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Talks positive, but prospect of peace accord are mixed

WASHINGTON (AP) — With talks between Israel and the Palestinians here off to a positive start, the Clinton administration today gave a mixed report on prospects for a peace accord between Israel and Syria.

A senior U.S. official, responding to an interview Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak gave to The Washington Post in Cairo, said the two sides were showing interest in resolving their differences.

The official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said there still are both substantive and procedural hurdles to an accord.

In a move to accelerate an ultimate agreement, President Clinton has arranged to meet in Geneva, Switzerland, on Sunday with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Their first meeting in six years is expected to result in a resumption of Israeli-Syrian negotiations that were suspended in Shepherdstown, W.Va., in mid-January.

Mubarak will fly to Washington on Friday and meet Tuesday with Clinton at the White House. The Egyptian president, who has been cast in a go-between role, also will confer with Vice President Al Gore and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

One of the main obstacles to a settlement is disagreement over how much territory Israel will turn over to Syria in exchange for a promise of peace.

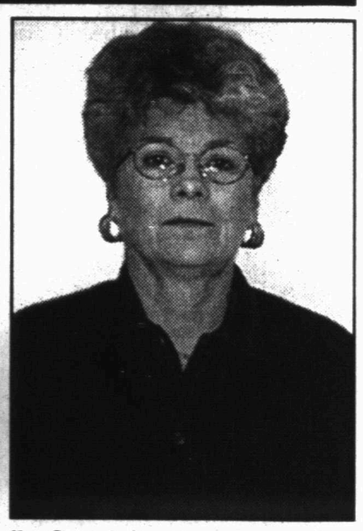
Assad is demanding land all the way to the Sea of Galilee, a source of Israel's precious water supply. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has signaled his willingness to surrender at least some of the Golan Heights, a strategic buffer that Syria lost in the 1967 Mideast war.

The Post quoted Mubarak as saying Israel and Syria had come close to an agreement through unannounced, indirect discussions, and that the issues left to be decided in formal talks "will not be so complicated."

The negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians at a secluded U.S. Air Force base here appear more promising. According to a senior Israeli official, drafting of a prospective agreement could begin by week's end.

The two sides began over lunch at the officers' club at Bolling Air Force Base Tuesday, then met head-to-head Tuesday night at a townhouse there.

American mediators Dennis Ross and Aaron Miller were on hand, and Albright was a telephone call away. Clinton was in South Asia.



NEW BANK OFFICERS – Janelle Orr, left, was promoted to vice president of Snyder National Bank, while Lois Brewster was named assistant cashier during Tuesday's shareholders' meeting. Brewster will also head the bank's note department. (SDN Staff Photos)

Seniors will benefit from new legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — With both parties wooing elderly voters, the Senate today unanimously passed legislation to quit taking Social Security benefits away from people who continue to work through their late 60s.

The 100-0 vote sends the bill back to the House, which also passed it unanimously on March 1, because the Senate added a measure to assure that 64-year-old workers are not penalized.

President Clinton has said he will sign the bill, and House aides predicted that it will be approved there again as soon as a vote can be scheduled. The change would be made retroactive to Dec. 31, 1999, effectively boosting the income of 800,000 workers 65 through 69 by thousands of dollars before election day next November.

"As the baby boomers begin to retire, it is more important than ever that older Americans who are willing and able to work should not have their Social Security benefits deferred when they do," Clinton said in a letter to senators from India, where he is visiting.

Under current law, elderly workers 65 through 69 lose $1 in Social Security benefits for every $3 in wages they make above $17,000.

After the vote, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., recalled how his own mother questioned why she had to give up a part of her Social Security because she worked past the age of 65. "This is a wonderful piece of legislation," Lott said.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said in statement "This is a victory for seniors and common sense."

"The earnings limit is part of a bygone era," said the Senate Finance Committee chairman.

Obituaries

Roy McCloskey

1910-2000

Roy Jacob McCloskey, longtime Snyder businessman, died Tuesday, March 22, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Roy McCloskey

Funeral service for Mr. McCloskey, 89, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 5, 1910 in Blackwell, Okla., he was the eldest son of Thomas P. and Mary Hannah McCloskey.

A 1935 graduate of Arkansas State University with a bachelor of science degree in education. Mr. McCloskey taught school in Missouri.

He joined the Navy in 1941 and served in the African and European Theaters, specializing in codes and ciphers for the naval area of the Mediterranean. He later served as a district training area officer of Great Lakes, New Orleans and Abilene. He retired as Naval Commander and was a life member of the Naval Reserve.

Moving to Snyder in 1956, Mr. McCloskey was the first agent for State Farm Insurance Company in Scurry County. He retired in January, 1995 after serving 40 years.

Mr. McCloskey was active in church and civic affairs. Having a 44-year perfect attendance record, he served as Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor of District 22 in 1966-67 and 1989-90.

Mr. McCloskey was a member of the Snyder Masonic Lodge 706, Snyder Shrine Club, Scottish Rite, the Suez Temple and the American Legion Post 0181.

A longtime member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. McCloskey was a charter member of the CITA Bible Class. He was also a co-founder of the Snyder Goodfellows.

He married Opal Alexander in 1941. She preceded him in death in 1970. He married Elizabeth Odom on March 17, 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth McCloskey of the home; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rozanne Stark of Atlanta, Ga., and Beth and Weldon Harris of Lee's Summit, Mo.; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Robbie Odom of Floydada; a brother, Thomas McCloskey of Winnemucca, Nev.; seven grandchildren, Julie Childress of Independence, Mo., Kevin Harris of Lee's Summit, Mo., David Stark of New York City, Thomas Stark of Atlanta, Ga., John Patrick Odom, Nicole Maureen Odom and Brian C. Odom, all of Floydada; two nephews; and one niece.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Snyder, the building fund at Floydada First Baptist Church or to a favorite charity.

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Sonny Harrell

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C.W. "Sonny" Harrell, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, in Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center.

Sonny Harrell

Funeral service for Mr. Harrell, 61, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Christian Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, and Dr. Tim Griffin, pastor of the First Christian Church, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 2, 1938 in Scurry County, he married Jan Wellborn on June 30, 1960 in Snyder.

A graduate of Snyder High School, Mr. Harrell was a rancher and farmer in the Camp Springs area. A member of the First Christian Church, he was a director of the Scurry County Junior Livestock Association and a director of the Scurry County Rodeo Association. He also was a member of the Southwest Cattle Raisers Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Garrett and Buice Harrell; and two aunts, Fay and Myrtle Harrell.

Survivors include his wife, Jan Harrell of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Van Hale and Kathy and Vance Voss, all of Snyder; and two grandchildren, Katie Voss and Garrett Hale, both of Snyder.

Pallbearers will be Tim Collier, Ray Courtney, Sid Johnson, John Billy Koonsman, Eddie Eicke, Ted Crenwelge, Glen Patterson, John Ward, Jimmy Hale and Weldon Beck.

Runaway located, released to parent

Officers located a 15-year-old female Tuesday afternoon who had been reported as a runaway on Sunday.

The girl was located at 1:09 p.m. in the 2100 block of 40th Street and was transported to the police department where she was later released to her mother.

An offense report for Class B theft was taken from Rip Griffin's at 10:43 a.m. Tuesday in reference to a subject leaving without paying for $98.02 worth of diesel.

Officers investigated a two-vehicle accident that occurred at 1:44 p.m. Tuesday in the 2100 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Rebecca Lynn McCravey, 24, of 3782 Dalton and a 1994 Ford Escort driven by Chrystalene Woolsey, 75, of 100 37th Street #2.

Snyder EMS transported Woolsey to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where she was treated and released.

Directors of United Way meet Monday

Scurry County United Way directors met Monday in the CADA office to start planning the campaign for 2001.

President Ken Wright appointed an allocations committee to hear and review agency requests. Committee members include Steve West, Rodney Dupree, Stephen Covey, Marita Burton and Nathan Zalman.

Receiving their first allocations from the recent fund drive were the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Boys and Girls Club of Scurry County, Buffalo Trail Council Inc., Boy Scouts of American, Gateway Services Inc. (formerly Noah Project Inc.), Snyder Area Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Snyder Child Day Care Center Inc. and West Texas Girl Scout Council, Inc.

The next meeting is set for April 10 in the chamber of commerce boardroom.

Births

John and Charlotte Mann of Snyder announce the birth of their son weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces. He was born at 9:30 p.m. on March 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Calvary Baptist revival

A revival at Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th St., ends with today's 7 p.m. service that features Clark Bosher of Arlington, nationally-known evangelist. A nursery will be provided and the public is invited.

