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Susan Combs...

State ag commissioner to visit here Thursday

Snyder will be in the state spotlight Thursday as Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and other state officials visit the community.

Combs, along with Rick Thrasher, director; of the state's Department of Economic Development, will tour Lorber Industries and meet with the Development Corporation of Snyder.

The agriculture commissioner will be joined on the Lorber tour by Arnold Lorber, chairman of Lorber Industries; Michael Gruner, Lorber vice president and chief executive officer; and Jack Whitworth, Lorber of Texas plant manager.

State Rep. David Counts arranged for the visit to Snyder, and they will arrive shortly afternoon for a lunch on the WTC campus.

Combs will get a first-hand look at a new business in a rural part of Texas as she tours the Lorber's cotton spinning mill.

Combs has stated that she favors legislation introduced by State Sen. Tom Haywood that promotes tax breaks for value-added processing in Texas.

Counts also said he supports the bill. "House District 70, which I represent, is rural Texas. I will support legislation that will enhance rural Texas by creating new jobs, new industry that helps solidify existing business and industry.

"The value-added concept is excellent and one that we must continue to develop by passing legislation that will provide tax relief and help in any way to make jobs available in rural Texas," Counts added.

Other visitors from Austin include Lee Deviney, deputy commissioner for finance and agribusiness development; Ron Lehman, commissioner for employers; and Richard Hall, director of business services; both from the Texas Workforce Commission.

In addition to touring Lorber's plant and attending the DCOS meeting, the group, along with State Rep. David Counts, will also meet with WTC administrators Dr. Harry Krenek, Bettie McQueen, Mike Thornton and John Gibson during a tour of the college's new workforce training center.

WTC's workforce education center currently is training Lorber employees in the knitting process.

Dr. Krenek is president of the college, while Mrs. McQueen is the vice president. Thornton serves as the dean of continuing education, while Gibson is the director of workforce education.

Also meeting with the group will be Dr. Jay Kidd, president of WTC's board of trustees, Dr. David Kattes, president of the Board of County Development; and Sara Fritz, administrative assistant at the college.

This is Combs' first visit to Snyder since being elected to the state's top agriculture post in November.

She did make a stop at Winston Field during her campaign.

She is a fourth-generation rancher and has a cow-calf operation on her family's 100-year-old ranch in Brewster County.

Commissioner Combs received her law degree from the University of Texas School, and is a former assistant district attorney in Dallas.

She served in the Texas Legislature from 1993-1996, writing the state's major private property rights legislation and was a member of the House committees on Natural Resources and Criminal Jurisprudence.

In 1996, she joined the staff of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and worked as the senator's state director.

She currently serves on the boards of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Wildlife Association. She has also served on the board of directors of the Texas Beef Council and the Texas Production Credit Association.



Susan Combs

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Those who wing it find it hard to fly above the crowd."

During the next 12 months, there will be lots written about the many technological advances of the century.

Despite numerous inventions and gadgets that ease our daily routine, we still have to vote for indoor plumbing.

Many can still remember dark and cold visits to the "reading room" at the end of a path out the back door.

Substance of the reading material actually wasn't as important as its softness.

While we're content with indoor facilities with running water and central heat, the new-era bathroom may instead look like an center for entertainment.

A few years ago, we remember a speaker who predicted that the bathroom would soon become the largest and most popular room in newly-built homes. He was right.

Forget snacks at the kitchen counter and after-dinner coffee in the den. We just read that the newest gathering place in a surprising number of American homes is the bathroom.

After years of expanding to make space for whirlpools, saunas and fireplaces, some bathrooms have become so big and so comfy that owners don't relegate them to only traditional functions.

Instead, bathrooms are being transformed into living areas, kitchens, gyms and home offices.

We're not kidding. Last year, homeowners spent about $14 billion on bathroom remodeling. A NFL quarterback made his into a gym — complete with treadmills, weight machines, steambath, sauna, hot tub and juice bar.

Another couple spent $50,000 on the bathroom makeover, complete with crystal chandelier lighting.

Entertaining in the bathroom causes some obvious logistical problems — especially if someone has to actually use it. One woman describes it as her retreat area and says she designated another bathroom for traditional purposes.

We're reminded of a story that we read in Austin about a lobbyist who built a $16 million home. Neighbors are unhappy because his home with eight fireplaces (one in the master bath) overpowers other residences on the street that are worth a mere two or three million.

Another expert said that bathrooms in the year 2000 and beyond will be "fully-furnished, fully-decorated sitting rooms that just happen to have a toilet in the middle."

We can at least embrace the sitting-room idea.

Hospital board meets Thursday

Dink Foree, the newest member of the Cogdell Hospital board of managers, will take his place on the board Thursday morning.

Foree, owner and manager of KSNY radio station, was appointed by the Scurry County Commissioners Court to the position last month.

Foree will take the place of Jimmy McMillan who completed three terms on the board and was not eligible for re-appointment.

Dr. Mark Weaver and E.D. Walton will also be sworn in for new terms on the board as they were reappointed last month.

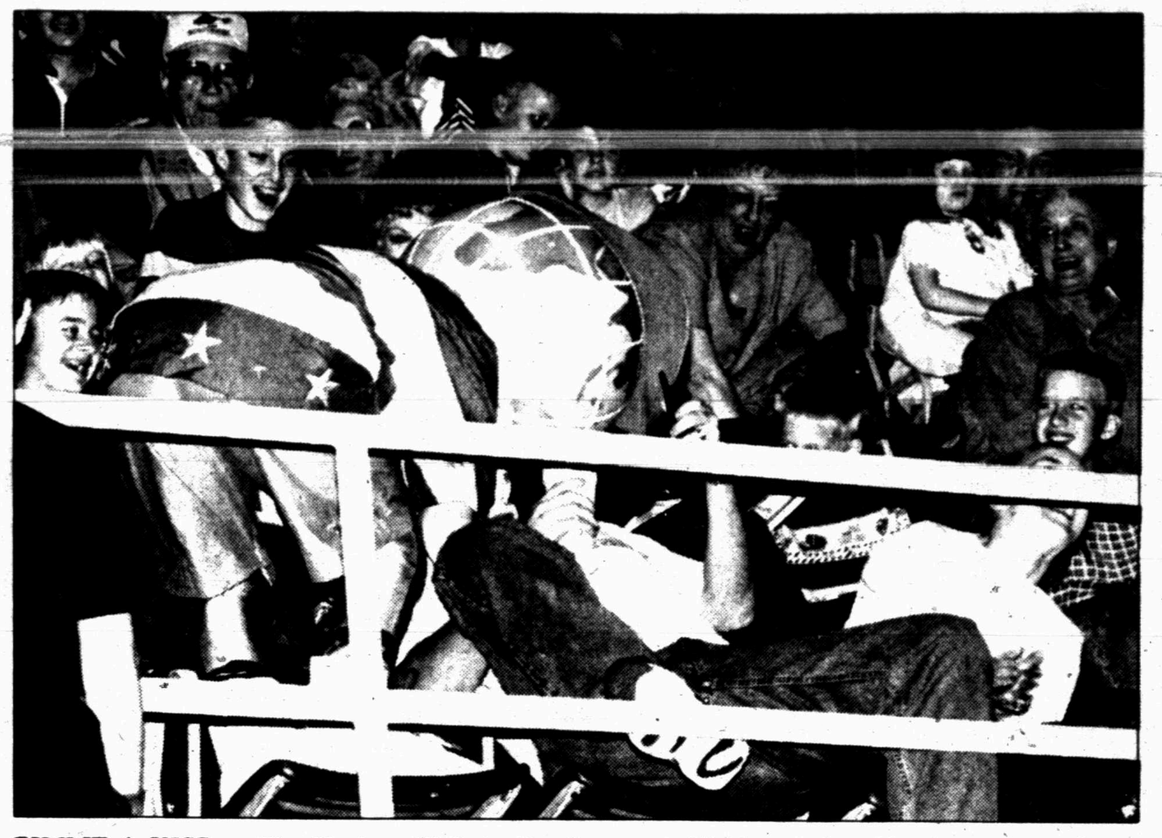
In addition to seating a new member, the board will also hear the monthly medical report from a new chief of staff, Dr. James Burleson who was elected chief of staff last month.

The board will also elect officers to serve this year.

Other agenda items include the December financial statements, year 2000 update and informational items from the hospital's chief executive officer, Jeff Reecer.

The board will also meet in executive session to consult with the board's attorney.

The meeting gets underway at 8 a.m. in the hospital's board room



GIMME A KISS — The Harlem Globetrotters' mascot, Globie, steals a kiss from an audience member during the team's performance Tuesday night in Scurry County Coliseum. The Globetrotters involved the crowd in a number of antics including water throwing, dancing and shooting hoops. (Staff Photo By Joyce May)

No time for defense witnesses...

GOP plan would end trial within 10 days

WASHINGTON (AP) — Poised to call Monica Lewinsky and two others as witnesses, Senate Republicans today discussed a plan that could end President Clinton's impeachment trial within 10 days. The White House said it was concerned Republicans were trying to "put a blindfold on us."

John Czwartacki, a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, said the proposed schedule to end the trial by Feb. 6 would not allow time for defense witnesses for Clinton. An extension would be needed if the White House asked to put on its own witnesses and the Senate agreed.

Senate Democrats reacted warily to the GOP plan but left open the possibility of further negotiations. "We're not going to rush to any conclusion," Minority Leader Tom Daschle said.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said he was concerned Republicans were telling the president, "We want to have our witnesses but you don't need to have your witnesses."

Under the GOP plan, depositions of Ms. Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal would begin as early as Thursday. Each deposition would last six hours, equally divided between the White House and House prosecutors with two senators sitting in as mediators.

The videotaped sessions and transcripts would be distributed Monday to senators, who would then vote Tuesday on whether to permit live testimony. The timetable would allow for that testimony and then closing statements from the House managers and White House lawyers, Czwartacki said.

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Don Nickles, R-Okla., acknowledged that "we kind of need to get a little bit closer on some details" before any bipartisan agreement was reached.

Senate Republicans expected to muster party-line majorities today to defeat a Democratic motion to dismiss the impeachment case and approve witness depositions. At the same time, Democrats were ready to demonstrate the strength to block the two-thirds majority that eventually would be needed to oust Clinton from office

The White House said today that if prosecution witnesses are allowed the president's lawyers deserve a chance to review some 56,000 pages in still-secret evidence the House collected during the impeachment proceedings.

Blood drive is continuing

The community-wide blood drive by United Blood Services will be Thursday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. The facility is located at 1701 27th St.

All donors will receive a complimentary T-shirt and a mini-physical.

Donors can have their pulse, temperature, blood pressure and iron level checked.

On Tuesday, the drive was held at the Price Daniel Unit, and is being conducted today at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The drive is sponsored by the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the county advisory council for United Blood Services.

In appreciation for voluntary blood donations, each participant will be eligible for coupons from Dairy Queen, Sonic Drive-In, Whataburger, Taco John's, Wal-Mart, Long John Silver's, Golden Corral, Gill's Fried Chicken, Grandy's, Burger King, Ken's Chicken, McDonald's, The Shack, Jaramillo's, Spanish Inn, Pizza Hut, Rudy's Restaurant, Subway, Lota' Burger, Rusty Spur Cafe and the Tiger Health and Fitness Center.

DCOS schedules monthly meeting

It'll be a full house in the board room of the Development Corporation of Snyder Thursday afternoon as the board convenes for its regular monthly meeting.

Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs, Texas Department of Economic Development Executive Director Rick Thrasher and State Rep. David Counts will meet with the board as part of the monthly agenda.

The board will also consider an incentive agreement with Y-Z Industries, hear the monthly report from Executive Director John DeLille, and consider the financial statements.

The board will also meet in executive session to conclude the yearly evaluation of DeLille.

The meeting is set for 4 p.m. in the DCOS offices at the American State Bank.

Lawyers settle lawsuit Tuesday

A confidential agreement between attorneys brought an abrupt halt to a civil suit Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

An eight-woman, four-man jury had been selected at 2 p.m., but attorneys announced a short time later that an agreement was in the works.

Around 3 p.m., the attorneys met with District Judge Ernie Armstrong and stated an agreement had been reached in the suit brought by Freddie Alaniz, his wife, Marie, and their minor children.

The suit was filed against Arrow Construction Co. Inc. of Snyder and Hilario Morado Cabrera. Cabrera was the driver of a pickup that was in collision with a motorcycle Alaniz was riding on U.S. 180 west of Snyder in July, 1995.

John David Hart of Fort Worth was the attorney for Alaniz in the suit which was first filed by Snyder attorney Issac Castro.

The defendants' attorney was Dick R. Holland of Midland.

ASK US

Q—How many adult probationers are there in Scurry County?

