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Swift veto promised for U.N. dues bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today promised a swift veto of a bill that conditions payments to the United Nations on new restrictions on overseas abortions. Senate Republican leaders insist a veto could kill U.N. funds for the year.

President Clinton will veto the bill "as soon as we get it," press secretary Mike McCurry said. "They ought to just send it down here so we can send it back to them in the same day's mail." He said it would be unfortunate if Republicans refused to pass a substitute with U.N. money.

On a 51-49 vote, the Senate on Tuesday gave final congressional approval to a State Department bill that includes $926 million in back U.N. dues — dues that are long delinquent.

The measure includes a provision, attached by House conservatives, that would bar any of the money from being used, even indirectly, to support international family-planning organizations that advocate abortion rights.

Clinton had threatened to veto any legislation containing such an abortion restriction, and immediately after the Senate vote White House spokesman Barry Toiv said the president would make good on his threat.

"By including this extraneous but controversial provision relating to family planning, the Congress leaves the president no choice but to veto the bill," Toiv said. "We hope they will get the bill up here quickly so the president can veto it and we can move on to separating this issue from this essential legislation, as it ought to be separated."

GOP leaders intend to stall on sending the paperwork to Clinton, to increase pressure on him to sign the bill, said leadership aides who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Republican leaders sought to convince Clinton that signing the bill might be the only way to get money for State Department programs and the United Nations in this congressional election year.

"This bill includes a number of far-reaching, if not historic, reforms," Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman, R-N.Y., chairman of the House International Relations Committee, wrote Clinton.

Conservative Republicans have threatened to attach the same abortion restrictions to a Clinton request for $18 billion for the International Monetary Fund.

In other foreign-policy areas:

—The Senate was resuming debate today on the administration-backed move to expand NATO by adding three former Soviet bloc nations: Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

—House and Senate negotiators were meeting today on an emergency spending bill with money for U.S. troops in Bosnia and the Persian Gulf and disaster relief for communities hard hit by El Nino-driven storms and floods.

—Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said a veto of the State Department bill would be "a big mistake," and he doubted Clinton would get another chance this year to get the U.N. money through the Republican-led Congress. "In my opinion, this is it," Lott told reporters.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Growing old is mandatory, but growing wise is optional."

Not even a good belly-laugh is cheap anymore.

Humor consultant Malcolm Kushner has developed a "Cost of Laughing Index," and the 1998 figure is up three percent in just one year.

The reason for the jump is because the minimum for writing one of those TV sitcoms rose $346 to $11,891.

And those nuts are laughing all the way to the bank.

We like the humor of hard-luck stories — especially the ones that adults tell their kids and grandkids.

Nancy McFatridge, a veteran here at the Snyder Daily News, says her husband, W.C., was one of those who walked to school.

"And to hear him tell it," Nancy says, "it snowed every day for 12 years."

Not only do the snows get deeper with each story, but the path to school was uphill both ways.

Recently there was a contest asking for stories about how tough it was in the good ole days. It may be difficult to top this award-winning hard-time story:

"In my day, we didn't have hand-held calculators. We had to do addition on our fingers. To subtract, we had to have some fingers amputated."

Some other entries:

--In my day, we didn't have any rocks. We had to go down to the creek and wash our clothes by beating them with our heads.

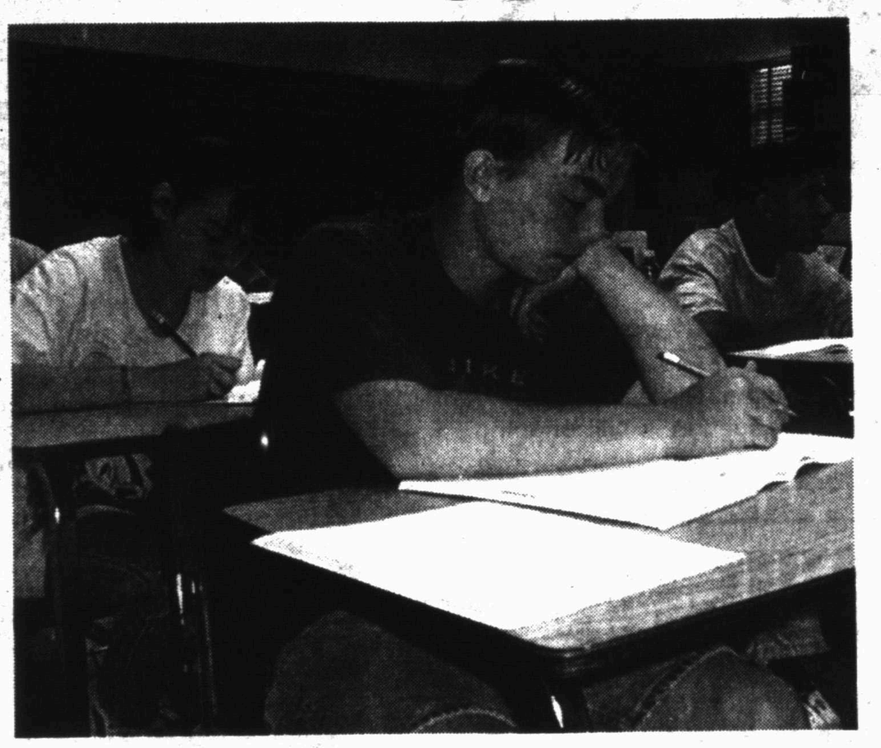
--In my day, we didn't have MTV or in-line skates. No, it was 45s and regular old metal-wheeled roller skates; The 45s always skipped, so to get them to play right, you'd weigh the needle down with something like skate keys.

--In my day, we couldn't afford shoes, so we went barefoot. In the winter, we had to wrap our feet with barbed wire for traction.

It reminds us of a similiar story told by Snyder's G.A. Parks.

When G.A. finally got his first pair of shoes, he wore 'em out from the inside out.

TAAS testing going on this week



CONCENTRATION — Snyder Junior High eighth graders Misty Doty and T.J. Cagle were among students in the local district taking TAAS tests this week. (SDN Staff Photo)

More than 1,300 Snyder ISD students are involved in state-mandated TAAS tests this week, according to Assistant Superintendent Wendell Sollis.

Grades 3 through 8 and high school students who have not mastered all their TAAS requirements are involved.

Students in grades 3 through 7 will complete tests today, while eighth graders must still take social studies tests Thursday and science on Friday. Those students are taking their reading skills tests today.

Four students are taking the math portion of the TAAS test at the high school today. None were required to be re-tested on the reading or writing portion.

Awards Day...

WTC top students to gain recognition

Western Texas College's annual Awards Day, sponsored by the Faculty Association, will be held Thursday.

The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the central courtyard.

Highlighting the event will be the announcement of the outstanding academic male and female student. To be eligible, students must be a sophomore, have completed at least three semesters at WTC, have an overall grade point average of at least 3.75 and have been involved in campus and community events.

Members of the WTC Faculty Association nominate students. The final two are chosen by a vote of the entire association.

Departmental awards will also be announced. These are given to students who have excelled in their individual areas of study.

They are awarded to students enrolled in each of the college's six divisions: occupational education; comunications and letters; computer science, mathematics and science; health and physical education; business and developmental studies; and fine arts. Also to be recognized are students named to the USA Today Academic Team and Who's Who award recipients.

To fit the altered schedule for Thursday morning, classes have been changed. Classes which begin at 8 a.m. will end at 9:05. Classes normally starting at 9:30 will meet from 9:15 to 10:20, and 11:30 a.m. classes will meet from noon until 1:05 p.m.

Election Saturday...

Early voting period is over

A light turnout characterized early voting, which ended Tuesday in the trustee elections at Western Texas College and Snyder and Ira public school districts.

Ninety-three ballots were cast in the trustee election at Western Texas College, where board president Dr. Jay Kidd is facing a challenge to his Place 4 seat by Dr. James Hanks, a local chiropractor.

Snyder ISD's election for two at-large places generated 82 early votes. Campaigning for seats on the board are incumbent Luann Burleson, TDCJ Lt. Danny Bass and Windham School District deputy regional director Bill Moss.

At Ira, where Place 7 incumbent Doug White is being challenged by Ira Pump & Supply general manager Carl Smith, 23 ballots were cast.

Citizens who weren't able to get to the polls during the early voting period have from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, election day. Snyder ISD and WTC boxes will be at City Hall. Ira ISD voters will vote at Ira Community Center.

IRS horror stories continue, but Demos question the point

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing another round of hearings targeting the Internal Revenue Service, many Democrats are asking a basic question: What's the point?

"When are you fellows going to quit talking about it and start doing something about it?" asked Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

Breaux, relaying the sentiments of a constituent, questioned the continued delay of legislation to improve IRS oversight and strengthen taxpayer rights. The bill, which passed the House Nov. 5, is supposed to reach the Senate floor next week.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, defended the Senate Finance Committee's exhaustive review of IRS' inner workings, saying it prods an agency that often is "Johnny-come-lately" to changing its practices.

"Why is the IRS only willing to make change at a point where Congress is exposing some very bad wrongdoing?" he asked.

At today's hearings, the panel heard from John Colaprete, co-owner of the Jewish Mother restaurant in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, Va., whose business was the target of a botched raid by IRS and state law enforcement agents. No criminal charges were ever brought following the raid, which was based partly on statements of a bookkeeper the restaurant had fired for embezzlement.

"Unfortunately, rather than make restitution, (the bookkeeper) sought shelter with the IRS and told them a fantastic tale of money laundering, gun running and drug dealing by my partner and me," Colaprete said in a prepared statement.

"I have never been in any sort of trouble with the law, and I believe that every American has an obligation to pay their fair share of income taxes," Colaprete said. He described how the manager of his restaurant had his home raided by IRS and state agents and the manager was "pulled at gunpoint from the shower and forcibly restrained when he attempted to call an attorney," Colaprete said. He said the man's teen-age son was forced to the floor at gunpoint.

On Tuesday the panel heard assertions that IRS whistleblowers see their careers destroyed while senior officials go unpunished for fraud and abuse.

'Wait Until Dark' auditions planned

Auditions for the next Ritz Community Theatre production, "Wait Until Dark," will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Ritz.

The suspense thriller, written by Frederick Knott in the Alfred Hitchcock tradition, starred Lee Remick as a young, blind wife, and Robert Duvall as a sinister villan in the original Broadway production. Audrey Hepburn starred in the lead role in the classic movie.

The cast includes six men, one woman and a girl, 10 to 12 years old.

Suzy Hendrix is the young wife, married to a photographer named Sam. Not to be pitied, Suzy handles her handicap with spirit and humor. She meets the threatening forces of evil in the form of two ex-cons, Mike Talman and Sergeant Carlino, and the mastermind of the sinister operation, Harry Roat, with courage and enterprising intelligence.

Gloria is the prying, sassy neighbor girl who befriends Suzy. Two policemen who arrive in the last scene constitute the other two male roles.

The masterfully-constructed thriller moves from one moment of suspense to another as it builds to an electrifying climax.

Production dates are June 19-21 and 26-28. Call Ellie Dryden at 573-9739 for information or a copy of the script.

Cogdell board meets Thursday

Mostly routine items are on the agenda for Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers, who meet Thursday.

The meeting convenes at 8 a.m. in the administration board room.

