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Tommy Dorsey Orchestra at coliseum Tuesday

The Big Band era sounds will fill the Scurry County Coliseum Tuesday when the world-famous Tommy Dorsey Orchestra performs for a concert starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 for general admission and $20 for reserved seating. Tickets will be available at the door. The event is sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.



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BUSY DAY — Snyder Fire Department personnel and volunteers responded to five calls Sunday, including one at Cogdell Hospital shortly after 1 p.m. Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell, right, discusses the minor fire in the hospital's kitchen with Cogdell maintenance worker Bob Cole. (SDN Staff Photo)

Senator vows...

Crisis with Iraq won't end while Hussein holds power

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today rejected Iraq's assertion that U.N. weapons inspections cannot go on indefinitely.

"I would disregard what the government of Iraq has to say when they're in spin mode," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Iraqi Ambassador Nizar Hamdoon, in a CNN interview, acknowledged that Baghdad's agreement with the U.N. contains no time limit for inspections of eight presidential compounds the Iraqis had placed off-limits. "But I think that all the understanding was it should be within a reasonable time," Hamdoon said. "I mean, this process cannot continue forever."

Meanwhile, members of Congress said the crisis with Iraq will not end until Saddam Hussein is removed from power.

"I think we have got to change the objective and say that our nation is going to be on the side of liberating the people of Iraq from their prisons or from the terror of his dictatorship," Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., said Sunday on NBC's' "Meet the Press."

"As long as Saddam Hussein is in power, we will be faced with this challenge of his unending zeal to acquire and use weapons of mass destruction," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., agreed on the same program.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said today he would back legislation stating that Saddam should be tried as a war criminal and would support increased sanctions, money for a Radio Free Iraq and covert action to bring Saddam down. "Containment doesn't seem to get what we want."

The Clinton administration accepted, warning it reserves the right to strike militarily if Saddam reneges on his word, the agreement reached a week ago between U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Saddam that opens Iraqi "presidential sites" to international weapons inspectors.

There has been little confidence on Capitol Hill in the the accord, and Republicans in particular have derided Annan for saying he could do business with Saddam.

$17 million heist...

5-month manhunt ends with capture

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — An armored car driver suspected of taking $17 million from his company's vault was captured in Mexico after a nearly five-month manhunt. Six other people were arrested.

David Scott Ghantt was arrested Sunday on an island off the Mexican coast, near Cozumel, FBI spokesman William Perry said today. He was charged in connection with the robbery reported last Oct. 5 at Loomis, Fargo & Co.

Six other people arrested today in the Charlotte and Gaston County areas in connection with the case, including one other Loomis employee, he said. Several cars and nine safe deposit were seized, and a search was being undertaken at Ghantt's home in Cramerton, authorities said.

Authorities also are looking for evidence in connection with a conspiracy to kill Ghantt, Perry said. He would not elaborate.

Ghantt, 28, was charged with bank larceny by a federal grand jury and had been the target of an intensive manhunt.

Loomis, Fargo offered a $500,000 reward after the theft.

Surveillance tapes and photographs showed a man who the FBI believes is Ghantt taking bags of money and putting them onto a cart in the vault at Loomis, Fargo's offices in Charlotte. Other surveillance videotape shows the man loading the bags into a company van.

The FBI recovered several million dollars in a van found in Mecklenburg County, but about $12 million in cash is still missing.

Ghantt was scheduled to work a shift at the armored car company Oct. 4. His wife reported him missing at 7:15 a.m. the next day. That's also when the company reported the theft, saying one of its vans was missing.

Authorities found Ghantt's unlocked red pickup truck in a grassy area next to the Loomis building.

Snyder council agenda filled with reports, routine business

A number of items await Snyder City Council members when they meet this evening at 6:30, including calling the city election for May 2.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and an at-large position will be on the ballot.

District 1 representative Vernest Tippens, District 2 representative Jerry Webb and District 4 representative I.E. Martin have all filed for re-election, as has Terry Martin for the at-large seat. No one has yet filed for the vacated District 3 place.

Terry Martin will be campaigning to fill out an unexpired term after being appointed last June.

Calling the election was to be considered last month, but the agenda did not list the at-large seat as being on the ballot. Appointment of an election judge and an alternate judge for the election will also be considered tonight.

Council members will also consider bids for water line replacement material in the Noble Addition. Three bids were received, ranging from $21,204 to $23,343. The bids are for the material only, as city crews will do the work.

Lines to be replaced includes the area from Noble Drive and Muriel Drive from 40th Street to 37th Street, 38th Street from College Avenue to Noble Drive, 39th Street from College Avenue to Noble Drive, 40th Street from College Avenue to Noble Drive and the alley behind 38th Street from College Avenue.

Study session tonight will focus on SHS

The third of seven planned meetings between citizens and representatives of BGR Architects-Engineers is set for 7 tonight at Snyder High School.

The meetings are being held to make citizens aware of the conditions of the Snyder ISD facilities prior to trustees setting a dollar amount for an anticipated school bond election. The election likely would be held in August.

Similar meetings are scheduled Tuesday at West Elementary, next Monday at the junior high and next Thursday at Stanfield Elementary.

A planned meeting on Thursday of this week at Central Elementary has been changed to Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at the school.

In a study conducted last fall by the architectural firm, more than $15 million in needed repairs were noted at the high school.

The council will also hear the annual police department report from Chief Lannie Lee and the Development Corporation of Snyder annual report from John DeLille. DeLille will also ask the council to change the name of Lorber Street at the industrial park to Lorber Lane.

Council members will consider amending the city ordinance concerning rates at the landfill for the disposal of tires to be a pass-through cost to citizens.

Also, bids for a pickup for the city engineer are on the agenda, as well as the second reading of an ordinance making appropriations for the city during the present fiscal year.

The council will also consider a request from the First Baptist Church to install four-way stop signs at the intersection of Avenue Q and 27th Street and hear a request from the county's juvenile probation office to purchase a city-owned automobile for use in the STAR Program.

United will announce plans for Snyder later this month

A spokesman for United Supermarkets this morning said the Lubbock-based grocer will make an announcement later this month concerning a planned store in Snyder.

Kent Moore, chief operating officer, said United would issue a news release in mid to late-March concerning the company's plans for Snyder.

United owns the former Kmart location on College Avenue, having purchased it from the Ohio Teachers Retirement System at the end of 1995.

TAAS tests to start on Tuesday

Snyder ISD will be giving the state-mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test Tuesday through Thursday.

The writing portion for Grades 4, 8 and the exit level will be given Tuesday. Exit-level math testing will take place on Wednesday and exit-level reading will be conducted Thursday.

Those eligible to take the test are sophomores, juniors and seniors who have not shown mastery on one or more portions of TAAS, and registered out-of-school examinees.

Snyder High School will be the testing site for sophomores and out-of-school examinees. Juniors, seniors and English limited proficiency students will be tested in the high school library. Those taking the test must be on time. No make-up sessions will be allowed.

Those wanting to take the test who are no longer in school should be at the high school by 8:30 a.m. with an admission letter and a picture identification. Only registered TAAS and TEAMS examinees will be admitted.

Commissioners Court meeting today brief

Scurry County commissioners met briefly this morning to okay the payment of the county's bills and then recessed.

The court was to reconvene at noon on the Western Texas College campus for lunch and a tour of Scurry County Museum.

ASK US

Q—At what times will KLBK Channel 13 be airing the Our Town segments on Snyder?

A—They will air at 6 and 10 p.m. today through Friday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 53 degrees; low, 28; high Sunday, 55; low, 28; 7 a.m. Monday, 32; no precipitation; total for 1998, 2.76 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 25-30. Light wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High, mid 60s. S wind 10-20 mph, gusty.



Randy Morgan
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 6:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.
Of 60 days in 1998, the sun has shone 58 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind.

William James

Gov. Bush tops GOP straw poll in Mississippi

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush, despite skipping the Southern Republican Leadership Conference, topped a straw poll by delegates of possible GOP contenders in the 2000 presidential race.

Bush was the choice of 18 percent of 1,106 delegates over the weekend at the SRLC, an organization of GOP activists in 13 states from Oklahoma to Virginia.

Publisher Steve Forbes came in second at 15 percent followed by former vice president Dan Quayle at 12 percent and Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee at 10 percent.

While contenders claim the results meant little, some delegates said the poll indicates how the GOP rank-and-file feel about their party's presidential lineup.

"It doesn't say what's going to happen," said Robert Foy of Dothan, Ala. "But as of right now, I think it is significant for this moment."

Foy and his wife, Martha, both said Bush's absence was not a disadvantage should he decide to seek the GOP's presidential nomination.

"Must not have been," said Mrs. Foy, a former national committee member. "I think people appreciate the fact that he's been doing his job as governor of Texas and running for re-election. Certainly it's subject to change."

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who politicked from table to table Saturday, polled only 6 percent, trailing Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri at 9 percent and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander at 8 percent.

Unlike many straw polls and conventions, with their signholders and flag-wavers, there was no overt electioneering here in what is one of the earliest straw polls of the presidential election season.

Any Republican who lives in a conference state was eligible to attend the poll and vote.

Although Bush did not show, he did send a number of political strategists to the event, according to SRLC organizers.

Politicians who attended and spoke before the voting Saturday night said it was too soon to read anything into the results.

"I wouldn't pay much attention to it," said Alexander, who was a candidate for the GOP nomination in 1996. "It's much too early. People are just forming their opinions."

Forbes, who surprised some by finishing so high in a state where he is relatively unknown, said earlier in the conference that such polls may be important later in helping "define the terms of the debate," but agreed with Alexander that straw polls don't show at the ballot box.

Republican pollster Kellyanne Fitzpatrick, who put together the straw poll, said name recognition was less of a factor among the die-hard Republicans at the conference.

"All these folks are familiar to these people. None of the 28 names (on the straw poll ballot) are unfamiliar to any one here," Fitzpatrick said.

She said the Texas governor's showing could be attributed to the "son's moment in the sun if you will." Bush is the son of former President George Bush, who was very popular across the South.

"He also has been an extraordinary impressive governor and fund-raiser in a relatively short period of time in the South," Fitzpatrick said.

She said the surprise was Quayle but that also relates back to President Bush.

Vice presidential contenders were also subjected to a vote.

The top choice was Oklahoma Rep. J.C. Watts with 26 percent, followed by Elizabeth Dole, wife of failed 1996 GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole, at 16 percent.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What is structural integration?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My muscles ache because of stress. Could I be helped by structural integration?

DEAR READER: Also known as Rolfing (after its developer, Ida Rolf), structural integration is really a form of deep massage, during which its practitioners coax bones and muscles into proper alignment by exerting firm pressure on them.

The process is not painless. The technique of deep stretching can cause significant discomfort. Yet the massage is harmless and many patients credit Rolfing as a stress-reducer.

I do not know whether structural integration would benefit you, but it is certainly an option for you to consider.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 40 with a problem: small penis and testicles. My wife of 22 years recently died, and we were very compatible in every way. My last two dates giggled at the size of my organ (3-1/2 inches erect), but my doctor said not to worry as long as I could achieve penetration. However, I am experiencing mental anguish. Also, I've noticed that my breasts have enlarged. I feel like a man and want to be one. What can I do?

DEAR READER: First of all, you're better off without those two dates. It was cruel of them to laugh at you. How would a woman feel if, during intimacy, her partner guffawed at how small her breasts were? I think that what you need is a sensitive and caring woman who will accept you as you are.