A—As of December 1998, there are 181 people on felony probation and 105 on misdemeanor probation living in Scurry County. Totals on out-of-county probationers are 175 felons and 64 misdemeanors.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 72 degrees; low, 33; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 47; no precipitation; total for 1999, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; low, mid 30s. N-NE wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, cloudy, colder; 20% precipitation chance, including snow. High around 40-30s by afternoon. N-NE wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Jennifer Free
Cloudy, Colder

Sunset: 6:14 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:39 a.m.
Of 26 days in 1999, the sun has shone 26 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"There is no progress without some discontent and discomfort."

Unknown

Some who choose to work less still succeed

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Charlotte Hawthorne advanced her high-powered career with Eli Lilly and Co. by working fewer hours and spending more time with her family.

Sound like a pipe dream? Researchers at Indiana's Purdue University and Montreal's McGill University say that in many large North American corporations, that dream has become reality.

In fact, some corporations predict that customized work arrangements — which help employees balance careers and family life — will be the key to managing the modern work force.

"I was able to keep my career on track," said Hawthorne, who reduced her schedule with the drug company in 1993 when she had her first child. "It was a more relaxed environment and I wasn't feeling guilty about not spending enough time with my children."

Hawthorne had a second child, continued her work as an industrial engineer and won a promotion to a managerial position before returning to full-time work in 1998.

Her success is not uncommon.

The universities performed a two-year study of 87 corporate professionals and managers who by choice work less than full time and have their wages reduced proportionately. The results showed that the scaled-back work weeks slowed employees' careers down, but didn't stop them.

About 35 percent had been promoted since they started working less.

The adjusted schedules made about 90 percent of the respondents happier with the way they balanced work and home life, and only .10 percent of the people interviewed planned to return to full-time work within the next three years.

Shelley MacDermid, director of the Purdue Center for Families and an associate professor of child development and family studies, said some of the respondents were women starting families, while others were men seeking more time with their kids or greater community involvement. The average age was about 39.

"We had a substantial number of cases where both the boss and the worker thought that performance had improved," MacDermid said. "They were actually getting as much or more done working fewer hours."

The evolution of customized work arrangements is consistent with the changing makeup of the work force, said Mary Dean Lee, associate professor of organizational behavior and human resource management at McGill University and director of the joint project.

"My view is that the way jobs got set up, the way careers got structured decades ago, was based on the old sort of society where men were the ones who had the professional and managerial jobs and they had wives who took care of the family work," Lee said.

"Even though the traditional family structure has more or less disappeared, there really hasn't been any re-examination of how we think about professional work and careers."

Not every company offers flexibility for part-time workers. In addition, employees on nontraditional schedules still bump up against systems where success is judged by the number of hours workers are in the office.

Cloudcroft butterfly creates dispute

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A checkered butterfly found only in the Sacramento Mountains of southern New Mexico is creating a rift between environmentalists and a village with growing pains.

The Southwest Center for Biological Diversity in Tucson, Ariz., wants an emergency listing of the Cloudcroft checkerspot butterfly as a federally endangered species.

But the village of Cloudcroft, nestled atop the mountains at 8,640 feet some 200 miles southeast of Albuquerque, wants access to 140 acres of prime butterfly habitat that is now part of the Lincoln National Forest.

The village — population about 750 — is asking the U.S. Forest Service for permission to use, and eventually annex, the land.

The village needs the acreage for recreation sites for children, expansion of its sewage treatment plant and for space to store maintenance equipment, administrator Curtis Schrader said.

"What about the kids?" Schrader said Tuesday. "Aren't they threatened, sensitive or endangered? Shouldn't they have adequate recreational areas?"

The butterfly faces imminent extinction, said Noah Greenwald, ecologist for the center. He could not estimate the butterfly's population.

"The town there, in a way, is really blessed," Greenwald said. "It's surrounded by beautiful forest in the Sacramento Mountains. They should recognize that they would be better off protecting the natural state."

The Southwest Center filed its petition Monday with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has 90 days to determine if a petition warrants further consideration and a year to decide whether a species should be listed.

Another checkerspot — the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly — has been the source of friction between home builders and conservationists in Riverside County, Calif.

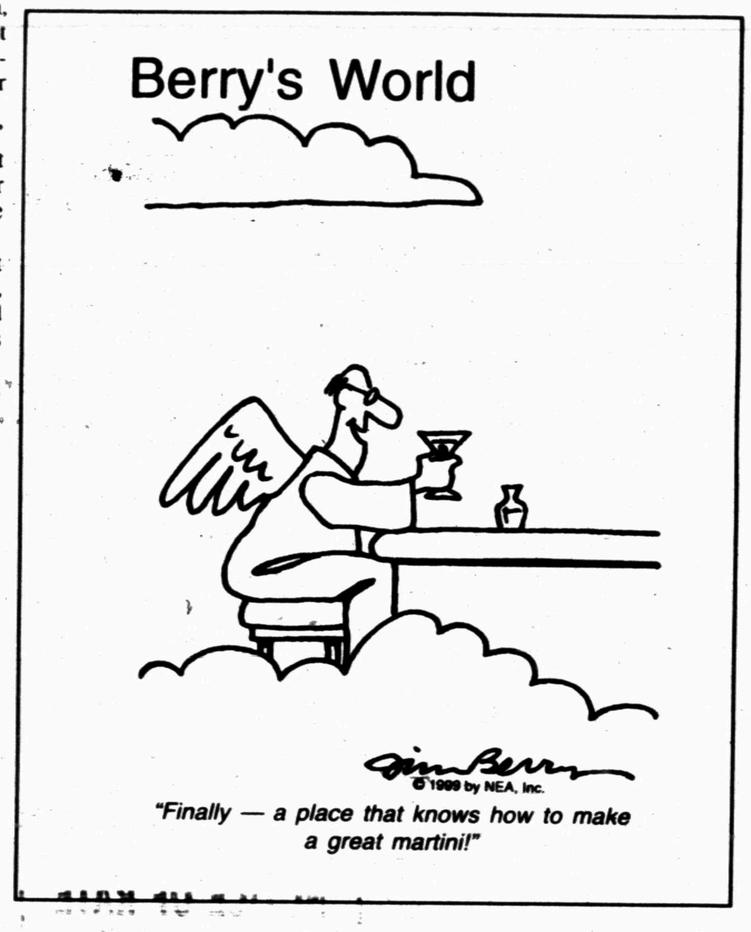
The Cloudcroft butterfly is found only on high meadows in the Sacramentos, within a few miles of the village, Greenwald said. Two inches from wingtip-to-wingtip, the butterfly is checkered with white and deep orange squares separated by black bands.

A 1997 study by Renee Galeano-Popp, a former Forest Service biologist, estimated 6,000 acres of suitable habitat exists for the butterfly, and up to 2,000 acres are managed by the agency, Greenwald said.

At least 70 percent of the butterfly's habitat is privately owned and threatened by development, he said. Other threats are campgrounds, grazing, weeds and pesticides.

Cloudcroft has been working for about 10 years to acquire about 140 acres of Forest Service land next to the village. Most of the land would be used for baseball, softball and soccer fields, Schrader said.

The 50 acres for the proposed maintenance yard is most worrisome to Greenwald's group.



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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Donald Davis 2. Connie Kirkpatrick 3. Kevin Jones 4. Renetta Collier 5. Teresa Trammell 6. Janis Key 7. Patti Whittenburg 8. Lanette Callaway 9. Teresa Pinkerton 10. Marsha Johnston

Most cases of Parkinson's are not inherited

CHICAGO (AP) — Most cases of Parkinson's disease are not due to a genetic defect but are caused by other factors that are probably environmental, according to a landmark study of more than 17,000 twins.

"For the first time, today we can say that for people with Parkinson's disease diagnosed after age 50, it's most commonly caused by environmental factors," said Dr. Caroline M. Tanner of the Parkinson's Institute in Sunnyvale, Calif., who led the study. It is published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The environmental factors are unknown but may include chemical exposures, diet and smoking — the last of which paradoxically seems to lessen the risk of developing Parkinson's, she added in a teleconference call Tuesday.

A genetic cause is most common in the approximately 10 percent of people with the disease who are diagnosed before age 50, she said.

At least 1 million Americans have Parkinson's, Tanner said, making it second only to Alzheimer's disease in frequency as a degenerative disease of the brain and nerves.

Parkinson causes slow deterioration of the nerves' ability to control the muscles. It usually starts with small tremors, then progresses to a shuffling gait and increasing weakness. There is no cure, and drug therapy tends to lose effectiveness over time.

In 1997, researchers identified a long-sought gene defect that can cause a form of Parkinson's, but the proportion of cases arising from the defect was unknown before this study.

In the new study, researchers tracked down more than 17,000 men enrolled in a World War II-era twin registry. The researchers found 161 twin pairs in which at least one brother had Parkinson's disease and data on the pairs was complete.

Among the 161 sets, there were 16 in which Parkinson's had struck before age 50.

Of the four sets of identical twins, who have exactly the same genetic material, both brothers had Parkinson's.

Among the 12 fraternal pairs, who share only half their genetic material, there were only two in which both brothers had Parkinson's.

Researchers calculated that if one twin developed the disease by age 50, the other was six times more likely to get it if he were an identical twin than if he were a fraternal twin.

Tanner said environmental factors most likely to play a role in typical Parkinson's include exposure to chemicals such as pesticides and herbicides, diet and tobacco smoking.

She and Dr. J. William Langston, president of the Parkinson's Institute and senior author, said the protection is probably real, perhaps caused by smoking's stimulation of the liver to produce enzymes that neutralize some toxin that would otherwise provoke Parkinson's.

Poor countries warned to deal with Y2K

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank is warning poor nations that time is running out to deal with potential Year 2000 computer problems. It is urging them to make contingency plans for systems that may not be ready in time or to return to manual operations.

In a report the bank said many of these nations are so unprepared they may experience difficulties in providing their citizens with food, health care and electricity. Sub-Saharan Africa heads a list of regions where lack of preparation is acute, but Asia, Latin America and countries in the former Soviet Union could be hard hit.

"In this age of globalization and computerization, doing nothing is not an option," Joyce Amenta, the bank's Y2K coordinator, said Tuesday. "Developed and developing countries must act in their own self-interest to fix the problem, and time is getting short."

The high-tech threat could occur if computers fail when the year changes to 2000 next Jan. 1. Because they were written to recognize only the last two digits of a year, many computer programs could read the digits "00" as 1900 instead of 2000.

Predictions vary widely on what might happen at the end of the century and range from electrical outages to financial instability to civil disorder. Air transport and oil shipments could be disrupted.

In a survey of 139 countries' Y2K preparedness, the bank found that 54 had national policies in place but only 21 had taken concrete steps to reduce their exposure. Naming a national coordinator for the problem is not a measure of a country's preparedness, the bank said.

The state bird of Arizona is the cactus wren.

Sen. McCain authors bill to protect boxers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain, a boxing fan, has introduced legislation aimed at protecting fighters from exploitation and requiring more openness from promoters about their financial dealings.

"We must prevent boxers from being cheated" and the public from being denied "the benefits of a truly honest and legitimate sport," said McCain, R-Ariz., who submitted the bill late Monday with Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev.

The bill, named for Muhammad Ali, would restrict coercive option contracts by which promoters control a boxers' career, such as contracts forcing a boxer into a long-term deal in exchange for a shot at a world title.

It would require promoters and organizers of major boxing events to disclose more financial information and to inform state boxing commissions of charges, costs and fees they take out of a boxer's purse.

Identical legislation passed the Senate last October by voice vote, but the House did not take up the measure before the session ended.

In hearings last July, both World Boxing Council president Jose Sulaiman and International Boxing Federation counsel Walter Stone endorsed the bill, although Sulaiman voiced opposition to provisions that would change the rating practices of boxing bodies.

McCain and Bryan in 1996 authored legislation to strengthen health and safety measures followed by state boxing commissions. That legislation became law.

PUBLIC NOTICE
SCURRY COUNTY
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Scurry County will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on February 2, 1999 at the County Courtroom, 1806 25th Street, Snyder, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities and the use of past TCDP funds. The County encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Ricky Fritz, County Judge, at the Courthouse. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Courthouse for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Courthouse at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. **For further information, contact Julie Bearden at the Courthouse 915/573-8576.**

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Abusive Dad's Absence Made No One's Heart Grow Fonder

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I haven't seen my dad in about 10 years. He was abusive when I was growing up, and it was a relief when Mom finally divorced him. At one point, my sister caught him peeking at her through the bathroom window.

I finally gave up on him after I became an adult, living overseas in a remote area for seven years. My father never answered a single letter I wrote, or even sent a Christmas card. When I came to town on annual leave he never had much time for me, and once he stood me up at a restaurant. When I moved back to the United States, I decided to stop initiating contact. He's never been to visit me.

He called about six months ago and asked me to visit him the next time I'm in his town. As it happens, I'll be there in a month or two.

Father feels a little guilty about his past behavior, but mostly he's in denial and expects his children to respect him. I feel uncomfortable seeing him, but he's growing older and I don't want to feel guilty when he dies.

What do you think is the right thing to do?

