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Future highway work to be discussed tonight

A public meeting has been set for 7 o'clock this evening by the Texas Department of Public Transportation to discuss planned future highway projects.

Items to be discussed include plans by the department to widen Snyder's 37th Street east of College Avenue and the possibility of building an overpass at the intersection of Huffman and U.S. Hwy. 84, the site of numerous accidents.

The meeting will be held at Snyder Savings & Loan, and highway department officials are seeking citizen input.

County and city officials will also be given the opportunity to address their roadway needs.

According to local TXDoT engineering specialist Jerry Beard, the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the draft of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a three-year plan developed for 13-area counties, including Scurry.

The TIP includes a priority list of projects and project segments that will be carried out within the three-year period, and a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented.

Those desiring to make oral comments or presentations may register starting at 6:30 p.m.

Interested persons may appear and offer comments, either orally or in writing.

A 10-day comment period following the public meeting will permit other persons to submit written comments to William L. Hale, district engineer at P.O. Box 150 in Abilene.

Comments must be received in Abilene by noon, March 29.

A public meeting will also be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Hamlin.



FLAG IS GIFT TO CHAMBER — Rep. David Counts has given the U.S. Flag that flew on Feb. 24, Snyder Day at the Capitol, to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, along with a certificate. From left are Jack Whitworth, director; Sandra Barbosa, secretary; Donna Fowler, director; Paula McWilliams, treasurer; and Trent Driggers, president. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Tollie Faver will turn 104 Wednesday

Tollie Faver, who may be the oldest person living in Scurry County, will mark his 104th birthday Wednesday in Snyder.

A formal birthday party isn't planned, but friends and family are invited to come by during the afternoon at 1911 Avenue M for punch and cake.

The birthday reception is being hosted by his son, Arel Faver, and his wife, Pat, and Tollie's daughter, Wernette Smith.

Snyder chamber holds monthly board meeting

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors approved expenditure of hotel-motel tax funds, and heard a positive audit report at a noon meeting Monday.

Western Texas College rodeo booster club was granted $1,500 for expenses to promote the four-man team Ranch Rodeo set April 16-17 at the coliseum.

Ben Murphy, CPA, gave the annual audit report, stating that all funds are in proper order.

Executive director Donna Fowler requested the audit. The chamber keeps separate books for each project, and with annual audits, Fowler said she could better know how to make the chamber work for the community.

It was announced that space for booths for July 4 are quickly filling up and those needing to reserve one should call the chamber office at 573-3558 or come by.

Costs for booths are $45 and $55. The celebration activities will be held July 2-3 in Towle Park and fireworks are planned to begin at dark, following church services, on July 4.

Fowler also presented a U.S. Flag that flew during Snyder Day at the capitol, given to the chamber by Rep. David Counts. Counts included a certificate and a letter thanking the chamber and Snyder citizens for a successful and appreciated event.

The chamber will sponsor a Junior Leadership course for students third grade through high school the week of June 1-7.

Fowler said, "This will educate them on what's available of interest to them in Scurry County and they can enjoy community pride and knowledge of their surroundings and learn leadership skills to educate their peers."

The course will be $55 and classes will be limited. Registrations should be made soon by calling the chamber. If two or more children of the same family attend, there will be a $10 discount for the second child.

Upcoming events and dates for the coliseum include a steer sale, March 18-20; WTC Rodeo, April 8-10, Aubrey Brewster Rodeo, April 16-17; Snyder Craft Show, April 24-25; Lion's Club district convention, April 29-30 and May 1; Senior Center May Day, May 8; Snyder Springer gymnastics, May 15; and high school graduation on May 28.

Directors attending were Trent Driggers, Keith Hackfeld, Helen McLeod, Mike Thornton, Paula McWilliams and Jack Whitworth.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A fool and his money can have one heck of a good time."

Snyder's Mel Reed won't confirm it, but we're told the following stories are true and are from game warden field notes from across the vast Lone Star state.

--A Gray County game warden received a call last November about shots fired from a roadway. At the location, he met a deputy along with the husband and wife landowners who had reported the violation.

They had apprehended a father and one of his sons, along with another son hiding in the brush. After some coaxing from the father, another son soon appeared and led everyone to the doe they had shot.

Returning to the game warden's vehicle, the father mentioned how mad the lady landowner appeared. The father wanted to know what to expect.

The game warden explained that he and the sons would have to appear in front of the judge.

The father wanted to know how bad it would be.

"Pretty bad," said the game warden, "because the mad lady is the judge."

--During the opening weekend of deer season, a Travis County warden was called to respond to a hunter harassment complaint.

The person doing the harassing was able to see a deer blind and deer feeder from his house.

When he would see a deer at the feeder, he would jump in his car, drive around and honk his horn and make other noises to scare off the deer.

After the game warden was unable to convice the guy to stop, a case was finally filed — for harassment of a person while hunting.

--A Lufkin man was cited with hunting with another person's license — his 91-year-old grandmother's.

Interestingly, the same man had been ticketed several years earlier when using his grandmother's tag.

--A Grayson County warden recently cited a duck hunter for hunting with an unplugged shotgun and confiscated the illegal weapon.

While explaining the procedure for retrieving the gun, the hunter asked, "What if the shotgun is stolen?"

A computer check revealed the gun indeed was missing from the rightful owner — resulting in additional charges.

Public hearings get no response from citizens

In a brief 15-minute meeting Monday evening, Snyder's city council held two public hearings and passed the first reading of an ordinance granting Lone Star Gas a rate increase.

The public hearings — one for the voluntary annexation of the Willow Park Inn property and the other necessary for submitting a grant request for water line improvements — drew no citizen comment.

The city is seeking a grant for $250,000 to replace additional water lines that are not in the city's budget for this year. The city's matching portion of the grant is $65,000.

The area the grant would cover includes Northeast Elementary School which receives a poor quality of water due to the age of the water lines around the school.

City Engineer Beverly Coots said Monday evening that if the city is turned down for the grant, the area will still receive new water lines in the future.

The council voted earlier this month to allow Lone Star a 2.82 percent overall rate increase for its customers in Snyder.

Residential customers will see a 1.9 percent increase in their monthly bills, while commercial bills will increase 3.4 percent.

The new rates will be effective following the second reading of the ordinance on April 8.

Mayor pro-tem Vernest Tippens presided in the absence of Mayor David Holt. Council members present included Jerry Webb, Terry Martin and I.E. Martin. Dayton Robertson was absent.



JUST A SWINGIN' — Five-year old Briana Stamford along with her grandfather, Dave Kahlick, took advantage of the warmer temperatures Monday by playing in Towle Park. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rescue workers search wreckage for survivors

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (AP) — Rescue crews combed through a twisted, charred rail car today, with hopes fading of finding survivors after Amtrak's City of New Orleans struck a truck and derailed. At least 13 people were killed and others were unaccounted-for.

"To find survivors in the wreckage would be pretty unlikely," Bourbonnais Fire Chief Mike Harshbarger said.

The train, bound from Chicago to New Orleans, careened off the tracks shortly after 9:30 p.m. Monday when it slammed into a semitrailer loaded with heavy steel bars at a crossing 50 miles south of Chicago.

All of the dead were aboard one sleeper car near the front of the train, which was rammed by one of the engines and then set afire by leaking diesel fuel.

Rescue workers were digging by hand through debris in that car this mornin, Harshbarger said. The double-deck sleeper car was broken in the middle, and much of it had been damaged by fire.

All the other cars had been searched, he said.

Amtrak said in a news release that the local coroner had confirmed 13 deaths. Earlier, authorities had said six people were unaccounted-for.

Fire Capt. Ed St. Louis said earlier that 196 survivors from the train were at hospitals or had checked in at a local school where passengers were cared for by the Red Cross.

More than 100 were injured enough to be taken to hospitals and at least 12 were in critical condition.

"I was trying to go to sleep. Then all of the sudden everything just started crashing and catching on fire and people hollering and running. It was awful," said Blanche Jones, a passenger from Memphis, Tenn.

"We was trying to get out. We couldn't get out, couldn't find a way out. That was the most devastating thing of all," Jones said as she limped out of a school that served as a temporary shelter.

"By the grace of God, I just went down a stairway and found a way to get out and let everybody know how to get out," she said.

The truck was leaving a nearby Birmingham Steel Co. facility.

Cy Gura, a safety engineer with the National Transportation Safety Board team at the scene, said today that the driver told authorities he didn't see the train or flashing warning lights until he had already started driving across the tracks.

The man, whose name was not released, was unable to get entirely across in time, Gura said.

Hillary's videotaped account shown in court

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Part of Hillary Rodham Clinton's previously secret Whitewater testimony was shown in court today in the trial of one of the Clintons' former business partners, Susan McDougal.

The jury was not present as the judge allowed Mrs. McDougal's defense attorney to preview 40 minutes of Mrs. Clinton's videotaped testimony in open court. U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. ruled earlier today that prosecutors could show the tape to the jury after the preview.

Disclosure of Mrs. Clinton's secret testimony in 1998 about Whitewater revives the troublesome political issue as she is considering a run for the U.S. Senate in New York.

The tape began with deputy prosecutor W. Hickman Ewing Jr. explaining the independent counsel's authority and asking Mrs. Clinton if she understood that her testimony could be used against her. The first lady, wearing a yellow suit, appeared serious, nodding and occasionally smiling slightly.

In allowing the tape, the judge agreed with Kenneth Starr's prosecutors that McDougal lawyer Mark Geragos had opened the door to showing Mrs. Clinton's testimony.

Prosecutor Julie Myers said two parts of Mrs. Clinton's testimony would be shown — a section of about 35 minutes and another of about five minutes.

ASK US

Q—Who is paying for the county-wide hamburger cookout April 1?

A—It is coming out of the pockets of elected officials who are organizing the event, as well as anyone else who wishes to donate. Tax dollars are not being used.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 75 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 47; no precipitation; total for 1999, 1.46 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; less than 20% rain chance. Low, mid-upper 40s. South wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy, breezy, and cooler; 20% rain chance. High 60-65.

Amanda Sanchez
Slight chance of rain

Sunset: 6:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:52 a.m.
Of 74 days in 1999, the sun has shone 70 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Tomorrow belongs to those who have vision today."

Author unknown

Missing girls' families call ordeal 'five weeks of hell'

LAKE JACKSON (AP) — Two teen-aged girls who disappeared into Mexico after leaving notes to their parents that God had called them for missionary work have described their time away as "weeks of hell," a family spokesman says.

