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Plans for United Supermarket here put on hold

United Supermarkets Monday said plans for a new store here have been put on hold, and construction is unlikely to start in 1997.

Dan Sanders, a spokesman for the Lubbock-based grocery chain, said the delay is a result of additional research that company officials have indicated will be done.

The decision to delay the project came on the heels of a United board of directors meeting held last week in Phoenix.

"We had a chance to talk over the past several days. Pending a consensus, the Snyder store has been postponed pending further research," Sanders said.

Sanders indicated that the research "would not be completed in the near-term." The spokesman was not specific, but indicated that the study would have to do with the format of a new store being built in Wichita Falls.

"There are some things in the new store in Wichita Falls that are on the cutting edge."

Sanders said the company still owns the property (the former Kmart location of College Avenue) and said the company has no intention of selling it.

Company officials had previously indicated construction would begin in the first quarter of 1997. Sanders said, based on the length of time required for planning and construction, it is his feeling that a 1997 opening is doubtful.

The property was purchased from Ohio Teachers Retirement System in December, 1995. Last June, company officials said construction would begin in the fall, with completion in 1997.

The pre-fabricated building was donated to Western Texas College, and removal of that building was not completed until the end of the year.

Since that time, the site has been leveled and some soil testing and surveying done. There have been rumors of an environmental problem at the proposed site, but Sanders said no such concerns figured into the delay.

The company has said plans call for a 42,000-square foot store, and would create approximately 75 new jobs. Snyder is slated to be the firm's 39th store and 21st city in which a store is located.

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Home of Cynthia Fennell

Council OKs STAR program

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Snyder City Council has made a two-year commitment and pledged up to $45,000 in funds to implement a Special Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) program which it hopes will deter juvenile crime.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong addressed the council Monday night concerning the boot-camp style program, and the council unanimously endorsed it.

Several council members, Armstrong and school officials have toured STAR progams in Conroe and Lubbock, and all have been pleased with the results of the program, which Armstrong described as a "non-residential boot camp for juvenile offenders."

Armstrong said it is a cooperative effort between Sndyer Independent School District, the city and the county. The county also has pleged $45,000 to help finance the program.

"This program is designed to teach self-esteem and pride to the youngsters and their parents, and is accomplished by teaching law-abiding behavior and by academic study," said Armstrong.

The program is expected to be located on the Snyder High School campus and will get underway at 5:30 every morning.

"The students will be delivered to the facility by the parents and the students will then have two hours of physical training," said the judge.

This will be followed by breakfast, a regular school day and then a study period to complete homework.

"They'll end up the day doing more physical training," said Armstrong.

The program is voluntary and can be entered in leiu of traditional court-ordered punishment such a juvenile detention facility or being expelled from school.

While it is the actions of a juvenile that can get a student assigned to the STAR program, the juvenile's parents also have rules and regulations to follow.

Failure to follow the rules could also land a parent in jail.

Among other stipulations, parents are obligated to report any violation of the rules, have their student in bed no later than 10 p.m., and sign the student's homework.

Details as to the length of the program are yet to be worked out, but students in Conroe are assigned to either one-day, four-week, 12-week or 24-week periods, depending on the severity of the offense.

Armstrong said he hopes the program will be ready by the start

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BANQUET DECORATIONS GOING UP — Midwest Electric Co-op employee R.D. Hale assists in hanging decorations for the Chamber of Commerce banquet with the aid of a bucket truck. The banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Tickets are available at the chamber or by calling 573-3558. (SDN Staff Photo)

TCA rate hike request denied

A request by TCA Cable TV to raise its basic cable service rate by 37 cents a month was turned down by Snyder City Council Monday.

The firm is expected to bring the request back to the council at a later date, along with figures to support the need for a rate hike.

"I'm opposed to an increase in the basic rate just because the FCC (Federal Communication Commission) allows you to ask for one," said Mayor David Holt.

Holt was addressing TCA's general manager, Archie Kountz, who presented the request.

Holt said there are people in the community on fixed incomes who are affected by any increases in costs, including the basic service from the cable company.

"Raising the costs of the movie channels doesn't bother me, its the very basic costs," said Holt. "Bring me documentation on why you need the rate increase and we'll consider it."

Councilman Dayton Robertson agreed, saying if the company can justify the costs, he might be in favor of an increase.

"Just because your company can put numbers in a government equation is not good enough for me right now," said Robertson.

Kountze defended TCA's plan to increase the basic rate from $6.66 per month to $7.03 and the standard rate from $13.50 to $13.90 per month.

Kountze said the company is planning to install a generator which will provide power to part of the system in case electrical power is lost. He also said a portion of the money would be used to design a new fiber-optic system which could double the number of channels the system could provide.

"This will give us the capability to provide numerous new services, including pay-per-view," said Kountze.

However, the re-design of the system is not expected to begin until next year and then it would take approximately two years to complete.

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Convictions are often opinions backed by temporary circumstances."

If the nation's lawyers really think capital punishment is cruel and unusual, we came across a couple of unusual items that prove that sometimes you just can't change fate.

Michael Anderson Godwin made "News of the Weird" after spending several years awaiting his turn in the electric chair on a murder conviction.

Courts in South Carolina finally reduced his sentence to life in prison. One day, however, he was sitting on a metal toilet in his cell while attempting to repair his small TV set.

The inmate bit into a wire and was electrocuted.

Another guy serving on death row at a state prison in Pittsburgh, Pa. also had his sentence reduced to life.

Nevertheless, he was electrocuted by his homemade earphones as he was watching his TV while seated on a metal stool.

The monthly membership bulletin put out by the Texas Press Association contained a humorous item.

It's a tongue-in-cheek look at the way certain news organizations might report the end of the world:

--The Wall Street Journal: Dow Jones plummets as world ends.

--National Enquirer: O.J. and Nicole, together again.

--Playboy: Girls of the Apocalypse.

--Sports Illustrated: Game over!

--Rolling Stone: The Grateful Dead reunion tour.

--USA Today: We're dead.

--Reader's Digest: Bye!

--TV Guide: Death and damnation, Nielson ratings soar!

--Ladies Home Journal: Try our new Armageddon diet.

--American Online: System down. Try again in 15 minutes.

--Inc.: Ten ways to profit from the Apocalypse.

--The Vatican Press: Told you so.

--Microsoft Word Site: If you didn't experience rapture, download software patch RAPT-777.EXE.

TU, Enserch merger closer, needs SEC OK

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Utilities Co. said Monday the U.S. Department of Justice cleared its pending acquisition of Enserch Corp.

The Dallas-based electric utility agreed last April to acquire Enserch Corp., a natural-gas distributor, for $550 million in stock and the assumption of $1.15 billion in debt and preferred stock.

The companies had hoped to complete the deal by the end of 1996, but the Justice department's inquiry lasted longer than anticipated.

Texas Utilities said the Securities and Exchange Commission is proceeding with its approval process with regard to the merger. The SEC couldn't sanction the deal before the Justice Department completed its review.

Texas Utilities and Enserch officials expect an SEC decision in six to eight weeks. Once that is given, the companies could complete the merger in a matter of days.

Enserch is also based in Dallas.

Ordinance paves way for new laundry

An ordinance to subdivide a piece of property between Anthony's and Citgo was approved by city council members Monday on first reading, and will pave the way for the construction of a new facility for Snyder Laundry and Dry Cleaning.

The council acted on a number of topics, including accepting bids on numerous items.

David Wickline, owner of Snyder Laundry, has said he will build a "state-of-the-art" facility at the location. The firm has been operating in the former Munden's building following a Dec. 5 fire which destroyed the old facility on 26th Street and all its contents.

Wickline has said construction on the facility will start in "the very near future."

In other action Monday, the council agreed to fund the Snyder Girls Softball Association up to $2,000 in money, material or labor to aid in the construction of a fence and paving at Cates Field in Towle Park.

Council members also approved the extension of the water contract with the Rotan Water Authority for a 25-year period and agreed to a three-year contract with a private waste-hauler for the use of the city's landfill.

In other action, the council:

•approved on first reading an ordinance providing for the exchange of a 20-foot section of property at one end of an alley near Reef Chemical for 20 feet on the other end;

•appointed Ollie Peek as election judge and Rosalina Tovar as alternate judge for the May 3 general election;

•agreed to withdraw from the agenda a planned discussion on an employee compensation study;

•approved a variety of bids, including the purchase of a two-ton Ford truck from Wilson Motors for $26,200, a portable air compressor from AirMaster Equipment of Abilene for $10,225, a shredding tractor from Snyder Truck and Tractor for $25,207, a refuse compaction body from Davis Truck and Tractor of Dallas for $43,085 and a 1997 cab and chassis from South Plains International for $42,700;

•approved bids on some 350 water meters in various sizes from Western Industrial for $15,141;

•and approved purchase of a four-wheeler for the water department for $4,482 from Lubbock Sports, Inc.

Mobil, Amoco swap interests

Mobil Corp. announced Friday that Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc, a wholly-owned subsidiary, and Amoco Corporation have exchanged interests in several fields, including the Salt Creek Field.

Mobil obtained Amoco's interest in Salt Creek, while Amoco got control of Mobil's interests in 29 fields located in Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

The action will have no effect on the number of employees at Salt Creek, said a Dallas-based Mobil spokesman this morning.

"Mobil's interest in the Salt Creek field increased from about 40 percent to more than 70 percent," said Beth Ann Rust.

Mike Yeager, president and general manager of Mobil Exploration and Producing, said the exchange in properties would allow Mobil to consolidate operations in Salt Creek, and better utilize the field's CO2 supplies.

