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IN REMEMBRANCE — VFW Commander John Fair and his daughter Ashley take time to pay their respects at the veterans' memorial on the north side of the county courthouse. (SDN Staff Photo)

Property tax relief dead

Abortion, athletic scholarships on plate for final week

AUSTIN (AP) — With one week left in this year's legislative session, the most significant issue — property tax relief — is dead.

Still up in the air, however, is a bill requiring parental notification for girls under 18 to receive an abortion and a debate over the academic standards of scholarship athletes.

On Saturday, more than a year's worth of campaigning for property tax relief by Gov. George W. Bush ended with leaders of the House and Senate saying they couldn't reach a compromise.

Bush had hoped to get a plan approved with the state in relative calm. But in the end, the governor said the lack of a crisis added to the plan's failure.

"It's going to take people marching on this Capitol saying they've had enough of high property taxes, or it will take a court order saying that the school funding system does not meet a constitutional test," he said.

The governor has proposed an alternative — using a $1 billion surplus in the state's budget to give homeowners an additional $11,000 in homestead exemptions.

The increase would translate into average school property tax cuts for homeowners of about $140 a year.

Leaders of the House and Senate said they would support the governor's proposal.

A separate bill given House approval over the weekend would prohibit property appraisal districts from increasing the value of residential or business property more than once every three years and would restrict appraisals to no more than 15 percent during that period.

"This goes a long way toward resolving the school tax problem," said Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, the House chairman of a special property tax committee.

With property taxes off center stage, an abortion fight is likely in the House on Monday over a bill requiring a doctor to notify, but not obtain consent from, a parent or guardian of a girl under 18 before performing an abortion.

The bill also would allow a girl to get judicial or physician approval to bypass notification of her parents. The judge or physician would have to find that a bypass was in the girl's best interest and that she was capable of making the decision on her own. Also, the physician could not be the doctor in the same office with the doctor performing the abortion.

The 48-hour period could be waived if parents consented to the abortion in person or by a notarized letter.

Abortion rights advocates say they expect conservative House members to try to remove the exceptions to parental notification. There could also be attempts to add clergy to the list of those who could authorize a bypass.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, the Senate sponsor of the bill, says there are enough votes in the House to pass the measure. The Senate would have to consider House changes if the bill were to become law.

The Senate this week is expected to consider the surprise bill of the legislative session.

The measure would require state colleges and universities to lower their admission standards to match the lowest grades and test scores of scholarship athletes.

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, who has used procedural maneuvers and dealmaking to keep the bill alive, now turns the bill over to Senate sponsor Royce West, D-Dallas.

Patriotism, politics mix under cloudy sky

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring the government reneged on its obligations, thousands of war veterans and their families circled the National Mall on motorcycles demanding better health care and a better accounting of soldiers missing in action.

"We will never give up, we will be back 50 years from now, if it takes that long to return America's brothers and sisters back to the soil they died for," said Artie Muller, leader of Sunday's 10th annual "Rolling Thunder" rally.

The event's organizers say veterans' have inadequate health care and that the country has abandoned its obligation to American combatants and prisoners still listed as missing overseas.

As part of the long Memorial Holiday weekend, thousands of other people who arrived by car, bus, subway and on foot paid homage in drizzling rain to lost relatives and comrades at the Vietnam and Korean War memorials near the white-columned Lincoln Memorial.

The motorcyclists came from as far as California, Florida and Quebec and carried veterans, relatives and activists of the POW-MIA movement — some smiling and waving, others solemn with clenched fists.

"Why is it taking so long to help veterans in need, so long to investigate" sightings of live American POWS? asked Muller, speaking on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

The government says the number of U.S. service personnel still listed as missing in Vietnam has declined to 1,597 as a result of closer cooperation from Hanoi since the recent opening of diplomatic relations.

Bill Bell, who set up a Pentagon POW-MIA task force in Hanoi during President Bush's administration, said in a speech and interview the figures may be correct but current claims of "superb cooperation" from Hanoi are unsupported by facts.

"Only in America can a war protester and draft dodger sleep in the White House while a homeless veteran sleeps in a cardboard box," said Dave Dolby, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He referred to Clinton's experiences during the Vietnam war when he avoided the draft and participated in demonstrations against the war.

The former 1st Cavalry Division sergeant from Pennsylvania said he gets a monthly check for 110 percent disability including ulcers, shell shock and post-traumatic stress.

He said his citation for receiving the nation's highest military decoration refers to "four hours of unsurpassed valor" in leading the survivors of his platoon against the enemy in Vietnam in 1966.

Republic of Texas splinter deepens as legal woes mount

DALLAS (AP) — Arrests and indictments in the wake of the recent siege of Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren's Davis Mountains hideout appear to have driven the three Republic splinter groups even further apart.

McLaren and his followers are facing seven federal indictments alleging a $1.8 billion fraud scheme, and McLaren remains jailed on state charges related to the siege.

Another Republic faction led by Archie Lowe of Rice faces similar legal troubles. Lowe faces a contempt warrant and several of his other followers have already been served with warrants.

And the third faction, led by David Johnson of Odessa, faces state contempt warrants.

But instead of banding together against the state government they call illegitimate, the Republic members appear to be splintering even further in recent weeks.

Johnson said he plans to try Lowe in a "common law" court next weekend for masquerading as the group's president, and neither group has come to McLaren's aid.

Tim Perkins, who calls himself a "judge" in McLaren's faction, said the other two factions are "a bunch of doggone candybutts" for ignoring plea for help during the weeklong standoff that started when McLaren's followers held two neighbors hostage.

"If we as citizens would have stood our ground and not buckled and run as we did, things would have probably turned out much to our favor," Perkins told The Dallas Morning News for Sunday editions.

Separatists tried to mend fences at a May 4 meeting, but the attempt failed. The McLaren and Lowe factions, however, did manage to agree on a July 4 constitutional convention in the Irion County town of Sherwood.

Johnson argues the date is too soon to persuade enough Texans to support a movement to leave the United States.

Charles Duncan, co-publisher of the Republic of Texas Magazine, wishes the factions would stop the infighting.

Independence is what should be in the forefront, he said.

Last week, the magazine Duncan publishes came out with a new format and new name, dropping its direct link to the Republic.

The periodical's new name: Texas Independence Magazine.

Band students back from state

Five Snyder High School band members received medals in State UIL Solo & Ensemble competition Saturday in Austin.

Corey Ballard got a I rating in French horn. Receiving IIs were Karomy Drum, piano; Christy Garner, xylophone; Casity Reneau, trumpet; and Trey Gorman, trumpet.

"Usually we have a couple or three make ones, it just didn't happen," said SHS band director Walter Reneau. "But a two down there is a good rating, we just like to shoot for the highest, that's all. We had that concert Thursday and in retrospect, that might have tired them out a little."

Seventeen SHS band students competed.

Snyder received three IIs and a III in emsemble. Receiving IIs were:

—Percussion ensemble of Karomy Drum, Christy Garner, Audra Lilly and Sarah Lilly.

—Trombone quartet of Joey Steakley, James Aguilar, Michael Borrego and David Thames.

Four Brass quartet of Casity Reneau, Trey Gorman, Melanie Gibson and George Aguilar.

Receiving a III:

—Trumpet quartet of Thomas Bishop, Nick Means, Jack Hedges and Josh Coronado.

Area sales tax rebates

City	May'97	May'96	+/-	Year'97	Year'96	+/-
Abilene	$2,317,348.48	$2,069,495.33	11.97%	$9,351,449.70	$9,097,126.03	2.79%
Big Spring	$374,360.78	$353,554.82	5.88%	$1,489,775.46	$1,518,911.47	-1.91%
Colorado City	$43,004.74	$40,298.98	6.71%	$164,836.93	$165,768.11	-0.56%
Lamesa	$93,936.70	76,315.123	23.09%	$361,638.60	$355,918.09	1.60%
Lubbock	$2,329,388.61	$2,150,731.32	8.30%	$10,380,441.24	$10,070,121.35	3.08%
Post	$24,554.05	$21,497.18	14.21%	$103,238.02	$99,892.55	3.34%
Roby	$3,228.34	$2,087.34	54.66%	$10,929.57	$8,242.46	32.60%
Rotan	$15,965.48	$13,601.75	17.37%	$53,801.03	$52,731.36	2.02%
Snyder	$141,369.97	$121,842.72	16.02%	$633,421.17	$602,172.64	5.18%
Sweetwater	$200,909.00	$171,757.46	16.97%	$766,736.57	$759,657.88	0.92%

Sales tax rebates up strong in May

Snyder and Scurry County witnessed positive increases in sales tax rebates for May, according to information from the State Comptroller's Office.

Snyder received $141,369.97 this month. That's a 16.02 percent increase over the $121,842.72 taken in during May of 1996. For the year, the city has received $633,421.17, an increase of 5.18 percent when compared to the first five months of 1996.

Scurry County also saw a sizeable upswing in sales tax rebates — almost 41 percent for the month when compared to a year ago. The county took in $78,776.13 this month, up 40.92 percent from the $55,899.49 received in May of 1996. For the year, the county has collected $330,715.20, 11.28 percent more than last year.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected on March sales by businesses filing monthly returns and reported to the Comptroller in April, and those businesses filing quarterly returns for January, February and March.

The upward trend held throughout most of the area.

ASK US

Q—Is the last day of school for Snyder ISD on Thursday or Friday?

A—It depends. The school year ends with the final bell Thursday for students, but teachers will have a workday on Friday to finish up.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 24 degrees; low, 73; high Sunday, 92; low, 59; 7 a.m. Monday, 59; .40 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 12.35 inches.

Area Forecast: Today, high, mid 90s. W wind 15-25 mph, gusty. Tonight, fair; low, upper 50s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High, lower 90s.

Sunny
Danni Garcia

Sunset: 8:40 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.
Of 145 days in 1997, the sun has shone 133 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The shortest answer is the doing of the thing.

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MAY 26 1997

Heart-warming experience: U.S. soldier, son are reunited

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — Nearly 50 years after politics and top-secret missions tore him from the woman he loved in post-war Europe, an American soldier has met the son he never knew.

"It's been a long time," Cpl. David Nichols, now 72, said as he met 47-year-old Ralph Rattelmueller for the first time on Memorial Day weekend.

"Yeah," Rattelmueller replied, "a whole lifetime."

The German-born surveyor, who now lives in Denver, began searching for his father several years ago. He finally found him at a Veterans Affairs Medical Center here.

"I haven't thought about this in years," Nichols said moments before the meeting, "and now, I'm shaking like a pregnant nun."

Nichols met Sonja Rattelmueller on a train after World War II. After a courtship, he wanted to marry her but the Army refused to allow it because it believed her family had ties to the Nazis.

She was 19 and pregnant when Nichols was transferred to Trieste, Italy, in 1949.

"I loved her. I wanted to marry her, but I couldn't marry her because her father had a record and I was doing top-secret stuff," Nichols said. "It was heart-wrenching."

A year later, Sonja passed a security clearance and began working as a translator for the U.S. Air Force. She and her father tried to find Nichols, only to be told he was transferred to Korea and reported missing in action.