'Inhalants: The Silent Epidemic'

"Inhalants: The Silent Epidemic" will air at 5 p.m. today and Friday on Channel 2. The film is sponsored by Cox Communications and Snyder CADA. "A Parents' Guide to Preventing Inhalant Abuse" is available at the CADA office, 2513 College Ave. Call 573-1141 or come by for a free copy.

Diabetes support group

The Diabetes Support group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital cafeteria.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Gold Coat luncheon

The Chamber of Commerce Gold Coat luncheon will be Friday at noon at Golden Corral.

Eighth grade party

The end of school party planning committee for SJHS eighth graders will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at 2211 41st St. All eighth grade parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Gaylan Mason at 573-7125.

American Diabetes Association Walk

The American Diabetes Association Walk for East Elementary's fourth graders is scheduled Friday. Christi Smith, PE instructor, asks everyone to "help the students with this worthy cause." For more information, contact Smith at 573-1769.

LCU chorus

Lubbock Christian University's Praise! Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Side Church of Christ. Allison Bowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bowden, and Jenise Judah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Judah, are members of the LCU chorus. The concert is free and open to the public.

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. For reservations call 573,3427, 573-6443 or 573-6717.

HEPA meeting

A general membership meeting the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Red Steagall will perform. The membership will discuss Air Force plans to conduct training flights over this area.

SHS reunion meeting

SHS classes of 1943-45 will have a class reunion planning meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. For more information, call 573-5149.

Annual sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is set for Sunday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Tickets are available at the door for $6 for adults and take-outs, and $3 for children under 12. The sausage dinner with all the trimmings is all-you-can eat. The festival will also have game booths, raffles and a country store. Sausage sold by the pound is $2.75 uncooked and $3.75 cooked.

Golden K fish fry

The Golden K Kiwanis will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Senior Citizens Center. Plates, including carryouts, are $6.50 each. Children under six may eat free.

1990 SHS reunion

The 1990 senior class of SHS is planning a 10-year reunion in July. If you are a graduate, or have contact with a graduate, contact Anne Osborn @Echostar.com, or call Jennifer Pate at 915-223-9110 in San Angelo, or contact Shelley LaRoux at 574-1826, or mail information to 3209 40th St.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

2-11-13-16-32

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8, 8, 2

Diabetes drug Rezulin pulled due to concerns over safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rezulin, which once was cheered as offering new hope for some diabetes patients, has been withdrawn from the market after being linked to at least 61 deaths from liver poisoning.

The Food and Drug Administration requested the drug be removed Tuesday. The agency said the drug's manufacturers, Parke-Davis/Warner-Lambert of Morris Plains, N.J., agreed to the action.

Rezulin was prescribed for type 2, or adult onset, diabetes patients who had not responded to other therapies. It was used by about 750,000 Americans.

A frequent critic of the FDA, Dr. Sidney Wolfe, said the drug should have been taken off the market long ago. He described Rezulin as "one of the most dangerous drugs" on the market.

According to an FDA announcement, a review of recent safety data showed that Rezulin was more toxic to the liver than two newer drugs, Avandia and Actos, which have similar action.

"Data to date show that Avandia and Actos, both approved in the past year, offer the same benefits as Rezulin without the same risk," the FDA said.

"We are now confident that patients have safer alternatives in this important class of diabetes drugs," said Dr. Janet Woodcock, director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

The action comes just days after the FDA announced that at least 61 deaths had been linked to Rezulin and an FDA physician had sent a letter asking Congress to help him persuade agency officials to remove the drug from the market.

Wolfe, director of the Public Citizen Health Research Group, a consumer advocacy group, said Rezulin "should have been long gone."

"The British government took it off the market a long time ago. The question is, why did it take the FDA so long to take it off the market?" said Wolfe. He said if the agency had acted earlier, some patients would still be alive.

"It is just another example of how low the standards have gotten at FDA," he said.

Rezulin was well-received when it first went on the market in 1997 because it was the only drug available that restored the body's sensitivity to insulin.

Type 2 diabetes develops when the body no longer responds to insulin, a hormone required to process sugar in the blood. Doctors hailed Rezulin because it promised treatment for patients who failed other therapies. Untreated diabetes can cause heart and kidney failure, blindness and other problems.

After Rezulin was on the market, the FDA began receiving reports of patients suffering from liver failure after taking the drug.

The FDA ordered Parke-Davis to put stronger liver toxicity warnings on the drug and an advisory committee recommended that the drug be available to only a select group of patients — those whose diabetes was not well-controlled by other drugs.

Eventually, at least 61 patients died of liver failure while taking Rezulin and another seven required liver transplants.

Avandia, manufactured by SmithKline Beecham, and Actos, made by Takeda Pharmaceuticals and marketed by Eli Lilly & Co., were approved last year as alternative drugs to Rezulin. The agency said Tuesday that after nine months on the market, it is clear that the newer drugs "have less risk of severe liver toxicity than Rezulin."

"Continued use of Rezulin now poses an unacceptable risk to patients," said Woodcock.

The FDA said patients now taking Rezulin should contact their doctors and discuss alternative treatments.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 23, 2000
Exciting developments could be in the offing for you in the year ahead concerning involvements with large organizations. Just be careful you don't bite off more than you can chew.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Carelessness or indifference about your financial transactions today could turn out to be extremely costly down the line. Recheck all the figures involved yourself. 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Totally unlike yourself today, your biggest nemesis will be indecisiveness. If you can't get a handle on things, you could change your mind so often it'll confuse the entire situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Sure, you're clever, but not to the point where you can fix anything on this Earth. If you get in over your head today, you could turn out to be the most expensive repairman in town.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Gratifying your pleasurable interests today with funds earmarked for necessities could do more harm to your budget than you bargained for. Do only what you can afford.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be extra careful today with all affairs of the home. Mind what you say, do and how you react to others. An incident could occur unexpectedly that might create long term problems.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Sticking your nose in the wrong places today could bring about the wrath of co-workers. It's okay to be detail conscious, but only concerning your own affairs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you expect longevity from things you now possess, you'll have to be extra diligent in caring for them today. If you let items lie about or lend them to the wrong person, a loss could occur.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Before entering into any agreement with anybody today, be sure each detail is clearly comprehended by both parties. There would be nothing but trouble in time not easily resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Sometimes you can be a victim of your own poor planning. If you're too much in a hurry today to pay projects the proper attention they deserve, look for a big mess to come out of chaos.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't allow yourself to be talked into something to which you're opposed. Others could bring entanglements into your life today that you've been trying very hard to avoid.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you could get a lot of bragging from those who think they're great, but when it comes time to put up their skills, their hollow talk will leave you standing alone. Be careful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Emotions must be totally left out of decision making today. A failure to keep your logical mind on an important target could lead to serious errors.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Don't put up with always-late doctor

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor consistently keeps me waiting up to six hours to be seen. Doesn't he have a legal responsibility to provide service within a reasonable period of time?

DEAR READER: Not to my knowledge. In non-emergency situations, a doctor has a humane and social obligation to see patients on time; I am not aware of any legal requirement.

Unquestionably, practitioners may be delayed for perfectly valid reasons, such as emergencies. I find that most patients readily accept this unexpected inconvenience — provided they are told about it. I rant and rave about doctors who callously keep patients waiting without a word of explanation. I believe that professionals owe their clients the courtesy of knowing that something has come up. A considerate doctor can simply telephone his receptionist to say that he or she is running late, and that patients should have the option of coming back another time if they do not choose to wait.

If your doctor exhibits standard spells of lateness, try calling his office just before you leave for the appointment. Ask the receptionist if the physician is on time. If he is hours behind, reschedule your appointment for later in the day or for another day altogether.

Lateness should not be habitual. I can think of few situations in which the courteous physician cannot inform his patients that he is behind schedule. Unfortunately, in many cases, the healer is too arrogant or inconsiderate to be kind to patients. A long waiting time does not mean that your doctor is smart, successful, busy, dedicated or involved in saving lives; more often it means that he has insensitively overbooked because he is greedy.

Neither you nor any other patient have to put up with chronic, long, unexplained waiting. If this is what you are experiencing, I recommend that you express your displeasure to the receptionist, walk out of the office and find a doctor who will treat you as a human being. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I feel constant fatigue and exhaustion. Every afternoon I run a fever of 100 degrees. My doctor says I have "Raggedy Ann syndrome" and there is no cure. What is this?