The medical staff report includes two items — approval of medical staff applications and bylaw amendments — that aren't of a monthly nature.

Otherwise, the board will consider the financial report, nursing report, March account payables and previous minutes.

Two other items on the agenda — charity care policies and a review of the status of the long term care unit — won't be presented Thursday because more information is needed, administrators said.

Council to mull two ordinances

Snyder City Council will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday to consider the second reading of two ordinances.

An ordinance cancelling the May 2 election will be considered, as well as setting pass-through costs at the landfill for the disposal of tires.

The election may be cancelled as there are no contested races.

ASK US

Q—In the picture of the painters at the new water tower at the industrial park, it said the workers were about 130 feet in the air. How tall is the tower?

A—It's 150 feet to the top.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 67 degrees; low, 41; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 41; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low around 50. Light wind. Thursday, sunny, warmer. High 80-85. SW wind 5-15 mph.



Anthony White
Sunny

Sunset: 8:22 p.m.
Sunrise: 7 a.m.

Of 118 days in 1998, the sun has shone 116 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

No man becomes rich unless he enriches others.

Andrew Carnegie

Prime-time TV commercials are reported at record level

NEW YORK (AP) — If those commercial breaks are seeming longer and longer, it's not just your imagination.

The amount of commercial time aired by prime-time broadcasters has increased by nearly two minutes since the start of the decade. Prime-time TV had more ads than ever last year, according to a study released Tuesday.

The top four broadcast networks ran an average of 11 minutes, 12 seconds of commercials during each hour of prime-time last November. That's a 14 percent increase from the 9:38 of commercial time in November 1991, according to a report commissioned by two advertising trade groups.

Add in network promotions and public service announcements, and there is just over 15 minutes of what ad agencies call "clutter" during a typical prime-time hour.

"My personal feeling is that they've pretty much maxed-out," said Steve Grubbs of the BBDO advertising agency, which conducted the study.

Networks have been forced to increase the number of commercials to keep making money at a time when the "product" they sell to advertisers — the TV audience — is dwindling in size, Grubbs said.

In addition to the extra commercial time, there's been a tendency during the 1990s toward running shorter, 15-second ads. That means viewers are inundated with more messages, and some advertisers are concerned that theirs won't get through.

Fox led the major broadcasters with 15:54 of commercials and promotions during an average prime-time hour, the study found. ABC was second at 15:44, NBC had 15:19 and CBS 14:29.

Daytime television is even more cluttered. The four networks showed nearly 20 minutes of commercials and promotions during an average hour of daytime TV.

Most of the increase is due to commercials sold by networks to national advertisers. The level of promotional announcements and local ads sold in each market has stayed relatively stable throughout the 1990s.

The prime-time show with the greatest amount of non-program time among the top four networks last November was "America's Funniest Home Videos," on ABC. NBC's "Working" was second.

Berry's World



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Having slept for 20 years, Rip would soon learn that the Starr investigation is still ongoing.





RHYTHM IS EVERYWHERE — East first graders in Kay Echols' and Sami Webb's classes recently presented "Rhythm Is Everywhere," written by Donna Smith, music teacher. Echols' students are (top photo) back row, from left, Teryn Sullenger, Lareshia Carey, Clay Hirt, Misty Flores, Stacy Singletary, Jayme Tomlinson; middle row, Kaylie Kahlich, Daniel Essery, Daniel Peterson, Dayton Grice, Brittainy Scott; front row, Charley Stewart, Paige Tovar, Robert Villa, Jonathan Wallace, Clint McFatridge. Chris White is not pictured. Webb's students (bottom photo) top row, from left, Charles Velasco, Jessie Thomas, Daniel Samia, Jarred Rascon, Fabian Gutierrez, Jonathan Burns, Maxine Jaramillo; middle row, Richard Grice, Zoe Briseno, Nicole Mireles, Nicholas Lentz, Bryan Thompson, Will Stewart, Sarah Atwell; bottom row, Kalyn Hildreth, Kira Bilano, Bobby Gutierrez, Tanner Price, Eddie Hernandez. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Hopwood plaintiff pushes for passage of national election

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man whose lawsuit helped end the use of race in Texas university admissions has made the rounds on Capitol Hill to lobby for legislation that would prohibit the use of race-based admissions policies on campuses nationwide.

Also Tuesday, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales announced he would not appeal the ruling that ended affirmative action policies at Texas colleges, declining a request from University of Texas System Chancellor William Cunningham to do so.

After thorough review, Morales said, "My office has identified no sufficient grounds upon which to base an appeal seeking to reimpose race-based decisionmaking at Texas institutions of higher education."

David Rogers, one of the four white plaintiffs who challenged the UT law school's admission policies after being denied entry in 1992, told a news conference that he "enthusiastically" supports legislation by Rep. Frank Riggs, R-Calif.

That measure, expected to be considered this week during debate of a broader higher education bill, would ban colleges or universities from using race, gender, ethnicity or national origin when making admissions decisions. Riggs stressed that the legislation wouldn't affect minority outreach or scholarship decisions.

"Affirmative action policies all too often discriminate against certain groups of Americans and lead to segregation rather than assimilation, and preferences rather than equal opportunity," said Riggs.

Texas ended its university affirmative action policies after a federal appeals court found that a UT law school policy meant to boost minority enrollment discriminated against whites. That ruling, named after Rogers' co-plaintiff Cheryl Hopwood, was allowed to stand in 1996 by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Rogers said unequal admissions policies giving preference to minority students — who in some cases were admitted with significantly lower test scores — are "an outrage which ought not to be tolerated in America."

"The nation deserves for this law to pass," said Rogers, a Fort Worth resident who plans to enter Texas Tech's law school in the fall.

Latino and other minority organizations have mobilized against Riggs' measure, saying its passage would stifle minority enrollment.

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SNYDER NATIONAL BANK (Name of Bank) of SNYDER (City)

in the state of Texas, at the close of business on March 31, 1998.

ASSETS

	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	4,528
Interest-bearing balances	0
Held-to-maturity securities	29,957
Available-for-sale securities	37,728
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	1,575
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	29,086
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	183
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	28,903
Trading assets	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	765
Other real estate owned	237
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	0
Other assets	1,357
Total assets	105,050

LIABILITIES

Deposits:	
In domestic offices	92,142
Noninterest-bearing	13,706
Interest-bearing	78,436
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Trading liabilities	0
Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases):	//////////
With a remaining maturity of one year or less	0
With a remaining maturity of more than one year through three years	0
With a remaining maturity of more than three years	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	1,905
Total liabilities	94,047

EQUITY CAPITAL

Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	1,500
Surplus	1,500
Undivided profits and capital reserves	8,033
Net unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	(30)
Total equity capital	11,003
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	105,050

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Entertainment:
2-2:45 Hoss Clayton Band, 3-3:30 Sparkle City Liners,
3:30-4 Hoss Clayton Band,
4-4:45 Deep Creek Cloggers, 5-6 Kitchen Band

Bar-B-Q 4:30-6 Tickets $5
Brisket By Mobil Cooking Team
Purchase Tickets Early From
Seniors & Senior Center - Or At Mayday!

Quilt Auction 6:30 By Grady & Molly Morris
Quilts, Afghans, Crocheted Dolls

SS receives boost from strong economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The strong economy is helping Social Security, a new report says, but lawmakers fear it won't be enough to solve the cash crunch coming when baby boomers retire.

"Social Security will soon be swamped by a demographic tidal wave that can't be stopped," said Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees the retirement program.

Social Security's trustees in their annual report released Tuesday predicted three extra years of full pension benefits for retiring baby boomers before a potential cash shortfall in 2032.

Many Republican lawmakers are calling for a new retirement system, based on personal accounts invested privately by workers. Democrats in Congress said the slightly more optimistic forecast for Social Security shows how far modest changes can go toward solving the program's problems.

"Some in Congress want to use a shortfall at least three decades in the future as an excuse to invest the Social Security trust funds in volatile equity markets," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt. "Clearly, time remains to have a reasoned discussion."

The improvement in Social Security's prospects is "almost entirely due to the strength of the U.S. economy and our projections that over the near term that strength continues," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said.

Unemployment and inflation are at their lowest levels in decades, and with more Americans on the job, the taxes deducted from workers' paychecks to support Social Security are up.

Low inflation also saves Social Security money because yearly cost-of-living raises to retirees can be smaller. This year's raise was just 2.1 percent, the lowest in a decade.

Social Security, in fact, now collects more payroll taxes than are needed to pay benefits to today's retirees. The surpluses are invested in government bonds.

The program will not need to start cashing in those investments in 2013, the trustees said — a year later than previously expected. At that time, baby boomers — the large group of people born from 1946 through 1964 — will have begun retiring, and it is projected that the taxes paid by those left in the work force won't cover their pensions.

Because times are so good, however, the money now accumulating will be enough to pay full Social Security benefits until 2032, rather than 2029 as previously thought, the trustees said. If changes to the system are not made, the government at that point would be able to pay only about three-quarters of promised benefits.

Clinton picks career diplomat as new ambassador to Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is nominating Jeffrey Davidow, an assistant secretary of state and career diplomat, for the long-vacant post of ambassador to Mexico.

Davidow, a native of Boston, directs the State Department's Latin America bureau. He is a former ambassador to Venezuela and Zambia and also held diplomatic posts in Guatemala, Chile, South Africa and Zimbabwe. He has spent 29 years in the foreign service.

The Mexico City post has been vacant since last June's departure of former Rep. James Jones, D-Okla. Opposition by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., blocked the confirmation of Clinton's first choice to replace Jones, former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, a Republican.

Helms supported Davidow when he was nominated for his current State Department job in 1996.

Clinton also announced Tuesday he would nominate four lawyers to other ambassadorships: E. William Crotty of Daytona Beach, Fla., to Barbados; John O'Leary of Portland, Maine, to Chile; Mari Carmen Aponte of Washington, D.C., who is also a business consultant, to the Dominican Republic, and Arthur Schechter of Houston to the Bahamas.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, at 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

Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' scholarship fund-raiser garage sale; Lakewood Drive in Sweetwater, No. 3; from 8 to 2; to donate items, call Karon Perkins at 57;3-4729 or Pat Anderson at 573-3178.

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.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man Held Back in School Struggles to Gain Ground

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend (I'll call him Timothy) was in special education classes all through school. He is very intelligent, but has a slight learning disability. Because of the way the educational system was set up, he was put into classes with students who had severe learning disabilities. He wasn't even taught addition and subtraction until his senior year.

Despite the odds against him, Timothy enrolled in community college. The lowest-level college classes are a huge jump from his high school classes and too fast-paced for him. He has talked with the counselors and tutors, but no one can help him. He has put much time and effort into classes, but still has made only failing grades. He blames himself for this, although it isn't his fault.

It breaks my heart to see Timothy's self-esteem dashed and his ambitions crushed. He is terrified of what his future holds if he cannot get an education.

Abby, aren't there classes for adults who never learned to read and write in school? Timothy can read a little, but not well. Where can I get more information for him?

LOVES HIM AND WANTS TO HELP

DEAR LOVES HIM: Inquire at the high school about remedial reading classes for adults. Also, libraries usually have programs to assist adults and children with reading and writing problems. Perhaps they can refer you to tutors who volunteer their skills without charge simply for the love of helping those in need.