FED UP IN ALASKA

DEAR FED UP: Love and respect aren't automatic; they have to be earned and nurtured. Certainly, your father has done little over the years to deserve your respect. I hate to see you set up for more heartbreak. However, if you don't go that extra mile and give him a telephone call when you arrive, you may always regret it. You'll be able to tell from the response you get at that time whether it's worth your time and effort to re-establish contact.

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DEAR ABBY: It is so sad to be a stepmother of a teen-age girl whom I just can't love. She's been living with us for four years. She's 16 and a very difficult child. (I'll call her Sharon.)

Sharon doesn't like to shower. She gets so mad when I insist that she gets in the shower, gets wet, gets out and without toweling off, re-dresses in the dirty clothes she's been wearing for days. I have tried everything to get her to practice proper hygiene.

Abby, Sharon is the best kid around when her father is at home, but he works long hours, and while he's away she is the kid from hell.

Her mother refuses to take her back. What should I do?

SAD STEPMOM

DEAR STEPMOM: Happy children don't behave this way. Sharon needs psychiatric help. Fill her father in on everything, and insist that Sharon see a counselor as soon as possible.

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DEAR ABBY: This is for "Shorty From Wisconsin," who needs a booster seat in the restaurant. For years, I carried a pillow to the Los Angeles Music Center when attending concerts. It's a round form from the fabric store. I covered it with gold brocade and included a 3-inch-wide carrying strap on the side. Because it seemed awkward to carry both a pillow and a purse, I included a small zipper pocket under the strap, just large enough for my driver's license, health cards, lipstick and handkerchief. (Yes, I'm one of those "little old ladies" who still carry a white handkerchief!)

Years ago, I put a similar zipper pocket in the corner of my daughter's beach towel. It was just large enough to hold a bottle of sunscreen, a small comb and bus money.

EVIE DE POISTER,
SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

DEAR EVIE: Your idea of including a concealed zipper pocket was clever. I'm passing it along for readers who are fortunate enough to know how to sew — or to know someone who does.

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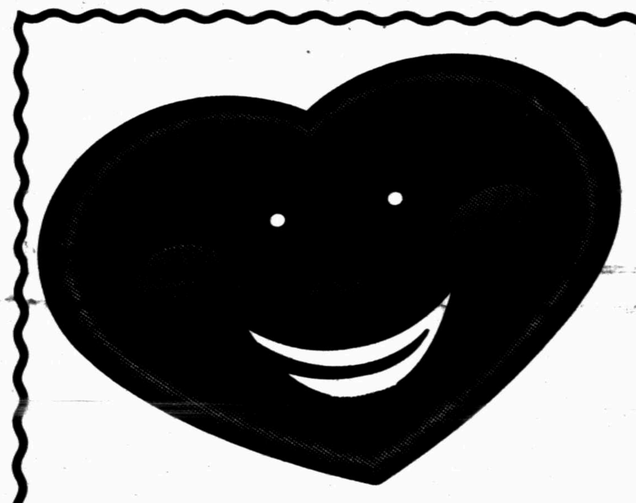
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SPORTS

Shot at buzzer gives Tigers 47-45 victory

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Another lead squandered, another buzzer-beating basket and another district win — all in all just another day at the office for the Snyder Tigers.

Jared Hester dribbled the length of the court Tuesday, then pulled up and drained a 12-foot jump shot as time expired to push Snyder past Andrews, 47-45, at the SHS gym.

For the Tigers, now 3-1 in 5-4A play, it was their third last-second victory, after edging Ft. Stockton and Sweetwater earlier in the district season.

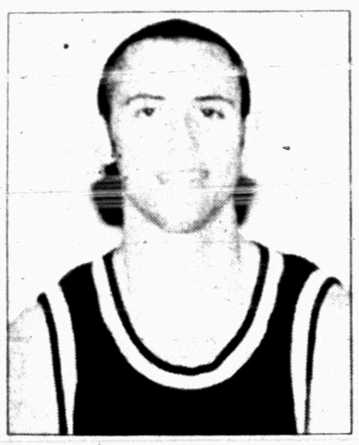
"I don't know if we can keep winning them like this," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "Maybe we can, but it sure would be nice to be 15-point winners sometimes. That might be kind of fun."

Hester's heroics came after the Tiger offense went to sleep in the fourth quarter, while Andrews picked up the pace to erase a nine-point lead.

The Mustangs nailed a pair of three-pointers in the final 45 seconds to knot the tally at 45-45 with 10 seconds on the clock.

Hester took the inbounds pass then dribbled through pressure to midcourt. Unable to find an open teammate, the junior guard continued toward the baseline to his right. With two seconds left, Hester pulled up and drained the 12-footer from the side over two Mustang defenders.

"Jared did a good job," said Birks. "We had designed a different play, but Andrews had it defended. One thing about being in this many close games is that



Jared Hester

kids know what to do in the closing moments. Jared knew he didn't have time to risk a pass, so he took the shot."

The Tigers continued their improved shooting, draining 50 percent of their two-point attempts and 44 percent overall.

Behind three-pointers from Justin McNair and Greg McAnaw, Snyder opened a 17-7 first-quarter lead, before Andrews closed before halftime.

The Mustangs opened the second period with a 10-1 run and trailed only 22-21 entering the second half.

But the third quarter belonged to the Tigers.

Snyder forced eight Andrews turnovers in the third, dominating the action with a 14-4 streak over the first six minutes of the second half.

With the comfort of a 38-29 advantage as the final period began, the Tiger offense went into a shell. Snyder attempted only six shots over the final eight minutes, with Hester's being the only one to find its way through the hoop. The Tigers posted seven of their nine fourth-quarter points from the free-throw line.

"We were tentative in the fourth quarter," Birks remarked. "Andrews was only giving us jump shots and our kids didn't want to take a bad shot. Andrews made some excellent plays to tie the game, but I'm proud of how our kids hung in there."

Cory Mandrell was the only Tiger to finish in double digits with 11 points, while Brady Cobb poured in nine.

Snyder will be looking to finish the first half of the 5-4A season with a 4-1 mark when it visits Big Spring on Friday.

The Tigers (12-12, 3-1) are one game back of district leader Lake View and one game ahead of Andrews and Big Spring.

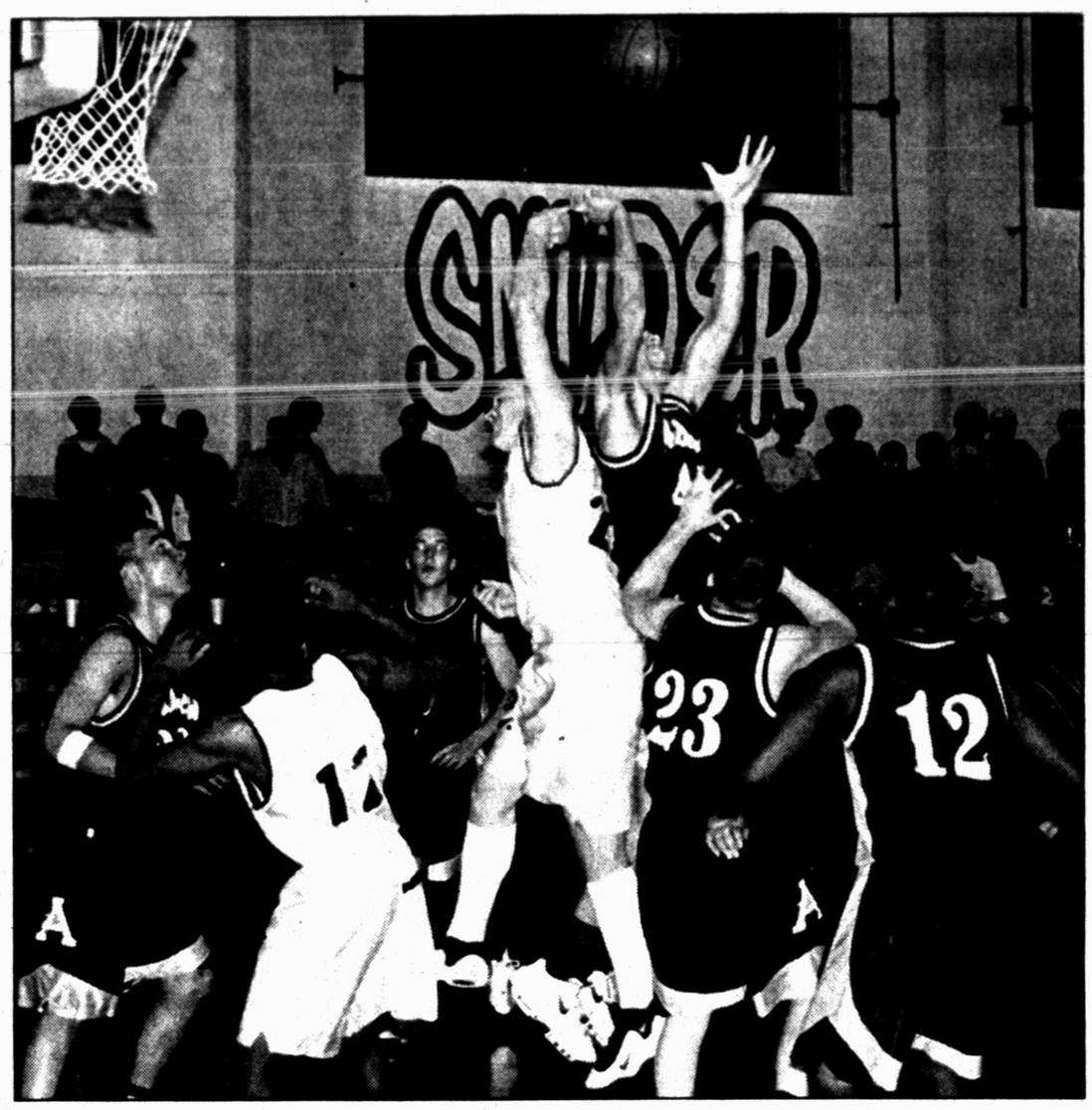
Andrews	7	14	8	16	— 45
Snyder	17	5	16	9	— 47

Andrews
Lopez 6 2-2 14, Fisher 3 2-3 9, Fields 2 0-0 5, Tharp 1 2-2 4, Kimberlin 2 0-0 4, McClain 2 2-2 7, Sears 0 2-2 2. **Totals 16 10-11 45.**
Snyder
Mandrell 3 5-8 11, McNair 3 0-2 8, Cumbie 2 4-6 8, Hester 2 0-0 4, Warren 1 0-0 2, Cobb 4 1-2 9, McAnaw 2 0-0 5. **Totals 17 10-18 47.**
Three-point goals: Andrews 3 (Fisher, McClain, Fields), Snyder 3 (McNair 2, McAnaw). Total fouls: Andrews 17, Snyder 17. Fouled out — none. Technicals — Andrews bench.

5-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lake View	4	0	20	7
Snyder	3	1	12	12
Andrews	2	2	7	19
Big Spring	2	2	8	15
Ft. Stockton	1	3	13	10
Sweetwater	0	4	7	16

Tuesday's results: Snyder 47, Andrews 45; Lake View 68, Ft. Stockton 43; Big Spring 57, Sweetwater 47.
Friday's games: Snyder at Big Spring; Sweetwater at Ft. Stockton; Lake View at Andrews.



UP FOR GRABS — Snyder's Cory Mandrell stretches to grab a rebound, while teammate Brady Cobb (12) looks on during action Tuesday night at the SHS gym. Jared Hester nailed a last-second shot to give the Tigers a 47-45 win over Andrews. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pippen has fans cheering

HOUSTON (AP) — It didn't take Scottie Pippen long to make the Houston Rockets fans forget about the lengthy NBA labor dispute.

With a near capacity crowd at times cheering at playoff volume, Pippen made his Rockets debut Tuesday night with 15 points and 11 rebounds in a 106-104 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

"It was such a long layoff," Pippen said. "It was hard to know what to expect, but I am really glad the fans supported us. They brought me here to win a championship. I will do my all to bring out intensity every night to accomplish that."

Pippen certainly got off to a good start and Charles Barkley showed he has shaken the effects of off-season hernia and elbow surgeries. He played 36 minutes and finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

"I feel great," Pippen said. "We wanted to come in and jump on them early, but we allowed them to get back in the game. I don't feel weird (being in Rockets uniform) at all. I'm fitting in comfortably. I feel we did a pretty good job."

The Rockets gave away all 16,285 seats to the game, and although all seats weren't filled, fans clearly were glad to have pro basketball back and watch Barkley and Pippen putting on a show.

"It felt great playing with Scottie," Barkley said. "Scottie played terrific. He moved the ball really well and played great defense. He's such a versatile player. We are real fortunate that he is here."

Barkley missed the Rockets' first four workouts while playing in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic golf tournament, but he didn't show any rust, scoring 10 points in the first quarter.

Sean Elliott led the Spurs with 18 points, Jaren Jackson had 17 and Tim Duncan added 16.

