits Thursday but did not get a decision. David Weathers (1-0) got the win with two shutout innings.

Sanders' homer in the fourth tied the game 1-1. Petagine's came in the seventh off loser pitcher Al Levine (1-1).

Sanders also doubled to go 2-for-2, getting half of the Reds' four hits.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in first on a single by Juan Gonzalez that scored Tom Goodwin, who had singled.

Ricardo Jordan pitched a scoreless ninth inning and got the save.

Astros suffer first defeat to Philadelphia

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Mark Lewis went 2-for-3 and drove in a run as the Philadelphia Phillies handed Houston its first exhibition loss, beating the Astros 3-2 Thursday.

Sean Berry knocked in both runs for Houston (4-1-1) with a homer in the fourth inning.

Bobby Estalella drove in the winning run in the fifth with an RBI single that scored Rico Brogna who had doubled. Lenny Dykstra went 0-for-3, but drove in the Phillies other run with a groundout.

Mark Leiter pitched hitless ball for three innings to get the win for the Phillies, who have four straight victories after losing their first three games. Jerry Spradlin pitched the ninth to get the save.

Scott Elarton took the loss, giving up two runs on five hits in three innings.

Longhorns bounce Tech from Big 12 tournament

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri and Texas made the most of their Big 12 tournament opportunity, along with Kansas State.

But Texas A&M and Iowa State went home Thursday with losses that ended failed seasons.

The Tigers, the Longhorns, Baylor and Kansas State advanced to the second round today with victories.

Missouri beat Iowa State 74-55, Texas held on against Texas Tech 86-83, Baylor beat A&M 66-63 and Kansas State stopped Colorado 75-61.

Kansas State drew the task of playing top-seeded and third-ranked Kansas in the second-round today at noon.

In other second-round games, Baylor plays fourth-seed Nebraska at 2:30 p.m., Texas plays second-seed Oklahoma State at 6 p.m. and Missouri plays third-seed Oklahoma at 8:30 p.m.

Texas (13-16) blew a big lead, but lived to play another day when a last second 3-point try by Texas Tech's Cory Carr rimmed out.

The Longhorns won with Chris Mihm sitting out most of the second half in foul trouble and with leading scorer Kris Clack and Luke Axtell playing hurt.

Clack played after dislocating his right shoulder in practice Sunday, and finished with 28 points.

"I was able to go out and play. I felt okay," said Clack, a left-handed shooter. "I had no idea I could have so many points. I was out of practice. A couple of times I got hit in the wrong spots and it hurt."

The Red Raiders had a chance to tie on Carr's last shot after they fouled Mihm and he made two free throws.

"I made a shot like that earlier this year against Oklahoma and I said after that game, 'some go down and some don't,' Carr said. "It looked great. Usually when they look really good, they don't go in."

The loss to Baylor was the last game for A&M coach Tony Barone, who has been reassigned within the athletic department.

State Basketball Tournament Results

Thursday's Semifinals

Class A

Kamack 58, Zephyr 49
Nazareth 46, Ponder 43

Class 3A

Winnsboro 54, Lufkin-Hudson 50
Comanche 58, DrippingSprings 44

Class 4A

Bay City 54, Sam Houston, 45
CanyonRandall 53, McKinney 42

Local Sports Schedule

Today

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

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

Baseball: Ira Classic — Ira vs. Abilene Christian B, 4 p.m.; Hermleigh vs. Abilene Christian A, 6:30.

Baseball: Snyder JV and freshman at Odessa tourney.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Sweetwater Invitational.

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

Track: Snyder Jr. High meet, SHS track, 4 p.m.

Saturday

Softball: Abilene High JV at Snyder JV, 1 p.m.; Abilene Cooper JV at Snyder JV, 2:30.

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

Baseball: Snyder at Frenship tourney.

Baseball: Ira at Grape Creek JV, 4 p.m.

Baseball: Snyder JV and freshman at Odessa tourney.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Sweetwater Invitational.

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

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Syracuse 69, Villanova 66
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First Round
Indiana 78, Ohio St. 71
Minnesota 64, Northwestern 56
Wisconsin 52, Penn St. 51
Southeastern Conference
First Round
Alabama 72, Vanderbilt 62
Florida 68, Auburn 64
Georgia 79, Mississippi St. 76
Tennessee 73, LSU 62
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Texas Christian 71, Southern Meth. 69

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N.Y.Rangers	19	26	16	54	150	163
N.Y.Islanders	21	31	8	50	156	168
Florida	18	30	12	48	144	170
TampaBay	12	40	9	33	117	200

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	31	17	14	76	173	143
Montreal	29	24	7	65	173	156
Boston	26	22	13	65	156	146
Buffalo	24	21	14	62	150	141
Ottawa	24	28	10	58	141	155
Carolina	23	30	7	53	147	167

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Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	38	14	9	85	185	121
Detroit	34	16	13	81	190	144
St.Louis	34	22	8	76	194	155
Phoenix	24	26	11	59	165	173
Chicago	23	27	11	57	149	149
Toronto	20	32	8	48	141	177

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	32	16	16	80	190	156
LosAngeles	27	22	11	65	174	160
Edmonton	23	29	10	56	159	177
SanJose	23	30	7	53	149	164
Calgary	19	30	12	50	163	187
Anaheim	20	31	9	49	145	183
Vancouver	18	34	10	46	172	221