The families of Harmony Olachia and Nicole Conrad, both 14, declined to answer questions about the ordeal, citing "the sensitive nature of the traumatic experiences the young girls have suffered."

The girls said nothing during a news conference Monday. Olachia's youth minister, Greg Pickering, read a statement from the families, saying in part: "Nicole and Harmony have been through five weeks of hell."

Their parents said earlier they feared they had gone to Mexico with three adults to join a cult.

Houston lawyer Guy Womack, who represented the teens during their interviews with Lake Jackson police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation this weekend, told the Houston Chronicle that the two girls spent several days in a cave in Mexico, eating whatever they could find.

The girls called home Thursday from Parral, Mexico. They were flown back to the Houston area Saturday, where investigators began piecing together the story of what happened.

The pair had left behind handwritten letters telling their parents that God told them to leave, and their youth minister said Olachia also told other members of her youth group that she was going to Mexico.

Investigators believe the girls may have left with two family friends of the Olachias. Tara Burmeister, also known as Tara Nelson, and the man she identified as her husband, James Paul Nelson, visited the family at Christmas and again on Feb. 5, three days before the girls went missing.

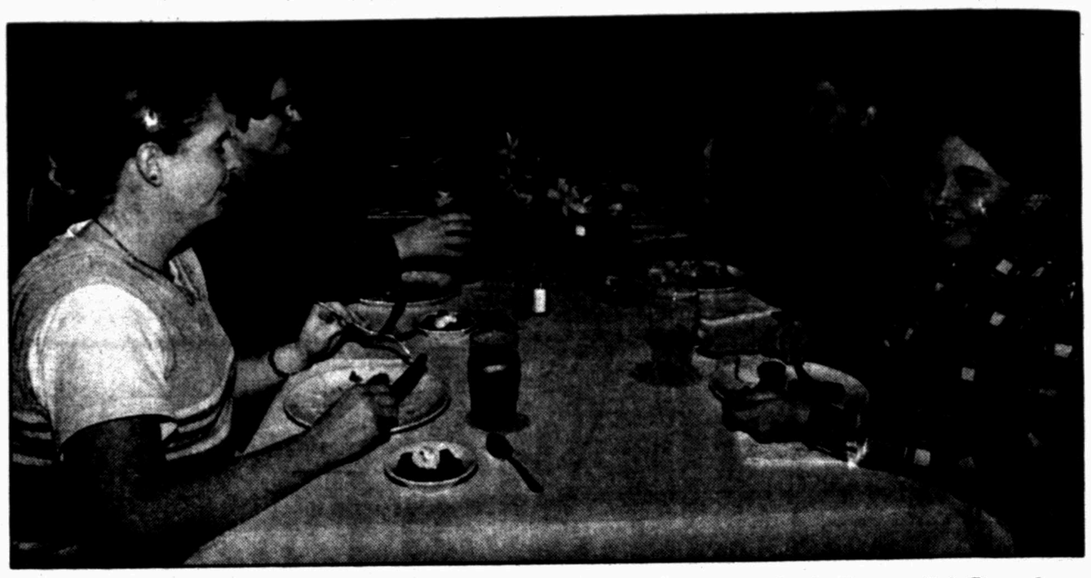
James Nelson's uncle, Richard Eugene Brown, also left with the couple and the teens, police said.

Police believe the couple started talking to the teens about the Year 2000 problem, painting it as a potential apocalypse.

"Something was talked about that the central part of Mexico was a safe haven," Lake Jackson police Sgt. Harold Haywood said.

According to Womack, the five left in a pickup truck with a camper attachment, but abandoned the camper as they drove into Mexico.

Lake Jackson police were talking with the Brazoria County district attorney's office late Monday about filing charges against all three adults of enticing a child and harboring a runaway.



ROTARY CLUB GUESTS — Approximately 75 students participating in the Rotary Job Shawdowing Program were guests at the Rotary luncheon meeting Thursday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Students visited workplaces throughout the city during the day. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Researchers: Enzyme helps cancerous tumors to grow

WASHINGTON (AP) — An enzyme that normally powers cells has been found to also promote the growth of blood vessels that feed tumors, a discovery researchers say could lead to new drugs to fight cancer.

Dr. Salvatore V. Pizzo, co-author of the study by Duke University researchers, said that without the energy supplied by the enzyme ATP synthase, tumors would not grow beyond the size of a pinhead because they could not develop the blood vessels needed to receive nutrients.

ATP normally resides inside cells, but Pizzo said his group was startled to find the energy packet on the surfaces of cells lining blood vessels. Their findings were reported today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Researchers in many labs recently have been studying the growth of blood vessels that supply cancer tumors with oxygen and nutrients, searching for possible ways to shut off that blood vessel growth.

The research intensified after Dr. Judah Folkman of Children's Hospital in Boston showed that a compound he isolated from the blood, angiostatin, was able to stop tumor growth in mice by blocking the formation of blood vessels.

A number of compounds that can block blood vessel formation have been discovered. In fact, a separate paper in the same National Academy of Sciences publication today reports on isolating such a substance from cartilage.

But exactly how angiostatin and similar compounds work has not been known. The Duke discovery may be the answer.

"Until now, people knew that angiostatin blocked blood vessel growth, but there was no obvious mechanism," said Pizzo. "Now we know why it works."

The study "is a big jump ahead ... because it identifies a protein that binds (attaches to) angiostatin" and suggests how angiostatin prevents blood vessel growth, Folkman said. The discovery puts researchers on track to isolate a compound from angiostatin that could work more directly to block blood vessel formation, he said.

The discovery of ATP on the surface of endothelial cells, the lining of blood vessels, came as a surprise, said Pizzo. The enzyme was previously found only inside cells.

"ATP is what the cells use as a fuel, as an energy source," said Pizzo. "It is present inside the cell, in the mitochondria, and is the little energy factory for the cell."

The enzyme apparently is activated when the blood's oxygen content is lowered.

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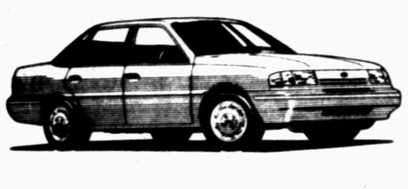


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SHARING GS COOKIES — Girl Scouts Katy Spradlin, Gina Hermosillo and Kayla Liccardi gave boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Snyder Healthcare Center residents, from left, Cumi Hanback, Ruth Boattenhammer, Fay Doty and Betty Leak. Area service chairman Peggy Vernon said, "We are so proud of the successful sale and the Girl Scouts thank all who bought 542 cases of cookies this year." She said there is still several cases of all flavors available at Circle-in Gro. at 3340 W. 180 or by calling 573-3122. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 5 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information, call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

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

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Weight Loss Puzzles Doctors

ATLANTA, GA -- Doctors were surprised when two separate studies found that a natural dietary supplement could help cause significant weight loss.

Although not conclusive, both studies found that patients receiving the formula called Bio-Rex 3000™ lost more than twice as much weight as those in a control group on the same fat reduced diet. Neither group was instructed to decrease the amount of food they ate or to increase their exercise levels. An article published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* says that you don't have to decrease the amount of food you eat to lose weight, provided that you limit the fat.

According to a spokesperson for Phillips Gulf Corporation, the exclusive North American distributor of Bio-Rex 3000, the company is considering additional studies in order to get federal approval to make pharmaceutical claims. Currently, weight loss claims for the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement are limited. However, with the requisite approval, the company could say that Bio-Rex 3000 decreases sugar cravings, increases metabolism and interferes with the body's ability to produce excess fat.

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Altrurian Daughters Club hears book review by Ashley

Jo Ashley reviewed "Living Somewhere Between Estrogin and Death," written by Barbara Johnson, for members of the Altrurian Daughters Club at the Martha Ann Woman's Club on March 10.

In chapter one, entitled "The Wonder Years — Wonder How We Got This Old?" she related the book's enterpretation of "endless forgetfulness, and a pain to be around. Old age happens without our knowing how it happens. The author states that the remedy or cure for a lot of problems is laughter. If you keep breathing and laughing you can survive — and no physical restrictions can keep you from laughing.

Inside every older person there is a younger person that is wondering what happened.

"I am not against exercise," the author said, "it is just that my body has been punished enough. We have reached an age where we wear out, fall out or spread out."

She said it is never too late to do something in your life only by giving away a compliment, a smile or lending your eyes or ears in some helpful way.

Mrs. Johnson said, "Grandmothers are just antique little girls."

Seventeen members attended the noon meeting and hostesses were Geleska Baze and Shirley Stewart.

Time-saving tip: hard cook some eggs at the beginning of the week to use in salads, sandwiches or for a quick breakfast.

Ask Anne and Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

In search of root-beer extract

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: One night, while reminiscing with friends, we got to talking about making homemade root beer. Everyone recalled the small bottle of root-beer extract from which our mothers used to make that wonderful beverage, but no one knew where to purchase it, and we've been looking ever since. Any ideas? — **JAYNA GLEMBY, Charlton, Mass.**

DEAR JAYNA: Look no further! Root-beer extract is available from the Cumberland General Store. One small bottle costs $6.49 and makes four gallons. The extract keeps for ages, so you can make it up in smaller batches. According to this peachy catalog (worth the $4 fee): "Root Beer, Sarsaparilla, Spruce Beer and Birch Beer were our country's earliest flavored drinks. Made from roots and barks mixed with molasses, the drinks were fermented to make the end product." You can also buy the other supplies you need for making root beer (yeast, bottle caps and a capper) from this store. To order, call (800) 334-4640, or write to The Cumberland General Store, # 1 Highway 68, Crossville, TN 38555.

FEEDBACK: DOG BISCUITS — Joan Perez of Lafayette, La., sent along these recipes she found in the Lafayette Advertiser:

Homemade Dog Biscuits

These are an excellent, nutritious treat that won't hurt kids, either.

3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups whole wheat flour
2 cups bran
1 cup rye flour
1 cup grits or cornmeal
1/2 cup nonfat dry milk
1 tablespoon dehydrated onions or powdered garlic
1 teaspoon salt (optional)
1 package dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water
2 cups tomato juice, room temperature

Preheat oven to 300 F. Combine all dry ingredients. Dissolve the yeast in warm water. Add the tomato juice. Add the tomato juice/yeast mixture to the dry ingredients, mixing. The dough should be stiff. Knead for three minutes. Roll dough out to 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch thickness. Using cookie cutters, cut dough into desired shapes. Place cut dough onto ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 300 F for one hour. Turn off the oven and leave biscuits for four hours or overnight to harden. Makes seven dozen biscuits.