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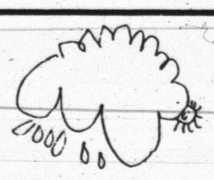
Q—Is in mandatory to wear 1940s style clothing to Thursday's chamber banquet?

A—Absolutely not. Wear what you like. Dress is casual.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 70 degrees; low, 40; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 48; no precipitation; total for 1997, 5 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 30% chance of rain. Low around 50. SE wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, 50% chance of rain. High around 70. S wind 10-20 mph.



Merissa Pierson
Chance of Rain

Sunset: 6:49 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Of 69 days in 1997, the sun has shone 60 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Any fact facing us is not as important as our attitude toward it, for that determines our success or failure.

-Norman Vincent Peale

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Legislators examine privatizing state welfare

AUSTIN (AP) — Some state legislators say it's time to take a second look at plans to privatize welfare.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Monday the lawmakers are concerned over legislation passed two years ago that has become a proposal for a $2 billion contract to make Texas the first state to let private companies control who gets welfare benefits.

Even as the state is pushing the federal government to approve the Texas Integrated Enrollment Systems proposal, doubt is growing in the Legislature over the project's merits, the newspaper said.

"I've been supportive of privatization when it makes sense, when there are cost savings, and we can perform a better service for the state," said Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, House Appropriations Committee chairman. "I'm not sure that's true in this case."

Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said the objective of the legislation that started the proposal — to simplify the way Texans sign up for welfare and other benefits — has been lost in the push to go private.

"Everybody is reviewing (the project) to see if there are other options," said Coleman, who cosponsored the 1995 welfare reform law.

Already, the potential role of the private sector is being reduced.

"Even if we go through with privatization," said Mike McKinney, the state's health and human services commissioner, "it's not going to be at the level everybody thinks or as high as I've been led to believe from what I've read in the media."

McKinney is in charge of writing the proposal that would be used to solicit bids. Because federal rules dictate how states should distribute social services money, Texas needs federal approval of the project before bids can be requested.

Lack of federal approval is one of many concerns about the project. Among others:

— Some lawmakers believe the Legislature never endorsed turning over government-run welfare services to private companies.

— Thousands of state employees could lose their jobs and numerous state offices could be closed, something many lawmakers don't want in their districts.

— One prospective bidder, the Texas Workforce Commission, hasn't earned the confidence of state lawmakers with its performance. The abrupt departure of the agency's executive director and questions about the agency's spending controls have lawmakers skittish about possibly handing the agency billions in state and federal money.

— Some believe the project has been tainted by revelations that Dan Shelley, the governor's former chief legislative aide who guided the law through the Legislature, is now lobbying for prospective bidder Lockheed Martin IMS.

— Other automation projects by Arthur Andersen Co., another prospective bidder on the welfare project, have been costly and are behind schedule. One of those is a child-support collection system in the attorney general's office, the other a system in the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

"I think the Legislature needs to take back this issue and have it resolved one way or another before we leave in June," Junell said.

The 1995 law directed the Council on Competitive Government to study whether the state could save the $563 million a year that it spends deciding who gets more than $11 billion in welfare, Medicaid, food stamps and other benefits.

"I certainly support the Council on Competitive Government," Junell said. "But I think in retrospect that this is a legislative issue."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he supports turning functions over to the private sector if it saves taxpayer money and can be done more efficiently. But he also has questioned whether the state would save more in the long run if it does not deal with a for-profit company.

Texas Senate approves safe school bills

AUSTIN (AP) — School districts could expel students for misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses under a bill approved by the state Senate.

The measure is among three passed Monday to strengthen and fine-tune a 1995 law decreeing "zero tolerance" for drugs, alcohol and disruptive behavior on school campuses.

"That may wind up in more kids being expelled to the street, which is bad. But I believe it is worse to tell a school district you've got to keep the kid in school even though he may bring cocaine to school with him," Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said of his misdemeanor drug offense bill.

Current law requires student to be expelled for felony drug or alcohol violations, but doesn't allow expulsion for misdemeanor controlled substance offenses.

Bivins' bill would give school districts discretion to expel students for drug and alcohol misdemeanors if they occur on school property or at school activities.

The bill could result in students being turned out to the streets because counties with a population of 125,000 or less aren't required to have so-called juvenile justice alternative education programs for expelled students, Bivins said.

But he said that concern is outweighed by the need to allow schools to fight alcohol and drugs on campus as they see fit.

The safe schools provision of the 1995 education overhaul authorizes teachers to remove violent or disruptive students from their classrooms for placement in alternative education programs.

The law requires school districts to set up their own alternative programs, which may be on campus if they are separate from other students. Students expelled from campus, however, may not have access to a program in smaller counties.

In counties over 125,000 population, juvenile boards must establish a juvenile justice alternative education program to handle expelled students.

Of 254 Texas counties, 22 are over 125,000 population. Bivins said there have been programs set up for expelled students in a number of counties that aren't required to have them.

Although Bivins' bill could result in more expulsions to the street in smaller counties, he said it would tighten the law to prevent such expulsions in the bigger counties.

Currently, an expelled student must be found by a juvenile court to have engaged in delinquent conduct to be placed in a juvenile justice alternative education program, according to a bill analysis.

Bivins said under his bill, all expelled students in the large counties would have to either go to the county juvenile justice alternative education program or the school district's alternative program.

The measure also would allow juvenile boards to negotiate with school districts for funding, and provide for binding arbitration if they couldn't agree.

Other measures passed by the Senate are meant to ensure that students who are removed from class receive due process rights, and that those in alternative education programs to get basic courses needed to graduate.

All the bills are sponsored by Bivins and now go to the House for consideration.

The bill on expulsion and alternative education funding is SB136.

The due process bill is SB132.

The alternative curriculum bill is SB139.

Key provisions of bills passed listed

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are some key provisions of bills passed Monday by the Senate to make changes in a law decreeing "zero tolerance" for drugs, alcohol and disruptive behavior on school campuses:

— School districts could expel students for misdemeanor drug or alcohol violations that occur on school property or at a school event.

— All expelled students in counties over 125,000 population would have to be served by either a county or school district alternative education program.

— Students removed from the regular classroom would be assured due process.

— Students in alternative education programs would be provided the basic courses they need to graduate.

Volunteer firefighters would benefit

LUBBOCK (AP) — The state's 1,800 volunteer fire departments are eagerly anticipating legislation that would allow them to acquire tons of corporate firefighting equipment that currently is destroyed.

"There is lots of equipment that we could use," said Halfway Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jimmy Goree. "Companies just throw away old equipment because of the liability."

Proposed bills in the Texas House and Senate would reduce the liability to more than 900 companies with industrial fire brigades when they pass along outdated trucks and other materials to civil departments.

The Texas Forest Service would redistribute the equipment to the firehouses, sparing the companies of liability.

"In many areas, volunteer firemen are true local heroes who risk their lives every time they respond to a call," said State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock. "The public owes these firemen our gratitude and appreciation. Assuming the liability concerns are adequately addressed, I believe this is a productive way in which private industry may assist in meeting the public's needs."

The House was scheduled to consider the bill this week, said Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, its author.

"There are tons of companies like Enron and Dow Chemical that have firefighting equipment that would make the Lubbock Fire Department drool," Turner said.

What prevents companies from giving away the equipment is the fear that they'd be held liable if something went wrong, he said.

One company recently destroyed 800 breathing apparatus units, said Mark Stanford of the Forest Service.

"Those units retail for about $3,500 each," Stanford said.

Goree said departments like his in Halfway, located between Amarillo and Lubbock, rely on donations, some government money and the small checks they sometimes receive from insurance companies.

Note: The bills are HB 680 and SB 675.

Ratliff advocates funding formula

AUSTIN (AP) — Universities would get funding incentives to operate more efficiently and to have professors rather than graduate students teach courses under a proposal by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff.

Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said Monday his proposal is meant to "reward the best, and to not reward those activities that are not efficient and productive."

Higher education officials have been working on the idea with Ratliff, who wants the proposed funding formula to be part of the Senate version of the state government budget for the next two years.

Whether the formula stays in the Legislature's final budget will depend on whether there is enough additional funding to ensure no higher education institution is penalized while the proposal is instituted, Ratliff said.

"If I can put enough money into the new formulas to where there are not any losers, then I want to try to do that," he said. "I'm committed to the members of the higher education community that I will not go forward with this unless there's enough new money in the system."

Currently, a dozen funding formulas are used in appropriating funds to universities. Four separate formulas are used to pay for facilities operations and maintenance.

Ratliff's proposal would reduce the number of formulas used and would gear them to promote certain priorities.

"Right now, if an institution puts a full professor in the classroom, they lose money, because our formulas are based on an average salary of graduate students and professors," Ratliff said.

"So if they put a full professor in, they're getting less money from the state than it's costing them. If they put a graduate student teaching that course, they're going to get more money than it's costing them."

Ratliff's proposal would give universities a bonus if they have a professor teaching.

In other areas, Ratliff said a university that constructs a new building currently gets more funding than one that uses existing buildings more efficiently by scheduling more classes.

In another example, he said, "If a university spends some of its hard-earned money to insulate its buildings, therefore bringing down its utility costs, we give them less money rather than rewarding them by letting them use that savings to do something else.

"We reward what I believe to be the wrong kind of things and we punish the wrong kind of things," he said.

Ratliff said he would prefer to give universities a particular amount of money based on semester credit hours taught and on the building space that the state determines they're entitled to have.

"If they can do with less building, or they can teach more hours in the same facilities, they get to use ... that money they've saved in faculty salaries, in improvements in curriculum" or other areas, he said.