Another thought: Not everyone learns in the same way. Some people learn more easily when they hear a lecture, rather than from a book. Others learn faster when they see something demonstrated. A trade school may provide a less frustrating environment in which Timothy can learn. Another alternative might be a union apprenticeship program.

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DEAR ABBY: Our bridge group has been together for more than 30 years. Our members have always been very supportive of each other. We do more than play cards; we socialize and travel together. In short, we're good friends.

For the last year or two, we've had a serious problem with one member of our group. She causes discord and irritates the rest of us. So far, we have avoided a direct confrontation with her.

Some of her annoying habits include constantly interrupting, repeating her own thoughts on what has just been said by others, complaining constantly about her neighbors and her health, loud belching, irritating loud laughter, keeping us waiting while she uses our phones without permission, and embarrassing behavior in public. I could go on and on, and her behavior is getting worse.

We have tried to solve the problem by joking about it, mildly insulting her or just ignoring her. But it doesn't seem to register, and she makes no effort to alter her behavior.

Aside from this, she is a very generous, good-natured individual, and we care about her. We feel she is "fragile," and several members of the group suspect she's mentally ill.

We'd like to salvage our relationship with her, but she's pulling the group apart. We avoid getting together because of her. We must do something if the group is to survive. Can you help us?

HAD IT IN "SPADES"

DEAR HAD IT: Your bridge group has been together for so long that it would be a shame to ask one longtime member to throw in her hand. She may be having mental problems — or she may have suffered a hearing loss as she has grown older.

Alert someone in her family to talk to her, or designate two or three of the club members to do it for the good of the group. The alternative is to slowly exclude her from your gatherings.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-29-98
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♥ 7 4 3
♦ Q J 9
♣ K Q J

West
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♥ Q J 10 8
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♣ 9 3 2

East
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♥ 9 6 5
♦ 10 7 4 2
♣ A 8 7 4

South
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♥ A K 2
♦ A K
♣ 10 6 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

The timeless question

When should you draw trumps? This is one tough question to answer. It could be immediately, or after a few tricks, or never! There is an old story that in London there are many homeless men walking the Albert Embankment because they drew trumps too late — and an equal number of homeless plodding the same Thames-side beat because they drew trumps too soon.

Is there a guideline to help the inexperienced? Yes — but more about that in a moment. First, look at the North-South hands in today's diagram. You are in four spades. West leads the heart queen. How many losers do you have? What is your line of play?

North made a limit raise, which showed about 11 support points with at least four trumps.

You have four losers: two spades, one heart and one club. (I hope you didn't overlook the third-round heart loser.) You cannot ruff any of those losers in the dummy, so you must arrange to discard that heart loser on a winner. And you must do it *now*. If you lead a trump at trick two, it will be too late to get rid of that loser — unless West suddenly develops an inexplicable allergy to hearts.

After winning with the heart ace, you should unblock the ace-king of diamonds, then play a club. Let's suppose East wins with the ace and returns a heart. Win with your king, cross to dummy with a club, and discard your last heart on the diamond queen.

Finally, to answer the initial question, now that your loser count is down to three — the number you can afford — draw trumps as quickly as possible.

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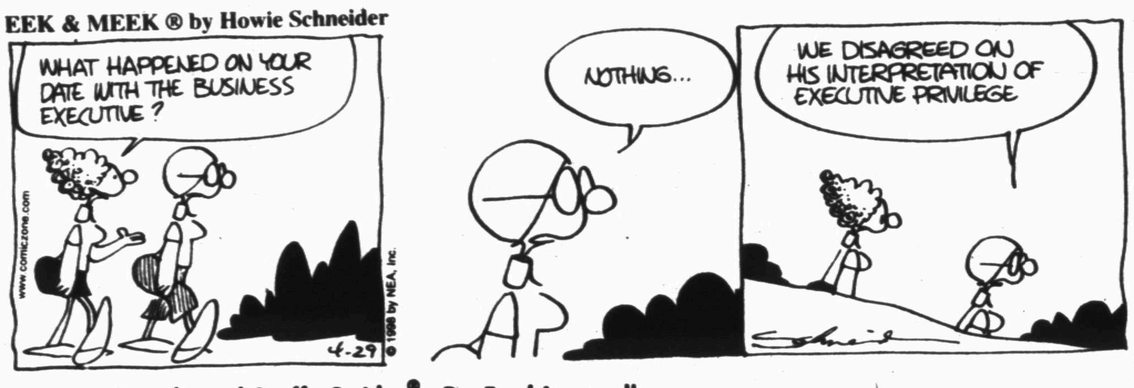
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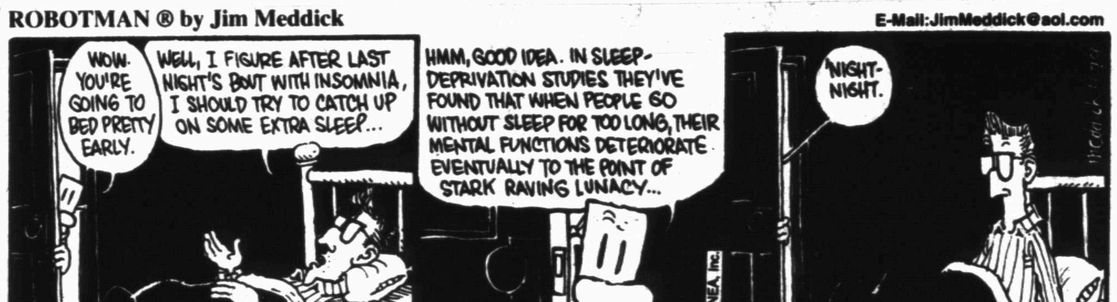


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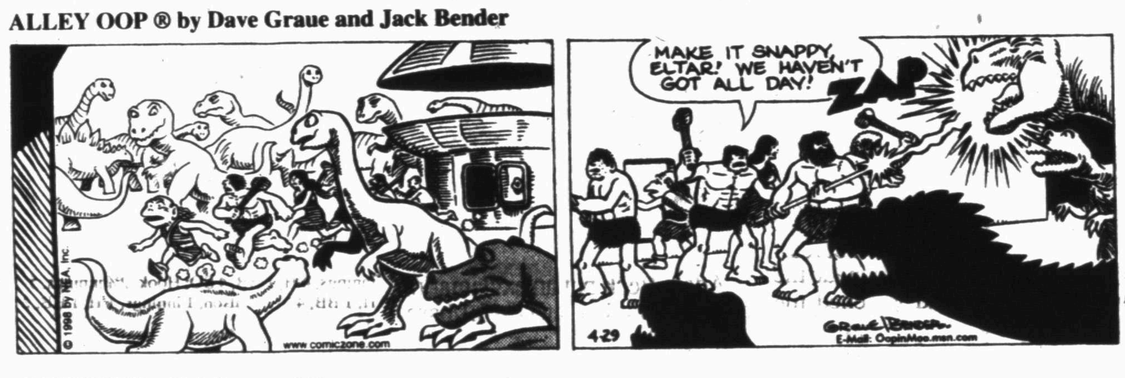
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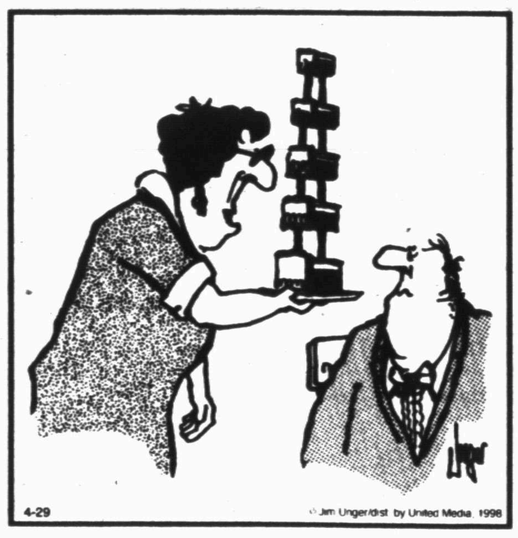
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1 Graceful woman
6 S-shaped molding
10 More luxuriant
12 Rough shed
14 Actress May
15 Planets' paths
16 Moist
17 Type of nose
19 Some poems
20 Document file
23 Pancake topping
26 Oxalis plant
27 Mao — -tung
30 Attractive person (sl.)
32 Paler
34 Actress Dahl
35 One of the Barrymores
36 Actor Gibson
37 Yale graduate
39 Elude adroitly
40 Rubbing-out
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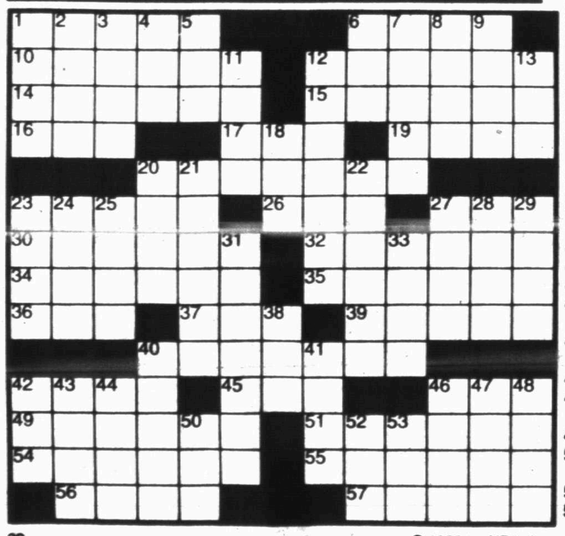
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6 Above (poet.)
7 Zsa Zsa —
8 Novelist Bagnold
9 Feminine suffix
11 Agts.
12 Reasonable
13 CIA's forerunner
18 Entertainment gp.
20 Nobleman
21 Bottle-cap remover
22 Simpler
23 Close noisily
24 Days of — (the past)
25 Bakery buy
27 Singer Turner
28 Future plant
29 Author Gardner
31 Tells
33 Lifted
38 Rose — — rose
40 Mysterious
41 Arrow poison
42 Ancient
43 Actress Teri —
44 Hawaiian feast
46 Contends
47 Concerning (2 wds.)
48 Crowds
50 Those holding office
52 Sine — non
53 — and downs

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SPORTS

Despite lumps, Day rebounds with tough 79

SAN ANGELO — Golf is usually talked about in terms of timing, rhythm and tempo — sometimes its just about determination.

Snyder's Landon Day proved that point Tuesday after firing a 79 in the second round of the regional tourney at Bentwood Country Club.

The Tiger freshman, who posted an 87 on Monday, wasn't expected to compete in the final round after taking 19 stitches in his forehead following an accident in the hotel swimming pool.

"Landon called me about 6 o'clock this morning and said 'Coach it would really mean a lot to me if you would take me to Bentwood today. I don't want to leave on a bad ending,'" said Snyder Coach Matt Glenn.

"What a gutsy performance just to play, much less shoot 79. His whole was face swollen. This was a great learning experience for Landon."



BE THE STICK — Snyder's Landon Day hits his approach shot on No. 11 at Bentwood CC during the regional golf tourney. Day fired a 79 Tuesday for a 166 total. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers advance to state

SAN ANGELO — Step one accomplished.

The Lady Tiger golf team captured the regional title Tuesday after firing a second-round 324 at Riverside Golf Club. Snyder's tourney total of 641 breaks the regional record they set last year of 643.

