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House tentatively OKs $83.3 billion budget

Almost one hundred amendments considered

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Capitol would get a new chapel and organizations that perform abortions would get no family planning funds in the next two-year, $83.3 billion state budget tentatively approved by the Texas House.

The proposed budget got first-round approval Wednesday after a daylong debate in which House members considered nearly 100 amendments. None of the amendments adopted would increase or decrease spending, but some moved money from some programs to others.

The budget, which faces a final House vote, would cover state spending from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 1999.

Under one amendment, organizations that perform abortions couldn't get state family planning funds.

"This is not a debate on abortion," said Rep. Charlie Howard, R-Sugar Land, sponsor of the amendment. "This draws a clear line between family planning and abortion services."

The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, said the change would hurt women in rural areas, where doctors working alone provide various services.

The bill has about $93 million in family planning spending for each year of the budget. Nearly all of the money comes from federal sources and is given to private organizations.

Other amendments require:

— The Texas Department of Criminal Justice to develop rules for a program in which state prisoners will pay a $3 co-payment for medical services.

— The State Preservation Board to use part of its scheduled $10 million budget to reconstruct a chapel in the Capitol.

Rick Crawford, head of the Preservation Board, said the Capitol had a chapel from 1963 until 1993, when it was removed during a restoration project.

"The restoration sought to restore the Capitol to the time period of 1888 to 1915 and there was no chapel at that time, so it wasn't replaced," Crawford said.

In one of the few recorded votes, the House rejected, by a 110-33 vote, an attempt to cancel $1.8 million in funding for the State Jail Standards Commission.

Rep. Terry Keel, R-Austin, said the commission hasn't prevented the state from being sued as it was meant to do when created in 1975.

Opponents said the commission gives county sheriffs a single place to find standards for housing inmates.

The total budget is about $100 million more than the original legislative proposal of $83.2 billion. Gov. George W. Bush proposed an $84.7 billion budget.

"The appropriations bill is, if not the most important, one of the one or two most important each session," said Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee. "It's one all the members have to buy into."

Junell said about $1 billion was left out of the budget to fund a proposed property tax cut. He also said lawmakers could come up with another $750 million to fund other programs, like an elementary school reading programs, a state employees pay raise and a state water conservation program.

ALL ABOARD — Isaac Spoor, right, and Josue Parra were among 42 Snyder High School choir students loading up for a four-day adventure in New York. They will return Monday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Filing for May 3 elections ends

Scurry County schools may be able to waive elections

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh school districts won't have to hold a trustee election this year, it appears.

Wednesday was the deadline to file as a candidate in the May 3 elections and as 5 o'clock passed, there were no contested races in any of the three school districts in Scurry County.

Write-in candidates can still be accepted through April 3, so those boards cannot declare themselves exempt from holding an election until April 4.

That's not the case at City Hall, however, where the election will go on as planned. That's because three men are seeking two at-large council seats.

Incumbents Dayton Robertson and Ron Shaw have filed for another term. Joining the race is Terry Martin, a former Snyder ISD school board member and retired oil field supervisor. The two men who receive the most votes in the election will win seats on the council.

Also on the ballot, but uncontested, will be Mayor David Holt, who is seeking a second term, and Kerry Bredemeyer, the only person running for the District 3 unexpired term.

The seats up for election on the three school boards will be largely occupied by incumbents.

At Ira, current trustees Bo Robinson, Place 4, and Dirk Dunn, Place 5, will serve another term.

Snyder ISD board member Richard Chambers will retain his seat on the board in Place 3. Joining the board in the Place 2 seat will be Mike Levens. He will replace Geraldine Parker, who decided not to seek another term.

There will be four familiar faces rejoining the Hermleigh ISD board — Chip Roemisch, Tim Dacus, John Williamson and David Higgins.

Higgins was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board last month and decided to file to complete the term.

Who filed?

City

Mayor: *David Holt (I).*

Council, At-Large (2 Places): *Dayton Robertson (I), Ron Shaw (I), Terry Martin.*

Council, District 3: *Kerry Bredemeyer.*

Snyder ISD

Place 2: *Mike Levens.*

Place 3: *Richard Chambers (I).*

Ira ISD

Place 4: *Bo Robinson (I).*

Place 5: *Dirk Dunn (I).*

Hermleigh ISD

At large full (3 places): *Tim Dacus (I), Chip Roemisch (I), John Williamson (I).*

At large partial (1 place): David Higgins.

Pursuit of former Scurry County man ends peacefully

A former Scurry County man led local and area peace officers on a slow-speed chase along U.S. Highway 180 Wednesday night before he was finally taken into custody.

Fifty-nine-year-old Joe Morgan Simmons was taken to the Big Spring State Hospital on an emergency peace officer's warrant following the ordeal.

Simmons' red Ford pickup was stopped about a quarter-mile from the Fisher County line after Snyder Police Lt. Steve Warren broke out the vehicle's back window.

DPS Trooper Marcus Cantu had placed a foldable "stinger" on the highway to puncture the pickup's tires, causing it to slow to about 10 miles an hour. At that point, Lt. Warren jumped in the back of the pickup.

"He still wouldn't stop so I busted the back glass out," said Warren, who used a flashlight to break the glass. "That startled him and he took his foot off the gas. The vehicle came to a stop and other officers opened the door and took him into custody."

The incident began shortly after 8:30 p.m. when sheriff's dispatchers received a call that someone was creating a disturbance at Melly's Restaurant on College Avenue. Police responded to the scene, but Simmons drove off.

Police said that Simmons, who apparently has a history of mental problems, drove through stop signs and disregarded their sirens and flashing lights.

"It was a very dangerous situation," said Warren, noting that Simmons was driving erratically. "Fortunately, no one was injured."

Though he wouldn't stop, Simmons was aware he was being pursued, said Warren. The lieutenant said at times Simmons would wave at them.

After the vehicle was stopped, Simmons was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for a precautionary exam. He was then taken to the state hospital in Big Spring.

Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack and two of his deputies assisted in the pursuit. Also involved were Sgt. Brian Haggard, Detective Terry Lucke and Terry Snyder from the police department, Scurry County Sheriff's Deputy Jerry Cowin, Warren and Cantu.

"We certainly do appreciate the assistance we received from Fisher County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Safety and Scurry County Sheriff's Office," said Warren.

Police said Simmons is a former Scurry County resident and may reside at a state out-patient facility in Big Spring.

Starr guilty of felony theft

A seven-man, five-woman jury returned a guilty verdict against Roy Starr Wednesday afternoon after deliberating for less than an hour.

At noon today, Starr was testifying in his own behalf in the punishment phase of the trial.

Scurry County deputies Delwyn Davis and Jerry Cowin testified for the prosecution earlier this morning, as did Snyder Police Department Sgt. Jerry Parker and Mitchell County Deputy Mike Redwine.

Starr, who has been held in the Scurry County jail since November under $5,000 bond, was found guilty of stealing a 1965 Ford

See Verdict, Page 10

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Propaganda often is used more to justify self than to convice others."

There are some who claim that Texas as a state, doesn't legally exist. Texas, they say is an independent Republic.

While there may be some confusion as to exactly when the Republic of Texas ended, an article came across our desk. It contained notes written by William Henry Stewart, a Gonzales mayor, state legislator and federal judge who was present at a ceremony marking the end of the republic. He left a record of the event:

"In December 1845, Texas was annexed to the U.S. by act of Congress and the following spring (Feb. 19, 1846) the formal ceremonies took place at Austin whereby the government of the Texas Republic lapsed and ended...

"After prayer, the president of Texas, Anson Jones, delivered a speech. It was a strong, vivid review of the trials, the privations and the triumphs of the early settlers of Texas, of the making of the republic, of the war with Mexico, of the tragedies of that war and so on through the 10 years of the life of the republic.

"Then he told of the movement to annex Texas to the U.S., of the ratification of the treaty of annexation and of the purpose for which the people were congregated at Austin. And he closed with a solemnity that was profound...: 'And now the Republic of Texas is no more.'

"Although we all knew why we had gathered...the people acted as if they were stunned. The silence was broken only by the rattling of ropes as the Lone Star of Texas, which had been floating from the flagstaff, came down. Then those 2,000 or 3,000 persons attending looked as if they were about to cry. There was a look of suffering in every face...

"They were still in that unsettled, tremulous, deeply sentimental state when the man at the halliards (sic) began pulling at the ropes and slowly but surely another flag was hoisted on high.

"When it reached the top of the flagpole the wind whipped it out to its full length and the Stars and Stripes of the United States burst into view.

"In a moment the crowd that had been still as death changed. A mighty cheer went up, hats were thrown high, cannon boomed and there was a tremendous tumult. Never before and never since have I seen such a sudden change from grief to rejoicing. It was marvelous."

We hope those who have been filling our fax machine with Republic of Texas propaganda have a chance to see this.

ASK US

Q—When was the Snyder Fire Department organized?
A—April 15, 1911.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 70 degrees; low, 40; 7 a.m. Thursday, 41; no precipitation; total for 1997, 5.05 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low, upper 40s. Light S wind. Friday, sunny, near record warmth. High, upper 80s. S-SW wind 10-20 mph.

Chris Vera
Sunny

Sunset: 6:55 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:46 a.m.
Of 78 days in Snyder, the sun has shone 67 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.

John Ruskin

MAR 20 1997

No proof yet found to dispute or affirm life on Mars theory

HOUSTON (AP) — To the NASA scientists who stuck their necks out in August by claiming to have found evidence for life on Mars, no news is good news.

So far they've heard nothing to convince them that their bold claim was wrong, and plenty that gives them confidence.

"I personally feel very good at this point," NASA's Everett Gibson said Wednesday during the biggest meeting yet concerning the life on Mars debate.. "We as a team have not seen any show-stoppers."

But neither have the NASA scientists been able to prove their contention. Many of their colleagues remain resolutely opposed to the idea that ALH84001, a meteorite discovered in Antarctica more than a decade ago, contains signs of life.

"The evidence that I see presented for 84001 doesn't convince me at all," said Laurie Leshin of the University of California, Los Angeles.

Things are so confusing at this point that researchers doing nearly identical experiments on the meteorite have come to diametrically opposite conclusions about the life on Mars question.

For example, when Kathie Thomas-Keprta of Lockheed Martin Corp. looks at tiny magnetic mineral grains in the Martian meteorite, she sees definite signs of life in the teardrop shapes of some of them.

But when meteorite expert Ralph Harvey looks at the same mineral, magnetite, he sees those grains as well as other whisker-shaped ones that could only have formed at temperatures above 650 degrees Celsius — far too hot for life.

