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WEDNESDAY

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q.-Is it true that there will be no fireworks display this year as part of the July 4th celebration.

A.-The traditional fireworks display will take place as usual. In fact, the chamber of commerce once again is already soliciting funds to help finance the display.

Local

School Friday

Friday, originally scheduled as a school holiday, will be a regular school day for Snyder students and teachers. It will be used as a makeup for the bad weather day taken on Jan. 2.

Blood Drive

The May blood drive continues until 5 p.m. today at the National Guard Armory in Towle Park.

Car wash

Snyder Youth Bowlers will have a car wash from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kmart parking lot. Proceeds will help send the bowlers to the state tournament later this month.

Concert

The Snyder Junior High band concert is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Worsham Auditorium.

Snyder Oaks

A family lunch in observance of Nursing Home Week will be held at noon Thursday at Snyder Oaks Care Center. Guests are asked to bring dessert, vegetables and a salad. The home will furnish meat, bread and drinks.

Healthcare

A family supper will be held at Snyder Healthcare Center at 6 p.m. Thursday. Family members are asked to bring Mexican food, salad and desserts.

Party

Snyder Junior High graduation party will be held Saturday from 8 until 11 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall. The event is for 8th graders only and admission is $3 per student.

Receptions

A retirement reception for SISD teachers Monette and Bob O'Day will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church.

A retirement reception honoring Dolores Ayala, an aide at East Elementary, will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the school library.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 82 degrees; low, 72 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 72 degrees; .05 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 4.94 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, windy and cooler. Low in the mid 50s. West wind 20-30 mph and gusty, diminishing to 15-25 mph by midnight. Caution advised on area lakes. Thursday, mostly sunny and cooler. High in the mid 70s. Northwest wind 10-20 mph and gusty.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:34. Sunrise Thursday, 6:46. Of 136 days in 1995, the sun has shone 125 days in Snyder.

13th championship...

One-act cast ready for home audience

Everyone's heard about it — now is your chance to see it.

The hometown performances of the state-winning one-act play will be presented Wednesday and Thursday in the Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

"Midsummer Night's Dream" is scheduled for public performance at 8:45 p.m. each evening. Admission is $2.

Drama instructor Jerry Worsham described the production as a 40 minute enchantment, suitable for the entire family.

The winning play earned a standing ovation following the Class 4-A performance on May 4. While advancing to the state contest, judges heaped praise on the star-studded cast. A judge at district said, "...just may be the best one-act play I have ever seen."

An area contest judge added, "truly superior work...I was spellbound." At region, the judge said, "Wow! I cannot wait to get back to my university and talk about this show."

The first place finish was the 13th in the history of Snyder High School. Snyder thespians have been to state with one-act plays 28 times, and Jerry Worsham has directed 26 of them.

A member of the cast, Kevin Alejandro, was named best actor. Snyder's Mark Bullard was named to the all-star cast.

In addition to Alejandro and Bullard, other members of the cast are Katie Thornton, Jilleta Kubena, Amanda Carter, Amy Patterson, Josh Palmer, Stephen Taylor, Michael McQuerry, Emily Zeck, Marc Sparlin, Buddy Hilburn, Matt Parker, Jannica Northerns and Jennifer Hancock.

Crew members are Valerie Sanchez, Ryan Landes, John Michel and Jennifer Lathem. Understudies are Robert Nitsch, Jared Dennis, Melanie Gibson, Greg Jones, Gina Bark and Marichka Trach.

Abilene inmate back in custody

ABILENE (AP) — A convicted robber who fled a work party spent just over two hours at large Tuesday before he was caught north of Abilene, authorities said.

Ricardo Salinas, a 27-year-old prisoner at the Robertson Unit, was working in a squad on Jones County Road 476 when he disappeared about 2:45 p.m., said prison spokesman David Nunnelee.

"He just walked away from that squad unnoticed," Nunnelee said.

Salinas was caught two hours and 15 minutes later, said spokesman Larry Fitzgerald with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Salinas had served 2½ years of a 12-year prison term for theft and forgery from Hidalgo County.

Snyder will host two playoff games

Moffett Field will be the site of two Class AAA playoff games this week.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, District 6-3A winner Abilene Wylie will face Seminole, District 5 runnerup.

At 6:30 p.m. Friday, Brownfield, the champion of District 5, will square off against Eastland, the runnerup in District 6.



MOCK WEDDING — Cassie Pollard and Kenney Dillard, acting as bride and groom, receive instruction in reception etiquette from Carolyn Derouen, instructor in Snyder High School's home and family living classes. Today's staged mock wedding ended a study of relationships, love, engagement and marriage. The scene was complete with guests, homemaking students of Carolyn Limmer. (SDN Staff Photo)

Goes to governor...

Concealed gun bill okayed

AUSTIN (AP) — For the first time in more than a century, Texans next year will be able to carry concealed handguns for self-protection.

A ban restricting state citizens from arming themselves — the law of the land since the 1870s — would be lifted under a bill given final legislative approval Tuesday. Gov. George W. Bush said he would sign the bill into law as early as next week.

"I wouldn't be signing this if I thought it made Texas a more dangerous place. I don't think it does. I believe it will make Texas a safer place," Bush said.

Rep. Ron Wilson, sponsor of the bill, said it would give people the ability to defend themselves against criminals.

"There are instances where innocent people in this state face death every day, and because they are law-abiding they can't protect themselves," said Wilson, D-Houston.

"I'm tired of the good folks getting killed all the time. If somebody's going to die, why can't it be the bad guys for a change?" he said.

Bush disputed opponents' assertions that the bill would create more violence and return Texas to the crime-ridden frontier days.

"We're in the days of the old, wild, wild West right now," he said. "This presumably would take us out of the days of the old, wild, wild West by allowing innocent people to protect themselves from people who do not fear the consequences of the law in the state of Texas today."

Travis County Constable Bruce Elfant, a member of Texans Against Gun Violence, said, "Let there be no doubt: people will be hurt and killed as a result of this measure."

If the bill is signed, Texans could start seeking concealed-gun permits in September and begin carrying the weapons on Jan. 1.

The House passed the bill Tuesday on a vote of 101-46. The measure was given final approval by the Senate last week.

Senate sponsor Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, said the bill would return to Texans their constitutional right to bear arms.

"Our constitution says the Legislature has the right to regulate the wearing of guns. That's what we've done," Patterson said.

Hermleigh names top scholars

Hermleigh High School has named three honor students for 1994-1995. Chris Roemisch, son of Jay and Donna Roemisch, is the valedictorian. His grade point average is 94.97.

Salutatorian is Charles Sweatt, son of James and Vivian Rinehart. He has a GPA of 94.

High ranking girl honors goes to Brandy Atkinson. She is the daughter of Dennis and Debbie Atkinson. Her GPA is 92.0. When the top two students are the same gender, then a high ranking boy or girl is named.

Roemisch performed with the one-act play as a freshman and sophomore, receiving honorable mention all-star cast recognition as a sophomore.

He entered UIL literary events throughout high school, consistently winning awards and qualifying for regional competition.

He has been a four-year member of the Beta Club, serving as treasurer his senior year. He also participated in the Kiwanis Food Drive, Drama Club and Spanish Club. He served on the annual staff as a junior and has received Who's Who recognition four years in a row.

He has been a National Merit Scholar throughout high school. He was elected class favorite his sophomore year and served as the junior class president.

Roemisch was a finalist for the Wal-Mart Foundation Scholarship and was picked for the KTAB Senior Salute.

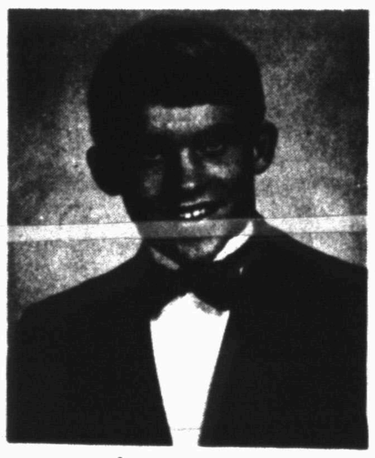
He received many recognitions throughout his high school career including best all-around as a senior. He also served as a Mr. HHS candidate two years in a row, winning as a junior.

He has been a member of FHA for two years, serving as FHA Beau his senior year.

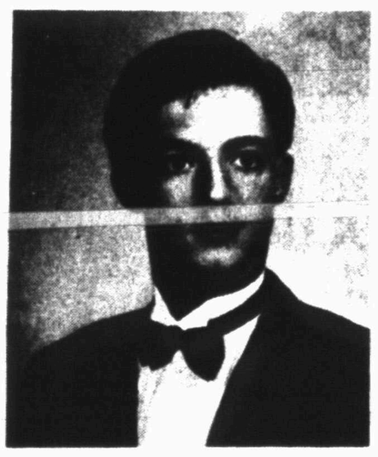
He received a Cunningham Scholarship.

In sports, Roemisch played on

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CHRIS ROEMISCH
HHS valedictorian



CHARLES SWEATT
HHS salutatorian



BRANDY ATKINSON
HHS high ranking girl

DCOS has 3-item agenda Thursday

Three items of business face directors of the Development Corporation of Snyder when they convene at 4 p.m. Thursday in the board room at American State Bank.

