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WTC board draws another candidate

Dr. James Hanks is the third to file for Place Six

James Hanks, local chiropractor, has become the third candidate seeking the Place 6 post on the Western Texas College board of trustees.

Dr. Hanks filed Thursday afternoon for the spot on the May 6 ballot, joining candidates John Zalman III and Scott Richburg.

Dr. Hanks is the owner of Hanks Chiropractic Center and has been practicing in Snyder for almost 10 years.

A 1981 graduate of Snyder High School, Hanks attended Western Texas College before moving to Dallas to attend Parker College of Chiropractic where he graduated in 1988.

Dr. Hanks currently is serving as interim director of Baptist Student Ministries at WTC. He has been the rodeo team doctor at the college for the last five years.

Hanks is also coordinator for special events at First Baptist Church.

While the filing period continues through March 22 for the May 6 election, early voting in the May 14 Republican and Democratic primaries wraps up at 5 p.m. today.

Voters need to bring their yellow voter registration cards to the county courtroom on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse in order to cast a ballot.

Other college trustee positions up for re-election include Place 5 and Place 7. Lee Presswood, in Place 5, and Eddie Peterson, in Place 7 have both filed for their second terms.

In Snyder school board filings, Richard Chambers has filed for his third term as a Place 3 trustee and Mike Levens has filed for his second term in Place 2.

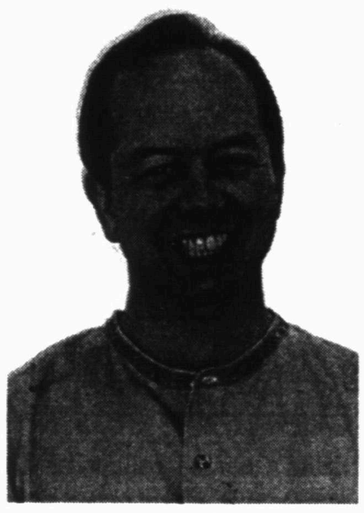
Vance Reynolds, thus far, is the only candidate to file for a position on the Hermleigh school board. He is seeking his first full term.

Gilbert Sanchez and Dennis D. Taylor have both filed for the Place 4 post on the Ira school board. Bo Robinson currently holds the position.

In filings for the May 6 City Council election, Vernest Tippens has filed for her seventh term for District 1 while James Jenkins has filed for his first full term on the council in District 3. David Harrell has filed for the District 2 spot.

I.E. Martin has filed for another term in District 4. Jason Scott Spradlin is also seeking the District 4 post.

Other positions up for re-election include the term of Dirk Dunn in Place 5 on the Ira School Board, and the terms of Alan Culp and Tim Dacus on the Hermleigh school board.



Dr. James Hanks

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Help start a rumor. Body piercing causes..."

One of those often thankless jobs gets our thanks.

Dr. Mark Weaver, general surgeon, is leaving the Cogdell Hospital board after three years of service.

It's one of those necessary jobs for which there are few expressions of appreciation. Dr. Mark was a dedicated board member and always had the hospital's best interest in mind.

His service is appreciated.

When you see all those yellow buses in town today and Saturday, it's a reminder that the baseball tournament and Canyon Reef track meet are underway here.

Not only are the visitors a boost to the economy, but fans can see some good athletes perform.

And Snyder has one of its best track teams in recent years. Last weekend in abilene, Snyder's **Wade Pinson** set the pace for the Tigers with a first place finish in both the high jump and 110-meter hurdles.

Also earning a gold medal for the Tigers were **Mark Medley** in the shot put, **Jared Thornhill** in the pole vault and **Rudy Martinez** in the two-mile run.

You can see these nifty Tigers perform this weekend.

As expected, the Snyder Tigers dominated the District 5-4A all-district team.

Coach **Bud Birks** was coach of the year and junior **Jamaal Wofford** was named newcomer of the year. Tigers on the all-district squad were seniors **Sonny Cumbie**, **Jared Hester** and junior **Heath Pinkerton**.

Senior **Greg McAnaw** was named to the all-defensive team. **Layne Scott** and **Chris Thornhill** were honorable mention.

City bowling titles!

Stacey Browning captured the singles event and then teamed up with **Wayne Monroney** to capture the doubles crown. **Butch Evans** garnered the all-events title, all at Snyder Lanes.

Good job!

Got to mention **Destiney Proctor** once again.

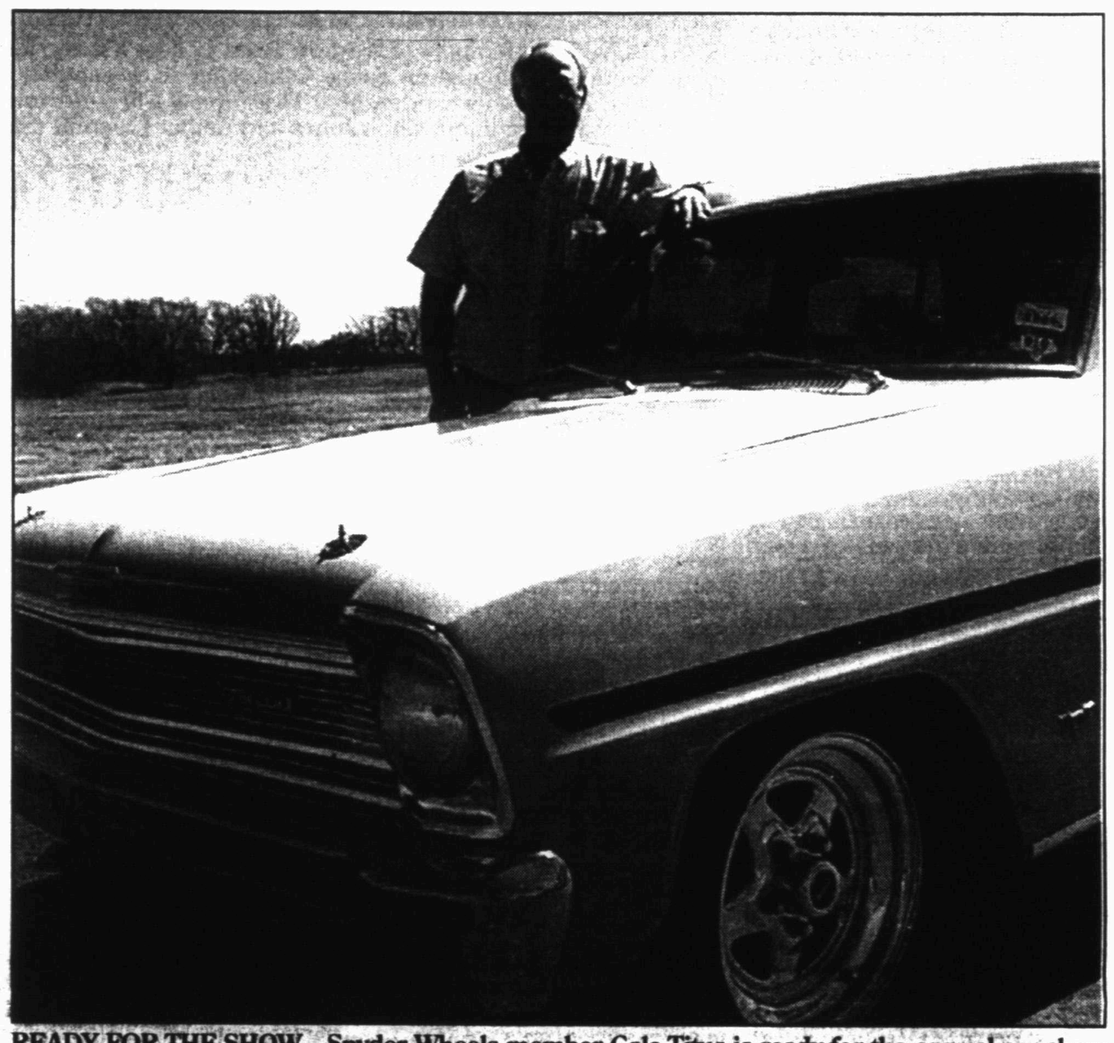
She represented Snyder and Scurry County well in the regional spelling bee last weekend in Lubbock. Destiney, the Scurry County champ, finished seventh in the regional event.

Still a competitor...

Shannon Hall, 1999 SHS grad, earned the freshman of the year honors in the American Southwest Conference west division. She averaged 7.9 points a game playing for the Sul Ross Lady Lobos. She is the daughter of **Jamie Hall** and the late **Rick Hall**.

Talented!

Hardin-Simmons University student **Karomy Drum**, a 1998 SHS graduate, captured first place at the university's Piano Concerto competition. The first-place performance earned her a $300 prize. She is the daughter of **Max** and **Valarie Drum** of Snyder.



READY FOR THE SHOW – Snyder Wheels member Gale Titus is ready for the annual car show and swap meet set at Scurry County Coliseum today and Saturday. The swap meet is being held both days in the coliseum annex, while the car show is Saturday from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Titus is shown with his 1966 Chevy II Nova station wagon. (SDN Staff Photo)

For SISD...

Banquet fetes volunteers

Snyder ISD's fifth annual Golden Apple Banquet honoring volunteers and adopt-a-school partners was a fun time Thursday night at the Snyder Country Club as speaker Riney Jordan of Hamilton regaled the audience with humorous observations and anecdotes.

He also imparted a message of HOPE as he encouraged everyone to (1) don't lose their sense of Humor; (2) be Optimistic; (3) be Patient; and (4) to have Enthusiasm.

Jordan said volunteers are very helpful in teaching children to read. Reading to a child encourages that child to read, said Jordan.

Jordan's professional experience includes nine years as principal, one year as assistant superintendent, seven years as a teacher, and seven years as a director of communications.

Also during the banquet, Mary Ann Juarez, SISD's home and community liaison, received a plaque of appreciation from the district as Supt. Gayle Lomax made the presentation.

All school and safe child program volunteers, as well as adopt-a-school partners were recognized.

Banquet is today

The Scurry County Senior Center's annual Recognition Banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. today.

Volunteers will receive pins and the Top 15 will also be recognized. Volunteer hours for the past year total 43,142.25.

In keeping with the new millenium, the theme is "Time Marches On."

BANQUET SPEAKER — Riney Jordan of Hamilton, fourth from left, was the guest speaker at Thursday night's fifth annual Golden Apple Banquet. His wife Karen is pictured third from left. Snyder ISD personnel pictured with the couple are from left, Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent; Gayle Lomax, superintendent; fifth and six from left, Lee Presswood, Northeast Elementary principal; and Mary Ann Juarez, home and community liaison. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Shooting victims remain hospitalized in Lubbock

Charges have yet to be filed against Snyder resident David Redman, 33, who has been identified as shooting another Snyder man Wednesday night.

Sgt. Terry Luecke said this morning that the case is still being investigated.

"We've still got some loose ends to tie up before actual charges are filed," said Luecke.

Redman, who suffered a self-inflicted gun shot wound to the lower abdomen after allegedly shooting Kent Krop in both thighs, is listed in satisfactory condition in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

He will remain under guard by a Scurry County deputy sheriff as long as he is hospitalized, Sheriff Darren Jackson said.

Krop, also 33, is also listed in satisfactory condition at UMC.

The series of shootings began around 9:38 p.m, Wednesday in the 500 block of 17th Street when Donna Green reported Redman at her residence and having shot Krop.

Redman fled to his brother's residence at 411 32nd St. where a four-hour standoff began.

Telephone contact was made with Redman and negotiations began for him to surrender.

At one time, Redman came out of the house with the barrel of a .22-caliber rifle in his mouth and sat down on the steps.

Sheriff Jackson urged him to lay down the .22 rifle, but he went back into the house.

Redman later came out of the house unarmed and surrendered to Jackson. He had shot himself sometime during the standoff.

Redman was then transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital and later to UMC by Lubbock AeroCare.

Krop was first treated for his injuries at Cogdell, then transported to UMC by Snyder EMS.

Census guesses on population

While the results of the 2000 census are still many months away, the Census Bureau has released estimates of county populations as of July 1, 1999.

The bureau estimated Scurry County had lost 5.3 percent of its population from the 1990 census figures – down to 17,649 from 18,584 it recorded in 1990.