Ira Bulldogs eye road to playoffs

WESTBROOK — The Ira Bulldogs' route to the playoffs is mapped out — beat Grady and Sands and they're in.

With Westbrook coach Jim Hill absent due to illness, Ira was edged by an inpsired group of Wildcats Tuesday night, falling 56-55 at Westbrook gym.

The setback leaves the Bulldogs at 17-6 on the year and 3-2 in District 18 action, with Grady, Sands and first-place Borden County remaining on their schedule.

"Westbrook was playing with a lot of emotion," Ira coach Bubba Edwards said. "We didn't shoot the ball very well at all and were only 50 percent from the free-throw line. But I was proud of how our boys fought to the end. They never gave up."

In girls' action, the Lady Bulldogs improved to 2-3 in league play with a 45-39 victory over the Lady Wildcats.

Five Ira players posted points in a "complete and total team victory," according to coach Jason Weese.

"Our young ladies did a good job this week in preparation for the game," Weese said. "Then once the game started, they did an excellent job of making the right adjustments through all four quarters."

The Ira girls were paced by Morgan Clements who poured in a game-high 22 points. Tara Allen netted eight points, including a pair of buckets from behind the arc. Audra Oliver registered six points, with Korby Calley adding five and E'Lissa Goolsby notching four.

For the Ira boys, who led at the end of the first three periods, Richard Wilkins led the way with 18 points.

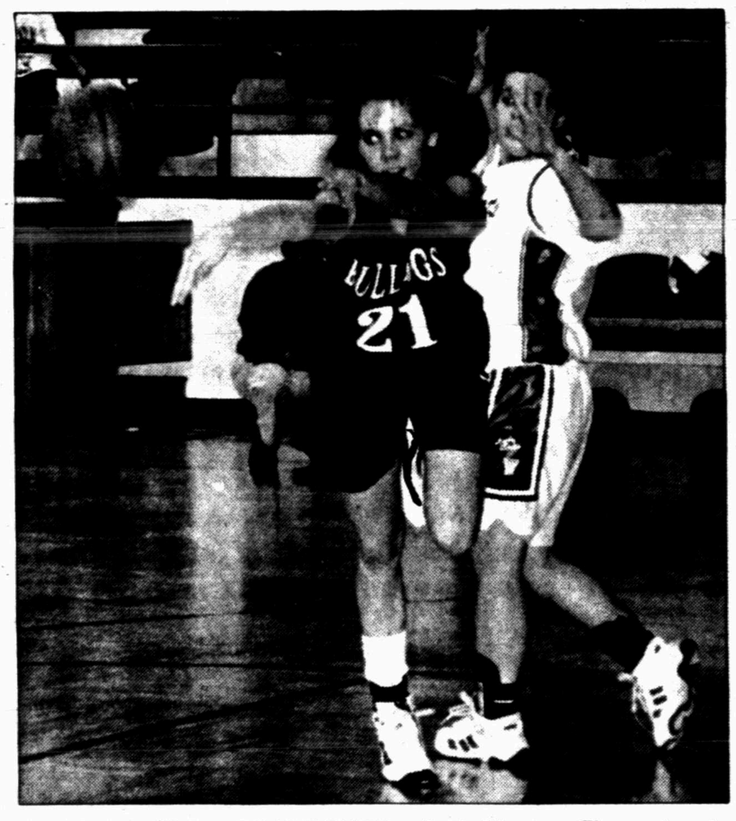
The Bulldogs grabbed a seven-point advantage to open the second period, before holding onto a 31-29 lead at the midway mark.

Both squads posted nine points in the third quarter, before Westbrook outscored the Bulldogs, 18-15, down the stretch.

Wilkins' 18 points led all scorers, while Nathan Smith rattled home 14 more.

Jerek Brown drained 10 points, with Logan Daves dropping in four. Terry Jamison and Bryce Wilkins notched two points, while Drew Wall finished with one.

Both Ira squads will be in action Friday at Bulldog gym when they host Grady. Girls' action is slated to tip-off at 6:30, with the boys getting started at 8 p.m.



LOOKING FOR A TEAMMATE — Ira's Morgan Clements gets rid of the ball Tuesday night during district action at Westbrook. Clements poured in 22 points in the Lady Bulldogs' 45-39 victory. (Photo by Katie Howard)

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Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
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Sacramento at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

UT recruiting tops in nation

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas football coach Mack Brown is getting national attention with the recruiting job he's doing.

Recruiting analysts say the Longhorns are absolutely at the top nationally, thanks to landing quarterback Chris Simms two days ago. Simms is the son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms.

Brown had 12 commitments before school even started. By Christmas, more than 20 recruits were on board. Then Galena Park North Shore linebacker Cory Redding picked Texas last week.

Commitments won't be definite until Wednesday of next week.

If the Longhorns' recruiting class stays intact, everyone agrees Texas will have the best crop of signees in the nation.

Of the players regarded as the nation's top 100, eight have committed to Texas. The Longhorns also have 20 commitments from top 100 state recruits.

Rangers sign Morgan

ARLINGTON (AP) — Pitcher Mike Morgan has agreed to terms with the Texas Rangers on a 1999 minor-league contract with Oklahoma, the Texas team said Tuesday as the right-hander became the 100th of 133 free agents signed.

Terms were not disclosed. The Rangers also invited Morgan to the team's major-league spring training camp as a nonroster player.

Morgan, 39, was traded to the Chicago Cubs from Minnesota on Aug. 25 and went 0-1, with a 7.15 ERA in five starts the rest of the year. The Cubs won four of those games.

Morgan was 4-2 with a 3.49 ERA in 18 games and 17 starts with the Minnesota Twins in 1998. He worked at least six innings in 10 of those starts and left the game leading or tied 13 times.

One of four players in major league history to play with 10 different teams in his career, Morgan made his league debut with the Oakland As in 1978.

TCU's Tubbs makes apology

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Christian basketball coach Billy Tubbs apologized to Western Athletic Conference referees Tuesday for remarks he made after the No. 24 Horned Frogs' recent loss to UNLV.

Tubbs and TCU athletic director Eric Hyman addressed the incident in a statement faxed to news agencies.

Hyman said Tubbs confronted referees after Saturday night's 95-88 overtime loss to the Rebels.

It's not clear what happened in the confrontation, but Tubbs complained to reporters after the game about the ejection of star forward Lee Nailon for punching a UNLV player in the game's opening minute.

"As a result of this encounter, the officials reported inappropriate conduct on the part of coach Tubbs," Hyman said, further adding that TCU officials "very much regret that this incident occurred."

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SPORTS

Lady Cards rumble past Loraine gals

LORAINE — The Hermleigh Lady Cardinals proved they intend to be a contender for the District 18-A crown.

The Lady Cards got their league record back on the positive side with an impressive 66-55 victory over Loraine Tuesday night.

And the victory that improved Hermleigh's District 19-A record to 3-2 was fueled by 32-point performance by senior Jennifer Roemisch. In addition, Roemisch was credited with 16 rebounds.

Hermleigh jumped out front early, leading 23-15 at the close of the first quarter and the Lady Cards increased the lead, 39-30, at intermission. Going into the final period, the Lady Cards enjoyed a 52-40 advantage.

Kendra Dacus added 17 points and Brandy Wood was also in double digits with 12. Sheena Callaway, credited with eight assists and seven steals, put in three points. Randi Herrington, with seven assists, added two points.

The Lady Cardinals continue league play Friday by hosting Blackwell at 6:30 p.m.

The Hermleigh varsity boys are still looking for their first league win, being nipped by Loraine, 48-45, Tuesday night.

Hermleigh started off slow, trailing 10-4 at the end of the opening stanza. Loraine increased the lead to 31-24 at intermission.

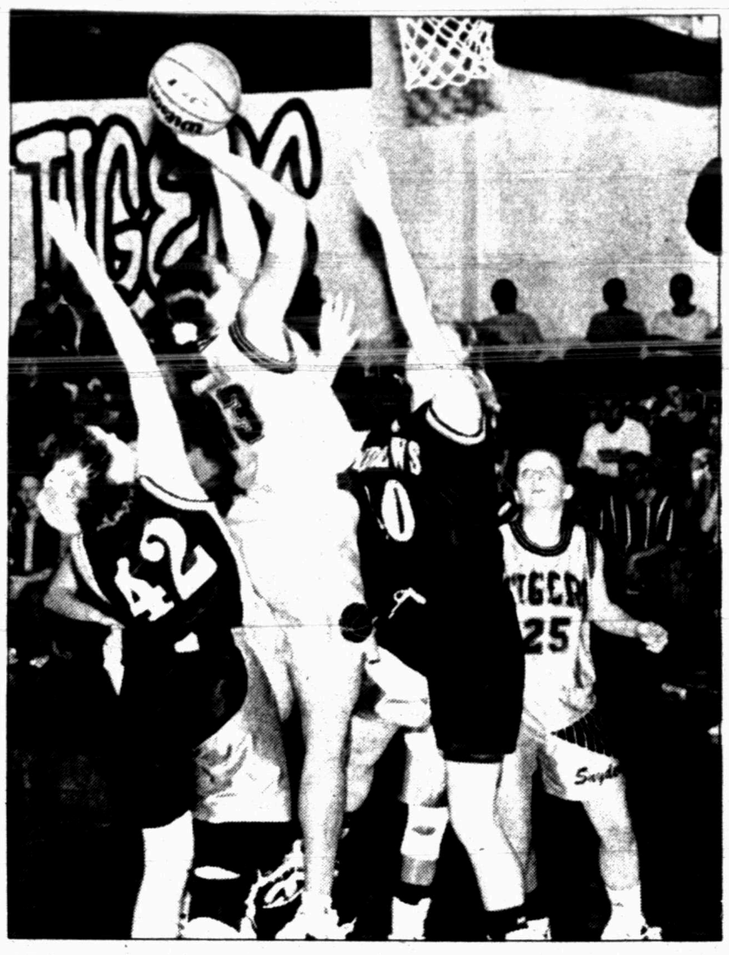
Hermleigh rallied in the third quarter, outscoring the hosts, 13-6 and knotting the score at 37-37 going into the final eight minutes. In the final frame, Loraine scored 11 and held the Cards to only eight.

Caleb Callaway, who pulled down 10 rebounds, led the Cardinal offense with 23 points.

Billy Lambaren, who paced the Cards in rebounds with 12, picked up seven points along with Andy Luna who was also credited with five assists and five steals.

Jared Higgins, with nine rebounds, put in four points along with Joey Garza.

Friday night the Cardinals play Blackwell at 8 p.m. in the Hermleigh gym.



PEOPLES POWER — Snyder senior Alicia Peoples battles for a shot Tuesday night against Andrews. The Lady Tigers downed the Lady Mustangs to keep the third spot in the District 5-4A standings. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers keep playoff hopes alive

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Coming off consecutive defeats, the Snyder Lady Tigers responded with one of their strongest overall outings of the season.

Snyder controlled the action on both ends of the floor Tuesday night, shooting 50 percent from three-point range and forcing nearly 30 turnovers during a 68-45 romp over Andrews.

It was the Lady Tigers' second lopsided victory over the Lady Mustangs, keeping Snyder in third place just one game back of Lake View.

"We really needed this win," Snyder coach Rick Archer said. "After two disappointing performances, we played better tonight. If we can play like this for the rest of district, we'll be in good shape."

Behind 10 first-half points from sophomore Kameron Kallemeyn, the Lady Tigers worked their way to a 34-23 halftime lead.

But it was third quarter that showed Snyder's dominance.

The Lady Tigers opened the second half with tenacious defensive pressure, forcing six consecutive turnovers during a 19-0 run which lasted over four minutes.

Shannon Hall drained a pair of three-pointers and T'Leah Eicke added another during the streak. Kristin Murray also netted six points in the opening minutes of the period, stretching Snyder's advantage to 53-25 with 3:30 left in the third quarter.

The Lady Tigers, paced by Hall's three long-range buckets, sank five of 10 attempts from behind the arc.

On the other end, Andrews struggled against Snyder's suffocating pressure. The Lady Mustangs shot a dismal 36 percent from the field and 35 percent from the free-throw line.

Hall finished with 17 points on the night, while Kallemeyn and Murray also posted double digit totals with 10.

Snyder had grabbed the early advantage, after stringing together a 7-3 stretch to close out the opening period with a 16-10 lead.

The Lady Tigers maintained the momentum in the second quarter, outscoring Andrews, 8-2, in the first three minutes.

The Lady Tigers travel to Big Spring on Friday. Snyder notched a 23-point win the first match-up between the two squads.

In other action around the district on Tuesday, Lake View trounced Ft. Stockton, 66-20, while first-place Sweetwater thumped Big Spring, 62-15.