Dog Treats

13-1/2 ounce jar strained baby food, any flavor
4 teaspoons nonfat dry milk
6 teaspoons wheat germ

Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix all ingredients and shape into small balls. Flatten with a fork. Bake until browned.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Do you or your readers know of a product that will clean up rust stains embedded in a concrete driveway? — **NORMA JOHNSON, Arcadia, Calif.**

DEAR NORMA: A reader from Baton Rouge, La., told us that she rid her driveway of stains by making a paste of Zud, a rust remover, and Bar Keeper's Friend. Both of these products are available at most hardware stores. Our reader applied the paste to the stain, left it on a week, and then hosed the driveway down. She repeated this procedure several times, and had good results. Bill Lang of New Buffalo, Mich., gave us his favorite solution for cleaning stains off driveways. He writes: "Take a 2-gallon bucket. Fill it up halfway with ice, add 4 liters of 7-UP and a fifth of Southern Comfort. After you drink this, you won't care if you have stains on your driveway."

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Bridge

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North 03-16-99
♠ 8 5 4 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ A 8 7
♣ A Q 2

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

East
♠ 7 3
♥ 8 6 5
♦ J 9 4 3
♣ 10 9 7 4

South
♠ A Q 10 9 6
♥ A Q 2
♦ K Q 6
♣ J 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

A second trip around the block

By Phillip Alder

About what was Stanislavski writing when he penned these lines? "Our type of creativeness is the conception and birth of a new being — the person in the part. It is a natural act similar to the birth of a human being."

Today's deal looks remarkably like yesterday's, but it is a new being. Having reached six spades, how should South plan the play?

Yesterday, we discovered that it is correct to start with the club finesse. If it loses, declarer must play the trump suit for no losers — he should finesse the queen.

Here, though, the club finesse wins. Now South can afford one trump loser, but not two. There is a safety-play to avoid two losers whenever it is possible. You should cash the ace. If an honor drops, you will know how to continue. Or, if you collect only the two missing low cards, you go into the dummy and lead a low spade toward your queen. Everything is under control. Unless very unlucky, you can even accommodate all four trumps in the East hand.

The wrong play is to take a first-round finesse. For example, suppose you play the queen and lose to the king. You get back into the dummy and lead another trump, East following low. What do you do? If West started with the doubleton king-jack, you must go up with the ace. But if West had the singleton king, you must finesse the 10. The odds slightly favor playing West for the king-jack. Yet it is still a guess that you didn't need to face.

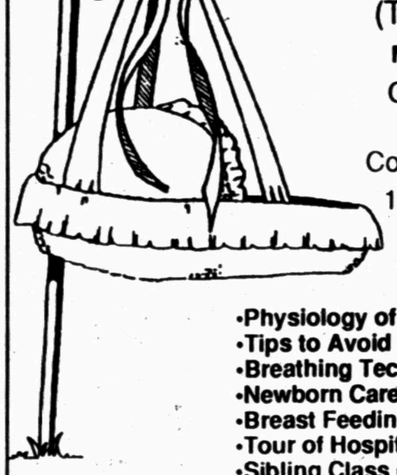
Stanislavski was writing about an actor.

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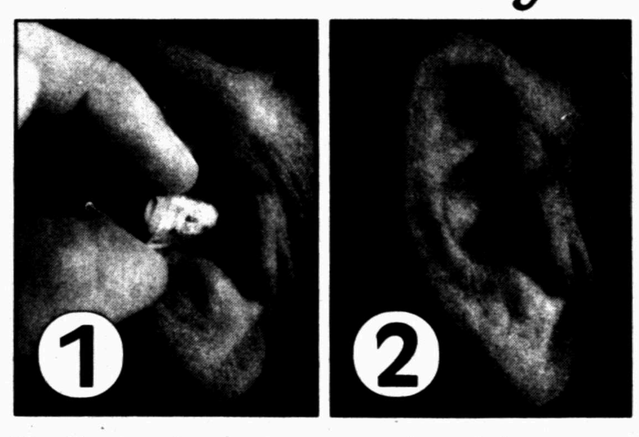
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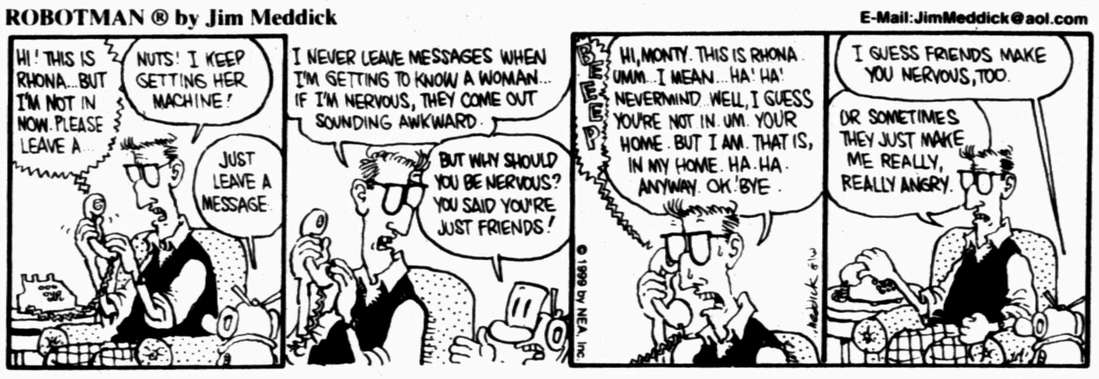


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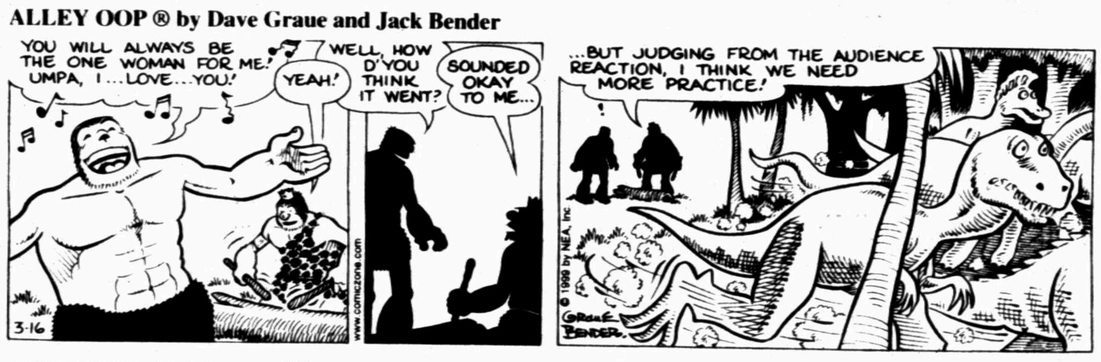
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ACROSS

1 What a tout touts
7 Author — Sinclair
12 Breathe out
13 Prefix for scientific
14 Like Mr. Magoo
15 Makes amends
16 It follows Fri.
17 Tonic accompaniment
18 Feathery neckwear
21 Wise lawgiver
23 Snow runner
26 "E pluribus —"
28 Decorate anew
29 Help
30 Ancient Persian
31 Old French dance
33 Prerequisite for sainthood
36 Actress Moreno
37 Dutch town
38 Skeleton part
40 Allowance for waste
41 Sun emanation
42 Hot brandy drink
44 Chemical suffix
45 Bridge expert — Culbertson
46 Roman bronze
48 Obsessed
51 Chief ore of lead
55 Church officials
56 Pressed
57 Operational
58 Boxing strategy

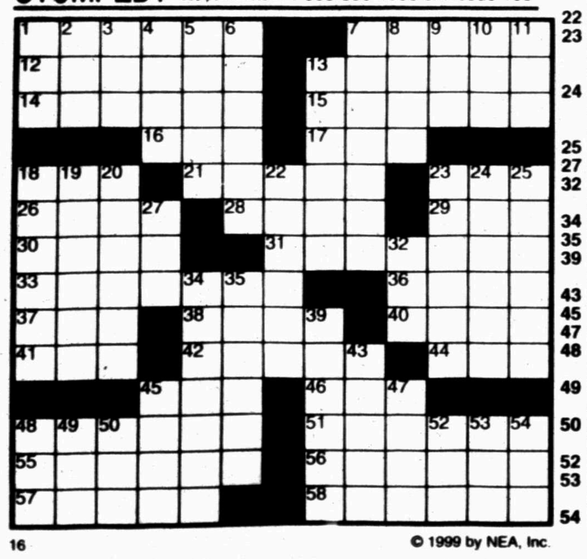
DOWN

1 Dress border
2 Gassy prefix
3 Capital of Rhodes?
4 Tree fluids
5 Inventor Howe
6 Part of a circle
7 Actor Peter
8 Laborer
9 Large container
10 Schiller's "— to Joy"
11 They get crunched by CPAs
13 Chinese temple
18 Depressing situation, slangily
19 New York lake
20 Fred's "Funny Face" costar
22 Superstar
23 Jonathan Swift specialty
24 Animal-shelter offering
25 Conceive
27 — culpa
32 Fragment left at a meal
34 Knives
35 — of London
39 Slow musical movement
43 Crave
45 Used frugally
47 Wild plum
48 "And I Love —"
49 Bullfight cheer
50 Room in a harem
52 Noun suffix
53 Hot off the press
54 Bother

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	G	O	R	A	S		B	L	A	M	E	S
R	E	L	I	V	E		I	O	D	I	N	E
R	O	D	M	A	N		R	U	D	D	E	R
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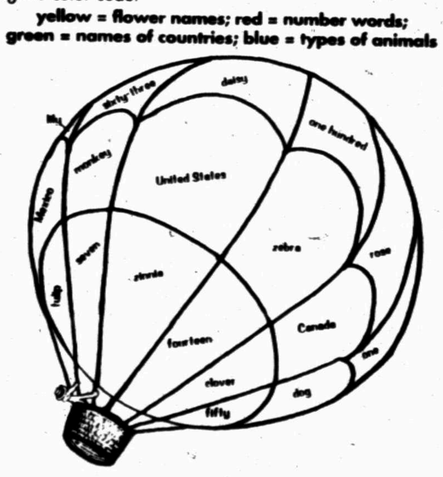
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yellow = flower names; red = number words; green = names of countries; blue = types of animals



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SPORTS

Snyder set for district softball tilt

For most of the Lady Tiger softball players, this evening's contest will be a new experience.