Second, the presence of a small penis and enlarged breasts raises the possibility that there may be inappropriately high levels of female hormone in your system, such as could result from a tumor. In my view, you need special blood tests performed by either a urologist or an endocrinologist. If your problem is secondary to a hormone imbalance, you can be helped.

Remember that a big penis is not necessarily a "good" penis: It's what you do with it that counts. Consider pleasuring your partner by a variety of means before penetration. If you can develop your skills as an expert lover, you'll never have to feel incompetent because you aren't well-endowed.

Be patient, see a specialist, follow his advice, and keep looking for a woman who isn't wedded to the macho myth of masculinity.

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Memo against tobacco firm research proved prophetic

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The lawyer's memo warned the American Tobacco Co. three decades ago against research into smoking and potential health problems for a simple reason: It could someday be used against you.

Thirty-three years later, tobacco companies are being sued for $1.77 billion as Minnesota and Blue Cross and Blue Shield try to recoup money they spent treating smoking-related illnesses.

Similar lawsuits have been filed in 39 other states, but the Minnesota case is the first to get past jury selection. The trial enters its sixth week today, with testimony expected from top executives.

The tobacco companies deny they suppressed research into links between smoking and disease. But internal documents turned over for the trial show that research decisions were seemingly guided by one consideration: What cigarette makers didn't know couldn't hurt them.

In a 56-page memorandum, lawyer Janet Brown worried that health-related research would expose the company to lawsuits.

"Lung cancer, emphysema, heart and peripheral circulatory disease have already become subjects of suits," Brown wrote in the 1965 memo to Cyril Heisko, general counsel for American Tobacco.

"If the company can now inform itself respecting biological effects of smoking, it will be argued that it could and should have done so in all these areas years ago."

American Tobacco, now part of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., funded studies by outside researchers rather than opening its own laboratory.

The memo, introduced as evidence in Minnesota's lawsuit, is an example of the research debate among cigarette makers during the late 1950s and 1960s as critics claimed that cigarette smoking could be linked to disease.

"The question will be raised, for jury resolution, whether a reasonably prudent manufacturer capable of conducting biological research would not have instituted biological testing programs in the 1920s, or the 1930s or 1940s," wrote Brown, a lawyer with the New York firm now known as Chadbourne & Parke.

Brown, 70, is retired and lives in New York. She has refused to testify in the Minnesota trial.

Her memo followed a visit with two scientists from British-American Tobacco Co. A year earlier, the British tobacco industry had sent two other scientists, Philip Rogers and Geoffrey Todd, to the United States to talk with representatives of the American tobacco industry and various health organizations.

Following the 1964 trip, the British scientists wrote: "No U.S. tobacco manufacturer can analyze tobacco or tobacco smoke for carcinogens because he may be cross-examined in lawsuits. Therefore all contract this work out."

Brown further argued that a jury might find any company research inadequate.

"We can expect ... to have the company's opponents — whether plaintiff's attorneys, plaintiff's experts, hostile congressmen or other lay or even expert evangelists and zealots ... leveling charges that the biological program is far 'too little and too late,'" she warned.

Brown also addressed the dangers of giving up any research program before all the health problems are solved, which she said would "add a strong string to the bow of industry critics already charging the industry with a 'callous disregard' for its consumers' health."

The best approach from the legal standpoint, she argued, was supporting independent research outside the company.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Spalding Energy Inc. has completed the No. 1-C Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles north of Fullerville. The well was finaled to produce 39 barrels of oil and 130 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,099-160 feet, and location is in Section 662, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Rocker A Operating has completed the No. 72 M.A. Fuller in the Corazon field, 11 miles southeast of Justiceburg. The well was completed to produce 20 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 2,080-2,200 feet, and location is in Section 604, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 10 Henderson-Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 11 barrels of oil and 49 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,343-249 feet, and location is in Section 148, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Carlow Corp has completed the No. 1-45 Bayless in the Mirage field, three miles northeast of Dunn. The venture was completed to produce 35 barrels of oil and 30 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,252-292 feet, and location is in Section 45, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 106 Bynum unit in the Diamond M field 11 mile southwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 26 barrels of oil and 175 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,418-3,275 feet, and location is in Section 178, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Baytech Inc. has completed the No. 1-64 Hoyle in the Mirage field, two miles east of Dunn. The venture was completed to produce 49 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,332-342 feet, and location is in Section 64, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 8 Henderson-Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. The well was completed to produce seven barrels of oil and 23 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,349-3,293 feet, and location is in Section 148, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Gunn Oil Company has completed the No. 3 Godfrey in the Maben field, 21 miles northwest of Clairemont. The venture was completed to produce 134 barrels of oil and 43 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,684-690 feet, and location is in Section 105, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Johnson Royalties Inc. has completed the No. 7 D.P. Strayhorn in the Fullerville field, two miles south of Polar. The well was completed to produce 27 barrels of oil and 85 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,376-382 feet, and location is in Section 22, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Mitchell County

Merit Energy has completed the No. 508 Coleman Ranch field unit, two miles west of Cuthbert. The well was finaled to produce 20 barrels of oil and 193 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,683-980 feet, and location is in Section 70, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pioneer Natural has completed the No. 49 W.W. Watson in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Finaled to produce 23 barrels of oil and 39 barrels of water, perforations were from 2,531-3,278 feet, and location is in Section 19, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer Natural has completed the No. 413 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 12 barrels of oil and 223 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,550-3,260 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Merit Energy has completed the No. 609 Coleman Ranch field unit, two miles west of Cuthbert. The well was finaled to produce 35 barrels of oil and 143 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,639-3,016 feet, and location is in Section 70, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Merit Energy has completed the No. 208 Coleman Ranch field, unit, two miles west of Cuthbert. The well was finaled to produce 24 barrels of oil and 86 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,651-3,108 feet, and location is in Section 76, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Chevron will drill the No. 1 W.D. Kynderd in the Westbrook field, six miles northwest of the townsite. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 3,048 feet, and location is in Section 15, Block 28, T1S, T&P survey.

Garza County

Yates Energy Corp. will drill the No. 1-139 Kirkpatrick, an 8,400-foot wildcat located six miles northwest of Justiceburg. Drill site is in Section 939, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Lone Star Oil and Gas will drill the No. 3001 O'Daniel, an 8,300-foot wildcat located eight miles north of Coahoma. Location is in Section 30, Block 27, H&TC survey.

Oryx Energy has completed the No. 13-A KLOH, five miles south of Forsan. the well was finaled to produce 23 barrels of oil and 1,010 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,148-448 feet, and location is in Section 13, block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 25-7-10 Arco Hill, nine miles south of Roby. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, drill site is in Section 11, Block K, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration will drill the No. 3 TXL, a 4,700-fot wildcat located five miles south of Nolan. Drill site is in Section 15, Block Z, T&P survey.

Walter Exploration has plugged and abandoned the No. 1-P Marshall, a 4,082-foot wildcat located 11 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location was in Section 83, Block 21, T&P survey.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

There are indications in the year ahead for a strengthening of both your personality and will. Your new qualities will enhance your probabilities for success and popularity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Promoting your self-interests could be of paramount importance to you today. Handle your involvements in an assertive manner, but don't become too pushy. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to take some time today to analyze your most innate feelings in order to get a handle on something that has been disturbing you. New self-awareness will make it clear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Things should work out rather well for you today in your involvements with friends, be they social or commercial. Your luck could work in either area.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The odds are tilted slightly in your favor today, just enough to give you an edge in competitive developments. Be grateful for what you get.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you think you have something of significant value that friends should know about, this is a good day to reveal what you have. They could be intrigued.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It could be very difficult for others to keep things hidden from you today. Your powers to probe and detect will discern readily what is being covered up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a good time to take care of arrangements that require additional bonding. You will be able to see situations from both sides and fuse them together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There are some effective measures you can take at this time that could benefit your career. When others become aware of your intentions, it could trigger their help and cooperation on several levels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Nice things will be said about you today, because the word has gotten out that you're generous in your praise of others. This gives you a dual purpose for taking bows.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) People to whom you should be most solicitous today are members of your own family. They will be the ones backing you up when the chips are down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The more complex situations are today, the better you're apt to function. Your mind is nimble and quick, unafraid of challenging developments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you could be rather good at being able to spot arrangements that can be turned to your advantage. When you become aware of your opportunities, take positive action.

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ATTENTION
City of Snyder
Utility Customers

Procedures relating to delinquent utility bills will change as of your March 1998 billing.

1. ALL utility bills will be delinquent 10 days from the billing date and a delinquent notice will be mailed at that time.

2. The customer will have at least 7 days to respond to the delinquent notice.

3. If the bill has not been paid by the date stated on the delinquent notice, service will be terminated.

Please remember, your service will be terminated if you have not paid your current bill before you are billed again.

If you have any questions, please call 573-4960.

School in will

SWARTHMORE, Pa. (AP) — James Michener never forgot the generosity that allowed him to attend Swarthmore College and overcome his poor childhood.

When the author died in October at age 90, he repaid the college — and then some. He left the school the bulk of his estate.

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Most tune out warning of sex and violence

NEW YORK (AP) — Parents aren't making much use of the TV industry's new system of ratings that warn viewers some programs are unsuitable for children or contain sex and violence, an Associated Press poll finds.

Seven in 10 adults say they pay little or no attention to the ratings, such as "TV-PG" or "TV-14," when they appear in program listings and on-screen. Even in homes with children, 51 percent of parents pay little or no attention.

But other results of the poll indicate the public is far from rejecting the new system:

— 63 percent of parents say they sometimes use the ratings to make viewing decisions for themselves or their children. Only 40 percent do so regularly.

— 56 percent of those with kids say the ratings do an excellent or good job of informing parents. Those who pay attention to the ratings and use them are the most upbeat about the system.

— 67 percent of all adults say that the ratings appear on-screen for about the right amount of time. They flash in the upper-left corner for 15 seconds at the beginning of entertainment programs — 26 percent say that's not long enough.

The telephone poll of 1,007 adults was taken Feb. 20-24 by ICR of Media., Pa. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points overall, or 5 points for parents' responses.

Most of those polled, 84 percent, say it's the television industry's job to provide the public with information about whether programs contain violence, sexual situations, coarse language and suggestive dialogue. These are signified with the letters "V," "S," "L" and "D" in the ratings system that debuted Oct. 1.

Several questions have arisen about how well the system works. A media watchdog group issued a study that said the labels were not applied consistently. TV executives have said they believe parents pay little attention, and top-rated NBC refused to use the letter notations. It airs just the age-based ratings, such as "TV-14," introduced in 1996.

Political pressure from Congress and parents' groups led to the ratings as a precursor to the "v-chip," the long-promised tool for parents to block their televisions from showing certain types of programs.

Televisions with that capability could be on store shelves within two years. They would have been out earlier if the Federal Communications Commission had not encountered so much disagreement about how to write the rules, said Lisa Fasold, a spokeswoman for the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association.

Dick Wolf, producer of "Law & Order" and "New York Undercover" and an outspoken critic of the ratings system, was not surprised that many people say they ignore it.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

AA and NA; Park Club; noon.

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.

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

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

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

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 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.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

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

AA and NA meeting; Park Club; noon.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Beautiful Roses," by Wilson Howell; Delores Merritt and Geleska Baze, hostesses; 9:30 a.m.

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.

A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180, pot luck supper; 6 p.m.