The Census Bureau has also estimated Howard County has lost two percent of its population to 31,687, while Nolan County has dropped 2.1 percent to 16,253.

It estimated Dawson County dropped less than one percent – 0.6 percent to 14,442.

The bureau is also estimated Mitchell County grew by 9.6 percent to a population of 8,782.

ASK US

Q—Do you have to bundle papers before placing them in the recycling bins?

A—No, but it is advised that you place them in a plastic bag to protect them from moisture. Paper that has been wet can't be recycled.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 71 degrees; low, 42; 7 a.m. Friday, 44; no precipitation; total for 2000, 1.83 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, mid 30s. N wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny. High near 60. N wind 5-15 mph.

Chris Elder
Sunny

Sunset: 6:49 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.
Of 69 days in 2000, the sun has shone 67 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Look to today. Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.
—Don Marquis

Planets lined up for viewing

Local astronomer Rollin Swanson reports three planets will be lined with the moon tonight and will be visible in the Scurry County area.

"Positioned very close to the moon will be Mars. Opposite of the moon with be Jupiter and then Saturn," said Swanson.

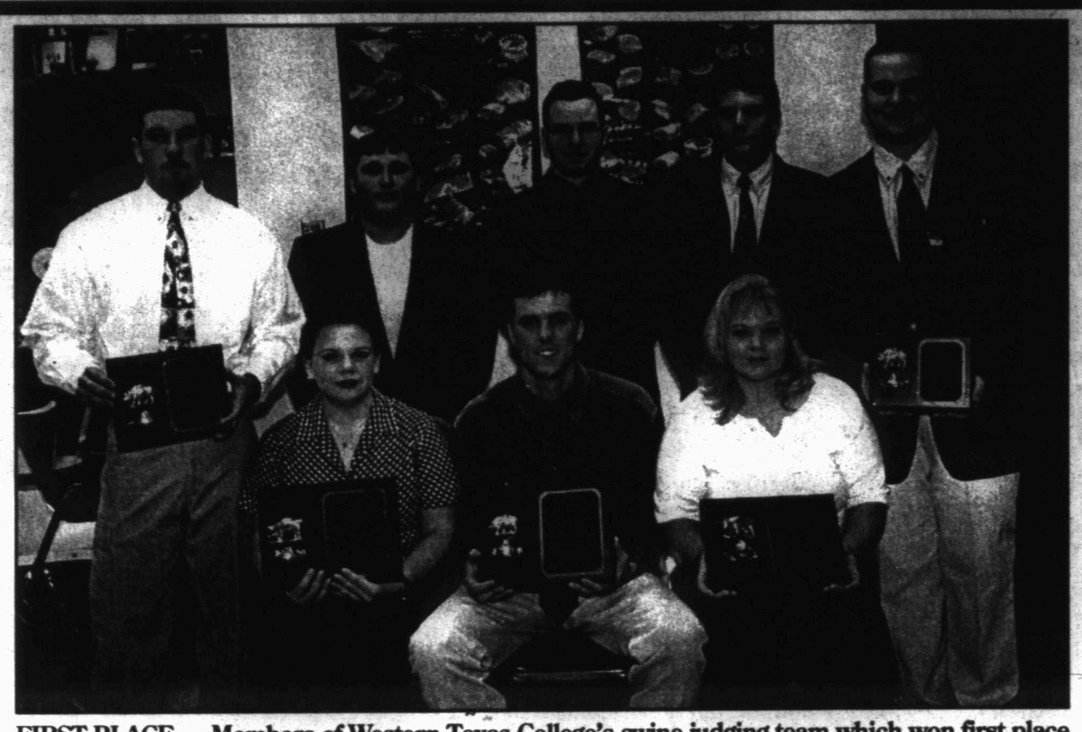
WTC swine judging team wins contest

Western Texas College's swine judging team captured first place at the Southwest Hampshire Swine Conference held recently at Sweetwater.

Thirteen teams competed and Louisiana Tech finished in second place.

Chris Jones of Andrews was the first place individual; Matt Pond of McCauley was second; and Jeff Ellis of Colorado City was third.

In the women's division, Jimma Chapman of Abilene was first, and Amber Chisum of Jayton was second.



FIRST PLACE — Members of Western Texas College's swine judging team which won first place at the Southwest Hampshire Swine Conference in Sweetwater recently are back row from left, Matt Pond, Jeremy Hernandez, Matt Thackerson, Chris Hartman and Jeff Ellis. Front row from left, are Jimma Chapman, Chris Jones and Amber Chisum. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Cutbacks threaten safety of shuttle

HOUSTON (AP) — Shrinking NASA budgets and staffing over the years have jeopardized the safety of the agency's space shuttle program, a panel of aerospace experts says.

Cutbacks have forced NASA to turn over too much of its safety oversight to outside contractors as it trimmed costs, the experts said.

"The panel was very concerned with what it perceived as risk management process erosion created by the desire to reduce costs," the panel concluded in a report released Thursday.

"This is inappropriate in an area the panel believes should be under continuous examination for improvement in effectiveness with cost reduction being secondary."

The panel was chaired by Henry McDonald, director of NASA's Ames Research Center in California.

Joe Rothenberg, NASA's associate administrator for spaceflight, told the Houston Chronicle that steps already were under way to bolster NASA's safety oversight by adding 800 new workers over the next two years.

Workers will be distributed among the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., where the shuttle is launched; the Johnson Space Center in Houston, where the program is managed; and the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., where the shuttle's propulsion systems are supervised.

Rothenburg commissioned the study after a problem-plagued launch of shuttle Columbia in July

CDC: Flu season 'ordinary'

ATLANTA (AP) — Despite what appeared to be a bad outbreak of the flu a few months ago — with crammed hospitals nationwide leading to fears of an epidemic — this winter's flu season was no fiercer than any other the past five years, the government said.

As the flu season peaked during the week ending Dec. 25, many health professonals said it was the worst outbreak they had seen in a long time.

However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday that 12,651 people have tested positive for the flu since Oct. 3.

With the flu season nearing an end, the statistics are in line with those from the past five years.

The actual number of people with the flu was in the tens of millions, but the CDC only tracks cases confirmed by tests. Of those, 99 percent had the type A Sydney strain, which has been the most common the last three seasons.

About 20,000 Americans die of flu complications every year. And the CDC said the death toll was probably about the same this year, though the agency is still studying that.

In two of the past five years, 1995-96 and 1996-97, the season peaked in mid-December and January. Peaks in the other seasons occurred in February and early March.

Many people suffering from flu-like symptoms have been infected with some nasty germ, but probably not one of the four types of influenza, said Dr. Andrea Winquist with the CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases. Many common viruses and bacteria cause similar symptoms.

"People tend to use the word 'flu' for a lot of things," she said.

Alan Arvello, a physician's assistant in Amarillo, Texas, said the clinic where he works was filled from November to January with people complaining of the flu. He said many learned something else was causing their misery.

"A lot of times, once we counsel people, they say, 'Oh OK, I didn't have the flu,'" Arvello said.

Bronchitis and pneumonia are two ailments that often resemble the flu and require hospitalization for many people.

The CDC estimates 10 percent to 20 percent of the population gets the flu every season.

On the Net: CDC information: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr

Date Book

Friday, March 10, 2000

Today is the 70th day of 2000 and the 80th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1849, Abraham Lincoln received a patent for a device to raise grounded boats.

On this day in 1864, Ulysses S. Grant was appointed commander of the Union armies in the Civil War.

On this day in 1933, an earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale struck Long Beach, Calif.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ferdinand V of Castile (1452-1516), King of Aragon; Lillian D. Wald (1867-1940), social worker-nurse; Barry Fitzgerald (1888-1961), actor; Bix Beiderbecke (1903-1931), musician; James Herriot (1916-1995), author; Chuck Norris (1939-), actor, is 61; David Rabe (1940-), dramatist, is 60; Edward Windsor (1964-), English prince, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, Art Houtteman, a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, was seriously injured in an auto accident during spring training. Houtteman recovered and won 15 games that year.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A man may not always be what he appears to be, but what he appears to be is always a significant part of what he is." — Dr. Willard Gaylin

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 6) and first quarter (March 13).

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Tejano songwriter dies before tribute

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Homar Hernandez, a songwriter who was to have been inducted into the Tejano Music Awards Hall of Fame on Thursday, died of a heart attack at age 57.

Hernandez was at work at a Floresville grocery store when he died Saturday, said his friend and frequent collaborator, Sam Zuniga.

"He learned about a month ago about the award and he was very happy, but he didn't live to receive it," Zuniga said.

Born in Asherton on July 19, 1942, Hernandez was in high school when he began jotting down ideas for songs, said his wife, Dolores Sylvia Hernandez.

NBC affiliates in 5 states pull comedy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "God, the Devil and Bob" didn't leave them laughing in Idaho, Mississippi and three others states where NBC affiliates refused to show the animated comedy about a man who meets God in a bar.

The series, which premiered Thursday and is set to move into a Tuesday night time slot, focuses on the moral questions faced by an everyman named Bob.

In Thursday's episode, a dispirited God — portrayed as an old, bearded hippie wearing a tie-dyed T-shirt — considers destroying a world that appears to be unworthy of salvation. It's up to autoworker Bob to prove him wrong.

James Garner does the voice of God, who is shown enjoying beer, marveling at the invention of toaster pastry and using an epithet to describe the devil, who is voiced by Alan Cumming. French Stewart is the voice of Bob.

At least nine of more than 220 NBC affiliates nationwide declined to air the show because of its subject matter, including those in Boise, Pocatello and Twin Falls, Idaho; Salt Lake City; Tupelo, Hattiesburg and Jackson, Miss.; Shreveport, La.; and South Bend, Ind.

One religious group also criticized the show.

"This kind of tasteless and trivial portrayal of God does a disservice to the millions of American television viewers who have deeply felt religious beliefs," said Nihad Awad, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Washington, D.C.

Series creator Matthew Carlson, a former seminary student, called the reaction unwarranted. He said viewers should have the right to judge for themselves.

"We expected controversy but not prior censorship," Carlson said. "I can understand it's a sensitive issue, but we took that into account when we made the series. I think the show comes out on the side of the angels. I like to think we're laughing with God, not at him."

The Rev. Ellwood Kieser, a Los Angeles priest and producer who consulted on the series, questioned why a station would ban "God, the Devil and Bob" but run an NBC sitcom like "Veronica's Closet," whose main character owns a lingerie company and sometimes has scantily clad models.

"I think this is a good show for a family to watch together and discuss," Kieser said. "I think it's unique because it pulls people into the religious realm, into a God-centered universe."

NBC said it considers the show entertaining and hopes the affiliates eventually will reconsider.

"It was never our intention to offend anyone," the network said in a statement.

South Bend's WNDU, which is owned by the University of Notre Dame, asked NBC to let the station air the program after "Saturday Night Live" this weekend, when fewer children would be watching, programming director Lou Pierce said. The network declined.

"In our estimation, the show is too frank," Pierce said. "Whereas other shows rely on innuendo, this one doesn't."

Another station executive echoed his position.

"Even though it's a cartoon, it's not a kids' program," said Doug Armstrong, president and general manager of KVTB in Boise.

Lightning sets storage tank on fire

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — An oil storage tank erupted in flames early today after lightning apparently struck it during fast-moving thunderstorms.

The storage tank battery, west of Runaway Bay in southwestern Wise County, began burning shortly after 6:30 a.m., county firefighters said.

No injuries were reported. Other details were not immediately available.

The fire followed movement of strong thunderstorms through the area along U.S. 380, about one mile north of the Jack County line.