After being District 2-4A's only softball team the past two years, Snyder opens 5-4A competition at 5 o'clock today against San Angelo Lake View at Cates Field.

The Lady Tigers carry a mark of 11-6 into the district opener, while the Maidens bring to town a record of 10-8-1.

Snyder, fresh off a third-place finish in its own tournament over the weekend, will be looking to execute the fundamentals against Lake View.

"Keys for us will be consistent hitting and clean defensive plays," second-year Lady Tiger coach Carmen Bohannon said. "Lake View has a pitcher that has a different kind of delivery, so we'll have to get used to it. We worked on hitting the offspeed pitch in practice Monday and I think the girls are ready."

With a visit to district-favorite Andrews slated for Friday, a win tonight is important for the Lady Tigers.

"Andrews and Big Spring are probably considered the top two teams in the district, and hopefully we're also up there," said Bohannon. "It's always good to start off with a win and playing at home helps. The girls really like playing at home and a win tonight would be great."

The Lady Tigers will still be without the services of Courtney Rinehart, leaving Kristin Martinez as the only Snyder pitcher.



MAJOR LEAGUE CHAMPS — The Jazz won the Snyder Little Dribblers Major League regular season title and postseason tournament recently. Members of the squad are, from left, Cartavious Groage, Marcus Torres, Chris Thompson, asst. coach Jacky Simpson, C.L. Davis, Martin Martinez, Cade Simpson, coach Larry Braziel, Lico Castillo, Austin Hatfield and Keenon Garcia. (Contributed Photo)

Cubs' Wood sidelined by elbow

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Kerry Wood has a "significant injury" in his pitching elbow, but it's not immediately clear how long he will be sidelined for the Chicago Cubs.

The team said tests on Monday showed damage to the ulnar collateral ligament. Additional tests will be performed today on the NL Rookie of the Year from Grand Prairie, Texas.

Wood's uncertain status has shaken a team trying to win its first pennant since 1945.

"Yesterday was a rough day," Cubs manager Jim Riggleman said before Monday's 10-7 win over the Oakland Athletics. "We just crossed some fingers and hoped the news was not going to be bad."

Wood, the sensation who struck out a record-tying 20 against Houston last May in his fifth career start, missed all of last September because of a sore elbow, then returned for Game 3 of the division series against Atlanta.

The 21-year-old right-hander was hospitalized twice at the start of spring training for an upper respiratory and gastrointestinal illness, then threw just 10 of 26 pitches for strikes Saturday against Anaheim in his 1999 debut and wound up with elbow pain again that night.

Sports Briefs

Nets fire Calipari

NEW YORK (AP) — The New Jersey Nets, a promising team last year that is once of the league's worst this season, fired coach John Calipari. Calipari, also fired as team vice president, had two years and $6 million remaining on his five-year, $15 million contract.

The dismissal was expected after Calipari met with team owners Finn Wentworth and Lewis Katz on Sunday after a 102-76 loss in Miami. Calipari didn't accompany the team to Toronto but traveled there separately and met briefly with the players.

The Nets also fired assistant coaches Johnny Davis, Kenny Gattison and Jack Haley. Nets assistant Don Casey will take over as interim coach, with his first game tonight against the Raptors.

NFL Owners can't reach decision

PHOENIX (AP) — Before deciding whether to put a 32nd franchise in Houston or Los Angeles, NFL owners may have to amend their rule that requires a three-quarters vote for major decisions.

The owners adjourned with no consensus on where they would put an expansion team, or even if they would expand at all. The main obstacle, much as it was a decade ago during a seven-month debate over the commissioner's job, is the rule that requires 24 of the 31 teams to agree.

Flutie re-signs with Bills

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Doug Flutie reached agreement on a contract extension with Buffalo that will give the Bills two $5 million quarterbacks. Flutie was expected to sign the four-year, $22 million deal — including $6 million up front.

Rob Johnson, last year's starter until going out with a rib injury in the fifth game, signed a $25 million contract last offseason. Flutie took over and led the Bills to a 10-6 record and a wild-card playoff berth after they started the season 0-3.

Sheffield takes short leave

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Gary Sheffield, who is considering retirement, has left the Los Angeles Dodgers for a few days to take care of some personal business. The team said Sheffield had planned the trip more than a month ago and that it was unrelated to his comments this weekend about possibly ending his career.

Senior league registration

Snyder Senior Little League is now taking applications for managers. Senior-aged players will be divided into a 13/14-year-old league and a 15/16-year-old league.

Managers should indicate on the application which age division they would prefer. Applications can be picked up at Caprock Securities located at 2517 College Ave.

Player registration will begin March 29 and run through April 1, with late sign-ups April 5-6. Registration fee for players has dropped to $35 this season, and competition could be extended to include games against Sweetwater and Colorado City.

For more information, contact Mickey Nunley at 573-5883, Tommy Green at 573-2646 or Kaprece Bedell at 573-8169.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	16	5	.762	-
Orlando	16	7	.696	1
NewYork	13	9	.591	3½
Philadelphia	12	9	.571	4
Washington	9	12	.429	7
Boston	7	12	.368	8
NewJersey	3	17	.150	12½
Central Division				
Indiana	15	5	.750	-
Milwaukee	12	8	.600	3
Atlanta	12	9	.571	3½
Detroit	12	9	.571	3½
Cleveland	9	10	.474	5½
Toronto	7	12	.368	7½
Charlotte	6	14	.300	9
Chicago	6	15	.286	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	18	4	.818	-
SanAntonio	13	8	.619	4½
Houston	13	9	.591	5
Minnesota	13	9	.591	5
Dallas	8	15	.348	10½
Denver	6	16	.273	12
Vancouver	4	18	.182	14
Pacific Division				
Portland	17	4	.810	-
L.A.Lakers	16	7	.696	2
Seattle	11	9	.550	5½
Phoenix	11	10	.524	6
Sacramento	11	12	.478	7
GoldenState	9	13	.409	8½
L.A.Clippers	1	19	.050	15½

Monday's Games

Toronto 89, Charlotte 82
Orlando 74, Philadelphia 73
New York 108, Milwaukee 102
Utah 90, Minnesota 83
Portland 106, Dallas 91
Cleveland 89, Chicago 85, OT
Denver 110, Vancouver 84
Sacramento 111, Golden State 105

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Freshmen fall to Coahoma

COAHOMA — Snyder's freshman baseball team learned that fielding the ball in cold weather can be a chore.

The Tigers gave up only four hits, but committed five errors Saturday to fall to the Coahoma Bulldogs, 6-3.

Coahoma posted four runs in the first inning and another in the second, before Snyder broke onto the board with a pair of runs in the fourth.

Doubles by Shay Franks and Craig Bowen netted the Tigers' two runs.

Snyder trimmed the margin to 5-3 in the fifth inning when Franks' second double of the game brought home Riki Dorsett.

Coahoma capped the scoring with a run in the sixth.

Franks' pair of doubles paced Snyder at the plate, with Bowen adding the other two-bagger.

Dorsett, Heath Conner and Tito Alaniz slapped one single apiece.

Alaniz pitched the final five innings in relief of Thomas Whitt, fanning eight Bulldogs and walking seven.

The Tigers will be back on the diamond Thursday at the Grape Creek tourney. Snyder faces the host Eagles at 4 p.m., before meeting Big Lake and Winters in back-to-back games on Saturday, starting at 11 a.m.

Lady Raiders hold off Wolfpack rally

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech has learned a valuable lesson, heading towards the third round of the NCAA tournament: never count a team out until the buzzer sounds.

The Lady Raiders built a 20-point second-half lead by containing North Carolina State's power post game, but almost fell prey to a dogged last-minute comeback attempt by the Wolfpack.

Tech's Angie Braziel scored 25 points, including several clutch free throws down the stretch as Texas Tech held on to win, 85-78 Monday night.

Texas Tech (30-3) must now face Rutgers (28-5) on Saturday in Normal, Ill.

Braziel attributed the victory to the team's second-half dominance over Summer Erb, the Wolfpacks' 6-6 center.

"She (Erb) got kind of winded and we wanted to take advantage of that," Braziel said. "It was great to come out with the win. We're playing pretty well as a team right now. If we keep ourselves together, I don't think there is anything that can stop us."

Erb led the Wolfpack with 25 points and 15 rebounds, but was held scoreless for the first four minutes of the second half as Tech threatened to turn the game into a blowout.

"I was having a little bit of a hard time keeping up with them but the timeouts helped," Erb said. "They came in the second half and I think they were ready to put us away."

The Lady Raiders, fueled by a Braziel-led surge after halftime, built a 48-31 lead with 16:10 left and were up 69-52 with 5:34 remaining.

North Carolina State (17-12) then fought back with a 13-3 run, including back-to-back jumpers off stolen inbound passes. The run, led by the Wolfpack's Kim Smith, cut the Tech lead to 72-65 with 2:45 left.

"They kept running at us and never quit," said Tech's Keitha Dickerson. "We had to grab boards and hang in there."

But Braziel hit two free throws with 2:21 left and Tech was able to keep the Wolfpack at bay the rest of the way.

Tech led 33-29 at halftime. In the opening minutes of the second half, Braziel came out shooting, scoring 11 points during the run that broke the game open.