Deep creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

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How AP conducted poll on TV violence

By The Associated Press

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The results were weighted to represent the population by key demographic factors such as age, sex, region and education.

No more than one time in 20 should chance variations in the sample cause the results to vary by more than 3 percentage points from the answers that would be obtained if all Americans were polled.

This margin of sampling error is larger for responses of subgroups, such as income categories. There are other sources of potential error in polls, including the wording and order of questions.

The AP poll questions (because of rounding, sums may not total 100 percent):

1. As you may know, when some TV shows are listed in newspapers and magazines, and when the program starts, a rating guideline appears, such as TV-G, TV-PG, TV-14 or TV-MA. How much attention do you personally pay to the guidelines? A great deal of attention: 14 percent. A fair amount: 15 percent. Just a little: 15 percent. Not much at all: 55 percent. Don't know: 1 percent.

2. How much of the time do you use the guidelines to make viewing decisions for yourself or children in your family? Just about always: 23 percent. Only sometimes: 19 percent. Not much at all: 19 percent. Never: 39 percent. Don't know-no answer: 1 percent.

3. In your opinion, is it the job of the television industry to provide the public with information about whether programs contain violence, sexual situations, coarse language and suggestive dialogue? Yes: 84 percent. No: 14 percent. DK-NA: 2 percent.

4. How good a job do the rating guidelines do at informing parents? An excellent job: 9 percent. A good job: 40 percent. Only a fair job: 32 percent. A poor job: 11 percent. DK-NA: 8 percent.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♥ 7 6 3 2
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 4 3

West
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♥ Q 10 5 4
♦ A K Q J 6
♣ Q 5

East
♠ 10
♥ K J
♦ 10 9 7 3
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South
♠ A Q J 8 6 4
♥ A 9 8
♦ 4
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Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♠	4 ♦
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

The U.S. team is victorious

By Phillip Alder

The United States won the women's world team championship for the Venice Cup last November in Tunisia. In the final, Mildred Breed, Tobi Sokolow, Randi Montin, Jill Meyers, Marinesa Letizia and Lisa Berkowitz, with Sue Picus the nonplaying captain, beat China convincingly, 249-184.

This deal from the final featured a rare defensive coup by Berkowitz.

South's artificial opening bid showed at least 16 high-card points. North's artificial response showed fewer than eight points. Now, over South's one-spade rebid, strange as it sounds, West's two diamonds promised a good hand. With a weak collection worth a defensive bid, she would have acted immediately over one club. North was tempted to raise spades because of her four-card support. East's raise was pre-emptive, promising playing-tricks, not defense.

Against four spades, Berkowitz led the diamond ace. A heart switch would have been lethal, but she continued with another top diamond. South ruffed, cashed her spade ace and two top clubs, then continued with the club seven, West discarding a diamond. Declarer ruffed in the dummy, trumped the last diamond in hand, and exited with a spade.

West switched to a low heart. After taking the king with her ace, South returned a heart. The second hand of the clock rotated a few times, but at last Berkowitz went up with the *queen*, swallowing her partner's jack and allowing her to cash the 10 to defeat the contract. (If West ducks, East is endplayed, forced to concede a ruff-and-discard.) It was a classic croco-dile coup.

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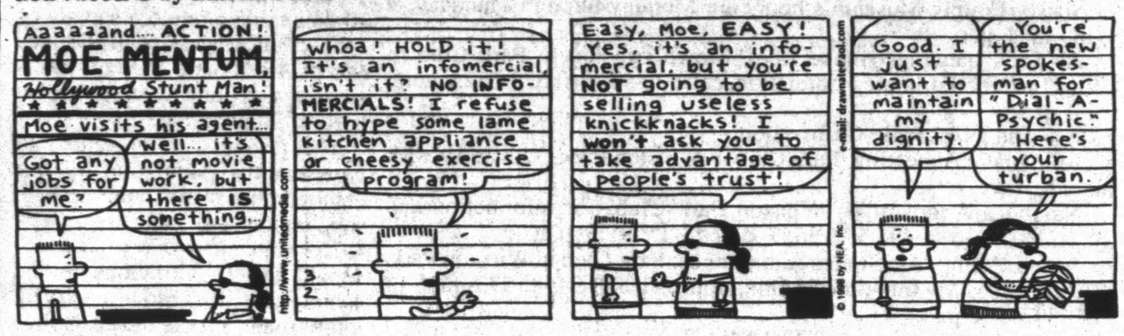
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21 Disavow
23 Entertainer Sumac
24 Do it on the dotted line!
25 Unable to hear
27 Attractive
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31 Author Levin
32 Neighbor of Colo.
33 Spanish hero El —
34 Abundance
37 — Misbehavin'
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41 Poetic time
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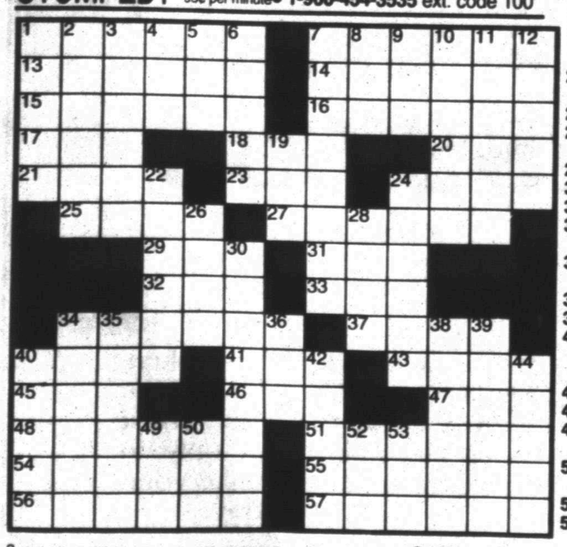
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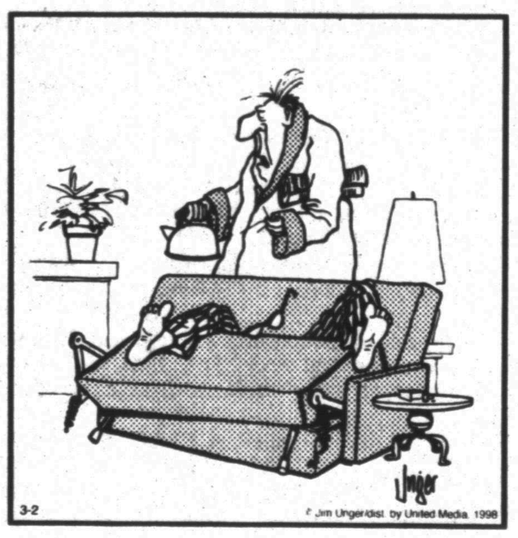
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SPORTS

SHS Tigers lock up crown at Mineral Wells Tourney

MINERAL WELLS — If solid pitching and hitting will get you a victory, then the Tigers proved that outstanding hitting and stellar pitching will get you a title.

Snyder overpowered opposing hurlers and stymied opposing batters en route to capturing the title of the Mineral Wells baseball tournament.

After topping Fort Worth Castleberry and Bridgeport during opening action, the Tigers routed Springtown, 20-1 and trouned Mineral Wells, 11-0 for the crown.

"These were some big wins for us," Snyder coach Roland Herrera said. "After the way we played in the scrimmages and in our first game, we needed to play well and we did."

Cory Mandrell took to the mound against Springtown, allowing only three hits and three walks, while striking out a trio three.

Dustin Fish knocked in five runs, with Sonny Cumbie busting a triple to drive in two more.

Snyder sent six runners home in the first inning and finished by having seven men cross the plate in the fourth.

In the championship contest, pitcher Chris Hernandez got the nod for the Tigers.

Hernandez surrendered just a pair of singles through five innings.

The Snyder bats took care of the offense, with Clay Berryman bashing a home run in the fifth.

John Border rapped two doubles to drive in two runs, with Hernandez smashing a triple of his own.

"The kids did a real good job of making adjustments at the plate," Herrera stated. "And this pitching staff has confidence in itself. They know that if the first guy doesn't get it done, then the next guy will."

Hernandez garnered the tourney's Most Valuable Player honor for his effort both on the mound and at the plate.

The Tigers also placed three players on the All-Tournament squad, as Border, Fish and Berryman took the honors.

Next up for the Tigers is a battle with Canyon Randall in the opener of the Frenship tournament at 2 p.m. Friday.

Snyder	6	0	7	7	—20
Springtown	1	0	0	0	— 1

Snyder: Cumbie, triple; Fish, double and two singles; Berryman and Beck, double and single; Smith and Lang, double; Border, Robinson, Bedell, Trujillo, Hernandez and Alexander, single. Mandrell (WP), 5 innings, 1 R, 3 H, 3 BB, 3 SO.

Snyder	2	4	3	2	—11
Mineral Wells	0	0	0	0	— 0

Snyder: Berryman, home run and single; Hernandez, triple and double; Border, two doubles; Cumbie, double and two singles; Smith and Fish, double and single; Beck and Lang, double; Berryman, two singles, Rodgers, single. Hernandez (WP), 5 innings, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 5 SO.

Ladies wrestle runnerup spot

SAN ANTONIO — The Lady Tigers made up 10 strokes in the second round to capture the runner-up spot Saturday at the San Antonio Classic.

The only squad out of the 16-team field to top Snyder was defending 5A state champion San Antonio Churchill, which posted a 325-316--641 to nab the title.

After turning in a 355 in the opening round, the Lady Tigers fired a 347 to leap past China Springs into second place.

China Springs, which won last year's 3A state crown, followed a 348 with a 361 to finish at in third place at 709.

Daysha Weaver paced the Lady Tigers with rounds of 84 and 85 for a 169 tourney total.

Randi Reed carded a 87-81--168, while Keisha Gafford posted a 93-89--182.

Lacey Kidd came in with a 92-92--184, with Adrienne McJimsey finishing at 92-101--193.

"Our girls were in fourth place after the first day and did a terrific job of making up 10 strokes to finish second," said Snyder coach Matt Glenn.

The Lady Tigers will be on the links again Friday at the Midland Invitational.

Moss, Brock team up for Groundhog victory

Bill Moss and Billy Brock teamed for a tourney-low 64 and followed it up with a 67 for a two-stroke victory in the Snyder Country Club Groundhog Tournament, held Saturday and Sunday.

Their 131 edged Larry Anderson and Tommy Lay, who put together a 66 and a 67 for a 133 in the Championship Flight. Ernie Armstrong and David Armstrong were a stroke back at 134.

Clay and Tim Hill won the First Flight with a 139, including a 67 on Sunday. Gary Norwood and Mike Rodriguez shot a 141 for second place.

Second Flight winners were James Caldwell and Barry Blackmon, whose two-day 139 was six strokes ahead of the 145 posted by Jene Steakley and Jim Henderson.

Lane Beaty and Tracy Lammert won the Third Flight with a total 154. Dink Foree and Buddy Powell also carded a 154 and took second place in the flight.

Championship Flight

Billy Brock/Bill Moss, 64-67--131; Larry Anderson/Tommy Lay, 66-67--133; Ernie Armstrong/David Armstrong, 67-67--134; Joe Harris/Heath Eagle, 70-66--136; Jim Blume/Billy Wayne Harris, 71-67--138; R.T. Henderson/Dave Sebo, 72-64--141; Glenn Patterson/Mike Strickland, 75-69--144; Jay Pollard/Donny Stelzer, 72-73--145.