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 4, Florida 3
Colorado 5, Toronto 3
Montreal 3, Dallas 1
Edmonton 4, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 2, Anaheim 0
Thursday's Games
Chicago 2, Pittsburgh 2, tie
Ottawa 4, Colorado 2
Boston 1, New Jersey 1, tie
Philadelphia 3, Washington 2
St. Louis 4, Montreal 0
Calgary 6, Vancouver 2
San Jose 5, Detroit 4
Carolina 2, Los Angeles 1
Friday's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Chicago at Boston, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 3 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Colorado at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	42	19	.689	-
NewYork	34	24	.586	6½
NewJersey	33	27	.550	8½
Washington	31	29	.525	10½
Orlando	30	29	.508	11
Boston	28	31	.475	13
Philadelphia	20	37	.351	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	44	16	.733	-
Indiana	41	18	.695	2½
Charlotte	36	23	.610	7½
Atlanta	34	24	.586	9
Cleveland	32	27	.542	11½
Milwaukee	29	29	.500	14
Detroit	27	33	.450	17
Toronto	13	45	.224	30

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	41	16	.719	-
SanAntonio	40	19	.678	2
Minnesota	31	28	.525	11
Houston	29	30	.492	13
Vancouver	14	44	.241	27½
Dallas	13	47	.217	29½
Denver	5	55	.083	37½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	45	14	.763	-
L.A.Lakers	40	18	.690	4½
Phoenix	39	20	.661	6
Portland	34	24	.586	10½
Sacramento	25	36	.410	21
GoldenState	13	46	.220	32
L.A.Clippers	12	47	.203	33

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 87, Milwaukee 80
Orlando 96, Seattle 83
Charlotte 112, Minnesota 102
Cleveland 122, Toronto 88
Utah 110, Boston 94
Sacramento 109, Detroit 89
Golden State 90, San Antonio 83
L.A. Lakers 104, Indiana 95
Thursday's Games
Washington 103, New York 90
Miami 117, Houston 93
Dallas 119, L.A. Clippers 109
Milwaukee 104, Denver 87
Phoenix 102, Detroit 93
Friday's Games
Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
Utah at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Miami at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
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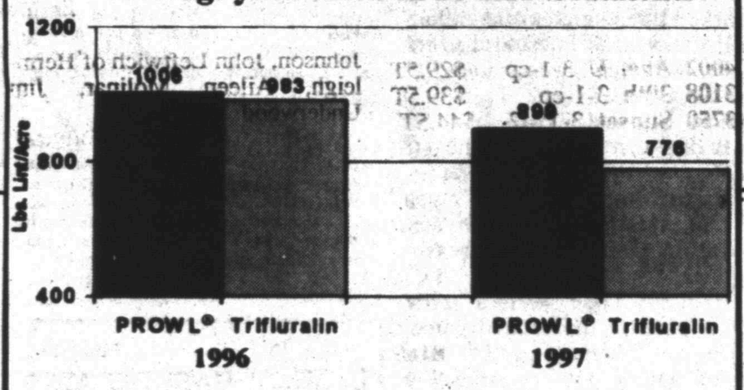
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2702 48th 3-2-2-pool	$89.5T
2801 34th 3-2-2	$71.5T
2605 28th 3-2-2	$71.9T
3725 Ave U 3-1-1cp Privacy Fence, CH/A	$29.5T
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3108 39th 3-1-cp	$39.5T
3750 Sunset 3-1¾-2	$44.5T
3101 Ave. A 4-2-2cp+Apt	$110T
2712 El Paso 3-2-2	$44.5T
3110 39th 2-1-2 L/areas	$39.5T
3007 41st 3-2 Brick	$55T
3005 35th 3-2-2-dining	$96.5T
409 32nd 3-2 CH/RA	$35T
2115 35th St. 2-1-1	$21.9T
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Secluded Scenic 3-2-2	$100's
Assumable 3-2-2	$44.5T
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Murder suspects say mentally impaired girl was 'easy mark'

EAGLE PASS (AP) — Michael Hall and Robert Neville Jr. initially set out to kill a black person. According to Hall, they thought they might kill five or 10 people — just for kicks.

They finally settled on only one: a mentally impaired 19-year-old woman with whom they worked at an Arlington grocery store.

Amy Robinson wasn't black, but, according to Hall, she was "an easy mark."

In stunning jailhouse interviews during which they often smirked and even joked, the confessed killers Thursday showed little remorse.

"She was suffering anyway," Hall said. "So I guess we just gave her a back door."

Said Neville: "I'd probably have to say it was just for the adrenaline rush."

Ms. Robinson's family members, who have urged prosecutors to seek the death penalty in the case, were enraged by the interviews.

"If there's a God, they'll get it (lethal injection)," said the woman's father, Ben Grogan. "And the last thing that those two people are ever going to see is going to be my face right before they die."

Ms. Robinson's body was found in a Fort Worth field Tuesday, soon after her killers were caught trying to cross the border into Mexico. Hall, 18, and Neville, 23, are being held in the Maverick County Jail in Eagle Pass on $500,000 bail each.

In interviews with Dallas TV station KDFW and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, they told of seeing Ms. Robinson riding her bicycle to work on Feb. 15.

Neville said they initially set out to commit a racial hate crime.

"We was gonna go out and pick up a couple of guns and stuff like that and go out and shoot and kill a black girl," Neville said.

They settled on Ms. Robinson because "she was easy to get to," said Hall.

"We decided to take this one out," he said. "We were going to go for five to 10 people, but it got too hard."

Neville also said the victim was picked because she trusted her attackers.

"My personal experience with her ... she trusts too many people," he said.

The two drove Ms. Robinson to a field, where Neville said he got out of the car with his rifle and walked away to take target practice.

"As I was walkin' back towards the car I heard some arguing. Michael Hall, he had a ... pellet gun and he started popping pellets into her chest and face and stuff like that," he said.

"All I seen was two dark shadows and I aimed for the nearest one ... My first two shots rang out — one hit her in the chest and the other hit her in the head. Then he — Michael — picked up his rifle and fired another set of shots into her."

As the woman died, "we just busted out laughing," Hall said.

Then they left Ms. Robinson's body in the field with her bicycle and went to sell the guns.

Neville told reporters he wished he could go back in time and undo the killing, and he apologized to the victim's family.