Women's NCAA Tournament

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Sunday, March 14
At ODU Fieldhouse
Norfolk, Va.
Old Dominion 72, Maine 62
Monday, March 15
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 89, Boston College 62
At Cassell Coliseum
Blacksburg, Va.
Virginia Tech 76, Auburn 61
At Cameron Indoor Stadium
Durham, N.C.
Duke 66, St. Joseph's 60
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 20
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Tennessee (30-2) vs. Virginia Tech (28-2), TBA
Old Dominion (28-3) vs. Duke (26-6), TBA
Regional Championship
Monday, March 22
Tennessee—Virginia Tech winner vs. Old Dominion-Duke winner, TBA

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Sunday, March 14
At Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.
Connecticut 86, Xavier 84
At Hilton Coliseum
Ames, Iowa
Iowa State 85, Oregon 70
At Littlejohn Coliseum
Clemson, S.C.
Clemson 63, Illinois 51
Monday, March 15
At Stegeman Coliseum
Athens, Ga.
Georgia 68, Southern Methodist 55
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 20
At Shoemaker Center
Cincinnati
Connecticut (29-4) vs. Iowa St. (24-7), TBA
Clemson (26-5) vs. Georgia (25-6), TBA
Regional Championship
Monday, March 22
Connecticut-Iowa St. winner vs. Clemson-Georgia winner, TBA

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Sunday, March 14
At Charmichael Auditorium
Chapel Hill, N.C.
North Carolina 70, Alabama 56
At Louis Brown Athletic Center
Piscataway, N.J.
Rutgers 90, Arizona 47
Monday, March 15
At Mackey Arena
West Lafayette, Ind.
Purdue 55, Kansas 41
At Lubbock Municipal Coliseum
Lubbock, Texas
Texas Tech 85, North Carolina State 78
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 20
At Redbird Arena
Normal, Ill.
North Carolina (28-7) vs. Purdue (30-1), TBA
Rutgers (28-5) vs. Texas Tech (30-3), TBA
Regional Championship
Monday, March 22
North Carolina-Purdue winner vs. Rutgers-Texas Tech winner, TBA

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Sunday, March 14
At Thomas Assembly Center
Ruston, La.
Louisiana Tech 79, Penn State 62
At Moby Arena
Fort Collins, Colo.
Colorado State 86, Southwest Missouri State 70
Monday, March 15
At Pete Maravich Assembly Center
Baton Rouge, La.
LSU 74, Notre Dame 64
At Pauley Pavilion
Los Angeles
UCLA 87, Kentucky 63
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 20
At Los Angeles Sports Arena
Los Angeles
Louisiana Tech (28-2) vs. LSU (25-7), TBA
Colorado St. (33-2) vs. UCLA (25-7), TBA
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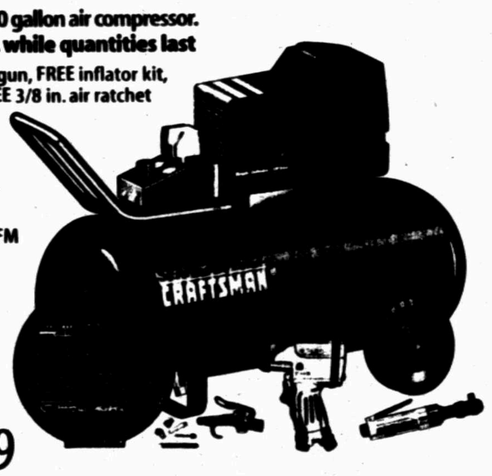
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Holly's survivors sue over royalties

LUBBOCK (AP) — Relatives of Buddy Holly sued MCA Records Monday, alleging that the company hoarded royalty payments, forged contracts and illegally produced albums without family consent.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages but Attorney Kevin Glasheen described it as a multi-million-dollar case.

"It's bad form to steal from a dead man, but unfortunately in the music industry it happens," Glasheen said. "The problem is that MCA, just like a lot of people who owe money, won't pay it until they have to.

Los Angeles-based MCA Records, one of the nation's largest recording companies, did not return calls from The Associated Press.

The lawsuit, filed in state court, charges that the contracts providing for royalties to Holly's heirs are legally questionable and should be redone.

Plaintiffs are Buddy Holly's widow, Maria Holly; his brothers, Larry and Travis Holley; and his sister Pat Holley. Buddy Holly dropped the 'e' from his last name, and his wife took the new spelling.

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AMR Corp s	61¼	60 3-16	60⅜— 1
AT&T Corp	83¼	82	82 9-16+ ⅛
AirTouch	93 15-16	92¼	92⅜+ 5-16
Albertsons	60¼	59½	59 13-16—11-16
AlldSignal	46¼	46⅛	46¼— ⅛
Alltel	59 1-16	58 5-16	58½— 1-16
AmOnline s	105¾	103 1-16	104 11-16+2 11-16
AmStores	36⅛	36¼	36 3-16— ¼
Ameritech	66 9-16	65¾	66 1-16— 7-16
AndarkPtr s	34 15-16	34¼	34½+ ⅜
Armcolnc	4¼	4 13-16	4⅜— 1-16
AtlRichfld	61½	60¾	61¼+ ⅛
ATMOS Egy	23 9-16	23½	23 9-16— 1-16
Aviall	15¾	15¾	15⅝— ⅛
BP Amoco	94 9-16	94⅛	94½— ⅜
BakerHughes	22¼	21	21 1-16—101-128
BankAmerica	73 15-16	72 7-16	72½— 1¼
BellAtl s	55¼	54 5-16	54⅝— 5-16
BellSouth s	46¾	46⅜	46½— ¼
BethSteel	8 15-16	8⅜	8 13-16— ⅛
BurlNoSFe s	35¼	34¾	34¾+ ¼
CBS Corp	36 15-16	36¼	36¼— 5-16
Caterpillar	44¾	43 15-16	44¼—15-16
CenSoWst	25¼	25	25 1-16
Chevron	84¾	84¼	84 7-16+ 1-16
Citigroup	65 13-16	65 1-16	65¼—13-16
Coastal s	34 15-16	34 9-16	34¼+ ⅛
CocaCola	68¾	68¼	68¾— 7-16
ColgatePalm	92¼	90	90 9-16— 1
ComclMetals	23 5-16	23¼	23 3-16
CooperIn	44 11-16	44 3-16	44 9-16+ 1-16
CyprusAmax	10¼	10 11-16	10⅜+ ⅛
DaimlrChry n	93¾	93¼	93½+15-16
DallSemicn	36	34⅛	35 13-16+ 5-16
DeltaAirl s	69	67	67⅞— 1⅛
Dillards Inc	26¼	26⅛	26⅛+1 1-16
DowChem	99¾	98 7-16	99⅛+ 2⅛
DuPont	56 11-16	55¾	55⅞— ⅜
EastmanChem	47	46⅞	46⅞+ ⅛
EstKodak	67 7-16	66⅛	67¼+ ½
EDS Corp	47 15-16	47⅛	47 13-16+ 5-16
Entergy	28 11-16	28⅛	28⅛+ ⅛
Exxon	73 15-16	73 5-16	73 9-16— ⅛
Flowers	24½	24 1-16	24⅛
FordMotor s	58 11-16	57 11-16	57 15-16— 9-16
GTE Cp	63	61 15-16	62 1-16— 9-16
GenDynam s	63 15-16	63	63 11-16+ ⅛
GenElec	110 5-16	109 3-16	109⅝— ⅜
GenMills	77⅛	77¼	77 5-16— ½
GenMotors	89½	88¾	88¾—11-16
GaPacGP	76¾	75 15-16	76 3-16+ 1⅜
GlobalMar	10¾	9⅝	10 1-16— 5-16
Goodrich	36	35¾	35¾— 3-16
Goodyear s	51 7-16	51¼	51 5-16— 3-16
GtAtlPac	31¾	30¾	31 5-16+ ⅛
Halliburtn	35 15-16	34¼	34 3-16— 1⅜
Hanson ADS	45⅜	45	45 —1 1-16
HarteHanks	27¼	27	27⅜+ ⅛
HomeDepot	64 15-16	63¾	63 13-16— 1⅛
IBM	182	180 3-16	181½— ½
IntlPaper	46 13-16	43¾	43¾+ 7-16
JohnsonJn	91	90 7-16	90 13-16— ¼
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Kroger Co	67¾	67¼	67⅜— 7-16
Litton	59⅜	58¼	59½+ ½
LockheedM s	40¾	39 15-16	40 1-16— ⅛
Lowes Cos s	64¼	62¾	63 —1 3-16
Lubys	15 3-16	14¾	15 3-16+ 1-16
LucentTech	106 7-16	104¾	104¾—1 1-16
LucentTech wi	53½	52½	52⅝— 3-16
MayDeptStrs	60 5-16	59 5-16	59½— ⅜
MayDeptStr wi	40¼	39 13-16	39 13-16— ⅜
MediaOne	61¼	60¾	61 9-16+1 5-16
Medtronic	70 1-16	69⅜	69⅜
Mobil	92¾	91 1-16	91 15-16
Monsanto	48¾	47 11-16	47⅞— 9-16
MorganJP	126½	124 11-16	125 — ⅜
Motorola	69¼	68¾	68 15-16+15-16
NCR Corp	45 7-16	44¾	45 7-16+11-16
Navistar	38	37 9-16	37 9-16— 7-16
Penney JC	39 11-16	39 5-16	39⅜— ¼
PennzEnrgy s	10 15-16	10⅜	10 11-16— 1-16
PepBoys	19 5-16	19⅛	19 3-16+ ⅛
PepsiCo	39 7-16	39	39⅜+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	48¼	48¼	48 13-16+ ½
PhilipPet	42¼	42	42½— 5-16
PilgrmPrd B	18¾	18¼	18 5-16+ 3-16
Polaroid	22¾	21¾	21 15-16— 1-16
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ProctGamb	91 5-16	90⅛	90 15-16— ⅜
PubSNwMx	17	16 11-16	17 + 5-16
ReliantEngy	28 9-16	28 3-16	28⅛+ 1-16
RoyalDut	50	49 11-16	49 13-16— 9-16
SBC Comm	53 1-16	52¼	52 13-16— ⅜
SaraLee s	26¼	26⅛	26⅜+ 5-16
Scripps EW	42¼	42	42 3-16— 1-16
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SmithIntlBchm	69¾	67¾	67¾—1 15-16
SouthernCo	25¼	25	25 1-16
SwstAirl s	34¼	33⅜	33½— ⅜
SprintFON n	89¾	88½	89 9-16+ ½
SprintPCS n	39¼	39⅛	39¼— ⅛
Sunoco Inc	32¼	32⅛	32 3-16—15-16
TNP Ent	28 15-16	28 13-16	28 13-16— ¼
Tandy	58¼	57 11-16	57⅜— ¼
TempleInland	63½	62⅞	63¼+ 5-16
Tenneco	30 15-16	30⅝	30 11-16— 3-16
Texaco	55	54¼	54 9-16— 1-16
TexInd	22¼	22⅜	22 13-16+ ⅛
TexasInst	103¾	99½	103¼+3 11-16
TexUtil	43 7-16	43¼	43 7-16+ 5-16
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Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Ambrosia Rodriquez, David Clinkinbeard, Thelma Ford, Johnny Huddleston, Virginia Johnson, Rube McKinley and Lacey Shifflett.