Pampa, which trailed Snyder by nine strokes entering the final round, took the runner-up spot after posting a 326-332—658.

Even though the Lady Tigers broke the record, they were on pace to do even better, according to coach Matt Glenn.

"We were on pace to shoot really low," Glenn said. "We made the turn at 151 and had widened the gap betwen us and Pampa by 12 shots. Then the delay came."

Riverside allowed members to start teeing off on the tenth hole before all of the players had made the turn, forcing four groups of girls to wait 35 minutes at No. 10 tee box.

"All the girls were just standing and sitting around and I think they kind of lost focus," Glenn remarked. "Not just our girls, but everybody. We didn't play as well on the back nine, but the important thing is we advance."

Daysha Weaver, still feeling the effects of a stomach virus, paced the Lady Tigers with a 78. Keisha Gafford fired an 80, while Lacey Kidd carded an 81. Randi Reed posted an 85, with Sally Barham turning in a 91.

"This team never stops surprising me," Glenn remarked. "They have the ability and the golf savvy to shoot just about any number they want. And they can do it on any kind of golf course."

The 4A girls state tourney will be played May 11-12 at Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin.

Juan Gonzalez sets record

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Juan Gonzalez set a major league record for RBIs in April and Ivan Rodriguez had three hits Tuesday night, leading the Texas Rangers to a 7-2 win over the Minnesota Twins.

Gonzalez hit a two-run homer, his seventh, in the ninth inning off Eddie Guardado. Gonzalez, who has 13 RBIs in his last five games, has 35 this month and 36 this season. Tino Martinez drove in 34 runs last April for the New York Yankees.

Will Clark hit his third homer and scored three times for the Rangers, who won their fourth straight.

With two games left in April, the Rangers' 17 victories matches the most in club history for the month. Texas was 17 in April 1989.

Rodriguez doubled twice and singled, lifting his major league-leading batting average from .442 to .451. He is hitting .528 (19-for-36) in the past nine games.

Clark homered off Twins starter Eric Milton (2-2) in the second inning to give Texas a 1-0 lead. It was Clark's third homer in the last six games and his ninth career homer against the Twins, the most against any AL team.

Darren Oliver (1-3) went seven innings for Texas, allowing five hits and two runs. He had not pitched more than four innings in his previous three starts.

Ron Coomer's fourth homer of the year in the bottom of the second tied it 1-1.

Texas took the lead for good with a pair of runs in the fourth on Rodriguez's second double and a double by Mike Simms.

Clark scored the Rangers' fourth run in the sixth inning when Fernando Tatis was hit by reliever Mike Trombley with the bases loaded.

Snyder JV ends season with victory over Abilene High

Adam Beck put an exclamation point on another successful baseball season for Snyder JV.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh, Beck delivered the game-winning hit to edge Abilene High, 9-8, in the season finale.

"It was a great game," Snyder coach Charles Bollinger said. "Our kids played hard and did what they had to do to win."

Beck finished the game three for three at the plate, including a double. Wes Wilson also smashed a double and a single.

The Tigers finish 19-5 on the year, after going 18-5 last season and 21-4 two years ago.

Snyder 9, Abilene High 8

Snyder: Beck, double and two singles; Wilson, double and single; Hester, two singles; Jones, single; Martinez, single. Grimmett, 3 innings, 4 H, 1 BB, 4 SO; Hook, 2⅔ innings, 5 H, 1 BB, 4 SO; Wilson, 1 innings, 1 H, 1 BB, 2 SO; Beck, ⅓ inning, 3 H, 0 BB, 0 SO.

"The level of play just keeps rising on all Snyder baseball teams," Bollinger remarked. "Everytime these kids step onto the field, they think they beat anybody."

Local Sports Schedule

Friday

Softball: Snyder vs. Ft. Stockton, area playoff, Bill Williams Complex in Midland, 7 p.m.

Baseball: Plainview at Snyder, district finale, 7:30.

Rodeo: WTC at Tarleton, Stephenville, final regional competition to decide national qualifiers.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	15	6	.714	½
Boston	17	7	.708	-
Baltimore	13	12	.520	4½
TampaBay	11	13	.458	6
Toronto	10	14	.417	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	14	10	.583	-
KansasCity	10	15	.400	4½
Minnesota	10	15	.400	4½
Chicago	9	14	.391	4½
Detroit	5	17	.227	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	17	7	.708	-
Anaheim	14	10	.583	3
Seattle	12	13	.480	5½
Oakland	10	14	.417	7

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

Anaheim (Watson 1-2) at Boston (Wakefield 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 1-3) at Detroit (Keagle 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Rogers 3-1) at Cleveland (Wright 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Pichardo 0-2) at Toronto (Hentgen 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 3-2) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 1-3), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay (Arrojo 2-2) at Minnesota (Hawkins 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Rusch 2-3) at Toronto (Guzman 1-3), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Witt 3-0) at Detroit (Moehler 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Key 3-1) at Chicago White Sox (Eyre 1-2), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Hill 4-1) at Boston (Checo 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Haynes 1-1) at Cleveland (Burba 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Cloude 3-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 3-1), 7:35 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	17	9	.654	-
NewYork	13	10	.565	2½
Philadelphia	12	12	.500	4
Florida	9	17	.346	8
Montreal	7	17	.292	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	16	9	.640	-
Houston	16	10	.615	½
St.Louis	15	10	.600	1
Chicago	13	13	.500	3½
Cincinnati	11	14	.440	5
Pittsburgh	11	15	.423	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	18	7	.720	-
SanFrancisco	14	12	.538	4½
LosAngeles	13	12	.520	5
Colorado	11	16	.407	8
Arizona	7	20	.259	12

Tuesday's Games

San Francisco 2, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 11, Cincinnati 8, 10 innings
Houston 4, N.Y. Mets 3, 10 innings
Montreal at St. Louis, ppd., rain
Colorado 8, Florida 7
Atlanta 12, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 6, Milwaukee 3
San Diego 7, Chicago Cubs 3

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia (Grace 1-2) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 1-0), 12:35 p.m.
Montreal (Batista 0-1) at St. Louis (Mercker 2-1), 1:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Mlicki 0-2) at Houston (Lima 3-1), 7:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

San Diego (Smith 1-2) at Florida (Meadows 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Schmidt 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Valdes 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Kile 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 1-2), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Hershiser 0-2) at Atlanta (Neagle 2-1), 7:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Busby 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

Beck tames Estacado...

Tiger diamondmen in playoffs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — It's now official — the Snyder Tigers have made the playoffs.

Kyle Beck threw his fourth three-hitter of district play and the Tigers committed only one error, as Snyder clinched a postseason berth Tuesday with a 5-1 victory over Estacado at Matador Field.

The victory improves the Tigers to 22-5 on the season and 7-2 in 2-4A play. Snyder moves back into a tie atop the standings, by virtue of Frenship's 9-3 loss to Levelland.

It took the Tigers and the Mats 12 innings to decide a winner in their first match-up. This time Snyder took care business early on.

The Tigers took a 3-0 lead in the second on only one hit and three Estacado miscues. Dustin Fish and Matt Rodgers both reached base on errors by the third baseman, before Sonny Cumbie drove a double into right field. Cumbie's courtesy runner Cheyenne Robinson would eventually score on a fielder's choice for the three-run lead.

On the hill, Beck was masterful. The senior hurler faced only two batters over the minimum, while striking out 10 in seven innings.

The Mats posted their only run of the day in the third on a walk, a single, a sacrifice bunt and a fielder's choice. After the run, Beck and the Tiger defense would allow only one base runner the rest of the way.

Snyder added to their advantage in the fourth. Cumbie led off with a single and Robinson quickly stole second base. Chris Hernandez hit a ground ball that couldn't be handled on the infield and Robinson was waved home. The throw to the plate was in time but dropped by Mat catcher Brandon Lancaster, allowing Robinson to slide in safely.

The final run of the contest would come in the fifth.

With Estacado ace Bobby Livingston working in relief of starter Andre Brinson, Kyle Beck blasted the pitch offered him into the wind over the left field fence. It was Beck's third home run in district action.

The victories by Snyder and Levelland lock up the postseason teams for 2-4A. Snyder, Frenship and Levelland are all guarenteed playoff spots.

The Tigers will host their district finale Friday at 7:30 against Plainview, Frenship faces last-place Lamesa.

Should Snyder and Frenship both win, the two squads would face each other either Monday or Tuesday to decide the league champion.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Border lf	4	0	1	0
Berryman p	4	0	1	0
Beck 3b	3	1	2	1
Smith cf	4	0	1	0
Fish 1b	3	1	0	0
Lang 2b	3	0	0	0
Rodgers ss	3	1	0	0
Cumbie c	3	0	2	1
Robinson cr	0	2	0	0
Hernandez rf	2	0	0	2
Totals	29	5	7	4

Estacado	ab	r	h	bi
Reyna ss	2	0	0	0
Livingston cf	3	0	0	1
Brinson p	3	0	1	0
Lancaster c	3	0	0	0
Rangel dh	3	0	0	0
Davis 3b	2	0	0	0
Salinas cf	1	0	0	0
Livingston rf	3	0	1	0
Saldana lf	1	1	0	0
White 1b	2	0	1	0
Totals	23	1	3	1

Snyder	030	110	0	5	7 1
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2B — Cumbie. HR — Beck.

WP: Beck, 7 innings, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 H, 1 BB, 10 SO.

LP: Brinson, 3 innings, 3 R, 0 ER, 3 H, 1 BB, 0 SO. Livingston, 4 innings, 2 R, 1 ER, 4 H, 1 BB, 3 SO.

SHS doubles team fourth

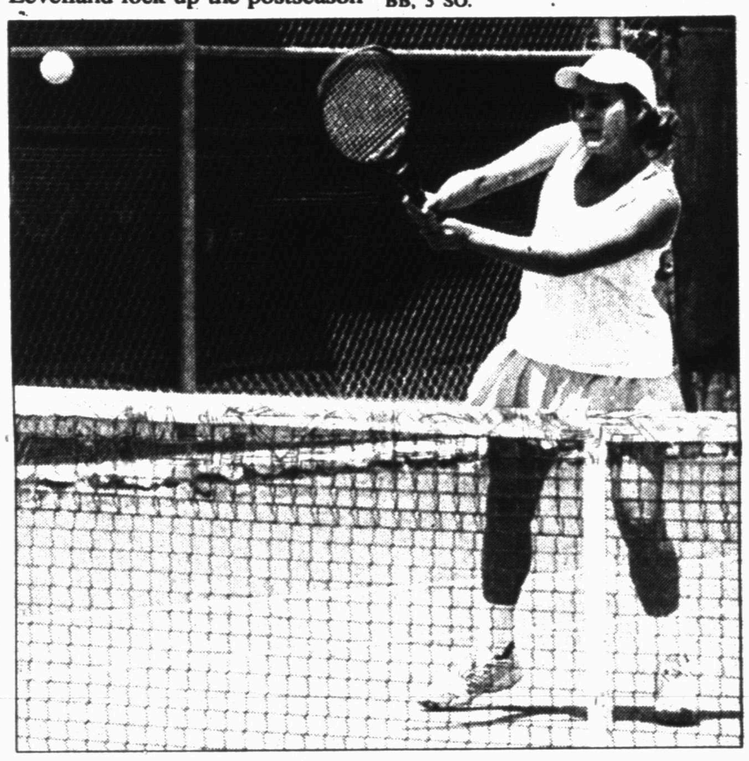
SAN ANGELO — Laura Gonzales and Whitney Graham fell just short of becoming the first Lady Tigers to adavance to the state tennis tournament in recent years.