Ditto for the oxygen in microscopic blobs of carbonate, a mineral that is purported to have been deposited by the Martian microbes. John Valley of the University of Wisconsin in Madison says that the ratio of different types of oxygen demonstrates it formed in a low-temperature environment hospitable to life.

Laurie Leshin, another expert in the arcane science of determining a mineral's temperature of formation by its chemical composition, draws the exact opposite conclusion.

"Right now our data are not indicating an environment suitable for life," said Leshin, a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The researchers shared their opposing viewpoints at the 28th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, a meeting held in Houston every year since the first moon landing.

"Six months is an incredibly short time," said Doug Blanchard, a NASA scientist not associated with the life on Mars team.

Woman's death investigated

SWEETWATER (AP) — Police were investigating the Wednesday morning death of a newlywed New Mexico woman, killed when she fell from the cab of her husband's 18-wheeler on Interstate 20.

Kellie McCarty, 36, died instantly when she fell from the moving cab and under the trailer just west of Sweetwater, about 30 miles west of Abilene, Nolan County Sheriff Donnie Rannefeld said.

The sheriff added that apparently the woman either fell or jumped. The case is not being investigated as a homicide, he said.

The woman's 33-year-old husband of two weeks told authorities that Mrs. McCarty fell from the truck after waking up around 6 a.m., Rannefeld said.

Ms. McCarty was a resident of Clovis, N.M.

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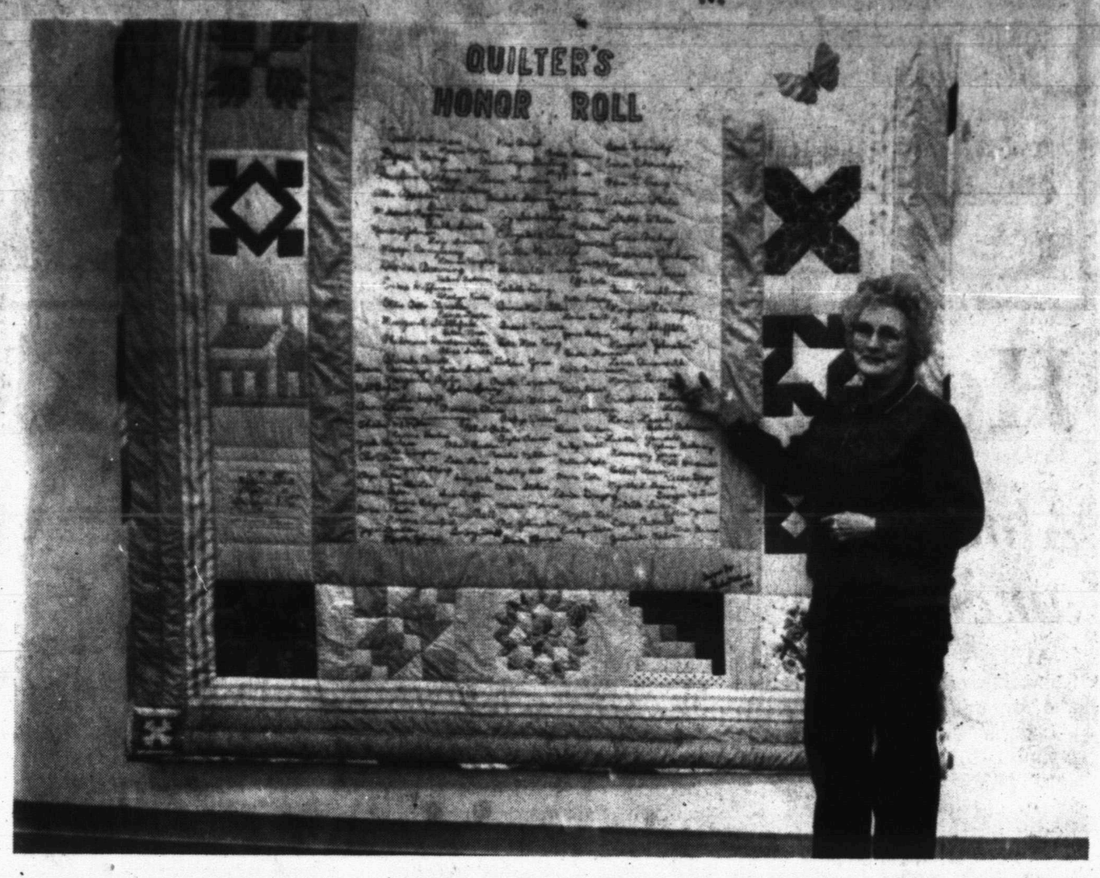

QUILTER'S HONOR ROLL — Pauline Walton is shown with the Quilter's Honor Roll now on display at the Senior Citizens Center. The quilt displays the names of those who have quilted for the Senior Center since its inception. Some 140 names are currently listed, all embroidered by Walton. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Center Honor Roll features names of volunteer quilters

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

A work in progress for the past four years, the Quilter's Honor Roll, has been completed and is now on display in the quilting room at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

Those attending the 18th annual recognition banquet Friday night are encouraged to view it.

The 93x111-foot masterpiece features the names of volunteer quilters who have made quilts at the center since the facility opened on the Western Texas College campus. Also listed, are the names of some three men who helped frame the quilts.

The quilt's pattern features a large center area where the names of quilters are embroidered, five blocks along the top and bottom and seven boxes down each side.

The blocks, created by several people, feature the designs of quilts made at the center in previous years.

Several people contributed to getting the project underway including Jerry Beaird, former director of the center.

Several volunteers, including Pauline Walton, have contributed to the quilt. Besides designing the center part, she has logged over 200 hours embroidering the approximately 140 names currently listed. That work was temporarily delayed when she broke her wrist.

In addition, she has also pieced the quilt and hemmed it.

There is plenty of room to add more names on a regular basis, Pam Fenton, activity director, said. Everyone is encouraged to view the quilt and tell a member of the center staff if a name has been left off, Norma Laywell, director said.

Fenton, who joined the center staff 6½ years ago, said the center's quilting program has experienced a phenomenal increase during the past year.

She added that they already have about 34 quilts ready for the May Day Auction, part of the center's main fund-raising effort.

While many of the quilters who have been the mainstay of the program at the center are no longer able to quilt, Fenton said a record number of volunteers are contributing their time and talent.

At least eight volunteers quilt regularly and about four quilt daily, she added. Around 15 have donated pieces and another 10 or so also participate "one way or the other," Fenton said.

Other volunteers quilt at home for the center and several are also piecing the quilts which will be auctioned in May.

Scott Hamilton has cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Figure skating star Scott Hamilton, a four-time world champion and the 1984 Olympic gold medalist, has been diagnosed with testicular cancer, and will start chemotherapy within a week.

"I feel 100 percent confident that I can overcome this disease and be back on the ice within a few months," Hamilton said in a statement Wednesday.

Hamilton, 38, performed in Peoria, Ill., Sunday despite suffering from severe stomach pain during the last several weeks.

On Monday, Hamilton went to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, where tests confirmed a tumor caused by cancer cells within his testicles.

Doctors there advised that chemotherapy was the best approach, and noted that 70-80 percent of men with the condition are curable.

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CELEBRATION — Local Girl Scouts held a songfest to celebrate Girl Scouts 85th anniversary in the United States. The event was held March 12 at the gazebo on the courthouse lawn. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I was appalled when I saw in your column that you had trotted out an outdated, sexist, factually inaccurate and socially dangerous quote: "The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."

Surely you are aware of the research which now establishes that fathers have unique and important contributions to make to the healthy development of their children. Fathers (not race, not income and not mothers) are the key ingredient in reducing youth violence (crime and gangs), drug abuse, promiscuity, eating disorders and suicides. Fathers have a greater effect than mothers in producing empathy, a sense of humor, academic achievement and more.

My son's mother has assaulted me, harassed me, stalked me, vandalized my property, stolen from me, made false allegations against me and more. I don't love her. But I do something far more important. During most of my son's waking moments since he was 8 months old, the hands he has seen holding him and helping him, the voice he has heard teaching him and loving him, the face he has seen smiling at him and encouraging him have been mine!

My son's mother is not insane and not that rare. She has simply been encouraged by the media to blame a man for everything that makes her unhappy and to think of fathers as second-class parents. You can sign me ...

FIRST-CLASS PARENT

DEAR PARENT: Considering the fact that your ex-wife suffers from the emotional instability (not insanity) which you have described, your son is indeed fortunate to have such a committed father. However, there are far more absent fathers in single-parent families than mothers.

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DEAR ABBY: Hugo Borreson wrote: "Martin Luther King had to go to India to learn the principles of nonviolence because they were neither understood nor practiced in the United States."

Abby, Dr. King did not have to go to India to learn the principles of nonviolence!

In his book "Stride Toward Freedom" (New York, Harper and Brothers, 1958), he wrote: "... One Sunday afternoon, I traveled to Philadelphia to hear a sermon by Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University. He was there to preach for the Fellowship House of Philadelphia.

"Dr. Johnson had just returned from a trip to India, and, to my great interest, he spoke of the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

"His message was so profound and electrifying that I left the meeting and bought a half-dozen books on Gandhi's life and works ..."

I just wanted to set the record straight, Abby.

ARTHUR H. PRINCE, PH.D., MEMPHIS

DEAR DR. PRINCE: I am (as always) profoundly grateful for your consistently accurate corrections and additions to my column since its inception. However, I, too, want to keep the record straight. According to "A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Teachings of Martin Luther King Jr." (edited by James M. Washington), Dr. King and his wife did travel to India in 1960 or 1961, and he made reference to the trip in a speech within months of his return.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a very dear, older friend who has one bad habit. No matter what the situation, she always asks me the price of everything I buy. She demands to know the cost of any improvements I make to my home.

It seems she puts a price tag on everything.

A member of her family is quite wealthy, and she never hesitates to tell everyone what they spend on everything. I don't have a lot of money and what I do with it, I think, is my personal business. I have tried the old retort, "Why would you be interested?" but it doesn't seem to work. I don't want to be rude, but can you give me a good comeback that might squelch this nasty habit?

MIFFED IN MECHANICSVILLE, VA.

DEAR MIFFED: What's wrong with this direct response: "That's a very personal question that I prefer not to answer." Smile when you say it, and if you repeat it often enough, let's hope she'll get the message and quit asking.