The area is 45 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, March 11, 2000

Hidden circumstances could bring about a realization of fulfilling your ambitious goals in the year ahead. Be alert for opportunities that come from unknown sources.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Rather than continuing to hit a brick wall, consider taking a different route to achieving your objectives today. Although it may be a bit more involved, it'll be easier in the long run. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If argumentative individuals turn you off today, the solution is simple. Involve yourself only with companions you know have easy-going dispositions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Playing things too loose in financial situations today might cause you to think you have a deal tied down when, in reality, it may be hanging by a thread. Be prepared to work things out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Making some concessions is what it might take to get along with a person important to your immediate plans. Standing on principle and failing compromise could bring things to a halt.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) When it comes to working in close proximity with co-workers today, it could become paramount that each person has his or her own space and a job to do, and is prepared to stay put.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's quite possible today that a friend who promised to do something for you will be unable to fulfill his or her pledge. Rather than get upset, operate on your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be a good sport today and turn the other cheek should you be in the company of someone who loses his or her cool. You'll help this person far more by consoling, not chastising.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Just because someone disagrees with you today does not make this individual a bad person; it merely makes him or her someone who thinks differently than you. Give all people their right to differ.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Just when your goal is within reach today, you could do an about-face and shift your direction. Needless to say, this will not serve your best interests. Stay the course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you find your ideas aren't working out today, before discarding them, check out your methods of implementation. Chances are this will be what's really at fault.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The very things that could trip you up today may be small obstacles you forgot to take care of. Be sure you first tie your shoestrings and clear the paths you intend to take.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If it falls to you to get the pals together for a fun activity, be sure to call only those who you know get along well. Don't include someone who makes waves.

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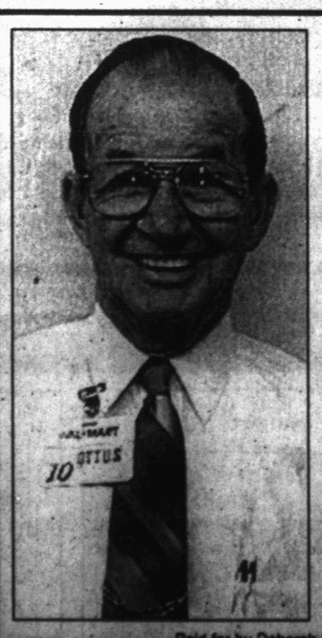

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Judge allows DNA samples to be taken in border case

SEATTLE (AP) — Investigators may take DNA samples from Ahmed Ressam to determine whether he burned himself while allegedly making explosives that were seized by Customs agents, a federal judge has ruled.

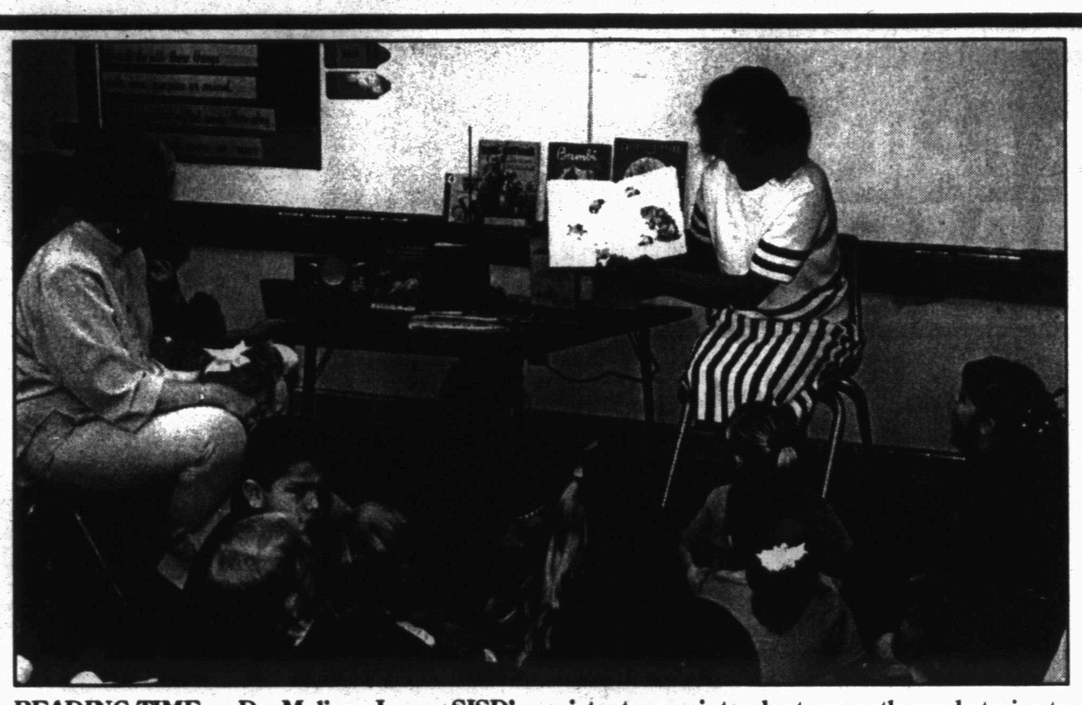
U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour on Thursday authorized the taking of blood, saliva and handwriting samples from Ressam.

The 32-year-old Algerian native has pleaded innocent to conspiring to commit a terrorist bombing, smuggling explosives, possessing an explosive device and making false statements. He faces trial July 10 in Los Angeles.

Investigators want to compare his DNA with a stain found on some burned pants that were seized from Ressam's apartment in Montreal after he was arrested Dec. 14 in Port Angeles, where Customs agents said they found the explosives EGDN and RDX in his rental car trunk.

Tests on the pants and on tennis shoes found in the apartment show burns and holes were caused by chemicals used to make EGDN, and traces of both explosives were found on the same clothing, government lawyers said.

FBI agents found Ressam's right leg bore recent scars that appear to be from burns, and the judge authorized a medical examination.



READING TIME — Dr. Melissa Jones, SISD's assistant superintendent, recently read stories to Linda Cozart's first grade students at Stanfield. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Witness says another gunman escaped during 1997 shootout

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New testimony has revived suspicions that a bank robbery and now-infamous shootout with police was the work of more than just the two suspects killed in the gunbattle.

The allegations came on the final day of testimony in a federal trial focusing on whether police allowed robber Emil Matasareanu to bleed to death after he was wounded in the shootout.

Outside of court Thursday, lawyers for both sides acknowledged that they believe there may have been five to six people involved in the robbery.

Evon Haddad, 37, testified that she saw a man wearing a ski mask and carrying a machine gun scale a fence behind her apartment about an hour after the violence erupted four blocks away.

"He jumped over the fence and went into the shed," she said.

Police eventually used a battering ram to knock down the shed but no gunman was found, Haddad said, adding that she later saw bloodstains near the fence.

Eleven officers and six civilians were wounded as Matasareanu, 30, and Larry Eugene Phillips Jr., 26, both wearing body armor, tried to get away by firing automatic weapons at police. The shootout lasted nearly an hour.

Phillips died when he shot himself and was hit by police gunfire at the same time. Matasareanu was brought down in a firefight in the street where he eventually died.

Bradley Gage is an attorney representing one of the former officers accused of denying medical attention to Matasareanu. He has argued that it was too dangerous for ambulance crews to enter the area where the gunman lay wounded.

His client, John Futrell, has testified that the chaos of the scene — and fears that other suspects were in the neighborhood — led him to cancel an initial ambulance call.

Outside court, Gage said he believes that up to five people were involved in the robbery itself — three who went into the bank and two in a backup car that got away. He said Judge Christina Snyder prevented him from showing jurors a surveillance photograph that shows three different gunmen inside the bank.

Stephen Yagman, an attorney representing Matasareanu's survivors, said he has believed all along that six people were involved and that they were linked to a Montana militia.

Shortly after he took the case, Yagman said, he flew to Colorado Springs, Colo., to talk to informants there and was given the militia information. He refused to discuss details.

Yagman said he believes the Los Angeles Police Department failed to follow up on leads that would have led them in the same direction.

"Evon Haddad's testimony finally debunks the LAPD falsities that only two men robbed the bank," Yagman said in a written statement.

Bush, Gore offer voters clear choices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The battle shaping up between Al Gore and George W. Bush is also a struggle between mandatory licensing of future handgun buyers and much more limited gun controls.

It's between a tax cut most families would feel and a health plan that would help more people get insurance. There's an offer to pay thousands of public schoolteachers more money and one to help parents afford private schools when public schools fail them — and their children.

Gore and Bush are offering voters some clear choices as they prepare to go head to head for the presidency.

"This is in some ways as profound an ideological difference as there has been since (Ronald) Reagan and (Jimmy) Carter in 1980 — if you dig into it," said Michael Franc, vice president for government relations at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Digging is required because Gore, the Democratic vice president, a self-styled pragmatic "reinventer" of government, and Bush, the Republican governor of Texas, a "compassionate conservative," can sound alike when they are not speaking to the ideological wings of their parties.

On health care, for one issue, Gore proposes changes that are modest by comparison with those of his vanquished Democratic rival and modest, too, alongside the grand vision of universal health care abandoned by the administration he serves.

But his plan — to let more families above the poverty line qualify for federally supported state insurance and attach a drug benefit to Medicare — is much more ambitious and expensive than anything Bush has put on the table.

For his part, Bush proposes across-the-board tax cuts larger even than the congressional Republican package that Democrats attacked as too costly last year, and which Clinton vetoed. Gore offers selective tax relief here and there.

As well, Bush stands for partial privatization of Social Security, proposes expanded medical savings accounts and spells out a way for parents to use federal tax money to get their children out of failing public schools — ideas roundly opposed by Gore.

Those ideas have simmered in Congress for a decade but only now are emerging with force in a presidential campaign. On the Republican side, Franc argues, that sets the governor apart from Bob Dole's campaign in 1996 and President Bush in 1992.

"A lot of conservative thinking that might have been trendy or outside the envelope in the early '90s is now much more widely accepted," he said Thursday.

Because the ground has shifted, "I see Bush as being to the right of Dole, to the right of his dad."

Al From, president of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, said the differences between Gore and Bush are more pronounced than might have been expected from two men who share a moderate impulse.

From contends that Bush formed his centrist message "on the cheap," without the painstaking policy foundation laid by Bill Clinton in 1992. That left Bush ill-equipped to stay in the center when the primaries got rough, he said.

"Clinton built his own philosophical base in the party that he could fall back on when he got in trouble," From said. "Because Bush didn't do that, he had to fall back on the people who were the establishment."

As a result, he said, Gore can draw strong contrasts with Bush on some of the social and economic issues where they might otherwise have been closer.

Gore and Bush both want more accountability in return for federal education money, including standardized tests. They both like charter schools. But Gore's ideas for school choice and higher teacher pay deal solely with public schools while Bush ultimately provides a way out.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Daughter with Down syndrome is more than just one of "Them"

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has Down syndrome. While I was still grieving over this fact, the kindest people were the ones who commented on her beautiful eyes. I didn't know if they knew she had Down's, and I didn't care. She has beautiful eyes, and I was grateful for the compliment.

Now when we go out in public, we are often approached by people who just have to show us how smart they are because they recognize Down syndrome. This is not a kindness! Don't tell me my daughter's wonderful personality is because "they" are "all so sweet." My daughter is a wonderful individual, not part of the great "they." She is also not deaf!

If people want to be kind, they should be kind. But don't tell us about their experiences with individuals who have Down syndrome. I don't tell them my experiences with insensitive jerks.

Abby, if you could print this, and if some people become aware of the hurt they cause, my daughter, other people with disabilities and I might all have less trouble navigating the stream of well-meaning, but hurtful, people. Thank you. — **HURT IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR HURT: You have said it very well. Thank you for a great letter.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a terrific woman for about a year. She's a musician, divorced and the mother of three. We're dance partners. She and I have had an up-and-down relationship, with occasional breakups over our age difference. I am 29 and she is 15 years older. She wants me to get to know her family. I want the freedom to see other women.

Each time we have gotten back together, it has been because I want to dance only with her. However, one thing usually leads to another, and after a month of dancing, we are lovers again. She's taught me more about love and life than all the women I had dated before put together.

She's after me again to spend some time with her children. This is one of the issues that led us to break up before. After our last breakup, I have never come to grips with the age and lifestyle difference.

Abby, the bond I feel with her is very strong, but I feel that a more traditional relationship with another woman would be better for me in the long run. We can never have a family of our own, and although I don't want one right now, it still bothers me.

Am I right to continue exploring this relationship knowing that there may be someone younger out there for me? — **DOING THE TEXAS TWO-STEP**

DEAR DOING THE TWO-STEP: Since you do not see a future with this woman, do her a favor and level with her. Feeling as you do, it's time to change partners and move on before you waste any more of her time — or yours.