"My Army records went to Korea by mistake when I went to Trieste," Nichols said. "At one point, I was dead, in the eyes of the Army, Veterans Affairs and Social Security."

TOP FIVE SOPHOMORES — The Top Five sophomores at Ira High School for 1996-1997 are from left, Lindsy Josey, Carla Smith, E'Lissa Goolsby, Amber Martinez, Terri Robinson. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

MEMORIAL DAY — Lee Robbins, VFW quartermaster, raises the flag for Memorial Day as Bob Sealy, junior vice commander, and Kary Moses, Ladies Auxiliary president, look on. (SDN Staff Photo)

Date Book

May 26, 1997

Today is MEMORIAL DAY; it is the 146th day of 1997 and the 48th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1868, President Andrew Johnson avoided being impeached by one vote.

On this day in 1977, a man scaled one of the 110-story World Trade center buildings in New York City.

On this day in 1994, the United States and Vietnam officially re-established diplomatic relations after a break of nearly 20 years.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Al Jolson (1886-1950), entertainer; John Wayne (1907-1979), actor; James Arness (1923-), actor, is 74; Brent Musburger (1939-), sportscaster, is 58; Stevie Nicks (1948-), singer-songwriter, is 49; Hank Williams Jr. (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 48, Sally Ride (1951-), astronaut, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1959, Pittsburgh pitcher Harvey Haddix threw a 12-inning perfect game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Tyranny and despotism can be exercised by many, more rigorously, more vigorously, and more severely, than by one." — Andrew Johnson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1917, a string of violent tornadoes killed more than 100 people in Illinois and Indiana.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (May 22) and last quarter (May 29).

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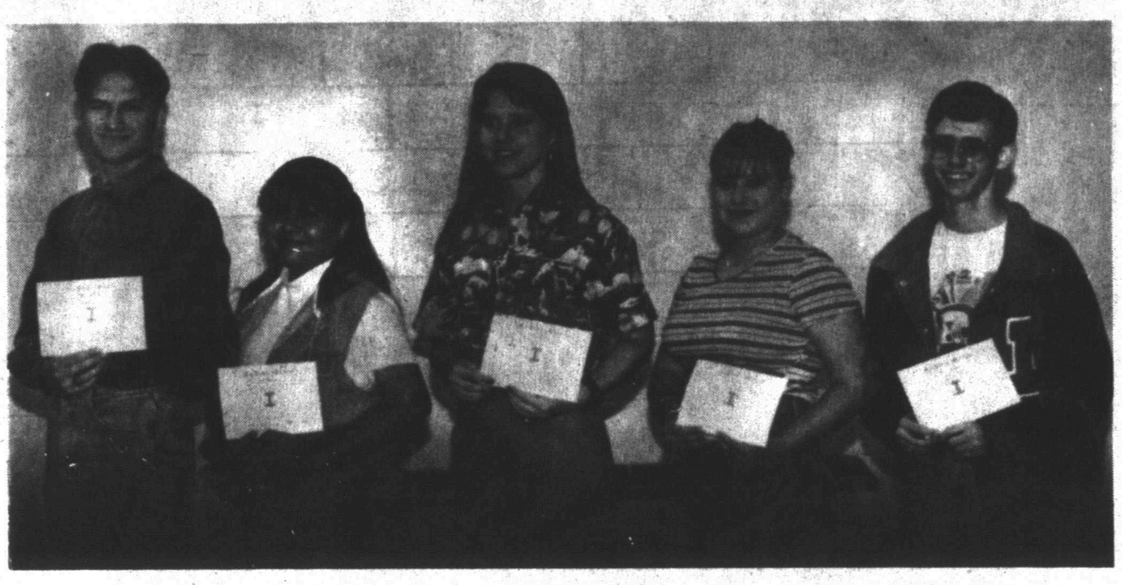

TOP FIVE JUNIORS — The Top Five juniors at Ira High School for 1996-1997 are from left, Billy Box, Olga Juarez, Hayley Smith, Amanda Sims, Chris Gee. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

TOP FIVE SENIORS — The Top Five seniors at Ira High School for 1996-1997 are from left, Adam Davis, Lisha Leatherwood, Rikki Wilkes, Stacey Taylor, Machea Chaney. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

TOP FIVE FRESHMEN — The Top Five freshmen at Ira High School for 1996-1997 are from left, Jenson Gainer, Jose Juarez, Katie Howard, Jerek Brown, Jamee Goolsby. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 6 T.L. Martin in the Sharon Ridge field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produced 26 barrels of oil and 91 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,950-234 feet, and location is in Section 141, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 1 Hanks in the Oceanic field, one mile northeast of Vealmoor. The well was finaled to produce 118 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,091-123 feet, and location is in Section 19, Block 32, T3N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Wheeler Operating Corp. has completed the No. 10-B Post-Montgomery in the Arlene field, eight miles northeast of Post. The well was finaled to produce two barrels of 35 gravity oil and 93 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,438-464 feet, and location is in Section 6, Block 18-D, D&SE survey.

Kent County

Mobil Producing has completed the No. 222-G Salt Creek field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. The well was finaled to produce 492 barrels of oil and 2,624 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,290-464 feet, and location is in Section 12, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Kent County

Murchison Oil and Gas has completed the No. 4801 Wallace in the Polar field, four miles north of Polor. The well was completed to produce 312 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,400-430 feet, and location is in Section 48, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Bingham Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1-45 Nicholas, four miles southeast of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 45, Block 98, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Baytech Inc. will drill the No. 1-21 Schattel, an 8,200-foot re-entry wildcat located seven miles northwest of Roscoe. Drill site is in Section 21, Block 24, T&P survey.

R.L. Adkins will plug and abandon the No. 1-27 Dickson in the Joan field, three miles west of Maryneal. Drilled to 7,295 feet, location is in Section 27, Block X, T&P survey.

Amerac Energy Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 1 McLeod, a 7,540-foot wildcat located eight miles northwest of Blackwell. Drill site was in Section 213, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Amerac Energy Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 3 Burwick in the Blackwell north field, four miles north of Blackwell. The project was drilled to a depth of 6,665 feet, and location is in Section 31, Block Z, T&P survey.

Amerac Energy Copr. will plug and abandon the No. 8 Coda Whiteaker in the Blackwell north field, three miles north of Blackwell. Drilled to 6,093 feet, location was in Section 34, Block Z, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 1 Petty Morrow in the E.A. field, three miles southwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 4,300 feet, location is in Section 6, Block Z, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 28-A Billie Hanks in the Hylton northwest field, six miles south of Nolan. Contracted for 6,200 feet, drill site is in Section 28, Block Z, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 1 McReynolds, a re-entry project in the E. A. field, three miles southwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,043 feet, drill site is in Section 284, Block 65, H&TC survey.

Walter Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 1 Paige unit in the Sprague field, 12 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Plannned for a depth of 4,500 feet, location is in Section 4, Block X, T&P survey.

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Disgraced former president vows to return to Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Former president Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who left Mexico after the 1994 peso crisis and the arrest of his brother on murder charges, vowed in an interview published Sunday to return.

"I will be in Mexico soon. I neither have nor want any other destiny," Salinas was quoted as telling the weekly magazine Proceso.

Salinas was interviewed in Dublin, Ireland, where he has spent most of his two-year self-imposed exile.

The return of Salinas — who is widely blamed for the peso crisis and is extremely unpopular in Mexico — would probably hurt the political fortunes of his party, the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Party leaders have said they will meet to consider expelling Salinas from the group after July 6 midterm elections because they suspect him of tolerating illegal activities by his brother during his presidency.

Asked about his scandal-plagued 1988-1994 administration, Salinas was unrepentant.

"I planted seeds which bore fruit," Salinas said, in an apparent reference to economic reforms instituted during his six-year term.

The state flower of Pennsylvania is the mountain laurel.

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Few attending McVeigh trial telecast

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — It took a historic act of Congress to get the closed-circuit television feed of the Timothy McVeigh trial beamed here — a response to intense lobbying of bombing survivors and relatives of victims.

But expectations of an overflowing courtroom have not materialized.

On most days, fewer than 100 survivors and relatives gather to watch the TV transmission in a 330-seat federal auditorium, which was selected in anticipation of heavy attendance.

High emotion and the mundane realities of daily life appear to have kept the crowds modest.

"Sixty percent of the people who were in the building and got out are back to work every day," says bombing survivor Paul Heath. "They have to take annual leave to go (to the trial transmission), and there is usually no one else to do their work so they get behind if they attend the trial."

Others just aren't up to reliving the events of April 19, 1995, when the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was bombed, killing 168 people and injuring 500 more.

"There are people who feel it is in their best interests not to go," says Heath, a psychologist with Veterans Affairs. "They just don't want to retraumatize themselves."

Bombing victims and several Oklahoma congressmen lobbied for the closed-circuit feed because of the costs of traveling to Denver from Oklahoma City. Cameras are generally banned from federal trials, but the special telecast was approved swiftly by the House, Senate and President Clinton.

Distances within Oklahoma are also great and bear on trial attendance.

Joyce Cleveland, for example, lives in Stigler and finds it difficult to make the 300-mile round trip to Oklahoma City on a regular basis.

"It's very tiring. It will take me about two and a half hours to drive to Stigler," says Mrs. Cleveland, whose 36-year-old daughter, Pam Argo, died in the bombing.

Some people are choosing to stay home because they want to testify in the death penalty phase as impact witnesses if McVeigh is convicted.

"Potential impact witnesses are not going on purpose," Heath says. "They don't want to disqualify themselves so they can save their testimony for if and when a person is convicted."

A Justice Department database of bombing victims and their family members lists more than 2,900 names. Only a fraction of that number has appeared at the auditorium in a Federal Aviation Administration training facility near Will Rogers World Airport.

The U.S. Attorney's victims' assistance unit, which registers people who want to see the trial but doesn't track those actually watching, puts daily attendance at 50 to 60 people. Heath estimates turnout at closer to 100.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, the trial judge in Denver, ruled that rescuers who worked in the rubble of the building may attend the closed-circuit telecast. Before that, observers were limited to survivors and relatives of the dead.

"Some of us can go just part of the day. You have to balance the trial with your work schedule and the rest of what is going on in your life," Heath says.

Last Monday, prosecutors played an FBI videotape of a fertilizer bomb blowing up cars in the New Mexico desert, a spectacular demonstration of the damage such a bomb can do. Such graphic images and other testimony, Heath says, are just what some victims want to avoid.

"You see the videotape of the Ryder truck going by the Regency Towers, and you know that in four minutes more the bomb is going to go off," he says. "You reprocess the bombing emotionally. One person even told me this morning he has a hard time even going by (the bombing site)."

Until May 19, survivors and relatives who wanted to attend the trial had to register two days ahead of time through a telephone voice-mail system operated by the victims' assistance unit.

The advance time has been cut to one day, a change Heath thinks will help increase attendance.

"I think some people were finding it difficult to register two days ahead," Heath says. "This gives them more flexibility."