Asked what he would say to Ms. Robinson's family, Hall said, "Good luck with the rest of your life."

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jimmy Bridges, Jennifer Clark, William Johnson, John Leftwich of Hermleigh, Aileen Molinar, Jim Underwood.

DISMISSALS: Gerrel Bigham, Tori Thompson, Lester Wall, George Webster.

CENSUS: 44 (Med., Surg.-14, Long-term Care-26, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Casey and Bonnie Way of Caldwell are parents of a seven-pound, one-ounce son, Tyler Reese. He was born at 7:50 a.m. on Feb. 18 in St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan.

Grandparents are Eldon and Connie Kirkpatrick of Snyder and great-grandparents are E.C. and Mary Nobles of Snyder. His great-great-grandmother is Mildred Nobles of Snyder.

Second quiet day reported

Activity remained light for local law enforcement personnel Thursday as less than 30 calls were noted by dispatchers on the day's blotter.

Brock Fuentez requested to speak to an officer at 10 a.m. at 3303 Houston as someone had damaged a front door at the residence. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

H.E. Lewis reported criminal mischief to his vehicle at 3609 Hill as someone broke out some of the windows. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted by deputies.

A gas drive-off was reported shortly after 11 p.m. at Town and Country as a person failed to pay for $11.91 worth of gas. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted. However, the person returned about an hour later and paid for the gas.

In other activity, a person notified the sheriff's office at 10:55 a.m. that the warning lights at the railroad crossing on Avenue R were not working.

An offense report for a cat bite was made at 4 p.m. from the 3000 block of Avenue E.

Around 8 a.m. Thursday morning, officers and Snyder EMS were dispatched to 2806 32nd St. in reference to an unattended death. County Judge Ricky Fritz ruled an 81-year-old woman had died of natural causes.

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Subject: Request for Quotation
Dear Sir:

The City of Snyder desires to sell used water meters in the appproximate quantities listed below. The Buyer will accept all of the meters and payment will be made on the actual quantity received multiplied by the unit bid. The Buyer will be responsible for 1) All labor and transportation to pick up and haul off the meters and 2) Pay the total amount due at the time of removal. The City of Snyder reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 20, 1998.

Enclose bids in a sealed envelope and mark:
"SEALED BID - USED WATER METERS"
Attn: Carolyn House, Director Customer Services

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT BID	TOTAL BID
1" Used Water Meter	33		
29 Rockwell			
2 Neptune			
2 Unknown			
3/4" Used Water Meters	729		
647 Rockwell			
44 Sensus			
38 Neptune			
1 1/2" Used Water Meters	4		
1 Hershey			
3 Unknown			
2" Used Water Meters	4		
2 Hershey			
2 Unknown			
3" Used Water Meters	1		
1 Hershey			
4" Used Water Meters	3		
1 Hershey			
2 Compound			
	TOTAL	$	$