At last week's meeting, the DCOS instructed staff to prepare final closing documents for use of the former Hermleigh Gin property by Big Country Incinerators (BCI).

BCI plans to use the three-acre tract to continue its copper recovery operation. The DCOS agreed in principle to the use of the property by BCI on a 4-1 vote with board member Roy Baze opposing the project.

The land will be conveyed to BCI with no restrictions after 10 years of operation. If the property is sold or transferred within five years, the sum of $18,000 is returned to the DCOS.

That is the amount that was paid for the property, plus improvements. All the funds were provided by the Board of County Development.

BCI, within 18 months, has agreed to create five new full-time jobs in addition to the 11 existing jobs. In exchange, BCI will receive incentives estimated at $6,000 for five years. Also included is one scholarship to Western Texas College.

In other business, the DCOS will consider payment and release of lien to Snyder Senior Citizens, Inc.

In 1993, the DCOS loaned the senior housing corporation $48,000 to purchase land near the hospital for location of the second phase of senior housing. Now that the project has been funded by Farmers Home Administration, the no- interest loan is scheduled for repayment.

Also on the agenda is consideration of third party or consulant contracts with the DCOS. The proposed contract spells out the general arrangements when an outside consultant is used on a project. The item was tabled at last week's meeting.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You know values have slipped when the hope chest has been replaced by the padded bra."

It's time for graduates to start job hunting, and a shoe store in a couple of big cities is offering its advice and counsel.

When looking for gainful employment, don't wear sneakers, boots or sandals.

With proof such as a diploma, the store is offering a 60 percent discount on "job-interview worthy dress shoes."

Still trying to be helpful, the stores will also have resume consultants on hand to assist job seekers who need to write or polish their resumes.

The Rotary Club magazine offered several alternative definitions that we found interesting:

Friend: someone who know everything about you, but likes you anyway.

Housework: Something you do that nobody notices unless you don't do it.

Impatience: Waiting in a hurry.

Junk: Something you keep for 10 years, then throw away just before you need it.

News: Same today as yesterday, only happening to different people.

Nostalgia: Looking at the past through rose-colored mirrors.

Proverb: Short sentences drawn from long experiences.

Prune: A plum that has seen better days.

Secrets: Things we give to others to keep for us.

Static: Nature's way of protecting us from certain radio programs.

Virus: Latin word used by doctors meaning 'Your guess is as good as mine.'

Winter: The season when you keep the house as hot as it was in the summer when you griped about the heat.

Youth: The first 50 years of your life. The first 20 years of everybody else's.

Convict is finalist

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — One of four finalists in a philosophy debate over money vs. morality won't be able to attend the championship round. He's in prison for murder.

Phillip Torsrud was among 700 entrants in the Great American Think-Off, a philosophy contest in the west-central Minnesota town of New York Mills.

This year's contest posed the question, "What does society value more: money or morality?"

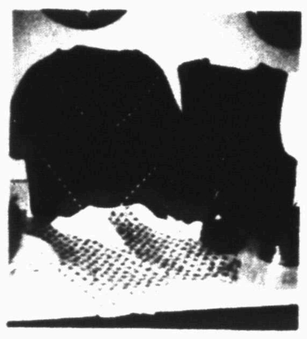
"It is clear to me through my experience as an inmate in the Wisconsin Correctional System that money beats morality by a knockout in the first round," Torsrud, an inmate at the maximum-security Green Bay Correctional Institution, wrote in his winning essay.

"I can't take your morals from you, but I can take your money. That is why you will guard it and value it more," wrote Torsrud, who was convicted in the 1990 shooting death of a 19-year-old man in Milwaukee.

The three other finalists get $500 and a trip to New York Mills for the final debate June 17.

Prison officials wouldn't release Torsrud's age or any background on him.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Mouthwash clears up canker sores

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered from recurring canker sores for years. My doctor prescribed a mouthwash called Dexamethasone, calling for 1 teaspoon daily and up to 7 during flare-ups. This is for an immune problem and not for herpes-related sores. Perhaps some of your readers with this condition might be helped by this information.

DEAR READER: Dexamethasone is a potent form of cortisone and it may, indeed, help many people with canker sores, the painful, non-viral ulcers that periodically form within the mouth. As you stated, the drug is administered as a prescription mouthwash.

Thank you for writing and sharing this "tip."

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered with diarrhea since January 1993. I've been treated by three gastroenterologists, have undergone numerous procedures, have taken over-the-counter and prescription drugs, had colonoscopy and a GI series. Nothing positive has surfaced and it seems no one wants to research this. I'm desperate.

DEAR READER: The cause of diarrhea can be elusive. Obviously, conditions such as colitis can cause it, but so can parasitic intestinal infections, intolerance to milk sugar, many medications too numerous to mention, inflammation of the pancreas, and poor circulation to the colon.

Also, diarrhea is a common constituent of irritable bowel syndrome, a harmless and annoying condition marked by gas, bloating and diarrhea/constipation in the presence of a completely normal intestine.

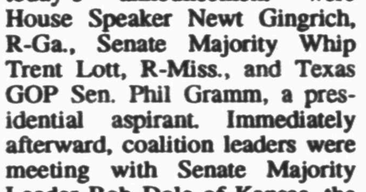
Assuming that your gastroenterologists have checked you for the conditions I mentioned (using X-rays, blood tests and stool analyses), I suggest that you ask them if your problem is irritable bowel syndrome. In this case, your diarrhea might be lessened if you were to use a stool-bulking agent, such as Metamucil, or a mild sedative, such as Donnatal, to relax your bowel when it's acting up.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

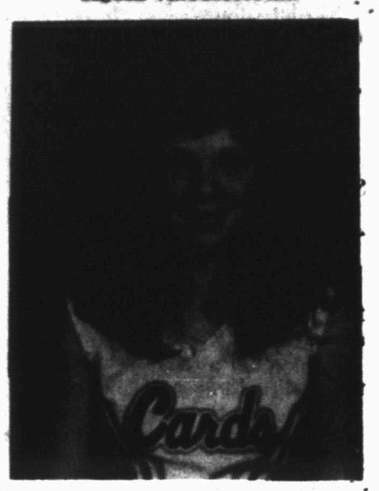
DEAR DR. GOTT: What would cause bleeding from the navel? I'm using Betadine ointment prescribed by my doctor, but the problem continues.

DEAR READER: Bleeding from the navel is most often caused by a yeast infection, for which therapy, such as Nizoral cream, is usually curative. Betadine, an all-purpose antiseptic, is not particularly effective against yeasts. Ask your doctor for a prescription — or a referral to a dermatologist.

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Religious conservatives have contract for U.S Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Setting the stage for a crucial test of its clout with Congress, the Christian Coalition is calling for new restrictions on abortion and measures allowing prayer at schools and other public places.

In a "Contract With the American Family" being released today, the organization also called for several changes in tax policy it said would help families, from a $500 per child tax credit to Individual Retirement Accounts for homemakers, with the same tax benefits as IRAs for those who work outside the home.

The 10-point agenda also advocates abolishing the Education Department and enacting legislation that would pick 20 areas to test school choice programs. It calls for ending government funding for the National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Legal Services Corp.

The Christian Coalition, the most politically powerful organization in the religious conservative movement, was founded as an offshoot of religious broadcaster Pat Robertson's 1988 presidential campaign.

The organization and its allies were critical to Republicans' success in last year's elections. After holding back in the early months of the new Congress, or supporting the Republican focus on the House GOP's "Contract With America," these groups are now demanding that Congress heed some of their concerns.

The effort has led Democrats and some GOP moderates to predict a Republican civil war over divisive social legislation.

Eager to avoid a divisive fight and to chalk up some successes, the coalition researched items supported by its members and included in the contract only those with at least 60 percent public support in a poll it commissioned.

"We are not going to do to the Republican Congress what the feminists and gays did to the Clinton administration when they pushed for an extremist agenda that got Bill Clinton off to a poor start that he never recovered," Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

Early indications are that the coalition will have influential support, and Reed said the organization planned to spend more than $1 million on ads, mailings and other efforts to drum up support for the measures.

Scheduled to join Reed and state Christian Coalition leaders at today's announcement were House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Texas GOP Sen. Phil Gramm, a presidential aspirant. Immediately afterward, coalition leaders were meeting with Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, the GOP presidential front-runner.

Ironically, one of the first to criticize the Christian Coalition effort was a third GOP presidential candidate, Pat Buchanan, who has long promoted the social conservative agenda and who called for a constitutional amendmend outlawing abortion.

The Christian Coalition called for banning Medicaid funding of abortions, cutting off funding to Planned Parenthood and other groups that provide abortion counseling and restricting late-term abortions.

Pick 3

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

9-1-8

(nine, one, eight)

17 employees fired at Chrysler

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. (AP) — Chrysler Corp. fired 17 employees after their arrests on charges of selling marijuana or cocaine, including 14 who police pulled directly from the assembly line.

Fourteen workers were arrested Tuesday at the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant, which builds the Dodge Status and Chrysler Cirrus cars. Three others were arrested at their homes, police said. The men and women ranged in age from 20 to 60.

Warrants could be issued today for two more employees, said Police Chief Thomas Derocha.

Chrysler hired private investigators last June after two employees complained that cocaine and marijuana were being sold at the plant in suburban Detroit, WJBK-TV reported.