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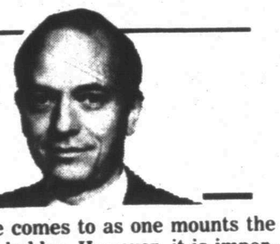

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	South ♠ A K 10 9 4 3 ♥ 7 3 ♦ Q J ♣ A K 2	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♥ J

Remembering an earlier season

This is when we celebrate Memorial Day, the unofficial start of summer. But I wrote this column on April 1, when — no joke! — there were several inches of snow on the ground here in Long Island. It made Florida look better and better!

When declarer, you should always try to allow for blizzard-like conditions. Yet if you need a lucky lie of the cards, assume the sun is shining. In this deal, how would you play in six spades or seven spades?

Note North's initial response. Normally, one bids the first four-card suit one comes to as one mounts the bidding ladder. However, it is important not to make one's first bid in a weak suit with a potential slam hand.

North's four hearts was a cue-bid showing slam interest in spades. South used Blackwood, and a good six spades was reached (though six no-trump is slightly better).

In seven spades, you must find East with Q-J or Q-J-x of trumps, which is only a 14 percent chance. Play a spade from the dummy, and if East plays low, finesse the 10.

In six spades, you can afford a trump loser. The first schuss is to cash the ace. If West drops an honor, continue with the king. But if West plays low, snowplow into the dummy and lead a low spade, finessing the 10 if East plays low. You get down the mountain safely some 88 percent of the time.

Lord Byron wrote, "Mont Blanc is the monarch of mountains; / They crowned him long ago / On a throne of rocks, in a robe of clouds, / With a diadem of snow." Guess in which country this deal was played!

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Scott-Adams revival

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day and Luncheon; lunch is served at 11:30 and games of choice will follow; reservations should be called in by 5 p.m. Monday, 573-3427.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

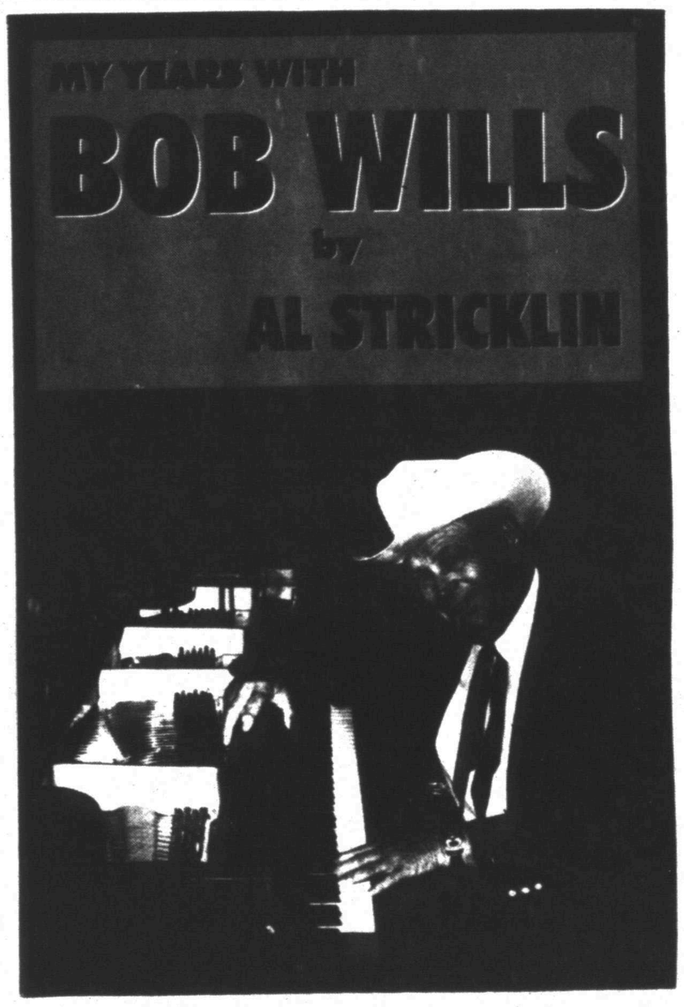
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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



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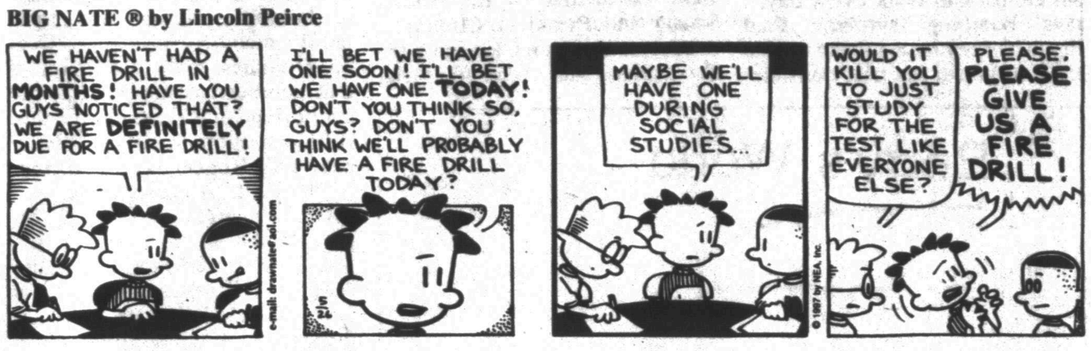

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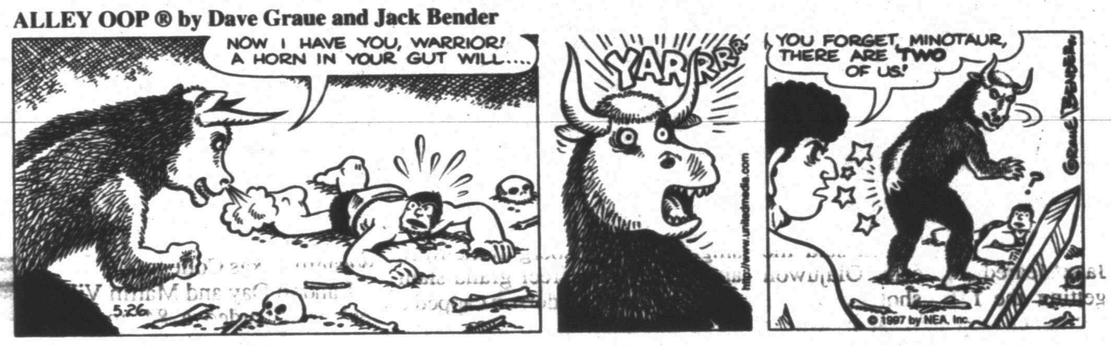

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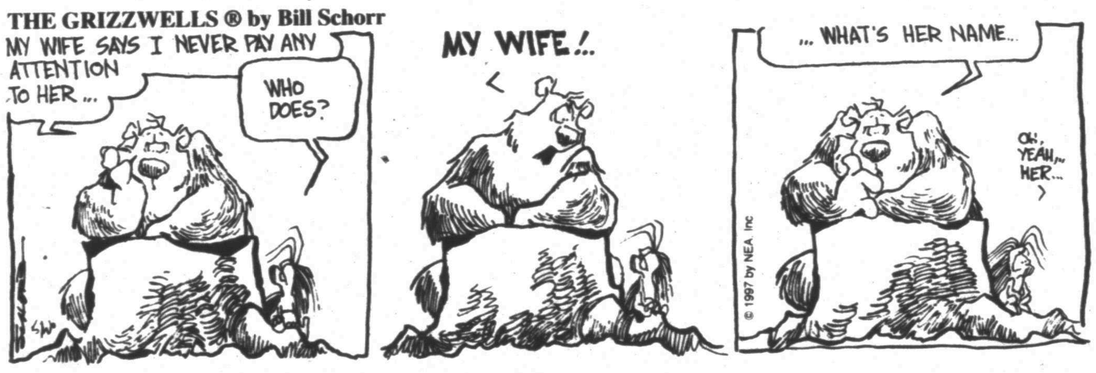

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8 Bakery buys
12 Pre-Easter buy
13 Bare
14 Step — —!
15 French friend
16 Gesture of respect
18 Breadmaker's need
20 Language suffix
21 Poetic time of day
22 And so on (abbr.)
24 Israel's Golda —
26 Beer makers
30 Smooth
33 Sixth sense
34 Actress Arlene —
36 Get up
37 Eager
39 Flower
41 Compass pt.
42 Author Sinclair
44 Moved tediously
46 Concert halls
48 Shade tree
49 CD- —
51 Disencumber
53 Storage place
57 Hatred
60 Oct. 31 word
61 Demolish (a building)
62 Tree snake
63 From — — Z
64 Dill seed
65 Emerald Isle
66 Ice-T's music

DOWN

1 6/6/44
2 Plant part
3 Star Wars princess
4 Snarled
5 Massage
6 — fixe (obsession)
7 Earthquake
8 Furry scarf
9 Frightening
10 Pleasant
11 Machine gun
17 Close falcon eyes
19 Stitch
23 Steep rock
25 Comparative suffix
26 Actor Bridges
27 Invitation abbr.
28 Serve as the ideal example of
29 Storage building
31 Feudal slave
32 Obscene
35 Entice
38 Fed. agcy.
40 Native of a S.E. Asian peninsula
43 Infamous Roman emperor
45 UK hours
47 Bridal path
49 — avis
50 — — even keel
52 Designer Christian —
54 Construction beam
55 Small amount
56 Pen
58 Ran into
59 Prefix for cycle

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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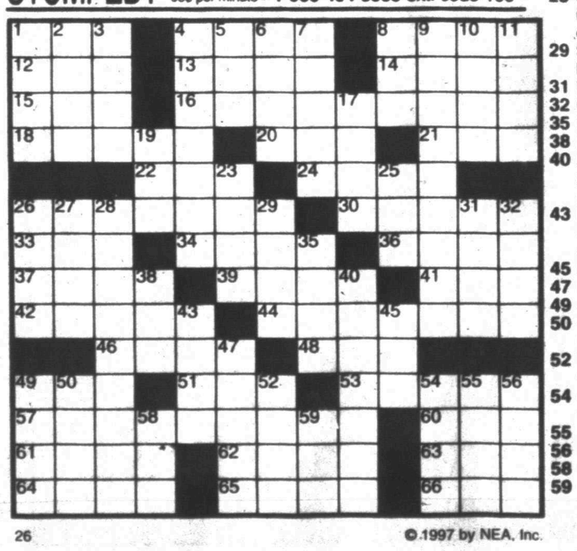

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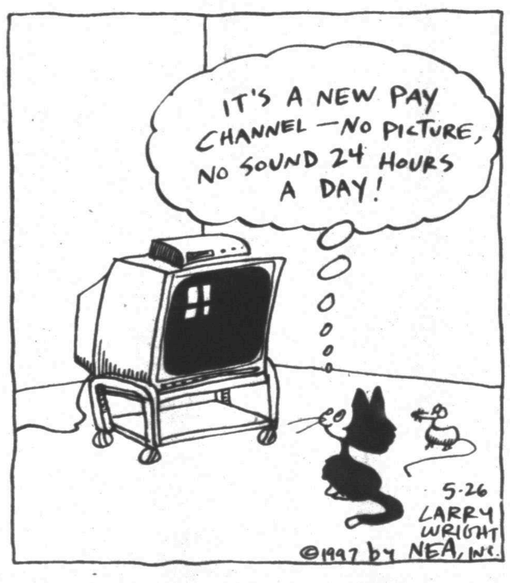

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SPORTS

Tiger is only human

FORT WORTH (AP) — Well, the golf world finally knows who can beat Tiger Woods.