DISMISSALS: David Clinkinbeard, Eddie Ervin, Olga Cabrera and baby boy, James Dockrey Jr., Cecilia Martinez and baby boy, Bobby Ratliff and David Wagner.

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Births

Rodolfo and Ambrosia Rodriquez of Snyder announce the birth of their son weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces. He was born at 12:20 a.m. on March 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Outstanding warrants send 2 subjects to jail

Outstanding warrants sent two subjects to jail Monday.

Deputies arrested a 28-year-old male at 4 p.m. on CR 126 on an outstanding Bell County warrant for revocation of probation.

A 46-year-old female was taken into custody by Department of Public Safety troopers at 9:52 p.m. on Hwy. 208 on an outstanding warrant for failure to give notice upon striking another vehicle.

Two reports of theft were also investigated Monday.

An offense report for felony theft was filed at 12:02 p.m. at the United Supermarket construction site in reference to the theft of tools.

Leisha Compton requested to speak to an officer in the 1300 block of Avenue E at 8:54 p.m. in reference to the theft of a female Pomeranian dog from her residence. An offense report for theft was submitted.

In other activity, officers were called to Lawrence IGA #400 at 7:12 a.m. in reference to a juvenile shoplifter in the store. The juvenile was released to his grandmother.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Garrulous man could prove perilous to woman's health

DEAR ABBY: I have a male friend who is a nonstop talker. He talks constantly during a meal and doesn't even stop when eating. He's so rude that he won't let a person finish a sentence. At meetings, people sitting near him get up and move away because of his talking and complaining. My friends refuse to come over if he's going to be there.

One man said he's the only person who can carry on a conversation with himself. His son and I have both told him he talks too much. He thinks his opinions are important, but they are boring.

Abby, he's a faithful and helpful person, and he wants to marry me. We are older people and men are scarce at this age. But I must avoid stress because of medical problems. Any suggestions?

TALKED TO DEATH
IN WASHINGTON

DEAR TALKED TO DEATH: A person who does all the talking is no less a hog than the person who comes to your table and eats all the food. Your friend is ignoring the fact that being a good listener is often more important than being a good talker.

Men may be scarce in your age bracket, but from your description he appears to be self-centered, insensitive to the feelings of those around him, and probably very insecure. If your physician has advised you to avoid stress because of medical problems, try to find a mate who will be more sensitive to the feelings of those around him.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a sister I love very much, but I don't understand her. Although she is 35 years old, she still relies on her family to take care of her. And if we don't do it quickly enough, she gets an attitude and won't speak to us for weeks at a time.

Abby, her behavior is hurtful, especially to our father. Frankly, I'm tired of the situation. Please advise me how to handle this.

SISTERLY TROUBLE

DEAR SISTERLY TROUBLE: You didn't mention whether your sister has emotional problems, or whether she's dependent simply because she can be. As long as she has you to shore her up, why should she tread water for herself? If there is no compelling reason why the family should bail her out, you are doing her a disservice by doing so.

By age 35, your sister should have taken responsibility for herself, so get the family to stand together and send her the message that she's on her own. Of course, I wouldn't expect you to let her drown — but convince her she must try to save herself before she goes down for the third time.

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DEAR ABBY: I have several married and divorced children. I have always helped them in any way I could by letting them keep their belongings, hobbies and junk in my home and even live here. It isn't as if they have no homes — they do, and larger than mine.

I have been alone for a long time, so maybe they never think of my getting married again. I love my home, and I have found a person I would like to marry and share the rest of my life with. I have even thought of us renting a place somewhere, but maybe I would never get my home back. Would this be wise?

What is the best way for me to regain my home in full without hurting my children? I'm trying to be patient, but they don't seem to "get it." Please advise me how to resolve this in a caring and loving way. I need your help.

CROWDED OUT
IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR CROWDED OUT: Congratulations on having found a special someone to marry and share your life with. Now it's time to share the wonderful news with your children. And when you do — tell them you're giving them one month to reclaim their belongings because you'll be living there with your new husband and need the space.

Capitol Briefs

Teachers support discipline bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Teachers voiced their support Monday for a bill that would allow teachers to impose non-physical punishment — from reprimands to dunce caps — on unruly students in the classroom without themselves fearing discipline from administrators.

"It's a common-sense approach to returning respect to our classroom teachers," Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, the bill's sponsor, said at a news conference in the Senate chamber attended by loudly enthusiastic teachers.

Members of the Texas Federation of Teachers were at the Capitol to rally for better pay and benefits, including retirement benefits, and against publicly funded vouchers for private school tuition.

Whitmire's classroom discipline bill is SB1213.

Senate OKs religious freedom bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate unanimously approved a bill Monday to limit the government's ability to restrict religious activities barring a "compelling interest" such as protection of public health and safety.

Under the bill, the state would have to prove a compelling interest to enforce laws that would, for example, bar a Jewish man from wearing a yarmulke in a courtroom.

"Freedom to believe would be a hollow right without the freedom to act pursuant to that belief. Laws and regulations that impose a burden on that right should be put under strict scrutiny," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, author of the measure.

The House State Affairs Committee also took up the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which has been a priority of Gov. George W. Bush.

The Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act is HB601 and SB138.

Coastal erosion solution sought

AUSTIN (AP) — State and federal governments would spend $15 million a year to replace sand swept into the sea under a state senator's plan to combat coastal erosion.

A bill sponsored by Sen. Mike Jackson, R-Houston, would establish the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act to focus on 57 miles of Texas beaches that have infrastructure such as homes and highways.

"We are one of the few states that have a lot of coast line and no plan in place for maintenance of that coast line," said Jackson.

Under the bill, 15 miles of beach — including spots in Galveston, Corpus Christi and South Padre Island — would be restored every year, with the areas in greatest need being treated first. The same beach would be restored every five years.

The state would put up half the money for the restoration program to be run by the General Land Office with the rest coming from federal matching funds and local money, according to Jackson's office.

The coastal erosion bill is SB1690.

Bills targeting teen drug use OK's

AUSTIN (AP) — Bills taking aim at teen-age drug use have won approval from the Texas Senate and are headed to the House for consideration.

The two measures approved Monday are part of a package spearheaded by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

One would provide a model for public schools to do drug tests at parents' request. Parents would pay for two tests to be conducted within a year, and results would be sent only to them.

Backers have said legislation isn't needed for such programs, but that a law could provide an example and encouragement.

Such a drug-testing program already exists in Allen Independent School District. Its superintendent, Barbara Erwin, has said students can use drug testing as a reason to say no when offered illegal substances.

The Senate vote on the measure was 28-2, with Sens. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, and Mario Gallegos Jr., D-Galena Park, voting no.

The school drug testing bill is SB42.

The release of a minor from drug treatment bill is SB44.

Compensation sought for victims

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans who must quit their jobs to flee domestic violence or care for sick family members should be eligible to collect unemployment insurance, womens' and labor advocates said Monday.

Women fleeing domestic violence sometimes have to quit their jobs to evade their abusive partners, said Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin.

The compensation bill for domestic violence and sick family is HB616.

The part-time workers bill is HB914.

Jones, husband split up

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Paula Corbin Jones and her husband have separated, but both say a divorce is not likely, USA Today reported.

The paper quotes Mrs. Jones, 33, in today's editions as saying the situation with her husband is "not any different than other couples" that live apart because of different career ambitions and interests.

"We're not going to get ugly at each other," she told the paper, adding that the couple has been discussing a trial separation "for some time." They were married in 1991.

The paper said the split follows disagreements over strategy in her now-settled sexual harassment suit against President Clinton, how to spend the money they received and where to live.

Steve Jones, 38, will remain at the couple's condominium in Long Beach, Calif., to pursue an acting career and work on a book, the paper said. He is contesting his dismissal from Northwest Airlines, which fired him last March from his job as a counter clerk. He told the paper: "People are taking this argument stuff out of proportion. My idea is you don't spend money until you know what you're going to have."

Mrs. Jones will live in Cabot, Ark., in a house she purchased last week. It is about 10 miles from Beebe, Ark., where her mother lives.

"I wanted to get back closer to my family and friends," Mrs. Jones said. "In California, I had to be very careful about who I got to know, so I didn't develop any close friendships."

The paper said the couple's two sons will live with Mrs. Jones, who intends to accept a job offer to be a manicurist, and visit their father in the summer.

Commuter railroad mulls corralling cell phone talkers

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — The club car. The dining car. The sleeper car. Why not a railroad car for those who can't hush up on their cell phones?

The Metro-North Railroad is considering designating separate cars for cellular phone users, who often intrude on the reading, sleeping and thinking of their fellow travelers by talking loudly into their little phones.

"For reasons that we can't figure out, people are hollering into their cell phones," Metro-North spokesman Dan Brucker said Monday. "They're talking as if this were the beginning of the telephony age and you had to shout."

The railroad, which takes passengers between Grand Central Terminal and New York City's northern suburbs, lately has been averaging half a dozen complaints per week about loud phone calls, Brucker said.

"It's happened to me a couple of times," James Said of White Plains said as he waited for a train to take him to work in New York. "If the train is noisy and they have to shout, they're being obnoxious and they don't know it. You have to give them a look."

One woman complained to the railroad after finding herself surrounded by five people on cell phones. Another passenger resorted to turning on a tape recorder in front of a lawyer who was talking loudly to clients.

"Your attorney-client privilege is no longer privileged," the rider said.

For now, the railroad is just asking cell-phone talkers to keep their voices down. But Brucker said one solution being considered is "having a train car dedicated to cellular phone users — an all-talking train car, the way we used to have a smoking car."

"Of course, this raises little problems like free-speech issues," Brucker said. "How do we enforce it, tell people they can't talk?"

Date Book

March 16, 1999

Today is the 75th day of 1999 and the 86th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" was first published.

On this day in 1966, the Gemini VIII spacecraft docked with an Agena rocket. It was the first time spacecraft had docked in orbit.

On this day in 1988, Julie Croteau of St. Mary's College in Maryland became the first woman to play on an NCAA men's baseball team.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Madison (1751-1836), U.S. president; Georg Simon Ohm (1789-1854), physicist; Jerry Lewis (1926-), comedian, is 73; Daniel Patrick Moynihan (1927-), U.S. politician, is 72; Kate Nelligan (1951-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, Billy Taylor of the Detroit Red Wings made seven assists during a game against Chicago, setting an NHL record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations." — James Madison

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (March 17).