HJHS names top students

Hermleigh Junior High School has released the names of its top two students for 1994-1995.

The valedictorian is Josh Hudgins, with a 94.29 grade point average. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hudgins.

Salutatorian honors go to Jennifer Roemisch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roemisch. She has a 91.42 GPA.

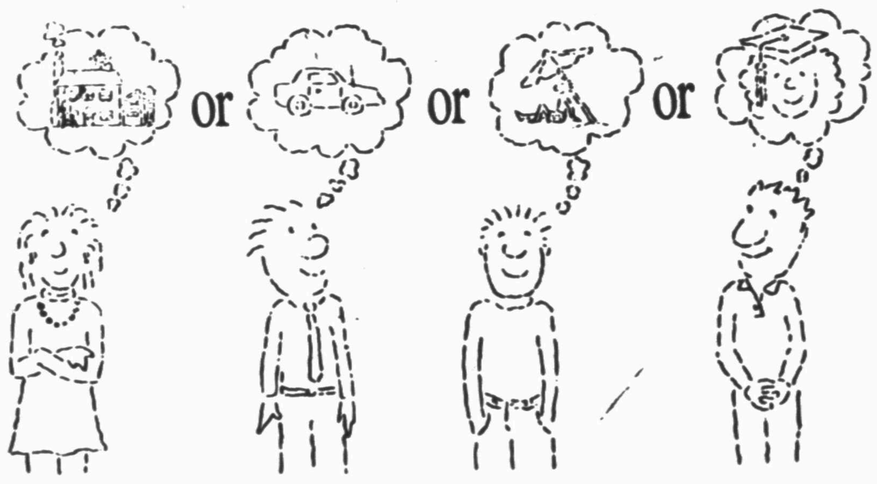
Traffic deaths up for infants and toddlers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three-year-old Dana Hutchinson didn't get a chance to grow up. Instead, the little Maryland girl died a statistic, one of some 700 infants and toddlers killed on the nation's roads last year.

The number of young children killed or injured in traffic accidents rose sharply in 1994 for the second straight year, according to preliminary figures released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Proper use of child safety seats could greatly reduce the toll, transportation officials say. And Joseph Colella, who started the Driver's Appeal for National Awareness, or DANA, Foundation to remember his niece, is part of an effort to inform parents how to use such devices properly.

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Community Calendar

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Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 8; p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 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; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

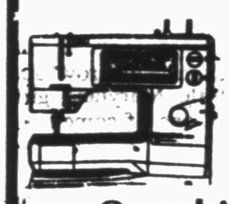
Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Steinbrenner fires his accountant

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — It's always taxing when George Steinbrenner fires another New York Yankees manager — and it was doubly so when he got rid of his accountant.

The ax fell after an oversight by the financial manager put Steinbrenner on a delinquent property tax list.

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CISD suspends Carthage school teacher

CARTHAGE (AP) — School trustees have suspended a junior high science teacher with pay through the end of the school year for allowing his students to examine a sick bat that turned out to be rabid.

Meeting in executive session Tuesday night, the Carthage school board discussed the incident with science teacher Herman Reed Jr. before announcing the suspension in open session.

A woman who answered the telephone at Reed's home Tuesday night said he would not comment on the suspension.

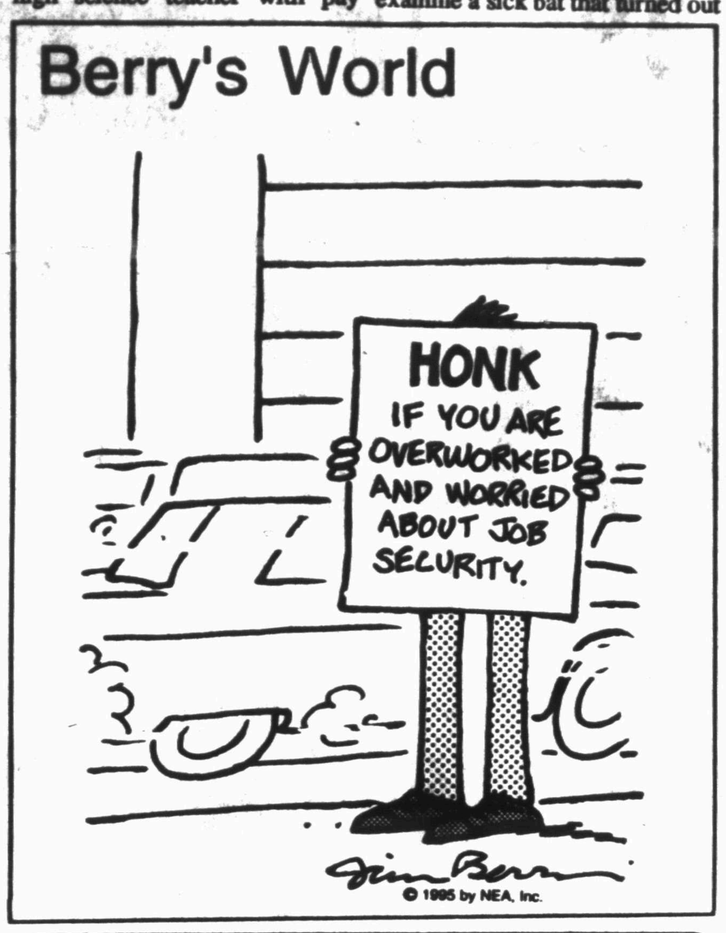
Reed and dozens of students began undergoing a series of monthlong rabies inoculations last week because up to 200 students handled the bat, and at least one of the students kissed it, officials said.

Dr. Mike White of Tyler, a veterinarian for the Texas Department of Health, said he has been staying in close contact with the Carthage schools.

"I spoke to them today, and to this point, including the teacher, there are 80 who have taken it. There's a possibility of one more student who hasn't really made up his mind whether he wants to take it or not," White said Tuesday.

The school district is underwriting the expense of the inoculations. White estimated the cost at $650 per person, or a total of approximately $52,000.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 5-17-95
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♦J 4
♣8 2

WEST
♠10 8 6
♥5 4
♦A K Q 6 5
♣A 9 3

EAST
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♥Q 9 8
♦10 9 8 7
♣Q J 10 5

SOUTH
♠K Q J 7 2
♥K 3
♦3 2
♣K 7 6 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
2♠	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦K

In Islamabad Airport, Pakistan, a large sign details what to do in case of a fire. Topping the list is "Try and put it out." Although firefighters might not agree with that, it does sound logical. In bridge, some plays seem logical but occasionally turn out to be fatal. One is drawing trumps as quickly as possible.

In today's deal, East hardly had a classic two-diamond raise. But he wanted to make life harder for South, who might have been able to bid one spade but not two. North was right to bid three spades.

West started with two top diamonds before switching to a trump. South drew three rounds of trumps, cashed his heart king and played a heart to dummy's 10. East produced the queen and switched to the club queen. South, knowing West had the club ace, played low on all of East's club leads. This resulted in "only" three down.

That was a pitiful performance by South. Rather than gamble on West's having the heart queen, South should have won trick three with his spade king and cashed the spade queen. When the trumps break 3-2, South continues with the heart king, a heart to dummy's ace and a heart ruffed by the spade jack. A trump to dummy's ace gives access to three heart winners, on which declarer dumps club losers. Declarer concedes a trick to the club ace but makes his contract.

Only if trumps are 4-1 should South try heroics in hearts.

You might end up a hero by trying to put out a fire or by drawing trumps immediately, but you must be careful to pick your fire/deal.