It's Tiger himself.

The stylish 21-year-old with the wonderful swing and warm, toothy grin made a couple of peculiar miscues Sunday and permitted David Frost to escape with the MasterCard Colonial championship.

After rounds of 67, 65 and 64, and charging into the final round just a stroke off David Ogrin's lead, Woods self-destructed on the final 10 holes. He limped in with a 2-over-par 72 to put an end to an unbelievable run of golf.

Frost, starting three strokes back, quietly tiptoed up the leaderboard and rode a closing 67 to a winning total of 265, 15 under par on the par 70 course known affectionately as "Hogan's Alley."

He promptly dedicated the victory to Ben Hogan, a five-time Colonial winner who is in ill health.

"Ben Hogan really has been a big inspiration to my game since I came to America," explained Frost, a native South African who makes his home in nearby Dallas. "It was nice to win at home."

Capturing his 10th PGA victory, Frost beat David Ogrin (72) and Brad Faxon (68) by two shots and Woods and Paul Goydos (71) by three. Faxon, who led or shared the lead through 36 holes, birdied three of the final four holes, but was never really in contention Sunday.

Then there was Tiger.

After victories at the Masters last month and the Byron Nelson Classic last week, Woods saw his quest for a third consecutive triumph almost disappear in a watery grave on No. 9 and brutally die with a double-bogey at 17.

"I didn't play well all day," he grumbled. "I was hitting a lot of long iron shots over the green, and then I finally hit one short on 9 where there was water."

He declined an invitation to visit the media room.

"They don't need me," he said. "I didn't win."

After three days of perfect conditions, was it the tricky Texas winds that got him?

"No. It was just some mechanical problems. I've had 'em all week, and they finally caught up with me."

But even the ball in the pond guarding No. 9 and a truly ugly double bogey at the 17th could not overshadow his accomplishments since shooting a 40 on the front nine of the first round at Augusta.

He played the next 63 holes in 22 under par and won the Masters by a record 12 strokes.

He was 17-under in winning the Nelson by two shots.

EIGHTH GRADE GOLF — Girls participating in eighth grade golf for Snyder Junior High include (top photo) from left, Coach Primo Gonzalez; Leslie Mitchell; MVP Jenny Chandler and Kara Harrison. In the bottom photo are, back row, Coach Gonzalez, MVP Landon Day, Patrick McKamie, John Rasmus, Martin Villarreal and Levi Mandrell; front row, Eric Deleon, Lyndell Lee, Jason Dennis and Neil Cooper. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Rockets get even with Jazz, 95-92

HOUSTON (AP) — The Utah Jazz need no more introductions to Eddie Johnson.

After helping the Houston Rockets beat the Jazz two straight games to even their Western Conference finals series at 2-2, the Jazz should be tracking Johnson's every future move.

Johnson had only seven points Sunday but his 27-footer at the buzzer capped a wild second-half comeback and gave the Rockets a 95-92 victory.

On Friday, he came off the bench for 31 points and spurred the Rockets to a 118-100 victory.

"I hope we know now who Eddie Johnson is," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "How can you go off and double team the basketball and leave him open? I don't understand how you leave a guy who's shooting so well all alone.

"I don't mind a tough shot beating us and it was a tough shot he hit, but you don't leave him wide open."

Guard Jeff Hornacek said the Jazz feared Hakeem Olajuwon getting the final shot.

"When you look at it, would you rather have a guy at the 3-point line trying to make a shot with guys lunging at him or let Hakeem (Olajuwon) have a jump hook inside," Hornacek said. "We did what we needed to do, he just made the shot."

But the Rockets had a surprise.

"We were expecting them to go to Hakeem," Hornacek said. "I was there to put the trap on (Matt) Maloney but he did a good job rotating the ball to Eddie."

Sloan didn't get the final shot he wanted.

"We didn't go to the front of the rim," Sloan said. "We've been doing this now for 11 years and we'd had some good success on the pick and roll. It ends up being the little things that break your back in basketball games."

The Jazz get to go home for Game 5 on Tuesday night and, if need be, have Game 7 on their home court.

"We still have to play at least two more games," Sloan said. "We should be tough mentally, if you let a shot like that affect you, then you have no business being here."

After Karl Malone's 9-foot jumper tied it at 92-92 with 1:08 to play, the Jazz had a flurry of shots in the closing minute, but could not convert.

Tigers claw Texas, 13-5

DETROIT (AP) — Conventional baseball wisdom says to throw left-handed pitching against left-handed hitting. Bobby Higginson debunks conventional wisdom.

Higginson hit his second career grand slam and matched career highs with four hits and five RBIs Sunday when the Detroit Tigers whipped the Texas Rangers 13-5.

The left-handed swinging Higginson had two RBI hits Sunday, both off Texas left-handers. He had a run-scoring single off Ed Vosberg in the fifth, and his second career grand slam came off Eric Gunderson capped a five-run eighth that put the game out of reach.

"He's hitting left-handers better than right-handers," Detroit manager Buddy Bell said. "It's nice to see him swing the bat the way he can."

Higginson is batting .319 against lefties and just .250 vs. right-handers.

Warren Newson had the second two-homer game of his career for Texas. He and Will Clark homered in the first inning to give the Rangers their 3-0 lead.

But the Texas pitchers couldn't hold it, and four Rangers errors led to six unearned runs as the Tigers took their second win in three games with the Rangers this weekend.

McKamie's 80 leads Snyder 8th graders

Snyder's Patrick McKamie fired an 80 Saturday to pace Snyder Junior High 8th Grade boys to victory in the junior high tournament held Saturday at Western Texas College.

Landon Day and Martin Villarreal each carded a 84 and Levi Mandrell shot an 88 for a team total of 336.

8th Grade

Snyder Team I (336): Patrick McKamie 80; Landon Day 84; Martin Villarreal 84; Levi Mandrell 88; John Rasmus 106.

Snyder Team II (453): Jason Dennis 108; Neil Cooper 108; Eric Deleon 113; Lyndell Lee 124.

Colorado City (420): Stanley Neff 97; Landon Hammond 98; Chase Ratliff 110; Aarron Waldrip 115; Ashton Anderson 117.

7th Grade

Snyder (407): Tate Thompson 93 Jason Williams 103; Britt Sharrock 105; Jase Olvera 106; Nathan Smith 109; Jon Medrano 115; Wade Pinson 121.

San Angelo Lincoln (425): Jason Arnold 88; Scott Wilson 110; Jerry Pilley 113; Dan Forehand 114; Russell Wilson 140.

Junior High Girls

Snyder: Leslie Mitchell and Andra Lancaster, 98; Jenny Chandler 109; Katie Voss 110; Kara Harrison 112; Kallie Billingsley 121; Kate Wright 124; Ashley Owen 128; Shannon Chambers 132; Stefanie Beck 140.

Lubbock: Toni Joiner 109; Kendall Simpson 109.

It's a hoot: Rice Owls win

By The Associated Press

What a hoot. The Rice Owls are in the College World Series for the first time.

"It really hasn't sunk in yet," Lance Berkman said Sunday after Rice beat Southwest Missouri State 25-6 to win the Central Regional. "When we realize we're going to Omaha, it will be great, Hopefully, we can go there and make some noise."

The Owls (47-14), especially Berkman, made lots of noise in Lubbock, collecting 25 hits against SW Missouri State. Berkman was 4-for-5 with two homers and four RBIs. Rice won all four games it played to sweep through the regional.

Miami returns to Omaha for the 16th time since 1974, but the Hurricanes needed some dramatics in beating Arizona State twice — 7-6 and 6-5 — for the Atlantic Regional title.

"It's hard to even talk about today," Miami coach Jim Morris said. "It was a great day. It's absolutely amazing."

Also qualifying for the eight-team College World Series, which opens Friday at Rosenblatt Stadium, are Auburn (East), Alabama (South II), UCLA (Midwest) and Stanford (West).

The remaining two berths will be decided today when Washington plays Mississippi State for the Mideast Regional title and South Alabama plays LSU or Long Beach State in the South I Regional.

NBA playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Monday, May 19
Utah 101, Houston 86

Tuesday, May 20
Chicago 84, Miami 77

Wednesday, May 21
Utah 104, Houston 92

Thursday, May 22
Chicago 75, Miami 68

Friday, May 23
Houston 118, Utah 100

Saturday, May 24
Chicago 98, Miami 74, Chicago leads series 3-0

Sunday, May 25
Houston 95, Utah 92, series tied 2-2

Monday, May 26
Chicago at Miami, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.

Class 4A baseball playoffs

Regional Quarterfinals

Andrews 11, Plainview 10

Boswell 4, Brewer 1; Boswell 4, Brewer 1.

Canyon Randall 10, Frenship 3; Frenship 6, Randall 2; Frenship 9, Randall 4.

Arlington Heights 11, Azle 3; Azle 11, Arlington Heights 10; Arlington Heights 11, Azle 1.

Regional Semifinals

Saginaw Boswell 6, Andrews 4

Frenship 3, Arlington Heights 1; Arlington Heights 7, Frenship 2; Frenship 5, Arlington Heights 1.

Regional Championship

Frenship vs. Saginaw Boswell, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, McMurry University in Abilene.

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American League
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	31	15	.674	—
NewYork	26	22	.542	6
Toronto	24	21	.533	6½
Detroit	21	26	.447	10½
Boston	18	27	.400	12½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	25	21	.543	—
Milwaukee	22	22	.500	2
KansasCity	22	24	.478	3
Chicago	21	24	.467	3½
Minnesota	20	28	.417	6
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	26	20	.565	—
Anaheim	25	21	.543	1
Seattle	25	23	.521	2
Oakland	19	31	.380	9

Saturday's Games

Baltimore 8, Cleveland 3
Anaheim 3, Toronto 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 2
Texas 8, Detroit 4
Minnesota 7, Oakland 4
Kansas City 11, Seattle 5
Chicago White Sox 8, Milwaukee 6

Sunday's Games

Toronto 4, Anaheim 3, 11 innings
Kansas City 4, Seattle 3, 11 innings
Detroit 13, Texas 5
Milwaukee 11, Chicago White Sox 7
Cleveland 7, Baltimore 6
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain
Minnesota 7, Oakland 6, 10 innings

Monday's Games

Milwaukee (McDonald 5-3) at Boston (Wakefield 1-3), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 2-3) at Detroit (Olivares 2-3), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 8-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 6-2), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sanders 0-5) at Minnesota (Aldred 2-6), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Telgheder 1-2) at Kansas City (Appier 4-3), 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Hershiser 4-2) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 4-2), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Santana 2-1) at Toronto (Clemens 8-0), 7:35 p.m.