Saralee Tiede, deputy chancellor for the University of Houston System, said university officials agree with Ratliff's efforts to simplify formula funding and emphasize such areas as full-time professional faculty.

She said he has been patient in working through problems that have cropped up as the proposal is developed.

"The direction that it's going to set is excellent. It's going to be much easier to understand, and it's going to reward institutions for doing some of the important things like putting full-time professional faculty into the undergraduate classrooms," Ms. Tiede said.

Texas A&M University spokesman Lane Stephenson said A&M officials have worked with Ratliff on the measure and look forward to seeing the final result.

The Senate version of the state budget is SB5.

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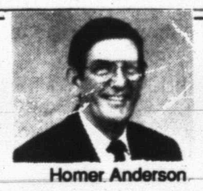
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NEVER GIVE UP!
We are so thankful for what new religious freedoms have been given in the past few years to the people who were formerly behind the iron curtain. Sergei Kourdakov's The Persecutor is a tremendously moving account of a young man's search for the God of the people he had persecuted. As he led attack raids on the "believers' meetings" for Russia's secret police, many of those believers sealed their witness with their blood. Natasha Zhdanova's faithfulness is deeply moving. A beautiful young woman who was three times discovered in secret meetings of the believers, she was first hurled across a room where she crashed against the wall at shoulder height. Three days later she was found again in a secret meeting of believers. She was stripped and beaten mercilessly until bloody pieces of her flesh fell off. The police felt she was sufficiently warned. What happened the third time a week later when she was discovered in such a meeting is a triumph of faith. The brutal atheist who first assaulted her sprang in front of her, fiercely protecting her from the others, crying out, "She has something we don't have! Nobody touches her!" "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Lonely Widow Cherishes Friend's Letter

DEAR ABBY: After my father died unexpectedly, I didn't know what to do when my parents' next wedding anniversary came along. I was young — under 30 — and was not aware of the proper procedure. Should I buy my mother a gift, as I had always done for them in the past? Would it be better not to even mention the date to my mother? As I recall, I invited my mother for dinner, no gift, and only a mention of what day it was when we finished dinner. Now I feel I did the right thing. She knew I remembered, and she was not alone for dinner.

My husband died unexpectedly last summer. Today would have been our 54th wedding anniversary. In the past we had exchanged cards with certain friends and relatives on such an occasion. Yesterday I received a lovely letter from our best man's widow, recalling pleasant times we shared in the past. That is the only indication from anyone that the anniversary of our special day was today. I appreciated the letter I received so much, but I am sad that no other close friend or relative remembered.

I would suggest that when close friends or relatives are in a similar situation, sending a "thinking of you" card would be much appreciated. I feel so alone and forgotten — and ashamed that I have been guilty of the same neglect of others in the past. I didn't realize how much it would mean to know that others remembered, too. No name or city, please. Just sign me ...

SAD WIDOW IN ILLINOIS

DEAR SAD WIDOW: Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your beloved husband. There is much to be learned from your letter about the value of reaching out to others.

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DEAR ABBY: One of my family members was recently married. She kept her last name and added her husband's name to it, so that she is now Mary Smith-Jones. Her husband is, of course, Harry Jones.

This past Christmas, my parents bought them a gift and addressed the card to "The Jones Family." My relative threw a fit, complaining that she was not included on the card. My mother countered that had she addressed the card to the "Smith-Jones Family," the husband would not have been included.

The way I see it, my mother is right. If the gift were only to my relative, it would be addressed to Mary Smith-Jones, but if it's to both, it should be "The Jones Family."

What is the proper way to address the whole family? Do we have to write out Mr. Jones and Mrs. Smith-Jones? To me, that's just a waste of time when we could simply write "The Jones Family."

Please settle this controversy and tell us how it's done.

FEUDING FAMILY

DEAR FEUDING FAMILY: According to the etiquette books, you will have to make the extra effort if you wish to properly address the entire family. As it says in "The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette, Entirely Rewritten and Updated," by Nancy Tuckerman and Nancy Dunnan: "When addressing an envelope to a couple when the wife has kept her maiden name (or hyphenated it with her husband's), write 'Ms. Mary Smith-Jones and Mr. Harry Jones' on the same line. If a couple's combined names are too long to fit on one line, address the envelope on two lines with the woman's name on the first, and the man's on the second, preceded by 'and.' The 'and,' when slightly indented and written out, indicates that the two are married."

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Birthday party set Saturday

Lou Wiman's children will host an 80th birthday celebration for her on Saturday, March 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the garden room of First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Wiman was born on March 18, 1917 in Hugo, Okla., and married John Wiman in 1938 in Roscoe. They were married 48 years when he died in 1987.

Living in Snyder since 1954, Mrs. Wiman retired in 1988. She worked at several ready to wear stores. She is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Her children are Beth Minor of Hot Springs, Ark., Nancy Wiley of San Anselmo, Calif., Sue Armstrong of Plano, Bill Wiman of Bryan, Fred Wiman of Gainsville, Fla., and Steve Wiman of Austin.

All of her children and several of her 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren will attend the celebration.

How to care for Easter lilies

PHOENIX (AP) — The clue to caring for Easter lilies is they always are on sale at Easter even though the holiday comes at different times in different years.

Growers use bulb-forcing to time the crop so the fragrant, trumpet-shaped, white flowers will appear at Easter, whether it be early (March 30 this year), late or in between.

"Prior to 1941, most bulbs came from Japan. The war ended that and now most are grown in a narrow coastal region straddling the California-Oregon border," says Carolyn Mack of the Easter Lily Research Foundation. "Here, lily growers toil year-round to produce 95 percent of the world's bulbs."

The lily is mentioned numerous times in the Bible, and tradition says it sprang from the sweat of Jesus Christ in his moments of agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

After pre-cooling and potting, bulbs take about 120 days to flower. The process includes controlled lighting, fertilizing and watering and usually starts about 17 weeks before a salable plant is shipped to retailers.

Temperatures higher than 60 degrees Fahrenheit will hasten flowering; lower ones delay it. An inside joke says pots sometimes are worn thin on the bottom by being moved from one temperature to another.

There's a good reason for such care: most growers call the Easter lily (Lilium longiflorum) their most profitable potted plant.

Since an Easter lily has been well pampered by the time it reaches your home, continue the treatment for best results.

When in flower they like moderately cool temperatures between 60 to 65 Fahrenheit and moderately moist, well-drained soil. Avoid placing near drafts and avoid exposure to heat or dry air from appliances, fireplaces or heating ducts. The lily will thrive near a window in bright indirect natural light. Avoid direct sunlight. Remove faded blooms as they develop.

With a new plant, it's a good precaution to make sure the drainage hole is not obstructed. Fill with water once or twice and let drain. Then water only when the surface is dry to the touch.

Don't fertilize. Night temperatures around 40-45 are ideal to prolong blooms. Try a sheltered, outdoor location at night if your climate permits.

The plant is not likely to again be satisfactory indoors but it can flourish outdoors for years, regardless of your climate. However, the flowering won't be around Easter but rather at the natural cycle a few months later.

Once flowering is over, build up the bulb by setting the plant in the sun, fertilize lightly with a time-released product such as Osmocote and keep moist. Do not remove any green foliage. It eventually will die back but meanwhile manufactures nutrients for another season.

While forcing bulbs again is counterproductive, they also can be transferred to an outdoor container slightly larger than their original pot and grown successfully in partial-shade conditions. They will bloom in the natural cycle.

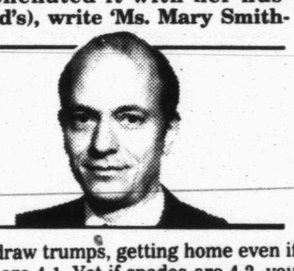
Or place the original pot in an outdoor bed and cover with soil for later handling. In-ground planting of the bulb is more satisfactory.

In the subtropical Arizona desert, where I garden, they prefer an outdoor location with filtered sun or well-lighted shade, such as the north side of the home.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 03-11-97
♠ A K J 7 6 2
♥ 7 2
♦ K J 8 7
♣ 2

West
♠ 8 3
♥ K 10 9 8 3
♦ 5 2
♣ J 9 7 6

East
♠ Q 10 9 5
♥ 6
♦ 6 4 3
♣ K Q 10 8 5

South
♠ 4
♥ A Q J 5 4
♦ A Q 10 9
♣ A 4 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

can draw trumps, getting home even if they are 4-1. Yet if spades are 4-2, you need to find trumps 3-2. You must enter dummy with a trump, ruff a spade with your remaining trump, cash the club ace, ruff a club in the dummy, draw the last trump, and claim.

It is true that the initial trump lead strongly suggests a 3-2 break. And, *a priori*, a 4-2 spade split is more likely than a 4-1 diamond division. However, the way to avoid all the guesswork is to start by cashing *both* of dummy's top spades. Even if the second is ruffed, you might still survive via luck in the heart suit. Here, though, when you ruff a spade in hand at trick four, you know the story.

The most common reader error was to take the heart finesse at trick two. As you can see, West wins and gives East a heart ruff.

Finally, if you disagree with that analysis, please contact Sheehan, not me!

P.S.: Sheehan made his slam at the table.

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From Sydney to London

By Phillip Alder

The second of my Christmas competition problems was based on one given by Robert Sheehan in The Times newspaper. He started the article by saying, "I made a rather poor job of catering for bad breaks." I think that is because he was at the rubber-bridge table, where players protest prolonged pauses. In a world championship, I'm sure Sheehan, who is usually an excellent, thoughtful declarer, would have played correctly.