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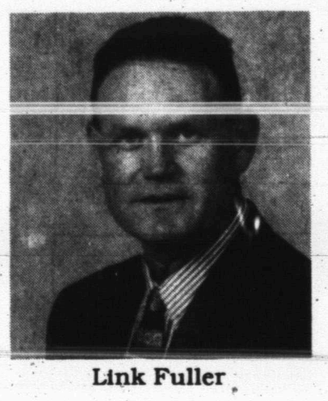

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Dealer: South

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4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

A biker and *un bridgeur*

By Phillip Alder

Last Dec. 12, Jose Le Dentu died at the age of 79. Born in Madagascar, he spent most of his life in Paris before moving to the French Riviera in the mid-80s. He was an excellent bridge journalist, who contributed to several newspapers and magazines. He could play too, winning the French Open Team Championship five times before (prematurely) retiring from serious competition in 1957.

Le Dentu was a friendly man whose other loves were his wife, Denise, and his motorbike. As he was a man of small physical stature, the bike looked far too heavy for him to handle, but he was a skillful rider who enjoyed speed.

He wrote several good books, among which "Championship Bridge" is highly recommended.

Le Dentu played cleverly on this deal. The bidding looks strange, but it was influenced by the 60 partscore. North's raise, as one no-trump was game, showed slam interest. So, with his maximum and excellent club suit, Le Dentu drove to six clubs.

After winning with dummy's spade king, Le Dentu played a club to his king and returned to dummy with a diamond to dummy's queen. Then Le Dentu called for another trump. East should have won with the ace and returned anything but a heart. Yet, afraid partner had the club jack and not wanting to save South a guess, East played low smoothly.

Le Dentu continued with a spade to dummy's ace, a spade ruff in hand and two top diamonds. Finally, he exited with a trump. East, having only hearts left, had to lead away from the queen.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Herrley

Snyder couple wed 71 years

With the exception of a few years in East Texas, Ivey Herrley has lived in West Texas. It was in East Texas he met Bertie Mae Henderson and they were married on March 21, 1926. They moved back to West Texas in 1941.

After farming five years, Herrley built them a home in Hermleigh in 1949, after 20 moves.

Herrley was a bus driver for the Hermleigh School District for 10 years. He was also employed with the county for 4½ years and for Cogdell Memorial Hospital for 3½ years.

Mrs. Herrely kept busy raising their three sons. In her spare time, she quilted with other Hermleigh women in the community center, giving quilts to her children, grandchildren and selling some.

They lived in Hermleigh 43 years before moving to the Snyder Healthcare Center.

A reception to honor Mr. and Mrs. Herrley will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., March 21 at the Healthcare Center. Their friends and family are invited.

Their sons are Dillard Herrely and Bert Herrley, both of Snyder, and Sterling Herrley from Colorado Springs, Colo. They have seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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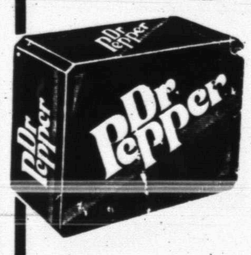

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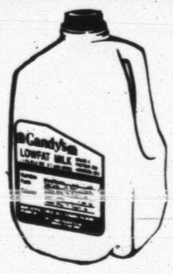

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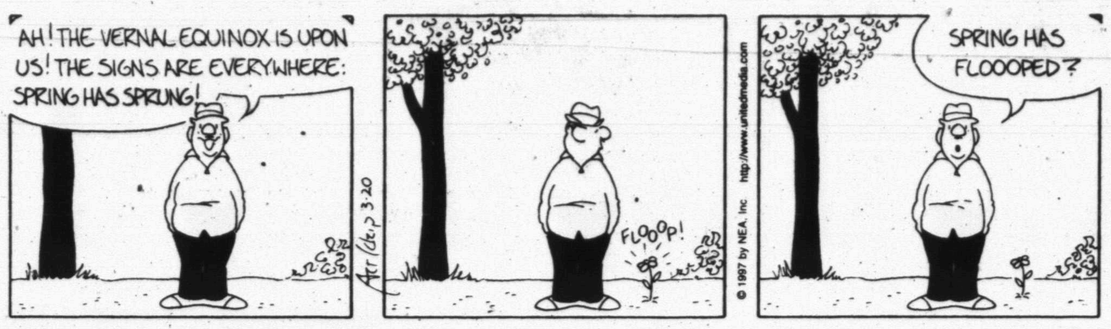

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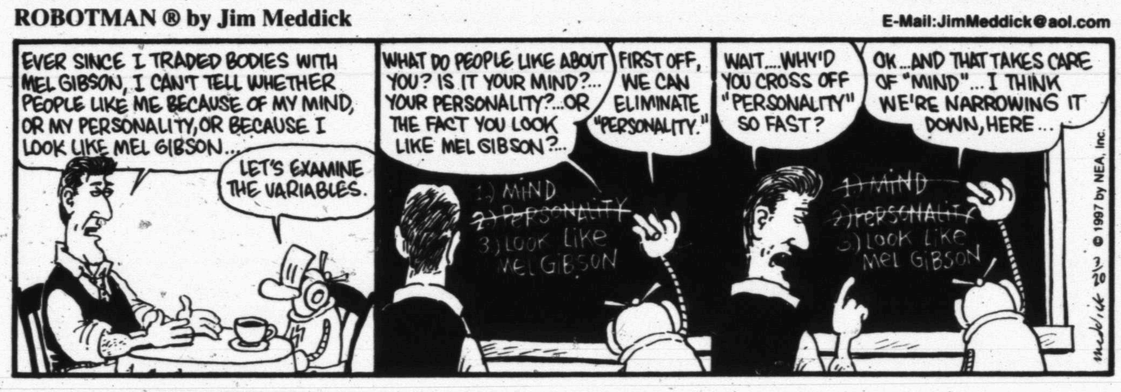

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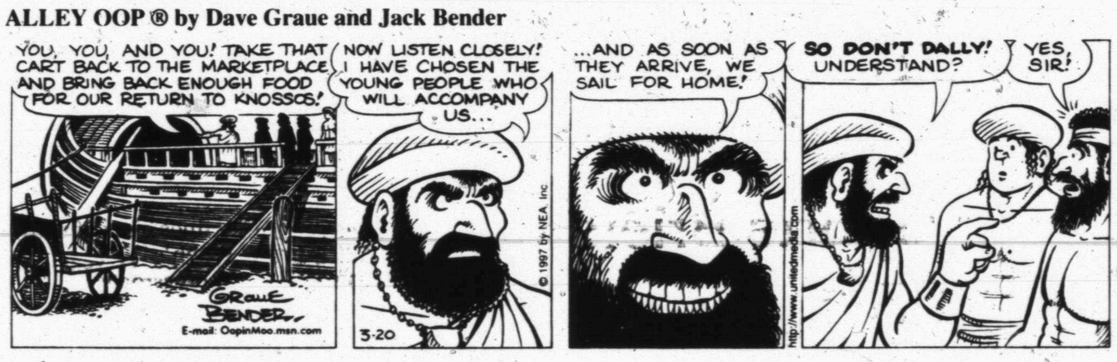

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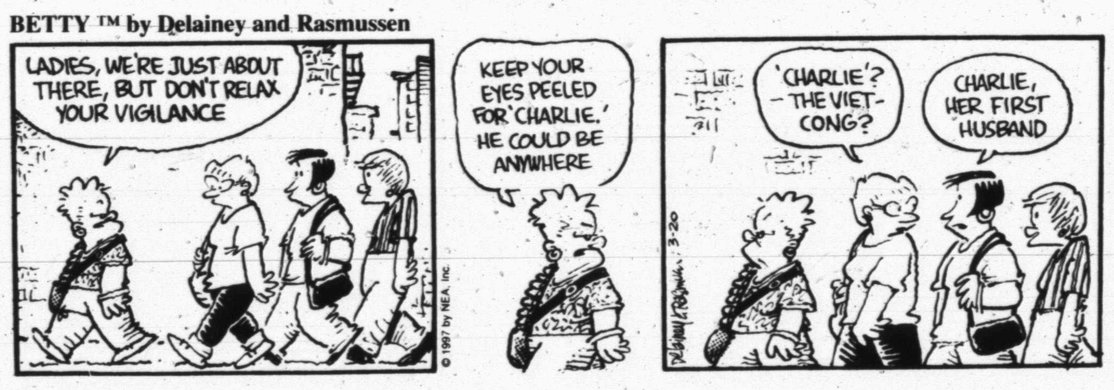

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Coolidge, for short
4 Fuse
8 Eat greedily
12 Move fast
13 Declare positively
14 Pennsylvania city
15 Actress Lupino
16 Underlying reason
18 Closet wood
20 Like a fox
21 Illuminated
22 Pat gently
24 Atty.'s deg.
26 Clinton's state
30 Beasts of burden
34 — Jones average
35 Tic- — -toe
36 Waxy substance in cork
37 Journal
39 — out (stretch)
41 Frothy brew
42 Lingerie purchase
43 Cute
45 Guy
47 Diving bird
48 Actress Joanne —
51 Sault — Marie
53 Expire
57 Type of terrier
60 MD's chart
61 Relaxation
62 Worm
63 Musician's job
64 Hosiery problem
65 Nasty
66 Cricket positions

DOWN

1 Stylish
2 Assistant
3 Be ahead
4 Guarantee
5 Actress — Marie Saint
6 — go!
7 Bores
8 Skin problem
9 By mouth
10 Leslie Caron role
11 Yard units
17 Popeye's friend Olive —
19 Palindromic name
23 Youth org.
25 Unplayed tournament round
26 Does math
27 Make muddy
28 Bridge on the River —
29 Made a perfect score
31 Middle Easterner
32 Nullify
33 Large knife
36 Blue shade
38 LP speed
40 Hawaiian timber tree
43 Hymn
44 Alias (abbr.)
46 Ninny
48 Tints
49 Horse color
50 Celestial bear
52 Ireland
54 — — My Heart
55 Rind
56 Breakfast foods
58 Beer barrel
59 River inlet

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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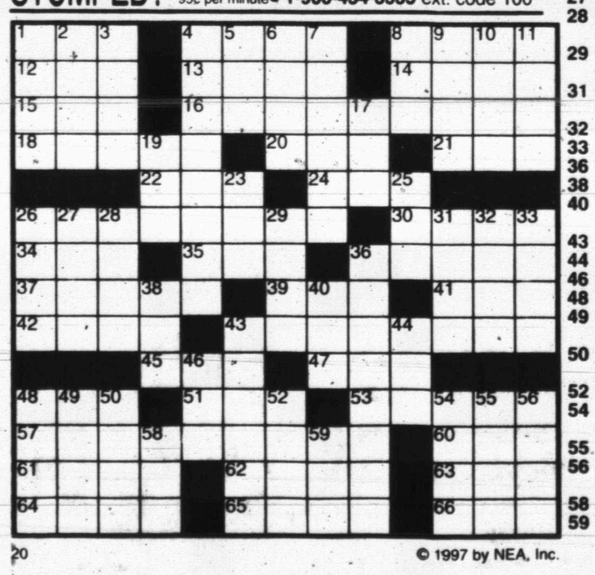

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SPORTS

Snyder sports pack bags for the weekend

It's time for the sports teams of Snyder High School to hit the road and tangle with some out-of-town competition.