National League
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	33	15	.688	-
Florida	29	18	.617	3½
Montreal	26	21	.553	6½
NewYork	26	22	.542	7
Philadelphia	18	29	.383	14½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	25	24	.510	-
Pittsburgh	24	24	.500	½
St.Louis	20	27	.426	4
Chicago	17	30	.362	7
Cincinnati	16	31	.340	8
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	27	20	.574	-
Colorado	26	22	.542	1½
LosAngeles	25	22	.532	2
SanDiego	20	27	.426	7

Saturday's Games

Houston 7, Colorado 0
St. Louis 9, San Francisco 3
N.Y. Mets 8, Philadelphia 4
Montreal 7, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 4, Chicago Cubs 1, 12 innings
Los Angeles 10, Atlanta 3
Florida 9, San Diego 7

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Pittsburgh 8, Montreal 6
Cincinnati 7, Chicago Cubs 5
Colorado 8, Houston 5
Los Angeles 2, Atlanta 0
Florida 6, San Diego 2
St. Louis 9, San Francisco 3

Monday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Foster 5-3) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 3-3), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Jackson 1-0) at Colorado (Ritz 4-4), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 4-4) at San Francisco (Rueter 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (M.Leiter 4-4 and Beech 0-0) at Cincinnati (Smiley 4-6 and Morgan 1-4), 2, 5:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-2) at Montreal (Bullinger 2-4), 7:35 p.m.
Florida (Helling 1-2) at Los Angeles (Park 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Wade 2-3) at San Diego (Ti.Worrell 2-5), 10:05 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

Eastwood wins seniors

MALVERN, Pa. (AP) — Bob Eastwood had more than just the incentive of winning his first Senior Tour victory going for him.

"I dedicated this one to my dad, who is in the hospital right now, hanging in there," said Eastwood, who won by a stroke over Bob E. Smith and John Bland Sunday when more than an inch of rain washed out the final round of the $1 million Bell Atlantic Golf Classic at Chester Valley Golf Club.

Eastwood, 51, of Fort Worth, in his second year on the Senior Tour, said his father was basically the reason he has been able to enjoy success as a golf professional.

He said he took up the game at the age of 4 after his father opened the first of a series of driving ranges in Stockton, Calif.

Sunday's play was suspended at 11:30 a.m., right after the first twosome, Dan Wood and Gene Littler, completed their rounds. It was finally cancelled at 1:46 p.m. and the scores after Saturday's second round decided the outcome.

Eastwood, whose last victory on the PGA Tour came at the 1985 Byron Nelson Classic, finished the 36 holes at 5-under-par 66-69—135 over the par-70, 6,608-yard course.

Jones wins playoff

CORNING, N.Y. (AP) — Rosie Jones has proven one thing. The LPGA Corning Classic belongs to her.

Jones shot a 7-under-par 65 Sunday and nailed a 50-foot putt for birdie on the first playoff hole to defeat Tammie Green, becoming the first player to win twice at Corning in the $650,000 tournament's 19-year history.

And she did it twice in a row.

Jones started the day four shots behind Green, whose 69 wasn't enough to withstand the steady climb up the leaderboard by the defending champion. Jones made nine birdies and two bogeys in putting together her best round this season and finishing at 11-under, tied with Green.

But everybody was talking about the long putt, an uphill bender that dropped after Green's approach came within 15 feet. Jones raised her arms and jumped into the air. Moments later, Green's birdie attempt stayed right.

"It was an amazing putt," Jones said. "I can't believe it went in. I'm so excited. It was incredible."

Ladies playday Wednesday

The Women's Golf Association will have Odd and Even play starting at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Friday's swingers play starts at 5:30 p.m.

College playoffs

Central Region at Lubbock

Saturday's Games

Southwest Texas State 12, Clemson 7
Southwest Missouri State 10, Neveda 9
Ricke 13, Southwest Texas State 9.

Sunday's Championship

Rice 26, Southwest Missouri State 6

Atlantic Regional

Miami 6, Arizona State 5 (title game)
Miami 7, Arizona State 6

East Regional

Auburn 5, Florida State 2 (title game)
Florida State 9, Auburn 7

Mideast Regional

Mississippi State 7, Washington 5

South I Regional

South Alabama 11, LSU 5

South II Regional

Alabama 9, USC 8

Midwest Regional

UCLA 22, Oklahoma State 2 (title game)
UCLA 14, Oklahoma State 2

West Regional

Stanford 5, Fresno State 2

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Calls, complaints crowd schedule for law officers

Five people were taken into custody over the weekend as local law enforcement personnel were kept busy with a myriad of calls.

Officers were called to the 600 block of 25th Street at 9:50 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone reporting a fight. No assault had taken place, but the two people reported to be fighting were arrested on outstanding warrants. A 27-year-old female was arrested on a Scurry County DPS warrant while a 37-year-old male was arrested on a city warrant for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old male at 10:44 p.m. Sunday in the 2000 block of Avenue N on outstanding city warrants.

A 71-year-old male was arrested in the 2000 block of Avenue N at 10:51 p.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 12:43 a.m. today on Round Top Road by DPS troopers for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Betty Hawkins requested to speak to an officer at 9:44 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone breaking into her residence at 1107 30th Street. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

In other activity over the weekend, Hermleigh ISD superintendent Jerry Church requested a deputy at the school at 9:11 a.m. Saturday in reference to damage to the bus barn. An offense report for Class A criminal mischief was submitted.

Erica Heaton requested to speak to an officer at 2:42 p.m. Saturday at the police department in reference to her vehicle being damaged Friday night while parked at McDonald's. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers were called to the Travel Inn Motel at 7:35 p.m. Saturday in reference to a person reporting that several subjects were shooting at a dog from a window of the motel. Several subjects were checked and identified at the motel, but no weapons were found.

An offense report for Class C assault was submitted at 9:47 p.m. Saturday from 4400 Avenue U in reference to a person calling the police department and stating a woman was being assaulted.

At 12:38 a.m. Sunday, officers were notified that a 13-year-old female had run away from home. An offense report for runaway was submitted.

A deputy was requested at Winston Park at 9:54 a.m. Sunday in reference to a window being broken out of the Park Club. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

An officer was requested at 4400 Avenue U at 10 a.m. Sunday in reference to a disturbance. An offense report for Class C disorderly conduct was submitted.

A report of a prowler was made at 4:35 a.m. Monday on FM 1606.

Fire department responds to number of weekend calls

Snyder Fire Department was called to the Plaza Truck Stop at 10:15 a.m. Sunday in reference to a fire at a gas pump.

A 1994 Buick, driven by Donald McIntire of Memphis, Tenn., backed into a pump and caused an electrical short which ignited gas fumes.

The pump was destroyed and an adjacent pump suffered some damage. The vehicle had only minor damage.

Fire department reports indicate a volunteer was at the restaurant at the time and used an extinguisher to put out the blaze before fire trucks arrived.

The fire department was called to a residence at 333 FM 1611 shortly after 7 p.m. Saturday in reference to lightning striking an electrical pole and causing a fire.

The call was cancelled while the trucks were en route as heavy rains in the area extinguished the grass fire.

Reports to the sheriff's office Saturday evening indicate two electrical poles and lines belonging to Pennzoil were also down just north of the gasoline plant as a result of high winds in the area.

The department responded to a report of a fire at the Golden Terrace Apartments, #75, at 7:22 p.m. Saturday. A gas line from the regulator to the hot water heater in the apartment of Lucille Early has a small hole in it and it caused the fire. Damage was minimal to the hot water heater, according to the fire department report.

At 7:45 p.m. Saturday, the department responded to a report of a transformer on fire at 1501 Ave. K. A transformer, belonging to TU Electric, had smoke coming from it as a result of a blown fuse in the line. The fire department stood by while repairs were made.

Dallas woman returns home

Lucky to be alive after being abducted from shopping mall

DALLAS (AP) — A 71-year-old woman has bruises and scrapes on her face but says she feels lucky to be alive after she was kidnapped from a Dallas mall parking lot and dumped 15 hours later beside an Oklahoma highway.

"Somebody was sure looking after me," Virginia Wyatt said Sunday, a day after her ordeal ended with police finding her some 280 miles from the mall where she was abducted.

Witnesses told police they saw two people abduct Ms. Wyatt and commandeer her car at gunpoint in a garage at Northpark Mall about 3:30 p.m. Friday.

From the mall, the abductors took the woman to her bank and forced her to take out money. Then they went to sell her jewelry — everything but a ring the woman told her captors contained a fake emerald — at a downtown pawn shop

In Vinita, Okla., Ms. Wyatt's captors decided to leave her behind. They taped a plastic bag over her head and bound her head and feet. Then they dumped her.

"They threw me," Ms. Wyatt said. The woman somehow managed to poke a hole in the bag on her head so she wouldn't suffocate. Then she worked the tape loose around her hands.

"It started raining and I just got soaked ... I was able to get some of the tape off and got this hand free and I was able to get myself free," she said.

At 8:45 a.m. Saturday, an Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper found Ms. Wyatt standing beside Interstate 44 eastbound, about 15 miles southwest of Vinita, Okla., and 280 miles north of Dallas.

Lt. Tim Kimrey of the highway patrol said Ms. Wyatt described her captors as a man and a woman who released her on the turnpike and drove off in her champagne-colored 1996 Buick Century four-door. The car carried the Texas license tag SLD98S.

By Sunday, the FBI said it has identified Ms. Wyatt's captors. No arrests had been made.

Matthew, Mark, Luke John look for new home

FORT WORTH (AP) — Jesus Christ and his apostles — wax versions of the biblical figures — are looking for a new home.

The life-size figures as depicted in Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" will no longer be displayed at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission office after this month.

Commission officials say they can't afford the display, which costs about $30,000 a year in salaries and utilities to maintain.

"I'm just heartbroken," said Ruth Williamson, 87, curator of the exhibit.

Ms. Williamson gently dusts Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and the other nine figures and smoothes their hair. All have human hair except Simon the Zeolot, sitting on the far right. His white hair is made from a rare Asian goat.

"These are my friends," said Ms. Williamson, who has shown the wax figures for 20 years, either as curator or as an assistant to curator Pauline Dooley, who died two years ago.

The Howard Walsh Foundation owns the Lord's Supper wax tableau, which was created by California artists commissioned by the late philanthropist William Fleming and his wife, Bessie. It was first shown in Fort Worth 41 years ago.

"We are exploring a lot of locations, but nothing is definite," said Walsh family spokesman G. Malcolm Louden. "The problem is, it's a pretty large exhibit."

Jack Johnson, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, said he decided to close the display because of the budget crunch. Funds are scarce and the payroll is being cut at the facility.

"It was a hard decision," Johnson said. "I think you should look at this as positive. We didn't have the resources to properly take care of the figures. The Walsh Foundation may find a much better location where it can be still be a ministry to people."

The wax figures have moved before. They were first displayed in a shopping center location that later became a dime store. Then they were shown in the old Phoenix Furniture Store in downtown Fort Worth. Later, they were shown at the old Heritage Hall, a downtown historical and culture exhibit.