After capturing their first two matches at the regional event, Gonzales and Graham fell in the semifinals to the Wichita Falls team of Ulrich/Ulrich, 2-6, 0-6.

Then in the third place match, the Lady Tiger duo held a 4-2 advantage over Dumas in both sets, before falling, 5-7, 4-6, to finish fourth.

"Including the fall, this is by the most successful year we've had at Snyder in a while," coach Chad Redwine said. "We got Snyder's first state ranking in team tennis in the fall, then sent three teams to the regional tourney. These kids had a great year and I'm very proud of the way they performed."

Also competing at regionals for Snyder was Allen Smith in singles play and the boys doubles tandem of Jamie Juarez and Adrian Gonzales.



TAKE THAT — Snyder's Laura Gonzales returns a shot during regional tourney action at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo. Gonzales and Whitney Graham nabbed fourth place in girls doubles. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

NHL PLAYOFFS

Monday, April 27

Buffalo 6, Philadelphia 1, Buffalo leads series 2-1
Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 1, Montreal leads series 2-1
St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 3, St. Louis leads series 3-0

Tuesday, April 28

Washington 3, Boston 0, Washington leads series 3-1
Ottawa 4, New Jersey 3, Ottawa leads series 3-1
Colorado 3, Edmonton 1, Colorado leads series 3-1
Detroit 4, Phoenix 2, series tied 2-2
San Jose 1, Dallas 0, OT, series tied 2-2

Wednesday, April 29

Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Monday, April 27

Cleveland 86, Indiana 77, Indiana leads series 2-1
San Antonio 100, Phoenix 88, San Antonio leads series 2-1

Tuesday, April 28

Miami 91, New York 85, Miami leads series 2-1
Atlanta 96, Charlotte 64, Charlotte leads series 2-1
Minnesota 98, Seattle 90, Minnesota leads series 2-1
Portland 99, L.A. Lakers 94, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1

Wednesday, April 29

Chicago at New Jersey, 7 p.m. (TNT)
Phoenix vs. San Antonio, 8 p.m. (TBS)
Utah at Houston, 9:30 p.m. (TNT)

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SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of MILTON LEE COMER, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 27th day of April, 1998, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to SANDRA V. GRAVES, 1195 Graves Rd., Snyder, Texas 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

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White House will ignore Gingrich until 'he comes back to his senses'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intensifying a war of words with Republicans, the Clinton administration suggested today it could not do business with House Speaker Newt Gingrich until "he comes back to his senses."

Gingrich, meanwhile, accused the administration of impeding Congress' investigation of campaign finance irregularities and said Democrats have engaged in a "cover-up" on behalf of the White House.

The sharp words at the White House and on Capitol Hill represent a escalation of partisan rhetoric as the administration clashes with Republican leaders over tobacco legislation, child care, abortion restrictions and education initiatives.

Clinton said Tuesday he would not "waste my time" responding to Gingrich. Press secretary Mike McCurry took up the battle on Clinton's behalf.

Noting that Gingrich runs the House, McCurry said today, "We're going to have to do business with him sooner or later. And as soon as he comes back to his senses, we'll do business. He's the one that indicates that he's going to go off on this tirade. So we'll let him go."

McCurry said that "sooner or later" Gingrich will "probably be reminded by the American people that they expect work to get done on their behalf. And he'll get on with doing work."

Clinton, under investigation by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr on a variety of fronts, has adopted the public position that he is too busy focusing on the people's business to be distracted by his own problems.

Gingrich attacked the president Monday night in an address to GOPAC, the Republican political action group that the speaker once led.

Gingrich lashed the administration for its attacks on Starr.

Administration leaders and their allies have portrayed Starr as an extremist engaged in a political vendetta against the president.

Gingrich said Clinton could dismiss Starr at any time since it is the president's attorney general who oversees Starr's authority.

"If he doesn't want to fire Ken Starr, he should tell his staff to shut up," Gingrich said. "I am sickened by how unpatriotically they undermine the Constitution of the United States on behalf of their client."

Automakers now involved with insurance business

DETROIT (AP) — Frank Paterno got more than a car at a BMW dealership last summer — he got insurance to go with it.

"Right then and there I decided to buy the car, and we signed up," he said. "It was a better rate than other places I got quotes from."

The New York City man is among a growing number of Americans who are buying car insurance through the companies that make the cars.

Automakers are turning to insurance as a way to keep customers happy in a flat sales market. Insurance companies, meanwhile, are hoping that consumers' devotion to a particular car brand will translate into policy sales.

"It's part of a trend," said Peter Van Aartrijk, spokesman for the Independent Insurance Agents of America. "We're going to see more of this niche marketing."

Consumers, who are solicited for the policies at dealerships or in the mail, could benefit most of all from the arrangements — especially if they provide lower costs, more convenience and better service.

But that's for consumers to decide.

"The smart consumer will still shop around," Van Aartrijk said.

BMW and TIG Insurance Co. offer policies to BMW drivers in 30 states, and about 3,500 drivers had bought them by the end of 1997.

Ford Motor Co. and American International Group Inc. have sold more than 800 policies through a test program in Florida and are expanding it to Illinois and Ohio this year.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 39-year-old male beer-drinker with high blood pressure. A few weeks ago, after a party weekend, I was hospitalized for congestive heart failure. Is there anything I can do to reverse my heart enlargement?

DEAR READER: Stop drinking beer or any other alcohol.

Congestive heart failure means that your heart was beating so ineffectively that fluid built up in your lungs. This is an extremely serious situation that is rare in young people.

You may have "beer-drinker's heart," muscle damage caused by an overconsumption of alcoholic beverages. Or the beer may have further raised your blood pressure to the point that your heart couldn't take it anymore. In either case, abstinence is the answer.

Of course, you will have to take medicine, too. If you abstain and use the proper medication, your heart will probably return to its normal size. It's enlarged now because it has to overwork, and has become flabby and stretched as a result. Follow your doctor's instructions to the letter. And oh, did I mention this? Stop drinking.

To give you more information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Understanding Heart Disease" and "Substance Abuse & Mental Health." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report 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(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 26-year-old daughter has dieted most of her life. Now she eats only fat-free foods. For the past couple of months, she's felt cold all the time, has no energy, is constipated, and is losing her hair. Her doctor says she is iron-deficient. Would iron pills and vitamin supplements help return my daughter to normal?

DEAR READER: Possibly, but I believe a thyroid supplement might benefit her more.

Granted, the description of your daughter is sketchy and doctors should be cautious about diagnosing ailments without full information. But the symptoms you describe are certainly typical of hypothyroidism, a deficiency in the production of thyroid hormone. Moreover, your daughter is anemic, yet another sign of an underactive gland. (She is probably not iron deficient.)

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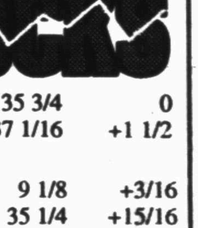
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DallSemicn	36⅜		36⅛	36 13-16— 3-16
DeltaAirl	115⅝		113⅜	114⅜+1 13-16
DigitalEq	55⅜	55	3-16	55 5-16+ 7-16
Dillards Inc	35⅜		35⅜	35 9-16— 5-16
DowChem	94	15-16	93	9-16 93 11-16— ⅜
DresserInd	51⅛		49	9-16 51⅜+1 7-16
DuPont s	72		71	3-16 71 7-16— ⅛
EastmanChem	68		67⅜	67 15-16+ 1-16
EstKodak	71	5-16	70⅜	70⅝+ ⅜
EDS Corp	42⅜		41	11-16 42⅜+1 11-16
Entergy	25	13-16	25⅜	25 11-16+ 3-16
Exxon	73	9-16	73	73 5-16— 1-16
FstBksAm	23	5-16	23	5-16 23 5-16+ ⅛
Flowers	21⅜		21	1-16 21 3-16
FordMotor s	46		44⅛	45 9-16+1 3-16
GTE Cp	58	3-16	57	13-16 57 15-16+ 3-16
GenDynam s	41	3-16	40	9-16 40⅜— ⅜
GenElec	82⅜		79⅛	81⅜+ ⅜
GenMills	67⅜		66⅛	67 + ⅛
GenMotors	68	3-16	67⅜	67 11-16+ 1-16
GaPacGP s	76⅜		75⅜	75⅜— ⅛
GlobalMar	23	7-16	22	15-16 23 5-16+ 9-16
Goodrich	51⅜		51⅛	51 5-16— 3-16
Goodyear s	69		68	9-16 68⅜+ ⅜
GtAtlPac	30		29⅜	29⅝— 3-16
Halliburtn s	53⅜	51	15-16	53 9-16+1 3-16
Hanson ADS	30		29	13-16 29⅜+ ⅜
HartelIanks s	22⅜		22⅛	22⅛+ ⅛
HomeDepot s	67	5-16	66⅜	66 9-16— 3-16
HoustonInds	28	5-16	28⅛	28⅜— 1-16
IBM s	116	3-16	114⅝	115 7-16— ⅛
IntlPaper	52⅜		51⅜	52
JohnsonJn	69	15-16	69	69⅛+ ⅛
K mart	17	7-16	16	15-16 17⅛— 1-16
Kroger Co	41	9-16	40⅞	41 1-16+ ⅛
Litton	60⅜		60⅛	60⅜
LockhdMart	111	11-16	109⅜	110⅛— ⅛
Lowes Cos	66⅜		66	66⅛+ 1⅛
Lubys	18	9-16	18⅛	18⅜— ⅛
LucentTech s	72	11-16	72	72⅛— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	61⅛		60⅜	60 15-16— ⅛
Medtronic s	51¼		50	5-16 50⅜+ 1
Mobils	80⅛	78	15-16	80 7-16+1 5-16
Monsanto	52⅜		52	52 3-16+ 3-16
MorganJP	133	11-16	132¼	132⅜— ⅛
Motorola	57	3-16	55⅜	57 + 1⅛
NCR Corp	37⅛		36¼	37 — ⅛
NationsBk	74	1-16	73⅛	73⅛+ ⅛
Navistar	28⅛		28⅛	28⅛
Norwests	38	7-16	37	9-16 38⅛+ 7-16
OryxEngy	25	9-16	25	1-16 25⅜+ ⅛
Penney JC	69⅜		68	13-16 69⅜+ 1-16
Pennzoil	64	5-16	63⅛	64⅛+ ⅛
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PepsiCo	40	1-16	38	13-16 39 — ⅛
PhelpDodge	66	11-16	66⅛	66 7-16+ ⅛
PhilipPet	48⅛		47	7-16 48⅛+1 3-16
PilgrmPrd	16⅜		16⅛	16⅛+ ⅛
Polaroid	44	3-16	43	11-16 44⅛+ ⅜
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Scripps EW	55	15-16	55⅛	55 9-16— ⅜
SearsRoeb	57	5-16	56⅜	57⅛+ ⅜
SherwinW	34	3-16	33⅜	33 15-16+ 5-16
SmthBc ADS s	57⅛		57	57⅛+ ⅜
SouthernCo	26¼		26⅛	26⅜+ ¼
SwstAirl s	27⅛	26	7-16	27 1-16+13-16
Sprint	68	9-16	68	1-16 68 3-16+ ⅛
SunCo	40⅛		40⅛	40 7-16+ ⅜
TNP Ent	31	13-16	31	9-16 31 11-16— 3-16
Tandy s	49¾		49¾	49¾+ ⅜
TempleInland	63¾		63¼	63⅜— ⅛
Tenneco	43¾		42	13-16 43 — ⅛
Texaco s	62	1-16	61⅛	62 + 9-16
TexInd	62	13-16	62	9-16 62 13-16+ ⅛
TexasInst s	61¼		60	5-16 60 15-16+ 7-16
TexUtil	39⅛		38	15-16 39⅛— 1-16
Textron s	75⅛		73	11-16 74⅛+15-16
Travelers s	61⅛		60⅛	60⅛
TriconGlbR n	31	7-16	31⅛	31 7-16+ 7-16
TrinityInds	50⅛		49⅝	49 15-16— 3-16
TritonEngy	40	7-16	39	11-16 40 7-16+ ⅜
Tyler	10⅜		10⅛	10⅜+ 3-16
US WestCm	51⅛		50	5-16 50⅜— ⅛
USWstMda	36	5-16	35	13-16 35⅜— 1-16
USX-Marathn	36	1-16	35	11-16 36 + ⅛
USX-USS	38	5-16	37⅜	37 15-16+ ⅜
UnCarbde	48⅜		48⅛	48⅜— ⅛
UnionPacif	55	5-16	54⅜	55⅛+ 9-16
UnitedTech	97⅛		96⅛	96⅝+ 1-16
Unocal	41	3-16	40	15-16 41 3-16— ⅛
WalMart	49⅛		48	13-16 49⅛
WstnGasRs	18		17⅞	18
WinnDixie	37	15-16	37	7-16 37⅛+ 3-16
Woolworth	22	15-16	22	7-16 22⅛— 5-16
Xerox Corp	111⅛		110	1-16 110⅛— 5-16
ZenithE	3	15-16	3	13-16 3 13-16— 1-16