It is best to establish dummy's spade suit. However, after winning the trump lead, if you start, as Sheehan did, with a spade to dummy's king and a spade ruff in hand, you are in a quandary. If the spades are 3-3, you



Oh Lordy,
Look Who's Forty
With A Grin A Mile Wide
And Red Dog By His Side
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FASHION SHOW: Snyder High Drama Dept
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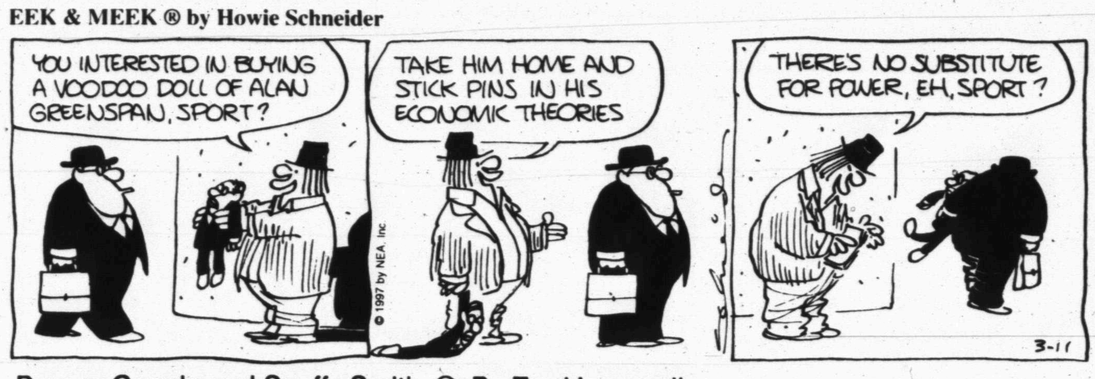
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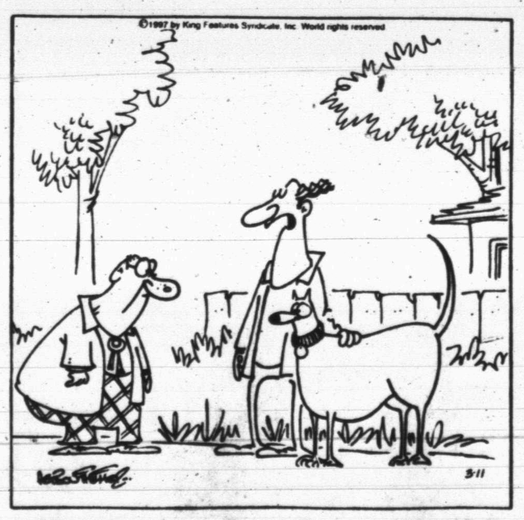


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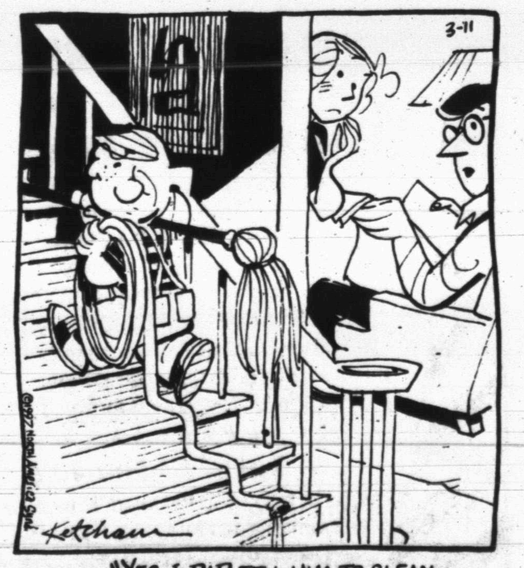


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14 Long time
15 — Major
16 Factual
17 Used to be
18 Extinguish
20 Flightless bird
21 Poetic preposition
22 Right's opposite
24 Actress — Hannah
26 Investigative agcy.
28 Skin decoration
31 Small coin
33 Taxi
34 Cleopatra's river
38 Ball of yarn
39 WWII area
40 Protection
41 — rating (of gasoline)
44 Tennis-court divider
45 Partly melted snow
48 Taro root
50 Dawn goddess
51 Old age
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60 Motion picture
61 Pull
62 Type of deck or measure
63 Aware of (2 wds.)
64 Gravel ridge
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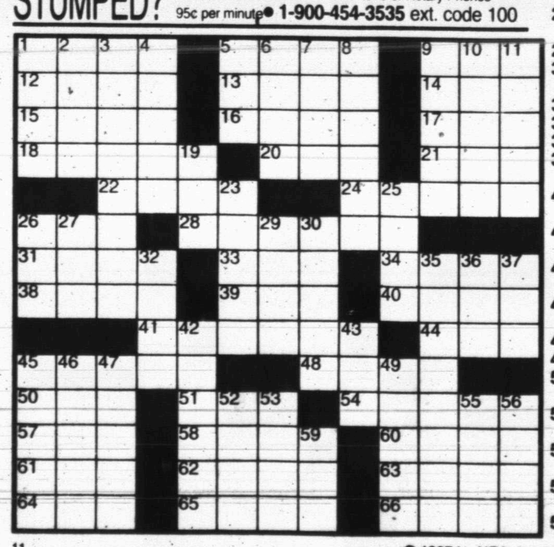
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45 Take care of (2 wds.)
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

At Carlsbad tourney...

Gonzales, Vargas pace Snyder netters

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Laura Gonzales and Vicki Vargas led the Snyder Tiger varsity tennis team with second place finishes at the Carlsbad invitational last Friday and Saturday.

"We played much better than I expected," said coach Chad Redwine. "Laura and Vicki had a great tournament."

Gonzales easily handled her first opponent, Jessica Stinnet, 6-1, 6-1. In her next match, Gonzales continued her stellar play with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Nancy Vo.

Levelland's Layla Turner finally ended Gonzales' run with a 6-2, 6-0 win in the finals.

Vargas had no problem with Lily Garcia of Socorro in her first round match, winning 6-2, 6-2. Vargas appeared to be in trouble in her second match when she lost the first set 6-1 to Angie Valdez, but Vargas fought back to win the next two sets and take a 1-6, 7-5, 6-1 win.

Vargas couldn't cap her tournament run, losing 6-4, 6-3 to Andrews' Sarai Granados in the finals.

Vargas and Gonzales also teamed up to take the consolation trophy in girl's doubles with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Socorro's Salcido and Aguirre.

On the boy's side, Jaime Juarez finished third. Juarez was defeated by Andrews' Jeff George, 6-1, 6-2. Ty Jones also took third, losing 6-3, 6-1 to Andrews' Roberto Belis.

Adrian Gonzales, Todd Hall and Josh Levens all took fourth in their portion of the draw.

Brett Gibson was the consolation winner with a 6-0, 6-1 over Carlos Cabrals in the consolation finals.

Cailey Coffee was the third place winner in her draw with a tough 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 loss to Terry Aguirre.

The doubles team of Zack Briseno and Jones took fourth place in their draw, losing to Andrews' Fisher and George, 7-5, 6-2.

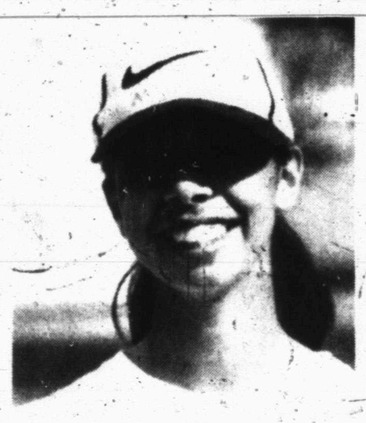
Adrian Gonzales and Juarez were the consolation winners with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Patin and Burns.

Gibson and Hall also took the consolation trophy with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Belis and Matheu in the finals.

The Snyder netters will continue their spring season on March 21-22 when they travel to the Hereford Tournament.



Laura Gonzales



Vicki Vargas

Muller's one-under-par 71 aids WTC's link standings

GALVESTON — While the beach is a favorite spring break destination of many college students, Western Texas College golfers were there on business.

The Westerners fired a 295 Monday for second place after the first 18 holes, only four strokes behind the leader, San Jacinto. Midland College, with a 297, was in third place.

Freshman Soren Muller fired a one-under-par 71 to pace the WTC effort. The 71 put Muller in third in the medalist standings.

Another freshman, Ole Fuglsang, shot a 73 while Fredrik Windmark posted a 75. Morten Vildhoj was next with a 76 while Andreas Ljunggren and Jason Darby each carded a 77.

The final 18 holes were to be played today at Galveston Country Club. Next action for the Westerners is the Chaparral Invitational at Greentree Country Club in Midland starting Sunday.

Lady golfers lead district tournament

LUBBOCK — It was all black and gold leading the hunt in the first round of the District 2-4A tournament held Monday at Reese Air Force Base course.

Snyder High School girls' varsity golf team held a commanding 27-stroke lead after the first 18 holes of play, and that lead was over another Snyder squad.

Led by medalist Randi Reed who fired an 80, the Lady Tigers' team total was 334, 33 strokes in front of third place Lamesa who shot a 367. Snyder's second place team total was 361.

A trio of Snyder golfers held the top three medalist slots. In addition to Reed, Misty Williams was runnerup with an 81 and Daysha Weaver was one stroke back with an 82.

Julie Doolittle shot an 85, Alissa Wells an 86 and Keisha Gafford a 91.

Snyder's No. 2 team total was led by Lacey Kidd with an 86. Adrienne McJimsey shot a 96 while Stephanie Alderete carded a 99 and Sally Barham fired an even 100.