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Popular governor suffers political setback

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who increasingly is being viewed as a GOP presidential prospect, suffered a major blow over the weekend when the state Legislature rejected his bid to slash property taxes.

Bush and key state lawmakers announced late Saturday that despite the governor's direct involvement in negotiations, the Democratically controlled House and the Republican-controlled Senate could not reach a compromise between two vastly different plans meant to achieve Bush's goal.

Much of the blame was placed on heavy business lobbying against the effort and on the Senate, which is under Republican control for the first time in more than 120 years.

Lawmakers from both parties quickly shielded the governor, saying he would survive the legislative loss.

Bush, whose father served as vice president and president, has remained mum about his political future. He has said only that he will decide whether to seek reelection as governor after the 1997 legislative session ends June 2. He has not announced any interest in the White House, although his name has featured prominently in political and media speculation for 2000.

If recent opinion polls are correct, the popular governor could become the first to be elected to back-to-back, four-year terms in the state's highest office. No Texas governor has won consecutive elections to four-year terms since the state switched from two-year to four-year terms in the 1970s.

Lowering local school property taxes — which total nearly $10 billion a year — has been on Bush's mind for nearly two years. It was his top priority for the current lawmaking session.

On Saturday, he put the best face on the loss, salvaging a slight increase to Texans' property tax exemptions, which lawmakers said could pass.

Bush said the larger tax effort shouldn't be characterized as one in which state lawmakers snubbed him.

"The Legislature attempted to do it. There was a bill, after all, that passed both bodies in this Legislature. There was a noble attempt," Bush said.

"I think people are going to say that all of us gave it our best shot, and there'll be property tax reform and a property tax cut," he added.

Local property taxes make up the bulk of the roughly $19 billion spent each year on Texas schools. Bush proposed cutting those levies by $3 billion and replacing them with a new state tax on business activity, an increase in the sales tax, and $1 billion left from the state's last two-year budget.

Before the session began on Jan. 14, many lobbyists and lawmakers questioned the governor's effort. For the first time in decades, lawmakers were not faced with an education funding crisis.

In 1993, the Legislature wrote a school funding plan that survived court challenges after three other plans were rejected and Texas' 1,044 school districts were faced with a threatened court order to shut down.

In his first legislative session as governor, Bush in 1995 ushered through a bill to return much of the control over schools from the Texas Education Agency and the State Board of Education to local school districts.

But he said he's convinced that the state will soon face a property tax crisis and should act now. Property values and property tax rates have risen dramatically over the last several years in Texas. Bush has argued that those increases are making it harder for Texans to buy and keep their own homes.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, said the political setback won't hamper Bush's future.

"I think the governor is going to come out just fine. He set an aggressive agenda. He did take a chance. The people of Texas will respect a leader who's willing to take a chance to get something done," he said.

Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, agreed.

"It doesn't have any ramifications (for Bush). The man came forward with a vision, there wasn't a crisis," the lawmaker said. "The House dealt very strongly with the situation ... We couldn't come to terms with the Senate. It's not the governor's fault."

Four-county burglary ring is cracked

ABILENE (AP) — Detectives say they've cracked a burglary ring that stymied them for months while stealing thousands of dollars worth of construction equipment in four West Texas counties.

Abilene police Det. Terrell Perkins said it seemed there wasn't a construction site, storage unit, shed or barn in Jones, Taylor, Callahan or Haskell counties that was safe from last October through January.

"We're still recovering property, and we're still discovering new suspects," Perkins said.

Added Abilene Police Chief Melvin Martin: "It just goes on and on."

Perkins has tied 15 criminal cases totaling $33,000 in stolen property, $18,000 of which has been recovered, to the suspects. He presented the cases to Taylor County District Attorney James Eidson for review about two weeks ago, but no charges have been filed.

Taylor County sheriff's deputy Veda Monroe has five cases involving at least 10 victims with about $14,000 in stolen property, $11,116 of which has been recovered.

The West Central Texas Auto Theft Task Force also has several cases involving the burglary ring.

"There's so much to these cases that it will take a while to sort it all out," Perkins said.

To date, several suspects have been arrested for possession of stolen property but not for burglary, he said.

Officials say up to a dozen suspects, most in their early to mid-20s, were involved in the organized criminal activity. The ring apparently didn't have a leader but rather several organizers.

"It was kind of a partnership," Perkins said. "It was a business. There were a lot of family members involved.

"Each person's involvement varied. Some were actual partners. Some were people who kind of looked the other way. Some were even victims who were used to store property."

Perkins said the saga started in November 1996 with a string of burglaries at construction sites.

"The word was out among the contractors that someone was hitting them," he said. "I had more than one contractor tell me that they had got hit so hard that they considered getting out of the business. They were kind of creating their own little crime wave."

At the same time, Monroe was also investigating several burglaries at construction sites. After talking with Perkins, she realized they might be connected.

In January, the ring apparently started hitting storage units in Taylor and the outlying counties.

"I saw a lot of similarities in the things taken from the construction sites," Monroe said.

In each of the cases, the burglars were stealing heavy items ranging from four-wheelers to tools to household furnishings.

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Awards presented

Central students received awards recently.

The newest Positive Action Super Kids include Greg Pesina, Valerie Lopez, Jana Lewis, Teddi Crenwelge, Yuliana Arellano, Kelli Rushing, Laura Zamora, Domingo Luera, Jeremy Reed, Dustyn Williams, Calvin Nobles, Amanda Murray.

Those receiving Unit Recognition awards are Khristian Torres, Hector Campos, Tonya Robles, Chad Nickerson, Noe Ruiz, Jeanette Castenada, R.J. Ornelas, Holly Kimbrell, Kayla Hartzog, Greg McCullar, Kiki Wofford, Landry Matthies and Bridget Block.

Mother's arrest shakes up small town in North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A mother's arrest after her daughter was abducted and killed has shaken up the small town of Granbury, described by a resident as "something between Camelot and Mayberry."

"A lot of people had a feeling, kind of a gut feeling about the whole situation," Assistant Granbury Fire Chief Mike Cullum is quoted as saying in Sunday editions of The Dallas Morning News. "So I don't think a lot of people around town were that surprised."

Longtime resident Ollie Donahoo said he was shocked when he learned of Schwana Patterson's arrest for allegedly knowing her daughter was being sexually assaulted in her home the night she was nabbed and doing nothing to stop it.

"My first reaction when all this happened was how could she not have heard what was happening," he said.

In the last few weeks, the town of 6,000 about 60 miles west of Dallas has had more sensational crime and tragedy than it's used to.

On April 30, Ms. Patterson's two children were taken from their bedroom in the middle of the night. Cody, 9, was found badly beaten at a cemetery the same day. Two days later, 11-year-old Sarah's body was found on the banks of Lake Granbury, her throat slashed.

Ms. Patterson's ex-live-in boyfriend, Bobby Woods, led police to Sarah's body and is charged with her murder.

Granbury residents mobilized to search for the children when they were reported missing. Volunteers helped search rural stretches around town.

"The entire community pulled together," Cullum said.

On Friday, Ms. Patterson was charged with two counts of injury to a child by omission.

The charges were based on videotaped statements by Cody that his mom knew Woods was sexually assaulting Sarah in the next bedroom and then dragged her through a window.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Tuesday, May 27, 1997

Your Birthday

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Your success could be a trifle evasive early in the year, but time is your ally and you will get your share of lucky breaks. Be both patient and expectant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might put a temporary hold on your affairs to help a friend realize his or her hopes. You will be as happy for this person's success as you would for your own. 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.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This may be your lucky day, because something beneficial might happen for a close associate, and its peripheral advantages could spill over to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may receive constructive advice merely by asking for it. Instinctively you'll know how and where to make the right connections for the best counsel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This could be a very productive day for you. You will discover that not only do you know how to get things done, but how to have fun doing them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even though it's early in the week, do not deny yourself recreational breaks. Involve yourself in sports if possible and accept all social invitations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Loved ones will reciprocate today once you set the ground rules. They will follow your example if you exert more effort to do the little extras.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) One of your best assets today is your ability to improve upon the ideas of colleagues. They will be supportive of your improvements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you may feel the benefits of the good financial current in which you're now immersed. The offerings from this cycle could be impressive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The nice things others will say about you today will be well deserved. Your calm behavior and management of crises warrant applause.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you'll know that the good financial fortune you're presently experiencing wasn't all luck. The spade work was already done by a friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) No crowd will be too large or complex for you to cope with today. Interesting benefits could result from dealings with large organizations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your perceptions regarding what is really important is quite remarkable today. Use your instincts in your career dealings and you'll be successful.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Memorial Day Reminds Us That Freedom Is Not Free

DEAR ABBY: I do not wish for my name to appear in your column as a contributor. I am only eager to impress on people what they owe the servicemen and women who have fought and died over the years protecting the freedom we enjoy. Not only the men and women who have died, but their wives, husbands, sweethearts, parents and children all paid a tremendous price for the freedom that many — especially the younger generation — take for granted.

We, whose loved ones survived these horrible holocausts of history, realize only too fully that "There but for the grace of God ..."

While the memories of horrors endured will always remain with the men and women who came back, they at least came back. For that they are forever grateful. They never forget their buddies who weren't so lucky. May the rest of the world also remember.

I'm enclosing a poem that you may want to share with your readers, Abby.

PATRIOTIC READER,
CASA GRANDE, ARIZ.

DEAR READER: Your poem is a poignant reminder of the price paid for the freedom many take for granted. Readers, today — Memorial Day — please take a moment to reflect on this poem, which was written as a tribute to our military who gave their all:

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it, and then
He stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert.
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of taps one night,
When everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times
That taps had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom is not free.

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NYC museum unearths link to 'Lost World'

NEW YORK (AP) — Welcome to the Mesozoic Era. Wanna buy some action figures?

As Steven Spielberg's dinosaur movie, "The Lost World: Jurassic Park,' debuted last weekend, New York's scholarly American Museum of Natural History jumped onto the marketing tie-in bandwagon.

"We're using the movie as a hook to bring people in and show them what's really going on in dinosaur paleontology," said Mark Norell, curator of an exhibit that opened Saturday.

The show, which runs through the end of September, features skeleton casts from real fossils alongside models of the film's dinosaurs.

— The museum is known for staid displays with titles like "Mollusks and Our World," not for Hollywood hype. But the movie's black-and-red logo pops up throughout the dino exhibition area, and "Lost World" clips flash on a dozen video screens.

Movie star Jeff Goldblum, who starred in the original "Jurassic Park" and the sequel, greets visitors with a videotaped welcome. Action figures from the movie are for sale in the museum gift shop.

Even the name of the exhibit borrows from the movie. Curators dubbed it "The Lost World: The Life and Death of Dinosaurs."

For all the flashiness, the museum also has some serious scientific work to show off.

Fossils and casts from more than 40 recently discovered dinosaur species are on display. And at 70 feet long and nearly 30 feet high, the exhibit's Mamenchisaurus is the largest-ever scientific reconstruction of a dinosaur.