DEAR READER: This syndrome sometimes refers to the cloth-doll floppiness and weakness that certain patients experience from a variety of conditions, ranging from neurological diseases to low blood-potassium levels. The term "Raggedy Ann" is merely descriptive, not diagnostic. Therefore, your doctor has his work cut out for him. I am very concerned that your exhaustion and fever may reflect an underlying, undiscovered, serious medical illness that is treatable. A daily fever of 100 degrees for more than a month qualifies as an FUO (fever of unknown origin), one of the most challenging dilemmas in modern medicine. You need a meticulous examination by a capable physician, as well as an array of blood tests and X-rays. Ask your doctor to refer you to a diagnostic specialist.

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Rockwell analyzes failed marriage

ATLANTA (AP) — The groom in the "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire" fiasco is still trying to figure out why his marriage to a total stranger collapsed.

"I knew there was a downside risk that the chemistry wouldn't be there," Rick Rockwell told WAGA-TV of Atlanta on Tuesday.

But he said he was shocked by what Darva Conger told him 36 hours after their wedding. According to him, she said: "Look, I don't even want to be friends. Enjoy the honeymoon, I'll see you at dinner maybe once in awhile."

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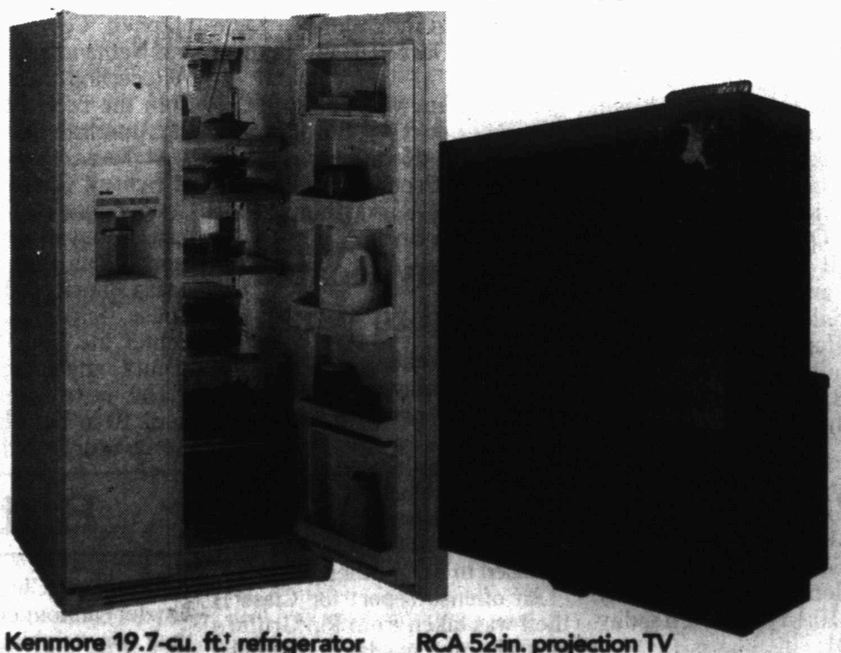

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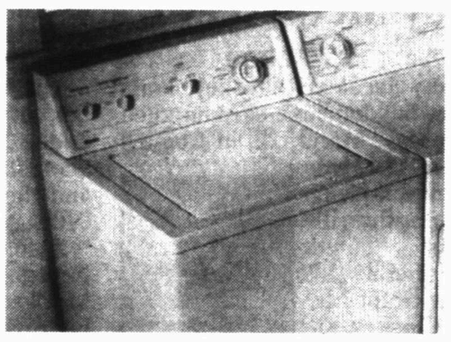

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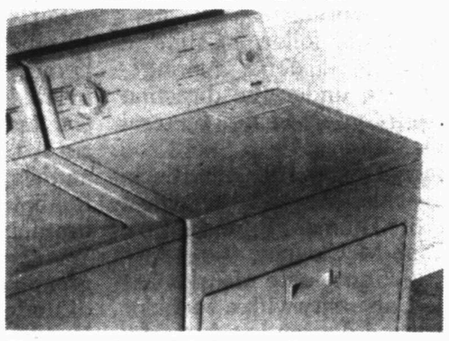

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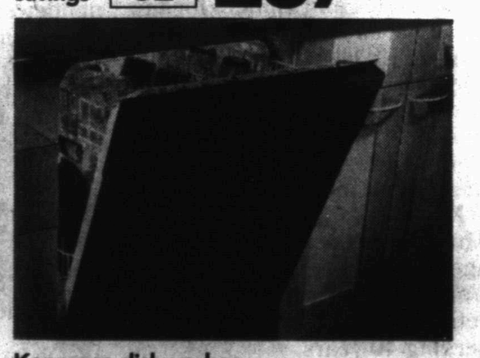

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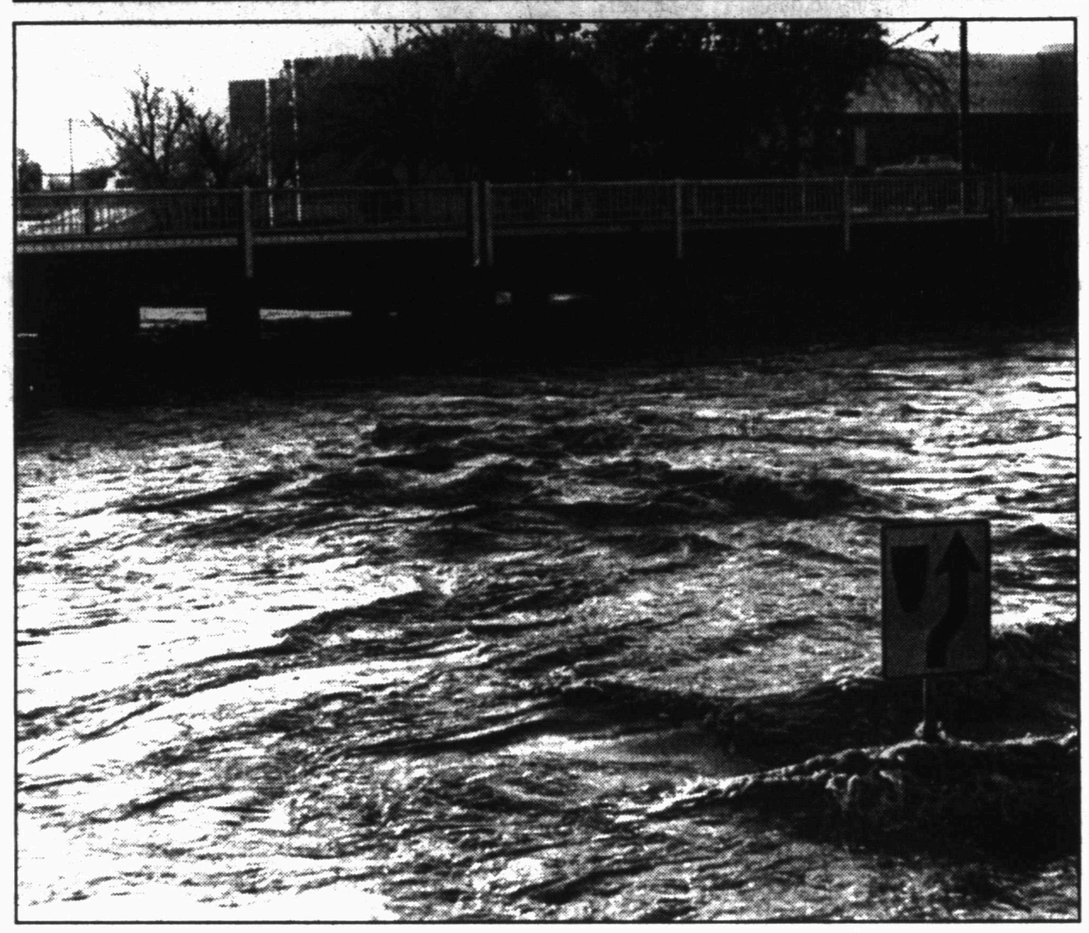

KEEP TO THE RIGHT, AND HIGH - Rainfall totals up to 7.5 inches had Deep Creek on a rise late Wednesday night and early Thursday morning as it sent its white caps beneath the College Avenue bridge. The official measurement at the city's water treatment plant was 5.25 inches of rain. (SDN Staff Photo)

Downpours drench county; 5.25 inches recorded in Snyder

Scurry County Coliseum has hosted events throughout the years that have been less than successful.

A handful of fans have shown up for concerts for well-known country-western singers, maybe a hundred for a wrestling event, and often there are more circus performers than there are people in the audience.

However, Wednesday night's booking was a success.

As the Pray for Rain service was being held in the coliseum, rain was falling, and it continued to fall.

And as final rainfall amounts for Wednesday night and Thursday morning were totaled, 5.25 inches had been recorded officially in Snyder, while other totals throughout the county reached over seven inches.