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DEAR ABBY: I, too, am of the old-fashioned mind-set when it comes to manners. However, it is not easy to remain so.

Just the other day I opened a door for a woman about to enter. With a caustic look, she remarked, "Are you opening the door just because I'm a woman?" Taken somewhat aback, I was compelled to say, "No — it was because of your age!" She didn't say another word. — **STILL OPENING DOORS, 29 PALMS, CALIF.**

DEAR STILL OPENING DOORS: Funny — but naughty. I hope you don't leave ALL women speechless.

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Bomb explodes in Sri Lanka capital

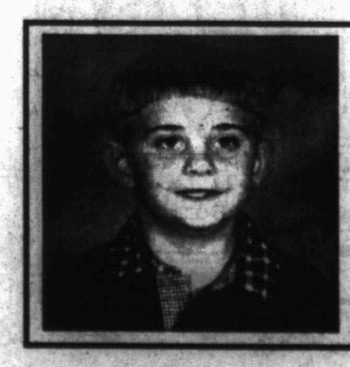
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A car bomb exploded in the Sri Lankan capital's commercial center during today's evening rush hour, killing five people and wounding 15, authorities said.

Gunfire rang out in the cordoned-off Borella area, the commercial hub of Colombo, well after the explosion. At least 50 soldiers took up positions on the streets to try to capture the perpetrators.

The explosion was caused by a car bomb, said K. Nissanka, a fire department official.

Two of the five dead were police, and 15 other people were injured, police officials said on customary condition of anonymity.

There were no further details and no claims of responsibility.



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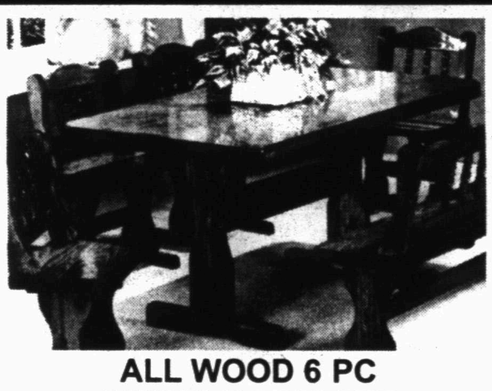

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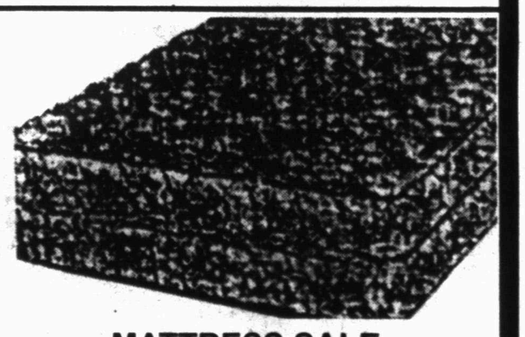

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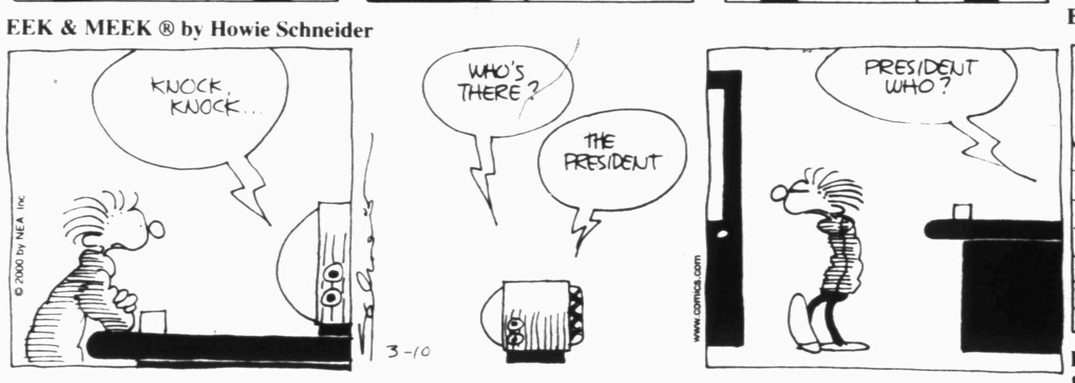

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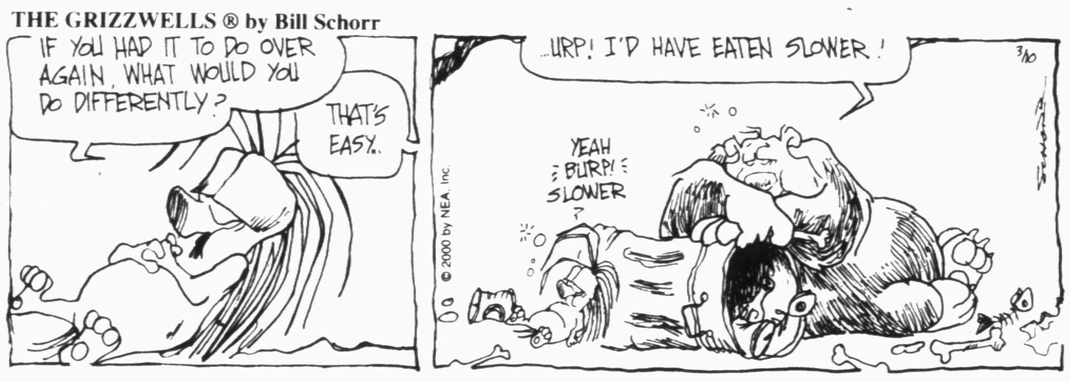

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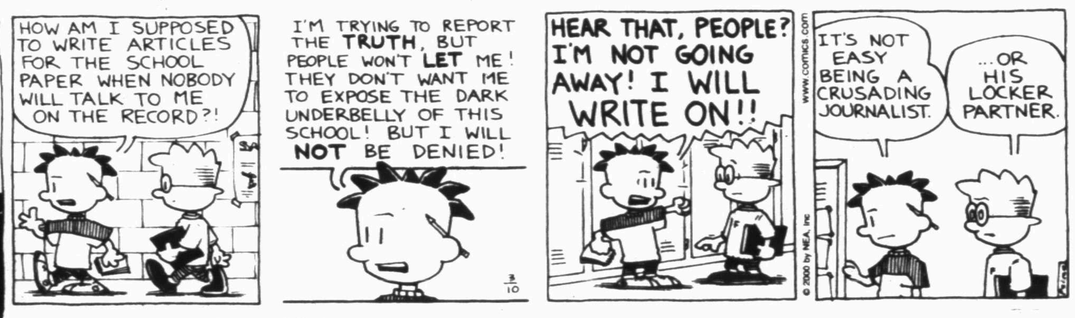

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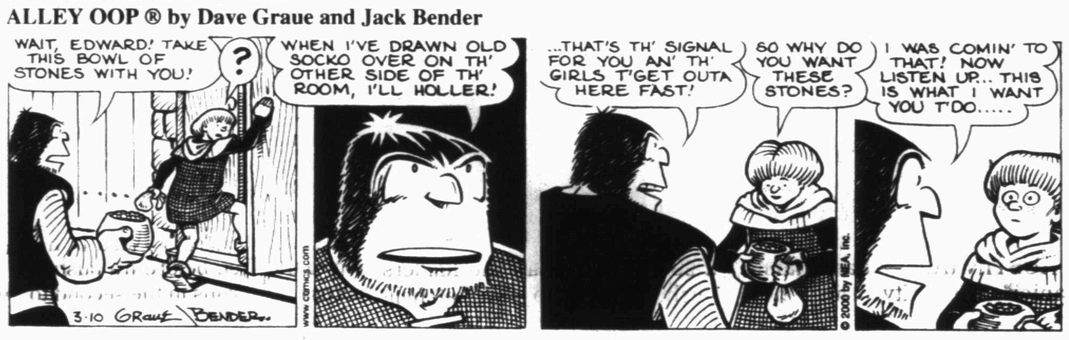

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1 — Mussolini
7 Spree
13 Pencil part
14 "Seinfeld" regular
15 Short trip
16 Llama's kin
17 It's for the course!
18 Finale
20 Comedian DeLuise
21 "Whoa!"
23 Uncooked
24 Marries
25 Askew
27 "La —" (opera)
29 French affirmative
31 Kin (abbr.)
32 Sandwich type (abbr.)
33 Young goat
34 Cannon part
37 Tenant's obligation
40 Crucifix
41 Ugly old woman
43 "Just — —!" (Act!)
45 "— — Clear Day"
46 Seine sight
47 "Gosh!"
48 Hazardous
51 Certain exile
54 Names
55 Thought
56 Part of a sonnet
57 Improves

DOWN

1 Pages
2 Publishing blunders
3 Small-minded
4 "Rose — — rose"
5 Half a score
6 Command
7 Some dress ornamentation
8 Building addition
9 Short sleep
10 Crown
11 Put into a secret language
12 Paper measures
19 Arrest
22 Examined
24 Joined (metals)
26 Noel
28 Beneficiary of a will
30 Most scratch-worthy
34 — and Clyde
35 Cooks the turkey
36 Actor Holbrook
38 Head
39 Car part (2 wds.)
40 Defeats overwhelmingly
42 Actress Davis
44 Adolescents
49 Elev.
50 Professional charge
52 Dad's mate
53 "Graph" end

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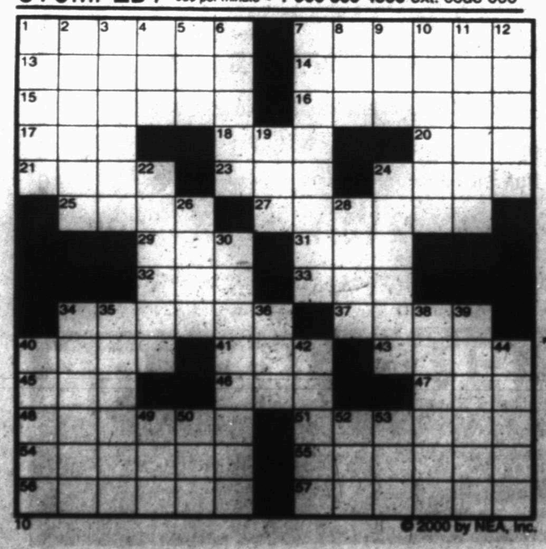

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SPORTS

In tourney's opening round...

Rangers shock Tigers, 7-4

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

What a difference a year can make.

Twelve months ago, the Snyder Tigers manhandled Perryton in the title game of the Snyder Baseball Tournament.

But in a rematch in this year's opening round, it was the Rangers who looked like title contenders.

Perryton pounded out 10 hits and played sparkling defense Thursday to knock off Snyder, 7-4, in the first round at Moffett Field.

The setback dropped the Tigers into the bottom half of the bracket, while the Rangers went on to topple Childress Thursday night and advance to the semifinals.

The win over Snyder gave a boost of confidence to Perryton, which saw last year's tournament as a turning point in their season, according to Coach Bill Merrell.

"Last year's tournament was a turning point, because the win over Pecos showed us that we could compete with teams on this level. And the loss to Snyder brought us back to reality and showed us what it took to win championships," said Merrell, who led his squad to the state semifinals a year ago.

"We had a lot of kids step up when we needed it today. We made most of the routine plays, and made a couple of big plays that I thought turned the momentum in our favor."

With the Tigers holding a 1-0 lead, Perryton seized the momentum in the top of the third when Jamie Juarez and Michael Koch launched back-to-back home runs to chase Snyder starter Josh Ward and give the Rangers a 2-1 advantage.

The Tigers knotted the tally in the bottom of the frame, before the Rangers took the lead for good.

Leadoff singles from Cody Creswell and Cuyler Dear, combined with two Snyder errors, netted three more Perryton runs in the fourth to put the Rangers up, 5-2.

"We didn't play very well," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "The credit goes to Perryton. They deserved to win. They played well enough to win, and we didn't. We made way too many mental errors in the field to beat a good team."

The Tigers cut the deficit to one in the bottom of the fourth when Jesse Haines led off with a single to left field, and later scored on a base hit by Colin Jones. John Ortegon slid home with the second run on Perryton's second and final error of the day.