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ DATE: _____

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	HighLow Last	
AMR Corp	134⅜ 131 1-16	134 5-16+ 3⅛
AT&T Corp	61 5-16	60⅝ 61 1-16+⅛
AirTouch	42 15-16	42⅜42⅛+ 1-16
Albertsons	50 5-16	49 1-16 50 1-16+ 1
AlldSignal s	42	41⅞41⅛+⅛
Alltel	46 15-16	45 15-16 46 13-16+⅛
AmerOnline	119⅜ 117 11-16	119 11-16+3 9-16
AmOnline wi	59⅜ 58 15-16	59⅛+ 1⅛
AmStoress	25⅛ 25 3-16	25 5-16+ 3-16
Ameritech s	44⅝ 43¾ 44	5-16+ 1⅛
Amoco	84 13-16	84⅛84¼— 5-16
AndarkPtr	65 15-16	65⅜65⅛+ 3-16
Armcolnc	5 3-16	5⅛ 5 3-16+ 1-16
AtlRichfld s	77 3-16	76⅞77⅛— ⅛
ATMOS Egy	29⅛ 29 7-16	29 9-16— 3-16
Aviall	15⅛ 15 1-16	15 1-16
BakerHughes	41 9-16	40⅝ 40 5-16— 9-16
BellAtl	94 7-1693	94 5-16+2 1-16
BellSouth	60 13-16	59⅛60⅜+ 1⅛
BethSteel	11 11-16	11¼ 11 5-16— ⅜
BritPet s	84⅜ 83⅞	83⅜— ⅛
BurlNoSFe	101	100⅝ 100⅝+ 1
CBS Corp	31⅛	31⅛1⅛+⅛
Caterpillar s	52⅛ 51 7-16	52⅛+1 3-16
CenSoWst	26 13-16	26⅛ 26 11-16
Chevron	84 15-16	84¼ 84 3-16— ⅜
Chrysler	40 11-16	39⅝ 40 9-16+11-16
Coastal	65 5-16	64 13-16 64 15-16+⅛
CocaCola	70 3-16	69 9-16 69 15-16+⅜
ColgatePalm s	83¼	80⅝ 82 7-16+ 3⅛
ComclMetals	31 5-16	31 5-16 31 5-16— 3-16
CooperIn	57¼ 56	13-16 57 1-16+ 9-16
CyprusAmax	16 15-16	16⅛ 16 15-16+⅜
DallSemicn	41⅞	40¼ 41 13-16+1 15-16
DeltaAird	118 7-16	115 15-16 117⅛+2 3-16
DigitalEq	52⅛ 51	15-16 52 7-16+11-16
Dillards Inc	35 9-16	35⅛ 35 7-16+⅛
DowChem	90¼	89 15-1690⅛+⅛
DresserInd	47⅛ 46⅛	46 9-16— 5-16
DuPont s	62⅛ 61	9-16 62 3-16+⅜
EastmanChem	65⅛	64⅝65⅛+⅛
EstKodak	65⅛ 64	13-16 64 15-16+⅛
EDS Corp	43⅛ 43	43 5-16+ 1-16
Entergy	28 1-16	27 5-16 27 7-16— 1⅛
Exxon s	62 15-16	62⅝62¾— 5-16
FstBksAm	23 3-16	23 3-16 23 3-16+ 1-16
Flowers s	25⅛ 25	25 3-16+⅛
FordMotor	58 15-16	58⅛58⅜+ 1
GTE Cp	55⅛ 54	1-16 54 15-16+15-16
GenDynam	88 7-16	87 87 15-16+1 1-16
GenIElecs	77 7-16	76½ 77⅛+1 1-16
GenMills	71⅛	70⅝71⅛+⅜
GenMotors	72¼ 71	7-16 71 9-16— 9-16
GaPacGP s	60 15-16	60⅝60¾— 5-16
GlobalMar	25⅛ 24	9-1624¾— 1-16
Goodrich	49⅛ 49⅛	49 13-16+13-16
Goodyear s	70⅛ 68	9-1670⅛+ 2
GtAtlPac	31	30⅝30⅞+⅜
Halliburtn s	49 7-16	48¼ 48 7-16— 9-16
Hanson ADS	26⅛	26⅛ 26 13-16+11-16
HarteHanks	42⅛	41⅝42⅜+ 1-16
HomeDepot s	65 1-16	64 7-16 64 15-16+⅛
HoustonInds	26	5-16 26⅛26⅛
IBM s	99 13-16	98⅛ 99 3-16+⅛
IntlPaper	48	9-16 47⅝48⅛+⅛
JohnsonJn	73 13-16	72⅛73⅛+ 1⅛
K mart	15⅜	15 9-1615⅜+⅛
Kroger s	44	1-16 4344 + 1
Litton	62 5-16	61⅜ 62 5-16+ 5-16
LockhdMart	115	113¾ 114 15-16+ 1
Lowes Cos	65⅜ 62	15-16 65 7-16+2 15-16
Lubys	17⅜	17⅜ 17 9-16+⅛
LucentTech	106 11-16	105⅛ 106 11-16+2 7-16
LucentTch wi	53⅜	53⅛53⅜+ 1⅛
MayDeptStrs	62¼	62⅛62⅛+ 5-16
Medtronic s	51 11-16	51⅝51⅞+ 3-16
Mobils	72⅛	72 72 7-16+⅜
Monsanto	52¼	50⅜ 51 11-16+1 5-16
MorganJP	122⅛	121⅛ 121 7-16—⅛
Motorola	5452	53 9-16—2 5-16
NCR Corp	31 13-16	31¼ 31 13-16+ 1-16
NationsBk	68 13-16	68 68 11-16+13-16
Navistar	30	15-16 30⅝30⅞+⅜
Norwests	43	42⅝42⅞+15-16
OryxEngy	25	5-16 25 25 5-16+ 3-16
Penney JC	71⅜ 70	11-16 71 11-16+13-16
Pennzoil	70⅛	69⅛69⅜+15-16
PepBoys	24⅜ 24	11-1624⅜+ 3-16
PepsiCo	36 15-16	36 9-16 36 15-16+⅜
PhelpDodge	65	64 9-16 64 9-16
PhilipPet	50 3-16	49 15-1650 +⅛
PilgrmPrd	13 1-16	13 13 1-16+ 1-16
Polaroid	45⅜	44⅝45⅜+ 7-16
Praxair	47⅜	46⅝46⅞—⅛
ProctGamb s	82⅛ 81⅜	82⅝+1 11-16
PubSNwMx	23¼ 22	15-16 22 15-16— 5-16
RoyalDut s	54⅛	54⅜ 54 7-16+⅛
SBC Comm	76 7-16	75⅞76⅛+ 1⅛
SBC Comm wi	38	37 13-1638 +⅜
SaraLee	56¼	55⅛56 +⅛
Scripps EW	54 53	15-16 53 15-16+ 1-16
SearsRoeb	54⅛ 53	11-16 54 5-16+ 1⅛
SherwinW	34⅜	3434⅛+⅜
SmthBc ADS s	67⅛ 65	11-16 65 13-16+2 11-16
SouthernCo	25 1-16	24 15-1625 + 1-16
SwstAirl s	29 7-16	28⅜ 29 5-16+⅛
Sprint	66 15-16	6666⅛+⅞
SunCo	41 3-16	4141⅛+ 9-16
TNP Ent	31 15-16	31 13-16 31 13-16— 1-16
Tandy s	43 15-16	43⅜ 43 15-16+ 7-16
TempleInland	60⅛	59⅜ 60 1-16+13-16
Tenneco	42⅞	42 5-1642⅜+⅛
Texaco s	57	11-16 56⅞57⅛+⅛
TexInd	55 3-16	54⅛ 55 1-16+ 1
TexasInst s	55⅛	53⅛ 55⅛+2 9-16
TexUtil	39⅛	39⅛ 39 9-16
Textron s	72⅛	72 1-1672⅛+ 9-16
Travelers s	55	13-16 55⅛55⅝
TriconGlbR n	29	15-16 29 7-1629⅛—⅛
TrinityInds	51 9-16	50 13-16 51 7-16+⅜
TritonEngy	32⅛	32 3-1632⅛+ 3-16
Tyler	7⅛	6⅞7⅛+ 7-16
US WestCm	52 11-16	52⅛ 52 11-16+ 7-16
USWstMda	33⅜	33 1-16 33 5-16+ 5-16
USX-Marathn	35	11-16 35⅛35⅛+ 1-16
USX-USS	36 11-16	36 5-1636⅜+ 5-16
UnCarbde	46⅛	45¼ 45 7-16—⅛
UnionPacif	50⅜	50⅜50⅜— ⅛
UnitedTech	89⅛	88 11-1689⅛+⅛
Unocal	38⅛ 38	38 5-16+ 5-16
WalMart	50⅛ 49	13-16 50 3-16+1 5-16
WstnGasRs	17⅞	17⅛17⅞+⅛
WinnDixie	54 13-16	53⅛54⅛+ 7-16
Woolworth	23 11-16	23¼ 23 11-16+⅜
Xerox Corp	9291 3-16	91 9-16—⅛
ZenithE	6 7-16	6⅛6¼

Photographers using Autochrome in the 1920s carried into the field not only bulky cameras but steamer trunks full of chemicals and a supply of colorplates that alone weighed as much as 150 pounds.