The moisture did not fall without some anxious moments however, as the county was under a tornado warning for most of the evening.

The Midland National Weather Service issued the first of two tornado warnings for Scurry and Mitchell Counties at 6:37 p.m. when radar indicated a severe thunderstorm near Dunn was capable of producing a twister.

Law enforcement officers and weather spotters were dispatched to the area, but no tornadoes were ever sighted in Scurry County.

Mitchell County firemen did report a tornado south of Colorado City around 7:05 p.m., near the Sterling City highway.

Scurry and Mitchell Counties took the blunt of the storms, with most hail falling in Hermleigh.

Hail was reportedly over Highway 84 in the Hermleigh area around 7 p.m.

Law enforcement dispatchers were kept busy with reports of bad weather as citizens reported funnel clouds over Big County Autoland and Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 7:15. City officers on the scene reported low-hanging clouds, but no funnel clouds.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a tank battery fire some 12 miles south of Snyder at 8:52 p.m. The battery, owned by Lemco Operating and located on the Ellis and Gray Unit lease, was struck by lightening.

Three trucks and 15 firemen responded and were on the scene until 11 p.m. The tank was approximately half full of oil, according to assistant fire chief Tommy Guynes.

No injuries were reported.

Dispatchers received a report at 7:02 p.m. of power lines down on F.M. 1606 and Cap Rock Electric customers near China Grove reported power out at 1 a.m. today.

Several reports were also received of stranded motorists and vehicles being washed off the road.

Deputies assisted a subject at 8 p.m. whose vehicle had washed off the road near Hermleigh.

Officers assisted a stranded motorist at 44th and Houston at 8:44 p.m.

A report was received at 9:42 p.m. of a motorist stranded on CR 4104. Upon arrival, deputies advised there was no one around the vehicle. The owner was later located at a Hermleigh residence and was okay.

At 10:15 p.m., a report was received of a van stuck under the bridge near Wilson Motors. Officers were dispatched but another subject had pulled the vehicle out of the water.

A vehicle was reported submerged in water at 37th Street and Avenue E at 11:12 p.m. The driver advised officers that a vehicle coming from the opposite direction had swerved into his lane to miss the water causing him to hit the ditch. The vehicle was removed from the water and towed to the subject's residence.

City workers were advised of the need for barricades at 3 this morning as water was rising on

See Weather, Page 8

Man escapes vehicle swept by high water

A Scurry County man, whose car was swept off the roadway early today, escaped without injuries despite anxious moments.

David Sutton, an employee of YZ Industries, reportedly was driving on Pleasant Hill Road southeast of Snyder when his vehicle was swept off the roadway.

Sutton was able to roll down a window and exit the vehicle. The incident occurred shortly before 6 a.m.

Some of the county's heaviest rainfall occurred in the southeastern portion of the county.

SHS students compete in UIL academic meet

Fifty-two local students vying for honors in 19 events on the campus of Howard College

Fifty-two Snyder High School students will compete in Friday's District 5-4A UIL Academic Meet slated at Howard College in Big Spring.

Snyder contestants will face students from Big Spring, Sweetwater, San Angelo Lake View, Fort Stockton and Andrews.

SHS contestants in events include:

Prose interpretation – Janette Allen, Mandy Chambers, Chris Shoemake.

Poetry interpretation – Liz Brown, Austin Haire, Audra Lilly.

Informative speaking – Todd Dobson, Jon Hensley, Melinda Langham, Cliff Beights (Substitute).

Lincoln-Douglas debate - Amy Braziel, Jon Hensley, Lyndell Lee.

Literary criticism – Laura Greenwood, Jenny Mayer, Alesha Miller.

Persuasive speaking – Lyndell Lee, Cole McLeod, Rebecca West.

Spelling, vocabulary – Melina Campos, Michael Gibson, Justin Guy, Angie Shoemake.

Science – Duane Allred, Wade Ashby, Trey Gorman, Trevor Kerr, Tyler Kerr, Kyle McClendon.

Math – Wade Ashby, Trey Gorman, Justin Guy, Kyle McClendon.

Number sense – Wade Ashby, Kelly Dodson, Kim Moore, Kyle McClendon.

Computer science – Wade Ashby, Trey Gorman, Tyler Kerr, Ryan McAnally.

Calculator applications – Kira Bailey, Charlie Gorman, Trey Gorman, Marci Kruger.

Computer applications – Jennifer Bell, Kaycee Marricle, Sandra Nussey.

Accounting – Cara Best, Amber Haarmeyer, D'Ann Hager, Tiffany Sutter.

Current issues and events – Scott Gilliland, Trevor Kerr, Melinda Langham, Dustin Whitson.

Ready writing – Cody Beaver, Ryan McAnally, Emily Vinson.

Headline writing – Lindsey Birks, Tera Kincaid, Devin Williamson.

News writing – Eric DeLeon, Daphny Lopez, Krissi Mayer.

Editorial writing – Eric DeLeon, Haley Elkins, Ashley Tucker.

Feature writing – Haley Elkins, Tera Kincaid, Ashley Tucker.

Coaches include Lynda McCormack, speech; Katie Henson, journalism; Phyllis Smith, accounting; Becky Johnson, spelling and vocabulary; and Darlene Stokes, math and calculator.

Also Wynola Early, computer science; Shad Nachlinger, current issues and events and literary criticism; Betty Henderson, ready writing; Tom Strayhorn, science; and Lynda Patterson, computer applications.

DAILY ROUTINE — Travis Ray Hatfield has to give himself at least two shots of insulin each day. He prefers using his leg. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

East Elementary to 'Walk for the Cure'

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Travis Ray Hatfield can do anything any 10-year-old can do — except eat a lot of food that has sugar in it.

One of the many faces of juvenile diabetes belongs to the 10-year-old son of Bill and Paula Hatfield who is a fourth grader at East Elementary School.

Travis and the rest of the students at the school, along with the staff, will participate in the "Walk for the Cure" Friday morning in hopes of helping finding a cure for the disease.

Travis is a Type I diabetic and has been insulin dependent since the age of two.

He has to take at least two injections of insulin daily and must check his blood sugar level at least four times a day. This involves pricking his finger and applying a small amount of blood to a glucometer, which provides a reading. He also checks himself at bedtime and his mother checks him during the night.

When Travis' blood sugar level drops too low, he often goes to sleep and requires another shot of insulin or some type of sugar food or drink to wake him up.

If his blood sugar level is too high, he sometimes requires

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "On the freeway, he who hesitates gets rear-ended."

After the fact, most of us can think of numerous witty comebacks, things we wish we were clever enough to blurt out at just the right time.

Whether it's with a difficult co-worker, boss or student – here are some suggested retorts.

—Ahhh…I see the goof-up fairy has visited again.

—I don't know what your problem is, but I suspect it's hard to pronounce.

—How about never? Is never good for you?

—I see you've set aside this special time to humiliate yourself in public.

—I'm really easy to get along with once you people learn to do it my way.

—I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter.

—I'm out of my mind, but feel free to leave a message.

—I don't work here. I'm a consultant.

—It sounds like English, but I can't understand a word you're saying.

—I can see your point, but I still think you're full of garbage.

—I like you. You remind me of when I was young and stupid.

—You are validating my inherent mistrust of people.

—I have plenty of talent and vision. I just don't care.

—I am already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.

—I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.

—Thank you. We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.

—Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.

—You make Dennis Rodman look almost human.

—You make me feel like flypaper for freaks.

—I am not rude. You're just insignificant.

—You sound reasonable. It must be time to increase the medication.

However, a witty comeback is probably only second best. The prudent approach (safe from a fat lip) is to think it, and keep it to yourself.

ASK US

Q—Where are the emergency shelters located in Snyder?

A—The only shelter open 24 hours a day is in the basement of the fire department building. Other buildings are opened as the fire department sees the need. That list is on Page 9.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 54; low, 46; 7 a.m. Thursday, 47; 5.25 inches precipitation; total for 2000, 7.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair, low in mid 40s; W wind 10-15 mph; Friday, sunny, high mid 70s; SW wind 10-15 mph.

Eddie Hernandez
Sunny

Sunset: 6:58 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.
Of 82 days in 2000, the sun has shone 80 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

For you to make headway, improve your head.
—B.C. Forbes

MAR 23 2000

Firms recall herbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two herbal preparations found to contain a blood sugar-lowering drug have been recalled by two California firms.

The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday the recalled products are Dianolyn Capsules, made by Diabetic Capital of Alhambra, Calif., and Dimelstat, manufactured by SciQuest Lab Inc. of Brea, Calif. Both are said to contain "dangerously high" amounts of glyburide, a drug used to lower blood sugar.