The Rangers sealed the win with a stellar play in the fifth when the Tigers were threatening once again.

Adam Beck began the inning with a double, and moved to third on a sacrifice fly by Matthew Grimmett.

Snyder appeared ready to tie the score when Josh Ward sent a high fly ball to center field. Beck tagged from third, but was thrown out at home plate by Bernardo Estrada to end the inning.

Cody Merrell, on in relief of Perryton starter Brett Page, surrendered only one hit through the final three innings.

Ralph Ramon was tagged with the loss, throwing the middle three innings, before Sonny Cumbie came on in the sixth.

Snyder was to have faced Odessa Permian this morning in Ira. A victory would put the Tigers back at Moffett Field for a 4:30 match-up with either Childress or West.

Perryton will face Pampa tonight at 7 o'clock in the semifinals.

Perryton	ab	r	h	bi
Estrada cf	3	1	0	0
Page p	2	0	1	0
Merrell 2b	4	0	2	2
Stiles ss	4	0	1	0
Creswell c	4	1	2	0
Dear 1b	3	1	1	0
Juarez lf	4	2	1	1
Koch 3b	2	1	1	1
Mendez 3b	2	0	1	0
Powell rf	2	0	0	0
Castanon 2b	1	0	0	0
Hoffman pr	0	1	0	0
Totals	**31**	**7**	**10**	**4**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ramon 3b	2	0	0	0
Alaniz cr	0	1	0	0
Jones lf	4	0	2	1
Cumbie c	2	0	0	0
Burleson cr	0	1	0	0
Beck 1b	4	0	2	0
Grimmett cf	2	0	1	1
Ward p	3	0	0	0
Gordon rf	2	0	0	0
Haines dh	3	1	2	0
Ortegon ss	3	1	0	0
Totals	**25**	**4**	**7**	**2**

Perryton	0 0 2 3 0 2 0—	7 10 2
Snyder	1 0 1 2 0 0 0—	4 7 2

DP - Perryton 2. LOB - Perryton 8, Snyder 6. 2B - Merrell; Beck, Haines. HR - Juarez, Koch.

Perryton	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Page	3 2/3	6	4	4	3	1
Merrell	3 1/3	1	0	0	2	3
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Ward	2	3	2	2	3	1
Ramon	3	6	5	3	4	3
Cumbie	1	1	0	0	1	1

Pampa 11, Odessa High 7
Odessa High 11, Crane 0

West	3 8 0 0 2—13	7 0
Crane	0 0 0 0 1— 1	5 2

Ferguson and Kolar; Garcia and Carrasco. W—Ferguson. L—Garcia. 2B: West - Ferguson, Zahirniak; Crane - Carasco. 3B: West - Keel. HR: West - Croll.

FW Dunbar	0 0 0 0 0— 0	3 5
Permian	2 2 4 3 x—11	5 0

Starnes, Brown (4) and Smith; Lopez, Snapp (5) and Gorrell. W—Lopez. L—Starnes. 2B: Permian - Gorrell.

L. Cooper	0 1 2 0 0— 3	4 5
Dumas	5 1 4 4 x—14	8 0

White, Daniell (1), Loveland (3) and Maddison; Huffman and Taylor. W—Huffman. L—White. 2B: Dumas - Chastain, Huffman. HR: Dumas - Simpson, Rehkoph.

Dumas	0 0 0 2 0 0 6— 8	4 0
Permian	0 0 0 0 0 1 0— 1	3 0

Simpson and Taylor; Bishop, Mineo (6) and Herrera. W—Simpson. L—Bishop. 2B: Dumas - Simpson, Rehkoph.

FW Dunbar	0 0 0 3 0— 3	3 5
L. Cooper	7 1 1 2 1 x—2	11 3 0

Smith and Peoples; Vines, Shuttlesworth (4), Wiley (4) and Ridener. W—Vines. L—Smith. 2B: Dunbar - Pugliano; Cooper - Ridener, Loveland. HR: Dunbar - Stannis; Cooper - Aycock, Wiley.

Childress	0 1 0 0 0 0 0— 1	1 0
Perryton	1 1 1 0 7 0 0—10	4 0

Ramirez, Christopher (5) and Keys; Stiles, Creswell (6) and Creswell, Merrell. W—Stiles. L—Ramirez.

Ira earns shot at tourney crown

COTTON CENTER — They looked like a couple of football scores, but they helped propel the Ira Bulldogs into the championship of the Cotton Center baseball tournament.

Ira pummeled Smyer, 36-0, then held off Ralls, 16-12, Thursday to earn a shot at the tourney title.

The Bulldogs needed only three innings to dispose of Smyer, scoring 11 runs in the first, 12 more in the second and 13 in the third.

Eric Dickerhoff picked up the win on the mound, and belted a double at the plate.

Richard Wilkins and Drew Wall slapped a pair of doubles apiece, with Jeremy Bowden notching one.

Against Ralls, the Bulldogs mounted two rallies to post the win.

Ralls grabbed a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, before Ira pushed across eight runs in the second to take control.

The Jackrabbits jumped back on top in the fifth, 11-10, only to have Ira answer again. The Bulldogs exploded for six runs in the bottom of the frame to cap the victory.

Jase Olvera went the distance on the hill for Ira.

Seth Sterling banged two doubles, with Olvera and Jenson Gainer slapping one each.

Ira's opponent in the championship game is yet to be determined. The title tilt is scheduled for Saturday at 5 p.m.

Ryan advances to finals

AUSTIN (AP) — San Antonio Lanier's tenacity and vocal crowd support wasn't enough to beat Denton Ryan's muscle.

Dupree Jones scored 21 points as Denton Ryan overpowered undersized Lanier 72-59 Thursday night in the Class 4A state semifinals.

Ryan (29-6), which ended the Snyder's season in last week's regional quarterfinals, advances to Saturday's final against Dallas Madison (32-2), a 66-54 winner over Port Arthur Jefferson.

Greg Boyd hit a 3-pointer to give Denton Ryan a 30-26 lead in the second quarter and sparked a 20-4 run that saw the Raiders push the lead to 47-30 at halftime.

Lanier wouldn't quit, however. Lanier cut the lead to 53-44 with 3:15 in the third.

Lanier made it 57-49 with two free throws in the fourth, and had a chance to cut it to six but Roy McKinney blocked a layup and Boyd hit a 3-pointer at the other end.

Denton Ryan iced it with two more 3-pointers to stretch the lead back to 68-51.

McKinney had 11 points and Boyd and Micah Mack each scored 10 for Denton Ryan.

Canyon Reef Relays to host largest field

Unlike last year when sleet and drizzle fell most of the day, the forecast for Saturday's Canyon Reef Relays calls for sunshine, making this year's meet not only the largest in history, but possibly the most competitive.

Forty-two teams from 17 schools are scheduled to compete Saturday at Tiger Stadium, doubling the number of last year's entries.

Varsity and JV boys' divisions will feature 11 teams each, with the varsity and JV girls' classes fielding 15 squads apiece.

"A lot of work went into this year's meet," said Snyder athletic director David Baugh. "We have more teams coming this year, than we've had in years past, so it should be very competitive."

Competing along side Snyder in the boys' and girls' divisions will be Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Canyon, Frenship, Lamesa, Levelland and Post. Boys' teams from Lubbock High and Sweetwater are also entered.

Also registered in the girls' divisions are Denver City, Kermit, Monahans, Plainview, Seminole and Abilene Wylie.

Field events get underway at 9 a.m. with the running preliminaries starting at 10. Finals for the running events begin at 2 p.m.

CANYON REEF RELAYS
at Tiger Stadium

FIELD EVENTS
9:00
Varsity girls: high jump, triple jump, discus
JV girls: long jump, shot put
Varsity boys: long jump, discus
JV boys: shot put, pole vault, triple jump
10:00
Varsity girls: shot put, long jump
JV girls: high jump, triple jump, discus
Varsity boys: pole vault, shot put, triple jump
JV boys: discus, triple jump
11:00
Varsity boys: high jump
Noon
JV boys: high jump
RUNNING PRELIMS
9:00
3200M Run: all divisions
10:00
400M Relay
100M Int. Hurdles
110M High Hurdles
100M Dash
400M Dash
300M Low Hurdles
300M Int. Hurdles
200M Dash
RUNNING FINALS
2:00
400M Relay
800M Dash
100M Int. Hurdles
110M High Hurdles
800M Relay
1600M Run: JV girls and boys
400M Dash
300M Low Hurdles
300M Int. Hurdles
200M Dash
1600M Run: V girls and boys
1600M Relay

SHS JV falls Coronado

WOLFFORTH — Despite registering twice as many hits, Snyder fell to Lubbock Coronado, 7-5, Thursday in the opening round of the Frenship JV baseball tournament.

The Tigers pounded out six hits, to only three for the Mustangs, but left six men stranded.

Snyder grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, before Coronado scored two runs in the bottom of the frame and added four more in the second.

Trailing 7-1, the Tigers tried to rally down the stretch. Snyder cut the deficit with three runs in the fifth and another in the sixth, but couldn't close the gap before the time limit expired.

Brooks Nunley went the distance on the mound, surrendering three hits and four walks to go along with six strikeouts.

Snyder was to have faced Lubbock Cooper this morning.

Coronado 7, Snyder 5

Snyder: Franks, triple; Ortegon, two singles; Nunley, McBroom and Bowen, single.

College Basketball Tournament Results

MEN
TOURNAMENT
Atlantic 10 Conference
Quarterfinals
Dayton 67, St. Joseph's 64
Massachusetts 86, George Washington 68
St. Bonaventure 77, Xavier 69
Temple 71, Virginia Tech 52
Atlantic Coast Conference
First Round
Duke 94, Clemson 63
Florida St. 63, Georgia Tech 62
Big 12 Conference
First Round
Baylor 63, Nebraska 55
Colorado 79, Texas A&M 53
Kansas 84, Kansas St. 60
Missouri 80, Texas Tech 47
Big East Conference
Quarterfinals
Connecticut 79, Seton Hall 64
Georgetown 76, Syracuse 72
Miami 61, Notre Dame 58
St. John's 75, Villanova 70
Big Ten Conference
First Round
Iowa 81, Minnesota 78
Penn St. 76, Michigan 66
Wisconsin 51, Northwestern 41
Big West Conference
First Round
Long Beach St. 97, Idaho 86
New Mexico St. 70, UC Irvine 51
Utah St. 64, Pacific 41
Conference USA
Quarterfinals
DePaul 80, Memphis 76
N.C. Charlotte 57, Louisville 52
Saint Louis 68, Cincinnati 58
Tulane 76, Houston 69
Mountain West Conference
First Round
BYU 55, New Mexico 43
Utah 74, Air Force 65
Wyoming 74, Colorado St. 68
Southeastern Conference
First Round
Florida 89, Mississippi 67
South Carolina 69, Alabama 59
Vanderbilt 76, Mississippi St. 53
Southwestern Athletic Conference
First Round
Alcorn St. 94, Grambling St. 82
Jackson St. 56, Alabama St. 50
Southern U. 77, Prairie View 74
Texas Southern 74, MVSU 50
Western Athletic Conference
First Round
Hawaii 87, SMU 82
TCU 84, San Jose St. 71
Tulsa 71, Rice 51

WOMEN
TOURNAMENT
America East Conference
Quarterfinals
Delaware 77, New Hampshire 65
Maine 73, Boston U. 52
Northeastern 73, Hartford 58
Vermont 73, Drexel 49
Big 12 Conference
Semifinals
Iowa St. 85, Nebraska 48
Texas 68, Texas Tech 50
Big Sky Conference
Semifinals
CS Northridge 70, Idaho St. 62
Colonial Athletic Association
Quarterfinals
East Carolina 77, Va. Commonwealth 68
James Madison 72, American U. 70, 2OT
N.C.-Wilmington 85, Richmond 77
Old Dominion 66, George Mason 61
Sun Belt Conference
Quarterfinals
Arkansas St. 76, Denver 69
Fla. International 64, New Orleans 60
Louisiana Tech 95, South Alabama 51
W. Kentucky 80, Louisiana-Lafayette 70

National Basketball Association

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	37	23	.617	—
New York	36	24	.600	1
Philadelphia	34	25	.576	2½
Orlando	29	32	.475	8½
Boston	25	35	.417	12
New Jersey	25	36	.410	12½
Washington	20	42	.323	18
Central Division				
Indiana	42	19	.689	—
Toronto	35	25	.583	6½
Charlotte	33	28	.541	9
Detroit	29	30	.492	12
Milwaukee	29	32	.475	13
Cleveland	25	35	.417	16½
Atlanta	23	37	.383	18½
Chicago	13	47	.217	28½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Utah	40	20	.667	—
San Antonio	39	22	.639	1½
Minnesota	36	25	.590	4½
Denver	26	34	.433	13½
Dallas	24	37	.393	16½
Houston	24	37	.393	16½
Vancouver	18	43	.295	22½
Pacific Division				
x-L.A. Lakers	50	11	.820	—
Portland	46	15	.754	4
Phoenix	39	21	.650	10½
Seattle	37	25	.597	13½
Sacramento	35	25	.583	14½
Golden State	16	43	.271	33
L.A. Clippers	12	49	.197	38

x-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games
San Antonio 105, Atlanta 79
Indiana 127, Portland 119, OT
Minnesota 100, Dallas 79
Utah 101, Houston 82
Friday's Games
New York at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity vs. Odessa Permian, at Snyder tourney, 9 a.m.