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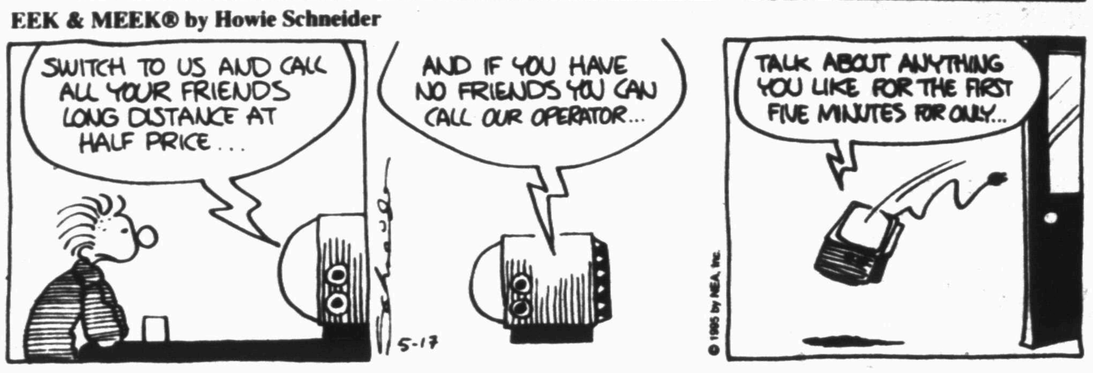
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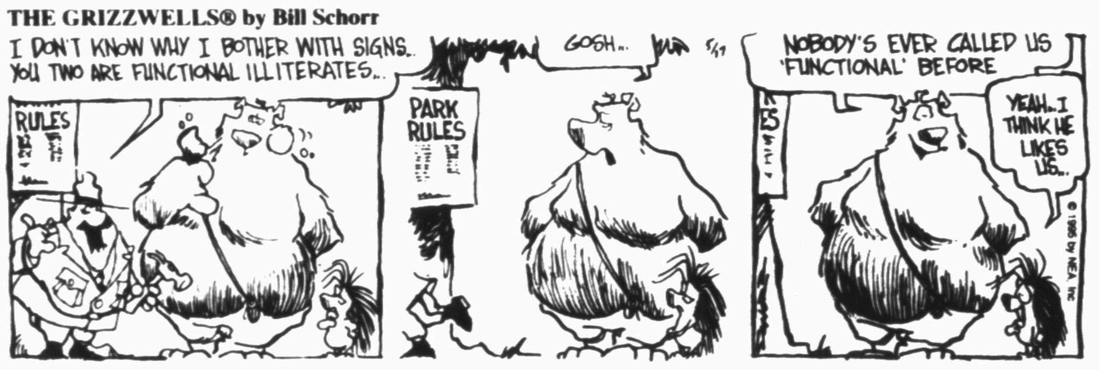
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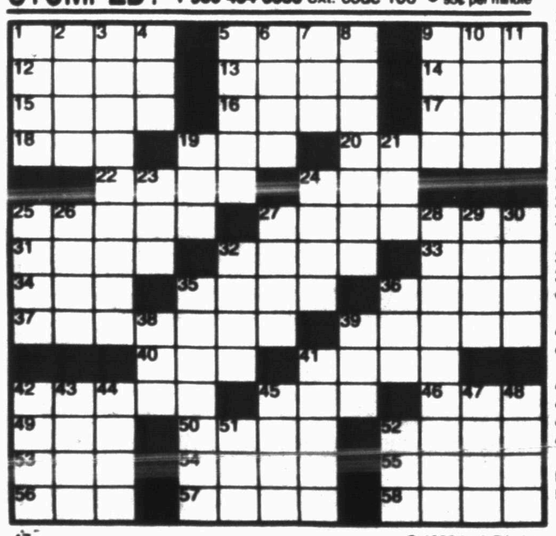
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Rangers win 6-1...

Ace Kenny Rogers shuts out Toronto

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kenny Rogers is prospering in his first season as the official ace of the Texas Rangers pitching staff.

That's why Rangers manager Johnny Oates was especially cautious Tuesday night with Rogers, whose hamstring was giving him problems from the third inning on.

Rogers gave the Rangers 2-hit shutout pitching over five innings and Terry Burrows finished up with four innings of 2-hit relief as the Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays, 6-1.

"I'm concerned when anybody isn't 100 percent," Oates said. "He was very impressive until he threw five balls in the top of the sixth. Until then he looked normal to me. We just didn't want to take any chances."

Rogers seemed upset when he went to the dugout, but Rogers (3-2) said that was the product of frustration, not anger that he was pulled from a game he was dominating.

"My job is to pitch more than five innings but they (Oates and pitching coach Dick Bosman) felt it's better to be safe than sorry," said Rogers, who won his third consecutive start. "I wasn't mad at anybody. I was just frustrated, although it really was the smart thing to do."

Rogers, who extended his string of scoreless innings to 17 and has a 0.90 ERA in his last three starts, said the injury was minor and he wouldn't miss his next start.

"They were just worried that I'd start favoring my shoulder and then hurt that," Rogers said. "So I understand what they were doing."

The Rangers offense backed Rogers with a six-run third keyed by Dean Palmer's two-run single as Texas won for the fourth time in its last six games.

Blessed with the big lead, Rogers and Burrows threw strikes and breezed to the victory. Rogers struck out seven with two walks to help the Rangers to their third home triumph in their last four starts after opening the season 2-6 at The Ballpark in Arlington.



FRESHMEN CHEERLEADERS — The Snyder High School freshmen cheerleaders for the 1995-96 school year are, from left, K.K. McClain, Emily Fowler, Kelly Peterson, Ashley Grimmett, Mary Hollis and Starla Davis. (Photo By Todd Stanley)

NBA Playoffs

Sunday, May 14

Phoenix 114, Houston 110
San Antonio 80, L.A. Lakers 71
Chicago 106, Orlando 95

Tuesday, May 16

Orlando 103, Chicago 95, Orlando leads series 3-2
L.A. Lakers 98, San Antonio 96, OT, San Antonio leads series 3-2
Houston 103, Phoenix 97, OT, Phoenix leads series 3-2

Wednesday, May 17

Indiana at New York, 8 p.m. (TNT)

Thursday, May 18

Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m. (TNT)
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, TBA (TNT)
Phoenix at Houston, TBA (TNT)

Little Dribbler Tournament

Girls Little Dribblers Tournament play is underway this week. More games are set for Thursday and the championship will be played Saturday.

The junior division title game will be played at 4 p.m., and the major division championship at 5 p.m. All games are played at Travis Gym.

At the closing ceremonies which follow, the all-stars will be announced.

Monday's Results
Junior Division

Junior Dusters 47, Hot Shots 14. Dusters: Chaelyn Robinson 30; Kellie Dodson 7; Kelby Drum 5; Bridgett Manlief 3; Lacie Thompson 2. Hot Shots: Mandy Burns 4; Whitney Criswell 4; Beth Clements 3; Gretchen Hollis 2; Genna Neff 1.

Magic 28, Slammers 27. Magic: Toni Martinez 10; Rina Geiger 8; Kasey Collier 4; Kristen Harless 3, Kim Moore 3. Slammers: Lacy Crawford 12; Kara Harrison 5; Tara Allen 4; Erin Dunham 4; Melissa Pulattie 2.

Spurs 36, Jr. Dusters 6. Spurs: Hailey Putnam 13; Michelle Nettles 9; Celeigh Sterling 8; Marci Kelley 5; Kristina Mayer 1. Jr. Dusters: Chaelyn Robinson 4; Gerrico Greenlee 1; Clarissa Sauceda 1.

Orange Crush 23, Red Hots 19. Orange Crush: Ashley Ballard 15; Lauren Day 4; Patricia Vargas 4. Red Hots: Elizabeth Rollins 10; Priscilla Ybarra 6; Valerie Hernandes 2; Andra Dunham 1.

Major Division

Fast Break 32, Magic 15. Fast Break: Whitney Webb 11; Dana McCright 7; Cameron Mackey 6; Leslie English 5; Jessica Martinez 3. Magic: Rina Geiger 6; Kasey Collier 5; Stoni Martinez 4.

Rebels 40, Hornets 36. Rebels: Crystal Atkinson 13; Meagan Hatley 12; Cary Brown 9; Lorya Brown 4; Angela Shoemake 2. Hornets: Shjeena Callaway 17, Jennifer Newman 10; Ashley Deloe 8; Leslie Hancock 1.

Baseball at Glance

National League
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	14	5	.737	-
Montreal	12	8	.600	2½
Atlanta	10	9	.526	4
NewYork	8	11	.421	6
Florida	5	14	.263	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	12	6	.667	-
Houston	9	9	.500	3
St.Louis	9	11	.450	4
Cincinnati	8	10	.444	4
Pittsburgh	5	13	.278	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	12	7	.632	-
LosAngeles	10	9	.526	2
SanFrancisco	10	10	.500	2½
SanDiego	9	11	.450	3½

Tuesdays Games

Chicago 2, San Francisco 0
Philadelphia 9, Florida 7, 10 Innings
Montreal 7, Cincinnati 3
Atlanta 15, Colorado 3
New York 1, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 2, Los Angeles 0
San Diego 1, St. Louis 0

Wednesdays Games

Chicago (Foster 2-1) at San Francisco (Portugal 1-1), 3:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 3-0) at Florida (Hammond 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Rijo 1-2) at Montreal (Fassero 4-0), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Swift 1-0) at Atlanta (Maddux 2-0), 7:40 p.m.
New York (Jacome 0-3) at Houston (Swindell 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (White 0-0) at Los Angeles (Nomo 0-0), 10:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Jackson 0-3) at San Diego (Ashby 1-2), 10:35 p.m.

American League
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	12	5	.706	-
NewYork	10	8	.556	2½
Toronto	9	10	.474	4
Detroit	8	10	.444	4½
Baltimore	6	11	.353	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	12	5	.706	-
Milwaukee	10	8	.556	2½
KansasCity	8	9	.471	4
Chicago	6	11	.353	6
Minnesota	6	13	.316	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	11	8	.579	-
Seattle	9	8	.529	1
Oakland	10	9	.526	1
Texas	9	11	.450	2½

Tuesdays Games

Detroit 9, Baltimore 8
Cleveland 10, New York 5
Texas 6, Toronto 1
Kansas City 4, Seattle 2, 4½ innings, rain
California 9, Minnesota 6
Oakland 7, Chicago 1, 5 innings, rain
Boston 5, Milwaukee 0

Wednesdays Games

Boston (Sele 2-1) at Milwaukee (Bones 2-0), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Groom 1-1) at Baltimore (Brown 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Martinez 3-0) at New York (Perez 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Darwin 1-1) at Texas (Gross 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Johnson 3-0) at Kansas City (Gubicza 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
California (Finley 0-3) at Minnesota (Tapani 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hartley 1-1) at Chicago (Alvarez 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

Snyder Youth Baseball

PONY LEAGUE
Braves 18, Oilers 0

The Braves won their fourth straight game Saturday night in Pony League action with an 18-0 win over the Oilers.