SciQuest and Diabetic Capital announced the recalls in statements released by the FDA.

"People who have low blood sugar or those with diabetes run the risk of serious or life threatening complications if they consume these products," the announcements said.

The statements urged consumers to stop using Dianolyn Capsules and Dimelstat and to seek medical advice, "especially if they are currently being treated with other anti-diabetic drugs or if they have symptoms of fatigue, excessive hunger, profuse sweating, or numbness of extremities."

Man wounds four in church office before killing himself

PASADENA (AP) — A man apparently spurned by a love interest walked into a church and opened fire with a gun, wounding the young woman and three others before he shot himself to death, police said.

It was the second incident of church violence in Texas in the past six months.

The assailant died in a parking lot after Wednesday night's attack inside the crowded office of the Iglesia Cristiana Esposa del Cordero Pentecostal Church in this Houston suburb.

The gunman was identified in broadcast reports as Oscar Castillo, 32.

Carlos Matamoros, the 43-year-old pastor, and 38-year-old Angela Contreras were hospitalized today at Hermann Hospital in critical condition. Matamoros was shot in the chest and Contreras was wounded in the abdomen, said Lisa Lagrone, a hospital spokeswoman.

Contreras' 18-year-old daughter, Leslie, was in fair condition at Ben Taub Memorial Hospital with a bullet wound in her neck. An unidentified 32-year-old man was only grazed by a bullet, police Sgt. Mike Baird said.

"We are going through and making sure we dot all the i's and cross the t's. But we are confident that the four that were shot were attacked by the guy who killed himself," Baird said. "We're just trying to pick up the pieces."

During a meeting after church services, the gunman professed his love for the younger woman, Baird said.

She told him "she liked him like a brother, but just didn't want to be his girlfriend," Baird said. He said the man then told her "something bad was fixing to happen."

Following the confrontation, the suspect left and then returned with a gun, police said. He opened fire inside the church office, walked outside and shot himself, police said.

Baird said authorities had recovered the semiautomatic pistol.

Church member Jose Montana, 34, said he saw the man early Wednesday at a nearby Wal-Mart. He said he was making small talk with the man — whom he knew only as "Oscar" — when "he said he was going to kill someone."

House vote won't reduce high oil cost

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans said they wanted to "send a message" to OPEC oil producers. Democrats called it meaningless "feel good fluff."

But in the end, all but a handful of House members — Republicans and Democrats alike — voted for a bill Wednesday that both sides acknowledged would do little to help Americans deal with the high cost of oil, or lower prices.

Instead, the vote may have demonstrated how little power Congress has to address the soaring oil and gasoline prices that grip the nation, much less influence foreign oil production plans.

The legislation, although characterized by some lawmakers as tepid and inconsequential, passed the House 382-38, marking the first congressional response to the tripling of oil prices over the past 14 months.

The bill, titled the "Oil Price Reduction Act," simply requires the White House to review pricing practices of the 11-member Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and the president to work with other nations to restrict military assistance against countries found to be engaged in petroleum price fixing.

Nevertheless, it was touted by supporters as a "wakeup call" and a "clear message" to the Clinton administration and OPEC, which meets next Monday to consider new oil production levels, that this country is angry over the run-up in oil prices.

It "spotlights OPEC's price-fixing activities," declared Rep. Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., the measure's chief sponsor.

There were 187 Democrats who voted with Republicans for the legislation, including some who were highly critical of the bill during a two-hour debate.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, March 24, 2000
It will be the knowledge and expertise you'll acquire throughout the year ahead that will make finding profitable outlets for your wares feasible. Get busy searching them out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) People will come through for you today and help you accomplish things you cannot do unaided. Just be sure they figure in on the eventual rewards. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Although you may prefer to be a loner when it comes to directing your activities, try to be a joiner instead today, because you could be quite lucky in situations initiated by others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The more people with whom you associate today, the better. You interact well with them and you will have much to share and learn from one another.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of merely coasting today, press yourself a bit, because you're in an exceptionally good achievement cycle. Do not put off until tomorrow what you can do now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Focus on friendly forces today, because they'll represent the majority, even though something in which you're presently involved could have both supporters and detractors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're an exceptionally good manager today, be it with your own affairs or those for whom you work. Plus, looking out for others will provide you with as much rewards for yourself as for them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you have an important matter you wish to discuss with another, today would be a good time to arrange for a one-on-one meeting. Chances are this person will be amiable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't undersell that which you have to offer in way of wares or services today. Your possibilities for generating fair material returns for the efforts you expend look good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A social involvement in which you're involved with several friends needs your personal touch today to accelerate the proceedings. Find the time to offer your input.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A persistent challenge will cause your real talents for overcoming insurmountable obstacles to emerge. You'll find out you have greater reserve upon which to draw than you realize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) New projects or endeavors will be more fortunate for you today than old ones. Think progressively and don't be afraid to get involved.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take advantage of the conditions today that are having a favorable influence on your material well being while things are going in your favor. Don't put off financial affairs.

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Peanuts are not nuts. They are a fruit that matures below ground, among, but separate from, the root system of the peanut plant.

Judge rules in favor of online realtor

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal lawsuit between the Austin Board of Realtors and one of its members, e-Realty.com, is a symbol of the fear the industry has of technology, a real estate professor says.

Traditional real estate agents, who make their profits from commission, have long resisted the Internet as a way to do business, said Randall S. Guttery, an assistant professor of finance and real estate at the University of North Texas in Denton who has studied the issue for years.

"Their monopoly is disappearing. They have protected this turf for decades, and now those barriers are breaking down. And for that, I say, 'Congratulations to the consumers,' " Guttery said Wednesday.

Realtors rejected that argument, saying the lawsuit attempting to bar the online company from publishing Multiple Listing Service data is about protecting the board's copyrighted material.

"This fight is only about protecting our intellectual property," said Diane Kennedy, president of the Austin Board of Realtors. "We will work with e-Realty to try to resolve this, but we will not surrender our right of ownership over this data."

Earlier this week, U.S. District Judge James Nowlin said that e-Realty.com could continue offering clients online access to MLS data. He also ordered both sides to use a mediator to try to work out a settlement.

"This is a victory for Austin's real estate consumers and the business community in general," said Russell Capper, president of Houston-based e-Realty.com.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Balloon angioplasty explained

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an engineer, and I don't really understand how balloon angioplasty works. Why doesn't the artery rupture when the balloon is inflated? Why doesn't the released debris act like tiny clots?

DEAR READER: Balloon angioplasty is a technique of removing arteriosclerotic plaque from the lining of an artery by passing a thin, balloon-coated tube into an obstructed artery and rapidly inflating the balloon. The pressure thus generated cracks the deposits and opens up the artery.

Arteries are ordinarily tough and elastic, but the arteriosclerotic material that plugs them is brittle and hard. Therefore, when the balloon is inflated, it pushes first against the inelastic deposits and breaks them without damaging the artery, which "gives" during the procedure.

Your second question is more difficult. No one knows why the released debris doesn't act as tiny clots. Presumably, the hardened deposits fragment and are washed away by the blood circulation. Doctors are puzzled about the reason these pieces do not, by themselves, cause further blockage "downstream" in smaller arteries. However, they don't. As specialists gain more experience with balloon angioplasty, they should be able to shed more light on this intriguing subject.

Balloon angioplasty is a remarkably safe procedure that is now routinely available to many thousands of patients.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with macrocytic anemia. What is this?

DEAR READER: Red blood cells are normally a particular size and shape. Often, in the presence of anemia, these characteristics change, thereby giving a clue to the underlying medical condition.

For example, red corpuscles are generally smaller than normal (microcytosis) in the presence of iron deficiency; a lack of this mineral leads to small, pale cells.

By contrast, certain deficiencies may be associated with red blood cells that are abnormally large (macrocytosis). Vitamin B12 and folic acid deficiencies commonly cause macrocytic anemia. This is due to disordered maturation: Younger, larger cells are prematurely released into the circulation. Macrocytic anemia is also caused by some anti-cancer drugs that interfere with blood-cell production.

You will need a precise diagnosis of your anemia so that you can receive specific therapy. To start with, you should have blood tests for B12 and folic acid levels. If these tests confirm a deficiency, supplemental vitamin therapy will correct your anemia.

On the other hand, if these blood tests are inconclusive, you will have to have a bone marrow examination. Your doctor can order this testing, or she may feel more comfortable referring you to a hematologist. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood — Donations and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Date Book

Thursday, March 23, 2000
Today is the 83rd day of 2000 and the fourth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1743, Handel's "Messiah" was performed for the first time in public.