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BJ Services	37 1/16	+1 1/2
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Cracker Brl.	35 1/4	+15/16
Clayton Hms.	19 7/16	-3/16
Compaq	27 5/8	-1/16
Cabletron	13 5/16	-1/8
Cisco Sys.	71 15/16	+1 1/16
Dell	77 1/16	+1
Brinker Int'l.	23 1/2	+3/4
Calloway Glf.	26 3/4	+1/8
Fannie Mae	56 15/16	+5/8
Intel	79 7/8	+5/8
JP Morgan	132 5/8	+1/8
Korea Fund	7 11/16	+3/16
Lehman Bros.	69 3/8	-7/16
3 M	92 5/8	+1/8
Phillip Morris	37 9/16	+1/16
Microsoft	91 1/4	+1 3/8
Netscape	26 5/8	+1 9/16
Oracle	25 15/16	-5/16
Petsmart	11 15/16	-1/16
Patterson Egy.	15	+5/8
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TPWD Report

By Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist,
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Public Dove Hunting Program is entering its fourth year. This program, administered by the wildlife division, is designed to enable the department to enter into short-term lease agreements with landowners throughout the state for the upcoming dove season. These leased acres will be posted by wildlife division personnel and will be available for use by hunters who hold annual public hunting permits sold by the department.

Ideal tracts of land may range in size from 100 to 300 acres, and include native food sources such as sunflower, croton and ragweed. Small grains such as milo or wheat are also desirable, as well as a water sources such as a small farm pond or creek.

All lands entered into this program will be subject to most of the same regulations that apply to state-owned wildlife management areas. These areas will be monitored periodically by state game wardens.

Every effort will be made by wildlife division personnel to tailor a lease agreement to meet the needs and desires of both landowners and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. All contracts must be in Austin and approved by July 1, 1998. In order to meet this deadline, contracts should be completed by June 1, 1998.

Interested landowners in Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Stonewall, Haskell, Borden, Dawson, Gaines and Andrews counties, contact Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist at 915-862-2755. Interested landowners in the Panhandle, contact Danny Swepton at 806-655-3782 for the wildlife biologist in your area.

Crop Report

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Ranges are fair to good. Cattle in good condition. Wheat is fair to good; rain needed. Land preparation continues for peanuts, soybeans, sorghum and cotton. Corn fair to good; warm, dry weather allowed rapid planting.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges in fair to good shape. Livestock in mostly good condition. Land preparation continues. Wheat is fair to good; moisture stress. Some areas planting cotton, peanuts, seed production sunflowers.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture short. Ranges, pastures fair; rain needed. Livestock are in good condition; still have adequate forage to graze. Wheat needs rain; leaf rust light with some increased infection. Pecans flowering; good condition.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to short. Ranges, pastures fair; moisture needed. Cattle in good shape; supplemental feeding slowing. Wind has been drying soil surface. Land preparation and planting continues for vegetables.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Pasture conditions fair to good; fertilizer applications continue. Cattle condition good. Vegetable planting continues. Good prospects for mid-to-late variety peach crops. Pecans leafing.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to short. Ranges, pastures poor to good; need moisture. Cotton planting progressing. Tomatoes being planted. Peaches look good. Pecan trees leafing out.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture short to very short. Pastures need rain for growth. Livestock doing well. Some sorghum planted; needs moisture. Wheat lacks moisture for good grain development. Pecan trees greening up; some insect problems.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Pasture conditions decline due to moisture shortage. Coastal being fertilized; herbicide applied to control weeds. Small grain silage and hay being harvested; yields lower than usual. Low wheat rust.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Grasses appear to be going into midsummer dormancy. Wheat and oats drying out. Corn, sorghum and cotton making slow progress. Onions making good progress. Cantaloupes, watermelon fields growing runners.

Heirloom gardens need restoration

COLLEGE STATION — Years ago, the missions established by Spanish priests were restored around San Antonio and other places in South Texas, but avid heirloom gardeners said much restoration is left to do.

Fully restored, the missions might have rows of corn, wheat, cotton, figs, grapes, beans and various fruit, all carefully irrigated by water-filled ditches, according to Dr. Bill Welch, Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist and co-author of "The Southern Heirloom Garden."

The missions and later settlement of Hispanics in Texas saw colorful flower gardens with roses, hedges, herbs and various other colorful flowers. While many of these plants still are grown in gardens across the state, the Hispanic culture also contributed a certain flair to gardening.

Here are some non-common features you may have seen or used in your own garden setting:

•Open plazas often found in our cities and towns.

•Land planning, such as land grants, presidios, missions, villas or pueblos.

•Four-part garden plans that focused on a central water feature.

•Structures built for shade.

•Symmetrical plans (formal) often contrasted with asymmetrical (informal) plantings.

•Intensely developed and utilized small garden spaces.

•Boldly contrasting colors for garden materials with earth-tone backgrounds.

•Use of many fragrants and colorful plants.

•Use of water as a garden feature, for both ornamental and functional purposes.

•Use of walls to enclose garden spaces.

•Ornamental tiles used for wall and pool adornment.



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Town & Country Topics

By Katherine Roberts
County Extension Agent

Use the five senses to communicate with small children

Parents of young children age birth through 3 years, face the challenge of communicating with small people who are in the process of learning how to communicate.

Newborn babies communicate by crying and making sounds that range from cooing to yelps. In the first months of life, infants expand their communication by adding new sounds such as squeals, growls and vowel sounds. In the second half of their first year, babies begin to use specific vocalizations for concrete objects such as "ba-ba" for bottle.

By 18 months, many toddlers have learned a vocabulary of around 50 words; by 2 years, more toddlers communicate with a vocabulary of about 200 words and are beginning to use the grammar of their native tongue.

Parents are learning to communicate with their new child.

First, parents must learn to listen to how their unique infant communicates. Second, parents must track and interpret how their infant is learning to communicate.

With newborns, parents depend on sounds, facial expressions and movements to determine if their child is wet, hungry, tired, needing attention or just talking.

Within a short time, however, infants become more complex and parents need more tools. Fortunately, each person carries the basic five communication tools with them. They are the five traditional sensory organs which include eyes, ears, nose, tongue and skin.

While parents and children have more than five senses, these five are crucial to how parents listen as their new child learns to communicate.

Babies are not born with full sensory capacity. At birth, a baby's vision is the least developed of the senses. A typical newborn can focus on objects between four and 30 inches away. This same newborn can see an object at 20 feet that an adult with 20/20 vision can see at 600 feet.

By six months of life, the newborn's brain has developed so that the infant can use both eyes to track a moving object with both hands to grab at stationary objects. A month or so later, that same infant can adjust their reach to catch a moving object.

At birth, the newborn has more sensitive hearing than vision. At a month old, many infants can discriminate multiple sounds while others cannot. At 6 months of age, babies can hear high-frequency sounds but not low-frequency sounds. Many parents observe that their babies move in rhythm to the sounds around them.

Newborns have a well-developed sense of taste and smell — far superior to most adults. Newborns can discriminate the smell of their mother from other women. Young children often dislike the smell of a food and refuse to eat it.

The sense of touch actually includes five different receptors: touch, pressure, warmth, cold and pain. Babies vary in their reaction to these five senses of touch.

So what can a parent do to increase their understanding of how their baby uses his sense to communicate?

Listen, listen and then listen harder.

As unique individuals, parents have their own sensory capabilities and disabilities. One parent might rely more on their hearing while another communicates most effectively through the sense of touch.

Parents must challenge themselves to consider that their newborn infant is unique and in being unique this child has his or her own capabilities in communicating via their senses.

Parents often say, "My baby is unhappy, but it's not about anything." This isn't likely. Humans use communcation to contact their world and the people of that world. All communication has meaning to the communicator — the baby.

The baby may be communicating to his parent that he is content with his world or that he is practicing a newly learned skill over and over.

When parents listen to their child with an eye and ear to the total communcation of the infant, parents will have more success in understanding their child's talk.

Don't be afraid of disciplining your kids. Learn and think of discipline as encouraging good behavior, not just punishing bad behavior.
—Children's Trust Fund of Texas

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 955 head of cattle for the Saturday, April 25 sale. Feeder steers and heifers were $1 to $3 lower. Bulls were steady with bred cows steady in a light test. Pairs were $25 lower. Trade was active and demand good.

Steers:
300 to 400: 90 to 95.50
400 to 500: 82 to 90.50
500 to 600: 72.50 to 82
600 to 700: 68.50 to 75
700 to 800: 63.50 to 68
Heifers:
300 to 400: 75 to 80
400 to 500: 69 to 75.50
500 to 600: 63 to 72.25
600 to 700: 63.50 to 68
Young bred cows: 450 to 710.
Medium age to older bred cows: 400 to 610
Young cows and calves: 510 to 725.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 510 to 725
Packer cows: 30 to 44.25
Packer bulls: 47 to 55

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,488 head of cattle for the Thursday, April 23 sale. Cows were steady to $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings were $2 cheaper.