First Flight

Clay Hill/Tim Hill, 72-67--139; Gary Norwood/Mike Rodriguez, 68-73--141; Randy Glasscock/Val Walker, 72-70--142; Pete Greene/Roe Patterson, 71-72--143; Rick Billingsley/Bobby Vincent, 71-72--143; Wade Lancaster/Don Chandler, 74-70--144; Shawn Ragland/Kelly Ragland, 74-70--144; Ricky Daniell/Rob Hall, 77-69--146; Ricky Williams/John Reed, 75-72--147; Ricky Ray/John Mitchell, 73-76--149.

Second Flight

James Caldwell/Barry Blackmon, 73-66--134; Jene Steakley/Jim Henderson, 76-69--145; Dutch Stehley/Mackey Greene, 75-73--148; Mike Levens/Harley Bynum, 77-73--150; Jerry Owen/Wes Key, 77-73--150; Ray Hill/Gordon Gray, 77-74--151; Eicke Perry/Steve Olsen, 77-74--151; Mackey Mandrell/Jimmy Joe Fowler, 78-73--151; Nolan von Roeder/Cary Cotten, 79-78--157.

Third Flight

Lane Beaty/Tracy Lammert, 79-75--154; Dink Foree/Buddy Powell, 77-77--154; Don Sealy/Rex Robinson, 79-79--158; Joel Hook/Mike Tyrrell, 81-83--164; Richard Schulze/Don Bollinger, 85-79--164; Ron Kotarski/Rusty Wells, 86-83--169; Tom Burton/Bud Fagan, 88-85--173; David Chandler/Richard Rains, 88-88--176.

WTC keeps its grip on top position

ROSWELL, N.M. — Western Texas College golf team maintained its first-place ranking in conference standings with a seven-stroke victory over Midland College Saturday in the Bronco Invitational.

WTC finished the 54-hole tournament with a spectacular 41-under-par and placed four on the all-tournament team.

After opening-day rounds of 274 and 276, the Westerners improved Sunday with a 273. Midland finished in the runnerup slot with an 830 and New Mexico Junior College was third with an 866.

Peter Gustavsson led the Westmerners with a 203 and was second in the overall medalist race which was won by Midland. Gustavsson had rounds of 66, 70 and 67 for a 203.

Fredrik Widmark posted a sizzling 64 on Sunday, adding to rounds of 73 and 68 for a 54-hole total of 205. Michael Stenger, who had rounds of 66 and 67 on Friday, fell to a 76 on Saturday, but finished the tournament with a respectable 209.

Andreas Ljunggren was one shot back with a 210, with rounds of 69, 72 and 69. Thomas Korberg finished with a 78, 71 and 78 for a total of 222.

The Westerners of Coach Milton Ham are in San Antonio today and Tuesday for more conference action.

Bad luck thumps coach, Lady Tigers

BROWNWOOD — The Lady Tigers were cruising right along at the Brownwood softball tournament, until a bit of bad luck struck.

In fact, it struck their coach.

Snyder opened the tourney by capturing a 7-3 decision over Stephenville, followed by back-to-back shutouts of Brownwood JV, 6-0 and 16-0.

The three victories set up a winners bracket battle with Abilene Cooper.

With the Lady Tigers holding a 9-1 advantage in the fifth inning, the contest took a turn for the worse.

Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon was struck in the chest with a line drive while coaching third base.

Bohannon was taken by ambulance to a Brownwood hospital, where she was examined and later released. She suffered only a large bruise to her right-side ribcage and would return later in the tourney.

Two Snyder parents, employees of the school district, were forced to man the dugout in order to keep the Lady Tigers from forfeiting the contest.

A shaken Snyder ballclub gave up six unanswered runs, but held on for the 9-7 win.

The victory advanced the Lady Tigers into the semifinals, where Stephenville avenged its earlier loss.

The Lady Yellowjackets had the hot bats, downing Snyder, 12-4.

The setback forced the Lady Tigers into a rematch with Cooper for third place.

CeCe Valadez led off the third with a single and would later score for Snyder's only run of the game, as Cooper posted a 3-1 victory.

The Lady Tigers finished the tourney in fourth place, improving their record to 6-7 on the season.

Snyder will be back in action Thursday when it travels to Abilene for a doubleheader with Cooper, beginning at 4:30.

Snyder	0	1	3	3	-	—	7
Stephenville	2	0	0	0	1	—	3

Snyder: Huff and Tomlinson, double and single; Purcell, single. Martinez (WP), 5 innings, 10 H, 3 R, 0 BB, 7 SO.

Snyder	1	3	0	0	0	2	- — 6
Brownwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	— 0

Snyder: Davis, triple and double; Tomlinson, double and single; Helms, double; Fisk, two singles; Purcell, single. Rinehart (WP), 7 innings, 2 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 2 SO.

Snyder	3	4	2	2	5	—	16
Brownwood	0	0	0	0	0	—	0

Snyder: Fisk and Ricks, double and two singles; Purcell, double and single; Valadez, Tomlinson, Davis, Huff and Drummond, single. Drummond (WP), 3 innings, 1 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 1 SO. Rinehart (SV), 2 innings, 3 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 1 SO.

Snyder	0	2	3	4	0	0	— 9
Cooper	1	0	0	0	2	4	— 7

Snyder: Martinez, double and single; Ricks, double; Davis, three singles; Huff and Valadez, two singles; Tomlinson, Fisk and Purcell, single. Martinez (WP), 6 2-3 innings, 5 H, 7 R, 4 BB, 4 SO. Rinehart (SV), 1-3 inning, 0 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 1 SO.

Snyder	0	0	0	0	0	2	2 — 4
Stephenville	2	3	0	1	0	0	6 —12

Snyder: Tomlinson, two doubles; Davis, double and single; Valadez, double; Drummond, two singles; Fisk, Huff and Purcell, single. Drummond (LP) 4 innings, 7 H, 6 R, 1 BB, 2 SO. Rinehart, 3 innings, 7 H, 6 R, 0 BB, 3 SO.

Snyder	0	0	1	0	0	0	— 1
Cooper	2	0	0	0	0	1	- — 3

Snyder: Fisk, double and single; Valadez and Tomlinson, two singles; Huff, single. Rinehart (LP), 6 innings, 2 H, 3 R, 1 BB, 2 SO.

Oliver set for injury-free season

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — It hasn't been that long ago that Darren Oliver spent more time on the injury list than in the Texas Rangers' starting rotation.

But after two consecutive healthy seasons, he's ready to see what greater heights he can achieve.

"It's nice not to be talking about injuries all the time but it still comes up," Oliver said. "Now that I'm healthy, I want to stay that way and help get to the next level."

Oliver was 13-12 with a 4.20 ERA last season. He and Bobby Witt shared the team lead with 32 starts and three complete games. Oliver was second to Witt with 201.1 innings pitched.

Taking the next step for Oliver means improving his curve and cutting down on home runs allowed (team high 29).

"I've gotten to this point by continuing to work and I'm making smarter pitches now," Oliver said.

"If I could cut my homers in half, I could get a point off my ERA," Oliver said.

Oliver gets high marks for his grit from pitching coach Dick Bosman, but there is still work to be done.

"We're fine-tuning a couple of pitches right now," Bosman said. "When you're winning, you can always find areas that aren't as good as they should be. His breaking ball needs to get better and everybody can get better control."

Bosman also is trying to bolster Oliver's arsenal by adding a cut fastball to his repertoire.

"At some point it will be a part of his game," Bosman said. "There's no timetable for this. You don't interrupt the core pitches that got him where he is now. You make sure those are comfortable and in place and then you bring it out."

Oliver doesn't expect to use the pitch extensively anytime soon.

"Bos is always coming up with something," Oliver said. "It's tough to get these guys out up here. It's not going to be my bread and butter pitch. It's just something that I can show a hitter now and then that it's there."

Snyder 8th at Midland

MIDLAND — After struggling in the opening round, the Tigers gathered themselves to shoot 336 on the final day at the Midland Tall City Invitational.

Snyder's tourney total of 345-336--681 took eighth place, with Borger winning the team title at 306-321--627.

Andrews was runner-up with a 303-325--628 and Lamesa finished third with a 331-317--648.

Nick Long anchored the Tigers' effort, firing rounds of 80 and 88 for a 168 total.

Landon Day carded a 90-81--171, while Levi Mandrell posted an 85-80--173.

Patrick McKamie came in with a 90-87--177, with Andrew Vinson finishing with a 102-97--199.

Snyder will be back on the links beginning Friday in Andrews.

Girls State tourney

THURSDAY

Class 1A Semifinals

8:30 a.m.: Kamack (30-1) vs. Zephyr (32-6)
10 a.m.: Ponder (31-4) vs. Nazareth (29-5)

Class 3A Semifinals

2 p.m.: Winnsboro (34-3) vs. Lufkin Hudson (34-4)
3:30 p.m.: Dripping Springs (32-2) vs. Comanche (31-5)

Class 4A Semifinals

7 p.m.: Bay City (32-1) vs. San Antonio Sam Houston (27-7)
8:30 p.m.: McKinney (31-3) vs. Canyon Randall (27-6)

FRIDAY

Class 2A Semifinals

9:30 a.m.: Ozona (37-1) vs. Cooper (29-6)
11 a.m.: Crawford (30-3) vs. Hamilton (28-6)

Class 5A Semifinals

3 p.m.: Amarillo Palo Duro (31-4) vs. Corpus Christi Carroll (33-5)
7 p.m.: Copperas Cove (33-1) vs. Alief Elsik (33-6)

SATURDAY

9 a.m.: Class 1A Championship
10:30 a.m.: Class 3A Championship
2:30 p.m.: Class 2A Championship
4 p.m.: Class 4A Championship
8 p.m.: Class 5A Championship

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L.A.Lakers	39	17	.696	4½
Phoenix	38	19	.667	6
Portland	33	24	.579	11
Sacramento	24	35	.407	21
GoldenState	12	45	.211	32
L.A.Clippers	12	45	.211	32

Saturday's Games

Miami 95, New Jersey 93
Dallas 103, Washington 77
Charlotte 90, Orlando 80
Chicago 109, Sacramento 94
San Antonio 100, Philadelphia 88

Sunday's Games

New York 101, L.A. Lakers 89
Indiana 90, Denver 63
Atlanta 101, Vancouver 76
Utah 106, Houston 100
Seattle 89, Phoenix 87
Minnesota 115, Detroit 113, 2OT
Cleveland 102, Golden State 82
Boston 102, Portland 101
Miami 85, New Jersey 84

Monday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Utah at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Indiana at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

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EAST

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Syracuse 77, Georgetown 72, OT
Temple 74, Massachusetts 66

SOUTH

Clemson 76, Georgia Tech 62
Wake Forest 71, N. Carolina St. 57

MIDWEST

Purdue 99, Michigan St. 96, OT
Xavier 89, Dayton 84

SOUTHWEST

Kansas 71, Oklahoma St. 67

FAR WEST

Nevada 82, New Mexico St. 72
Washington 95, UCLA 94

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Delaware 60, Hofstra 51
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Richmond 79, N.C.-Wilmington 64
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Semifinals
Iona 69, Loyola, Md. 58
Siena 77, Manhattan 71
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Buffalo 81, W. Illinois 74
Oral Roberts 94, S. Utah 84, 2OT
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Wis.-Green Bay 68, Detroit 65
Missouri Valley Conference
Semifinals
Illinois St. 75, Wichita St. 54
SW Missouri St. 67, Bradley 58
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Championship
Murray St. 92, Tennessee St. 69
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Navy 80, Bucknell 61
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Davidson 66, Appalachian St. 62
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SW Louisiana 81, Lamar 65
South Alabama 79, Ark.-Little Rock 48
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Semifinals
Gonzaga 74, San Diego 59
San Francisco 85, Santa Clara 83