David Wagner and L.S. McClain will journey to Houston to compete in the State Powerlifting Meet Saturday.

Wagner finished first in the 198-pound class at the regional meet, setting new records in the squat (540 pounds) and the dead lift (580 pounds). McClain was first in the 181-pound class, setting a record of his own. McClain bench pressed 350 pounds for a new regional record.

The Tiger tennis team won't have to travel as far as they did last weekend.

The Snyder netters will compete at the Hereford Tournament Friday and Saturday.

The Tigers fared well at the Carlsbad Tournament in New Mexico last weekend.

Laura Gonzales and Vicki Vargas both took second place in their draws while Jaime Juarez and Ty Jones were third.

The Snyder Tiger varsity baseball team will meet the San Angelo Lake View Chiefs at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Snyder's final non-district game of the season.

The Tigers suffered a 13-11 defeat at the hands of the Andrews Mustangs Tuesday. The Tigers are 10-4 for the season.

The JV diamond squad will play a doubleheader Saturday in Sweetwater, starting at 1 p.m.

The JV Tigers, 5-4-1 for the season, won one of two games Monday at Moffett Field, winning 3-0 over Sweetwater and falling 12-5 to Big Spring.

The varsity and JV Lady Tiger softball teams will stay home and duel with the Midland Greenwood Rangerettes Friday at the Dale Cates Softball Complex.

The injury-plagued varsity squad was downed 11-1 Tuesday by the Cohaoma Lady Bulldogs.

Snyder's Shea Seaton (possible broken wrist) and Shwan Purcell (knee) did not play and Amy Ricks went down with a bruised throwing hand in the game. The Lady Tigers also lost Brittany Drummond to an injured shoulder she suffered diving for a grounder.

The varsity will get underway at 7:30 p.m. and the Lady Tigers will travel to Midland to meet Midland Christian at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The JV will be looking to make it two-in-a-row when they face Midland Greenwood at 5:30 p.m.

The JV tripped up Coahoma, 12-8, Tuesday. Snyder will then take on Clyde at 7 p.m.

The boys varsity track squad will try to improve on its fourth place finish at the Canyon Reef Relays held at Tiger Stadium March 8 when it journeys to Seminole for the Seminole Relays Friday and Saturday.

Matthew Fambro led the way for Snyder with two second place finishes and one first. Fambro was first in the high jump and second in the 110-meter hurdles and the ling jump.

The varsity girls squad travels to Abilene for the Abilene Classic Friday and Saturday.

Devon Reed helped the Lady Tigers to a 10th place finish at the Canyon Reef Relays.

Reed was first in the long jump.

HITTING ON THE RUN — Snyder netter Jaime Juarez hits a forehand during practice at the junior high tennis courts. The tennis team will compete in the Hereford Tournament Friday and Saturday. (Photo by Jamie Sharp)

Sports Briefs

WTC All Sports Banquet

The annual WTC All Sports Banquet will be held at Rudy's Restaurant at 7 p.m.

The banquet will honor athletes from the basketball, rodeo, golf and cheerleading squads. Tickets are $7.50 each.

Girls' softball sign-ups

The Snyder Girls' Softball Association will hold sign-ups for the upcoming season Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Snyder Savings and Loan.

The fee is $25 per play and each player must bring thier social security number and a copy of their birth certificate.

Men's basketball tournament

The Hermleigh Booster Club will host a men's basketball tournament Friday and Saturday.

The cost is $100 per team. For further information, contact Chip Roemisch at 863-2241 or 573-4087.

Men's slow-pitch tournament

The second annual men's slow-pitch Tournament of Champions will be held April 4-6 to benefit the Snyder Girls' Softball Association.

For more information, contact Darrell Robertson at 573-3044.

Earlybird softball tourney

The first Bi-Annual Earlybird Softball Tournament will be held April 12.

The tournament will be double elimination and the entry fee is $100 per team.

For more information, call 573-8842 or 573-1663.

Midland graduate Spud Webb without a team

DeSOTO (AP) — Spud Webb sat near the steps leading to the basketball and tennis courts adjacent to his sprawling mansion by a golf course and wondered why is he at home this time of the year.

The NBA season is headed down the stretch, and one of the most productive little men in the game's history finds himself without a team. Webb's 11-year pro career is at a crossroads.

Webb, 33, had hoped to catch on with a contending team by now, but none would pull the trigger on a deal. Denver and Vancouver, two teams headed straight for the NBA lottery, called, but they have nothing to offer in terms of the playoffs.

"I've played 11 years, so money is not a factor," said Webb, who has been without a team since the Minnesota Timberwolves renounced his rights in July. "So I want to go to a team that's winning.

Webb has come to the realization that he might have to sit out this entire season and try to sign as a free agent with a team during the off-season, though he hasn't wanted to. That notion baffles Webb and his agent, Dallas-based Jeff Blakeley.

"Spud's an 11-year veteran, a solid quality character, a positive role model, a leader, a six-year starter. What more do you want? Are y'all living under a rock?"

In the past month, Webb thought he had an excellent chance of signing with Houston, Atlanta or Portland. But someone on the inside always squashed a potential deal.

Charles Barkley and Hakeem Olajwuon convinced Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich that they could win the NBA title with rookies Matt Maloney and Randy Livingston playing point guard. Then, two weeks ago, the Rockets signed out-of-shape Sedale Threatt as Barkley publicly questioned whether Webb was all washed up.

Webb spent two terms playing for the Hawks, and also played for the Sacramento Kings and Timberwolves. The Hawks traded him to the Timberwolves on Feb. 22, 1996, a move Webb regrets.

"It's been weird not playing this year," Webb said. "It also hurt, too, because you see guys out there playing that probably couldn't beat your little daughter playing."

Webb, who is a Mavericks season-ticket holder, has hired a personal trainer to make sure he stays in shape. He also will have the grand opening of his own health club next month, called The Ranch.

The 32,000-square-foot building is located in Valley Ranch, right behind where the Cowboys practice, and Webb said folks are beating his door down trying to sign up for memberships. He also opened a beauty salon for his sisters in the Redbird Mall area near Duncanville.

One positive that has come out of Webb missing this NBA season is he was able to spend this past Christmas with his three sisters, two brothers and mother for the first time since he left for Midland College 15 years ago.

Tech AD signs three-year deal

LUBBOCK (AP) — Gerald Myers has signed a three-year contract to officially become Texas Tech's athletic director, school president Donald Haragan said.

The deal pays $135,000 annually and includes a 4 percent bonus if 85 percent of the athletes at Tech, which has been riddled with academic problems in its athletic department lately, can maintain 2.0 averages.

The bonus jumps to 9 percent if 95 percent of Tech athletes reach the goal.

"The academic incentives were important to both of us," Haragan said.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	49	17	.742	—
x-NewYork	49	18	.731	½
Orlando	36	29	.554	12½
Washington	32	34	.485	17
NewJersey	20	45	.308	28½
Philadelphia	17	49	.258	32
Boston	13	55	.191	37
Central Division				
x-Chicago	57	9	.864	—
Detroit	47	19	.712	10
Atlanta	45	22	.672	12½
Charlotte	43	24	.642	14½
Cleveland	35	30	.538	21½
Indiana	31	35	.470	26
Milwaukee	27	38	.415	29½
Toronto	25	42	.373	32½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	50	17	.746	—
x-Houston	44	22	.667	5½
Minnesota	33	33	.500	16½
Dallas	22	43	.338	27
Denver	19	46	.292	30
SanAntonio	16	49	.246	33
Vancouver	11	58	.159	40
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	45	20	.692	—
x-L.A.Lakers	44	21	.677	1
Portland	39	28	.582	7
L.A.Clippers	29	36	.446	16
Sacramento	28	39	.418	18
Phoenix	27	39	.409	18½
GoldenState	25	41	.379	20½

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Games

Utah 113, Boston 100
New York 111, Philadelphia 100
Charlotte 90, Cleveland 72
Toronto 99, Detroit 97
Minnesota 95, Vancouver 72
Atlanta 107, Indiana 95
Miami 93, Golden State 91, OT
L.A. Clippers 108, Sacramento 98

Thursday's Games

Golden State at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Orlando at Boston, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Sweet Sixteen

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
At Lawrence Joel Coliseum
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Saturday, March 15
North Carolina 73, Colorado 56
California 75, Villanova 68
At Pittsburgh Civic Arena
Pittsburgh
Sunday, March 16
Louisville 64, New Mexico 63
Texas 82, Coppin State 81
Regional Semifinals
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.
Friday, March 21
Texas (18-11) vs. Louisville (25-8), 7:39 p.m.
North Carolina (26-6) vs. California (23-8), 30 minutes after first game

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
Second Round
At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.
Saturday, March 15
Kansas 75, Purdue 61
Arizona 73, College of Charleston 69
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Sunday, March 16
Providence 98, Duke 87
Tennessee-Chattanooga 75, Illinois 63
Regional Semifinals
At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
Birmingham, Ala.
Friday, March 21
Kansas (34-1) vs. Arizona (21-9), 7:55 p.m.
Providence (23-11) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (24-10), 30 minutes after first game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Saturday, March 15
Iowa State 67, Cincinnati 66
UCLA 96, Xavier, Ohio 83
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Sunday, March 16
Clemson 65, Tulsa 59
Minnesota 76, Temple 57
Regional Semifinals
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Thursday, March 20
Minnesota (29-3) vs. Clemson (22-9), 7:55 p.m.
UCLA (23-7) vs. Iowa State (22-8), 30 minutes after first game

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
At The Huntsman Center
Salt Lake City
Saturday, March 15
St. Joseph's 81, Boston College 77, OT
Kentucky 75, Iowa 69
At The McKale Center
Tucson, Ariz.
Sunday, March 16
Utah 77, North Carolina Charlotte 58
Stanford 72, Wake Forest 66
Regional Semifinals
At San Jose Arena
San Jose, Calif.
Thursday, March 20
Utah (28-3) vs. Stanford (22-7), 7:40 p.m.
Kentucky (32-4) vs. St. Joseph's (26-6), 30 minutes after first game

Key pitches 5-0 shutout

1995 Snyder graduate Reagan Key won his fifth game of the season for the Lubbock Chriatian University Chaparrals with a 5-0 shutout of the Tarleton Texans Monday.