In the boys' division, Snyder was in last place with a 390. Frenship was holding down first place with a 320 followed by Lamesa's 328.

Jared Hardy of Frenship led the medalist race with a 76 and teammate Chris Lester was runnerup with a 78.

Snyder leaders were Troy Allen and Reid Johnson, who each posted an 87.

District 2-4A action continues next Monday at Levelland Country Club.

Girls Team Standings: 1. Snyder No. 1 334; 2. Snyder No. 2 361; 3. Lamesa No. 1 367; 4. Plainview No. 1 374; 5. Levelland No. 1 426; 6. Frenship No. 1 468; 7. Levelland No. 2 474; 8. Plainview No. 2 482.

Snyder No. 1 Individuals: Randi Reed 80, Misty Williams 81, Daysha Weaver 82, Julie Doolittle 85, Alissa Wells 86, Keisha Gafford 91.

Snyder No. 1 Individuals: Lacey Kidd 86, Adrienne McJimsey 96, Adrienne McJimsey 96, Sally Barham 100.

Boys Team Standings: 1. Frenship No. 1 320; 2. Lamesa No. 1 328; 3. Plainview No. 1 329; 4. Levelland No. 1 334; 5. Lamesa No. 2 337; 6. Plainview No. 2 339; 7 Levelland No. 2 340; 8. Frenship No. 2 364; 9. Snyder 390.

Snyder Individuals: Troy Allen 87, Reid Johnson 87, Andrew Vinson 102, Kaleb Herrley 114.

JV Tigers fall to Lubbock High

The JV baseball squad was upended by the Lubbock High Westerners, 6-3, Monday night.

"We're going to have to hit the ball better," said coach Charles Bollinger. "We struck out too many times." The Westerner pitching staff fanned 10 Tiger batters.

Snyder, 2-4-1 for the season, was within one run at 3-2 at the end of the first, but Lubbock High scored two runs in the fourth to cushion their lead.

The Tigers could only produce one run for the remainder of the game to seal the victory for Lubbock.

All of Snyder's four hits were doubles by Dustin Fish, Banks Alexander, Corey Mandrell and Cory Trujillo.

The Snyder JV will continue its season March 17 against the Sweetwater Mustangs at 5:30 p.m. at Moffett Field.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	47	16	.746	—
Miami	45	17	.726	1½
Orlando	32	28	.533	13½
Washington	28	33	.459	18
NewJersey	18	43	.295	28
Philadelphia	16	44	.267	29½
Boston	12	50	.194	34½
Central Division				
x-Chicago	53	8	.869	—
Detroit	45	16	.738	8
Atlanta	42	19	.689	11
Charlotte	40	22	.645	13½
Cleveland	33	27	.550	19½
Indiana	29	32	.475	24
Milwaukee	26	35	.426	27
Toronto	21	40	.344	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	45	16	.738	—
Houston	42	20	.677	3½
Minnesota	30	30	.500	14½
Dallas	19	41	.317	25½
Denver	18	43	.295	27
SanAntonio	15	46	.246	30
Vancouver	11	52	.175	35
Pacific Division				
Seattle	42	18	.700	—
L.A.Lakers	41	20	.672	1½
Portland	35	28	.556	8½
Sacramento	28	34	.452	15
L.A.Clippers	26	33	.441	15½
Phoenix	24	37	.393	18½
GoldenState	23	38	.377	19½

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 114, Boston 90
Charlotte 82, Miami 76
Toronto 81, Vancouver 77
Philadelphia 99, Washington 93
Houston 88, Dallas 83
Phoenix 121, Orlando 85
Portland 103, Seattle 93
Utah 115, Minnesota 106
New York 97, Chicago 93
L.A. Lakers 115, New Jersey 105
Golden State 102, Sacramento 98

Monday's Game

L.A. Clippers 112, Golden State 106

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Utah at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Houston, 7 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
At Lawrence Joel Coliseum
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Thursday, March 13

North Carolina (24-6) vs. Fairfield (11-18)
Indiana (22-10) vs. Colorado (21-9)
California (21-8) vs. Princeton (24-3)
Villanova (23-9) vs. Long Island University (21-8)

At Pittsburgh Civic Arena
Pittsburgh
Friday, March 14

South Carolina (24-7) vs. Coppin State (21-8)
Wisconsin (18-9) vs. Texas (16-11)
New Mexico (24-7) vs. Old Dominion (22-10)
Louisville (23-8) vs. Massachusetts (19-13)

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
First Round
At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.
Thursday, March 13

Kansas (32-1) vs. Jackson State (14-15)
Purdue (17-11) vs. Rhode Island (20-9)
Maryland (21-10) vs. College of Charleston (28-2)
Arizona (19-9) vs. South Alabama (23-6)

At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Friday, March 14

Duke (23-8) vs. Murray State (20-9)
Marquette (22-8) vs. Providence (21-11)
Georgia (24-8) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (22-10)
Illinois (21-9) vs. Southern California (17-10)

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Thursday, March 13

UCLA (21-7) vs. Charleston Southern (17-12)
Xavier, Ohio (22-5) vs. Vanderbilt (19-11)
Cincinnati (25-7) vs. Butler (23-9)
Iowa State (20-8) vs. Illinois State (24-5)

At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Friday, March 14

Minnesota (27-3) vs. Southwest Texas State (16-12)
Mississippi (20-8) vs. Temple (19-10)
Tulsa (23-9) vs. Boston University (25-4)
Clemson (21-9) vs. Miami, Ohio (21-8)

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
At The Huntsman Center
Salt Lake City
Thursday, March 13

Kentucky (30-4) vs. Montana (21-10)
Iowa (21-9) vs. Virginia (18-12)
Boston College (21-8) vs. Valparaiso (24-6)
St. Joseph's (24-6) vs. Pacific (24-5)

At The McKale Center
Tucson, Ariz.
Friday, March 14

Utah (26-3) vs. Navy (20-8)
North Carolina Charlotte (21-8) vs. Georgetown (20-9)
Wake Forest (23-6) vs. St. Mary's, Calif. (23-7)
Stanford (20-7) vs. Oklahoma (19-10)

Unser arrested

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Bobby Unser Jr. was arrested on charges of drunken driving and marijuana possession.

A police officer in Corrales, just outside Albuquerque, stopped the son of three-time Indy 500 winner Bobby Unser on Saturday after the younger Unser's car allegedly cross the center line.

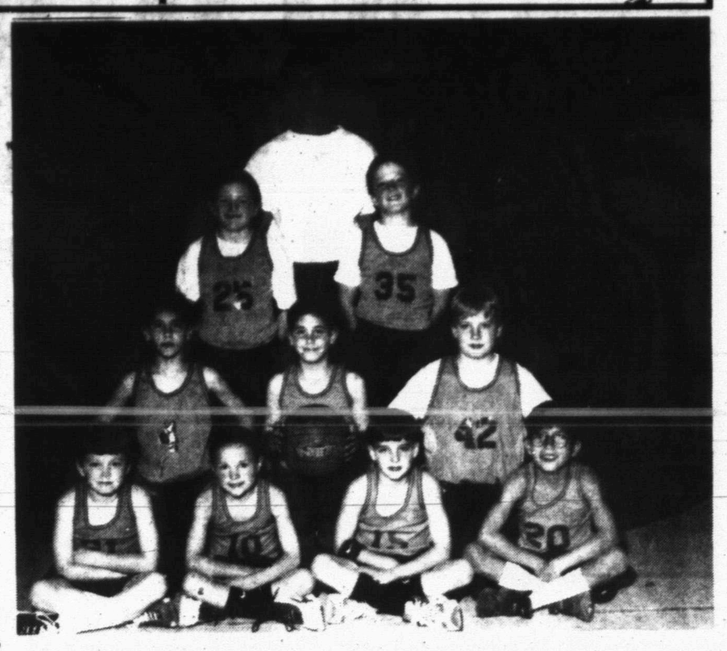
Unser Jr., who had been a full-time auto racer, now concentrates on being a real estate developer and stunt car driver.

Police said he failed a field sobriety test and refused to take a breath test, and when he was taken to a jail, a marijuana cigarette was found in his pocket.

He was charged with possession of marijuana and aggravated DWI because of his alleged refusal to take a breath test.

He was released Sunday after posting a $1,041 bond.

His father faced arraignment today before a U.S. magistrate in Monte Vista, Colo., on a charge that he violated the Wilderness Act, which bars motorized vehicles in federally protected wilderness areas.



UNDEFEATED SEASON — The Little Dribblers Minor League Lakers finshed the regular season with a perfect 14-0 record and they finished the tournament with a 3-0 mark. Pictured from left, front row: Blake Mayo, Jeremy Reed, Garrett Pinson and Stephen Martinez. Second Row: Jordan Lollar, Joel Lollar and Nathan Graves. Third row: Jeffery Gibson and Wesley Kellner. Back row: coach Jeff Kellner. Not pictured is Eddie Pinson. (Contributed photo)

Tigers strand ten in 5-2 loss to San Angelo Central

SAN ANGELO — The Snyder Tiger baseball team continued to hit the ball well, but the San Angelo Central Bobcats managed to steal a 5-2 win Monday.

The Tigers, 6-3 for the season, belted 12 hits, but stranded 10 runners.

Central took a 1-0 lead after the first inning, but Snyder answered back in the second on a Trevor Thompson RBI single that scored David Smith to tie the game at 1-1.

The Bobcats took the lead again at 2-1 in the bottom of the second and extended their lead to 3-1 in the third.

Snyder put its final run on the board in the fourth when Sonny Cumbie hit an RBI single that scored Richard Canas, bringing Snyder to within one at 3-2.