Chad Carter got the victory with a combined one-hitter, a single off the bat of Oiler Clint Hook.

The Braves scored 14 runs in the third inning. The Tribe offense was paced with a homer by Cory Trujillo who also pounded a triple. Jacob Hodges and Clay Berryman each banged a double and a single while Chad Carter had two singles. Dustin Fish cracked a double while Jerrod Rinehart and Perry Jamison also had singles.

White Sox 30, Reds 16

The White Sox crushed the Reds 30-16 Saturday in Pony League action. Brad Roemisch was the winning pitcher and Glen Burk suffered the mound loss.

For the Sox, Brad Roemisch got the only extra base hit, a double. Brian Beights and Chris Shoemake each had three singles while Harley Burnett slammed two. Greg McNew, Nathan Sorrells and Billy Burleson each added a single.

For the Reds, Josh Hall led the offense with two singles while Seth Crawford, Seth Rosson, Brian Gordon, Sam Bedell, Chase McJimsey, Glen Burk, John Martinez and Carlos Espinosa each contributed one single.

Braves 13, Suns 3

Chad Carter hurled a no hitter Monday evening as the Braves dumped the Suns, 13-3, in Pony League action.

Matt Preston was tagged with the mound loss. Jake Hodges connected for a triple and single while Clay Berryman slapped a double and two singles. Dustin Fish also had a single and other base hits were added by Cory Trujillo, Wesley Wright and Lucky Brown.

Oilers 8, White Sox 6

Clint Hook allowed only three hits as the Oilers nudged the White Sox, 8-6, Monday in Pony League action. Chris Thomas was the losing pitcher.

For the Oilers, Duane Allred, Scott Coward, David Sutton and Jared McMillan all had singles. For the White Sox, Harley Burnett led with a double while Brad Roemisch and Brian Beights each connected for singles.

Girls Softball
14 and Under
Heat 9, Blue Angels 8

Lena Alvarez hit a home run and single to lead the Heat over the Blue Angels in a 14-year-and-under league game. Adding a single and a double was Brittney Drummond while Magen Lee had two doubles and Courtney Rinehart and Tynia Nelson each added a two-bagger. Starla Davis had a single and a triple for the winners while Rene Trevion had a single. Nelson also had a triple in the win while Sabrina Davidson hit one single. Drummond was the winning pitcher.

For the Blue Angels, Nicole Canales had two singles and a double while K.K. McClain, Wendy Loper, Angie Reynolds and Michaelin Huckabee also had doubles. Jessica Blevins added a single as did Marsha Baker and Jennifer Morin.

10 and Under
Flash 18, Rug Rats 10

In the 10 and under girls softball tournament, the Flash scored nine big runs in the third inning as Ashley Martinez hit a triple and two home runs to lead the winners. Hitting singles were Jacque Alvarez, Kendra Bruns, Shelley Fisk, Krista Chaidez, Kayce Taylor and Lilli Valdez. Alvarez added a double as did Thompson while Fisk added two doubles.

For the Rug Rats, Kelsi Johnson hit two home runs while Stacy, Dara and Jessica all added singles.

Flash 9, C-City Super Stars 3

Ashley Martinez hit a triple and Shelley Fisk added a double in the win as Fisk allowed the Super Stars only one hit.

C-City Believers 11, Flash 1

The Flash got only two hits against the visitors as Lacie Thompson hit a triple and Shelley Fisk added a double in the losing cause. C-City batters hit two doubles while winning.

Flash 15, Dust Devils 4

Shelley Fisk hit two home runs which were the only two hits the winners got as they defeated the Dust Devils. The losers were held to only one hit.

Snyder Men's Softball League

Team	Season W	L
Snyder Iron & Metal	5	0
Blackhawks	4	0
E.D. Walton	3	1
One Time	3	2
Golden Corral	2	2
Martinez Plumbing	2	2
Jaramillos	1	2
Earnest Upholstery	1	2
Law Dawgs	1	3
Trinity Construction	1	3
Pennzoil	1	3
Underdogs	0	4

Monday's Results: Snyder Iron and Metal 10, Jaramillo's 6; Martinez Plumbing 5, Golden Corral 2; E.D. Walton 26, Underdogs 5.

Tuesday's Results: Pennzoil 13, Law Dawgs 1; Blackhawks 5, One Time 4; Snyder Iron and Metal 9, Trinity Contractors 2.

Braves win Little League first half

Braves 14, Indians 4

The Braves, with a 14-4 decision over the Indians, clinched the first half title Tuesday night in Snyder Little League play. The Braves finished the stretch with an 8-0-1 record while the Indians were 3-6.

Jesse Haynes was the winning pitcher, allowing only four hits, while Rowdy Cumbie suffered the mound loss.

Haynes assisted his effort on the hill by bagging a triple, double and two singles. Paddy Vantine clubbed two doubles while Josh Heaton connected for two singles. Other base hits came off the bats of Brandon McGuire, Stephen Ortegon, Dustin Davenport and Tyler Pollard.

For the Indians, Tito Alaniz smacked a triple and single while Billy Pena connected for a double. Jason Dennis belted two singles and Cumbie added one.

Giants 6, Cubs 2

Matthew Grimmett homered to pace the Giants to a 6-2 victory over the Cubs Tuesday night in Little League action. Marcus Diaz, who allowed only two hits, was the winning pitcher.

Grimmett also smashed a single while Jake Olvera had a double. Michael Qualls and Brandon Gentry delivered two singles each while Marcus Diaz added one.

Alan Smith was the losing pitcher and the two hits for the Cubs included a double by Smith and a single by James Villareal.

Pumpjack Partnership

Snyder Country Club will host the Pumpjack Partnership Saturday and Sunday.

The scramble formated tournament is limited to the first 60 teams. Entry fee is $150 per two-man team, with putting and long drive winners receiving prizes. Entry deadline is Wednesday.

For more information call the pro shop at 573-7101.

Scurry County Roping

The 15th annual Scurry County Roping, sponsored by the WTC Rodeo Booster Club, will be held Saturday at the County Rodeo Association Arena on Gary Brewer Road. The event begins at 11 a.m. with team roping, followed by team penning.

Proceeds from the roping and team penning go toward scholarships at WTC. Enter at the Saddle Shed by calling 573-7175. Deadline is noon Friday.

Girls summer league

The time for Summer League basketball has arrived, according to Steve Qualls, head girls basketball coach at SHS.

There will be two divisions with the American League consisting of next year's 7th, 8th or 9th graders. The National League will be composed of ninth through first year college players.

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State officials shut down Christian medical program

FORT WORTH (AP) — Operators of a Tyler-based program that allowed Christians to share medical expenses has been temporarily shut down by the Texas Department of Insurance.

The state department got Judge Wendy Ingham Hunn to issue an emergency cease-and-desist order Tuesday to temporarily shut down the All Saints Program, saying the program amounts to an unauthorized insurance company.

Jack Prater, owner of the program, said the order infringes on program members' freedom of religion and will be appealed.

An Austin judge is expected to rule in a few weeks whether the program which has 5,000 members, including 3,000 in Texas, should be permanently closed.

The program, which has no link with Fort Worth's All Saints Episcopal Hospital, began in 1991 as a vehicle for its members to share medical expenses. Membership is open to Christians only.

Members are required to pay a monthly amount, similar to a premium, based on the number of people in the program, and the number and amount of medical claims filed that month by the group.

Prater and his wife, Patsy Prater, claim in advertisements in various Christian publications, that the All Saints Program is not an insurance plan and is less expensive for families than insurance.

"The program is based upon voluntary participation with individuals, more in the nature of a pledge like tithing," rather than a contract, said John Hamje, an Austin attorney representing the Praters.

The Insurance Department responded to a complaint by a former member of the program by concluding that the Praters were operating an insurance company without a license.

The law is clear. If it looks like insurance, acts like insurance and works like insurance, it's insurance, no matter what you call it," said Charles Cliett Jr., a state attorney.

A Comanche County couple's complaints triggered the state investigation.

Daylon and Paula Dunn complained that the Praters reversed their decision to cover Paula Dunn's maternity expenses after they found out that the baby would have a birth defect.

The Praters, who determine coverage for the plan's members, had already made two payments for Dunn's maternity expenses when the decision was reversed.

The Praters "were very sorry" to terminate the Dunns' coverage but they discovered she was not eligible for the plane, Hamje said.

Hamje said the program is a fellowship for Christians and is protected by the First Amendment.

"All Christians are mandated to share the burden of other Christians," he said, comparing the program with a church building fund or a church offering.

State officials and Cliett allege that the Praters have withdrawn nearly $400,000 from the program in the past 2½ years. Hamje said that money paid the Praters' salaries, their son's salary and administrative expenses.

The program's bank accounts, which Hamje said are virtually empty, have been frozen by the state.