Andrews	**10**	**13**	**7**	**15**	**— 45**
Snyder	**16**	**18**	**22**	**12**	**— 68**

Andrews
Martinez 4 4-8 12, Robins 5 1-4 11, Graham 2 0-0 4, Reynolds 2 0-1 4, Gully 1 0-1 3, Tharp 3 0-0 8, Hunter 1 0-1 2, Carrasco 0 1-2 1. **Totals 18 6-17 45.**
Snyder
Hall 6 2-4 17, Murray 3 4-4 10, Peoples 1 5-5 7, Voss 3 1-1 7, Eicke 1 0-0 3, Kallemeyn 4 2-5 10, Beard 3 0-0 6, Geiger 2 1-3 5, Mackey 1 0-0 3. **Totals 24 15-21 68.**
Three-point goals: Andrews 3 (Tharp 2, Gully), Snyder 5 (Hall 3, Eicke, Mackey). **Total fouls:** Andrews 19, Snyder 19. **Fouled out** — Robins. **Technicals** — Snyder coach.

5-4A Girls

	District		Season	
Team	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**
Sweetwater	**6**	**0**	**21**	**4**
Lake View	**5**	**1**	**12**	**12**
Snyder	**4**	**2**	**12**	**13**
Andrews	**2**	**4**	**7**	**17**
Big Spring	**1**	**5**	**5**	**20**
Ft. Stockton	**0**	**6**	**4**	**19**

Tonight's games: Snyder 68, Andrews 45; Lake View 66, Ft. Stockton 20; Sweetwater 62, Big Spring 15.
Friday's games: Snyder at Big Spring; Sweetwater at Ft. Stockton; Lake View at Andrews.

Super Bowl players exercise their jaws

MIAMI (AP) — He wore a black leather dog collar with silver studs. The only thing missing was a muzzle.

And so Ray Buchanan talked. And he talked. And he talked.

The Denver Broncos and Atlanta Falcons didn't practice Tuesday — who needs to practice five days before the Super Bowl? — so players exercised their jaws instead at media day. A pair of motormouths took charge: Buchanan for the Atlanta Falcons, Shannon Sharpe for the Denver Broncos, 60 minutes apiece before a cluster of microphones and notepads at Pro Player Stadium.

The two talked to a draw. Sharpe displayed a wit worthy of his name, but Buchanan's collar also made a statement.

"The neckwear is for the media, because everybody calls us underdogs," said Buchanan, a 27-year-old Pro Bowl cornerback. "It's actually a dog collar. I bought it at a pet store. They put it on Rottweilers."

Remember meek Wally Cox, the voice of the 1960s TV cartoon character Underdog? Buchanan sounded nothing like that. He stood by his guarantee of a Falcons victory over the Broncos, deftly answered questions from a Comedy Central reporter ("Are you housebroken?") and waxed hyperbolic in the best Super Bowl tradition.

"The Super Bowl is big," he said. "It's bigger than life itself sometimes."

Sharpe was forced to follow Buchanan's breathtaking performance, but Sharpe barely pauses for breath anyway.

"I've pretty much lived in Georgia my whole life, and I never liked the Falcons," said the Pro Bowl tight end, a native of Glennville, Ga., who played at Savannah State College. "What was there to like about them? They lost all the time. If you had a pair of cleats on, they'd put you in the ballgame, they were getting beat so bad. For $20 you could sit in the luxury box with the owner."

Unlike Buchanan, Sharpe refused to risk putting his foot in his mouth with a victory guarantee. Buchanan's team is a seven-point underdog against the defending Super Bowl champions.

"He's not an underdog anymore, because he went out on a limb and guaranteed a victory," Sharpe said. "He has the luxury of saying, 'I guarantee a win,' and if they lose, so what? No one expected them to win anyway. Whereas if I were to say, 'I guarantee the Broncos are going to beat the Falcons,' what an idiot Shannon looks like if the Broncos lose."

Buchanan's pledge comes 30 years after the New York Jets fulfilled Broadway Joe Namath's guarantee of an upset victory in Miami in the third Super Bowl. The Falcons are amused by the stir their cornerback created, and coach Dan Reeves has begun referring to Buchanan as Broadway Ray.

But now that Buchanan finds himself in the Super Bowl spotlight, repeatedly answering questions about the guarantee, he realizes he may have spoken too boldly.

"I didn't know it was going to be such a big deal," he said, "but I'm not going to back down from a fight. The guarantee is about the fact that we believe in ourselves and we have enough faith in God to have blessed us to get to this point."

Buchanan emerged only recently as a mouthpiece for Atlanta. He spent his first four NFL seasons in Indianapolis, then signed with the Falcons following their 3-13 season in 1996.

"Anybody ever hear of Ray Buchanan before he got to Atlanta?" Sharpe asked.

Sharpe, meanwhile, became the voice of the Broncos soon after they made him a seventh-round draft pick in 1990. As a rookie, he admits he did more talking than playing.

Now, Sharpe has become the first NFL tight end to catch at least 50 passes in seven consecutive seasons. Not surprisingly, he ranks himself among the best of all time.

"If you look at Ozzie Newsome and Kellen Winslow, none of those guys ever played in a Super Bowl," said Sharpe, 30. "Here I am in my second one."

Sharpe anticipates some trash-talking Sunday with Buchanan, and in that matchup, he guarantees a victory.

"I'm the best trash-talker in the game," Sharpe said. "I'm always going to have the last word."

Not this time.

"Talk," Buchanan said, "is cheap."

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
Army 77, New Paltz 60
Fairfield 73, Manhattan 70
Fordham 66, Massachusetts 60
Providence 85, Villanova 72
SOUTH
Belmont 84, Austin Peay 82
Kentucky 91, Georgia 83, OT
MIDWEST
Minnesota 90, Indiana 83, OT

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll and records through Jan. 25 (Total points are not tabulated):

	Record
1.TrinityValley,Texas	20-0
2.Westark,Ark.	16-0
3.GulfCoast,Fla.	19-0
4.GraysonCounty,Texas	20-0
5.ConnorsState,Okla.	18-1
6.Midland,Texas	18-2
7.SewardCounty,Kan.	19-1
8.CollegeofSouthernIdaho	16-5
9.Tyler,Texas	17-2
10.BartonCounty,Kan.	17-1
11.Howard,Texas	18-2
12.CentralArizona	17-4
13.CentralFlorida	18-4
14.NortheasternOklahomaA&M	15-3
15.WaltersState,Tenn.	18-3
16.WesternNebraska	19-2
17.NortheastMississippi	13-1
18.TallahasseeCC	15-3
19.MiddleGeorgia	14-0
20.Vincennes,Ind.	16-1
21.BellevilleArea,Ill.	13-3
22.Ricks,Idaho	19-2
23.NortheastCC,Neb.	17-1
24.Bacone,Okla.	16-2
25.ChattanoogaSt.CC	14-4

BOWLING NEWS

Men's Commercial

Teams	W	L
Whit's Auto	32	10
Stephens Office	26½	15½
Longhorns	24½	18½
McLeod Jewelry	23½	18½
Team 8	20½	21½
The Shack	19	23
Stooges	15	27
Daylight Donuts	8	34

High series scratch: Jeff Smith, 564.
High series handicap: David Fisher, 659.
High game scratch: Roger Pavlik, 206.
High game handicap: Bill Stephens, 228.
Splits and special mentions: Gary Kinder, 3-10; Charles Bennett, 2-4-10; Bobby Hataway, 5-7; Gary Kinder, 3-10.

Roll & Hope

Teams	W	L
American State Bank	47	29
Redman Pipe & Supply	47	29
City National Bank	43	33
Baze Gun Repair	42	34
Martin Herefords	41	35
IGA	39	37
Neff's Greenhouses	31	46

High series scratch: Wanda Johnson, 584.
High series handicap: Bernie Sealy, 633.
High game scratch: Dorris Martin, 206.
High game handicap: Cara Lindsey, 250.
Splits and special mentions: Mildrez Baze, 7-9-10; Setsuko Jones, 4-6-7; 200 Games: Wanda Johnson, 224; Dorris Martin, 206; Cara Lindsey, 204. 500 Series: Wanda Johnson, 583; Bernie Sealy, 555.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Basketball: Western Texas hosts South Plains, 7:30 p.m.
Snyder 7th & 8th grade girls at Andrews tourney.
Ira Jr. High hosts Borden County, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY
Basketball: Snyder Tigers at Big Spring, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.
Snyder Lady Tigers at Big Spring, JV at 4:30 p.m., varsity at 6 p.m.
Hermleigh hosts Blackwell, girls at 6:30 p.m., boys at 8 p.m.
Ira hosts Grady, girls at 6:30 p.m., boys at 8 p.m.
SATURDAY
Basketball: Snyder 9th grade boys at Abilene High, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Snyder 9th grade girls at Lubbock High, 11 a.m.
Snyder 7th & 8th grade girls at Andrews tourney.



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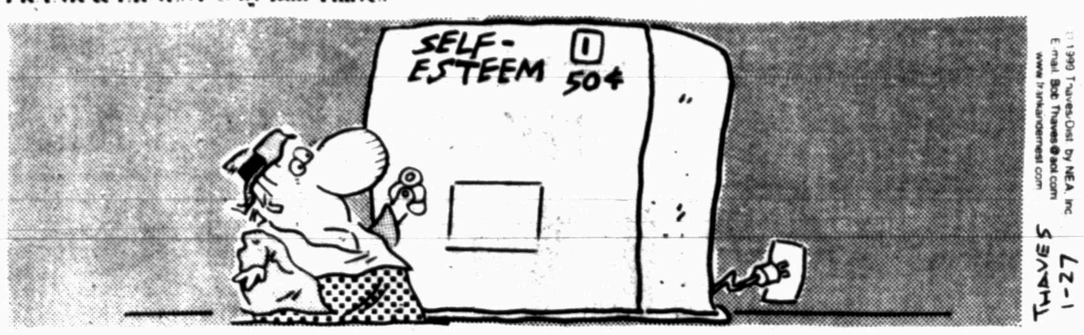
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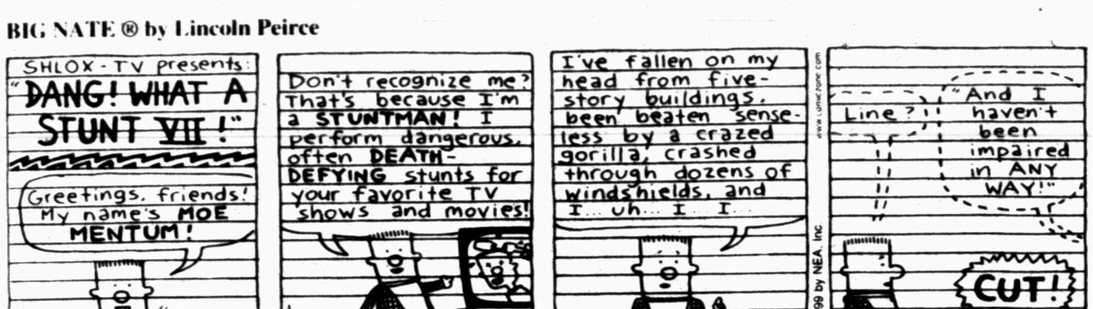
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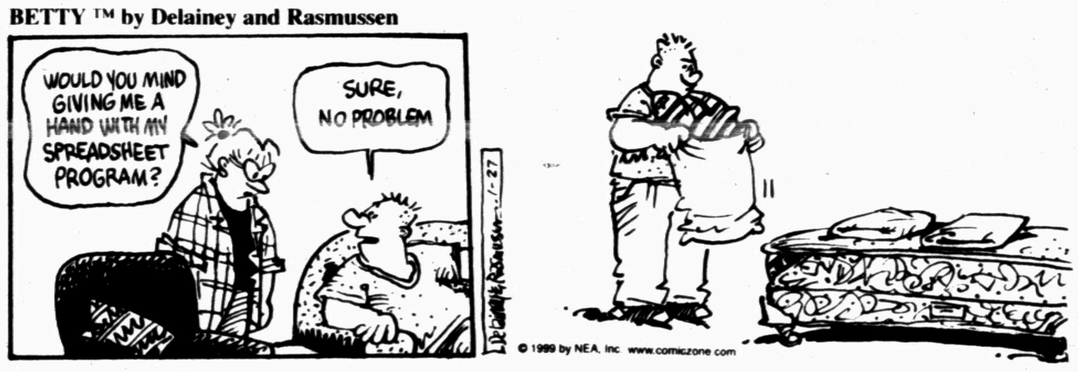
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7 Religious poem
12 Represent in material form
13 More indigent
14 Islam believer
15 Persons
16 Apply lightly
17 Small bill
18 Shade of blue
21 Emitted coherent light
23 Glide downhill
26 Chinese monetary unit
28 Part of the ear
29 Roman bronze
30 Perry's creator
31 Sells
33 Sir Walter —
36 Japanese native
37 Paris season
38 Unsophisticated person
40 Large knife
41 Above (poet.)
42 Dazzlingly bright
44 Ums' kin
45 Theater sign (abbr.)
46 Vast age
48 — education (college)
51 Perspires
55 Famous Plaza resident
56 Bordeaux wine
57 Flops down
58 Sea hawk