On this day in 1916, Marcus Garvey arrived in the United States.

On this day in 1991, Wayne Gretzky and Bruce McNall purchased a 1910 Honus Wagner baseball card for a record $451,000.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Fannie Farmer (1857-1915), cookery expert; Joan Crawford (1908-1977), actress; Akira Kurosawa (1910-1998), film director; Werner von Braun (1912-1977), rocket scientist; Roger Bannister (1929-), athlete-physician, is 71; Chaka Khan (1953-), singer, is 47; Moses Malone (1955-), basketball player, is 45; Amanda Plummer (1957-), actress, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, UCLA won the college basketball championship by defeating North Carolina 78-55.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The aim of flattery is to soothe and encourage us by assuring us of the truth of an opinion we have already formed about ourselves." — Edith Sitwell

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 19) and last quarter (March 27).

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Ira competing in District 9A contest

Ira High School's *And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson* was to perform this afternoon at O'Donnell High School, host of the District 9-A one act play contest.

The contest was originally scheduled at Dawson High School in Welch, but was changed due to problems with their light board.

Ira won the right to advance during the east zone contest held Tuesday at Borden County High School.

Ira players receiving acting awards were Trey Shirley who was named best actor; Katie Howard and Shade Everton were named to the all star cast; and Tosha Walker and Case Hardy, who received honorable mention all star cast.

Triana Jackson and Superintendent Rick Howard are directing the play.

Ira rehearsed between 10-11 this morning; and back-to-back performances were to begin at 1:30 p.m.

And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson is set during the 1950s-1960s in the imaginary town of Jackson.

Cast members include Katie Howard as Elizabeth Willow; Trey Shirley plays Man 1/Skeeter Robbins/Timmy; Bobby Morgan; Rev. Woody/Boy; and Jessie Green as Woman 1.

Others are Case Hardy, Man 2/Jeremy/Russell/Daddy; Davi Barnes, Woman 2/Emma; Tosha Walker, Beth Willow; Dani White, Nancy; Shade Everton, Kid/Ben Willow; Kayla Krop, Maddie; Lecia Knight, Claranelle/Judith; and Candace Sanchez, Girl.

Members of the crew include Colter Brown, Kendra Krop and Josh Wilson.

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Home improvement centers set hottest trends in gardening

Visit any home improvement center, nursery or garden center and it's easy to see what the hottest trend is in gardening these days-container gardening.

With the increasing availability of large containers, container rose gardening is becoming more and more popular. All-America Rose Selections (AARS) offers the following guidelines for starting a container rose garden:

— Most varieties of roses can be grown in containers, even climbers. For full-size roses, choose a container at least 18 inches in diameter and 14 inches deep.

— Decay-resistant wooden tubs and boxes, terracotta or glazed pottery, plastic pots and even the new decorative fiberglass pots make good rose containers.

— Whatever style of pot you choose, be sure it provides adequate drainage. Roses will die if allowed to continuously stand in water. There should be several holes in the bottom and cleats or feet to keep the container from sitting in water.

— Plant roses using a ready-made soil-free mix or a growing medium composed of sandy loam and organic matter such as peat moss.

— Soil in containers will dry out more quickly and retain fewer nutrients than ground soil. Therefore, it is very important to keep the soil evenly moist at all times and feed regularly with liquid or time-release fertilizer.

— Roses like at least six hours of direct morning or midday sun. Good air movement (but not direct wind) is also important to keep foliage dry and discourage disease.

— Roses in containers are more susceptible to damage from extreme cold. In areas where the temperature is likely to drop below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, move containers to a frost-free cool location when winter begins.

To get the most enjoyment out of your container rose garden, be sure to look for the AARS symbol when choosing rose plants. Only the most exceptional, care free, disease resistant varieties become AARS winners.

Three new varieties have garnered the coveted honor for 2000. Crimson Bouquet, as its name suggests, serves up bouquet after bouquet of deep, velvety red roses; Gemini shines with a constellation of color, blending rich cream with coral pink; and Knock Out will hit you with a continuous show of fluorescent cherry red blooms.

All-America Rose Selections is a non-profit association dedicated to the introduction and promotion of exceptional roses. For more information, visit www.rose.org.

Billboard's Top Five

By The Associated Press

TELEVISION

1. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire-Tuesday," ABC.
2. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire-Sunday," ABC.
3. "Who Wants to be a Millionaire-Thursday," ABC.
4. "60 Minutes," CBS.
5. "Friends," NBC.

(From Nielsen Media Research)

FILMS

1. "Mission to Mars," Disney.
2. "The Ninth Gate," Artisan.
3. "My Dog Skip," Warner Bros.
4. "The Whole Nine Yards," Warner Bros.
5. "American Beauty," Dreamworks.

(From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

HOT FIVE

1. "Say My Name," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
2. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA.
3. "Maria Maria," Santana (feat. The Product G&B). Arista. (Gold)
4. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Nashville)
5. "Bye Bye Bye," 'N Sync. Jive.

(From Billboard magazine)

ALBUMS

1. "Supernatural," Santana. Arista. (Platinum)
2. "BTNHResurrection," Bone Thugs-N-Harmony. Ruthless.
3. "Machina/The Machines Of God," The Smashing Pumpkins. Virgin.
4. "Dr. Dre - 2001," Dr. Dre. Aftermath. (Platinum)
5. "The Truth," Beanie Sigel. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.

(From Billboard magazine)

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The basic monetary unit of Bolivia is the boliviano, and its chief fractional unit is the peso boliviano.

Happy Sweet 16th Birthday
You are our joy.

Love
Mom & Dad

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-23-00
♠ A K Q
♥ A 9 3
♦ A 9 7 4
♣ A K 8

West
♠ 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 10 7 6 5 2
♦ 6 5
♣ ---

East
♠ 10 9
♥ ---
♦ J 3 2
♣ Q J 10 9 7 5 3 2

South
♠ J 8
♥ K Q J 8 4
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ 6 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	7 ♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Redbl.	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7

Bridge at the Mecca of cricket

By Phillip Alder

Arguably, the Mecca of baseball is Yankee Stadium. The Mecca of tennis is Wimbledon. There is no Mecca of football. For cricket, it is Lord's, the home of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). Last October, the MCC Bridge Society hosted a mixed-team event (every team had to contain at least one man and woman) with 53 entries. This deal featured a very rare result.

North's two diamonds was the game-forcing opening in his system. (A two-club opening shows eight or nine playing tricks in any suit. Two of a major is weak.) This is known as Benjamin, named after Albert of that ilk, an entertaining Scotsman who had his 90th birthday last year.

East was very cautious — why not bid four or five clubs?

Three hearts guaranteed a good five-card or longer suit and eight-plus points. (Two hearts would have been the negative response, showing 0-7 points.) North, no procrastinator he, jumped to the grand slam. Now West inadvisably doubled. Ten-seven-fifth of trumps do not a grand slam beat; and even if they would, mbe the opponents would run to a makable seven notrump.

The declarer, Peter Collins, won the first trick in the dummy and carefully played a trump to his king, which permitted him to pick up all five trumps, whether held by West or East.

The vulnerable seven no-trump scored 2220; seven hearts redoubled was worth 2940. The difference of 720 points was worth 12 international matchpoints to the Collins team. When did you last bid and make seven no-trump, yet lose 12 IMPs?

When will we see bridge at Yankee Stadium?

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Studies show women may land wrong, lack strength, hurt knees

By IRA DREYFUSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coming down from a layup may be harder on a woman's knees than a man's because the women do it wrong, a study suggests.

But other new research indicates women's greater rate of injuries to the anterior cruciate ligaments, which bind the upper and lower leg bones together at the knee, also may be due to different patterns of muscle use — or simply being in worse physical shape.

"Women are seeing higher forces transmitted across the joint, and their ability to protect the joint needs to be better," said Dr. Edward M. Wojtys of the University of Michigan.

Wojtys and his colleagues looked at the angle of the knee as 10 men and 10 women jumped down from heights of about 10, 20 and 30 inches. That's about the distance of vertical jumps in college basketball — "right in the ballpark, but if your vertical jump is above 30 inches, you are doing good," he said.

At the 20- and 30-inch distances, women landed more straight-legged than did men, the researchers found. The knee angle was about 7 degrees for women but about 16 degrees for men.

In a sense, landing straight-legged misses the point of having a knee. The leg is supposed to act as a shock absorber in falls, bending to reduce the impact. A straighter landing puts more of the impact of the falling body on the joint.

A small difference in knee angle creates a far bigger difference in impact, because more of the weight of the falling body is absorbed by the joint, Wojtys said.