Baseball: Snyder JV vs. Lubbock Cooper JV, at Frenship tourney, 8:30 a.m.

Softball: Andrews at Snyder, varsity at 6 and JV at 8 p.m.

Golf: Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational

Golf: Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational

SATURDAY

Track: Snyder boys and girls host Canyon Reef Relays

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Snyder tourney

Baseball: Snyder JV at Frenship tourney

Golf: Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational

Golf: Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational

Sports Briefs

Track volunteers needed

Snyder High School needs volunteers for Saturday's Canyon Reef Relays.

Anyone interested should contact Tommy Doyle at 574-6039.

MGA tourney slated

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its monthly tournament Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Entry fee is $5 and format will be match play.

Teen activities scheduled

Today is the final day to register for the Smart Moves Spring Teen Basketball League, for ages 14-19. Registration fee is $10 per player, and includes a new mesh jersey. The league will be limited to eight teams.

For more information on either event, call the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

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BID NOTICE

The City of Snyder is accepting bids for the purchase of new water meters. This bid will be received until Friday, March 17, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. in the accounting department. Specifications may be picked up at the accounting department in the City Hall. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

APACHE CORPORATION, 2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77056-4400 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Canyon Reef Formation - T.J. Good-A-Well No. 39W. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles North of Vealmoor, Texas in Good Field in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7600'–8354'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Codes, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of SARAH SUE MARTIN, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,569:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of SARAH SUE MARTIN, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 8th day of March, 2000, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to STANLEY MARTIN, 3604 Jacksboro, Snyder, Texas 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 8th day of March, 2000.

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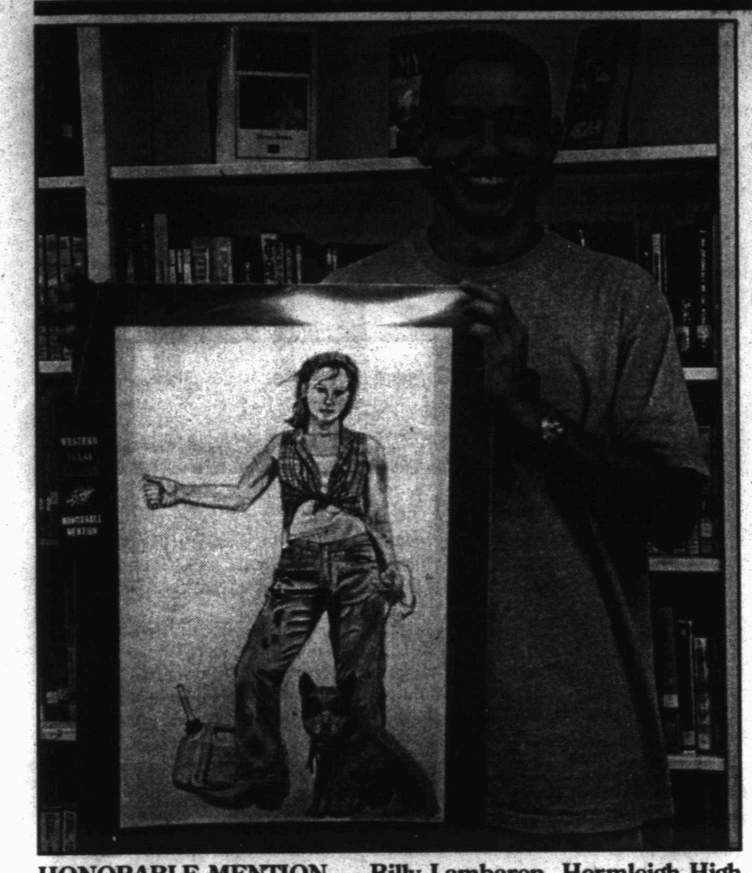

HONORABLE MENTION — Billy Lambaren, Hermleigh High School junior, is pictured with the pencil drawing that received honorable mention during the recent high school art contest sponsored by Western Texas College. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Warm weather rudely ushered out

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The hint of spring was quick.

A day after people from Texas to Buffalo, N.Y., basked in record-setting warm temperatures, a storm front that hammered the northern Plains with snow arrived in the Northeast early today.

Winds gusting to 64 mph were reported in New York, Pennsylvania and other parts of New England. Temperatures plummeted more than 25 degrees in some areas and highs today were forecast to be 20 degrees to 40 degrees cooler than the 60s and 70s on Thursday.

The unseasonably warm weather unleashed thunderstorms and spring fever. Dozens played hooky at the Bellevue Country Club in Syracuse, N.Y.

"Most everybody took the day off," said golf course manager Dave Southard. "I've worked here 11 years, and this is the earliest in the year we've had this much play."

In Worcester, Mass., the temperature climbed to 74 degrees, leapfrogging the old record of 60. It was 34 degrees above the normal high, according to the National Weather Service.

Records were set at 78 degrees in Atlantic City, N.J., and at 73 in both Scranton, Pa., and Rochester, N.Y. Boston was a record 72. Even Burlington, Vt., hit 66, beating the record of 60 set in 1921.

The 68 degrees in Buffalo broke the 1878 record for the date by a single degree, though the city expected patchy snow today. Record highs were also set in Houston, New Orleans, Richmond, Va., and at Dulles airport in Washington, D.C.

At Court Square in Springfield, Mass., hot dog vendor Martin Johnson basked in short sleeves as he tended his steaming trays. "There are no other carts out," he said. "The warm spell caught them unexpected."

In Burlington, Dave Holbrook, owner of Seasonal Pool & Patio, said the warmth spurred a burst of interest in pool buying. In Boston, Mayor Thomas Menino handed out flowers in Copley Square.

Spring begins March 20, but pigeons and robins battled for worms in the Thursday afternoon sunshine at Lincoln Park in Newark.

"Don't get used to this," cautioned Orlando Perez as he strolled through the park. "This week, it might be 60 or 70 and next week be 30 or 40."

Just ask the folks in northern Wisconsin, where the mercury dropped nearly 50 degrees from near 70 on Wednesday. There was a fresh coat of white today after a storm dumped a foot of snow on part of the state and sparked a tornado near Milwaukee.

Scraping off the snow and ice from his car in Eau Claire, Shawn Flippin had expected winter's return.

"I think it was going to happen," Flippin said. "It was just a matter of when."

On the Net:
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

How long should women get Pap tests?

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you stated that Pap smears should be performed on all premenopausal women. The implication was that this testing can be stopped after menopause. My understanding is that all women with uteruses, regardless of age, are at risk of cervical cancer and should have annual Pap tests. In addition, even women after hysterectomy should have annual pelvic exams to detect ovarian cancer. I hope that you will retract your statement.

DEAR READER: Well, I won't. All pre-menopausal women should have periodic Pap smears. That's all I said, and it's true.

Now, with respect to your other points, I disagree. Many authoritative gynecologists now believe that routine Pap tests in post-menopausal women are unnecessary, provided the women have had at least three consecutive normal smears during preceding exams, and provided they have no symptoms, such as vaginal spotting. This recommendation is not universal, of course, and individual decisions should be made between a woman and her physician.

Second point: During a hysterectomy, the cervix (uterine opening) is customarily removed. Therefore, there's nothing left "to Pap." Furthermore, a routine pelvic exam is unlikely to reveal an ovarian cancer, which is exceedingly difficult to diagnose in its early stages before symptoms develop, without special tests (such as ultrasound) that are not appropriate for mere screening.

I acknowledge that there is disagreement about these issues and I am not a gynecologist. I am simply reporting the facts as they have been published. As I mentioned, each woman should discuss this with her physician. To give you related information, I am sending a copy of my Health Report "Menopause." 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.

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DEAR READER: I am certain that your house IS infested with dust mites; everyone's is. These tiny creatures are as ubiquitous as the air we breathe. Actually, it's not the mites themselves that cause coughing and congestion, it's their excrement.

Mites are virtually impossible to eradicate. They happily survive and reproduce in dust, furniture, rugs and so forth. Therefore, most of us have to develop methods of living with them, rather than without them. Of course, this means we have to keep our homes as clean as possible, without becoming overconcerned to the point of obsession.

For those individuals who truly have uncontrollable dust-mite allergies, a visit to an allergist may be helpful. Desensitization injections may be necessary, in conjunction with the judicious use of antihistamine medication. Whether or not your wife chooses to see a specialist is a matter of personal preference. The mites will not influence her diabetes or dialysis.

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Man fails in lawsuit over forced sterilization at 18

DETROIT (AP) — It bothers Fred Aslin that he has no biological sons, but what upsets him even more is why.

Aslin, who turns 74 today, said the state sterilized him against his will when he was just 18.

"They said I was so retarded that my kids would be retarded if we had any kids," Aslin said Thursday. "I never signed the paper and they never approached me with a hearing or anything."

He sued the state last year for violating his civil rights, but an Ingham County Circuit Court judge dismissed the lawsuit last week, saying the state's three-year statute of limitations had run out.

His attorney, Lisa McNiff, said he has no plans to appeal.

"I've spoken with Fred and we feel that it's fruitless to appeal at this point," McNiff said. "Our chances in the Court of Appeals are not good."

Aslin was 10 years old and living with his four brothers and four sisters when his father died at the height of the Depression. The state took him and his siblings from their mother, arguing that she was unable to care for them.

They were then placed in the Lapeer State School, a mental institution in Michigan. Aslin said he was sterilized in 1944 because school officials believed he was developmentally disabled. He said some of his siblings also were sterilized.

Aslin used the Freedom of Information Act to request his records, which he said labeled him "a feeble-minded moron" while also showing he received praise for his academic performance.

Aslin said he was sterilized even though he refused to sign papers authorizing the procedure.

"I said, 'No, I'm not going to sign that.' I didn't want to be cut on. I don't want anyone cutting on me. I didn't realize at the time that sterilization is what it is."

After a hearing Aslin says he was not allowed to attend, a probate judge signed papers ordering the procedure.

Aslin left Lapeer in 1948 and was drafted into the Army. He served in the Korean War, was wounded and returned to marry a widow and help raise her two infant children.

Though Aslin has no legal recourse, he has received a formal letter of apology from James K. Haveman Jr., the director of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

"Looking back on it now, it is clear that the treatment you and others received was offensive, inappropriate and wrong. Sadly, this was not so clear in the 1940s," Haveman wrote in the December letter.

"Thankfully, we have learned from the horrors of the past and no longer continue the painful policies you suffered. ... I congratulate you on rising above the ignorance of that time period."

Aslin, who lives in Hobbs, Ind., said he harbors no resentment toward the state of Michigan.

"It's been so long, I don't really have any ill feelings toward them," he said. "It still bothers me to talk about it now."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-10-00
♠ A 6
♥ K 5 4
♦ K 9 8 4
♣ A 7 5 2

West
♠ ---
♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ J 10 6 2
♣ K Q J 9 4

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

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Even looking at all four hands

By Phillip Alder

The expression double dummy means with all 52 cards on view. You are allowed to base your line of play on an exact knowledge of where every card is located. If your opponents hold their cards back, it rarely happens in the real world. But today, you may look at all 52 cards to see if you can find a way to get home in six spades after West leads the club king.