Key is 5-1 for the season with a 2.65 ERA. The win was the Chaparrals 20th straight.

Key has pitched three complete games for LCU and has recorded 18 strikeouts in six games. He has given up 32 hits and walked 14.

LCU (25-6) swept Panhandle State 10-0, 16-6 in a doubleheader Wednesday.

A newborn panda is smaller than a mouse, and weighs about 4 ounces.

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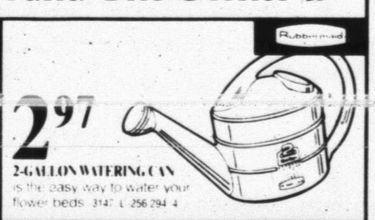

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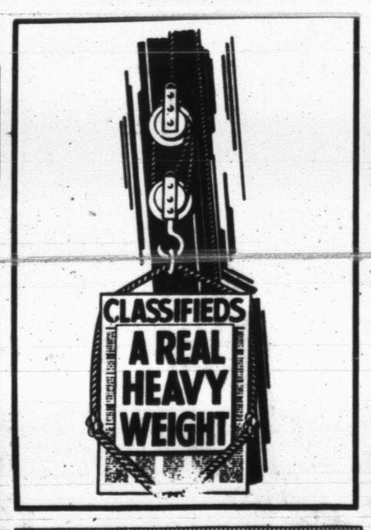

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Lifesaving advice on SIDS...

Gerber to add message to cereal boxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Baby food giant Gerber will soon put a simple, lifesaving message on its cereal boxes: Put babies to sleep on their backs.

The effort is part of a stepped-up campaign to prevent the sudden, unexplained death of sleeping babies.

"What we now have is a clear message from scientific evidence that says place your baby on its back," Tipper Gore, spokeswoman for the campaign, said today.

Babies sleeping on their stomachs are more likely to die from sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, which killed 5,000 to 6,000 American babies a year before doctors began recommending in 1992 that babies be placed face up or on their sides. They now recommend babies sleep on their backs because a baby can easily fall from his side to his stomach.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics says they are not completely sure why it works, but they do know that it does work," said Mrs. Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore. "Incidents of SIDS deaths have decreased 30 percent since this campaign began," she said on NBC's "Today" show.

She also warned that other family members and baby sitters be alerted to the problem. "A mother will put the baby to sleep on its back and leave it with grandmother, who turns it over on its stomach," she said.

Although the number of SIDS deaths has dropped 30 percent since 1992, nearly 4,000 seemingly healthy babies still die in their sleep each year.

Gerber announced today it would put the message on 3 million rice boxes, and Mrs. Gore said she would help educate parents and others who care for infants.

Gerber Products Co. said the first boxes with the SIDS message would appear in June, and predicted it would take 1½ to two months to sell 3 million boxes. The message fills the back of the box and gives a toll-free phone number and address in English and Spanish to contact for more information.

The boxes will help reinforce a message being delivered most often by hospital nurses when women give birth, said Donna Shalala, secretary of health and human services.

"When you're coming out of a hospital with a baby, you have a lot of stuff in your head," she said. "What we've learned is that brochures aren't as effective as the back of the cereal box. We are modern communicators."

Gerber also plans to include information about SIDS in mailings to 2.7 million new parents over a year and include a message from Mrs. Gore on its toll-free information line for a year. Both efforts will begin in June.

Gerber estimated it would reach about 80 percent of the parents with infants in the country.

"We know it will save lives," said Van Hinds, director of corporate affairs.

The government, which began its "Back to Sleep" campaign in 1994, plans to continue distributing brochures, posters, print advertisements and informational videos.

Experts recommend that a baby not be placed on its side or stomach until age 1, or until it can roll onto its back without help.

NATO expansion not likely to change U.S. military role

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adding Poland and two or three other central European nations to the NATO alliance would extend U.S. security commitments in the region for the first time since Germany was reunified at the end of the Cold War.

It also would put added pressure on America's existing European NATO allies to make their forces more capable of rapidly reinforcing to the east. But it is unlikely to require big changes in the size, shape or role of U.S. forces in Europe.

Seldom mentioned is that adding new members to NATO would mean a U.S. commitment to send American troops to defend them if necessary. Supporters argue that the act of NATO expansion alone would make conflict there less likely.

The public relations campaign to ease Russia's concerns about an expanded NATO has coined the phrase "the new NATO" — one oriented less toward defending against a big land attack from the east and more toward helping unify Europe.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said Russia, with thousands of nuclear weapons, must be assured that a larger NATO would not pose an offensive threat.

"We're not about to attack a country that has that kind of a nuclear capability," Cohen told reporters Tuesday during a visit to an Army base in California.

In its sales pitch to Congress on NATO expansion, the administration accentuates the positive: It eventually will enable the European allies to carry a bigger share of the load in peacekeeping or combat in Europe and beyond. That may mean, in theory, less need to call on U.S. troops in future crises.

"It is a win-win proposition" for the American military in that sense, said William Odom, a retired Army lieutenant general who supports NATO expansion.

And yet, depending on the number of new members brought into NATO and the pace at which their militaries are integrated with allied armies, the expansion could put a greater strain on the U.S. Army in Europe for training missions.

Invitations to join NATO are to be issued to at least three candidate countries — probably Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic — at a NATO summit in July. Even now, however, a few military implications of NATO expansion are clear:

—The number of U.S. troops in Europe is likely to stay at the current 100,000, of which about 65,000 are Army soldiers.

—No substantial number of U.S. troops would be stationed in the new member countries.

—No additional U.S. nuclear weapons would be stationed in Europe. The 100 or so there now are bombs for Air Force fighters. The Army has no nuclear arms in Europe.

U.S. soldiers in Europe already are active in helping train armies of the former Soviet-led Warsaw Pact in peacekeeping and other noncombat missions. That task will take on added importance — and probably more investment of time and money — when Poland and others in the region join as full NATO members.

That's because of a fundamental feature of NATO's strategy for defending its new members' territory in time of crisis: Instead of having NATO troops permanently stationed in Poland,

Viper Militia members speak out during sentencing phase

PHOENIX (AP) — Despite having pleaded guilty to weapons and explosives charges, members of the Viper Militia said they were merely protecting themselves by conspiring to make illegal bombs and posed no threat.

"Look at L.A. You saw police not walking but running away from that scene, that's a very scary thing," militia member Henry Overturf said of the 1992 Los Angeles riots. "I have to protect my family."

Six of 12 militia members were sentenced Wednesday under plea bargains that resulted in jail terms. Four others were to be sentenced today and the remaining two are scheduled for trial.

When they were arrested in July, federal officials said a terrorist attack had been averted. But a federal agent testified later in court that no plot was imminent.

Among the evidence against the militia is a videotape made in 1994 in which members toured Phoenix and discussed how to destroy federal buildings.

Militia members said they unknowingly violated the law, saying they were more weapons and gun buffs than anything else. They accused federal investigators of trying to appear tough on domestic terrorism at their expense.

"We never perceived these things as subversive but rather an exercise of our constitutional rights," said Donna Williams, choking back tears at her sentencing.

Ms. Williams, 44, was sentenced to one year in prison. She pleaded guilty to conspiracy to illegally make unregistered explosives and has admitted attending gatherings at which explosives were made.

Overturf, 37, and Scott Shero, 31, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges. Overturf was sentenced to one year, Shero to two years.

Walter Sanville, 37, pleaded guilty to the same conspiracy charge as the others and two of having unregistered parts that could make a machine gun. He was sentenced to three 37-month terms, to be served concurrently.

Three taken into custody

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male at 8:05 p.m. Wednesday on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants for failure to wear a seat belt, failure to appear on the charges and for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shortly after 4 a.m. today, two people were arrested in the 2000 block of Huffman Avenue for public intoxication.

Taken into custody were a 19-year-old female and a 19-year-old male.

In other activity Wednesday, officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 3:45 p.m. in the 1900 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1989 Dodge driven by Jeanne Butler of 4129 HC267 and a 1989 Cadillac driven by Kim Gorman of 3101 Austin Ave.

The fire department responded to a report of a small grass fire in the 4400 block of College Avenue at 5:48 p.m. It is thought the fire was started by children playing in the area.

A report of a gas drive-off from Skinny's on East Highway was made at 9:07 p.m. in reference to a person not paying for $20 worth of gas. An offense report was submitted.