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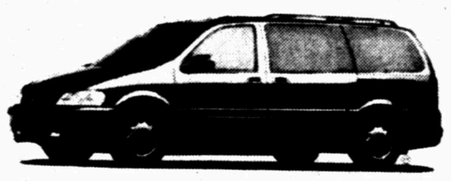
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Jesus said, "If you abide in my Word, you are my disciples indeed." (John 8:31).

The Bible is full of encouragement to read. Paul says, "...give attention to reading... (1 Timothy 4:13). And, "... see that these letters are read to the churches..." (Colossians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:27). John, the apostle, promised a blessing to all who would read the Revelation, (1:3).

There are hundreds of reading plans for the Bible. Do you know that you can read the entire Bible in a single year by reading only four (4) chapters a day?

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Private retirement savings plans gain steam

WASHINGTON (AP) — To help Americans improve their anemic savings for retirement, several bipartisan proposals are circulating in Congress to increase limits on contributions to 401(k) plans and individual retirement accounts.

There also is growing support to remove obstacles to creation of workplace pension plans for small businesses.

"We face a major retirement challenge in this country," said Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, co-sponsor of one major proposal. "While we need Social Security reform, we need to go well beyond that."

Congress and President Clinton have pledged to reserve 62 percent of projected budget surpluses to keep Social Security solvent into the next century. But that program provides only about 40 percent of a typical retiree's income.

Aging baby boomers, who figure to live longer than their forebears, have a low savings rate.

"As a generation, they have not saved adequately for their retirement," said Matthew Fink, president of the Investment Company Institute, which represents nearly 8,000 investment firms.

Last June, the amount of money Americans were saving as a percentage of their personal disposal income dipped into the negative range for the first time since 1933, according to the Commerce Department. Although the rate has since crept up, analysts estimate that about half of all American have less than $10,000 in savings.

In addition, half of all workers have no pension plan, and only 20 percent of businesses with 25 or fewer employees offer one.

One popular answer has been the 401(k) plan created in 1978, in which 25 million Americans — often with an employer match — have $1 trillion in tax-deferred contributions invested in mutual funds and elsewhere. And millions of people have IRAs, which also grow through investments.

But limits on how much people can contribute hamper the growth of these retirement nest eggs, particularly for older Americans who need to save more money quickly and women who missed workplace pension years while at home raising children.

For example, there is a $2,000 annual limit on tax-deductible IRA contributions, $10,000 for a 401(k).

Several pieces of legislation introduced in Congress would raise these limits. The bill sponsored by Portman and Rep. Ben Cardin, D-Md., would boost the 401(k) limit to $15,000 and the IRA ceiling to $5,000, for example.

In addition, the measures propose "catch-up" provisions for older people and women, allowing them to contribute more. A bill sponsored by Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., would allow those ages 50 and up to contribute $7,500 a year to an IRA.

The bills also would create a new Roth 401(k), similar to the popular Roth IRA in which contributions are made after taxes are paid but withdrawals for retirement are tax-free.

They would also make it easier for employers to offer pension plans by eliminating complexity in tax rules and Internal Revenue Service user fees.

"Start-up and maintenance costs are the primary reason small employers do not offer their employees a pension plan," said Dan Danner, vice president of federal public policy at the National Federation of Independent Business.

There is a cost to such efforts, but it is far less than the tens of billions of dollars needed to rescue Social Security. The Portman-Cardin bill, for example, would cost up to $7 billion over five years.

FDA approves device to remove blood clots

WASHINGTON (AP) — With thousands of Americans undergoing angioplasty every year to increase the blood flow to their hearts, the government has approved a new alternative for those who need to have blood clots removed first.

The Food and Drug Administration announced Monday that it has approved use of a medical device called AngioJet to remove those clots.

AngioJet has been in use since late 1996 to help remove clots from grafts in people undergoing dialysis. It is expected to be especially helpful to heart patients who cannot use the so-called clot-busting drugs.

Angioplasty is a widely used method for treating heart arteries that have narrowed. As many as a half-million of the procedures are done annually in the United States.

In an angioplasty, a tiny balloon is threaded into the blocked artery, inflated to widen the blood vessel, then deflated and removed. Usually the widening remains and blood flow is increased. Sometimes a device called a stent is placed in the artery to help it stay widened.

But sometimes blood clots form in the narrowed areas and these can lead to heart attack or death. Currently these clots are treated with clot-removing drugs. However, some people cannot take the drugs, particularly those with a predisposition to bleeding.

The FDA said it gave the AngioJet System expedited review and approved it less than six months after receipt of a marketing application from the manufacturer, Possis Medical of Minneapolis.

Rick Kravik, principal design engineer at Possis, said AngioJet is faster and can be targeted at a specific area, unlike drugs that move throughout the patient's system.

AngioJet is a coronary catheter containing a steel and a plastic tube. The end of the metal tube is bent into a halo shape and shoots a jet of saline solution back into the tip of the plastic one, creating a vacuum that pulls along any blood clots. Treatment with this device takes about one minute, FDA said. Once the blood clot is removed, the patient can undergo angioplasty.

FDA said the manufacturer studied 731 people with symptoms of heart artery blockage at 41 medical centers in the United States and Canada.

In one study, 180 were treated with AngioJet and 169 with urokinase, a clot-busting drug. The study showed the two had similar effectiveness.

In another study, 105 patients who could not be treated with clot-busting drugs were treated with AngioJet. The study showed the device to be equally effective in these patients, FDA said.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

In the year ahead, what you personally originate or control has the most promising potential for you. However, anything you begin must be seen through to completion in order to achieve desirable results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) No one can handle your personal interests as competently as you can, so do the least amount of delegating today. Self-sufficiency enhances your chances for success. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make your moves today when you see the signals of things starting to fall into place. This can enable you to fulfill a private ambition you've been nurturing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't put any limitations today on your hopes and expectations. You can do anything you envision and set your mind to, provided it is founded upon realism.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A new cycle is opening up for you today. You should be able to upgrade your status socially, as well as achieve new heights where your career is concerned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The type of information you require for achieving constructive purposes will be at hand today if you choose to utilize its sources. What and how much you learn will be up to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Instead of merely conceptualizing your goals, start taking positive measures today to bring them into being. The time and conditions are conducive for doing so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Alliances other than for commercial purposes are exceptionally favorable for you today. Any partnership arrangement you enter into at this time could have far-reaching effects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An important, ambitious goal you've been unable to gratify thus far can be fulfilled. Starting today, you'll be in a better position to bring this into fruition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Reorganize your personal affairs today in order to place them on a more productive level. Big improvements can be made if you vent the urges that direct you on the wrong path.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There are strong indications that an important matter you haven't been able to tie down can be finalized to your satisfaction today. Continue to be persistent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Good things could result for you if you start putting into action new ideas or creations you've got floating around in your head. Don't just think about things, do something about them today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be alert today for large opportunities of an unusual nature in the financial realms. Lady Luck is your ally at this time, putting you in an extremely profitable cycle.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Meningioma can become serious

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a meningioma? My mother was diagnosed with one but refuses to share with us what her doctor told her.

DEAR READER: A meningioma is a slow-growing tumor involving the membrane that covers the brain and spinal cord. As it enlarges, it causes compression of nerve tissue, leading to a host of unpleasant and serious consequences. Surgical removal is necessary.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A year ago, I was hospitalized for tests because of amaurosis. My doctor said that I had a small stroke. Since I'm still having visual difficulties, I wonder what the next step should be.

DEAR READER: The term "amaurosis" refers to visual disturbances, including black spots and loss of certain visual fields, from causes outside the eyes themselves. For example, the affliction can be related to diseases of the optic nerve or brain from alcoholism, diabetes or kidney diseases; it has also been reported to occur after emotional shock. Some forms may be inherited.

If your doctor diagnosed a stroke, you probably had amaurosis fugax: Visual problems stemming from blood clots that were carried to the brain or the optic apparatus. In this instance, treatment with anticoagulant drugs is indicated.

You may need to have a magnetic imaging arteriogram, which enables doctors to assess whether you have arteriosclerotic plaque in the arteries of your neck. Significant arterial blockage can be the source of blood clots that can break off, be carried to the brain and cause stroke or blindness. With such a scenario, your doctor should refer you to a vascular surgeon who may be able to clean out the narrowed segments and prevent devastating consequences. If your blockages are more modest, however, you would be a candidate for anticoagulation therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take a variety of herbal and mineral supplements daily. Many of the directions state that several pills need to be taken each day, spaced several hours apart. I don't want to spend my time taking pills all day long, nor do I want to spend the money that would cost, so I just take one a day. Am I getting any benefit this way or am I wasting my money?

DEAR READER: I don't know. What is your body telling you? In order to be effective, any medicine — prescription, herbal supplement or vitamin/mineral — must be taken in a therapeutic amount. One or two herbal remedies a day won't do any harm, but probably won't help you much either. I suggest that you ask your doctor about this. Perhaps he or she can hit on a compromise that will meet your needs in a convenient manner without destroying your budget.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads I: Vitamins & Minerals." 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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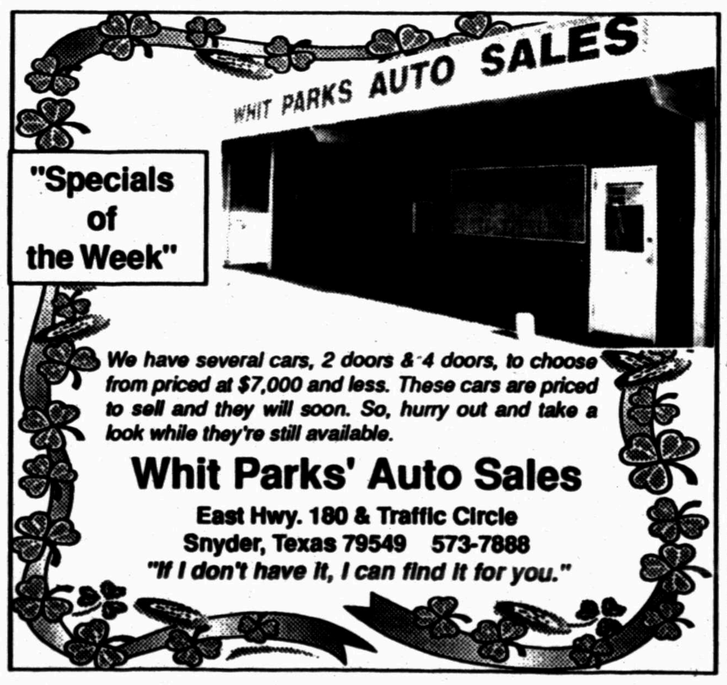


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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Greenspan says...