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	37	16	6	80	169	116
Philadelphia	30	17	9	69	163	124
Washington	26	22	11	63	161	155
N.Y.Rangers	18	25	16	52	146	159
N.Y.Islanders	20	31	8	48	153	167
Florida	18	29	12	48	141	166
TampaBay	12	38	9	33	114	194

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	30	17	13	73	168	140
Montreal	28	23	7	63	170	151
Boston	25	22	12	62	152	145
Buffalo	23	21	14	60	149	141
Ottawa	23	28	10	56	137	153
Carolina	21	30	7	49	142	165

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	38	13	9	85	184	118
Detroit	32	15	13	77	181	138
St.Louis	32	22	8	72	185	152
Phoenix	24	25	11	59	164	170
Chicago	23	26	10	56	144	142
Toronto	20	30	8	48	137	169

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	31	14	16	78	179	144
LosAngeles	27	21	10	64	171	156
Edmonton	21	29	10	52	150	171
SanJose	22	29	7	51	143	157
Anaheim	20	30	9	49	145	182
Calgary	17	30	12	46	155	183
Vancouver	18	33	9	45	168	213

Saturday's Games

Boston 6, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Tampa Bay 5, Washington 2
Dallas 4, Phoenix 0
Chicago 4, Colorado 0
St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 2
New Jersey 4, Carolina 3
Toronto 4, Montreal 0
Edmonton 4, San Jose 1
Vancouver 6, Ottawa 4

Sunday's Games

Buffalo 3, Washington 0
Boston 5, N.Y. Islanders 4
Dallas 2, Chicago 2, OT
Calgary 2, Ottawa 1
St. Louis 6, Anaheim 2

Monday's Games

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Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Carolina at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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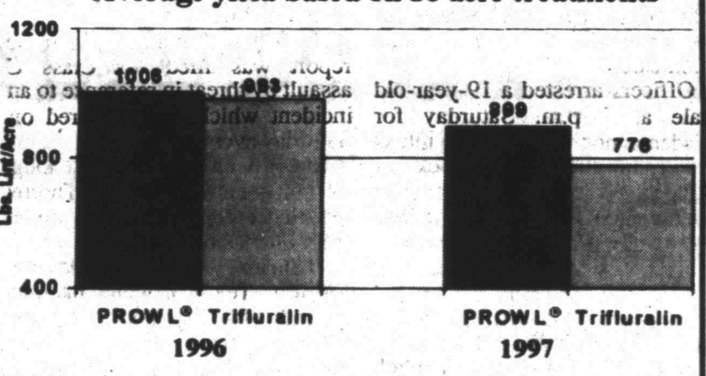
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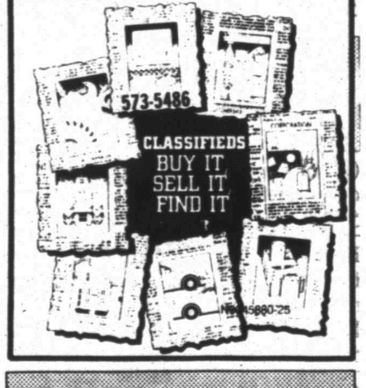
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Last 2 McCaughey septuplets go home

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Their mother wept with joy, their father grinned and their grandfather said he couldn't praise the Lord enough.

After 3½ months in the hospital, the last two of the McCaughey septuplets went home Sunday to join their famously large family and the 60 volunteers who help take care of them.

"It's great, finally, everybody under one roof," said Kenny McCaughey, carrying a bundled-up daughter Alexis in one hand and Natalie in the other before heading to the family's small three-bedroom house in Carlisle, 10 miles south of Des Moines.

The mother, Bobbi McCaughey, thought about all the trips she had made to Blank Children's Hospital to visit Natalie and Alexis.

"I'm very happy," Mrs. McCaughey said. "It'll be weird not to come up every day."

The birth of the septuplets on Nov. 19 was the first of its kind in the United States since 1985, when a California woman delivered seven babies, three of whom survived.

The McCaugheys' four boys and three girls were born about nine weeks before their Jan. 25 due date. Normally, doctors hope that babies born prematurely will be ready to go home around the date they would have been born if the pregnancy had been carried to term.

The other septuplets had already gone home, starting with firstborn Kenneth on Jan. 3 and Joel, Brandon, Kelsey and Nathan later that month. Natalie and Alexis had not been eating as aggressively as their brothers and sister, so they were hospitalized longer, family spokesman Wes Yoder said.

Natalie weighed just 2 pounds, 10 ounces at birth, but she is up to 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Alexis, who was 2 pounds, 11 ounces at birth, now weighs 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

The McCaugheys brought Kelsey and the boys to the hospital, protected from snow in pink and blue blankets, before everyone went home Sunday. Big sister Mikayla and Mrs. McCaughey's parents also were on hand.

"We brought them here for a small reunion," Kenneth McCaughey said. "It's part of being a family."

The hospital in Saudi Arabia where septuplets were born in January has threatened to call the police if the parents don't take their babies home.

Four of the seven babies were issued discharge slips last week but their parents say they are not ready to take them home. Doctors said Sunday the hospital nursery is overcrowded and they are running out of patience.

8 people arrested; one for felony DWI

Eight people were arrested over the weekend, including one on felony driving while intoxicated charges.

Officers arrested Roy Garza Jr., 26, of the American Motor Inn #207, at 3:52 p.m. Sunday in the 2800 block of Avenue F for felony DWI.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male at 4 p.m. Saturday in the 3600 block of Kerrville for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

Two people were arrested shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday on alcohol-related charges. Taken into custody in the 1900 block of Avenue R for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated was a 33-year-old male, while a 31-year-old male was charged with public intoxication.

At 1:44 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 21-year-old male in the 700 block of 24th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old male at 8 p.m. Saturday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated in the 2500 block of College Avenue. A 21-year-old male passenger in the car was arrested for minor in possession.

DPS troopers arrested a 25-year-old male around midnight Sunday on Round Top Road on several DPS warrants from Lubbock, including seat belt violation, expired driver's license, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and failure to appear.

In other activity over the weekend, Stanley Clark requested a deputy Sunday morning at a location on the Old Lubbock Highway as a building had been broken into. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

Three reports of criminal mischief were investigated by officers Sunday afternoon.

Officers were called to the 1300 block of 20th Street at 12:44 p.m. as a window had been broken on a vehicle. A short time later, an officer was requested in the 1900 block of Scott as another vehicle had vandalized.

Snyder EMS transported a 39-year-old male to Cogdell Hospital emergency room at 11:41 a.m. Saturday in reference to the man taking an overdose of pills. Officers filed an offense report for overdose.

Officers filed an offense report for harassment by telephone at noon Sunday.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, an offense report was filed for Class C assault by threat in reference to an incident which had occurred on Saturday evening.

Sunday afternoon, Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey reported several road signs stolen from Ennis Creek Road.

Officers were called to the Western Texas College campus around 11 p.m. Sunday as the security officer reported hearing gun shots. A vehicle was searched on the campus but no weapons were found.

Six reports of loud music were also received over the weekend.

Actress slightly injures hip

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor was expected to be released soon from a hospital where she was recovering from bruises suffered in a fall hours before her 66th birthday party was to begin.

The actress hurt her hip and back in Friday morning's fall, her publicist said late Sunday.

"She's doing fine. There's some bruising, nothing serious," Shirine Ann Coburn said.

"She was kneeling to get something from the nightstand, and when she straightened up, she fell. She didn't hit her head and she was never unconscious," Coburn said.

The Academy Award-winning actress ("Butterfield 8" in 1960 and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in 1966) has endured a series of health problems.

Serious respiratory problems nearly killed her in 1990 and kept her hospitalized for three months. Miss Taylor also had brain surgery a year ago to remove a benign golf ball-sized tumor.

Firemen have busy weekend

Snyder Fire Department had a busy weekend, responding to five calls Sunday and one on Saturday.

The department responded to a garage fire at 4:36 p.m. Saturday at 860 CR 221. The garage, owned by Willie Rodgers, received moderate damage, as did the contents. The cause is still under investigation.

At 11:45 a.m. Sunday, the department responded to what turned out to be a controlled burn at Highway 84 and CR 2844.

At noon, the department extinguished a small grass fire some 10 miles east of Snyder on Highway 180.

At 1:10 p.m., a small fire was reported on the kitchen grill at Cogdell Hospital. No damage was reported.

Shortly thereafter, the department extinguished a small grass fire in the 5200 block of Etgen Boulevard.

At 4:19 p.m. Sunday, the department responded to a grass fire some 14 miles northwest of Snyder on the Bullard Ranch.

3 injured in accident

Three people were injured in a one-vehicle accident early Sunday morning on Highway 84 at the intersection of FM 1611.

All three were transported by Snyder EMS to Cogell Hospital where two were treated and released and the third transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Billy Montgomery, 33, of 2311 27th St. was first treated at Cogdell Hospital and then transferred by Snyder EMS to Lubbock. He was treated and then released from UMC later in the day.

Dennis Garcia, 18, of 1254 N. Ave. P and Gabriel Vasquez, 18, of 4700 Ave. R were both taken by Snyder EMS to Cogdell where they were released following treatment.

The accident was investigated by the Department of Public Safety.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 27-Lester Wall of Jayton, Bernice Ornelas; Feb. 28-Ima Eastman, Russell Cearley; March 1-Alice Laso, Tori Thompson, Corena Cole.

DISMISSALS: Feb. 27-Valree Shroyer, W.F. West; Annie Dunn, Opal Eades, Arlie Rodgers, Oneida Spradlin; Feb. 28-Bernice Ornelas, Lola Galasso, Larry Hooper, Linda Kiddy, Juanita Roddy; March 1-Russell Cearly.

CENSUS: 36 (Med., Surg.-9, Long-term Care-26, CCU-1).