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Albertsons	35⅛	34⅞	34⅞	— ⅛
AlldSignal	73	72⅞	72⅞	— ¼
Alltel	33⅛	32⅞	32⅞	— ⅜
AmerOnline	40⅛	38⅞	40	+1⅛
AmStores		44⅞	44⅞	44⅞
Ameritech	61¼	60⅞	60⅞	— ⅜
Amoco	88⅞	87¼	88⅞	— ⅛
AndarkPtr	58¼	57⅞	58⅛	+ ⅛
ArmcoInc	3⅞	3½	3⅝	+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	128⅞	127⅞	128	+ ¼
ATMOS Egy		25⅞	25⅞	25⅞
Aviall		11⅛	11	11
BakerHughes	39¼	38⅞	38⅞	+ ⅛
BellAtl	64½	62⅞	64⅛	+ ⅞
BellSouth	44	43¼	43⅜	— ⅜
BethSteel	8½	8¼	8⅜	— ⅛
BritPet	135¼	134½	134⅞	— ⅜
BurlNoSFe	79⅞	78¼	79⅛	+ ⅜
Caterpillar	80⅞	79⅞	80⅞	— ½
CenSoWst	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞	— ¼
Chevron	68⅛	67	67⅞	— ⅜
Chrysler s		29⅞	29⅞	29⅞
Coastal	47⅞	46¼	46⅞	— ⅜
CocaColas	59⅞	58⅞	59	— ⅜
ColgatePalm	108⅞	107¼	107⅞	— ⅜
ComclMetals	29⅞	29⅞	29½	+ ⅛
CooperIn	46	45⅞	45½	— ½
Cyprus Amax	24	23⅞	23⅞	— ⅛
DallSemicn	25⅞	25⅞	25⅞	— ¼
DeltaAirl	84⅛	82⅞	84⅛	— ⅛
DigitalEq	28⅞	27⅞	28⅛	+ ⅞
Dillard	31⅞	31⅛	31⅛	— ⅜
DowChem	83⅛	82⅞	82⅞	— ⅜
DresserInd	30⅞	30½	30½	— ⅛
DuPont	109⅞	108⅞	109½	— ½
EastmanChem		54⅞	54⅛	54⅛
EstKodak	86⅞	86	86⅞	— ⅛
EDS Corp	41½	40⅞	41⅛	+ ¼
Enserch	21½	21⅛	21⅛	— ¼
Entergy	25⅞	25⅛	25⅛	— ⅛
Exxon	101⅛	100⅞	100⅞	— ⅜
Exxonwi	51⅛	50⅞	50⅞	— ⅜
FstBksAm		11⅛	11⅛	11⅛
Flowers	24⅞	24⅞	24⅞	— ¼
FordMotor	31⅞	31½	31⅞	— ⅛
GTE Cp	46⅛	45½	45⅞	— ⅜
GenDynam	67⅞	66⅞	66⅞	— ⅜
GenElec	103½	102⅞	102⅞	— ⅜
GenMills	61⅞	61¼	61⅛	— ½
GenMotors		56¼	55⅞	56⅛
GaPacif	76⅞	75⅞	76⅛	— ⅛
GlobalMar		21⅞	21	21⅛
Goodrich		39	38⅞	38⅞
Goodyear s	54⅞	53⅞	54	— ⅜
GtAtlPac	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅜
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HomeDepot	58	57⅛	57⅞	— ⅛
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IBM	138⅞	137⅛	138⅞	+ ½
IntlPaper	42⅛	41⅞	42	— ⅜
JohnsnJn s	58	56⅞	57	— ⅜
K mart	12⅛	12	12⅛	+ ⅛
Kroger	54	53⅛	53⅞	— ⅛
Litton	40⅞	40⅞	40⅞	— ⅜
LockhdMart	83⅞	82⅞	82⅞	— ⅛
Lowes Cos	38⅞	38⅛	38⅛	+ ⅛
Lubys	19½	19⅛	19½	+1-16
LucentTech n	50⅛	49	50⅛	+ ⅞
MayDeptStrs		49½	49	49½
Medtronic	64	62⅞	63⅛	— ⅞
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NationsBk s	59⅞	58½	58⅞	— ⅛
Navistar	9⅞	9⅞	9⅞	— ⅛
NoramEngy		14⅞	14⅞	14⅞
Norwest	49⅞	48¼	48½	— ¼
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Tyler	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	— ⅛
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USWstMda	18⅞	18½	18⅞	+ ⅛
USX Delhi	13½	13½	13½	+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	26⅞	26⅞	26⅞	— ⅛
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ZenithE	11⅛	10½	10⅞	— ⅛

Swallows return to San Juan Capistrano

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (AP) — Their summer home is a ruin racked in scaffolding, and their tradition has been diluted by tourism, but the swallows are back again at Mission San Juan Capistrano.

"We came just to see those swallows," said Dartha Bull of White Bluff, Tenn., who kept a promise to bring daughter Karmen for her 16th birthday.

The mission has been attracting the little cliff swallows since it was built in the late 1700s, and the swallows for over half a century have been attracting tourists, many recalling Leon Rene's 1939 tune "When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano."

Earthquakes and erosion have made the Great Stone Church, one of California's oldest buildings, a shaky ruin. So administrators count on the tourists dollars the swallows bring to pay the estimated $5 million restoration bill.

Bellringer Mike Gastelum sent up a welcoming clang at about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday for several swallow "scouts" who preceded the main flock by several days.

It takes the birds about a month to fly from their winter homes at Goya, Argentina. Biologists say they really do arrive about this time each year, though weather and food fluctuations mean they don't always show up exactly on March 19, St. Joseph's Day.

Tourists were here early as well. Since last year, the town has added a weekend "Swallows Day" bell-ringing and fair with locals dressed as cowboys, vaqueros, Indians and priests.

An estimated 14,000 people were in this Southern California town last Saturday and Sunday, compared with a normal Sunday crowd of about 1,200.

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Kerry Max Cook wins another round in court

AUSTIN (AP) — Kerry Max Cook, who was tried three times and convicted twice in the murder of a Tyler secretary, won another round in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The appeals court, without comment, denied a motion by prosecutors on Wednesday to reconsider its November decision to overturn Cook's most recent capital murder conviction.

Cook has been on death row for nearly 20 years in the 1977 mutilation murder of Linda Jo Edwards.

The Smith County district attorney's office likely will file a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court, seeking to reinstate Cook's conviction, said Ed Marty, assistant criminal district attorney.

"We have one last opportunity because the issues were decided on federal constitutional grounds, so we have a right to petition the U.S. Supreme Court to consider the interpretation," Marty said.

Paul Nugent, Cook's Houston attorney, said, "I welcome the case being taken to the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court will be shocked at the prosecutorial misconduct that Smith County engaged in for 15 years."

If the state appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court and it loses, Cook would be ordered back into the custody of Smith County, where prosecutors would have to decide whether to proceed with a fourth trial or release Cook.

Citing misconduct by former prosecutors nearly 20 years ago, the state's highest criminal court may have made a fourth trial for Cook unlikely by ruling key testimony for the state improper and inadmissible.

"Another trial wouldn't be impossible for us to win, but it would be a very stern test of our ability to convict him of capital murder now," Marty said.

Nugent said, "Smith County will have to decide if it wants to spend thousands of dollars to try him a fourth time or do the right thing and dismiss the charges."

The court voted 5-3 in November to reverse Cook's conviction. Two judges said then they would have barred a retrial and ordered him set free.

Ms. Edwards was beaten in the head with a plaster statue, then stabbed repeatedly with scissors and a knife and sexually mutilated.

At the time of the killing, Cook was an unemployed bartender living in the same apartment complex as Ms. Edwards. There were no eyewitnesses to the crime, but Cook's fingerprints were found on Ms. Edwards' sliding glass door.

The Court of Criminal Appeals listed several instances of evidence suppression by former prosecutors that have plagued the Cook case.

The court's reversal centered primarily around testimony given previously by Robert Hoehn, a friend of Cook's who was with him the night of the murder. Hoehn died of AIDS in 1987 and his prior testimony was simply entered into the record at the second and third trials.

The second trial, in December 1992, ended with jurors deadlocked 6-6. The third trial was in Georgetown in 1994.

"It's rare that a capital murder conviction is reversed, and it's even more rare when it's reversed based on prosecutorial misconduct," Nugent said.

7 listed in arrest warrants for hazing

AUSTIN (AP) — Arrest warrants have been issued against seven former members of a University of Texas fraternity accused of hazing.

Police say the members of Pi Kappa Alpha used cattle prods to shock pledges and burned them with cigarettes.

Officers said that when one pledge came forward to report the hazing incidents, he was assaulted by one member and threatened with a baseball bat by another.

There are also reports of paddling, humiliation, a forced trip to a secret location and being given food laced with cayenne pepper, police said.

Court documents filed on Wednesday said another pledge suspected of betraying the organization by reporting hazing had his toes broken.

There have been some highly publicized hazing incidents at the university in the past.

In 1990, four members of the Sigma Nu fraternity pleaded no contest to criminal hazing violations. They were fined $500 and three were sentenced to 15 to 30 days in jail. They were arrested after a pledge was beaten and led around the room with a claw hammer gripping his testicles.

Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi and Pi Kappa Alpha were convicted in 1991 of hazing charges.

A grand jury declined to issue any indictments in two cases in which the hazing led to the death of fraternity members or pledges.

In 1986, no action was taken when fraternity member Mark Seeberger died of alcohol poisoning. In 1996, a Bastrop County grand jury declined to indict anyone in the drowning death of Gabe Higgins, a pledge of the UT Cowboys.

Hazing incidents have declined since Higgins drowned, but some complaints trickle in, university officials say.

"It's an ongoing battle," said Sherri Sanders, UT assistant dean of students. "There are constantly new students coming into the system, and we constantly have to educate them."

Pi Kappa Alpha was ordered last week to cease campus activities for three years because of hazing violations.

More charges may be filed against Pi Kappa Alpha members, Austin Police Sgt. Dusty Hesskew said Wednesday.

The charges filed Wednesday were based, at least in part, on statements given by Hunter Bywaters, 19, who was pledging the fraternity last fall.

Maxwell Lancaster Oliver, 20, was charged with assault with injury and Brian Gale Newman, 19, 2323 San Antonio St., was charged with making a terroristic threat against Bywaters. Police said Newman threatened to beat Bywaters with a baseball bat at a party held Feb. 7.

Joshua Van Maele, 22; Justin Louis Tacl, 21; Kevin Walen Fricke, 20; Alan McGregor Watters, 21; and John Hubert Davenport, 22, were charged with hazing.

Oliver was the only fraternity member charged who could be reached for comment, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

"I had no physical contact with that young man," Oliver said.

Bywaters was kicked out of the fraternity after he went to the fraternity president to complain about what was going on, according to a court affidavit.

But some current members said Bywaters dropped out of the fraternity last fall while he was pledging.

Sgt. Hesskew said Bywaters at first did not help university investigators because of his loyalty to the fraternity. He decided to help, Hesskew said.

Code to shield cellular phone privacy cracked

NEW YORK (AP) — Using information found on the Internet, computer security experts have cracked a code that protects the privacy of calls made with new digital cellular telephones, The New York Times reported today.

Breaking the code would allow someone to scan hundreds of wireless channels for phone calls miles away, the Times said.

The experts who accomplished the feat belong to an informal group that supports individual privacy.

"The industry design process is at fault," said David Wagner, a researcher at the University of California at Berkeley and a member of the team that broke the code. "We can use this as a lesson, and save ourselves vulnerabilities in the future."

Chris Carroll, an engineer at GTE Laboratories and chairman of the industry committee that oversees cellular phone privacy, said work is being done to fix the problem.

"We're already in the process of correcting this flaw," Carroll said.

Technical details of the security system were supposed to be a closely guarded secret, known only to industry engineers. But the researchers performed their work based on documents leaked from within the communications industry and published over the Internet.

Fears about the digital code's effectiveness were raised five years ago when the communications industry agreed under government pressure to adopt a watered-down privacy technology. Several industry officials told the Times that the pressure came from the National Security Agency, which feared that stronger encryption technology might allow criminals to conspire with impunity by cellular phone.

The digital technology is in use in metropolitan areas, including New York and Washington.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Drug therapy: Has it gone too far?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 88-year-old aunt is a resident in a nursing home. She has been given Hytrin, Xanax, Zoloft, Desyrel, and erythromycin.

What are these drugs used for? I believe that she is over-medicated so that she will "get along" with the nursing home staff. Her drug bills are horrendous.