Over two no-trump, South bid what he hoped he could make, appreciating that his hand, despite containing only 13 high-card points, had great slam potential.

South discarded a diamond under dummy's club ace, then cashed the spade ace. West's discard was a bad blow. Now declarer hoped for a 3-3 diamond split, playing a diamond to his ace, a diamond to dummy's king, and a low diamond ruffed in hand. Yet he was out of luck there too, so he lost two major-suit tricks.

If spades are 4-0, South should aim at these 12 tricks: seven spades, two hearts, two diamonds and one club. So, declarer should ruff in hand at trick one, then play a trump to dummy's ace. When the break is revealed, South discards a diamond on the club ace, ruffs a club in hand, cashes the diamond ace, plays a diamond to dummy's king, and ruffs the final club in hand. Now come the heart ace, a heart to the king, and the diamond eight.

East has the J-10-9 of spades and the heart queen left. South retains the K-Q-8 of spades and the heart six. If East discards, South ruffs with the spade eight; if East ruffs, South throws his heart loser away. Either way, he is home.

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Financier John Jacob Astor once said, "A man who has a million dollars is as well off as if he were rich!"

U.S., Air Force, Tahiti OK agreement on rocket launch

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A rocket carrying a $150 million satellite will be allowed to lift off after the Air Force and the Tahitian government agreed it will not endanger people on a South Pacific island.

The launch had been set for Feb. 28 but was postponed after Tahiti raised concerns that one of the rocket's stages might fall on the island of Marutea.

The Air Force had said the island was uninhabited, but Marutea is home to about 200 people, mostly pearl divers and coconut harvesters.

After more than a week of talks and examination of the data, Tahitian and Air Force officials agreed that Marutea is not within the drop zone of the rocket's third stage — a piece of metal 10 feet long and 4 feet around that will fall from 300 miles up.

The launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California is now set for Sunday morning.

The Energy Department satellite will spend three years studying light on Earth. The technology could be used to monitor treaty compliance, vegetation, volcanic activity and chemical spills.

96-year-old woman sexually assaulted

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A 32-year-old man has admitted sexually assaulting a 96-year-old woman at the nursing home where he works, according to a police affidavit.

Daniel Dequoy was charged Tuesday with felonious sexual assault after the woman told a supervisor at Integrated Health Services she didn't want Dequoy washing her any more because he had "been fresh" with her.

Dequoy told police he touched the woman for his own sexual gratification during a routine check last month to see if she had wet her pants, according to the affidavit, written by Detective Joseph King.

The charge is punishable by 71/2 to 15 years in prison. Dequoy was in jail in lieu of $10,000 bail and faces a preliminary hearing March 21.

Integrated Health Services had no immediate comment.

Lawsuit thrown out

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Some don't like it hot.

They include Ron Austin, who sued an ice cream store for $1 million because hot chocolate it served was so heated it burned his leg and foot when he spilled it.

But a judge on Wednesday dismissed the lawsuit, saying customers should expect hot chocolate to be hot.

"One must reasonably suppose that plaintiff purchased the hot chocolate to drink and not so that he could spill it," the judge said.

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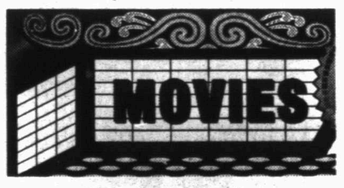

Hanging Up
★★ - PG13
Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton, Walter Matthau Three very different sisters deal with the impending death of their father. Diane Keaton directs and stars in the comedy. Meg Ryan gives an outstanding performance.

The Tigger Movie
★★★ - G
Voices of Jim Cummins, Nikta Hopkins, and Ken Sansom This new Disney film offers a fascinating look at how our vision of childhood has changed over the years, focusing on the obiliviously destructive Tigger rather than the gentle and befuddled Pooh.

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PG13
SNOW DAY PG
Disney's THE Tigger MOVIE G
SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE
Matinee $3 Per Person
1:30 Tigger, 2:00 Snow Day, 3:00 Hanging Up,
4:00 Snow Day, 4:45 Tigger
Evenings $3 Children, $4.50 Adults
7:00 Snow Day, 7:15 Hanging Up
9:00 Snow Day, 9:00 Hanging Up
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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	55½	54⅞	55 1-16	+ ⅞
AT&T Corp s	54¼	53⅛	53½	+ ⅞
Albertsons	24 9-16	23¾	24 3-16	— 5-16
Alltel	68¼	64⅞	67 15-16	+ 7 7-16
AmerOnline s	60 15-16	59¼	59⅝	— 1⅜
AndarkPtr	33 1-16	31¾	33 1-16	+ 1 3-16
AtlRichfld	83 1-16	81	82⅝	+ 11-16
ATMOS Egy	15 15-16	15¾	15⅞	— ¼
Aviall	8 3-16	8	8⅛	— 1-16
BP Amoco s	53 7-16	52½	53⅜	+ ½
BakerHughes	28 13-16	27¾	28 13-16	+ 11-16
Bank of Amer	43¼	42 5-16	42 13-16	— 5-16
BellAtl	58 7-16	56 13-16	57⅜	— 1¼
BellSouth	46⅞	46	46 7-16	+ 7-16
Beth Steel	6 11-16	6¼	6 9-16	+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe	20	19 7-16	19 7-16	— 5-16
CBS Corp	59⅝	57¾	58 15-16	+ 1⅛
Caterpillar	36¾	34 13-16	36	+ ¾
CenSoWst	15¾	15 9-16	15¾	+ ¼
Chevron	84⅝	82 11-16	84⅝	+ 1⅜
Citigroup s	50 11-16	49½	49 15-16	— 7-16
Coastal	46 1-16	45⅝	45⅞	— 3-16
CocaCola	46⅜	45	45	— 1⅝
ColgatePal s	44	41	42 3-16	—1 13-16
ComclMetals	23 15-16	23 13-16	23⅞	+ 1-16
Cooperin	31 1-16	30¾	30 15-16	
DaimlrChry	61	60 7-16	60¾	— 1⅛
DalSemicn s	45¾	45 1-16	45 9-16	+ ⅞
DeltaAirl	47⅝	46¾	46¾	— ⅜
Dillards Inc	15¼	14⅛	14⅜	—1 3-16
DowChem	99⅝	95	99	+ 3⅛
DuPont	48	46 9-16	47 13-16	+ 1⅜
EastmanChem	35 9-16	34⅝	35 7-16	+ 13-16
EstKodak	54½	53 13-16	54⅛	—13-16
EDS Corp	64¼	62 9-16	63¼	+ 5-16
Entergy	18⅛	17 13-16	18	+ 3-16
ExxonMobil	81	78 9-16	79¾	—11-16
Flowers	12½	12 1-16	12 5-16	— ⅛
FordMotor	41 13-16	40¾	40⅞	— ¾
GTE Cp	68 7-16	66⅞	67⅝	—1 9-16
GenDynam	39⅞	37¼	38 5-16	— 1½
GenElec	134 1-16	130	133¾	+ 2⅜
GenMills s	31⅝	31⅛	31¼	— 5-16
GenMotors	79 5-16	77⅛	78 15-16	+ 1⅜
GaPacGP s	36 13-16	35½	36⅜	+ 1¾
GlobalMar	23 13-16	21 11-16	23½	+ 1 3-16
Goodrich	27 1-16	26 5-16	26⅜	— ⅝
Goodyear s	21¾	20 13-16	21 9-16	+ 15-16
GtAtlPac	21 3-16	20⅝	20 11-16	— 9-16
Halliburtn	41¾	39 5-16	41 7-16	+ 1 5-16
Hanson ADS	29¼	28⅜	28⅜	—1 13-16
HarteHanks	21	20¼	21	+ ¾
HomeDepot s	55 13-16	55	55 7-16	+ 1-16
Honeywellint	45½	43⅞	45 1-16	+ 1 1-16
IBM s	109	106½	108 3-16	+ ⅝
IntlPaper	37	35 11-16	36⅞	+ 2⅛
JohnsonJn	73¾	71¼	71 5-16	— 1⅜
K mart	8¾	8⅝	8⅝	— 1-16
Kroger Co s	14 15-16	14 9-16	14¾	— 1-16
Litton	29⅛	28 11-16	28¾	
LockheedM	17⅛	16 15-16	17⅛	
Lowes Cos	47⅛	45⅝	46⅝	+ 3-16
Lubys	10 5-16	10⅛	10 5-16	+ 1-16
LucentTech	69¼	68 1-16	68 3-16	+ 9-16
MayDeptStr	25 7-16	25	25⅛	+ 13-16
MediaOne	78½	77⅝	78 3-16	+ 1 1-16
Medtronic s	51⅝	49¾	51 1-16	+ 1 1-16
Monsanto	41½	40⅜	41 5-16	+ ⅝
MorganJP	108 11-16	106 15-16	107⅝	— ⅝
Motorola	176¼	165 11-16	174½	+ 12
NCR Corp	45⅛	44 9-16	44 11-16	—1 11-16
Navistar	34 1-16	33 9-16	33¾	— ⅛
Penney JC	14⅛	14	14 1-16	— ⅛
PepBoys	6⅛	6¼	6 7-16	+ 1-16
PepsiCo	31⅜	30⅝	30⅝	— ⅝
PhelpDodge	48⅛	47⅝	48 3-16	+ ⅝
PhilipPet	41¼	40¼	41 3-16	+ 15-16
PilgrmPrd B	7	6 15-16	6 15-16	
Polaroid	27⅝	26⅛	27⅝	+ ¾
Praxair	33⅞	31¾	33 9-16	+ 1¾
ProctGamb	57¾	54⅝	54 11-16	—2 13-16
PubS NwMx	15¾	15½	15 9-16	— 1-16
ReliantEngy	21⅛	20¾	20 15-16	— 3-16
RoyalDut	57½	56 1-16	56½	— ⅛
SBC Comm	42⅛	41 7-16	41½	— ⅛
SaraLee	14 15-16	14 5-16	14¾	+ 7-16
Scripps EW	43 7-16	42¾	42 13-16	— ⅝
SearsRoeb	28½	28 3-16	28 3-16	— 5-16
SherwinW	19¼	18⅞	18 15-16	+ 1-16
SmithkdBchm	58 13-16	58 5-16	58 5-16	+ 2 1-16
SouthernCo	21⅛	20⅞	21	— 1-16
SwstAirl s	18 23-32	18 3-16	18½	+ 5-16
SprintFON s	62 11-16	62	62¼	— ¾
SprintPCS s	59⅞	58 9-16	59¾	+ 2½
Sunoco Inc	28 11-16	27¾	28½	+ 13-16
TNP Ent	43 7-16	43¼	43 5-16	+ ⅛
Tandy s	40⅝	39 11-16	40⅜	— ⅜
TempleInland	45⅛	43¾	44 15-16	— 5-16
Texaco	50⅜	48½	50⅜	+ 1
TexInd	30 11-16	30 5-16	30 5-16	— 7-16
TexasInst s	181½	176¼	177 5-16	—2 13-16
Tex Util	27 5-16	26¾	26 13-16	— 7-16
Textron	53 13-16	52⅞	53 3-16	—11-16
TriconGlbR	27 15-16	27½	27½	— 7-16
TrinityInds	20¾	20½	20 11-16	— ⅛
TritonEngy	31⅞	30 13-16	31 5-16	— ⅜
TylerTech	5¾	5 9-16	5¾	+ 1-16
US West Inc	72½	67	70 9-16	—5 3-16
USX-Marathn	25½	24½	25⅜	+ 9-16
USX-USS	22 1-16	21 7-16	21¾	+ 7-16
UnCarbde	48½	46¼	48¼	+ 1¾
UnionPacif	36	35⅛	36	+ 1-16
UnitedTech s	49½	47⅛	47½	— 9-16
Unocal	29½	28⅜	29¼	+ ⅜
Venator Grp	7⅛	6 15-16	7	— 1-16
WalMart s	49¾	48 9-16	48¾	— 3-16
WellsFargo	33¼	32¼	32½	— 5-16
WstnGasRs	16¼	16⅛	16 3-16	— 1-16
WinnDixie	16⅛	15½	15 9-16	— ½
Xerox Cp	23 15-16	22¾	23 15-16	+ 1 9-16

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	26 3/8	+1 1/4
Dell	53 11/16	+3 1/4
Wal Mart	48 1/2	-7/16
Compac	29 3/16	+1 3/16
Dol. Gen.	19 15/16	-3/16
GTE	67 7/8	-1 5/16
SBC Comm.	41 3/4	+3/16
BJ Services	68 1/4	+2 7/8
LU	66 13/16	-2 1/16
Cisco Sys.	139 5/8	+5/16

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Kidnapped girl returned safely

TRENTON, Fla. (AP) — The mother of the 10-year-old girl held captive for three days today thanked the man who safely released her daughter. She said her daughter was "doing great."