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	129	127¼	128	+1 7-16
AT&T Corp	61⅛	60⅝	60	13-16— 3-16
AirTouch	45¼	44	13-16	45 3-16+ 5-16
Albertsons	48	1-16	47⅜	47 11-16+ ⅜
AlldSignal s			42¾	42 42 9-16
Alltel	46¼		45⅛	46 1-16+ ⅜
AmerOnline	121⅜	119	119	9-16—1 13-16
AmStoress	25	3-16	25	1-16 25⅜— 1-16
Ameritech s	42⅜		41¼	42 5-16+ ⅜
Amoco	85	15-16	85	1-16 85⅜+ ⅜
AndarkPtr	65⅜		64⅛	65 5-16+13-16
AtmcoInc	5	7-16	5⅜	5⅜+ 1-16
AtlRichfld s	78		76¾	77 13-16+ 1-16
ATMOS Egy	29⅜	28	13-16	29⅜+11-16
Aviall	14	7-16	14⅜	14 7-16+ 1-16
BakerHughes	41	15-16	40½	41⅛+15-16
BellAtl	91⅛	89	9-16	91 5-16+1 9-16
BellSouth	61¾	60	13-16	61 11-16+ ⅜
BethSteel	10¾	10	9-16	10 11-16+ 1-16
BritPet s	85⅛		84⅛	84⅜+2 3-16
BurlNoSFe	100⅜		99⅜	100⅛+ ⅛
CBS Corp	31	5-16	31	31⅛+ 5-16
Caterpillar s	53⅜		53⅛	53 5-16— 1⅛
CenSoWst	26	15-16	26⅝	26⅛+ 1-16
Chevron	81¾		81⅛	81 7-16+ 9-16
Chrysler	39	5-16	38⅝	39 1-16+ 3-16
Coastal	64½		63⅜	64 7-16+13-16
CocaCola	68	11-16	68¼	68⅛— ⅛
ColgatePalm s	81	1-16	80⅜	81 — 3-16
ComclMetals			32⅜	32⅛ 32⅛+ ⅛
CooperIn	56	7-16	55	15-16 56¼+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	16	7-16	16⅛	16 7-16+ 1-16
DallSemicn			48⅛	47¾ 47⅞— ⅛
DeltaAird	114⅜		113⅜	113½+ 7-16
DigitalEq			57⅞	56¾ 57⅝+ 7-16
Dillards Inc	35¾		35⅜	35 11-16+ 1-16
DowChem	92	3-16	91¾	91 15-16+ 7-16
DresserInd			45¾	44 5-16 45⅝+ 1⅛
DuPont s			61⅞	61¼ 61⅛+ 7-16
EastmanChem			66¾	65¾ 66⅛+ ⅜
EstKodak	66¾	65	9-16	65 9-16— 1-16
EDS Corp			44	43¾ 43 15-16+ ⅛
Entergy	28¾	28	13-16	28 13-16— ⅛
Exxon s	64⅛		63¾	63 13-16+ 1-16
FstBksAm			23	22¾ 23 + ⅛
Flowers s	25	15-16	25⅛	25 15-16+ ⅛
FordMotor	56	15-16	56⅛	56 11-16+ ⅛
GTE Cp	54¼		53	5-16 54 3-16+ 1-16
GenDynam			86¾	86 3-16 86⅝— ⅛
GenElecs	77⅞		76¾	76 13-16—15-16
GenMills	71¼	70	15-16	71 11-16— ⅛
GenMotors			69	5-16 68 69⅛+ 5-16
GaPacGP s	59¾	58	7-16	59⅛+ 7-16
GlobalMar	24⅛		23¾	24⅛+13-16
Goodrich	49⅜	49	5-16	49⅝+ 3-16
Goodyear s			68⅞	68⅝ 68⅝— ⅛
GtAtlPac	30	3-16	30	1-16 30⅜— 5-16
Halliburtn s	47	7-16	46	5-16 47 7-16+ 1
Hanson ADS			25⅜	25⅛ 25⅛+ 7-16
HarteHanks			43¼	43 7-16 43⅝+ 7-16
HomeDepot s			64	13-16 63⅜ 64⅛+ ⅛
HoustonInds	25⅞		25⅜	25 13-16— 1-16
IBM s	104	9-16	103⅜	104 — 7-16
IntlPaper			46¼	46 5-16 46⅛+ ⅛
JohnsonJn	75	9-16	75	1-16 75⅛— ⅛
K mart	13⅛	13	5-16	13 7-16+ 3-16
Kroger s			42	7-16 42 42 5-16+ 1-16
Litton			62	61 7-16 61 7-16—13-16
LockhdMart			116⅛	116⅛ 116¼— 7-16
Lowes Cos	60	13-16	58⅜	60⅛+2 5-16
Lubys	17⅜		17	3-16 17 5-16— 1-16
LucentTech			110⅛	109⅜ 109⅜+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	60⅜		60⅛	60 11-16— 1-16
Medtronic s			53	9-16 53 3-16 53⅛+ ⅛
Mobils			72¼	71 13-16 72⅛— ⅛
Monsanto	51	9-16	50	15-16 51 9-16+ 7-16
MorganJP	122		119⅛	121 3-16+1 11-16
Motorola			56⅛	56 56⅛+ ⅛
NCR Corp	31	5-16	31⅛	31 5-16+ 1-16
NationsBk			68⅛	68 5-16 68⅛
Navistar			31¼	30¾ 31⅛+ ⅛
Norwests	41⅛	40	13-16	41 3-16+ 3-16
OryxEngy			25⅛	25 3-16 25⅛+ 1-16
Penney JC	71	7-16	70	7-16 71 5-16+ ⅛
Pennzoil	66	15-16	66⅜	66⅝— 3-16
PepBoys	25	5-16	25	1-16 25 3-16— 7-16
PepsiCo			36¼	36 9-16 36⅛+ ⅛
PhelpDodge			64	63⅜ 63⅛+ ⅛
PhilipPet	48	15-16	48⅛	48⅜— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	12	7-16	11⅛	12 3-16+1 7-16
Polaroid			45⅞	45⅝ 45⅝— 1-16
Praxair	47	13-16	47⅛	47 11-16— ⅛
ProctGamb s			84⅛	83⅜ 83⅜— 1
PubSNwMx	23	7-16	23⅛	23⅜— 1-16
RoyalDut s	55⅛		55	1-16 55⅜+13-16
SBC Comm	76	5-16	75⅛	76 3-16+ 9-16
SaraLee	56	11-16	56⅛	56 7-16— 1-16
Scripps EW			54	1-16 53⅜ 54 1-16+ 1
SearsRoeb	53⅜	52	15-16	53 5-16+ 5-16
SherwinW			33⅛	33⅛ 33 7-16
SmthBc ADS s	62⅛		61⅛	61 13-16— 1-16
SouthernCo	24	13-16	24⅜	24⅛+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	29	3-16	28⅞	29⅛+ 7-16
Sprint			66⅛	66 66
SunCo	41		39	13-16 40⅛+15-16
TNP Ent			32⅜	32⅛ 32⅛+ ⅛
Tandy s			44⅛	44⅛ 44⅛
TempleInland			59⅛	59⅛ 59⅛— ⅛
Tenneco	41⅛	41	1-16	41 5-16+ 3-16
Texaco s			56	1-16 55⅞ 56 + ⅛
TexInd			56½	55⅞ 56⅛— ⅛
TexasInst s	57	13-16	55⅞	56⅛— 1⅛
TexUtil	40	7-16	40⅛	40 5-16— ⅛
Textron s	75	5-16	74	11-16 75 + 1-16
Travelers s	55	11-16	55	1-16 55⅜— ⅛
TriconGlbR n	28	15-16	28	5-16 28 15-16+ 7-16
TrinityInds	50	5-16	49⅝	50 5-16+ 1-16
TritonEngy			31⅛	31¼ 31⅛— ⅛
Tyler			8	1-16 7⅞ 7⅞— ⅛
US WestCm			52⅜	51⅛ 52⅛+ 5-16
USWstMda	32⅛	31	15-16	32 7-16+ ⅛
USX-Marathn			35	34 9-16 34⅝+ 5-16
USX-USS	35	15-16	35⅛	35 9-16+ 7-16
UnCarbde	46	13-16	46	5-16 46 13-16+ ⅜
UnionPacif			50⅜	50 50 9-16— 9-16
UnitedTech			89⅝	88 7-16 89⅜— 3-16
Unocal			37⅛	36 15-16 37⅛— 5-16
WalMart			47	3-16 46⅛ 47 +11-16
WstnGasRs	17	3-16	17⅛	17 3-16+ 1-16
WinnDixie	53	7-16	52⅜	53 7-16— ⅛
Woolworth	23	9-16	23	7-16 23 7-16— 5-16
Xerox Corp	88	15-16	87⅞	88⅜— ⅛
ZenithE			7	6 9-16 6⅜+ ⅛

Senior Center Menu

TUESDAY

Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, peaches and cottage cheese, pineapple upside-down cake

WEDNESDAY

Chicken spaghetti, asparagus, Harvard beets, lettuce salad, banana pudding

THURSDAY

Beef stew, fried okra, mixed fruit, Jello w/topping, oatmeal cookie, cornbread

FRIDAY

Fried fish, potatoes au graten, boiled okra, green pea salad, lemon refrigerator dessert

Stanfield

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Stanfield Elementary School recently honored several children who were named "Student of the Month" for January and February. They were selected for outstanding citizenship and character qualities displayed during the past two months. They received Stanfield Student of the Month stickers, pencils and were treated to a special lunch with Lois Boles, principal.

Fantastic Frosties for January and February include: Morgan Fenner, Lindsey Cox, Kimberly Rodriguez, Holly Manlief, Jessica Hinson, Angie Amarillas, Brooke Burleson, Christian Willson, D'Andrew Davis, Jesse Conner, Collin Danforth, Cami Mitchell, Kendra Peterson, Aaron Garza, Alex Jaramillo, Gavin Gray, Jdee Early, Garrett Gray, Eboni Jackson, Michael Brasher, Jacoree Brooks, K.K. Botts, Jordan Rodriguez.

Also Ozzy Rains, Stephen Gladden, Ayeshia Greathouse, Larry Luna, Crystal Rodriguez, Mayra Estrada, Imelda Padron, Jay Olivas, Kyler Hatley, Cody Burney, Adrian Cuellar, Mark Aguilar, Christin Tippens, Jerad Delce, Becky Evans, Riley Wood, Cindy Garza, Jake Strickland, Keona Ward, Kendra Iglehart, Raven Gist, Carly Hill, Lorissa Blackard.

And Keagan Herrley, Brance Scott, Quentin Shafer, Raquel Ruiz, Erica Lee, Brandon Jones, Megan Velasquez, Brandon Hill, Daniel Burk, Kelly Holdren, Zachary Key, Kayla Pittman, Ashley Casas, Ashley Gonzales, Cord Welsh, Layton Westmoreland, Josh Lumpkins, Lance Day, Joe Garza, Michael Medrano, Marci Pinkerton, Zachary White, Michelle Arteaga, Samantha Garcia, Allen Jones, Samantha Daves, Chad Franks, Jacob Hinson, Jennifer Free, Chris Rodriguez, Tess Gruben, Caitlyn Whitt, Kenya Gafford, Eduardo Arellano.

Military study prescribes U.S. nuclear policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States should maintain the threat of nuclear retaliation with an "irrational and vindictive" streak to intimidate would-be attackers such as Iraq, according to an internal military study made public Sunday.

The study, "Essentials of Post-Cold War Deterrence," was written by the Defense Department's Strategic Command, a multiservice organization responsible for the nation's strategic nuclear arsenal. It was obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by an arms control group and published Sunday in a report on U.S. strategies for deterring attacks by antagonistic nations using chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

"Because of the value that comes from the ambiguity of what the U.S. may do to an adversary if the acts we seek to deter are carried out, it hurts to portray ourselves as too fully rational and cool-headed," the 1995 Strategic Command study says.

The London-based think tank the British-American Security Information Council cited the STRATCOM document in its report as an example of the Pentagon's push to maintain a mission for its nuclear arsenal long after the Soviet threat disappeared.

The report portrays the command as fighting and winning an internal bureaucratic battle against liberal Clinton administration officials who lean in favor of dramatic nuclear weapons reductions. Citing a range of formerly classified documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, the report shows how the United States shifted its nuclear deterrent strategy from the defunct Soviet Union to so-called rogue states: Iraq, Libya, Cuba, North Korea and the like.

In its study, the Strategic Command uses Cold War language in defending the relevance of nuclear weapons in deterring such potential adversaries.

"The fact that some elements (of the U.S. government) may appear to be potentially 'out of control' can be beneficial to creating and reinforcing fears and doubts within the minds of an adversary's decision makers," its report said. "That the U.S. may become irrational and vindictive if its vital interests are attacked should be a part of the national persona we project to all adversaries."