"This is all stuff which has been found in the last decade or so," Norell said. "I wanted to show new dinosaurs that have unfamiliar names, because everyone knows Tyrannosaurus and Stegosaurus."

Unfamiliar indeed. Ever heard of the Giganotosaurus? The 5-foot-long skull on display comes from one of the largest known meat-eating dinosaurs, estimated to have measured 47 feet long. A spiky backbone fragment nearby — the biggest known to exist — is said to have come from a 100-ton beast called the Argentinosaurus.

Dilophosaurus, Eoraptor, Tuojiangosaurus, Yangchuanosaurus — the names get curiouser and curiouser.

But the show's biggest draw is bound to be the "Lost World" movie display. A half-dozen dinosaur models — put together by a Toronto movie-prop maker — crowd around a forest green, off-road Mercedes-Benz, similar to one driven by the big-screen scientists.

Next to each ferocious-looking, lifelike creature is a fossil cast from real dinosaur remains and a caption explaining where the movie's portrayal of a particular dinosaur differs from the real thing.

Norell says he sees the exhibit as "a reality check for the movie." And on opening day, the museum-goers jamming the room seemed to agree.

"This kind of puts it together," said Frederick Riehl of Somerset, N.J., taking in the show with his wife and two children. "Instead of seeing just bones and pictures, for the first time, because of the movie, you can see there was ... a world where (dinosaurs) had to live with each other and deal with each other."

And what of the commercial intrusion?

Most visitors didn't seem to mind. Some said they wouldn't have come at all if not for the Spielberg connection.

"Using the movie, it works," said Mel Hoffman, a Manhattan apparel executive. "It's marketing, you've got to do it ... If it gets more kids learning, that's what it's all about."

Hoffman's daughter, Katie, 8, called the show "very cool."

Former FBI agent still defends book

WASHINGTON (AP) — With his credibility still under attack, former FBI agent Gary Aldrich expressed relief that he will not be prosecuted for his book depicting a Clinton White House of lax security and sexual escapades involving the president.

Aldrich's "Unlimited Access: An FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House" drew headlines and criticism when it first hit book stores last summer, as well as a Justice Department investigation.

"That's amazingly good news for myself and for my family," the retired agent, whose book has sold 500,000 copies, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" after learning the department had not decided not to file charges against him.

The Justice Department forbids employees from going public about their work without getting clearance first. The policy is meant to protect national security secrets and confidential information.

Justice Department spokesman Bill Brooks said Sunday he was prohibited from explaining the rationale behind the decision.

Aldrich, who worked 30 years as an FBI agent, submitted the book for FBI perusal but said the agency refused to approve a small portion that he and his publisher considered vital.

"We felt the FBI was not approving my book for political reasons," Aldrich said.

Yet even with the Justice Department matter settled, Aldrich continues to battle with credibility questions. Many — including conservatives who normally relish accounts of Clinton scandals — have also questioned the work's believability.

Aldrich admits that some of the more inflammatory material was taken from secondhand sources — including an allegation that President Clinton would routinely sneak past his Secret Service guards for illicit love affairs at a downtown Marriott hotel.

Last week, that alleged tidbit drew controversy again after New Yorker magazine quoted Aldrich as saying, "The Marriott thing was not quite solid. It was hypothetical."

Aldrich says he was "totally misquoted" in the article, claiming he never used the word hypothetical in his phone interview with reporter Jane Mayer.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is emphysema always due to smoking?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a teen-ager I smoked less than a pack a day for about 10 years. In 1942, I stopped. Now, in my 80s, I've been diagnosed with emphysema. Did the cigarettes play a role in my disease?

DEAR READER: Emphysema is a chronic lung disease, characterized by distension and destruction of lung tissue, leading to breathlessness, over-inflated lungs and an inability to exercise.

Although air pollution — most notably tobacco smoke — is considered to be a major cause of emphysema, the disorder also appears with age in many people. This suggests a genetic cause or, at least, that age plays a role.

Unquestionably, your cigarettes were a factor. However, because you stopped smoking 55 years ago, I do not believe that they are the sole cause. For example, did you once work in a dusty occupation, where you might have been exposed to particles in the air you breathed? Did your wife smoke cigarettes? ("Passive" smoking can contribute to emphysema.) Did other members of your family have the disease?

The reasons why you developed emphysema are probably unimportant at this point: What's done is done. Now you should be looking at ways to combat the affliction, using appropriate medication (bronchodilators and others) and supplemental oxygen, if needed.

In addition, pulmonary therapy will help you maintain your independence. Follow your doctor's advice — or, if you wish, request a referral to a pulmonary specialist.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: For years, I suffered from the effects of frostbite: chilled, tingling feet. Nothing — even wearing heavy socks — helped. Finally, a friend suggested using Benadryl anti-itch cream. Much to my surprise, after applying the cream daily for about two weeks, I found that it relieved my symptoms. Perhaps some of your readers might try it.

DEAR READER: There is no consistently reliable antidote for the discomfort that often follows cold injury and frostbite to the feet. As you pointed out, these symptoms can be quite troublesome.

Thus, I was glad to hear of a remedy that helped you. I am not sure why Benadryl cream works — or whether it would be effective for other readers — but I am passing on your tip.

At the very least, it can do no harm. If it relieves symptoms, bravo. Thanks for writing.

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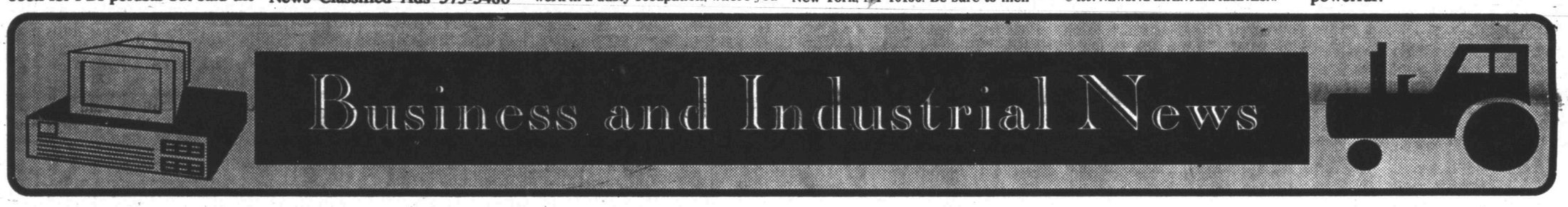
Nader gives advice to would-be lawyers

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Ralph Nader has some advice for would-be lawyers: Don't yield to clients TOO much.

"You go through life like legal Magoos, focusing very narrowly on retainers and forsaking the big picture," the consumer advocate and Harvard-trained lawyer said Saturday at the University of Dayton.

"Who is to say no to powerful clients if not their attorneys, who are supposed to be their counselors?" he asked. "Who is to preserve the independence of our profession, so we don't become technical minions for the rich and powerful?"



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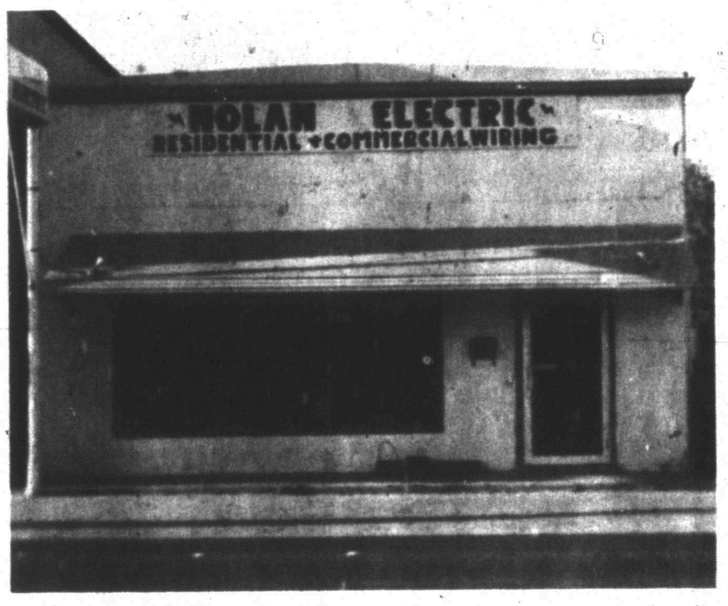

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Making music takes time

NEW YORK (AP) — Making music can take time, something John Fogerty has never worried about too much.

The former Creedence Clearwater Revival front man renowned for his bayou rock 'n roll style has released a new album, "Blue Moon Swamp," 11 years after his last one, "Eye of the Zombie." Why so long?

"There was no way I was going to make a record that was no good," Fogerty said in the June 2 edition of Time magazine. "You keep going until you get it."

His mind may have been on other things. Fogerty was in legal disputes over his songs and his first marriage broke up in 1987.

He has since remarried. And he refused to hurry the new album.

Albright: rapists will pay in Bosnia

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass. (AP) — Speaking in advance of a trip to Bosnia, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright vowed to push for prosecution of rapist war criminals in the war-ravaged land.

"We believe that those responsible for ethnic cleansing should be held accountable and those who consider rape just another tactic of war should answer for their crimes," she told graduates of Mount Holyoke College on Sunday.

Albright has said the 1995 U.S.-brokered Dayton agreement that ended the Bosnia conflict made no reference to abuses against women in Bosnia. She helped ensure that rape was a prosecutable offense by the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal.

Albright spoke before the more than 500 graduates at the womens' college hours before her scheduled departure overseas.

She was to join President Clinton in Paris and then travel to Bosnia to bolster the uneasy peace.

Only a handful of more than 70 accused of war crimes have been caught. The 30,000 NATO peace-keeping troops in Bosnia, including about 8,500 Americans, are not authorized to hunt them down.

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Supreme Court to rule on vital cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three cases before the Supreme Court, including one to be argued this week, could have major impacts on President Clinton's work and personal life.

The justices will hear arguments Tuesday on whether to uphold a federal law that would make Clinton the first president empowered to reject specific items from spending bills, the so-called line-item veto.

The court soon may decide whether to let Paula Jones proceed immediately with her sexual-harassment lawsuit against Clinton.

Also, the White House is asking the justices to reverse a lower court order giving Whitewater investigators access to government lawyers' notes from conversations with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The cases are "immensely significant, both personally and otherwise," said Herman Schwartz, an American University law professor. "Each one raises fundamental questions about the power and role of the presidency."

The high court is no stranger to major cases involving presidents. Perhaps the biggest was its 1974 ruling that rejected President Nixon's claim of executive privilege and ordered him to surrender secretly recorded White House tapes. He resigned within weeks.

Of the three cases involving Clinton, Schwartz believes a ruling in the line-item veto dispute could wind up having the greatest long-term impact.

Many presidents have sought line-item veto authority from Congress, but Clinton was the first to get it. Under the law that took effect in January, the president could sign a spending bill, then reject specific parts of it within the ensuing five days.

A federal judge threw out the law in April on the ground that the Constitution bars Congress from shifting such power to the president. The judge said a line-item veto could be adopted only by constitutional amendment, not through law enacted by Congress.