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NEW YORK (AP)

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AndarkPtr	41	40⅛	40⅜	— ⅛
Armcolsc	7	6⅞	7	— ⅛
AtlRichfld	115⅛	114⅝	114⅝	— ⅛
ATMOS Egy	19	18⅝	19	+ ⅛
Aviall	8⅛	8	8⅛	+ ⅛
BakerHughes		23⅜	23⅛	23⅛
BancTexas		15-16	15-16	15-16
BellAtl	55	54⅛	54⅛	— ⅛
BellSouth	61⅛	61⅛	61⅛	— ⅛
BethSteel	15	14⅜	14⅜	— ⅛
BritPet		87⅛	87⅛	87⅛
Caterpillar s	62⅛	61⅛	62⅛	— ⅛
CenSoWst	24⅛	24⅛	24⅜	— ⅛
Chevron	49⅛	48⅝	48⅝	— ⅛
Chrysler	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	+ ⅛
Coastal	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛	+ ⅛
CocaCola	57⅛	57⅛	57⅛	+ ⅛
ColgatePalm	72⅛	71⅛	71⅜	— ⅛
ComclMetals	27⅛	27⅛	27⅜	— ⅛
CooperIn	39⅛	39⅛	39⅜	— ⅛
CyprusAmax		26	25⅞	26
DalSemico	19⅛	19⅛	19⅜	— ⅛
DeltaAirl	66⅛	65⅛	65⅜	— ⅛
DigitalEq	48⅛	47	48⅛	+1⅛
Dillard		27⅛	27⅛	27⅛
DowChem	74⅛	73⅛	73⅜	—1⅛
DresserInd	23⅜	23⅛	23⅛	+ ⅛
DuPont	69⅛	68⅛	68⅜	— ⅛
EastmanChem	58⅛	57⅝	57⅞	— ⅛
EstKodak	60⅛	60⅛	60⅜	— ⅛
Eljerind	5⅜	5⅛	5⅜	+ ⅛
Enserch	17⅛	17⅛	17⅜	— ⅛
Entergy	23⅛	23	23	— ⅛
Exxon	71⅛	70⅝	70⅝	— ⅛
Flowerind	17⅛	17⅛	17⅜	— ⅛
FordMotor s		29⅝	29⅛	29⅝
GTE Cp	32⅜	31⅞	32⅛	— ⅛
GenDynam	46⅜	46	46	— ⅛
GenElec	57⅞	57⅛	57⅜	+ ⅛
GenMills	60⅜	60	60⅛	— ⅛
GenMotors	47⅜	47⅛	47⅜	— ⅛
GenMotors E	42⅞	42⅛	42⅜	+ ⅛
GaPacif	81⅛	81⅛	81⅛	— ⅛
GlobalMar		4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
Goodrich	47⅞	47⅛	47⅜	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	41⅜	41⅛	41⅜	+ ⅛
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Halliburta		38⅛	38 7-16	38⅛
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Lubys		18⅛	18⅛	18⅜
Maxus	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	38⅛	38⅛	38⅜	— ⅛
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PathfCp		24⅛	24⅛	24⅛
Penney JC	45⅜	45	1-16	45⅛	— ⅛
Pennzoil	50⅛	50	50	— ⅛
PepBoys	28⅛	28⅛	28⅜	— ⅛
PepsiCo	45⅛	45⅛	45⅜	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	55⅜	55⅜	55⅝	— ⅛
PhillipPet		37	36⅞	36⅞
PilgrmPrd	8	7⅞	7⅞	— ⅛
Polaroid	37⅛	36⅜	37⅛	+2
Praxair	24⅛	24⅛	24⅜	— ⅛
ProctGamble	69⅛	68⅝	68⅜	— ⅛
PubSNwMx	13⅛	13⅛	13⅜	— ⅛
RoyalDutch		125⅛	124⅛	125⅛
SBC Comm	44⅜	43⅜	43⅜	—1⅛
SFePacCp s	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	— ⅛
SaraLee		27⅛	26⅞	27
SearsRoeb	56⅜	55⅛	56	— ⅛
SherwinW	37⅜	37⅛	37⅜	— ⅛
SmthBchADS	38⅛	38⅛	38⅜	+ ⅛
SmthBc eqt	37⅜	37	37⅛	+ ⅛
SouthernCo		21⅜	21⅛	21⅜
SwstAirlines	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	— ⅛
Sprint	33⅛	33	33⅛	+ ⅛
SterlingChm	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜	— ⅛
SunCo	31⅛	31⅛	31⅜	— ⅛
TNP Ent		16	15⅞	15⅞
Tandy	48⅛	48	48	— ⅛
Templint		46⅛	46⅛	46⅛
Tenneco		47⅝	47⅝	47⅝
Texaco	68⅛	68⅛	68⅜	— ⅛
TexasInd	38⅛	38⅛	38⅜	— ⅛
TexasInst	119⅛	118	118⅜	+2⅛
TexUtil	34⅛	33⅞	34	— ⅛
Textron	59⅜	58⅜	58⅜	— ⅛
Travelers	43	42⅝	42⅝	— ⅛
TrinityInds		40⅛	39⅛	40⅛
TritonEngy	44⅛	43⅜	44⅛	+ ⅛
Tyler	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜	— ⅛
US West	40⅛	39⅝	40	— ⅛
USX Delhi	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	+ ⅛
USX-Maratha	19⅜	19⅜	19⅝	+ ⅛
USX-USS	32⅜	32⅛	32⅜	— ⅛
UnCarbde	31⅜	30⅝	31	— ⅛
UnPac	55⅜	55⅛	55⅜	— ⅛
UnitedTech	75⅜	75⅛	75⅛	— ⅛
Unocal		30	29⅝	29⅞
WalMart	25	24⅝	24⅝	— ⅛
WstaGasRs		19⅛	19⅛	19⅛
WestghEl		14⅛	14⅛	14⅛
WhanDixie	56⅛	56	56	—1⅛
Woolworth	15⅜	15⅛	13⅝	+ ⅛
XeronCp	121⅛	120⅜	121⅛	+ ⅛
Zenith	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	— ⅛

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Mamie Carlton, Snyder Healthcare Center; Glenda Smith, 4140 FM 1606; Steven Stevens, 3102 40th; Glen Tampke, 3105 41st; Myrthal Callaway, 1202 26th; Fannie Roberts, 313 36th Place; Johnnie Tatom, 2006 37th #29; Robin Thurmond, 2300 Ave. M.

DISMISSALS: Bertha Coy, Lisa Etheredge and baby, Sandy Pruitt, Glen Tampke, Elsie Zamora, Leona Smallwood, Maria Villanueva.

CENSUS: 54 (Med.-16, Long-term Care-33, OB-3, Nursery-2).

Births

Kent D. and Glenda M. Smith of Ira announce the arrival of their daughter, Mistie Marie. born at 7:38 a.m. on May 16 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed five pounds, 13 ounces, and was welcomed by a sister, Christina Nicole

Grandparents are Jerry and Donna Smith of Ira and Troy and Susan Walls of Colorado City.

Senate Ethics Committee targets Packwood

Formal inquiry launched; public hearings may be included

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Ethics Committee today found "substantial cause" that Sen. Bob Packwood "may have abused his United States Senate Office" through alleged improper sexual misconduct toward more than a dozen women.

The committee has decided to push the investigation further, launching a formal inquiry that could include public hearings.

The committee also found that Packwood may have violated Senate rules and possibly federal law by intentionally altering the contents of his private diaries after he knew the committee would want them.

The committee also found that Packwood may have violated his Senate office in trying to procure jobs for his wife through lobbyists and businessmen who had a stake in legislation. At the time, the Packwoods were going through a divorce, and his wife's employment would have lowered his alimony payments.

The resolution details 18 instances of alleged sexual misconduct through a period roughly 1969 to 1991.

Shortly before the Ethics Committee issued its report, Packwood told reporters that "I don't think it's appropriate for me to comment" on the matter.

Packwood has in the past apologized for "terribly offensive" conduct toward women.

The committee has been collecting evidence on Packwood, chairman of the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, for more than two years.

The report details several cases in which Packwood allegedly grabbed women and kissed them, sometimes forcing his tongue into their mouths.

In one case, he allegedly "ran his hand up the leg of a dining room hostess and touched her crotch area."

In another case, he allegedly grabbed a staff assistant and "held her tightly while pressing his body into hers and kissed her on the mouth."

In still another case, he allegedly pinned a staff assistant "against a wall or desk, held her hair with one hand, bending her head backwards, fondling her with his other hand, and kissed her, forcing his tongue into her mouth."

The cases include alleged misconduct towards a babysitter, other staff members and a prospective employee — with encounters taking place in motel rooms, offices and even a Capitol elevator.

McVeigh's attorney doubts client confessed to bombing

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Timothy McVeigh says he bombed the federal building because it housed several government offices, but that he didn't know a day-care center was inside, The New York Times reported today.

McVeigh admitted responsibility to two unidentified sources who said they talked to the suspect since his arrest 75 minutes after the explosion, the newspaper said.

McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, doubted any such jailhouse confession had been made. Jones said inmates often come forward with purported confessions in order to settle a score, gain publicity, or cut a better deal for themselves.

"I have practiced law nearly 30 years and I was trying to remember if there had ever been a capital case where the death penalty is being sought and somebody didn't come forward and say, 'John Doe confessed in jail and this is what he told me,'" Jones told The Associated Press late Tuesday.

He said he counted 41 people, including attorneys, guards and fellow inmates, who have talked with McVeigh since he was arrested on traffic and weapons violations in Perry, about 60 miles from the federal building. He was jailed there for two days before being transferred to a federal prison in El Reno.