San Angelo quickly cushioned its lead with another run in the fifth that put Central up, 4-2.

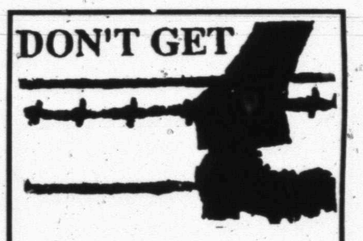
Central scored again in the sixth to seal the victory.

Clay Berryman took the loss on the mound for Snyder. Berryman faced 23 batters, walking two, fanning four and giving up seven hits.

Thompson hit three for three, and Canas and Kyle Beck each went two for four. Smith hit one for four with a double.

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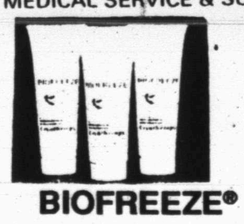
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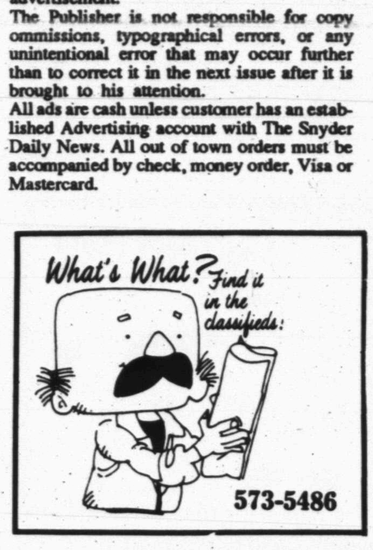
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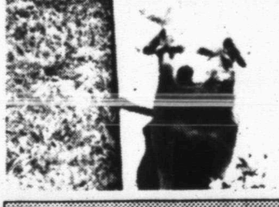
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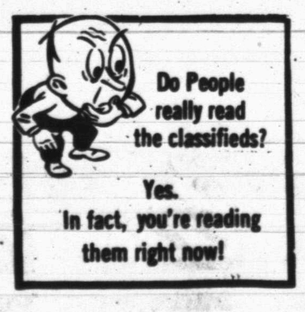
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Korean peace talks could benefit POW issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Expected North Korean agreement to begin peace talks with South Korea could bring answers to the politically touchy question of what happened to Americans who did not return from the Korean War.

Many hundreds died in prisoner-of-war camps and it is uncertain how many of their bodies could be found now, even if the North Koreans permitted a search.

Many were obliterated on the battlefield. Some were lost at sea.

Others, according to reports at the time, were last seen alive in captivity but did not return. In recent months Pentagon investigators have received unsubstantiated tips that some captives may still be in North Korea.

There also are believed to be four U.S. Army soldiers in North Korea who deserted their units in the 1960s, one of whom may want to return to the United States. The North Koreans have denied there are any Americans there.

After talking to the North Koreans last week about opening negotiations on a peace treaty to formally end the Korean War, but getting no firm reply, U.S. officials raised the matter of accounting for missing American servicemen, including asking for access to any Americans who may still be there.

"The North Koreans were positive in their response," a Pentagon official familiar with the exchange said Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity. He said the administration was awaiting a formal reply from the North Korea.

In last week's talks, U.S. officials also asked that North Korea open its archives to aid not only in future searches for remains but also in resolving cases of U.S. servicemen who might have been left behind alive, the official said.

The POW issue was raised at the war's end in 1953, but it got buried in a blizzard of recriminations between the communist North Koreans and the U.S.-backed South.

Initially the United States reported 944 missing Americans believed to have been in communist control. That got whittled down and has stood at 389 for more than three decades. It's not clear how many of those were alive at the war's end.

In 1954, a year after the fighting stopped, China admitted holding 15 U.S. Air Force airmen from Korea as "criminals," and they were let go in 1955. There is some evidence, however, that more U.S. prisoners may have been left behind, in North Korea as well as China.

Evidence to that effect dates back to the immediate postwar period.

Officials seize almost 2 tons of cocaine

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities seized almost 2 tons of cocaine stashed inside cardboard boxes of carrots in a tractor-trailer at La Guardia Airport.

Nine alleged members of a cocaine distribution ring were arrested and held without bond, Robert H. Silbering, the city's special narcotics prosecutor, said Monday.

He characterized Friday night's haul of 3,586 pounds, combined with two February busts involving the same organization, as "certainly the biggest drug seizure in New York in the 1990s."

The busts yielded 4,166 pounds of Colombian cocaine with a street value in excess of $100 million, Silbering said. Authorities also seized $1.3 million in cash from a Queens apartment.

Drug enforcement agents found the booty in the tractor-trailer after learning that a truck with Texas license plates was scheduled to deliver cocaine to the ring.

Seven of the man could face 15 years to life in prison if convicted of possession and conspiracy to distribute cocaine. The other two men arrested were charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

'V,' 'S,' 'L' ratings eyed by television executives

WASHINGTON (AP) — New codes for violence, sex and language may be added to television's fledgling program ratings system.

Cable leaders, executives of the Fox network and some trade association officials have begun floating the notion of adding "V," "S" and "L" to existing ratings to note violence, sex and language that some viewers may consider offensive.

No final decisions have been made but industry sources say an agreement to add the changes could be announced by May.

The current six-tier age-based ratings system went into effect Jan. 1.

The Senate Commerce Committee looked into the effectiveness of the system in a Feb. 27 hearing. At that time, National Association of Broadcasters President Eddie Fritts and Motion Picture Association of America President Jack Valenti, who oversaw the development of TV ratings, showed a willingness to make adjustments to the existing ratings system.

However, the two industry leaders would not commit to specific changes other than saying some shows demanded tougher ratings than they were getting and that on-screen ratings symbols needed to appear for more than 15 seconds.

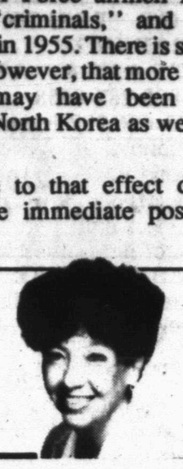
The committee's ranking Democrat, Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, introduced a bill last month that would either force the TV industry to provide more detailed rating information about violent content or air violent shows only when children are not likely to be watching.

A similar bill was introduced in the House by Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass. Other legislation also has been offered requiring a more detailed rating system for sex and violence in TV shows.

The industry executives raised the idea of augmenting the existing voluntary rating scheme after Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the panel, indicated he was willing to push Hollings' bill forward, the sources said.

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By Bernice Bede Osol



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will offer sound advice to a friend today. Unfortunately, however, you might not take to heart the very wisdom you impart to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Important judgments you make today must be based upon reality and not upon wishful expectations. Rose-colored glasses won't help.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you're not in a position to call the shots today, do not take risks on others whose judgment you're not thoroughly familiar with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Guard against the inclination today to do things contrary to your better judgment. When your common sense urges you to disengage from something, don't ignore it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might have rather grand expectations today and you could become disenchanted with small things. Forget about size and focus on quality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even though your judgment will be relatively keen today, it might not be up to par where finances are concerned. Handle resources prudently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not rely too heavily upon Lady Luck or your charm and wit today. All of these are valuable assets, but it will take dedicated effort to achieve success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you build castles on sand today, they will probably be swept away by the tides. Distinguish between real optimism and false hope.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not let others dictate the way you handle your resources today; their good intentions might put you in a bind you won't fully understand.

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On this day in 1918, the first cases of an influenza pandemic, which would kill 500,000 Americans, appeared in the United States.

On this day in 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dorothy Gish (1898-1968); actress; Lawrence Welk (1903-1992), musician; Harold Wilson (1916-), British statesman, is 81; Ralph Abernathy (1926-1990), civil-rights leader; Sam Donaldson (1934-), broadcast journalist, is 63; Antonin Scalia (1936-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 61; Bobby McFerrin (1950-), singer, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, Randy Holt was assessed 67 penalty minutes in a National Hockey League game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I shall return!" — Gen. Douglas MacArthur

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1977, high winds lashed the western high plains.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 8) and first quarter (March 15).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Second thoughts on medical testing

DEAR DR. GOTT: How can a person politely refuse tests that are ordered by her physician? Earlier this year, my doctor ordered several routine tests that I did not think I need. Medicare agreed and refused to pay for them. Do I have to?

DEAR READER: Any competent adult has the right to refuse medical tests. I don't know of any "polite" way to inform a physician of this preference. I believe that a straightforward approach is the best answer, something to the effect that "I trust your judgment, doctor, but I would like to put off testing for the time being."

In my experience, it's the physician's obligation to explain to patients what tests are necessary and why. When my patients refuse testing — which they occasionally do — I feel that I have not done my job, and I attempt to negotiate a compromise with them.

As a general rule, we can ordinarily work things out. But I never "blame" them or try to frighten them into undergoing tests. In my view, this is all just part of the normal give and take that is inherent in any doctor-patient relationship.

However, don't be seduced into thinking that you are necessarily correct because Medicare refuses to pay for the tests. In most cases, this is merely an arbitrary decision governed by some minor bureaucrat's attempt to save money. In such instances, the hospital or lab may or may not demand that you pay out of pocket; this is usually considered on a case-by-case basis.

For example, Medicare will not reimburse most patients for a bone-density exam, a test used to diagnose osteoporosis, unless the patient has osteoporosis. But how can a practitioner make the diagnosis reliably without the test? It's a Catch-22. The same is true of the PSA blood test for prostate cancer.