The idea of projecting an aura of irrationality was not original to STRATCOM. It dates at least as far back as the early 1960s, when Harvard Professor Thomas Schelling was writing his groundbreaking works on game theory and nuclear bargaining.

"It is not a universal advantage in situations of conflict to be inalienably and manifestly rational in decision and motivation," Schelling wrote. These were ideas later adopted by Henry Kissinger and President Nixon in using coercive air strikes on North Vietnam as a way of forcing Hanoi to the bargaining table in the latter stages of the Vietnam War.

In 1997, two years after STRATCOM advanced its latter-day version of this theory, President Clinton approved a directive on U.S. nuclear policy that upheld the "negative security assurance" that the United States will refrain from first-use of nuclear weapons against signatories to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, a list that includes Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea.

The policy, however, includes exceptions that presidential adviser Robert Bell said have been "refined" in recent years. They would allow responding with nuclear weapons to attacks by nuclear-capable states, countries that are not in good standing under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty or states allied with nuclear powers. Iraq, which the United States regards as violating international atomic weapons restrictions, could be one such exception.

Arms control advocates are concerned that signatories to the Non-Proliferation Treaty who possess no nuclear weapons will abandon the pact if they see the existing nuclear powers preserving their nuclear arsenals and finding missions for their weapons — particularly if those missions include scenarios that involve attacks on them.

Bell, President Clinton's senior adviser on nuclear weapons and arms control matters, disputed that argument in an interview Friday.

"I don't think there's a disconnect in principle between some level of general planning at STRATCOM and the negative security assurance and our goals relative to the Non-Proliferation Treaty," Bell said. Treaty signatories are more worried about their neighbors than the United States, Bell said, and they support the nuclear weapons reductions the treaty imposes on nuclear-armed states.

Of the 1995 Strategic Command document, Bell said, "That sounds like an internal STRATCOM paper which certainly does not rise to the level of national policy."

Navy Lt. Laurel Tingley, spokeswoman for the Omaha, Neb.-based command, said she could not comment on the council's report until it could be reviewed in detail. She restated the command's basic policy guidance that deterrence of attacks involving nuclear, chemical or biological weapons is "the fundamental purpose of U.S. nuclear forces."

Worried that the Clinton administration wanted to end the command's role, an internal memo referred in 1993 to then-Assistant Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, who was in charge of proliferation and arms control issues, as having "negative feelings" toward nuclear weapons. Background information on Carter, the command document said, indicated "a less than favorable long-term outlook for nuclear weapons" and long-term visions of "complete denuclearization."

Carter, now at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, said in a telephone interview the Strategic Command saw its influence within the Pentagon waning as budgets for nuclear weapons were slashed after the Cold War.

At the Pentagon, Carter was trying to develop nonnuclear options for retaliating against rogue attackers who used weapons of mass destruction, he said, "because any president would surely prefer to have nonnuclear options."

"It doesn't surprise me at all that those who were responsible for nuclear weapons budgets would find that threatening," Carter said. But at the time, he said, the real threat to the Strategic Command's mission came not from civilian Pentagon officials but from within the uniformed military.

Berry's World



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"Do ya think we could invoke EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE?"

Chris Darden to star in ABC movie

NEW YORK (AP) — Maybe Christopher Darden will have better luck in the movies.

The former Los Angeles prosecutor who failed to convict O.J. Simpson in real life gets a second chance — of sorts — in a TV movie with a remarkably similar plot.

"One Hot Summer Night," which airs on ABC on March 12, has Darden playing a detective who investigates the death of a sports figure's blonde wife. Sound familiar?

"I'm sort of playing me," Darden admits in the March 7 TV Guide.

BJ

BJ Services and the **Texas Blood Institute** will be conducting a blood drive **Saturday, March 7**
3:00-5:00 p.m. at **311 N. Lubbock Hwy.**
PUBLIC WELCOME
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Burden of Parents' Divorce Can Weigh Heavily on Kids

DEAR ABBY: Please remind parents who are divorcing not to forget to have that all-important conversation with their sons and daughters in which they assure them that the divorce has nothing to do with them.

Don't assume they "know." Children need to be told that their parents will be there for them, even though their parents won't be living together. And it's vital that the parents follow through by being available to their children physically, emotionally and financially as much as possible.

My father abandoned my three siblings and me in all three ways. At 44, after three failed relationships, I still hurt because my father never told me the divorce was not my fault, and because he never stood by us. With the help of counseling, I've stopped blaming my father and myself for my failed relationships. I have finally made peace with my dad. I don't respect him or the decisions he made, but I do love him. He is who he is, and I realize now that it's time to get on with my life.

ON THE MEND
IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ON THE MEND: That's good advice for divorcing parents everywhere. As I say in my teen booklet, the real victims of divorce or separation are too often the innocent bystanders — the children. I tell the children of divorce: "Don't make your burden harder to bear by feeling in any way guilty about the split. Children are seldom, if ever, the cause — or even a factor — in a divorce or separation."

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DEAR ABBY: I, too, used to silently condemn able-looking people who park in handicapped spaces. Then my husband developed lymphatic cancer at age 39 and needed chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

During his half-year of treatment, he displayed a handicapped placard in his car. Anybody watching him leave his car would have seen a tall, handsome, well-built man in the prime of his life. But the powerful treatments left him so weak and exhausted, he could barely walk across a parking lot.

That's when I realized that not all disabilities show, and if a person has a handicapped placard on the dashboard, he or she probably needs it.

JULI
IN VALLEY VILLAGE, CALIF.

P.S. Three years later, my husband is doing just fine.

DEAR JULI: I'm pleased that your story has a happy ending. I'm printing your letter as a reminder that people shouldn't jump to conclusions without having all the facts.

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DEAR ABBY: I was driving home on New Year's Day via California Highway 73, one of the few toll roads in our state. At the collection gate, I followed a black four-door sedan. I thought the young female driver was talking excessively to the collector, but I stayed composed. When I handed the collector the fee, he returned it, informing me that the driver ahead of me had paid my fee and also wished me a Happy New Year!

Abby, a wonderful warmth came over me as my faith in the goodness of my fellowman was for that moment restored.

LLOYD JONES, SAN DIEGO

DEAR LLOYD: A wonderful warmth came over *me* when I read your letter. Thank you for sharing a dandy day-brightener.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Datebook

March 2, 1998

Today is the 61st day of 1998 and the 72nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1964, the Beatles began filming their first movie, "A Hard Day's Night."

On this day in 1974, Stevie Wonder took home five Grammys, one of them for Album of the Year for his LP "Innervisions."

On this day in 1984, Hollywood's Gold Star Recording Studios, where the Beach Boys had made many recordings, were closed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sam Houston (1793-1863), Texas statesman; Sholom Aleichem (1859-1916), writer; Kurt Weill (1900-1950), composer; Moe Berg (1902-1972), baseball player-intelligence operative; Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss, 1904-1991), writer; Tom Wolfe (1931-), writer, is 67; Mikhail Gorbachev (1931-), Russian statesman, is 67; John Irving (1942-), writer, is 56; Lou Reed (1943-), songwriter, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1927, after 13 years of baseball, Babe Ruth signed a history-making $70,000 contract with the Yankees.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Myths are clues to the spiritual potentialities of human life." — Joseph Campbell

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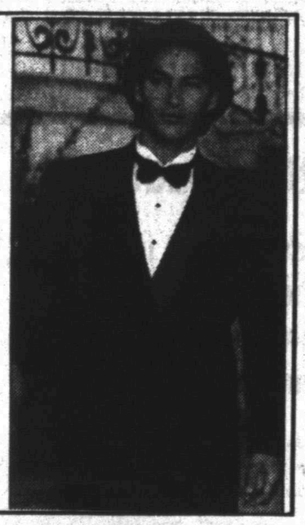
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Diana was conscious, bodyguard now recalls

LONDON (AP) — The only survivor of the crash that killed Princess Diana slowly is recovering his memory, a newspaper reported today, and says he now recalls the dying Diana calling out the name of her dead lover.

For six months, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones remembered little about the events immediately before and after the Aug. 31 car crash in Paris. With the help of a psychiatrist, he is piecing together recollections, he told The Mirror newspaper.

"I have had flashes of a female voice calling out in the back of the car. First, it's a groan. Then Dodi's name is called," Rees-Jones told the paper.

"It could only have been Princess Diana. I was conscious, and so was she," he said.

Rees-Jones' lawyers confirmed his statements to the newspaper, which were his most extensive public comments to date on the crash.

In November, Frederic Mailliez, the French doctor who treated Diana first, said she had been semiconscious and muttering, and did not say "anything precise."

The British royal family, Diana's relatives and politicians have been skeptical of claims that she was aware of the crash, and have criticized veiled allegations of conspiracy raised by Mohamed al Fayed, who was the father of Diana's companion, Dodi Fayed, and the employer of Rees-Jones.

Rees-Jones, who was sitting in the car's front passenger seat, told The Mirror he was conscious immediately after the Mercedes hit the side of the Pont de L'Alma tunnel.

"As far as I consider, there were only two people conscious in the vehicle," Rees-Jones said. "Princess Diana was the other one who was conscious. Unfortunately, the other two people were dead."

Diana died later in Paris' Pitie-Salpetriere Hospital.

Rees-Jones also said that chauffeur Henri Paul did not appear to have been drinking. Blood tests later showed Paul was intoxicated.

"People can come up with all sorts of theories and opinions after the event. But I know exactly what happened because I was there. I can state quite categorically that he was not a hopeless drunk as some have tried to suggest," Rees-Jones said. "If he had shown any signs of being drunk, I would never have let him near our car."

Rees-Jones told the paper he remembers two cars and a motorbike chasing the Mercedes after it left the Ritz Holtel in Paris.

One of the cars was a white hatchback. The paper said that was similar to a Fiat thought to have been involved in the crash.

Rees-Jones was seriously injured. For several months he remembered nothing about the crash, but said that under psychiatric treatment, his memory improved.

"To start with I couldn't remember a thing, and doctors weren't sure if I would ever remember. I had amnesia, everything was just a blank," he said. "I am starting to remember more and more."

Herve Stephan, the French judge investigating the crash, will question Rees-Jones in Paris in the coming weeks in the hope that he might shed new light on the accident, the bodyguard's lawyer, Christian Curtil, said today.

In September, Britain's editors introduced a new code of conduct, reacting to the uproar over press intrusion into Diana's life.

The Mirror justified its story on grounds of public interest, although it is likely to bring complaints the newspaper is continuing to delve into Diana's life, regardless of the possible effect on Diana's relatives and her children, Princes William and Harry.

The Sunday Telegraph, a broadsheet newspaper that has been highly critical of the tabloid coverage of Princess Diana, said Rees-Jones' interview with The Mirror had been arranged by Mohamed al Fayed.

Rees-Jones' lawyers said the bodyguard had not been paid for the interview.

Al Fayed, who owns the Ritz Hotel in Paris and Harrods department store in London, also gave a lengthy interview to The Mirror on Feb. 12 saying he was "99.9 percent certain" the crash was part of a conspiracy and that Diana and Dodi were engaged. He also produced a new version of her "last words."

He has offered no evidence to support his claims.

Today's Independent questioned whether Rees-Jones' recovered memories could be accurate, since his medical and psychiatric treatment was paid for by Al Fayed.