"We seem to have gone from extreme to extreme," Jones said on NBC's "Today" show today. "The report for several days was that all he said was his name, ran and serial number, and now we have a report that he's claimed responsibility. I don't think we should place too much reliance on it."

"That sounds a lot like jailhouse talk," Gov. Frank Keating told NBC. "But the reality is, the case against this individual is extremely strong."

McVeigh and his friend Terry Nichols are the only people charged so far in the April 19 attack that killed 168 people, including 19 children. Both face the death penalty if convicted.

McVeigh said he was surprised to learn that children had died when the 4,800-pound truck bomb tore the face off the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, the Times said.

Although McVeigh accepted responsibility, he didn't think he had committed a crime, the paper said.

Ebola fears eased somewhat in Zaire

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — Fears that Ebola had reached Zaire's capital eased today after news that two suspected carriers are no longer believed to have the virus that has killed at least 86 people in central Zaire.

Officials in Kinshasa set up a 20-bed isolation unit in Ngaliema Hospital on Tuesday.

President Mobutu Sese Seko said despite the struggle to contain the disease, it was impossible to prevent people from leaving Kikwit.

"Those who are in quarantine are not under arrest and since they are not under arrest they can sometimes escape and do what they want," he said today.

A nurse who fled Kikwit has tested positive for typhoid fever, but isn't believed to have Ebola, World Health Organization spokesman Sammy Chumfong said today.

A riverboat captain who fled Kikwit was released after tests showed he was suffering from amoebic dysentery, not Ebola.

There is no vaccine or cure for Ebola, which is spread through bodily fluids and kills 80 percent of those who contract it. Victims die within days with blood pouring from their eyes, ears and noses.

Mobutu said he wanted to go to Kikwit but his doctors had forbidden it. "The responsibility of a chief is to show solidarity with his people and to be strong with his people," he said.

Money is reported stolen at Northeast

An undetermined amount of cash was reported taken from the office at Northeast Elementary sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

The burglary was discovered when school custodial personnel reported to work shortly after 5 a.m. Tuesday.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said the money had been brought in the school by students over the past two weeks to fund end of school parties and activities.

Lomax said the money was in a strong box and some checks and loose change was left at the school.

Windows were broken in order to gain entry into the building and also into the office area.

Local law enforcement officials made five arrests Wednesday including two juveniles at Snyder Junior High School.

One person was also arrested early this morning.

Officers arrested 40-year-old Paul Randy Shick of 2504 Ave. X at 12:04 a.m. today on four counts of aggravated assault with a motor vehicle. Officers had initially been summoned to a disturbance at that address at 11:17 p.m. Tuesday.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old female at 9:57 a.m. Tuesday at the Snyder Police Department and charged her with harboring a runaway.

Following a 9-1-1 call at 11:56 a.m. from the 4600 block of Avenue R, officers arrested 20-year-old male from that address for the issuance of eight bad checks from Howard County. He was also arrested on city warrants for speeding and failure to appear and on a Potter County warrant for Class B theft.

Officers were called to Snyder Junior High at 2:51 p.m. Tuesday in reference to two juveniles fighting. An offense report for disorderly conduct/fighting was filed. The juveniles were transported to the police department where they were later released to their parents.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old male at 8:26 p.m. Tuesday in the 4000 block of College on an outstanding warrant for no insurance.

Rosa Valadez notified the police department at 9:47 a.m. that she had a dorm-size refrigerator stolen and she had found it at Mulligan's Mall. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

A woman came to the police station at 10:29 a.m. and filed criminal trespass charges and Class C assault charges on her ex-husband in reference to an incident that had occurred in the 700 block of 30th Street at 1:53 a.m. Tuesday.

A woman requested to speak to a deputy at 8:19 p.m. Tuesday in reference to receiving harrasing telephone calls.

Grads

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the football and basketball teams throughout high school, winning numerous all-district and honorable mention all-district awards in both sports.

He served as football team co-captain for the past two years and was selected to the Texas Six Man All-Star Football Game.

He was basketball team co-captain this school year. He was named Homecoming Hero as a senior and homecoming attendant as a junior and senior.

He received the Fighting Heart Award as a junior.

Roemisch also competed in track events throughout high school.

He played on the baseball team as a sophomore and senior and was named to the First Team All-District squad as a sophomore.

Sweatt has served as manager of the football, basketball, track and baseball teams. He was active in Drama Club and the one-act play, garnering several awards. He competed in UIL literary and journalism events the past three years. Other UIL competition included science and computer events.

Sweatt won the Midwest Electric Cooperative Washington youth tour in 1992. He was active in the FHA and Beta Club, serving as Beta Club president. He also participated in the KTXS Academic Challenge. He was a Spanish Club member and has served on the annual staff. He received National Science Merit Awards in 1992-94.

Sweatt also competed in Western Texas College's social science contest, served as class president in 1993 and 1995. He received Who's Who recognition for the past three years. He was a Mr. HHS candidate in 1994 and this year. He attended a science symposium in 1994. He participated in the Kiwanis Food Drive during the past two years.

Sweatt was also an M.D. Anderson intern finalist and class favorite his senior year. He was picked for this year's KTAB Senior Salute.

He has received the Presidential Scholarship and Farm Bureau scholarship this year.

Atkinson participated in basketball and was named basketball sweetheart as a sophomore. She was also on the softball team. She was a member of the one-act for three years and served in the FHA and FFA organizations. She was named FFA Sweetheart as a sophomore.

Atkinson received the Top Hand award this year. She has also served as the FFA vice president and president. She competed in judging and stock show events throughout high school.

She was a Football Sweatheart nominee for four years, winning this year. She has been a four-year member of Beta Club, serving as secretary. She has been class vice president for four years.

Atkinson was a drill team member and cheerleader. She also entered the KTXS Academic Challenge. She has received four Who's Who nominations in high school. She entered UIL events as a senior and participated in WTC's Social Science Contest.

She has received several school honors including best all-around as a senior and most popular as a sophomore and senior.

She was a graduation usher last school year. She was nominated for the Miss HHS honor as a junior and senior.

Atkinson was named class favorite for the past three years. She has been listed on the "A/B" Honor Roll throughout high school and served as a teacher's aide this year.

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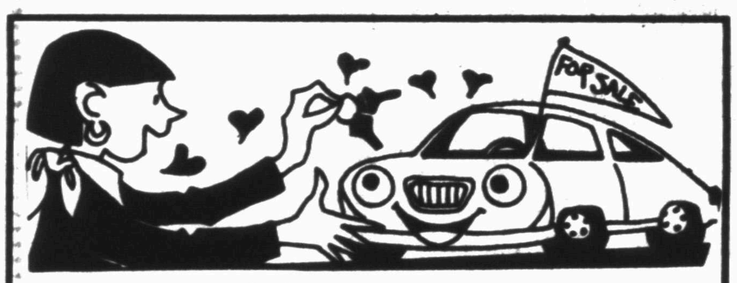
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Readers Have Timely Advice For Tardy Friends and Guests

DEAR ABBY: You missed it in your answer to the woman who complained about the chronic lateness of her mother and younger sister.

People who are always late don't merely need to know how one feels about their lateness; they need help. A friend of ours who was always late was urged to get psychiatric help — which she did — and she became a completely different person. Not only did she change her ways, she became a very happy and outgoing individual.

Sometimes the chronically late need to obtain help, and they should be strenuously urged to do so.

BARTLETT BURNS,
OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR MR. BURNS: You make an interesting point, and one worth considering. That letter must have touched a nerve, because it stimulated a ton of mail. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In reference to "Had It in Cincinnati," whose mother was always late: Start the events without waiting for the late ones! I've done it. Or, tell them to come an hour and a half before you want them to show up. That also works.

But do *not* depend on them. And don't let them spoil your day. Only you are responsible for your own happiness.

AURELIE HOWARD,
BROOKINGS, ORE.

DEAR ABBY: My reply to "Had It in Cincinnati" would have been to tell her mother and sister that a 6 p.m. celebration was actually an hour or so earlier. I have tried it, Abby, and it works!

LAURA IN SCHENECTADY, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: Over the years, when the stress was getting too much and I was late to every social event, my solution for my grown family was as follows:

I asked them not to tell me the actual time of the event, but to name a time somewhat earlier. I would still be late, but not as late as I would have been if they had told me the correct time.

Perhaps this will help the hosts to stay within their comfort zones — and the stressed-out victims will be able to relax a bit, too.

DOROTHY CALENDER,
SEATTLE

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law was the reverse. She would come an hour earlier than she was expected. Consequently, we started telling her to come to our home one hour later than we wanted her for dinner. That way we had time to get the table prepared and ourselves dressed. It worked — and my mother-in-law and I remained good friends.

MRS. C.G. LEVY, LAS VEGAS

DEAR ABBY: I had the same problem with my best friend. She would not just be one hour late; she would be three or four hours late. At first I got worried. Then I got angry. Now, if I want her here at 5 p.m., I tell her to show up at 2 o'clock sharp. It works like a charm. She's "on time" now — and I don't freak out!

RELAXED IN TEMPE, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, had finally had it with my in-laws who were always late. I laid down a firm rule: Dinner is at 6 p.m. Those present eat; those who are tardy will have to fend for themselves. If we are eating dessert when they finally arrive, they have to scrounge around the kitchen and do the best they can, because I do not get up to wait on them any longer.