Despite the Medicare rulings, I still encourage women at risk of osteoporosis, and men with possible prostate cancer, to have the necessary testing performed. Medicare doesn't always "practice good medicine," so it's up to each doctor and his patient to decide what testing is appropriate.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently had hemorrhoid surgery. Should I now stop eating the hot peppers that I love and which are really one of my dietary staples? My doctor can't answer this question, but I certainly don't want more surgery.

DEAR READER: Hemorrhoids (swollen veins at the anal orifice) are aggravated by either constipation or diarrhea. Therefore, the question is whether hot peppers cause you to have either of these common afflictions. If so, you will have to eliminate the peppers or modify your consumption of them.

On the other hand, if the peppers don't appreciably affect your bowel movements, you can continue to enjoy them without fearing that they will worsen your hemorrhoids.

To give you more information on the cause of your hemorrhoids, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to my attention at P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does alcohol cause dementia and nerve damage?

DEAR READER: Yes, it does. When used excessively and for prolonged periods (the amount and duration depends on a person's sex and age), alcohol poisons most of the body's organs, including the heart, liver, pancreas, nerves, and brain.

Dementia, the progressive deterioration of cognitive thinking, is often the end result of alcohol abuse. Moreover, neuropathy (nerve malfunction) is also common, leading to weakness, numbness and a burning sensation in the hands and feet.

Early forms of encephalopathy (brain toxicity) and neuropathy will usually regress once the patient stops drinking. However, advanced forms are permanent and untreatable.

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Mrs. Clinton may have made money calls from White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like her husband, Hillary Rodham Clinton says she cannot rule out the possibility that she solicited campaign donations by telephone from the White House. "I'm not going to say absolutely never," she said.

In her first extensive remarks on the White House fund-raising controversy, the first lady also said she regrets that her top aide accepted a $50,000 campaign check at the White House because "of the concern that it's raised."

The 90-minute interview Monday was designed to discuss education, and a group of about 20 journalists stuck to that subject until the end of the session. Clearly planning on making school improvements a focal point of her second term as first lady, Mrs. Clinton said she wanted to help build "public pressure on school districts and states" to issue standardized math and reading tests by 1999.

She was continuing that effort today in her adopted home state of Arkansas. Mrs. Clinton, who spearheaded education reforms while her husband was governor, was giving a speech on childhood literacy and visiting a children's hospital in Little Rock.

The first lady also planned to tour damage from tornados that swept across the state earlier this month. President Clinton visited hard-hit spots last week.

But the cash-for-access scandal threatened to overshadow her work on education.

After Vice President Al Gore conceded last week he solicited donations by telephone from his White House office, the president said he didn't think he had — but wasn't sure. Mrs. Clinton stuck to the theme: "I do not recall making any but I'm not going to say absolutely never. I just don't recall being asked to make any. I don't recall making any," she said.

The first lady attended dozens of fund-raisers during the campaign. Echoing Gore and Clinton, Mrs. Clinton said she was proud of her efforts because they helped Clinton win re-election at a critical time for the country.

The fund-raising flap moved closer to Mrs. Clinton when it was reported last week that her chief of staff, Maggie Williams, accepted a $50,000 donation in March 1996 from Johnny Chung, a California businessman who became a major Democratic fund-raiser.

Asked if she wished Williams had rejected Chung's donation, the first lady said, "In retrospect, I'm sure that she wishes that's what she'd done but ... she's an honorable and courteous person and what she did is legal and proper under the prevailing rules. Given the concern that it's raised, I'm sure she wishes she had said, 'Go mail it or go walk it over yourself.'"

Did the first lady wish Williams had done that? "Oh, for her sake, certainly," Mrs. Clinton said, sitting at a huge, square table in the White House Map Room.

Chung's attorney said last week that his client discussed possible White House access and his willingness to help the Democratic Party financially in a meeting with a White House aide one day before he brought Williams the check.

Of the approximately 50 times he visited the White House, Chung was cleared for entry by the first lady's office about 21 times.

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Small strokes worsen Alzheimer's

CHICAGO (AP) — Small strokes in the brain often "gang up" with Alzheimer's disease, sending people into dementia and death much faster than if they had Alzheimer's alone, researchers said today.

The study is the first to find that strokes can quicken the development and worsen Alzheimer's disease, an incurable brain disorder afflicting an estimated 4 million Americans.

The study also suggested that people may be able to help prevent Alzheimer's by not smoking and controlling high blood pressure and diabetes.

"We can't do anything today to slow down the development of Alzheimer's lesions," said David Snowdon, lead author of the study published in Wednesday's edition of The Journal of the American Medical Association. But "we can do something about strokes."

Snowdon is director of the Nun Study, a federally funded project in which 678 members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame agreed to undergo annual mental tests and to donate their brains to science.

The study involved 102 sisters who died from 1991 to 1995; 61 had the disease and 39 had small strokes more than two weeks before they died. Most strokes occur when a blood clot gets stuck in an artery in the brain, choking off the supply of oxygen.

Researchers said the nuns who had the strokes in key areas of the brain were 20 times more likely to have had dementia than the stroke-free nuns.

Dementia is a significant decline in at least three areas: memory, language, reasoning, visual-spatial ability and personality traits.

Alzheimer's confuses the formulation of thoughts in the top of the brain. Small strokes ruin relays within the brain, scrambling the expression of thoughts, Snowdon said.

"The two in combination are much worse than you would have expected if you just added them together," he said.

Of the 61 nuns with Alzheimer's, 44 were also demented. Almost half of those also had evidence of at least one stroke, "suggesting that the mixed form of dementia may be very common in the elderly," researchers said.

"The ones having strokes were going down a much steeper slope and hitting bottom much earlier," Snowdon said.

"So if you prevent strokes, you might be able to live at home longer and be able to function much longer, and maybe even never show the symptoms of dementia or severe dementia."

A separate study released Monday indicated that some over-the-counter pain relievers, including ibuprofen, may reduce a person's risk of developing Alzheimer's by as much as 60 percent.

The study's authors warned against extensive use of pain killers to prevent the disease, saying studies had not yet proven them effective.

Commission could consider internal candidates for chief

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Having given a unanimous thumbs down to the city's first police chief hired from outside the department, the Police Commission may look harder at the organization's current top brass for a new leader.

Police Chief Willie Williams, hired from Philadelphia in 1992 and Los Angeles' first black chief, was denied a second five-year term on Monday.

It was not immediately known if the civilian commission, which has authority to hire and fire the chief, would conduct a national search.

Some city leaders believe the best candidates are right here.

"We have a lot of talent inside. I think the next chief has to be sensitive to the fact that we have a very diverse city. ... Five or six (officers) all meet that standard," said Councilman Richard Alarcon.

Mayor Richard Riordan suggested Deputy Chief Bernard Parks, a 32-year LAPD veteran, be named interim chief when Williams' term ends July 6.

Commission president Ray Fisher said it was premature to name possible candidates.

Parks was among the finalists for chief in 1992 and before Williams arrived was the highest ranking black officer.

Deputy Chief Mark Kroeker, who is white, is also widely believed to be a candidate. He is also a 32-year veteran and a finalist in 1992.

Neither Kroeker nor Parks returned phone calls seeking comment Monday.

Weak leadership and objectionable relations with the Police Commission were Williams' downfall, the commission said.

Suspected abuse prompts arrest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The mother of a bank robber slain during a televised shootout with police last month was arrested on suspicion of abusing a retarded woman found covered in filth.

Valerie Nicolescu, 54, was arrested Monday and may be charged with abuse and false imprisonment as early as today, said Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for city prosecutors.

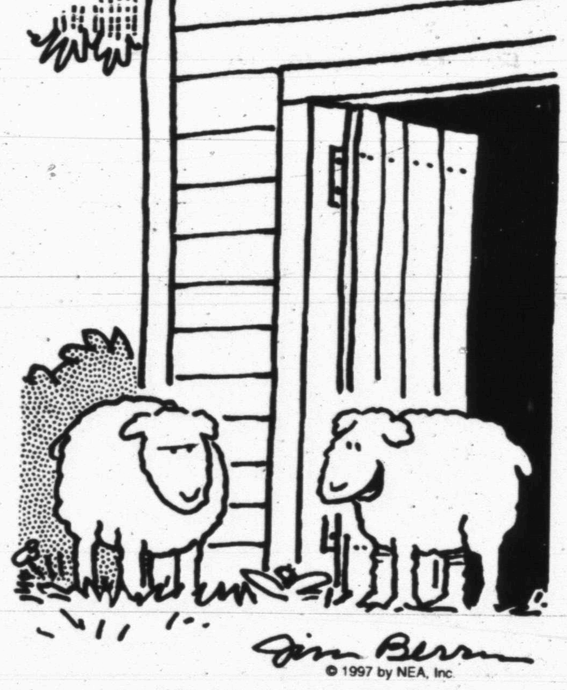
Lt. Rick Law said police discovered the 44-year-old retarded woman locked in a dark room while serving a search warrant March 4 at a Pasadena business, Dechebal Inc., owned by Ms. Nicolescu and used by her slain son.

Police said the woman, who was not identified, was covered in urine and feces and had no food or water. Ms. Nicolescu was arrested Monday.

Her son, Emil Matasareanu, 30, and Larry Phillips, 26, died Feb. 28 in a shootout with police after a robbery at North Hollywood's Bank of America branch.

Matasareanu and his mother ran an in-home care service for mentally disabled adults at her home. The state revoked her license last year after she refused entry to a fire inspector, authorities said.

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Obituaries

Snyder civic leader Clyde Hall, 78, dies

1918-1997

Clyde Hall Jr., longtime Snyder businessman and civic leader, died at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at his residence after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Hall, 78, has been set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Ernie McGaughey, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 14, 1918 in Brady, Mr. Hall graduated from Brady High School and attended Texas A&M University. During World War II, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He married Elizabeth Ann "Tizzy" Sikes in 1944 in Eastland.