Slaughter cows: 36 to 41; canners and low cutters: 28 to 35.50; slaughter bulls 48 to 55.
Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 90 to 122; 400 to 500; 85 to 105; 500 to 600, 80 to 100; 600 to 700, 73 to 83; 700 to 800, 65 to 73.
Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 85 to 107; 400 to 500, 75 to 90; 500 to 600, 72 to 80; 600 to 700, 65 to 72.50; 700 to 800, 60 to 68.
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 72 to 90; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.
Cow and calf pairs, good: 625 to 850; grade, 425 to 600.
Springers: 300 to 650; baby calves: 75 to 200; doodlers: 150 to 240.

Sweetwater cattle auction

SWEETWATER — The market at Sweetwater had a run of 948 head of cattle for the Wednesday, April 22 sale. Stocker calves were steady with feeder cattle $2 lower. Pairs and bred cows were steady with packer cows and bulls $2 lower.

Steers:
300-400: 110-111
400-500: 90-106
500-600: 90-97
600-700: 86-95
Heifers:
300-400: 90-100
400-500: 78-86
500-600: 72-81
600-700: 68-74
Bred cows: Good: 550-640; Older and Plainer: 400-550
Pairs: Good: 625-740; Older and Plainer 500-600.
Packer cows: Good: 36-41; Low Yielding: 28-36
Packer Bulls: Good: 50-56; Low Yielding: 46-50.

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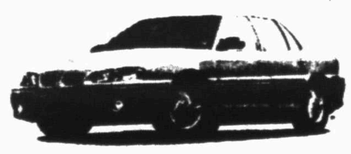

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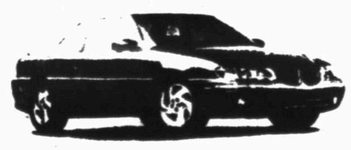
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Tim McVeigh's attorneys argue for new trial

DENVER (AP) — During a break in Timothy McVeigh's trial for the Oklahoma City bombing, a juror turned to another and said: "We know what the verdict should be."

Prosecutors say Fred Clarke was only making an offhand comment, but defense attorneys asked a federal appeals court Tuesday to determine if he tainted his fellow jurors and possibly ruined McVeigh's chances of escaping the death penalty.

The argument was one of three before the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals as McVeigh's attorneys asked that his conviction be set aside and he be granted a new trial.

McVeigh's attorneys also said their client should get a new trial because of the publication of a purported confession from him just before the case began. Finally, they argued that the judge at the trial, Richard Matsch, unfairly restricted questioning of prospective jurors about the death penalty.

The three-judge panel is not expected to issue a ruling until this summer.

McVeigh was sentenced to death after being convicted last June in the April 1995 blast that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people and injuring more than 500 others.

Defense attorney Robert Nigh argued that Matsch erred when he refused to look into Clarke's remark after it was brought to his attention.

"There is no indication in the record of how many other jurors heard the comment," Nigh said.

Prosecutor Sean Connelly characterized the comment as "offhand" and pointed out the juror never said what the verdict should be.

But Circuit Judge Mike Murphy interjected: "I don't understand the possible harm there could have been by holding a hearing."

Clarke denies he had made up his mind.

"If we had taken a vote when we initially went into deliberations my vote would have been not guilty because we had yet to discuss the things I needed to discuss," he told KCNC-TV in an interview Tuesday night.

Richard Burr, another McVeigh attorney, also argued that Matsch improperly restricted defense questioning of prospective jurors about the death penalty and the specifics of the case.

Terry Nichols, who was convicted of conspiracy and manslaughter in a separate trial, was allowed wide latitude in questioning his jurors about those views.

Nigh told the appeals court that the defense was wrong to ignore a Dallas Morning News story about a purported confession by McVeigh. The newspaper ran the story after prospective jurors had been summoned.

Nigh said the defense had hoped the issue would go away and didn't want to draw attention to it. "We made a serious judgment mistake," he said.

Mother and sister convicted of starving nine-year-old girl

TOWSON, Md. (AP) — Rita Fisher had five broken ribs and 70 bruises from her forehead to her feet. She weighed 47 pounds.

But no one did anything to save the 9-year-old.

On Tuesday, jurors decided that the child's family was responsible for her death. Her mother, Mary Utley, her sister Rose Fisher and Rose's live-in boyfriend, Frank Scarpola, were convicted of second-degree murder.

"They let that little girl die," prosecutor James Gentry said in his closing arguments.

It's been almost a year since Rita's blue body was found face up on the wooden floor of her family's suburban two-story brick home. Her mattress had been removed several weeks earlier because she had wet the bed. Her wrists and feet were bound with a shoelace, her chest tied to the dresser, her mouth taped to stop her crying.

She was being punished, Scarpola testified, for picking at a scab on her chin.

The official cause of death: malnutrition and dehydration. The child's other sister, a 16-year-old, testified that Rita received no food the last week she was alive, only a cup of water a day.

During his testimony, Scarpola, 22, demonstrated for jurors how he tied up the child who "would never listen," but whom he loved "like she was my own daughter." He said he was overwhelmed by having to take care of Rita and the 16-year-old sister, but never meant to hurt them.

On the night Rita died, "she kept yelling and Frank hit her and she wouldn't be quiet so Frank taped her mouth shut," said the teen-ager, who has accused Scarpola of sexual abuse.

"That's the only way I could think of to stop her from hurting herself," Scarpola said. "She didn't leave me much of a choice."

Ms. Utley told jurors she was too scared of Scarpola to do anything to protect her children. The 50-year-old woman said Scarpola ran the household, locking her in her bedroom at 10 p.m. every night.

Both Ms. Utley and Rose Fisher, 21, blamed Scarpola for inflicting much of the abuse, although they both admitted hitting the girls and placing them in the "hole" — a tiny, damp basement bathroom with no light — for days on end.

Baltimore County Circuit Court jurors deliberated eight hours after the two-week trial before reaching a verdict. All three defendants were acquitted of the most serious charge of first-degree murder.

"Justice has not been served, even though they got murder in the second-degree because my sister's laying in the ground. As far as I'm concerned they ought be laying in the ground," said Rita's half-brother, Howard Utley Jr.

Second-degree murder carries a maximum sentence of 30 years. All three were also convicted of several counts of child abuse involving both girls.

Sentencing was scheduled for July 8.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, April 30, 1998

Friends and contacts have always been of importance to you, and in the year ahead they're apt to be even more so. Opportunities, as well as pleasant adventures, are indicated with persons with whom you'll hang around.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have effective leadership qualities today, so try to involve yourself in activities that will produce positive results for you and your cadre. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Instead of attempting to force round pegs into square holes today, let events happen. Your chart indicates you might come out better when conditions aren't completely under your control.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Tides and trends are beginning to shift today, and this could be to your liking. The new wave offers probabilities for the fulfillment of your expectations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A good friend who is a producer is someone upon whom you can depend to help you further a personal interest today. His/her support will help bring about your success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There is someone who will take an immediate interest in a matter of importance to you. His/her helpful suggestions today could prove to be very constructive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you'll have a special knack of being able to fit yourself into the advantageous arrangements of others. You will do so in a manner that will be welcomed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A partnership arrangement should work out fortunately for both you and the person with whom you're involved, provided each makes a concerted effort always to protect the other's interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Appreciative recipients of your thoughtfulness today will eventually do more for you in return than you did for them, even though you won't encourage this exchange.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone you find rather appealing has an equally high regard for you. It looks like this relationship might become more important with time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Beginning today it might be advisable to start wrapping up projects or endeavors that are not yet completed. You're in a promising cycle for generating good results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Early in the day is the best time to get together socially with a person with whom you have an important matter to discuss. Ample time is required to work things out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a cycle in which you should be able to increase your resources if you have the materialistic inclination to do so. However, it'll have to be on the top of your list of "must-dos."

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Datebook

April 29, 1998

Today is the 119th day of 1998 and the 41st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1988, Eric Clapton and his wife, Pattie Boyd, filed divorce papers.

On this day in 1988, Burt Reynolds married Loni Anderson at his 160-acre horse ranch in Jupiter, Fla.

On this day in 1992, actor Emilio Estevez married singer Paula Abdul in a Santa Monica courthouse.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Randolph Hearst (1863-1951), publisher; Duke Ellington (1899-1974), composer-pianist; Hirohito (1901-1989), Japanese emperor; Rod McKuen (1933-), poet, is 65; Zubin Mehta (1936-), conductor, is 62; Jim Ryun (1947-), runner, is 51; Daniel Day-Lewis (1957-), actor, is 41; Michelle Pfeiffer (1957-), actress, is 41; Andre Agassi (1970-), tennis player, is 28.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Boston's Roger Clemens set a major-league record by striking out 20 batters in a nine-inning game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One always begins to forgive a place as soon as it's left behind." — Charles Dickens

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1989, a hailstorm caused approximately $40 million worth of damage in Pine Bluff, Ark.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 26) and first quarter (May 3).

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Win A $25 Gift Certificate From Christy's Boutique
The Winner Of Last Week's Contest Is Cecile Wemkin

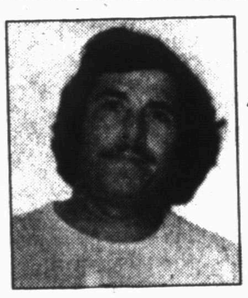
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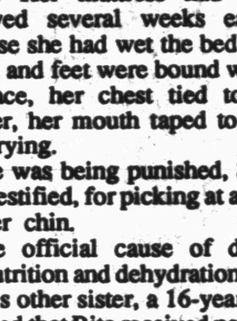
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN and their families are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Joan Bunch 2. Jerry Hatfield 3. Bobby Nolan 4. Sally Thornhill 5. David Cotton 6. Chris Thornhill 7. Nancy Smith 8. Barbara Gray 9. O'Neal Bloom 10. Mike Dennis

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

NASA to probe what caused rats to die

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA officials promise to investigate what caused the unexpected deaths of 51 baby rats in orbit once the space shuttle Columbia returns from its two-week mission.

More than half of the 96 baby rats that were launched on the research flight have died from starvation and dehydration. The surrogate rat mothers — which readily accepted and nursed babies that were not their own on Earth — either would not let them feed or did not produce enough milk for nursing in space, said NASA's chief veterinarian, Joseph Bielitzki.

"Mortality at 50 percent on this type of study is really not expected and really unacceptable," Bielitzki said Tuesday. "We will certainly conduct a detailed investigation into what the causes of this failure were."

Forty-six rats died over the weekend; some had to be killed by the astronauts because they were so sick. Four others died Monday and Tuesday, including two that the crew had to euthanize. NASA reported today that yet another young rodent had to be killed late Tuesday.

Some of the sick rats were fed a solution of Gatorade and water by hand to nurse them back to health. Astronaut-veterinarian Richard Linnehan reported Tuesday evening that the animals had improved.

"Most of the animals are looking really good right now," Linnehan told Mission Control. "We've still got a bit of morbidity, but things are settling down. I think we're OK."

The deaths prompted criticism from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which accused NASA of having an "appalling record" in animal research.

"It can't keep animals alive on the ground or in space," said Mary Beth Sweetland, director of research, investigations and rescue for the animal rights group.

Shuttle Commander Richard Searfoss said Linnehan had done everything he could to prevent the deaths.

"He has been a real hero in the care and nurturing that he has given to some of the animals that had some problems," Searfoss said.