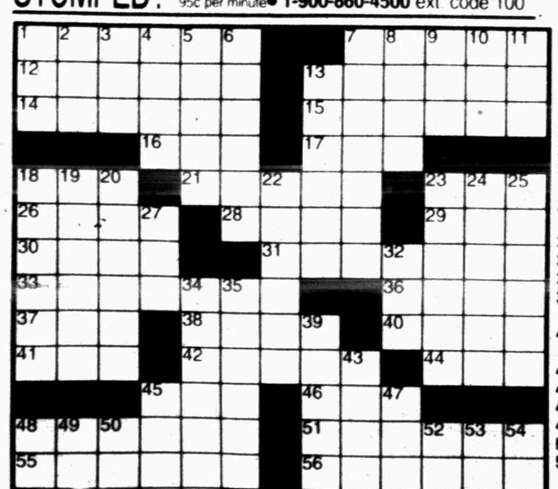
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1 Dress bottom
2 Comedian Philips
3 Dan Rather's network
4 Blabbed
5 Perfect
6 Percussion instrument
7 — the pavement (looked for work)
8 Indefinite number
9 Coach Parseghian
10 Bernstein, for short
11 Fem. title
13 Friends character
18 Sound system
19 Hard-handed defense
20 Shouter
22 Actress Loren
23 Like seawater
24 Sharper
25 Magazine copies
27 Confederate general
32 — Kapital
34 Entrance
35 In abundance
39 Certain painting
43 Cries mournfully
45 Send by sea
47 Tide type
48 Informed
49 Sick
50 Sticky stuff
52 Timetable abbr.
53 Casual shirt
54 Pigpen

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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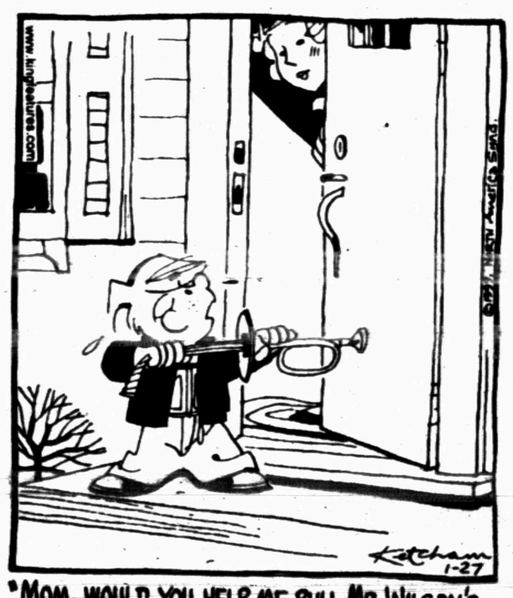


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From the family of Emiterio "Emit" Martinez

We would like to send a special thanks to all those who said a prayer, brought food, or sent flowers. Our hearts go out to you all.

Thank you and God Bless you all!
Anita Tovar & Robert Cruz & family
Gloria Gutierrez & family
Max & Susie Martinez & family
Johnnie & Sylvia Martinez & family
Bennie & Dora Martinez & family
and former wife, Josie Martinez

Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp s	56⅛	54 11-16	55 9-16— 5-16
AT&T Corp	88⅛	86 5-16	87 5-16+ 7-16
AirTouch	98⅛	96¼	97 1-16+ ⅛
Albertsons	62¼	61 3-16	61⅛+ ⅛
AlldSignal	40 7-16	39¾	40 — 1-16
Alltel	66¼	65 5-16	65 5-16—13-16
AmOnline s	164	158⅛	159¾+ 4¼
AmStores	37¼	36¼	36 7-16— 5-16
Ameritech	66¼	65 1-16	65 3-16— ¾
AndrkPtr s	27½	26 15-16	27 1-16— ¼
Armcolnc	5	4 13-16	4 13-16— 3-16
AtlRichfld	58¼	57 7-16	57 9-16—1 3-16
ATMOS Egy	29 5-16	29 3-16	29 5-16
Aviall	11¼	11¼	11⅜+ 3-16
BP Amoco	84 1-16	83¼	83¾—1 15-16
BakerHughes	17⅞	17 3-16	17⅞+ 7-16
BankAmerica	65	62¼	63¾—1 11-16
BellAtl s	56⅜	55 13-16	55 15-16+ ⅜
BellSouth s	47¼	44½	45 1-16— 2¼
BethSteel	9⅜	8⅛	8 11-16— ⅜
BurlNoSFe s	34¼	33	34⅛+1 5-16
CBS Corp	34½	33¼	34 3-16— ¼
Caterpillar	45 11-16	44¼	45 1-16— 1-16
CenSoWst	26 15-16	26 9-16	26 9-16— 5-16
Chevron	79⅝	77½	77¾— 2
Citigroup	55¾	54¼	54½— 1
Coastal s	30 15-16	30¼	30⅜— ⅛
CocaCola	62 13-16	61 9-16	61¾—13-16
ColgatePalm	76	75	75 7-16+ 5-16
ComclMetals	24¾	24½	24½— 3-16
CooperIn	43¼	42¾	42¾— 3-16
CyprusAmax	10¼	9¾	9¾— 3-16
DaimlrChry n	104¼	103⅜	103⅜— 1⅜
DallSemicn	38½	37¼	37¾— 1
DeltaAirl s	51 11-16	49¾	50 7-16—1 1-16
Dillards Inc	25 9-16	25¼	25¼+ ⅛
DowChem	88¼	88¼	88½+ 3-16
DuPont	55¾	54⅜	54 13-16+15-16
EastmanChem	43 11-16	42 7-16	42 15-16— ⅛
EstKodak	66	13-16	65 11-16 65¾— ⅜
EDS Corp	52	5-16	51¾ 52¼— 1-16
Entergy	30	1-16	29 11-16 29⅜— 1-16
Exxon	72½	71 11-16	71 13-16— 7-16
FstBksAm	19¾		19¾ 19¾+ ⅛
Flowers	23¾		23¼ 23¼— 1-16
FordMotor s	61¾		60¼ 60¾— 9-16
GTE Cp	66	15-16	66 1-16 66 1-16— 3-16
GenDynam s	58¾	56	9-16 57¾+15-16
GenElec	103	102	1-16 102¼+ ¼
GenMills	80⅝	80¼	80¼+ ¼
GenMotors	91	13-16	89¾ 90 5-16—15-16
GaPacGP	68		66½ 66 13-16+ 1¼
GlobalMar	9		1-16 8¾ 9
Goodrich	35	15-16	35¼ 35⅝+ ⅜
Goodyear s	50¾		49¾ 49¾
GtAtlPac	33	32 11-16	32 13-16+ 1-16
Halliburtn	30	7-16	29 5-16 30 — 5-16
Hanson ADS	34¼	34⅛	34 5-16—13-16
HarteHanks s	25¾		25⅜ 25⅜ + 7-16
HomeDepot	59	15-16	58 9-16 59 13-16+ 1½
HoustonInds	31¼		30¼ 30¾—13-16
IBM	186	13-16	182 182½— 3¼
IntlPaper	43¾		42¾ 42 7-16— 9-16
JohnsonJn	84	11-16	83¾ 83 11-16+1 3-16
K mart	15	15-16	15¾ 15⅜— ¼
Kroger Co	61	1-16	60¼ 60¼+13-16
Litton	59	15-16	59⅛ 59 11-16— ¼
LockheedM s			39¼ 38 11-16 38⅜— ¼
Lowes Cos s	54	3-16	52 9-16 52 9-16—13-16
Lubys	15	7-16	15¼ 15 7-16— ⅛
LucentTech s	112¾		110 111¾+1 3-16
MayDeptStrs			57½ 57¼ 57½
MediaOne	55¾	54 11-16	54 15-16+ ¼
Medtronic	72	3-16	71¾ 72 +1 1-16
Mobil			89¼ 88¼ 88 7-16— ⅛
Monsanto	47	45 15-16	46 11-16+1 13-16
MorganJP			104¼ 102⅝ 103 — 1¼
Motorola	72 11-16	70 15-16	71 1-16— ⅛
NCR Corp			47¼ 47 1-16 47¼— ¼
Navistar			32¼ 32 7-16 32¼— 7-16
OryxEngy			12 5-16 12 12 — ¼
Penney JC			40¼ 39¾ 39¾— ¼
PennzEnrgy s			13¼ 12¾ 12¾— ½
PepBoys			16¼ 16¼ 16¼— 1-16
PepsiCo	40 1-16	38 15-16	39¾— 5-16
PhelpDodge			46¼ 45¼ 45¾— ⅜
PhilipPet			40¾ 40¾ 40¾— ¼
PilgrmPrd B	22 5-16	22	22 5-16+ ⅛
Polaroid			18 7-16 17¾ 18 5-16
Praxair			34 11-16 34 3/4+ ½
ProctGamb			85¼ 84 7-16 85 — 9-16
PubSNwMx	19 7-16		19¼ 19 7-16+ 3-16
RoyalDut			42 41¼ 41 5-16—1 1-16
SBC Comm s			54¼ 53 13-16 53¾— ⅛
SaraLee s			25 15-16 25¼ 25¾
Scripps EW			45¼ 45¼ 45¾— ¼
SearsRoeb			41¾ 41¼ 41¾+ ⅛
SherwinW			26¾ 26 26 1-16
SmithklBchm			70¾ 69 9-16 70 + ⅛
SouthernCo			28¼ 27¾ 28¼+ ⅛
SwstAirl s	26¼	26 1-16	26 3-16— 9-16
SprintFON n			84 82¼ 82¾—15-16
SprintPCS n			34½ 33¾ 34¼+ ⅛
Sunoco Inc	33 11-16	33 5-16	33 5-16— 3-16
TNP Ent			35¼ 35 3-16 35¼— 7-16
Tandy			48¾ 48 48 5-16+ ⅛
TempleInland			59 58 13-16 59 + 5-16
Tenneco			32¼ 31½ 31¾— ⅛
Texaco	48½	46 3-16	46 11-16—1 13-16
TexInd			27 26 7-16 26½+ ⅛
TexasInst			99¼ 96 9-16 97¼— ⅛
TexUtil	46 5-16		45¼ 45 9-16— 9-16
Textron	74 1-16	71 13-16	73 7-16+ 1¼
TriconGlbR			48¼ 48¼ 48¼+ ⅛
TrinityInds			36¼ 35¾ 36 1-16+ 1-16
TritonEngy			7 3-16 6 15-16 7 — 3-16
Tyler			4¾ 4½ 4¾
US West Inc	60¼	59 13-16	60 1-16+ 3-16
USX-Marathn			25¼ 25 5-16 25¾
USX-USS			26½ 25 15-16 26 — ⅜
UnCarbde			43 5-16 42 42 1-16— 1¼
UnionPacif			52 3-16 50 11-16 51¾+ 1¼
UnitedTech			118¾ 116¼ 117¾+ ½
Unocal			29 7-16 28¾ 29 — ¼
Venator Grp			5¼ 5 3-16 5¼— ¼
WalMart			85¼ 84 1-16 84¼+1 5-16
WellsFargo			36 35 35⅛— 9-16
WstnGasRs	5 13-16	5 11-16	5 11-16— 1-16
WinnDixie			45 9-16 44½ 44¾— 9-16
Xerox Corp			118¼ 116¼ 117¾+13-16

Hand transplant patient moves finger

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — For the first time in 13 years, Matthew Scott wiggled a finger on his left hand.

"The hand looks beautiful, very pink, warm, very normal," said Dr. Jon Jones, a member of the team that attached the donor hand in the first such operation in U.S. history. "It looks just like the other hand."

Scott has been asked not to move his hand very much for the next week or so because he might tear some of the stitches used to sew his tendons, nerves, arteries and veins to those in the donor hand.

"But he said he wanted to do this — move the index finger — and he really liked it," Jones said Tuesday.

Doctors also said there are no signs of rejection or infection.

Scott traded a metal-and-plastic prosthesis for a human hand earlier this week — the first transplant of its kind performed in the United States. The price: a lifetime on anti-rejection drugs that will suppress his immune system, leaving him vulnerable to infection, disease, even death.

Scott, 37, lost his dominant hand in the explosion of an M-80, a powerful and illegal firecracker, on Dec. 23, 1985. He was given a donor hand in 14½ hours of surgery ending Monday at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

Scott has been a diabetic since his early 20s and takes daily insulin shots. In an interview earlier this month, he said he expected his diabetes to worsen after the transplant.

The anti-rejection package of medications Scott is taking includes a steroid, which can cause "steroid-induced diabetes" in transplant patients.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan. 25: Dorothy Browning, Marina Collazo of Ira, Larry Crawley, Ysidro Estrada, Murlene Goswick, Mary Juneke, Frances Silva; Jan. 26: Ryanna Martinez, Mary Westmoreland, Harvey Elliott, Mendia Hunter, Pauline Price.