DEAR READER: I agree that your aunt is over-medicated, even though I am not familiar with her or her medical problems.

Hytrin is a medication used for treating hypertension. If your aunt has high blood pressure, this prescription is appropriate.

Zoloft and Desyrel are anti-depressants. One or the other might be suitable for your aunt, but both together are probably unnecessary.

Xanax is used t' treat anxiety. In my opinion, it is unnecessary in the presence of anti-depressant therapy.

Erythromycin is an antibiotic. It is customarily administered for short periods to cure infections. I do not know why your aunt's doctor has prescribed it for chronic use.

I am very active in two nursing homes in my community, and I am constantly astonished at my colleagues' widely varying prescription practices. All are capable doctors, I want you to understand; however, some practitioners prescribe 10, 12, even 15 medications to elderly residents. Not only is this dangerous (how can anyone estimate the enormous potential for undesirable drug interactions?), but it is redundant and wasteful.

My personal style may be unique. I have adopted a minimalist approach: only those drugs that are absolutely necessary for my elderly patients' health and comfort.

For example, in your aunt's case, I'd make the following recommendations.

• Stop the Xanax. Your aunt's anxiety might be better treated with regular involvement in social programs, occupational therapy and other activities. Frequent visits by the nursing home chaplain might help her.

• Stop either the Zoloft or the Desyrel. One anti-depressant should suffice.

• Stop the erythromycin. It's better to address the source of a chronic infection — such as an indwelling bladder catheter — than to mindlessly prescribe a broad-spectrum antibiotic.

Under my plan, your aunt would receive only two drugs, an improvement over the five she is getting. The bottom line? Fewer side effects, less chance of drug interactions, simpler nursing procedures, reduced risk of medication errors, less expense, and — I hope — a happier, more comfortable patient.

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

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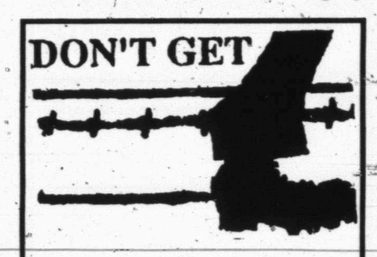

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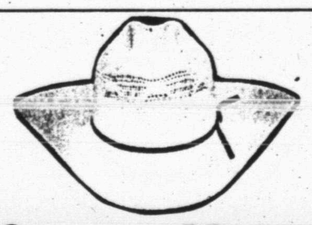

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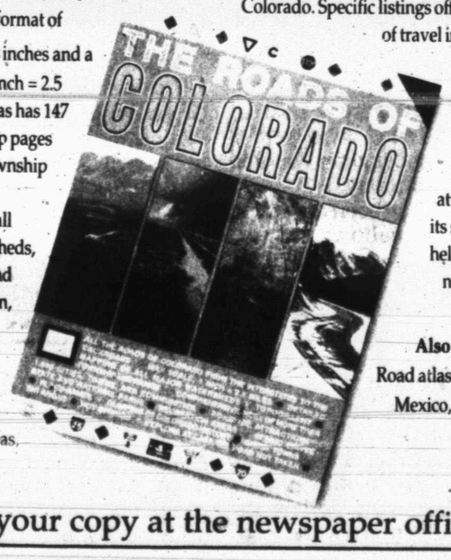

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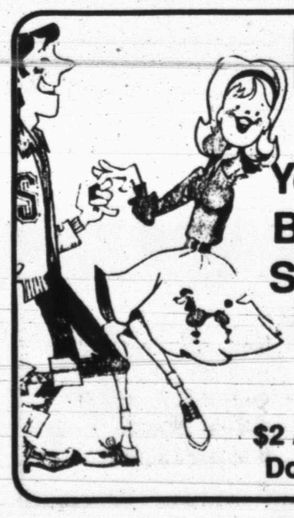

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Capitol Highlights

Parental notification bill outlined

AUSTIN (AP) — Key points of a bill requiring parental notification for minors to get abortions:

— Doctors who perform abortions would be required to notify a parent or guardian of a girl under 18 seeking an abortion.

— The parent or guardian would have to be notified in person or by telephone within a 48-hour period of the minor's request for an abortion.

— If the parent or guardian couldn't be notified in person or by telephone after a reasonable effort, the doctor could perform the abortion after giving 48 hours' notice by certified mail to the last known address of the parent or guardian.

— Parental consent would not be required for an abortion to proceed.

— A doctor who performs an abortion on a minor without notifying a parent or guardian could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and-or a fine of up to $4,000.

— An exception would be provided if the doctor determined there was a medical emergency.

— Minors who do not wish a parent or guardian to be notified could go to court to bypass the notification procedure.

Key points in voucher, charter bills

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are key points of school voucher and charter school bills considered by the Senate Education Committee:

VOUCHERS

— An estimated 6.5 percent of Texas' 3.7 million public school students would be affected under the bill by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo.

— Those students are enrolled at campuses where less than half the students performed satisfactorily on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills' reading, writing or math section for three straight years.

— To be eligible for a private-tuition voucher, the students would have to first try to transfer to a public school in another district and be turned down.

— The private-school voucher would be an average of about $4,000 per student, or about 80 percent of the money that would go to a public school.

— Private schools that receive vouchers could not discriminate based on residence, race, national origin, ethnic background, religion, physical or mental ability or disability, or academic achievement.

— Private schools that receive vouchers would be subject to the same accountability system as public schools.

— The State Board of Education would designate an impartial organization with experience in evaluating school choice programs to annually evaluate the pilot voucher programs.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

— The limit on the number of independent charter schools in Texas would be raised from 20 to 100 under a bill by Bivins.

— There would be no legal cap on the number of independent charter schools under a bill by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound.

Senate approves training program

AUSTIN (AP) — A pilot program would be created in Harris County to train welfare recipients to become child-care workers under a bill OK'd by the Texas Senate.

The bill by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, was approved Wednesday and goes to the House for consideration.

The bill, which stems from a proposal by Comptroller John Sharp, would require the Texas Workforce Commission to establish a pilot program to certify state-licensed day-care facilities in Harris County child-care training centers.

The commission would have to report by Jan. 31, 1999 to the Legislature on the results of the pilot program.

"Federal welfare reform passed in 1996 requires Texas to find work opportunities for thousands of additional recipients of public assistance and increase child-care capacity. Training welfare recipients as child-care providers will help us achieve both of these goals," Ellis said.

The program would screen recipients to identify those with an aptitude for child-care work, offer training in early childhood education and business management, and provide additional support to help trainees start their own child-care business.

The welfare-child care bill is SB213.

Partisan posturing on medical bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A committee has forwarded to the Texas House legislation that would increase a physician's ability to prescribe painkilling drugs, despite partisan attempts to label the move as legalizing marijuana.

Bill author Rep. John Hirschi, D-Wichita Falls, presented the House Public Health Committee with a substituted measure — refining the language — and a disclaimer of his intent.

"I'm here to tell this (bill) does not legalize marijuana," Hirschi said. "In no way, shape or form does this change that federal regulation."

Marijuana is a federally controlled substance and state legislation would not override federal regulations.

The bill passed unopposed through the committee Wednesday. It will next be voted upon by the full House.

The measure allows physicians to prescribe or administer "dangerous drugs or controlled substances" to a person only for legitimate medical purposes.

Upon the House reading, Rep. Dianne Delisi, R-Temple, said she will add a floor amendment to address concerns of Republicans who blasted the legislation on Tuesday.

Delisi's amendment will read: "This Act is not intended nor shall it be interpreted to legalize the use of any illegal substance for prescription to any patient or person at any time."

The Controlled Substance bill is HB120.

HMO subpoenas TDI's legislative list

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Insurance has received subpoenas ordering the agency to release its legislative contacts.

The document is part of a lawsuit filed by Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Texas against the department. Kaiser is seeking to prevent state regulators from making public details of a potentially damaging report.

The hearing on a temporary restraining order against the department is set for April 18.

Kaiser wants to question the state agency's custodian of records.

The subpoena, received Wednesday, asked for the Department of Insurance to reveal any communications it had with lawmakers regarding a package of managed health care bills.

"We think it's an appropriate step in the discovery process to build our case," said David O'Grady, a spokesman for Kaiser.

The document specifically named the 11 members of the Senate Economic Development Committee.

"The Department of Insurance said they couldn't provide the document because it's sealed," Karina Casari, director of the Economic Development Committee. The Texas Department of Insurance informed the committee Wednesday morning after being served.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, announced the development on the floor of the Senate Wednesday afternoon shortly before adjournment.

"This is in the category of 'The Empire Strikes Back,'" said Sibley, the chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee.

Phone calls to Kaiser attorney Mary Dietz and David Mattax, who is trying the case for the Texas Attorney General's office, were not immediately returned.

Attorney General spokesman Ward Tisdale said the state didn't immediately file any motions with the court.

Some court documents have been sealed in the case. State District Judge Paul Davis has ruled that any document to be filed in the case that contains or refers to confidential information would be sealed.

A temporary restraining order was issued after Kaiser Permanente, as the HMO and its network of doctors are collectively known, argued that by releasing the report, the HMO would be "irreparably harmed by the publication of confidential information, a loss of goodwill, loss of reputation and likely loss of enrollees ... "

The Insurance Department, in its draft report, criticizes Kaiser Permanente for how it advises HMO patients to seek emergency room care and file claims, according to O'Grady.

O'Grady said the report, which followed a review of the HMO in January and February, contained information told by patients to doctors in confidence.

Kaiser Permanente is a partnership of the Dallas-based health plan and the Permanente Medical Association of Texas.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, March 21, 1997

You might test your entrepreneurial skills in the year ahead. There could be interesting developments for you when you open up new horizons.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It is important today that you have a definite sense of direction or else you might drift a little off course and get hung up on a sandbar. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Excessive curiosity might draw you into a complicated situation today which you should avoid instead of embrace. Do not butt in where you don't belong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Decisions should not be made impulsively today, especially if you're delegated to decide a matter for another who is not present.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It is best that you consult your superiors today before making any changes, especially if unplanned conditions begin to dominate the scene.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try not to get involved in a situation in which you will be handling funds for others. You may not be too well-equipped for this assignment today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Dealings with friends and business associates should work out rather well for you today, but this might not be true of your involvement with relatives or in-laws.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If there is a concept you're advocating today, do not try to impose it on others. If they aren't receptive, turning up the heat won't change their minds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be especially careful with your possessions today, especially if a friend who you know does not take care of things asks to borrow something.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Success might be denied you today if you change your course too often in order to gratify the wishes imposed upon you by others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not be the cause of your own undoing today; there could be penalties for ignoring your better judgment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Analyze your affairs carefully today to be sure you don't stretch yourself to the limits financially. Extraction will be more difficult later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Partners could be a bit testy today owing to the fact that each participant may be interested only in his or her own goals.