Special education student strapped to chair in school

LAREDO (AP) — The mother of a special education student is asking Laredo school officials why her 8-year-old son was strapped to a chair during class.

But the boy's teacher and other officials say the action was warranted.

Rosa Gomez said she found her son tied down with a windbreaker jacket when she went to Farias Elementary School to pick him up for a dentist appointment.

"I want to know why they did this," Ms. Gomez told the Laredo Morning Times. "I never gave them permission to tie my child like this."

Rosario Carmichael, the Laredo Independent School District's instructional officer for special education, said restraining a child is allowed if such disciplinary action is outlined in the student's Individual Educational Plan.

"Sometimes we have to use restraints for safety reasons," Ms. Carmichael said.

Gomez reiterated she never signed a document or gave school officials permission to use such disciplinary action on her child.

Farias Elementary School Principal Imelda Murillo said Child Protective Services and the Laredo Police Department investigated the case and found no negligence or abuse on the teacher's part.

"They felt that what the teacher did had to be done," Ms. Murillo said.

Laredo Police Investigator Fernando Lozano said he interviewed the teacher and agreed with her and Ms. Murillo that the child was restrained for his own safety last week.

"The teacher told me that the child was very hyper that day, and that he was going under the tables and running all over the classroom," Lozano said. "It was not done maliciously. The child was just seatbelted in."

Although the knot was tight, Lozano said, the jacket was loose. "If the jacket would have been tight, they wouldn't have been able to lift up the child from the chair," he said.

Power withdraws her request for parole

BOSTON (AP) — Vietnam-era radical Katherine Ann Power has withdrawn her request for parole in the killing of a Boston police officer 28 years ago, the officer's family said.

After serving 4½ years of an 8- to 12-year sentence for her role in the 1970 murder of Walter Schroeder during a bank robbery, Power went before a parole board Thursday night to request her release.

But Power, who spent more than two decades as a fugitive, withdrew her request at the end of a three-hour hearing, according to Clare Schroeder, daughter of the slain officer.

"I believe she did the right thing," Schroeder said after the hearing, which was not open to reporters. "I and my family are all relieved."

An expressionless Power, in handcuffs and leg shackles, was escorted out of the building immediately after the hearing. She refused comment.

A parole board representative could not be reached for comment. Power's attorney, James Doyle, who was not in the room during the hearing, could not immediately confirm that his client had withdrawn her request.

But Doyle said he would not be surprised.

"She accomplished what she really wanted to do," Doyle said. "She wanted to accept responsibility and express deep remorse."

Doyle said Power would likely make another request for parole. She will be eligible for another hearing next year.

Power, 48, and four other anti-Vietnam War radicals robbed a Boston bank in September 1970. During the robbery, Power, then a Brandeis University student, waited several blocks away in the "switch car" used for the getaway.

The heist didn't go as planned, and Schroeder — a father of nine — was shot to death.

After the robbery, Power went underground for 23 years, eventually settling near Corvallis, Ore., teaching and working as a chef under the alias Alice Metzinger. She married and bore a son, Jaime, now 18.

She surrendered to police in September 1993 and pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Defense attorney and legal analyst Randy Chapman speculated that Power's withdrawl of the parole request could increase her chances for release in 1999.

"In the face of strong opposition by the victim's family and negative reactions to her request in the press, this may be a posturing for parole at the next hearing," said Chapman, who was not involved in the case.

Schroeder said that Power wept several times during the proceedings and apologized to the slain policeman's family, including his 68-year-old widow, Marie, who attended the hearing.

Schroeder also said Power appeared to react to the family's emotional statements about how the killing affected them.

"It became apparent to her, the nature of the harm she has caused," Schroeder said. "Katherine has a debt to pay, not only to my family, but to society as well."

AP tax update examines idea of alternative minimum tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — Think your taxes are complicated enough already? Just wait.

A growing number of middle class families will find themselves subjected to Alternative Minimum Tax, a kind of tax torture originally designed to make sure the rich paid their fair share.

But the AMT will begin hitting Main Street with increasing frequency because Congress hasn't adjusted the AMT limits for inflation.

Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation now estimates that 600,000 taxpayers will be subject to the AMT in 1997, but that figure will grow to 6.2 million by 2006.

That means more and more middle class families will be required to basically compute their taxes twice, once under the standard formula and a second time under the bewildering AMT.

The 1997 tax bill only makes matters worse.

The AMT is particularly effective in ensuring people pay some minimum amount of tax after they've taken advantage of tax credits and deductions. Some middle income families may find the new $500-per-child and college tax credits will force them to calculate AMT.

In the wake of the promised tax relief surrounding the tax bill, it's no wonder that Rep. Barbara Kennelly said many families are in for "a rude awakening."

"Millions of families will learn there is no relief in the offing when they file their 1998 tax returns — unless Congress acts again," said Kennelly, a Connecticut Democrat who is pushing a bill to fix the problem.

She provided the following example involving a single mother making $51,400 and with two children in day care. This woman would lose all of her child credits and $141 of her dependent care credit in the year 2000 because she would have to file the AMT.

Basically, AMT is a separate tax calculation that reduces the benefit of some tax deductions and credits — such as a deductions for property taxes.