DISMISSALS: Jan: 25: Rosa Bigham, Jimmy Bridges, Tracer Jones, Bennie Wright; Jan. 26: Melissa Mosher, Emageane Rochelle, Frances Silva, Harvey Elliott, Mendia Hunter, Pauline Price.

CENSUS: 49: (Med., Surg.-20, Long-term Care-25, CCU-2, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Fransisco and Marina Collazo of Ira announce the birth of their seven-pound, seven-ounce daughter at 12:36 p.m. on Jan. 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-27-99
♠ A K 9 7
♥ A 8
♦ K 6 5
♣ A K 8 2

West
♠ J 10 6
♥ K 3
♦ Q J 7 3
♣ J 10 7 4

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

South
♠ 5 4 3
♥ Q 10 6 5 4
♦ A 10 8 2
♣ 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4

More from Sydney

By Phillip Alder

Dick Cummings' articles, which appear in the Sydney Sun-Herald, are sent to me by Paul Lavings, another Australian international. His Web site at www.libertygrove.com.au/postfree lists many old bridge books for sale.

Here is a Lavings deal that Cummings featured in his column.

North's raise to four hearts isn't recommended, but it was a playing lesson with a student. North preferred to have his expert partner as declarer. And ironically three no-trump is no cakewalk, though it probably would have made.

Lavings started with dummy's two top clubs, discarding a spade from hand. He continued with a club ruff, a spade to dummy's king, a second club ruff, a spade to the ace, and a spade ruff. Now Lavings cashed his two diamond tricks, ending in the dummy. That was the first nine tricks in, with the heart ace still in the dummy. However, as this was a pairs event, winning an overtrick was important. Lavings called for dummy's last diamond, which East, who had only trumps left, had to ruff.

On the forced heart return, Lavings picked the suit, as they say in Australia, putting in his 10. When West had to play the king, Lavings could claim 11 tricks: two spades, two hearts, two diamonds, two clubs and three ruffs in hand. Yet suppose West had held jack-doubleton in hearts. Declarer would have taken the jack with dummy's ace, then led the last spade. This would have scored the heart queen *en passant*. If East ruffed low, declarer would overruff. If East ruffed high, South would discard.

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Only one out of every four U.S. landfills monitors groundwater.

In the years 1420 and 1438, wolves roamed the streets of Paris.

In early Egyptian history, silver was more valuable than gold because it was found in nugget form less often.

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Felony warrant sends one to jail

An outstanding felony warrant sent one subject to jail Tuesday.

Officers arrested 40-year-old Wesley A. Peters of 3309 23rd Street in Snyder at 2:14 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital on a warrant out of Hobbs, N.M., for failure to appear on an original charge of possession of heroin.

In other activity, an officer was called to West Texas State Bank at 9:17 a.m. in reference to a forgery. An offense report was filed.

Officers filed an offense report for Class B theft at 4:43 p.m. in the 4300 block of College Avenue in reference to a spare tire having been stolen out of Ryan Hale's vehicle while it was parked at the College Avenue Dairy Queen.

Linda Tippens requested an officer at the Pizza Hut at 7:47 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief to her vehicle. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Officers worked a two-vehicle accident at 2:57 p.m. in the 3200 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1990 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight driven by Walter Vernon Stipe of 1534 CR 265 and a 1992 Cadillac Sedan DeVille driven by Sandra Mayden Butcher of 2912 Avenue N in Snyder.

Stipe, 89, and a passenger in his vehicle, Billie Stipe, 85, were transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by private vehicle where they were treated and released.

A passenger in the Cadillac, five-year-old Amy Baker of 3017 38th Street in Snyder, was transported to CMH by Snyder EMS. She was also treated and released.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day and Luncheon; cost is $750 with serving to begin at 11-30, games of choice will be played afterward; reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; Winston Field Airport meeting room; program, Myrtle Joiner—oils; hostess, Nettie Faye Gardner; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Causes of cleft lip

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: When my grandson was 2 weeks old, he had surgery for a harelip. He was also born with a cleft palate. At what age should this be repaired? What causes these defects?

DEAR READER: Harelip and cleft palate are due to a congenital lack of closure of the lip and palate. During fetal development, these tissues grow from the sides of the head toward the midline. During the latter part of pregnancy, they fuse in the middle. This fusion produces the seam we can all feel with our tongues on the roofs of our mouths. Unfortunately, in some infants, the closure fails to take place; there remains a persistent space between the right and left upper lips and along the midline of the palate.

The condition is usually repaired for cosmetic reasons. However, if the defects are large, the newborn may be unable to suck and feed effectively without surgery. During the procedure, both the lip and the palate are ordinarily repaired at the same time. In your grandson's case, the surgeon evidently chose to perform the operation in two stages. As far as I know, the palate problem could be addressed at any time.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I live alone and have a thing for orange juice. Each day, I scoop out a tablespoon of frozen concentrate to mix up, then I replace the top of the container. My sister cautions that this is dangerous because it could lead to contamination. Am I doing something wrong?

DEAR READER: Not necessarily. As long as the concentrate is frozen when you scoop it out, and when you replace the container in the freezer, I do not believe that there is any harm in what you are doing.

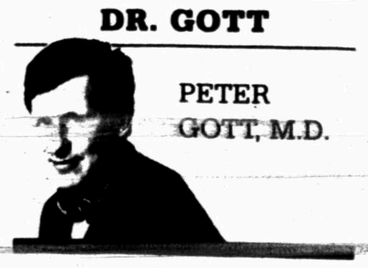
However, why not resolve the issue by following the manufacturer's directions? Mix up the entire container, use what you want, refrigerate the rest. Relax: Problem solved.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that stretch marks on a woman's breasts are a sign that she has had an abortion?

DEAR READER: Absolutely not. This is utter nonsense. Stretch marks on breasts, abdomen or thighs indicate only that the skin has been stretched, such as occurs during rapid growth in adolescence, weight gain of any magnitude, and — of course — pregnancy. There is no way of looking at a woman and being able to judge whether or not she has had an abortion.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Earthquake victims in Colombia...

Search slowed by heavy rains

ARMENIA, Colombia (AP) — After a night of heavy rains slowed the search for earthquake victims and worsened the suffering of survivors, relief efforts resumed under gray skies today amid reports of looting and coffin shortages.

"We don't have enough coffins to bury the dead," said Quindio state Gov. Henry Gomez. Relief workers wrapped bodies in black plastic or blankets and left them on the streets two days after one of Colombia's most devastating earthquakes.

The government denounced the profiteering in caskets and pledged to provide coffins to families that need them.

At least 700 people are confirmed dead from the magnitude-6 quake in western Colombia; officials say the final toll will surely rise. Red Cross officials said 500 bodies had been recovered in this provincial capital alone and that many outlying towns yet to be heard from.

Capt. Ciro Antonio Guiza, Armenia's deputy fire chief, said Tuesday that he believed more than 1,000 had perished, a number that Red Cross coordinator Carlos Giraldo agreed with.

The Monday afternoon earthquake devastated cities and towns across Colombia's agriculturally rich coffee belt, where the world's largest amount of the gourmet-quality arabica beans favored by Americans are grown.

Damage to the coffee crop, which makes up 48 percent of the country's production, was not expected to be severe. Colombia is the world's second-largest grower after Brazil with $2.15 billion in exports.

The tremor shook buildings as far away as Bogota, 140 miles from the epicenter. In the capital today, boy scouts and civil defense workers in bright orange jumpsuits picked through donated medicine, clothes, water and food — packaging the best of it in boxes and garbage bags to be shuttled to the disaster zone.

Officials urged citizens to give money, not goods, and complained that some were donating expired medicine.

As darkness fell Tuesday in Armenia, a city of 300,000 residents, the slow task of recovery was hindered by a downpour.

Araminta Sotelo, a 49-year-old housewife, held out her hand, appealing for help. "We have our children in the street and it's beginning to rain," she said.

Her house was destroyed by a landslide after the quake, so she and her four children spent the night under a plastic tarp provided by a supermarket.

Armenia received the brunt of the quake's fury, with 500 corpses recovered in the city by early today. Officials appealed for refrigerated trucks and generators for hospitals to keep bodies from decomposing and a possible epidemic at bay.

Schools and stadiums were turned into makeshift shelters.

Clinton says Social Security plan will boost the economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said today his proposal to earmark more than 60 percent of the projected budget surplus for Social Security would "actually grow the American economy while preparing for the future."

The president, along with Vice President Al Gore, played host to a panel of economists and other experts to discuss ways to ensure that both Social Security and Medicare remain solvent well into the next century.

He explained his State of the Union address plan to transfer 62 percent of the projected budget surpluses over the next 15 years, more than $2.7 trillion, to Social Security. Once Social Security is secure, he said, he wants 15 percent of surpluses to go to Medicare.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he did not object to the idea of using 62 percent of surpluses for Social Security, but he would like to see the rest go back to taxpayers in the form of a tax cut.

"The president hasn't gone far enough, but he tiptoed out in the water," Lott said in a Chamber of Commerce speech today.

Clinton argued that, just as the nation worked carefully to erase its fat budget deficits, it must be cautious in crafting a plan to shore up Social Security and Medicare so that it won't buckle under the weight of baby-boomer retirements.

"The current prosperity in this country was created not by rash actions in Washington, but by ... getting the deficit down, getting into balance, bringing the interest rates down and bringing the economy back," Clinton said.

Gore called preserving Social Security and Medicare "profoundly moral responsibilities," and said Clinton was correct to try to defuse the political charge around those two programs in order to do what is necessary to ensure their survival.

Obituaries

Bill Erwin

1928-1999

Graveside service for William T. "Bill" Erwin, longtime anesthesiologist at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Erwin, 70, died Monday, Jan. 25, in Cogdell Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 12, 1928 in Morganfield, Ky., he married Jonell Autry on Sept. 1, 1950 in Beaver Dam, Ky. She died in 1996. He was also preceded in death by a brother and one grandchild.

Mr. Erwin served as a military policeman in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He received his nurses training in Covington, Ky. and received his anesthesiologist training in Peoria, Ill. Mr. Erwin moved to Snyder in 1968 and served as head of anesthesiology at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for 27 years. He previously had worked in Carlsbad, N.M., and in Beaver Dam, Ky.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Carmichael of Georgetown; two sons, William K. Erwin of Lubbock and Robert Erwin of Carrollton; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Association.

Luis Villarreal

1933-1999

SEAGRAVES — Luis Enrique Villarreal, the father of Luis Villarreal of Snyder, died Tuesday, Jan 26, in Brownfield Regional Hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Villarreal, 65, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Gaines County Cemetery under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home of Brownfield.

Born Dec. 28, 1933 in Harligen, he married Alicia Cantu on April 6, 1993.

Mr. Villarreal had worked in law enforcement for 34 years, working in Brownfield, Meadow, Lubbock, Olton, Levelland and Lovington, N.M. At the time of his death, he was a self-employed process server in New Mexico.

Survivors include his wife, Alicia Villarreal of Seagraves; two other sons, Hector Villarreal of Granbury and Jaime Villarreal of Lovington; two daughters, Gloria Salas and Guadalupe Villarreal, both of Brownfield; three stepchildren, John Cantu, Debbie Cantu and Doreen Cantu, all of Seagraves; a sister, Amelia Chapa of Slaton; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

J.C. Buchanan

1919-1999

CUMBY — Funeral service for J.C. Buchanan, a former Snyder resident, was held Tuesday in the Cumby First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Wes Dean officiated, and burial followed in Cumby Cemetery.

Mr. Buchanan, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 24, at Metroplex Nursing Home in Grand Prairie.

Born Dec. 30, 1919 in Ladonia to Carl and Eula May Buchanan, he married Audry Lee James on Aug. 16, 1940 in Charleston. She preceded him in death in 1998.

Mr. Buchanan was a retired employee of Texas Aluminum Co. and a retired dairy farmer.

Survivors include three sons, James Buchanan of Grand Prairie, Curtis Buchanan of Sulphur Springs and Jimmy Buchanan of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one daughter, Kathy Yarbro of Queens City, N.M.; five sisters, Geneva Sheer of Cooper, and Louise Tatum, Evelyn Wiggins, Ruby Johnson and Joyce Buchanan, all of Snyder; seven brothers, Buck Buchanan, Weldon Buchanan, Valton Buchanan, Wayne Buchanan, W.D. Buchanan, J.B. Buchanan and Tommy Buchanan, all of Snyder; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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New report says...

Gambling problem growing in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The problem of illegal gambling in Texas is being compounded by the spread of legal wagering, according to a new report.

After 16 months of study, the Governor's Task Force on Illegal Gambling issued its finding Wednesday, calling for a legislative crackdown on "eight-liners," slot machine-like devices that have proliferated as a result of ambiguous state law.

Underlying the gambling problem, according to the report, is Texas' relatively recent retreat from bans on all forms of gambling.

The state lottery is exacting "substantial social costs," the report said.