Investigators continued to search for the man.

"I want to thank everybody, I want to thank the media for putting it all out there and bringing my daughter back home to me because everybody has been a very big help," Jennifer Graham told reporters.

"Most of all, I want to tell the man who had Jessica, thank you very much for dropping her off safely. And she's doing great. She's playing. She's so happy. She's wonderful," Graham said, mixing laughter and tears.

Jessica Rodriguez walked alone into a Wal-Mart on Thursday and asked for help. She was quickly reunited with her mother and smothered with hugs and kisses, said Gilchrist County Sheriff David Turner.

She told investigators after her release that she had never seen her abductor before, authorities said today.

"She was able to give us a lot of details and is a very strong and encouraging young witness," Turner said on ABC's "Good Morning America" today. "According to her, he was a stranger. She did not know him by name. Or could not believe that she had ever seen him previously."

Details on the girl's condition have not been released, but those who have seen her said she appeared to be in good health. Jessica was taken to a hospital for an examination.

"She's in good condition," Turner said. "She's one tough, strong little girl. She was very happy to see her mother."

Investigators said they believe the child was dropped off outside the store by her captor, but it was unclear what happened to her while she was missing. Authorities have intensified their search for the man they believed grabbed her from her driveway on Monday.

The girl was reported abducted by a stranger as she got off the bus with her two younger sisters at their rural home about 25 miles northwest of Gainesville.

Over the next three days, her mother and aunts made tearful public pleas for her return. Her uncles combed through the woods looking for her, emerging dusty and bloodied from briar scratches.

North Texas storms may hurt massive gasoline spill cleanup

CADDO MILLS (AP) — Storms moving through North Texas this morning were causing concern among workers cleaning up a massive gasoline spill outside the Dallas area.

A gasoline pipeline burst late Thursday spilling about 500,000 gallons of fuel in a wheat field and running off into a nearby creek.

Greg Fife, on-scene coordinator for the EPA, said lightening could ignite the two-mile long spill. "If that goes, we will have a burning creek of gas. But there's not a whole lot now we can do about that."

Heavy rain, Fife said, also is slowing down clean up efforts.

Monitors with Tulsa, Okla.-based Explorer Pipeline Co., owner and operator of the pipeline, noticed a sharp drop in pressure about 11 p.m. Thursday. The pipeline was sealed off remotely and officials with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission said officials had the leak under control by 9 a.m.

About 75 emergency personnel were on site, and the smell of gasoline could be detected for miles. Some ranchers were transporting cattle from nearby fields.

Authorities said they did not know what caused the break in the pipe, which is buried 4 feet under ground. Caddo Mills is 40 miles northeast of Dallas.

"It blew a hole through a pipe. We were not shutting down or starting up. We hadn't opened or closed a valve, we were just pumping," said Scott Van Dyke, president of Explorer Pipeline.

The break occurred in a section of the company's pumping system that runs from Tulsa, Okla., to Port Arthur.

The pipeline was built in 1973 and last tested in 1997 by running a sensor that measures the thickness the pipe walls through the pipeline Van Dyke said.

Van Dyke said he did not know the results of the test. He also said the pipeline had been worked on recently, but did not know the details.

Most of the fuel collected in furrows in a wheat field, Van Dyke said.

Some of the fuel ran off into Caddo Creek, which had been dry, said Sam Barrett, waste section manager with the TNRCC.

Cynthia Fanning, spokeswoman for the EPA office in Dallas, said the spill had been contained by diking and damming the creek.

Floating sponges or booms have been placed on the creek to soak up any gasoline, which is lighter than water and floats. Lake Tawakoni, which provides drinking water to the area, was also not contaminated, Barrett said.

Obituaries

Annie Wasson

1911-2000

Annie Lee Wasson, a resident of Snyder since 1985, died at 3:20 a.m. today in Snyder Oaks Care Center following a lengthy illness.

Annie Wasson

Funeral service for Mrs. Wasson, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Clay Belcher and Mike Matheny will officiate.

Burial will follow at 3 p.m. Monday in the Summerfield Cemetery in Summerfield, La. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 3, 1911 in Junction City, Ark., she married Robert F. Wasson on July 5, 1931 in Homer, La. He died in 1980.

Mrs. Wasson was a retired nurse and was a member of the First Assembly of God in Snyder.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Charles Ford Wasson; a sister; three brothers; and a grandson, Robert Terry Lewis.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Charles Masters of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, John Wiley and Diana Wasson of Abilene and Jolley Gary and Annetta Wasson of Shreveport, La.; a brother and sister-in-law, J.B. and Thelma Jolley of Eldorado, Ark.; a sister-in-law, Olice Jolley of Burlington, Tex.; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Doyle Herring

1938-2000

ABILENE – Doyle Hayden Herring, a former resident of Dunn, died Thursday, March 9.

Funeral service for Mr. Herring, 61, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Abilene Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Born in Pampa, Mr. Herring grew up in Dunn and he graduated from high school in Colorado City. He attended Texas Tech University and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

A Baptist, Mr. Herring moved to Abilene from Rising Star in 1970 and was the owner of Texas Oil Field Equipment.

Mr. Herring was preceded in death by his parents, Elmo and Louetta Herring who were longtime Scurry County residents.

Survivors include two daughters, AnnMarie Friedrich and Sissy Tate, both of Abilene; a sister, Byrdie Thompson of Tulsa; and two grandchildren.

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Various theft reports are filed locally

Snyder police investigated a variety of misdemeanor theft cases Thursday.

At 8:29 a.m., officers were called to the Towle Park Barn in reference to the theft of diesel. An offense report was taken for Class C theft.

An offense report for Class A theft was filed at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. at 11:42 a.m. Two nail guns were reported missing.

A clerk with Skinny's on 37th Street contacted officers at 12:15 p.m. to report a gas drive off in the amount of $20. A report was submitted for Class C theft.

Officers took a report for Class B theft at 1:50 p.m. in reference to checks stolen from the Snyder FFA Chapter. The checks were from the organization's fundraiser.

A gas drive-off was reported at 5:26 p.m. from the Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive. A Class C theft report was filed.

A woman contacted officers at 5:14 p.m. in reference to locating a cell phone in Towle Park's kiddie park. A report for found property was taken.

Two subjects were taken into custody Thursday.

Officers booked a 32-year-old female into custody at 1:44 p.m. on a misdemeanor warrant for theft.

At 10:43 p.m., officers took a 31-year-old male into custody at the Plaza Truck Stop for public intoxication.

A minor two-vehicle accident occurred at McDonald's at 7:26 a.m. Thursday. Involved were a 1997 Dodge Caravan driven by Shilla Kinney, 34, of 1908 Peyton and a 2000 Ford Focus driven by Adam Olvera, 25, of 402 33rd Street.

At 10:20 a.m., officers were called to an accident scene in the 2500 block of 25th Street. Involved were a 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme driven by Rosario Quiros Tovar, 43, of 362 CR 122 and a 1994 Chevrolet C-1500 pickup driven by David Michael Thomas, 21, of 1912 Avenue L.

A hit-and-run accident was reported at 3:44 p.m. in the IGA parking lot at 2911 College Avenue. An unknown vehicle that left the scene and a 1992 Ford Explorer owned by Perry Lee of CR 142 were involved.

Pair of probated sentences revoked

Two probated sentences for felony driving while intoxicated were revoked Wednesday and Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney revoked the five-year probated sentence of Robert Martinez, 29, of 801 18th Street.

Martinez will now serve five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the 1991 DWI offense. The motion to revoke was filed because the defendant took marijuana into the Taylor County Correctional Facility and he failed to abstain from the use or possession of habit-forming drugs.

On Thursday, Judge Dulaney also revoked the five-year probated term of Mary Lou Chavez, convicted of DWI in 1994.

Chavez, 40, of 2013 Ave. Z, will now serve five years in the state prison system because of a DWI conviction in 1998 in Tom Green County, a violation of the terms of her probation.

Home damaged by late night fire

The cause of a late night fire that heavily damaged a local residence is still under investigation, according to Assistant Fire Chief Tommy Guynes.

Five trucks and 21 firemen responded to the blaze at 11:33 p.m. at 1107 30th Street. Sandra Davis is the resident, but she was not home at the time.

The fire heavily damaged the bedroom, hall, bath and part of the living room. The rest of the home received heat and smoke damage.

Firemen were on the scene until 2:15 a.m.

Ira ISD accepts two resignations

Ira ISD trustees met Wednesday morning with extensions of professional contracts the main order of business.

Supt. Rick Howard said all teacher contracts with the exception of two were extended, and those will be considered next month.

The contracts of Triana Jackson and Jason Weese will be on the April agenda, Howard said.

Two resignations also were accepted from teachers moving from the district. The resignations were from Chesta Schneider and Joni Gainer.

In other action items, the board cast ballots for directors of the Region 14 Education Service Center, and approved textbooks recommended by the school's textbook committee.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 10-Adrian Murillo, Lillian Sellers, Margaret Stubblefield, Margaret Weaver and James LaRoux.

DISMISSALS: Walter Banks, Florestina Gomez, Irene Jordon of Hermleigh, Amanda Rios, Marie Ayala, Margaret Blalock, Bobby Diaz and Mary Kenly.

CENSUS: 36 (Med./Surg.-10, Long-term Care-25 and ICU-1)

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Girl Scout dinner and dance

The third annual Girls and Guys Date Dance will be from 6-9 this evening at the Girl Scout Hut. Girls are to bring dinner and an adult date. Drinks will be provided. For more information, call JoAnn at 573-3926 or Judy at 573-3525.

Snyder Wheels car show

The Snyder Wheels annual car show and swap meet will be held today and Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. The swap meet will be held both days, while the car show is Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 573-2171 or 573-3188.

Fish fry

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will sponsor a fish fry from 5:30 to 8 this evening in the parish center at 30th and Ave. A. Tickets are $6 per person and $4 for children 6-12. Tickets are available at the door and proceeds will benefit the Men's and Women's Association scholarship fund.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Matt Cross will present a program on keeping fit in retirement years.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Why Right is Right," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 4."

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday, March 26, starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. For reservations call 573,3427, 573-6443 or 573-6717.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit immunization clinics this month are March 23rd and 30th. Thursdays dates in April are the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the school library. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Cash Five

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

14-26-27-34-38

Pick 3

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

7, 1, 0

House votes to abolish death penalty

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Despite a veto threat from the governor, members of the state House in New Hampshire have voted to abolish the death penalty.

New Hampshire has no death row inmates and has not executed anyone in 61 years. Supporters of the bill nonetheless argued the death penalty system was inherently unfair and that life in prison is a more just punishment.

"There are no millionaires sitting on death row," Republican state Rep. Anthony DiFruscia said Thursday. "Can you honestly say to yourself, you're going to get equal justice under the law?"

The bill now moves to the state Senate, where its fate is uncertain. Gov. Jeanne Shaheen has said she would reject it.

Supporters of capital punishment said New Hampshire hasn't executed anyone since 1939 because it takes a conservative approach. They said the mere existence of a possible death sentence helps prosecutors get murderers to accept life in prison as part of plea agreements that avoid costly trials.

Also on Thursday, Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon asked a state commission to review the death penalty in his state to make sure it is being imposed correctly and fairly.

In a letter to the chairman of the Criminal Law Study Commission, O'Bannon requested "an in-depth look" at the law "in light of the problems that have surfaced in other states."