In doing so, it forces taxpayers to owe tax when they otherwise would pay very little or nothing at all.

Tax experts say those most vulnerable to filing AMT have numerous and large itemized deductions, such as for state taxes, investment expenses and home equity interest.

Here's AMT in a nutshell:

— Determine if you took a deduction that would require you to calculate the AMT. Deductions for state taxes, property taxes and children are examples.

— Complete Form 6251 to see if you owe AMT. In this form, you calculate your income under the AMT formula.

— You add back to your income special tax benefits — so-called "preference items" — such as child tax credits.

— You subtract from this AMT income an exemption: $45,000 for joint filers; $33,750 for singles or heads of household. The result is taxed at 26 percent for a couple's first $175,000 in income; 28 percent above that.

— Compare this AMT tax bill to your regular tax bill. If the AMT is greater, you pay the amount above your regular tax. Additional computations apply if you make more than $150,000.

As you can see, calculating whether someone owes taxes under the AMT is highly complex process that can often require a professional accountant.

Even by the IRS' own estimates, you can expect to spend more than five hours in research, record-keeping and the like to deal with the AMT. Form 6251 has the instructions.

Today, only high income taxpayers with numerous tax "preferences" — deductions for state and local taxes and for numerous children — have to worry about the AMT.

But since the new child and education credits are counted as preferences under the new tax law, middle-income families with children who take the standard deduction will be hit with the Alternative Minimum Tax, officials said.

In calculating AMT, the preferences that can be taken on a regular income tax form can't be used to shave your income. That's the way the child and education credits can be eroded by AMT.

Examples of other AMT preference items would be state and local income taxes, property taxes and home equity interest.

State and FBI investigating allegations against legislator

EL PASO (AP) — A legislator accused by former employees of sexually harassing state workers and devising kickback schemes welcomes a new investigation because it allows him to tell his side, his attorney says.

The Travis County District Attorney's office has subpoenaed state Rep. Gilbert Serna's office manager as part of its probe, Serna's attorney, Luis Aguilar, said Thursday.

The attorney said the investigation likely centers on allegations that Serna, D-El Paso, offered to give employees raises if they gave some of the money back to him. Aguilar said his client was heartened by the legal action.

"He felt this would give Travis County the opportunity to hear his side of the story. He said he hasn't done anything wrong," said Aguilar.

El Paso County District Attorney Jaime Esparza said his office is cooperating in the probe.

"We've had discussions back and forth and whatever assistance we can provide them, we will make ourselves available," said Esparza.

Esparza would not comment on the nature of the investigation.

But he also confirmed it was linked to an El Paso Times report in which several former employees and associates of Serna said the legislator had made unwelcome advances to two male state employees and had solicited kickbacks from others.

Esparza said his office is not directly investigating the matter.

"We haven't had any complainants come forward to my office," he said. "There have not been any complaints to any (local) law enforcement agency that I'm aware of that would initiate an investigation."

Officials with the Travis County unit in Austin didn't return phone calls to The Associated Press on Thursday.

Heart attack rumor

LONDON (AP) — Despite official denials, rumors that U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan may have had a heart attack affected early trading in Europe today, dealers reported.

The rumors, which first appeared in Asian trading and then spread to European bond trading, helped push up the prices of German bund futures.

But some dealers said the rise may also have been due to an increase in the value of the dollar against the German mark late Thursday.

In Washington, Fed Reserve spokesman Joseph Coyne said there was "no truth" in the rumor.

Datebook

March 6, 1998

Today is the 65th day of 1998 and the 76th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1853, Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.

On this day in 1930, the first frozen food, developed by Clarence Birdseye, was sold in grocery stores in Springfield, Mass.

On this day in 1955, comedian Phyllis Diller made her debut in San Fransisco at the Purple Onion nightclub.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Michelangelo (1475-1564), artist; Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861), poet; Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908), composer; Lefty Grove (1900-1975), baseball great; Ed McMahon (1923-), TV personality, is 75; Alan Greenspan (1926-), Federal Reserve chairman, is 72; Gabriel Garcia Marquez (1928-), writer, is 70; Willie Stargell (1941-), baseball great, is 57; Rob Reiner (1945-), director, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Dorothy Hamill won the world figure-skating championship in Goteborg, Sweden.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If it's far away, it's news, but if it's close to home, it's sociology." — James Reston

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, parts of Altamont Springs, Fla., were buried by a foot of marble- to golf-ball-size hail.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter.

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Bus accident kills 15 passengers

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Two passenger buses collided Thursday on a rural road in eastern Punjab province, killing 15 people and injuring 50 others, the state-run news agency reported.

Hospital officials say at least 25 of the injured have life-threatening injuries.

The buses collided near the town of Okara, 240 miles from the capital of Islamabad. Nearby residents said one bus was overtaking a vehicle when it collided head-on with the other bus.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



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DEAR DR. GOTT: My 46-year-old husband recently underwent a hip replacement operation that left him 1-1/2 inches taller on the operated side. His knees are not even. The surgeon, after ordering a lift for his shoe, won't pay any attention to him. Is this discrepancy common after hip surgery?

DEAR READER: No, it isn't. Someone messed up. Ordinarily, orthopedic surgeons make great efforts to match the prosthetic hip to the opposite, normal hip. When performed properly, the surgery should result in two legs that are of equal length. Nothing is perfect, however, and after the surgery, there may be a fraction-of-an-inch discrepancy. An inch and a half is monumental. While your husband can probably learn to compensate for the disparate lengths (by using a lift and altering his gait), this surgical complication is likely to result in future hip and back pain.

I suggest that he be examined by an orthopedic superspecialist at a major hospital center. While replacement of the ill-fitting prosthesis may be an option, there may be other alternatives too. In my view, a second opinion is mandatory.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've developed a soreness and a seepage where my ears are pierced. The reaction invariably occurs with earrings in place, and lessens when they are out. My podiatrist told me it was a yeast condition that would never clear up and gave me salve, which hasn't helped. What do you think?