While the animals received extra care, human experiments continued Tuesday. Crew members Jim Pawelczyk and Jay Buckey had hairlike electronic needles inserted into their knees to measure blood-pressure control in weightlessness.

Likened to acupuncture, the test could help scientists learn more about a disorder that causes people to faint or feel lightheaded after standing up. Many astronauts experience those problems when they first return from space.

Shuttle managers have decided to delay the next shuttle launch to Mir by five days, meaning U.S. astronaut Andrew Thomas will spend some extra time aboard the Russian space station.

Discovery, which had been set to launch May 28 to retrieve Thomas, now will blast off on June 2. NASA said it just needed extra time to prepare the shuttle.

License plate fight:

Proposal for 'Choose Life' tag passes Florida Senate

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Over protests against putting an anti-abortion message on auto license tags, a "Choose Life" specialty plate won approval in the state Senate.

The bright yellow plate with drawings of a smiling boy and girl would be the first of the 40 or so Florida specialty plates to bear a political message. It passed the Senate 28-12 on Tuesday and awaits debate in the state House. Gov. Lawton Chiles has not indicated whether he would approve the measure.

"This is the year of the child, for heaven's sake," said Sen. John Grant, a Republican, referring to lawmakers' spending increases for education, health care and other children's programs. "Why can't we say 'choose life?'"

Critics said the message was a political statement on abortion, not merely a pro-adoption statement.

"If we think road rage is a problem now, we can't imagine what it will be like when people start wanting to put all their political views on license plates," said Renee Mitchell, the director of a Tallahassee women's clinic.

Democratic Sen. Buddy Dyer managed to get a laugh during the heated debate with his suggestion that, "Next year, when we bring back 'Vote Democratic' I would expect you to support that plate."

The specialty tags already honor everything from the endangered Florida panther to the NHL's Florida Panthers. There are plates for education, the arts, state universities, veterans' groups and other professional sports teams.

Jones' appeal formally filed

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Paula Jones formally told a federal judge today she was appealing the decision tossing out her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton.

The appeal notice was filed with U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright, who on April 1 ruled that Mrs. Jones' claims against the president fell "far short" of being worthy of a federal trial.

"She's continuing the fight," said David M. Pyke, a lawyer for Mrs. Jones. "We're going to continue to make the same arguments and try to advance the legal arguments to a higher court."

The brief filing contains no new allegations, merely informing the judge that her April 1 ruling and earlier rulings are being appealed to the 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in St. Louis.

Among the earlier rulings being appealed was one removing from Mrs. Jones' case material related to the case of former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. The lawyers also want the appeals court to look at decisions limiting depositions and tossing out a defamation claim included in the lawsuit.

Wright said that while Mrs. Jones described boorish conduct — including allegations that Clinton exposed himself to Mrs. Jones in a hotel room — she could not claim sexual harassment.

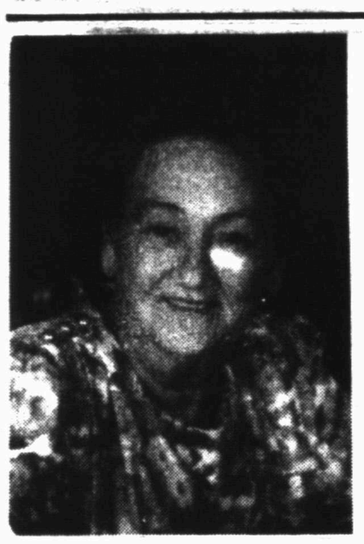
The judge noted in her decision that Mrs. Jones remained at her state job nearly two years after the alleged incident and that she didn't complain to her supervisors.

Mrs. Jones says Clinton propositioned her May 8, 1991, when Clinton was Arkansas governor and she was a state worker attending an economic development conference. She said a trooper escorted her to Clinton's Little Rock hotel room, where the alleged pass was made.

The trial had been scheduled to begin May 27.

Pyke said in a telephone interview that if the case is restored, Mrs. Jones' lawyers would be willing to wait for Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth W. Starr to wrap up an investigation involving Ms. Lewinsky if that would help get information involving back into the case.

Obituaries



Mildred Garrett

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1930-1998

Mildred Christine Dodson Garrett, a resident of Hermleigh for the past 19 years, died this morning at her home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Garrett, 67, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Calvary Baptist Church. Larry McAden, minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 20, 1930 in Megargel, Tex., she married Bernard Dale Garrett on Aug. 26, 1946 in Wink.

Mrs. Garrett was a licensed vocational nurse for Cogdell Memorial Hospital and worked at the Price Daniel Unit.

She was preceded in death by her father, James A. Dodson; her mother, Gertie Leigh White; a brother, James Dodson; and a sister, Norma Jean Lewis.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard D. Garrett Sr. of Hermleigh; two sons, Bernard D. Garrett Jr. of Bryan and Sonny Dodson Garrett of Blackwell, Okla.; three daughters, Edna Rutkowski of Hawley, Becky Craig of Snyder and Kathy Eaton of Hermleigh; two brothers, Billy Dodson of Somerville and Larry Dodson of Pearland; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Family Hospice of Big Spring.

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Mildred Simmons

1927-1998

CANYON — Mildred Simmons, a former resident of Hermleigh, died Tuesday, April 28, in Amarillo.

Funeral service for Mrs. Simmons, 71, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the University Church of Christ. David Lough, minister, and Brad Thompson, youth minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Born April 10, 1927 in Bailey, Okla., she graduated from Capital Hill High School in Oklahoma City. She married Ray Simmons in Abilene in 1947.

Mrs. Simmons attended Western Texas College in Snyder and Abilene Christian University. Her husband, Ray Simmons, was superintendent of Hermleigh ISD in 1974-79 and Mrs. Simmons taught school at Hermleigh and Roscoe. She was a member of the University Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Simmons of Canyon; two sons, Lonny Simmons of Seguin and Jonny Simmons of Canyon; two sisters, Clarita Billberry of Abilene and Juana Watson of Abilene; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to High Plains Childrens Home, Box 7448, in Amarillo.

Dell Smith

1907-1998

Graveside service for Eura Eudell "Dell" Kincaid Smith, 91, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in Snyder's Hillside Memorial Gardens. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Smith, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, April 23, in Bethany Lutheran Village in Dayton, Ohio.

A memorial service for Mrs. Smith, 91, was held Sunday in Dayton.

Born March 28, 1907 in Windom, Tex., she married F.E. Smith who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Alvis C. and Cassie Springer Kincaid; and two sisters, Charlyne Kitzmiller and Dorothy Harrison.

She worked for four different county clerks in Scurry County and served as chief deputy. After her retirement, she moved to Plainview where she was active as a Pink Lady at the Central Plains Regional Hospital.

A Baptist, she was also active in several civic and social organizations in Snyder and Plainview. She moved to Ohio to be near her son and resided in Bethany Lutheran Village Retirement Center.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas L. and Kathryn Smith of Dayton; two granddaughters, Karen Dell Smith of Los Angeles and Karol Lee Smith of Arlington, Va.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Weldon and Louise Kincaid of Midland.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Snyder.

Hazel Melton

1921-1998

SWEETWATER — Hazel Murlene Melton, the mother of Linda Kay Mayo of Hermleigh, died this morning in Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Melton, 76, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel of Memories. Dr. Joel McCoy will officiate and burial will follow in the Garden of Memories.

Born Sept. 10, 1921 in Brown County, she married Noble M. Melton on Oct. 23, 1940 in Brownwood. He died in 1995.

A homemaker, Mrs. Melton had been a resident of Sweetwater since 1983.

Survivors also include two sons, Lonnie Marx Melton of Fort Worth and Bradley Lynn Melton of San Antonio; two sisters, Ozell Goss of Coleman and Lorene Pittman of Kermit; and a grandson, Trevor Montgomery of Austin.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Out of district transfers

Students who reside outside Snyder ISD but wish to attend Snyder Public Schools during the 1998-99 school year must complete application for transfer by Thursday or a tuition fee may be assessed. Parents may come by the School Administration Building, 2901 37th St., to file for student transfers. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pyron annual meeting

Pyron will hold its annual gathering at 11 a.m. Friday in the Inadale Community Center. Everyone is invited. Food will be served.

SHS Pops Concert

Snyder High School Choir Pops Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $4 at the door.

Stanfield school supplies

Incoming kindergarten students at Stanfield Elementary can order school supplies for next year through Friday at the school office. Call 573-4621 for more information.

School supplies order deadline

All school supplies order forms for next year's 1st and 2nd graders at Stanfield, 3rd graders at Central and 4th graders at east must be returned prepaid by Friday.

Mt. Sinai fund-raiser

Mt. Sinai Assembly of God will hold a yard and burrito sale at 2613 Ave. Z from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Donations of items are welcome. For more information, call 574-1085.

WTC Wild Flower program

The public is invited to a "Wild Flower Shoot Out" between Dr. David Kattes and Britt Canada starting at 2 p.m. Sunday in the WTC Planetarium. Each will present information and slides on local wild flowers.

Tiger Jazz Spring Show

Tiger Jazz will hold its Spring Show at 7 p.m. Monday in Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free.

Golden Apple awards

SISD's third annual Golden Apple Awards will be presented at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. For more information, 574-6012.

Ira Sports Banquet

Ira will hold its annual sports banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the school cafeteria. Cost is $5. Registration deadline is Tuesday.

Sports Challenge fund-raiser

An all you can eat pancake and sausage fund-raiser will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at McDonald's. Tickets are $2.50; drinks are extra. The event is being held to help Snyder students Kristin Martinez, Courtney Rinehart, Cece Valadez and Darcey Purcell play in the Mililani Softball Tournament in Hawaii and Juan Arizmendi to participate in track events in Belgium, through Sports Challenge International.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
1-4-20-30-38
(one, four, twenty, thirty, thirty-eight)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-7-5
(nine, seven, five)

Three booked into jail; crime suspects identified

Three people were booked into jail Tuesday, and deputies have identified suspects in two earlier incidents.

A 23-year-old female has been identified as a suspect in a forgery case reported on April 27. That case has been referred to the district attorney.

Two 17-year-old males have been identified in the April 12 offense of deadly conduct when water balloons were thrown off the overpass at Highway 84 and FM 1611. That case has also been forwarded to the county attorney.

A 33-year-old male was taken into custody at 12:58 p.m. in the 1400 block of 25th Street for driving while license suspended.

Deputies arrested a 39-year-old male at 4:03 p.m. at the sheriff's office on a Tarrant County warrant for theft by check.

A disturbance at Cox's Minute Market at 8 p.m. resulted in the arrest of a 19-year-old male for assault/family violence. An offense reopt for Class C family violence was also submitted.

A 70-year-old Loraine man was admitted to Cogdell Hospital at 10:40 a.m. following a one-vehicle rollover on Highway 84 east of Snyder.

Clay Graham was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital following the accident. He was admitted for observation and he was listed in good condition this morning.

In other activity, officers were called to Wal-Mart at 4:10 p.m. as an employee reported trouble with a customer. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted and a criminal trespass warning was also issued.

An officer was requested at IGA #100 at 5:49 p.m. in reference to a shoplifter. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted and officers also issued a criminal trespass warning.

The fire department responded to a grass fire on the Old Lubbock Highway at 5 p.m.