Texans, the task force said, have bought into a "national trend toward accepting gambling as a revenue generator for states rather than treating it as a crime to combat."

Since the 1980s, Texas has created not only the lottery but also legalized pari-mutuel wagering on horse and dog racing.

"The proponents of gambling have largely succeeded in persuading the broader culture to accept gambling as a legitimate form of entertainment rather than a vice," the task force said. "The impact, from a fiscal perspective, has been enormous."

Without quantifying it, the task force said the downside also has a large bottom line, especially at the state's multibillion-dollar lottery. "Its substantial social costs, however, while actual and acknowledged, have yet to be accurately measured," the report said of the lottery.

Gov. George W. Bush appointed the task force in 1997 after lawmakers failed to approve a Bush-backed bill aimed at ridding Texas of eight-liners, which have spread across the state by the thousands and brought in millions of dollars.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, the task force chairman, told the Austin American-Statesman that he will offer legislation again this year to ban eight-liners.

The 1997 effort died amid concerns from two groups: veterans and other organizations that depend on the machines for revenue, and operators of kids' arcade games that also could have been made illegal.

Though many law enforcement officials believe eight-liners are illegal under current law, some prosecutors say the current law is ambiguous.

Telemarketing bill supported by AARP

AUSTIN (AP) — Retired Texans who say they have been plagued by fraudulent telemarketers rallied behind legislation Tuesday to crack down on the practice.

"Older people are more likely to be targeted by fraudulent telemarketers because they are believed to be more trusting, more likely to be home and have more savings accumulated over the course of a lifetime," said Wilhelmina Gladden, chair of the American Association of Retired Persons state legislative committee.

Under a bill sponsored by Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, and Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, Texans wanting to bar uninvited sales calls to their homes could add their names to a single, statewide "don't call" list. The Public Utility Commission would fine telemarketers who call names on the list up to $5,000 per call.

Barrientos said the no-call list also will make it easier for the state to differentiate between fraudulent and legitimate telemarketers since most lawful businesses will abide by the list.

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Scholastic book fair

Snyder Head Start is having a scholastic book fair from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-6 p.m. daily through next Wednesday. For more information call 573-7403 or 573-1784.

East Elementary parent council

The East Elementary parent council will meet Thursday at 7 p.m.immediately after the family reading night. That program begins at 6 p.m.

Diabetes support group

The local diabetes support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital cafeteria. Please enter at the front door of the hospital, not through the emergency room.

Library reading day

WTC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, plus local senior citizens, will be presenting a reading day at the library on Friday from 10 a.m. until noon. All kids and parents are invited and anyone who signs up for a library card during this time will be eligible for a special drawing.

LL coaches needed

Anyone interested in managing a Little League, minor league (farm league) or an 8 & 9 year-old-team this summer should contact Sid Wall at 574-6818, or go by Caprock Security at 2517 College Ave. by Friday.

5th Sunday speaker

Ted Kell, minister of the Austin Avenue Church of Christ in Brownwood, will speak Sunday at the 37th Street Church of Christ. He will speak at the 9:30 a.m. Bible Class and worships services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

UW recognition luncheon

The annual United Way recognition luncheon for volunteers will be held at noon Monday at The Shack.

Buckeye donkey basketball

Ira schools will host Buckeye donkey basketball at 7 p.m. Monday at the Ira gym. For advance tickets, call the Ira school office at 573-2628.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Providence of God," followed by "A Mother But Not a Wife."

Food Drive

Boy, Cub and Girl Scouts will conduct a food drive starting Thursday, Feb. 4, to benefit the Food Cupboard. Bags will be left on doors around town and Scouts will return on Saturday, Feb. 6, to pick up donated canned goods.

Library storytime change

Beginning this month, Storytime for 4-5-year-olds at the Scurry County Library will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Pick 3

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

0-7-1

(zero, seven, one)

Cash Five

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

2-5-28-35-38

(two, five, twenty-eight, thirty-five, thirty-eight)

Colleges face more racial preference pressure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservatives who say top U.S. colleges are illegally using racial preferences in admissions are taking their case to the nation's college newspapers.

The newspaper ads by the Center for Individual Rights, a conservative law firm representing students suing universities, are headlined "Guilty by Admission" and charge that nearly every elite college in the United States violates the law.

But many educators say the law firm has misrepresented 20 years of court rulings and overstated colleges' efforts to bring diversity to their campuses.

The center issued two 30-page handbooks it says are intended to help students identify discrimination and to help institutions keep from getting sued, but critics say the handbooks are designed to incite lawsuits.

"Colleges very clearly understand they may not use quotas," said Norma Cantu, the assistant secretary for the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, referring to programs that don't consider a student's merit. "There's no need for a handbook."

Dartmouth spokeswoman Laurel Stavis said the college would not comment until it had seen the handbook.

The ads started running Tuesday in campus newspapers such as The Daily Dartmouth. While that newspaper and those at other Ivy League colleges have occasionally rejected ads, such as one denying the existence of the Holocaust, such rejections are rare, said editor Jacob Elberg.

"This is clearly something that's being debated all over the country," Elberg said.

The ads and handbooks are part of a campaign to highlight the use of racial preferences in admissions, say conservatives, including former Education Secretary William Bennett, who called college diversity programs "an antithesis of the civil rights movement."

At a news conference in Washington on Tuesday, they cited anecdotes and a handful of state-specific studies as evidence that race preference without merit is widespread.

According to the government, minority college enrollment was 25.3 percent in 1995, up from 16.5 percent in 1980.

Another group supporting the campaign, The Center for Equal Opportunity, was releasing a study today concluding that the odds of a white candidate being admitted to the University of Virginia instead of an equally qualified black candidate are 45 to 1.

The data, based on 1996 applications for 10 public Virginia universities, include the race, sex, SAT scores, class rank and high school grade point averages of 72,000 applicants who were admitted or rejected.

"We've found use of racial ethnic preference in all of the states. The more selective schools tend to use preferences the most," said Roger Clegg, general counsel for the group.

But Rene Redwood, executive director of Americans for a Fair Chance, a group that advises colleges and community groups on affirmative action, says many preference programs are still needed.

"We have studies that show that there are communities that are healthier because women and minorities who become doctors often return to those communities," Redwood said.

Both sides in the affirmative action battle cite the 1978 Bakke case, in which a white student denied admission to medical school claimed specific slots for minority students were unconstitutional.

Agriculture concentration examined

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers hoping to halt the number of big company mergers in agriculture plan to make their case to Attorney General Janet Reno.

Reno has agreed to meet with senators Feb. 10, said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. Conrad is one of a group of lawmakers who have been urging the Justice Department to investigate concentration in agriculture.

"The farmer share has dropped precipitously," Conrad told a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing on industry consolidation Tuesday. "Concentration has consequences."

One after another, lawmakers expressed the same concern: Too much consolidation may spell the end of the small family farmer.

"We are losing family farmers at a record pace," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., who has called for a moratorium on approving any new agribusiness mergers or acquisitions.

Added Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa: "Agriculture benefits from the resulting efficiencies. But how big is too big?"

Concerns about concentration have risen since Cargill Inc. of Minneapolis, the nation's No. 1 grain company, announced plans to buy the worldwide operations of second-ranked Continental Grain Co.

The proposed merger comes at a time when low prices have swept both livestock and commodities markets. Many lawmakers worry that the Cargill-Continental deal, which is being reviewed by Justice, will further depress prices for farmers.

As of 1997, the four largest packing firms accounted for 80 percent of cattle slaughter, 54 percent of hog slaughter, and 70 percent of sheep slaughter, USDA chief economist Keith Collins told senators.

With grain, market shares of the four largest exporting firms ranged from 47 percent for wheat to almost 70 percent for corn. In storage, Collins said, the four largest firms accounted for almost 27 percent of total elevator capacity.

Still, industry representatives rejected arguments that they were squeezing out small farmers.

"Cargill and Continental did not cause or even contribute to low farm prices," said Frank Sims, president of Cargill's North American Grain Division. "We believe this acquisition should be analyzed on its own merits, not as an accessory to tough times on the farm."

Sims said the combination of Cargill's 243 U.S. grain facilities with Continental's 83 U.S. grain facilities would make up only 6 percent of total commercial storage space.

"Our combined business should handle about 10 to 13 percent of the U.S. grain moving to markets," Sims said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 28, 1999

In the year ahead, there's a strong possibility that you could become involved in a joint endeavor of some kind that will prove to be of great benefit to you. Although it will be a collective effort, you might be the brains behind it all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It behooves you to go out of your way to be extra amicable to persons whose line of work is similar to yours. A relationship could develop that will prove profitable for you both. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) By not taking yourself or events too seriously, you'll turn whatever occurs to your advantage, making all that happens today a most pleasant experience.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have the ability to transform your good ideas into profitable successes today, but first you must believe in yourself. That's when the full force of your luck comes into play.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Two unrelated sources could produce personal benefits for you today, partly from your own doing, but mostly through the representation of people who like you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Where your worldly desires and wants are concerned, conditions generally look extremely favorable for you today. As the tide sweeps in, it could even spill over into your career area.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't back away from competitive developments today, because it could turn out to be your strong suit, including both in business jousts or sports endeavors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It might take a little patience on your part today, but it will be worth it. Even though opportunities might not be visible just yet, all will work out as you have been hoping.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Put little projects on the back burner today and concentrate more on handling major assignments. You will be far better equipped to take care of them than you are toying around with petty things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Promising developments you have going for you careerwise should be your top priority at this tie. Both today and tomorrow could be excellent days to capitalize on them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Assume command when the situation calls for it today. Under your personal control and direction everything could work out favorably for you and all those involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Any negative financial trends you've been experiencing will make a positive upswing today. When you see the signals, try to reap their advantages while the getting is good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is an excellent day to attempt at tying down any agreements you've been working on. The fruits of your negotiation will be permanent and bountiful.

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Date Book

Jan. 27, 1999

Today is the 27th day of 1999 and the 38th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1926, John Baird gave the first public demonstration of television.

On this day in 1973, Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho signed a peace treaty ending the Vietnam War.

On this day in 1993, American Chad Owen attained the highest rank (that of "yokozuna") in the Japanese sport of sumo wrestling.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), composer; Lewis Carroll (1832-1898), writer-mathematician; Samuel Gompers (1850-1924), U.S. labor leader; Jerome Kern (1885-1945), composer; Hyman Rickover (1900-1986), admiral-educator; Donna Reed (1921-1986), actress; Mordecai Richler (1931-), writer, is 68; Mikhail Baryshnikov (1948-), ballet dancer, is 51; Bridget Fonda (1964-), actress, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1894, the University of Chicago basketball team defeated the Chicago YMCA Training School team 19-11.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Incomprehensible jargon is the hallmark of a profession." — Kingman Brewster

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 24) and full moon (Jan. 31).

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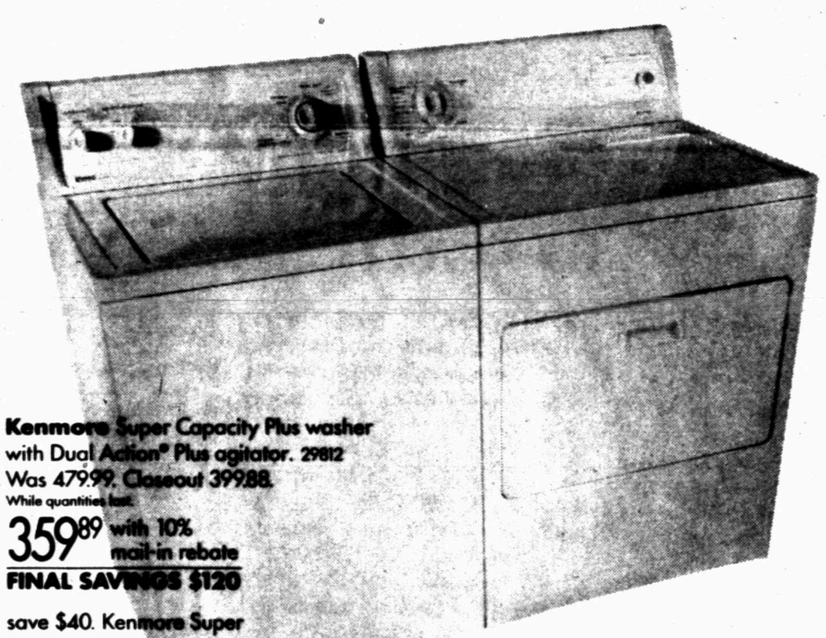


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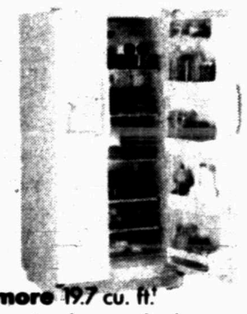
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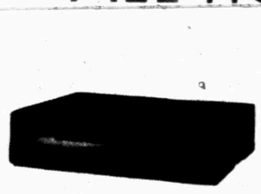


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