DEAR READER: I think that your podiatrist should limit his practice to the feet.

Infected ear lobes are a common consequence of ear-piercing, because the integrity of the skin is altered and bacteria can enter the holes. In such cases, the lobes can become hot, red and swollen. The situation is aggravated by the presence of earrings, which provide access for the bacteria.

However, there is another possibility. You may be allergic to certain metal alloys, especially those containing nickel. Such alloys are often used in inexpensive earrings, and can cause symptoms identical to those of infection.

Here's what I suggest. Avoid earrings or posts for several weeks, until your lobes look and feel normal. During this period, carefully and thoroughly clean your lobes with alcohol twice a day. Once the skin reaction has disappeared, use only high-quality gold earrings — no cheapies or silver types. If an allergy is to blame, your ears should be fine thereafter. If infection is the culprit, your lobes will again bother you. At that point, you'll have to decide whether or not to forego pierced ears altogether.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Explosion postpones au pair's hearing

BOSTON (AP) — A hearing in the case of British au pair Louise Woodward was postponed today following an electrical explosion that injured at least five people at the courthouse.

A transformer exploded just before state's highest court was scheduled to consider whether Ms. Woodward should be put back behind bars or allowed to return home.

Ms. Woodward, lawyers from both sides and journalists were in the 14th-floor courtroom when a transformer in the basement erupted with several explosions, shutting off power and forcing the building to be evacuated.

No immediate decision had been expected for Ms. Woodward, convicted of manslaughter in the death of a baby in her care. The hearing was rescheduled for Monday.

A courthouse electrician suffered burns to his face and hands and was hospitalized in fair condition. Two other electrical workers, a court officer and another person who suffered smoke inhalation were also taken to hospitals. Others with less serious problems were being treated at the scene.

Acrid smoke wafted from the building, which was built in 1939, but fire officials said the blaze had been contained.

"It's of no serious consequence," said District Fire Chief Robert Dorsey. "However, they're evacuating the building as a precaution."

"It sounded like bombs going off," said Lawrence Busi, a bricklayer who was nearby when he heard the explosion.

Fire Commissioner Martin Pierce said the explosion likely happened after an accidental electrical short. He estimated damages at $100,000.

In November, an explosion in a transformer in the courthouse injured one man and caused $10,000 worth of damage. The building, which has also suffered ventilation problems, is scheduled to be closed and replaced by a new courthouse under construction nearby.

Obituaries

Corena Cole

1912-1998

Corena G. Cole, 85, died Thursday, March 5, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cole is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Danny Williams, pastor of the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church, will officate.

Born Nov. 25, 1912 in Bosque County, she married Herbert T. Cole on Oct. 23, 1936 in Stephenville. He died in 1995.

A homemaker, Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Marie Scott Cole; and four brothers.

Survivors include a son, Bob Cole of Snyder; a daughter, Lanelle Joplin of Colorado City; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Jewell Griggs

1920-1998

Funeral service for Jewell Willman Griggs is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Old Glory Cemetery.

Mrs. Griggs, 77, died Thursday, March 5, at her daughter's residence's in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Born Oct. 14, 1920 in McLennan County, she married Benjamin Edgar Griggs who died in 1981.

Mrs. Griggs had worked as a receptionist for Patterson Used Cars, and she was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Hubert Willman; a sister, Ruby Hamilton; and her parents.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Saundra and Tommy Fletcher of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Jane Griggs of Grapevine; two sisters, Mozelle Ferguson and her husband, W.E., of Lubbock and Vergie Howard of Snyder; two stepchildren and their spouses, Bill and Nadine Griggs of Abilene and Dorothy Ann and Odell Anders of Midland; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special friend, James Pat Patterson.

Jay Taylor

1927-1998

Gerald Allen "Jay" Taylor, longtime Snyder resident, died at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Taylor, 70, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 27, 1927 in Springdale, Ark., he married Jean Robinson on March 25, 1961 in Snyder.

Mr. Taylor had been a resident of Snyder since 1949, excluding nine years when he lived in Graham, Wash. He was a retired maintenance engineer, having worked for six years at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A U.S. Army veteran, he was was a member of the Good Samaritan Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Taylor of Snyder; a brother and sister-in-law, Bobby Lynn and LaJuan Taylor of Jefferson City, Mo.; a sister-in-law, LaJuana Robinson of Vinita, Okla.; three brothers-in-law, Rex Robinson, Robby Robinson and Jim Robinson, all of Snyder; his mother-in-law, Clovis Robinson of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joan Brake

1916-1998

Graveside service for Joan Brake, 81, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ, will officiate, and Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Brake died Thursday, March 5, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Born July 3, 1916 in Junction, she married James Earl Brake in 1934 in Denver City. He died in 1991.

A long-time resident of Snyder, she was a homemaker and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Martha McCord of Odessa; a son, Jim Brake of Sparks, Nev.; two brothers, Lonnie Coleman of Gun Barrel City and Bob Coleman of Eldorado, Ark.; four grandchildren, Shelly Chapple of Midland, Shane Nutt of Denver; Craig Brake of Sparks, Nev., and Starlyn Brake of Livermore, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

Connie Stirman

1925-1998

Funeral service is set for 1 p.m. Sunday in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland for Snyder native Cornelia W. Stirman. The Rev. Bob Porterfield will officiate.

Graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday in Snyder Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stirman died Thursday, March 5, in a Midland hospital.

Born on May 15, 1925 in Snyder to Frank A. and Mattie Davis Wilson, she was reared and educated in Snyder. She worked for the ASC office where she met her husband, Bill. They were married Oct. 8, 1944 in Snyder and lived in Sanderson until 1949 when they moved to Snyder, and then to Midland in 1961. Mr. Stirman died in 1991.