Also today, lawyers said that Diana left an estate worth $35.6 million. The bulk of the $21 million remaining after taxes will go to her two sons, the lawyers say.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Trial set today for 'Republic' fraud case

DALLAS (AP) — Republic of Texas separatists who say they had the right to set up bank accounts and pay bills with "warrants" today were in federal court fighting charges of bank and mail fraud.

U.S. District Judge Joe Fish said he hoped to wrap up the case against group leader Richard McLaren, his wife Evelyn and seven others by this afternoon.

McLaren is already serving a 99-year prison term for his role in last year's kidnapping of a neighbor in the remote Davis Mountains Resort, which triggered a week-long standoff with 300 state troopers and Texas Rangers.

The Republic of Texas contends that the annexation of Texas as a state in 1845 was illegal, and that the group's leaders constitute the legitimate government of the independent nation of Texas.

As an independent nation, the group claimed the right to issue its own currency. But federal prosecutors say the documents were bogus and amounted to no less than fraud.

McLaren, the leader of one ROT faction, and eight followers were charged last spring with issuing the worthless warrants, which looked like cashier's checks. U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins says losses total in the "hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Federal prosecutors said eight companies received worthless documents from the Republic totaling more than $3.4 million: BankOne Texas, OmniAmerican Federal Credit Union, Downs' Print & Sign Designs, American Express, Kelly's Jewelry in Austin, NationsBank Texas, VISA and First Class American Credit Union in Fort Worth.

Charge-card giant American Express got taken for more than $100,000, spokeswoman Gail Wasserman said.

Mrs. McLaren pleaded innocent to federal charges of conspiracy, bank fraud, mail fraud and aiding and abetting last June. She faces up to 155 years in jail and more than $5 million in fines, if convicted.

In December, McLaren and two of his co-defendants refused to enter a plea in the case.

The U.S. attorney's office said Richard George Kieninger, 70, of Quinlan is charged with several bank fraud counts and Linh Ngoc Vu, 32, of Carrollton has been charged with several counts of mail fraud.

Also indicted in the case are Jaspar Baccus, Steven Crear, Erwin Brown, Joe Louis Reece and Mark Anthony Hernandez.

Nurse appears in public

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A nurse seriously injured in an abortion clinic bombing met with reporters today for the first time, vowing that she "will not stay down."

Emily Lyons, at the request of investigators, would not say what, if anything, she remembers of the Jan. 29 bombing, which killed an off-duty Birmingham policeman, Robert Sanderson.

Mrs. Lyons, who was a counselor as well as a nurse at the New Woman All Women clinic, had just arrived, as had Sanderson, when the bomb detonated outside the building near the front entrance.

"I just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time that day," said Mrs. Lyons, her face scarred from bomb shrapnel. She was blinded in the attack and lost sight permanently in one eye, but the other is expected to heal.

Eric Robert Rudolph, a North Carolina man whose truck was seen near the clinic, has been charged in the fatal bombing but remains a fugitive.

In a crowded hospital news conference, Mrs. Lyons said the bombing accomplished nothing for opponents of abortion. The clinic remains open, she said, and both workers and pregnant women are showing up.

Strep hotline has been busy

AUSTIN (AP) — A new telephone hotline to answer questions about a deadly strain of strep bacteria got a rash of calls from a concerned public this weekend.

More than 400 people called into the new hotline to ask state and local health workers if their symptoms were indicative of the invasive Group A streptococcus bacterium.

Since December, 13 people in Texas died after becoming infected with the bacteria. A 16-month-old Austin child and a 9-year-old Round Rock girl became the latest victims when they died.

The higher incident rate of strep A infections prompted the Texas Department of Health to open the phone line.

Even though the line was scheduled to open at 9 a.m. Saturday, Health Department spokeswoman Lynn Denton said 60 people called Friday night after the phone numbers were announced.

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Obituaries

Gene Stom

1925-1998

Guy "Gene" Stom, a technician for Amoco for 42 years, died Saturday, Feb. 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Stom, 72, was held at 10 a.m. today in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Craig Curry, pastor, officiating.

Graveside service was to follow at 4 p.m. today in the Elmwood Cemetery in Bowie. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born April 4, 1925 in Graford, Tex., he married Connie Wrestler on Nov. 24, 1948 in Kermit. Mr. Stom was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Stom had moved to Snyder from Albany in 1970. After retiring from Amoco, he owned and operated Snyder Pawn in Snyder Shopping Center.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Katheryn Magaro; and a brother, C.O. Stom.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Stom of Snyder; a daughter, Pamela Cantu of Dallas; three sisters, Dawn Craig of Wichita Falls, Claudine Kiles of Bowie and June Walker of Eunice, N.M.; and three brothers, Roy Stom of Bowie, George Stom of Fort Worth and Carl Stom of Nocona.

Layne Wright

1962-1998

Funeral service for Barry Layne Wright, 35, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Dr. Rex Reynolds, minister of the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Wright, a resident of Bridgeport, died Friday, Feb. 27, in an auto accident in Alvarado.

Born June 13, 1962 in Snyder, Mr. Wright had lived in Andrews before moving to Bridgeport. He attended elementary school in Snyder and graduated from Andrews High School. Mr. Wright was a GMC truck salesman.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Randy Wright, in 1989.

Survivors include a son, Michael Layne Wright of Bryan; his parents, W.E. "Dub" and Joy Wright of Andrews; and a brother and sister-in-law, Bobby and Denise Wright of Friendswood; another sister-in-law, Patti Wright Bailey of Red Oak; four nieces; and two nephews, including Chris Wright of Snyder and his wife, Lucy.

Wednesday service

• Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Cemetery for Gladys Kite Peters who died Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Red Rose Inn in Cassville following a lengthy illness. She was 89.

Mrs. Peters, a former resident of Snyder, was born on May 31, 1908 in Bulls Gap, Tenn. She moved to Cassville from Snyder in 1951.

A service was to be held today in Cassville.

Billy Durham Sr.

1923-1998

Billy Doran Durham Sr., a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, March 1, in an Abilene hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Durham, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Homer Anderson, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Born Dec. 30, 1923 in Dunn, he married Evelyn Shelton on Aug. 28, 1947 in Clovis, N.M.

Mr. Durham served in the U.S. Army from 1944-46. He was a retired farmer and a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Durham of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Billy D. and Cindy Durham of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda Kay and Joe Sartain of Hobbs, N.M., and Linda May and Mal Walls of Burleson; a twin sister and her husband, Bonnie and J.O. Sheid of Arlington; a sister-in-law, Polly Scafer of Seagoville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dumas and Roberta Shelton of Tomball, and George and Loraine Shelton of California; 10 grandchildren, Lori Moore, Jeffery Walls and Bradley Walls, all of Burleson, Amy Sartain, Mark Sartain and Emily Sartain, all of Hobbs, N.M., and Blake Durham, Bryan Durham, Brock Durham and Caleb Durham, all of Snyder; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will greet friends at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. this evening.

Velma Squyers

1905-1998

LUBBOCK — Velma Cumbie Squyers, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 27, at her home in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Squyers, 93, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Sanders Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. The Rev. Terry L. Sanders, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Feb. 9, 1905 in Abilene, she married Tom Squyers on Jan. 20, 1921 in Snyder. He died in 1990. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Greer; and a son, Weldon Squyers.

Mrs. Squyers moved to Lubbock in 1942 and was a civilian employee at Reese Air Force Base during World War II. She also worked as a nurse at Texas Tech, and she was a charter member of the Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Thomas Leslie Squyers of New Mexico; nine grandchildren; and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to the Building Fund of the Trinity Baptist Church.

Storm damage ongoing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Southern California passenger train service was disrupted today following more landslides caused by the West Coast's series of soaking El Nino-powered storms.

In addition, yet another house has been destroyed by a mudslide and others were in danger as saturated soil continues to ooze downhill despite nearly a week of sunny weather.

A landslide Sunday evening in San Clemente blocked railroad tracks and forced the evacuation of four homes, said Lt. Rich Paddock with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. No injuries were reported, but one home lost part of its back yard and patio.

Because of the blocked tracks, Amtrak service on the Los Angeles-San Diego line was halted and a southbound train with 221 passengers had to return to San Juan Capistrano, officials said.

Authorities hoped to decide today when they could reopen the line.

Amtrak had just restored service on the same line after repairing a storm-damaged bridge.

Another sodden hillside collapsed Sunday in Los Angeles, destroying a house in the Studio City area near Universal Studios Hollywood. The house had been evacuated last week.

"The hillside gave way, causing the home to slide onto its own pool," city fire spokesman Brian Humphrey said.

Two other evacuated homes on the hill in an upscale neighborhood also were in danger, he said.

Three Texans hurt in crash

MARIETTA, Okla. (AP) — A strong crosswind forced a small airplane into a row of trees as the pilot tried to land the aircraft at a Love County catfish restaurant.

The pilot and two passengers, all from Tyler, Texas, were injured in the Sunday afternoon crash. All were taken to hospitals in Dallas for treatment.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said the crash occurred about 2:20 p.m. at a private landing strip owned by the McGehee Catfish Restaurant. The airplane nose slammed into the ground.

Patrol Sgt. Chris Roan said pilot Robert J. Lamonte, 66, was in fair condition and passengers Ralph E. Carroll and 10-year-old Dan J. Carroll were in good condition.

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Band boosters will not meet

There will be no meeting of the band boosters tonight at Snyder High School.

Tiger Pride Club meeting

The Tiger Pride Club will meet at 7 this evening in the SHS student center. Plans for the April banquet will be discussed.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Overcoming and Encouraging," followed by "Overcoming Alcohol Dependency," will begin at 7 tonight.

Bass club meets Tuesday

Snyder Bass Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder National Bank.

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

Book "Tiger Jazz"

Snyder High School show choir "Tiger Jazz" is interested in performing for local organizations. The group has a 25-to-30-minute show of popular favorites from the 1930s to the 1980s. To book a performance call 573-6301.

Snyder Wheels Swap Meet

Snyder Wheels Swap Meet is slated for Friday and Saturday and the car show will be Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. For information, call 573-3579 or 573-9009.

Kiwanis Pancake Feast

Snyder Noon Kiwanis Pancake Feast will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the West Elementary cafeteria. Cost is $4. Children under six may eat free. There will be a drawing for a remote control television.

WTC Booster Club

Western Texas College's Basketball Booster Club will meet at noon next Monday at Rudy's.

Childrens' Miracle Network

Both Snyder Dairy Queen locations will offer a Lemon Freezer for a 50-cent donation to Hendricks Hospital in Abilene to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. The offer is good while supply lasts.

Princes Di Ty Beanie raffle

The Snyder Lions Club is selling $1 chances for a Princess Di Ty Beanie Baby to be given away March 24. Tickets are available at various Snyder merchants and from Lions Club members.

Rotary Fundraiser

Snyder Rotary Club is selling $10 donations good for a chance for a round trip for two persons to London.

Road to Recovery program

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

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Please enter on the east side, which faces the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome; child care will be provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

Conversational Spanish

WTC Continuing Ed is offering a Conversational Spanish class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday. Robert Adams is the instructor. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Asssociation will sponsor a five-mile walk on Saturday, April 4, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-28-29-38-46-50.
Estimated jackpot: $12 million.
Number matching six of six: 1.
Winning ticket sold in: Dallas.
Matching five of six: 127. Prize: $1,595.
Matching four of six: 6,650. Prize: $110.
Matching three of six: 128,894. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-1-4