The study looked only at a direct jump down because this is simpler to study. But the real load on the knee in sports would have to be greater, Wojtys said. Driving for a layup or going up for a rebound would change the momentum, adding twisting strains to the direct impact of descent, he said.

Women especially need to protect their knees, but there is no solid research on how to do it, Wojtys said. It may not be as simple as putting more bend into the knee, he said. Women may also need to build muscular strength and endurance, and to put extra effort into practicing the moves in their sports, he said.

"It's not just strength — it's probably the integration of the muscles, which muscles you call upon and, more importantly, the reflex patterns which are preprogrammed," Wojtys said. "The key thing is, we have to learn what this desired pattern is before we teach it, and at this point, we don't know for sure."

Wojtys presented his findings at the Orlando, Fla., meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Another study presented at the meeting looked at muscle differences between 25 female and 26 male collegiate athletes. The researchers, using equipment to evaluate nerve and muscle activity, watched the athletes do knee bending and extension exercises.

Women tended to rely on one set of muscles, the quadriceps in the front of the leg, more than did men, said Dr. Klane White of the University of California, San Diego. The hamstrings in the back are supposed to work in tandem with the quadriceps to help to stabilize the leg. So, if women can be taught to change their muscle movements, they might reduce their risk of ACL injuries, he said.

A third study at the conference examined the risk of ACL injuries among men and women. The four-year look at West Point students by West Point doctors found an injury rate of 0.04 percent for females but only 0.027 percent for males.

And a separate study, not presented at the conference, suggested that women's leg injuries in general may be related to their not being in as great shape as they could be. In this project, researchers followed 509 men and 352 women through eight weeks of Army basic training. The study was being published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

The study did not look at the anterior cruciate ligament specifically, but did look at visits to clinics, many of them for leg injuries such as stress fractures, which are small but painful cracks in the bone.

Women had about twice the rate of injuries that men did, and the women's rate of serious injury that cost at least one day of lost duty was 2.5 times higher, the study found.

However, the apparent sex difference seems to be really a difference in strength and fitness, said researcher Nicole S. Bell of Social Sectors Development Strategies, Boston, a contract research organization that worked on the project with the Army.

"The people who ran slow got hurt regardless of whether they were male or female," Bell said. "The people who ran fast did not get hurt regardless of their gender."

The problem seemed to be that women were more likely to enter basic training without being in good enough physical condition, Bell said. One possible solution to the injury problem could be to assign trainees to levels of conditioning appropriate to their levels of fitness, her paper said. This would let the less-fit progress more slowly while their fitness improves.

Hospital

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DISMISSALS: Sergio Guajardo, Jordan Tovar, Janie Dever and Leonard Witte.

CENSUS: 47 (Med./Surg.-18, Long-term Care-24, ICU-1, Nursery-2 and OB-2)

Births

Beatriz Clarady of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 10:35 a.m. on March 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

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 appointment, call 573-9742.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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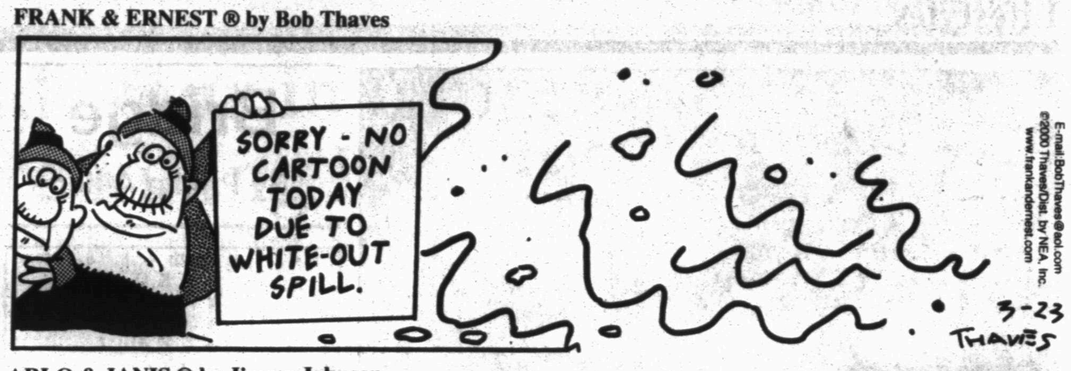

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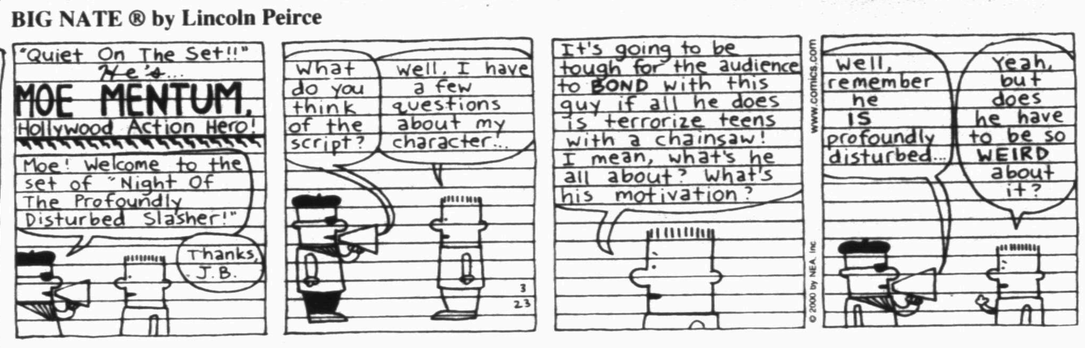

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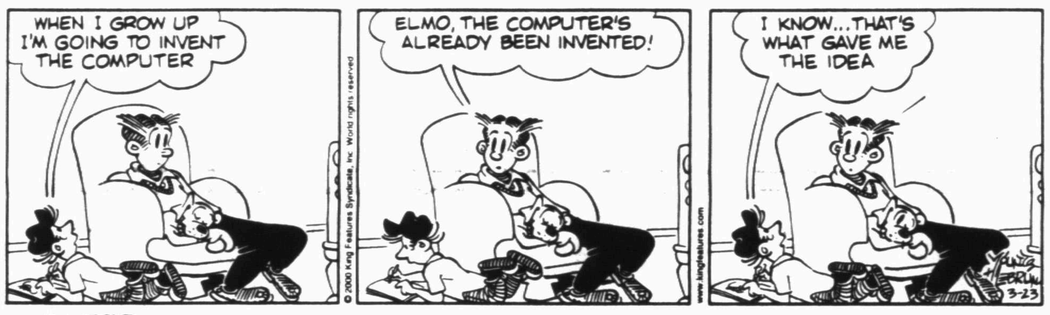

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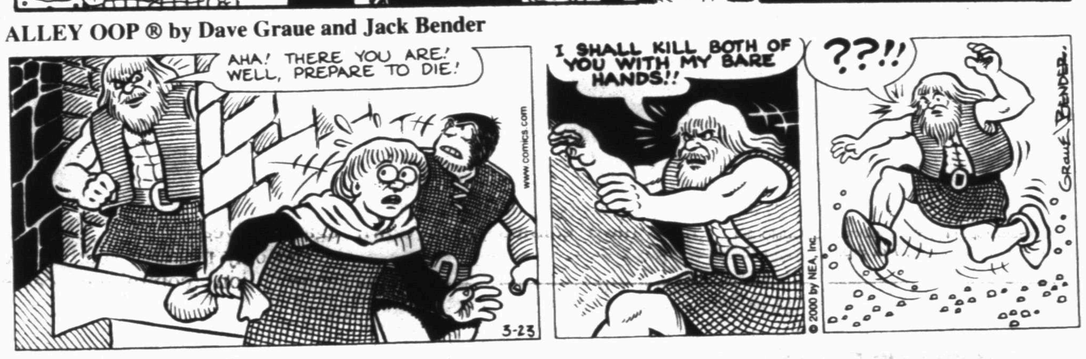

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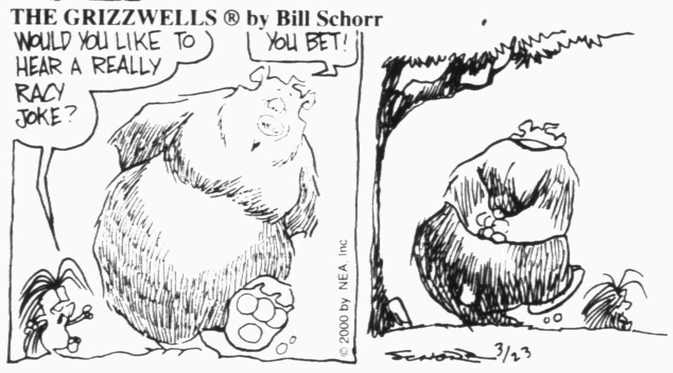