Mrs. Stirman was employed with Schlumberger as supervisor of central printing, retiring in 1986. She was a past president of the Midland Altrusa Club, a member of the VFW Auxiliary, and was active in Midland Women's Bowling League.

Survivors include a son, Bill Stirman of Brownwood; a daughter, Zoe Howland of Kaufman; three sisters, Jo McCullah of Plano, Nadell McGlaun of Wichita Falls and Marinell McCowen of Corpus Christi; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Mary Shoff

1910-1998

MANSFIELD — Mary D. Shoff, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, March 2, in Fort Worth.

Service for Mrs. Shoff, 87, was held Wednesday at Emerald Hills Chapel. Burial followed in Emerald Hills Cemetery in Kennedale, Tex.

Born Sept. 25, 1910 in Ponca City, Okla., she had lived in Snyder from 1963-73 where her husband, the late Rev. George A. Shoff, pastored the Calvary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Shoff, a homemaker, had been a resident of Mansfield for more than 20 years and was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, George J. and Irma Dell Shoff of Arlington; Donald G. and Judy Shoff of LaVerne, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and John L. Shurley of Mansfield; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Donald Fish

1929-1998

TUSCOLOOSA, Ala. — Donald Collie Fish, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, March 4, in Tuscoloosa.

A memorial service for Mr. Fish, 68, was planned for today in the Baptist Chapel on the campus of the University of Alabama.

Born Nov. 8, 1929 in Snyder, he was preceded in death by his parents, Collie and Gertrude Elizabeth Fish.

Mr. Fish was married to Dr. Mary Fish, professor of economics at the University of Alabama. Mr. Fish was a consulting geologist for several independent oil and gas companies in the U.S.

Mr. Fish earned his associate of science degree from Tarleton State College and his bachelor of science and master of science in geology from Texas Tech University. He had done graduate work at Purdue University and was a retired colonel in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Dr. Mary Fish of Tuscaloosa; two daughters, Lt. Col. Jill Skelton of San Angelo and Lynn Edwards of Atlanta; a son, Dr. Jason Fish of Mobile, Ala.; a brother, Dr. Jay Fish of Galveston; a sister, Ann Falls of Austin; and two grandchildren.

Irene Jackson

1916-1998

BIG SPRING — Irene Jackson of Justin, a former resident of Scurry County, died Thursday, March 5, in Justin.

Graveside service for Mrs. Jackson, 81, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring. Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, will officiate.

Born March 7, 1916 in Ira, she married Jack Jackson on Feb. 14, 1947 in Lovington, N.M. He died in 1983.

Mrs. Jackson lived in Big Spring from 1956 to 1991 when she moved to Irving. She worked as a seamstress for Montgomery Ward in Big Spring, and she also worked with ARC in Big Spring.

Mrs. Jackson was a homemaker and a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Kay Jackson of Justin; a sister-in-law, Lillian Carruthers of Justin; and seven nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickel and Welch Funeral home from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

James Harlan

1916-1998

CRANE — James Harlan, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 4, at his home in Galveston.

Graveside service for Mr. Harlan, 81, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Crane County Cemetery. The Rev. Tommy Parker will officiate and service is under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 16, 1916 in Westville, Okla., he married Helen Louise Bennett on Dec. 13, 1945, and she preceded him in death. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Harlan had drilled for oil for more than 50 years in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Peru, South Africa and Brazil. He had also lived in Pampa and Crane.

A Baptist, Mr. Harlan was a member of the Eagles Lodge, VFW and had been a member of the Lions Club and Rotary Club.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon K. and Dr. Stanley Allen of Galveston; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Patty Harlan of Pampa, Robert and Cynthia Harlan of Pflugerville; a sister, Imogene Harlan of Edmond, Okla; a brother and sister-in-law, Lloyd and Lucille Harlan of Midland; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Sue Whitfield in 1997; and a son, Larry Gene Harlan, in 1963.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Kiwanis Pancake Feast

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

Blood drive Saturday at BJ

BJ Services and Texas Blood Institute will conduct a blood drive from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the company's location at 311 North Lubbock Highway. Donars will receive a T-shirt and prostate screening in addition to blood work.

Motorcycle trials this weekend

The Observe Trials for Motorcycles, Texas State Championship Event, will he held at a Fluvanna Ranch (base of mountain where cross is) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Take FM 2224 from Fluvanna, turn on County Road 432 and follow orange, florescent signs to site.

Northeast book fair

Northeast Elementary will hold a scholastic book fair starting Monday and ending next Friday. The fair will be daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday only.

WTC Booster Club

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

Retired Teachers meeting

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. The program will be an update on Medicare.

Hermleigh lodge pancake supper

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will sponsor a pancake supper from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday in the Hermleigh school cafeteria. The event is being held in conjunction with the school district's open house.

Free blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health Care of Post will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

SHS Choir Boosters

Snyder High School Choir Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

'True Colors' workshop

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

Childrens' Miracle Network

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

Rotary Fundraiser

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

ABWA dinner

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

Outsiders basketball tourney

The Hermleigh Senior Class is sponsoring a 5-on-5 outsiders basketball tournament April 10-11. Entry fee is $100 per team with a maximum of 10 to a team. Entry deadline is March 28. Call 863-2766 or 766-2364.

Free tax counseling

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

Princes Di Ty Beanie raffle

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

Snyder Church of the Nazarene revival

Snyder Church of the Nazarene will host a revival Thursday through next Sunday. Lay ministers include Oliver Butler, Thursday and next Saturday, and Dywaine Beal, next Friday and Sunday.

Evening services are 6:30 p.m., Sunday services include 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. The church is located on the Colorado City Highway.

Cash Five

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

15-17-24-29-30

(fifteen, seventeen, twenty-four, twenty-nine, thirty)

Pick 3

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

1-7-1

(one, seven, one)