Clyde Hall Jr.

The Hall family lived in Brady for a short time after the war, and moved to Snyder in 1949. He became a partner in Snyder Insurance Agency in 1950.

Mr. Hall had been a member of the Rotary Club since 1953, and served eight years as a member of the board of county development and 25 years on the city's board of adjustments. An avid sports booster, Mr. Hall helped organize and was a past president of the Snyder Little League. He was a longtime member of Snyder Country Club.

Mr. Hall was a pilot and often donated his time and resources when needed. He served as president of the Southwest Navion Air Group, and the organization named him pilot of the year in 1990.

Mr. Hall was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church, serving as treasurer and was a member of the board of finance.

Survivors include his wife, Tizzy Hall of Snyder; two sons, Rick Hall of Snyder and Robert Hall of Midland; a sister, Sydnie Wood of Odessa; two brothers-in-law, R.E. Sikes and W.E. Sikes, both of Brownwood; and five grandchildren.

Jim Phillips

1912-1997

WELLINGTON — James O. "Jim" Phillips, the father of Judy James of Snyder, died Sunday, March 9, in Wellington.

Graveside service for Mr. Phillips, 84, was set for 2 p.m. today in the North Fairview Cemetery. The Rev. Nathan Mulder, pastor of the Flomot First Baptist Church, was to officiate.

Born March 10, 1912 in Detroit, Tex., he married Dorothy Hulen on Sept. 10, 1938 in Blossom, Tex. Mr. Phillips moved to Turkey in 1942 and to Wellington in 1962 where he farmed until his retirement in 1978.

Mr. Phillips, a Baptist, was preceded in death by a grandson, Johnny Owen James; a great-granddaughter, Brandi Foster; and by a sister and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Phillips of Wellington; three sons, Jimmy Owen Phillips of Burkburnett, Bub Phillips and Gary Phillips, both of Wellington; three other daughters, Dorothy Stadelman of Burkburnett, Alta Porter and Brenda Barton, both of Wellington; two sisters, Seible Gaston and Grace Brandon, both of Comanche; two brothers, Henry Phillips and Pressie Phillips, both of Seagoville; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Jimmy Webster

1935-1997

Graveside service is set for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Hermleigh Cemetery for James Carl "Jimmy" Webster who died Saturday, March 8, in Fort Worth.

Officiating will be the Rev. Cliff Cooper, pastor of the North College Ave. Baptist Church in Snyder. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Webster, 61, was a former resident of Hermleigh. Born June 14, 1935 in Lamesa, Mr. Webster was an oilfield worker and a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother, Georgia Webster of Hermleigh; three sisters, Lucy Lewis of Hermleigh, Marie Evans of Wichita, Kan. and Betty Bural of Girard; a brother, Wayne Webster of Snyder; eight nephews; and six nieces.

Jean Yearwood

1925-1997

Service for Jean McCraw Yearwood was set for 2 p.m. today in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, the Rev. H.E. Stephens and the Rev. Tommy Culwell were to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Yearwood died at 10:35 p.m. Saturday, March 8, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born on June 22, 1925 in Bellevue, she married Harold Yearwood on Aug. 7, 1945 in Amarillo. She moved to Snyder in 1968. Mrs. Yearwood worked 15 years as an LVN at Cogdell Memorial Hospital before retiring. She was active in the CMH Auxiliary, and holds the position as the longest member of the Texas TOPS Chapter 56 (take off pounds sensibily), joining in 1961.

She was preceded in death by a twin sister, Betty Jo McCraw, in January, 1935.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Yearwood of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Hamp and Teresa Yearwood of Snyder and David and Debbie Yearwood of Levelland; two sisters, Aliene Reed of Irving and Katherine Ervin of Snyder; one brother, Charles McCraw of Lake Havasue City, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Wade Yearwood of Snyder, Josh Yearwood and Lacey Yearwood, both of Levelland.

Friends are contributing to the Leukemia Society of America, 12850 Spurling Drive, Dallas, 75230.



Jean Yearwood

1 arrested on Monday

Activity was light Monday for local law enforcement agencies as only one person was taken into custody.

Officers arrested a 25-year-old male at 8:55 a.m. at the justice of the peace office on outstanding JP warrants. The subject was tranported to the jail to lay out fines.

At 8:33 a.m., Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway reported some mailboxes on CR466 had been damaged.

Aricilia Torres requested to speak to a deputy at 9:52 a.m. at 1134 N. Avenue Q in reference to the theft of some property from her residence. An offense report for theft was submitted.

Olga Medrano requested to speak to an officer at 11:12 a.m. in reference to the theft of a dog from her residence at 1902 Ave. R. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

At 2:51 p.m, the fire department extinguished a grass fire at 3434 CR278. No other damage was reported.

Karri Reynolds requested to speak to an officer at 4:10 p.m. at 3604 Ave. B in reference to her car being spray-painted while parked at Wal-Mart. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

A person notified officers at 10:35 p.m. of possible gunshots being heard in the area of 1100 20th Street. Responding officers did not find anyone in the area discharging firearms.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Alysa Davis, 2903 Ave. T; John Moore, 4103 Eastridge; Brigette Thompson, 3011 39th; C.J. Thornton, Rotan; Gayla D. Whiteley, 3203 40th.

DISMISSALS: Walter Darlin, Patricia Scott, Miranda Benitez.

CENSUS: 50 (Med., Surg.-11, Long-term Care-37, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Samantha Mitchell announces the birth of her sister, Bryanna Shay, at 7:57 a.m. on March 4 in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed three pounds, three ounces. Parents are Theresa and Kenneth Mitchell of Snyder.

Grandparents are Jim and Maxine Courtney of Snyder and Clif Mitchell of Rotan. Great-great-grandparents are Harry and Grace Rutland of Tatum, Tex.

14-year-old charged

WOBURN, Mass. (AP) — A 14-year-old girl was charged Monday with stealing a mail-order shipment of a muscle relaxant from a neighbor's porch and passing out the pills at a dance where more than a dozen students overdosed.

The girl, whose name wasn't released because of her age, was charged as a juvenile with distribution of a prescription drug and stealing a controlled substance.

What's Up?

PFP to take applications

People For Progress will be at the Park Club until 4 p.m. today to take applications for utility bills payment and weatherizations.

Hermleigh ISD board

Hermleigh ISD trustees will meet at 7 p.m. today. Agenda items include teaching contracts, appointment of a textbook committee, ballots for Region 14 board of directors and a contract with a food-purchasing cooperative.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 tonight at the First Presbyterian Church.

Scurry County Health Unit

Scurry County Health Unit will be open until 7 p.m. today for immunizations and WIC services. There will be no clinic on Thursday.

Alliance meeting changed

Thursday's Ministerial Alliance meeting has been changed to 10 a.m. March 20 at Rudy's.

Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

Free tax help provided

An AARP tax aide is available Wednesdays at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. to help middle and low income older taxpayers prepare their personal income taxes. For information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Hamburger fund-raiser

A hamburger lunch and supper is planned Friday and Saturday at Moffett Field, as a fund-raiser for the Snyder High School baseball program. The event is sponsored by the booster club.

Wildflower tours available

Scurry County Museum will be conducting wildflower tours from April 7-30. Tours should be scheduled at least five days in advance by calling 573-6107. The tours will be given by Western Texas College botany students.

Art and writing contest

Area schools are invited to participate in the 11th annual Texas Wildflower Program at Scurry County Museum. The program will feature creative art and writing. Projects will be accepted March 24-27. The display will open April 7 and close May 9. For information, call 573-6107.

SNS needs financial help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing, which repairs homes of persons over 65 or disabled, is in need of donations for the April 26 workday. Donations can be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, or dropped off at Sam Robertson's Insurance or the West Elementary School office.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Ira gospel singing

Ira First Baptist, Church of God, Church of Christ and United Methodist are hosting a community singing at the Ira School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Call Judy Smallwood at 573-5785 or Linda Darnell at 573-9527 to have your group placed on the program. Everyone is invited.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-8-9
(two, eight, nine)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-19-26-28-34.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Matching four of five: 381. Prize: $1,001.
Matching three of five: 12,860. Prize: $30.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Crane man hurt in wreck

A 41-year-old Crane man was transported to Lubbock's Methodist Hospital by Snyder EMS following a one-vehicle accident this morning on FM 1610, some 13 miles west of Snyder.

James A. Barnett was northbound when his 1995 Chevrolet overturned on a curve.

DPS trooper Pat Alexander said the accident was reported around 6:45, but it had occurred approximately two hours earlier. Barnett had to be removed from the vehicle with the aid of the Jaws of Life.

"He was wearing a seat belt, which kept him from more serious injuries," said Alexander.

No condition report was available from the hospital at noon today.

Cable TV

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"Then this means that we are at least three years away from having pay-per-view here in Snyder?" asked City Manager John Gayle.

Kounte said it would take at least that long to get a system in place that has the capabilities for the programming.

The council then voted to look at the request at a later date.

"I just don't think we have enough information right now to justify an increase," said Holt, in summing up the discussion.

STAR program

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of school in mid-August. Total annual cost of the program is expected to be from $120,000 to $140,00, and will employ three people. It will be administered by the juvenile probation office.

Councilman I.E. Martin, a longtime observer of the program in other cities, said he believes the STAR program is the "answer to what we are looking for in regards to curbing juvenile crime."

"It won't solve every problem we have, but we're talking about saving children from a lifetime of crime. We need to do this now."

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