The Clinton administration's appeal says a line-item veto is a "critical tool" to head off wasteful government spending. Members of Congress who sued to overturn the law said it upset the constitutional balance of power between lawmakers and the president.

By late June, the Supreme Court is expected to announce whether it will hear the White House appeal in the Whitewater case involving the first lady.

The White House wants to avoid turning over its lawyers' notes from their conversations with Mrs. Clinton on Whitewater-related issues.

Bus accident puts damper on Florida man's wedding plans

ARLINGTON (AP) — With nine stitches on his forehead from a Louisiana bus accident that hospitalized seven relatives, Alpesh Khushal went ahead with his wedding Sunday in front of nearly 500 guests.

But because of the accident Saturday, Khushal, 24, of Orlando, Fla., missed half of the two day of festivities and had to cancel his honeymoon to Acapulco.

"This was a disaster. I waited all my life to get married," Khushal said from his hotel room in East Arlington, where the group had reserved about 75 rooms.

"It spoiled our wedding," said Khushal, who married Terrell, Texas, resident Meeta Ban in a Sunday ceremony at the Gujarati Cultural Society Hall in Grand Prairie. "Luckily, there were no deaths."

The bus, taking 43 relatives to Khushal's wedding, ran off the road and flipped several times when the driver apparently fell asleep at the wheel near Natchitoches, La.

Two people remained hospitalized in the Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport; another is in intensive care at LSU Medical Center.

Four people were hospitalized at the Natchitoches Parish Hospital, including both of Khushal's grandmothers, Laxmi Patel and Chandon Patel.

Both women were in stable condition, according to supervisors at all three hospitals.

The groom's father, Natu Patel, Sunday bemoaned the injuries to his mother, Chandon, who traveled from India for the wedding and may have to stay in the country for three months to recuperate.

"She came here for that purpose, the wedding, and now she's in an accident," Patel said.

Some of the wedding party headed back to the Shreveport hospital Sunday night, Patel said.

The bus, operated by the First Class Coach Co. of St. Petersburg, Fla., was driven by Ernest Louis Haegele, who came aboard during a stop in Biloxi, Miss.

Skydiver survives fatal flight

MIAMI (AP) — Clinging to a wing and waiting to be told to jump, skydiving student Carol O'Connell watched in horror as the pilot struggled with the controls and the little plane began to stall.

With 22 jumps under her belt, O'Connell was left with two choices: leap from the out-of-control and possibly overloaded plane or hang on and hope the pilot would recover. She jumped.

As she parachuted slowly to the ground, she could see the Cessna 210 with six colleagues trapped inside as it corkscrewed into a field of sweet potatoes and burst into flames Sunday afternoon. Everyone aboard was killed.

"I'm very grateful to be alive," O'Connell told the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "I can't explain why I'm still alive while these other people have left behind many loved ones.

"I guess when it's your time to go, you go. It wasn't my time."

Investigators were looking into whether the single-engine plane was carrying too much weight, with seven people and skydiving gear aboard an aircraft designed for six. The passenger seats had been removed to give the skydivers room.

Video filmed by a witness indicated the plane wasn't going fast enough after making a turn.

Births

Dylan Patrick Hargrove

Dylan Patrick Hargrove was born at 8:19 a.m. Friday, May 23, 1997 in St. David's Hospital in Austin. He weighed eight pounds, nine ounces and was 21 inches long.

Parents are Leslie Ann and Rafe Hargrove, and he was also welcomed by a two-year-old sister, Kaitlyn.

Grandparents are Wade and Carolyn Warren of Snyder, and Raford and Lana Hargrove of Rotan. Great-grandparents are Frank and Blanche Bagley of Odessa; Cleburne and Bonnie Warren of Odessa, Bob and Dorothy Cave of Rotan, and the late Tom and Bargy Hargrove.

His uncles include Mark Hargrove and Tyler Warren, both of Snyder and Jason Warren of Lubbock. His aunts are Amy Hargrove of Snyder and Shannon Warren of Lubbock.

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Obituaries

W.E. McMillan

1907-1997

W.E. McMillan, a Hermleigh area resident since 1923, died Sunday, May 25, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lenthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. McMillan, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born Oct. 27, 1907 in Eastland County, he moved to Scurry County in 1923. He married Thaba Groves on Nov. 19, 1948 in Tuscola.

Mr. McMillan was a farmer and a member of the Hermleigh Masonic Lodge. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Thaba McMillan of the home; five sons, Jimmy McMillan and Leonard Groves, both of Snyder, Lindy McMillan of Austin, Arlen Groves of Houston and Randy McMillan of Arlington; one daughter, Billisue Stuard of Snyder; four sisters, Elree Baremore, Gaynelle Greene and Oleta Jackson, all of Snyder, and Chlodelle Hodges of Fort Worth; two brothers, Ted McMillan of Snyder and Dee McMillan of Farris, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Jo Bohner

1926-1997

LUBBOCK — Graveside service is set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Resthaven Memorial Park for Jo Bohner, 70, of Shallowater. The Rev. John McCulloch, pastor of Lubbock Bible Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Bohner, the mother of Mickey Arias of Snyder, died Saturday, May 24, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital.

Born Aug. 27, 1926 in Hagerman, N.M., she married Riley E. Bohner on Jan. 10, 1952 in Lubbock. She had been a resident of Lubbock until 1975 when she moved to Shallowater.

Survivors include her husband, Riley Bohner of Shallowater; two sons, Stephen Bohner of Texarkana and Sammy Bohner of Shallowater; another daughter, Caryol Duke of Shallowater; a sister, Charline Stuart of Alamogordo, N.M.; and six grandchildren.

Verba Logan

1912-1997

HOUSTON — Verba Logan, a former Snyder resident, died Saturday, May 24, in Buckner Baptist Haven.

Graveside service for Mrs. Logan, 84, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Jim Mosley will officiate and Bell-Cypert-Seale is in charge of arrangements.

Born Dec. 12, 1912, she was a homemaker and was married to Archie Logan who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Lynn Logan Tate on Jan. 12, 1992.

Survivors, all of Houston, include a son-in-law, Berwyn Tate; three grandchildren; Teresa Lynn Tate, Donna Chere' Degani and Logan Horace Tate; a great-grandchild, Farah Chere Chere' Degani; and a sister-in-law, Ruth Adams of Lake Tahoe.

Dinosaurs gobble spies, aliens, Caped Crusader for record-breaker debut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The cunning skills of the Caped Crusader and secret agents and even the high-tech powers of space aliens were no match for the brute force of dinosaurs.

Steven Spielberg's giant lizards crushed opening weekend box office records as "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" was on pace to rake in an estimated $85.7 million over the Memorial Day holiday period, which ends today.

That total would beat the "Mission: Impossible" opening four-day take of $56.8 million last year, according to preliminary figures released Sunday.

The "Jurassic Park" sequel was on track to defeat the five-day opening of $85 million set by "Independence Day" in July and the three-day opening of "Batman Forever" in 1995 of $52.8 million.

The estimated Friday-through-Sunday figure for "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" was $69.1 million. "Jurassic Park" grossed $47.1 million in its three-day opening in 1993.

The holiday weekend estimate is based on projected total sales from Friday through Monday and does not include the gross from previews. Total cumulative sales through Monday were estimated to reach $88.1 million for "The Lost World: Jurassic Park."

It could pass the $100 million mark Tuesday.

The sequel, about a man (Jeff Goldblum) who tries to rescue his naturalist girlfriend (Julianne Moore) from a dinosaur-infested island, benefited from recent ticket price hikes to as high as $9 in New York and the widest release ever to 3,281 locations in North America.

Peter Bart, editor in chief of Variety magazine, said the extraordinary results are "dangerously seductive" because they give filmmakers the illusion they can recoup their costs in one weekend. "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" cost an estimated $75 million to make.

What's Up?

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series of tapes titled "The Seven Churches of Asia." The first Bible tape, "Recipe for Happiness," will air at 7 p.m. Tuesday. It will be followed by "Ephesus."

Lewis retirement reception

Snyder High School faculty and staff will have a retirement reception for Albert Lewis from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday in the school library.

Genealogical society

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Dorothy Campbell will present a program on Civil War research. Members will be given their copies of "White Buffalo Tales." Visitors are welcome.

Tiger Pride Club

The Tiger Pride Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder High School Student Center.

Writing contest

West Texas Poets, Etc. is sponsoring a writing contest through June 30. There are three catagories: poetry, short stories and children's stories. Adults within a 50-mile radius of Snyder are eligible. For information, call 573-2008, 573-3437 or 573-7369. Entries must be mailed by June 30 to Helene Tutt, 13525 U.S. 180 East, Hermleigh, 79526. Prizes will be awarded July 17.

Reception scheduled

The public is invited to welcome Benny Gibbs, new administrator of Snyder Healthcare Center, to the community in a reception set from 3-4 p.m. Friday. Snyder Healthcare Center is located at 5311 Big Spring Highway.

Girl's basketball fund-raiser

Snyder High girl's basketball players will be holding a car wash from 9-2 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Funds will go help pay for summer camp costs. All donations will be accepted.

Vacation Bible School

Morning Side Baptist Church

June 2-6, 6-8:30 p.m., ages 5 to teen. For transportation, call Tom Atwell at 573-2711. Early registration 11 a.m. May 31, refreshments served.

Mobil cookout fund-raiser

The Mobil cooking trailer will be in the Wal-Mart parking lot from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served. Proceeds will go to held pay for hotel accommodations for tournaments for the SHS girl's basketball team next season.

Quilt objects sought

Scurry County Museum is looking for items made from old or new quilts. Examples would include jackets, pillows, Christmas stockings, doll blankets, hats and toys. The museum wishes to display the items from June 9 through Aug. 22. Individual quilt blocks are also needed for the display.

Help is also needed in presenting the history of quilting and its importance. Call 573-6107 if you can assist the museum with any aspect of this display project.

Dermott school reunion

The Dermott school reunion will be June 7 at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Notices have been sent to all out of town residents. Schedules and activities will be announced later. For questions or information, call Sonny Greenfield at 573-6866.

Class of '87 reunion

Snyder High School Class of 1987 has set its 10-year reunion for Aug. 2. For more information, contact Elaine Gomez at 806 792-6572 or Leann Bell at 573-7742.

Adult education classes

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

Ira Baptist revival

Ira Baptist Church is holding a revival through Wednesday. Jon Moore is preaching and David and Judy Brown are providing the music. Evening services are at 7 o'clock. A noon luncheon and Bible study will be held from 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. daily.

IA Club needs donations

SHS Industrial Arts Club is in need of donations for its garage sale on June 7. All proceeds will help with the cost of the trip to the national convention in Washington, D.C., June 23-27. More than $3,000 is needed. Please drop off donations at 1634 N. Ave. O or call 573-6105 or 573-5088 for more information.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-9-22-34-41-47.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.
Number matching six of six: None.
Matching five of six: 206. Prize: $728.
Matching four of six: 4,894. Prize: $111.
Matching three of six: 95,665. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $9 million.

Pick 3

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