Surprisingly, they began to arrive on time! "Had It" needs to be firm. If guests can be rude enough to be habitually late, you can be aggressive enough to go on with your plans.

FEELING BETTER IN DALLAS

P.S. I told my doctor, barring some emergency, I wait 20 minutes. After that, his fee diminishes by my hourly salary. I rarely have to wait, and the doctor said it forced him to do a better scheduling job.

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Russian bootleggers challenge crackdown

MOSCOW (AP) — Ten years after Mikhail Gorbachev launched his abortive battle against booze, officials say Russians are drinking more than ever and increasingly die from poisonous moonshine.

Bootlegged vodka, usually made of synthetic spirits, makes Russians "increasingly aggressive" and causes illness, said Grigory Zaigrayev, of the Interior Ministry's Research Institute.

The number of crimes committed by drunken offenders increased from 316,000 in 1985 to 600,000 in 1994.

Gorbachev's anti-drinking campaign was one of his most unpopular reforms. Russians stood in mile-long lines to buy vodka, hundreds of thousands of acres of vineyards were plowed under and the government lost millions from lucrative liquor sales.

The campaign quickly fizzled, but gave rise to moonshining.

After the Soviet collapse in 1991, the Russian government abandoned its monopoly on alcohol. Over the next two years it did next to nothing to combat moonshining, which quickly acquired an industrial scale.

In June 1993, President Boris Yeltsin restored the state monopoly and ordered a crackdown on bootleggers.

But, "the genie had been let out of his bottle and has continued his destructive activities," Interior Ministry Col. Boris Tereshchenko, who coordinates the government's campaign against moonshiners, said at a news conference Tuesday.

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Drug-resistant germs could be problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — Common bacteria that have become dangerous because of antibiotic resistance are a greater threat to the health of most Americans than an exotic virus that is killing people in Africa, experts say.

A group of infectious disease experts said at a news conference Tuesday that there are bacterial infections, particularly in hospitals, that cannot be controlled by any of the current antibiotic drugs.

"Microbes that were once easily controlled now no longer respond to antibiotic drugs," said Dr. Mitchell Cohen of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Such bacteria are far more likely to cause illness in the United States than is the Ebola virus now in Zaire, the experts said.

Drugs such as penicillin, erythromycin, vancomycin and tetracycline that were once the "magic bullets" against infection are now powerless against many of the strains of bacteria, Cohen said.

Resistant bacteria include strains that infect surgical wounds, the urinary tract and the respiratory tract and cause pneumonia, the sixth leading killer of elderly Americans, said Cohen.

"The problem can become very, very serious," he said. "We already have some untreatable infections and some bacteria strains are just one antibiotic away from being untreatable."

Waco woman claims half of lotto jackpot

AUSTIN (AP) — Persistence apparently does pay.

For nearly 10 years, Fern Martin of Waco played the same numbers in lotto games in New York, Florida and Texas.

On Tuesday, Ms. Martin finally cashed in, claiming half of a $9.7 million Lotto Texas jackpot drawn last Wednesday. Her winning numbers were 13, 14, 15, 24, 25 and 31.

Ms. Martin collected a check for $242,637.22, the first of 20 installments. The remaining payments will total $243,500 and be paid every May 15 for the next 19 years.

"I've played this same set of numbers for nine years," Ms. Martin said. "But until now, I've never won a thing."

Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Nora Linares said, "Without a doubt, Fern Martin's unshakable belief for nearly a decade is proof that good things really do happen for people who wait."

After winning, Ms. Martin, a 66-year-old restaurant manager, promptly made herself president of her own investment firm.

"I've always wanted to be a president of something," she said. "Now I am."

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 18, 1995

In the year ahead, two secret desires you've been nurturing could now be fulfilled. Hold fast to your dreams, regardless of the circumstances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In involvements with peers today, do not discount your ability as the decision maker. Your conclusions will probably be based upon more realistic factors than those of your companions. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There is a strong possibility that you can acquire something you want through a source you seldom use. Go to this individual today before going to anybody else.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If your assessments today are composed of equal parts logic and intuition, you'll be on target. If one of these factors is absent, your conclusions will be iffy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will have substantial resolve to draw upon today if conditions warrant. You can now take care of two complex matters that you've been reluctant to attempt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This will be a good day to make a congenial effort to reciprocate if you have fallen behind on a social obligation to a friend. Balancing the account can be fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) With some prudent and practical adjustments today, you can rearrange your financial position to help you get more mileage from the dollars you spend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It might be necessary to take a firmer position on an issue you feel strongly about today. Do not be intimidated, even if there are more against you than with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Conditions continue to trend favorably for your material interests. Even though you might not see immediate results, they could be in the offing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Starting today, try to cultivate a relationship with someone you recently met whom you would like to know better. This association has possibilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Some secrets might be uncovered today that could allow you to further your personal ambitions very effectively without hurting anyone in the process.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Use your imagination today, as this could enable you to see opportunities where your peers see only problems. Your point of view will be the right one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might be in a for a pleasant surprise when something that appeared extremely negative suddenly shifts gears to something quite opportune.

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DATE BOOK

May 17, 1995

Today is the 137th day of 1995 and the 59th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1954, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that public school segregation is unconstitutional.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward Jenner (1749-1823), discoverer of vaccination; James "Cool Papa" Bell (1903-1991), baseball great; Maureen O'Sullivan (1911-), actress, is 84; Archibald Cox (1912-), Watergate prosecutor, is 83; Birgit Nilsson (1918-), opera singer, is 77; Dennis Hopper (1936-), actor-director, is 59; Sugar Ray Leonard (1956-), boxer, is 39; Bob Saget (1956-), actor-comedian, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1959, golfer Sam Snead shot a 63 to follow the previous day's 59. His two-day 122 set a record low for the non-PGA Greenbrier Open.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Cool Papa Bell was so fast he could get out of bed, turn out the light across the room and be back in bed under the covers before the lights went out." — Josh Gibson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1971, a large dust devil overturned a house trailer in Tucson, Ariz., injuring its two occupants.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (May 14) and last quarter (May 21).

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Montgomery thinks being good important

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — John Michael Montgomery swears that nothing is more important to him than being a good person.

"When all is said and done and my name is mentioned, I hope they can say, 'Well, he was a nice guy,'" Montgomery said in the May issue of the Country Music Association's Close Up publication.

Illinois executes convicted killer today

CREST HILL, Ill. (AP) — A killer who pleaded his innocence to millions on the Internet was executed early today for the murder of an 89-year-old man in his wheelchair during a robbery.

"I wish Godspeed to all," Girvies Davis, 37, murmured just before three lethal chemicals were fed into his arm through a tube. Prison officials said it took him six minutes to die.

Gov. Jim Edgar turned down pleas for clemency.

Davis was convicted in the December 1978 murder of Charles Biebel, a Belleville man shot in his wheelchair by a burglar who broke into his house. Davis also was convicted of three other murders.

His lawyers said Davis signed a confession after police drove him to a deserted road and threatened to shoot him, and that the confessions also were worthless because Davis was borderline retarded and illiterate.

The confession said Davis robbed the house with an accomplice, who shot Biebel.

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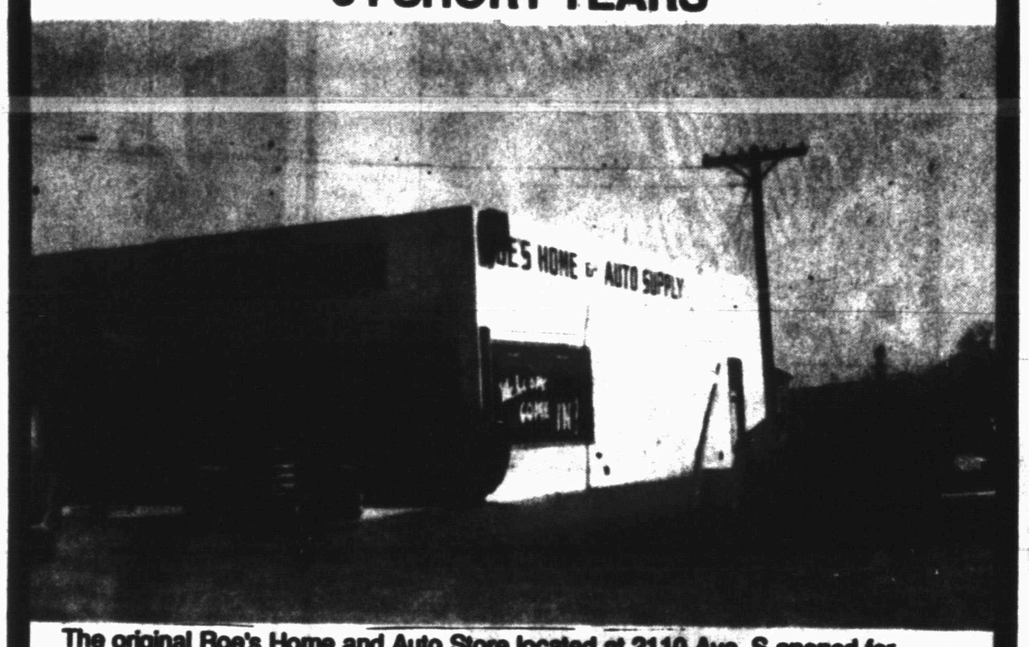
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