Long-run farming prospect good

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many farmers are suffering from sharply sinking prices for their products, but U.S. farming as a whole appears well-positioned to benefit when Asian and other economies around the world begin to recover, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said today.

Amid many upbeat economic signs, including the Dow Jones industrial average cracking the 10,000 barrier for the first time, Greenspan devoted a speech in San Francisco to what he called "one of the more notable soft spots" in a U.S. economy he termed both impressive and robust.

"Farmers, rather than sharing in the general prosperity, have been experiencing disappointing exports and sharply falling prices" during "what presumably is a transitory, though by no means abbreviated, period of softness," Greenspan said in a speech prepared for delivery to the Independent Bankers Association of America.

Prices received by farmers are down 5 percent from a year ago and prices for corn, soybeans, wheat and hogs have hit levels unseen in years, he said, principally blaming the worldwide economic slump that began in Asia in 1997.

"All told, falling shipments to the Asian countries accounted for more than 80 percent of the drop in the value of farm exports over the past two years," he said, noting that shipments to Russia, particularly of poultry, and to South America also have been affected.

The strong domestic economy hasn't made up for the loss of exports, he said, because "consumers, especially in affluent economies, do not boost spending on food to nearly the same degree that their incomes rise."

"Clearly our farm sector stands to gain, perhaps appreciably, when more favorable economic conditions finally emerge" around the world, he said.

In the meantime, farmers have responded "by reducing the costs of production to the bare bone." And they've been helped by falling prices for diesel fuel and fertilizer, which helped produce a 3 percent drop in prices farmers pay for goods, and by past technological innovations that have made farmers more efficient, and by increased government support payments.

There are "favorable readings" that they are holding up financially much better than during the farm crisis of the early 1980s, he said. Among them: farmers' debt remains low relative to the worth of their land and equipment, net farm income is holding up fairly well and most farmers are repaying their loans on time.

"The weakening of farm markets, while pressuring farm income and wealth, has not had effects as dramatic as the declines in market prices might seem to have implied," he said.

"Both farmers and lenders appear to retain a fair degree of optimism about the longer-run prospects for the sector," he said, "however, the near-term may be challenging."

Serbs do not sign accord

PARIS (AP) — Serb negotiators today defied Western pressure to sign a Kosovo peace deal, not only refusing to discuss the military part of the plan but making new political demands as well.

A day after ethnic Albanian delegates agreed to the peace plan, Serbian President Milan Milutinovic said his side also was ready to sign — but only the political part of the deal, and only "under the precondition that they accept all of our complaints." He did not detail the complaints.

As for a NATO military force in the Yugoslav province, a key part of the international peace plan, Milutinovic said: "We reject it."

During a second day of talks in Paris, it appeared the mediators' strategy was to try to get the Serbs on board rather than have the Kosovo Albanians sign unilaterally.

Phil Reeker, chief spokesman for the talks, said at midday that "small meetings" were being conducted, "just to see if the Serbs are determined in engaging at all in a process."

Sources inside the talks, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Serbs were proposing amendments that would limit ethnic Albanian autonomy. A diplomatic source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the proposals would significantly change the deal, and were "totally unacceptable."

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Obituaries

Colleen Weaver

1926-1999

HEREFORD — Colleen Collett Weaver, the sister of Gussie Gray of Snyder, died Monday, March 15, in Hereford's Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Weaver, 72, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Gililland-Watson Rose Chapel. Jim Wood, minister of the Northside Church of Christ in Clovis, N.M., will officiate. Burial will follow in Rest Lawn Memorial Park.

Born Dec. 19, 1926 in Lubbock County, she graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1943. She married B.J. "Doc" Weaver on March 23, 1946 in Clovis.

Mrs. Weaver moved from Snyder to Deaf Smith County in 1968. She was retired from a ladies clothing store and was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Hereford.

Survivors include her husband, B.J. Weaver of Hereford; four sons, Billy Jack Weaver Jr. of Clovis, Bobby Weaver of Dimmitt, Tommy Weaver of Grand Prairie and Terry Kearns of Bullhead City, Ariz.; another sister, Juanita Pirtle of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Travis Bentley

1928-1999

ANDREWS — Graveside service for Travis W. Bentley of Big Spring was set for 4 p.m. today in the Andrews North Cemetery. The Rev. David Humber, pastor of Northcrest Baptist Church in Andrews, was to officiate and McNett Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Bentley, 70, died Monday, March 15, in the V.A. Medical Center in Big Spring.

Born on Oct. 30, 1928 in Snyder, he had also lived in Andrews and Odessa. He worked as a repairman in the air conditioning and heating business. Mr. Bentley was a member of the VFW Lodge 4372 in Odessa. He was a Baptist.

A son, Billy Bentley, preceded him in death in 1994.

He is survived by two sons, Bruce Bentley and Keith Bentley, both of Platte City, Mo.; three brothers, Don Bentley of Andrews, Orrin Bentley of Nocona and Aubrey Bentley of Clovis, N.M.; and one granddaughter.

Kathryn Boothe

1924-1999

CARTHAGE — Funeral service for Kathryn Boothe, a native of Scurry County, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Jimerson Funeral Home Chapel. Buddy Bankhead will officiate, and burial will follow in Restland Memorial Park.

Mrs. Boothe, 74, died Saturday, March 13, at her home in Carthage.

Born Dec. 21, 1924 in Scurry County, she moved from Snyder to Carthage in 1970. She was a homemaker and a member of the Carthage Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Merrill Vestal Boothe in 1985; and by her parents, Lloyd M. and Jewel Lee Reeves.

Survivors include three sons, Riley Boothe and Tommy Boothe, both of Carthage, and Powers Boothe of Hidden Hills, Calif.; two brothers, Lloyd Delmer Reeves of Albuquerque, N.M. and Kenneth Reeves of Abilene; two sisters, Mae Vaughan of Carthage and Bobbie Hilchey of Longview; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Lyle Mason

1919-1999

SEWARD, Neb. — Lyle Mason, father of Jeff Mason of Snyder, died Friday, March 12, in Seward Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service with full Masonic rites will be held at a later date.

Mr. Mason, born on Nov. 6, 1919, in Lebanon, Kan., married Christine Alger on May 10, 1943. She survives.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He had worked for Nebraska Public Power District for 38 years as a lineman and later as a construction inspector.

The family suggests memorials to the Masonic Home for Children in Fremont, Neb.

Other survivors include Jeff Mason's wife, Gaylan of Snyder; another son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Jacki Mason of Seward; a sister, Zelda McClure of Lincoln, Neb.; and three grandchildren, Jennifer, Molly and Curtis Mason of Snyder.

Travel limits sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Intelligence Committee chairman is urging the Clinton administration to stop allowing U.S. scientists based at nuclear weapons labs to travel abroad for scientific exchanges until the government completes a probe into the possible loss of nuclear secrets to China.

"I believe that the president of the United States ... should put a moratorium on the exchange of people coming into our labs and our scientists going to their labs and perhaps giving them information," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala. "As we stand here, our labs are not as secure as they should be."

Shelby's remarks came Monday as concern grew on Capitol Hill about an espionage investigation into the possible leakage to China of sensitive nuclear weapons design information by a scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, N.M.

Two other influential senators suggested the United States should try to block China's efforts to enter the World Trade Organization at this time.

"The continuing problems with Chinese human rights violations, espionage and possible technology transfers suggest that this is not an appropriate time for China to enter the WTO," Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the Foreign Relations Committee chairman, and Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, the Commerce Committee's top Democrat, wrote in a letter to colleagues.

The alleged espionage took place in the mid-1980s but an investigation was not begun until 1995. The subject of the probe, a Taiwanese-born scientist, was only fired from his job this year. That raised questions about laxity by the Clinton administration.

Shelby spoke followed a closed-door meeting with CIA Director George Tenet, who briefed Senate Intelligence Committee members on his appointment of a retired admiral to review the agency's own intelligence damage assessment of what secrets may have been lost to the Chinese.

The FBI began its investigation in 1996.



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events

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ONGOINGS

Free tax aid service

Free tax help will be available Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

Heart association board

The American Heart Association board will meet at noon Thursday at the Pizza Inn. Anyone interested in helping with the May 15 Heart Walk is invited. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041 for more information.

SHS tennis boosters

SHS Tennis Booster Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Savings and Loan. For more information, call 573-2400.

First Presbyterian sets speakers

Drs. Jerry and Judy Horton, directors of Down Home Ranch, will speak at the First Presbyterian Church at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Soccer registration

Registration for the Snyder Soccer Association will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Snyder Lanes.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "God's Joy When a Son Comes Home," followed by "God and the Rebellious Child."

Choir booster club

The SHS Choir Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the choir room to discuss the choir banquet. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Funiture, appliances and other items are appreciated. Clothes are not needed at this time. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Postal Service entrance exam

The examination for data conversion operator for the U.S. Postal Service will be open to the public through March 26 at the remote encoding center in Abilene. Applications and additional information are available at the Snyder post office.

Reception for warden

A reception to welcome Warden Wilhelmenia Howard and her husband, Tony, to Snyder will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 29, at the Snyder chamber of commerce. Mrs. Howard is the new warden at the Price Daniel Unit, and Tony is TDCJ regional supervisor for internal affairs.

Windbreak trees available

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra windbreak trees, both hardwood and evergreens, available.

Aggie scholarships

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' Club will award two scholarships to a high school senior and a current A&M student. Students in Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties are eligible. Applications are available at the high schools and postmark deadline for applications is April 1.

Townhall meeting

State Rep. David Counts, along with Mayor David Holt, will conduct a townhall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Snyder City Hall.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on Wednesday, April 7, from 5-9 p.m. at Snyder High School.

Adult education classes

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

Road to Recovery program

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

Support groups

Four different support groups meet the second Thursday of the month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents. Child care is provided.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
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(ten, seventeen, nineteen, twenty, thirty-four)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-6-5
(eight, six, five)