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Date Book

March 20, 1997

Today is the 79th day of 1997 and the first day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1956, France recognized the independence of Tunisia.

On this day in 1969, John Lennon and Yoko Ono were married in Gibraltar.

On this day in 1995, 12 people were killed when terrorists released poison gas in the Tokyo subway.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ovid (43 B.C.-A.D. 17), poet; Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906), dramatist; Fred Rogers (1928-), children's TV personality, is 69; Hal Linden (1931-), actor, is 66; Pat Riley (1945-), basketball coach, is 52; Bobby Orr (1948-), hockey great, is 49; William Hurt (1950-), actor, is 47; Holly Hunter (1958-), actress, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Libby Riddles became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Note too that a faithful study of the liberal arts humanizes character and permits it not to be cruel." — Ovid

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1986, the wind gusted to 153 mph in Scotland's Cairngorm Mountains.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 15) and full moon (March 23).

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Sir Alec Guinness refuses interviews

LONDON (AP) — Hype has sucked the force from Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Sir Alec Guinness, who played the wise old Jedi warrior in "Star Wars," has refused to attend the royal premiere of its re-release in London's Leicester Square on Thursday.

"The hype over the reissue of "Star Wars" and the constant demands for interviews from the press, magazines, radio and TV have got me down and my only refuge is to refuse everything," the Oscar-winner said in a statement Wednesday.

Guinness, 82, has become a reclusive figure, making few theater appearances.

Henny Youngman celebrates 91st

NEW YORK (AP) — Henny Youngman celebrated his 91st birthday Wednesday. His material's not getting any younger, either.

The King of the One-Liners sat down with his family, friends and a few reporters for lunch and a few laughs to mark the milestone. It took only the slightest prodding for the fragile Youngman to slip back into his tried and true routines.

Henny, to what can you attribute your longevity?

"Breathing."

Any advice for people who want to get into show biz?

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How has New York changed?

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Liggett to acknowledge tobacco dangers

BOSTON (AP) — The maker of Chesterfield cigarettes will acknowledge that cigarettes are addictive and cause cancer under a settlement with 21 of 22 states suing the tobacco industry, the state attorney general's office said today.

Liggett Group Inc., the smallest of the major U.S. tobacco companies, also plans to cooperate with the states in similar lawsuits against other companies, according to a settlement that was to be signed and announced in Washington today, the attorney general's office said.

Liggett will turn over thousands of incriminating new documents to the states and assist in interpreting them in their lawsuits, the attorney general's office said. It also said Liggett will drop all confidentiality agreements so its employees can serve as witnesses against fellow tobacco suppliers.

Liggett will agree to place warnings on all of the company's products and advertising warning that tobacco is addictive, the office said.

Liggett's head, Bennett LeBow, will release a statement acknowledging that cigarette smoking causes health problems, nicotine is addictive, and the tobacco industry specifically markets to minors, the office said.

The attorney general's office said Minnesota was expected to be the only one of the 22 states not to accept the terms of the settlement.

"The fallout from this agreement will be felt well into the 21st century and it should end once and for all the farce of industry denials about their illegal and deceptive conduct," said state Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, head of the National Association of Attorneys General.

"Our states will now have the opportunity to go into court armed with the testimony of industry insiders and documented evidence about what big tobacco knew and when they knew it," he added.

Liggett broke with the industry in March 1996 when it settled with five states, including Massachusetts, seeking to recover the public health-care costs of treating sick smokers. Liggett also settled a federal class-action lawsuit filed by smokers.

Liggett, the Durham, N.C.-based maker of Chesterfield, Lark and L&M cigarettes, has agreed to extend the 16 other states the same deal it made with Massachusetts and its counterparts: up front cash of about $25 million, plus 2.5 percent of its pretax profits over the next 25 years, the attorney general's office said.

Mexico...

Deadline nears for Congress to certify anti-drug efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key senators opposed to U.S. certification of Mexico's anti-drug efforts have an agreement with the administration on a resolution that would retain President Clinton's decision.

Wrangling over unrelated foreign policy issues, including long-delayed ratification of a chemical weapons treaty and restructuring of the State Department, threatened to stall action on Mexico.

Two deadlines loom: Congress has until March 30 to act on Clinton's blessing of Mexico as fully cooperative in the anti-drug effort and the Senate has until April 29 to ratify the chemical treaty.

Both houses plan a two-week recess beginning next week, but Democrats were threatening to hold up the recess and any vote on Mexico unless a date is set today for a chemical-treaty ratification vote next month.

Asked today about prospects for Senate approval, White House spokesman Mike McCurry noted that administration and Senate officials worked on the issue until late Wednesday night. "We were encouraged by the conversations we had," McCurry said.

Any Mexico resolution other than a straight decertification bill requires the unanimous agreement of all senators before it can go to a vote. Democrats also have the power to block adjournment by filibustering any issue.

With the Mexico legislation hammered out Wednesday night with national security chief Sandy Berger, Democrats lost some of their political leverage.

The new Mexico resolution calls for a five-month review and another presidential assessment of Mexico's cooperation on Sept. 1. It, however, provides for no overturning of Clinton's decision to certify Mexico as "fully cooperative" in the war on drugs.

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Airline, pilots' union reach tentative accord

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Airlines and its pilots have reached a tentative agreement to end a longstanding contract dispute but important details remain to be worked out to assure there will no strike next month, officials said.

Negotiators were to meet at an undisclosed location in Washington today to continue talks in hopes of presenting a proposed contract to the pilots union board on Friday.

The tentative agreement calls for the pilots to receive raises totaling 9 percent over the life of the contract, through 2001, and a number of stock options, according to sources familiar with the talks who spoke only on condition of anonymity. The company would end within four years a second-tier wage scale adopted in the early 1980s.

A key sticking point has been the dispute over who will fly small jets that American plans to use to replace turboprops now used on American Eagle ommuter flights. Settling this point involved talks about the relationship between American pilots and the American Eagle pilots, who are represented by another union.

Neither American Airlines spokesman Chris Chiames nor Capt. Michael Cronin of the Allied Pilots Association would discuss details of the proposal.

Union sources cautioned that some sticking points must be resolved before the plan is submitted to the union's board for approval.

Word of the proposal came as an emergency board sent President Clinton a report about the issues separating the pilots and the nation's largest domestic airline. The board was appointed by the president minutes after the pilots voted to strike last month.

The union insisted that its members fly the 70- to 100-seat jets. American's parent company, AMR Corp., wanted its lower-paid American Eagle pilots to move into jet cockpits.

Verdict returned

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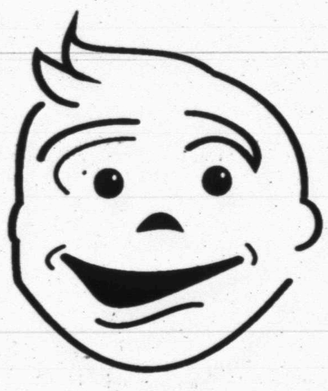
pickup and selling it for parts. He had been indicted by a Scurry County in November on the theft charges. Another man, Eddie Glenn Mills was also indicted in November for the theft of the pickup. Mills's case is still pending.

Both men had been accused of stealing the vehicle from the front of John's Machine Shop on Oct. 6, 1996, stripping it and selling the parts.

Dana Cooley, district attorney, is prosecuting the case. Starr, of 1000 30th St., is represented by by Isaac Castro, a local attorney.

Hamburger Happy Meal



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What's Up?

FFA alumni to meet

FFA alumni will meet at 6:30 this evening in the Snyder High School ag building to discuss the FFA banquet.

Healthcare Center family council

Snyder Healthcare Center's family council, 5311 Big Spring Highway, is having a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Kite demonstration slated

Gary King, a kiting professional from Lubbock, will present a kite demonstration Friday at Scurry County Museum from 5-6 p.m. King's Kite Talks" will include historical, scientific and technical information. The demonstration will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

Skate Night planned

Snyder Noon Kiwanis will sponsor Skate Night from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Admission is $2 for skaters and $1 for spectators. Concessions will be available. All ages are welcome. Bring your own skates.

Scurry Youth Center

Scurry Youth Center, located at the Boys & Girls Club, will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m. Saturday. Admission is $2. A snack bar will be open. New stereo equipment, lights and CDs will be featured.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The fifth Bible tape, "The Generation That Seeks A Miracle," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "Teen Pressures."

Blood sugar tests

Snyder Healthcare Center, 5311 Big Spring Highway, is sponsoring blood sugar tests from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday.

Frances Billingsley Day

The public is invited to a reception honoring longtime county employee Frances Billingsley, who retired last year as county clerk. The reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday in the courthouse.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Art and writing contest

Area schools are invited to participate in the 11th annual Texas Wildflower Program at Scurry County Museum. The program will feature creative art and writing. Projects will be accepted March 24-27. The display will open April 7 and close May 9. For information, call 573-6107.

Ira gospel singing

Ira First Baptist, Church of God, Church of Christ and United Methodist are hosting a community singing at the Ira School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Call Judy Smallwood at 573-5785 or Linda Darnell at 573-9527 to have your group placed on the program. Everyone is invited.

Easter sunrise service

East Side Church of Christ invites everyone to a sunrise service to be held March 30 at the J.R. Cave Ranch, approximately five miles south on Highway 208. More detailed information is forthcoming.

Baptist sunrise service

First Baptist Church invites everyone to a sunrise service March 30 at 6 a.m. at the Tommy and Shelby Clayton residence north of Snyder.

Free tax help provided

An AARP tax aide is available Wednesdays at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. to help middle and low income older taxpayers prepare their personal income taxes. For information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Wildflower tours available

Scurry County Museum will be conducting wildflower tours from April 7-30. Tours should be scheduled at least five days in advance by calling 573-6107. The tours will be given by Western Texas College botany students.

SNS needs financial help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing, which repairs homes of persons over 65 or disabled, is in need of donations for the April 26 workday. Donations can be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, or dropped off at Sam Robertson's Insurance or the West Elementary School office.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
(8-1-3)
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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-12-29-36-38-45.
Estimated jackpot: $15 million.
Number matching six of six: none.
Matching five of six: 127. Prize: $1,695.
Matching four of six: 7,048. Prize: $110.
Matching three of six: 138,401. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
Estimated jackpot: $22 million.