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1 Morose
7 Its atomic number is 16
13 Pact
14 Team of three
15 Like the stars
16 Garland
17 Chore
18 "— Town"
20 Disorder
21 Starts a poker pot
23 Units of matter
27 Actress Parsons
32 Teams
33 At right angles to a ship
34 Sphere of action
35 Servile flatterer
36 For each day (2 wds.)
39 Halted
40 Sources of light
42 "— — the Mood for Love"
46 Inlet
47 Brainstorm
51 Glossy fabric
53 Sleep noises
55 Not alfresco
56 Surgeon's stitch
57 Closed securely
58 Inflame with love

DOWN

1 Photocopy
2 Celestial bear
3 Allows
4 Singing bird
5 Sched. abbr.
6 Drip-dry fabric
7 Looks fixedly
8 Flower holder
9 Clayey earth
10 Bona —
11 Hawaiian instruments
12 Male sheep
19 Colorado Indian
21 Attack
22 Maine and Oregon
23 Pronto (abbr.)
24 Grow weary
25 River in Germany
26 Fix
28 Black
29 Conduct
30 Put on board
31 Freshwater tortoise
37 Acquired by labor
38 Roman 2,001
41 Obsolete
42 Egyptian goddess
43 Lion's neck hair
44 "— — deal!"
45 Astronaut Armstrong
47 Tiny particle
48 Rhythmic instrument
49 Architect Saarinen
50 Jacob's son
52 Dutch city
54 Convent dweller

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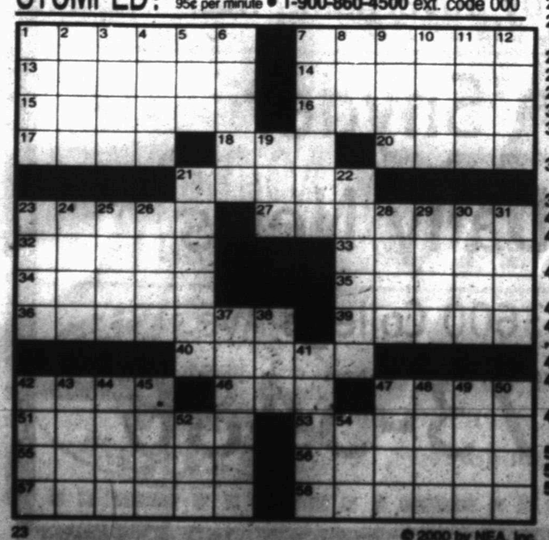

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SPORTS

Games will go on despite area rain

Despite torrential downpours Wednesday night, area athletic events were expected to go off without a hitch.

The boys' junior varsity baseball tournament in Sweetwater will begin today. Sweetwater received 1.2 inches of rain, but the field is playable, according to the Mustangs' athletic department.

Today's games could be delayed as much as an hour, but final decision on starting times will not be made until early afternoon.

Snyder JV was scheduled to face Clyde at 4 o'clock, before taking on Abilene Wylie at 8:30.

Farther south, San Angelo received only light showers, allowing the boys' golf tournament to get underway on time this morning. The Tiger linksters were competing this morning at Riverside Golf Club.

As for Friday's events, the freshman baseball game slated for Moffett Field is the only possible change.

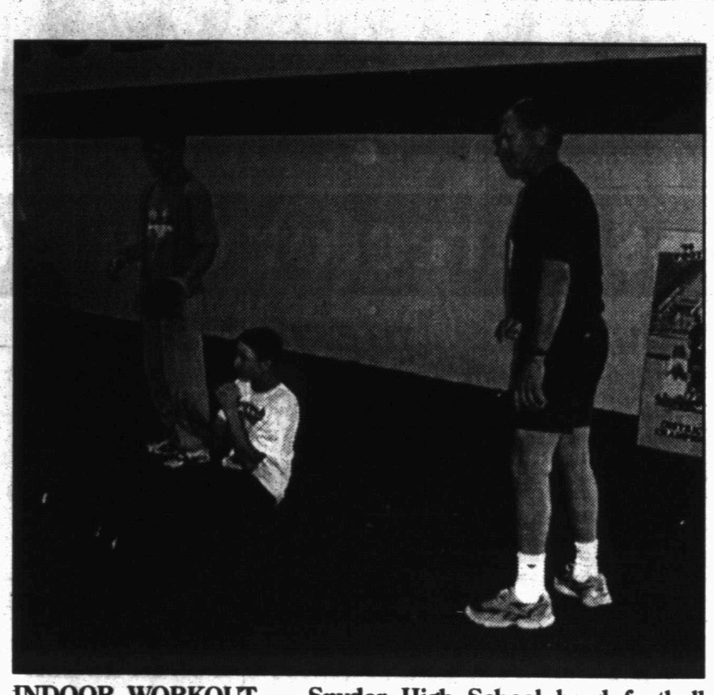
Snyder and Abilene High are scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., but the 5.25 inches of rain dumped on Moffett Field Wednesday night could force the game to another site. A final decision is expected this afternoon.

The varsity baseball game at Wolfforth Frenship will be played as scheduled, as will the district softball game in Big Spring.

The Lady Tigers battle the Lady Steers at 4 p.m., with first place in the district standings on the line.

Big Spring received considerable rainfall, but the softball field, which sits on a hill, is considered playable.

The only other events on tap for Friday are the San Angelo Relays and the Lubbock tennis tournament, both of which will begin on time.



INDOOR WORKOUT — Snyder High School head football coach David Baugh (right) watches a workout this morning in the SHS field house. Wednesday night's heavy rains forced freshman workouts to be moved indoors. (SDN Staff Photo)

SMU suspends two basketball players

DALLAS (AP) — Two Southern Methodist University basketball players are indefinitely suspended for violating team rules following a Western Athletic Conference tournament game in California.

University officials, describing what they called "inappropriate and disruptive behavior involving a few students" after the WAC tourney earlier this month, said Wednesday that two members of the SMU Spirit Squad were also suspended from their team.

The university said it took the action after receiving information from Fresno, Calif., police.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram identified the suspended Mustang players as Jeryl Sasser and Renaldo Bratton.

Sasser and Bratton, both juniors, were questioned about incidents that took place in their hotel room at a party that included members of the SMU basketball team and Spirit Squad, according to a Fresno Police Department report.

SMU Athletic Director Jim Copeland and Coach Mike Dement suspended the basketball players indefinitely from participating on the team for violating team rules, the school said in a written statement.

But university officials did not return a telephone call today from The Associated Press.

According to the Fresno police report, officers were called early on March 10 to a Fresno hotel, where a woman told officers two members of the SMU men's basketball team "touched her through her clothes with their hands." The woman told police she did not want to file formal charges, the report said.

In interviews with police, several basketball players and members of the spirit squad said they had been drinking, but denied the woman had been assaulted, the report said.

The incident allegedly occurred hours after the Mustangs ended their season with elimination from the WAC tournament in the first round by Hawaii in a 87-82 loss March 9.

Several members of the team and the squad spent the hours after the loss drinking at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Fresno, according to the police report.

Sasser, a 6-foot-6 guard, was named first-team all-WAC and led SMU in scoring. Bratton, a 6-foot guard, played a reserve role.

The police report includes the names of four SMU players. The Dallas Morning News reported that the university cited privacy laws in not naming the two players who were suspended.

Both Bratton and Sasser remained on the team as SMU competed in the National Invitation Tournament against Southwest Missouri State last Thursday.

Bob Wright, a SMU spokesman, told the Star-Telegram the school received the police report Tuesday and did not take action against any players before the NIT game because "the police report contained information not given to us previously."

NFL to continue instant replay

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite some glitches during its first season back in use, instant replay is likely to return for the 2000 NFL season.

After the first season of replay since 1991, the league's competition committee voted 6-1 to use the same system — based on coaches' challenges this year. It will be voted on by all 31 teams at the league owners' meetings next week in Palm Beach, Fla., with 24 votes needed for approval.

"It's always a close call," Joe Browne, the NFL's chief spokesman, said in a conference call Wednesday. "Some clubs spoke up against it during the season. The calm of the offseason may have calmed them down some."

Replay votes have been a staple of these meetings the past 15 years.

It was voted in for the 1986 season and voted out after 1991, primarily because of delays it caused. It was reinstated last season after a series of controversial calls in 1998.

It wasn't always a critical success last year.

Several teams always seemed to lose their challenges, notably Tampa Bay, which also had a crucial catch overturned by replay in the final minute of its 11-6 loss to St. Louis in the NFC championship game.

That makes it a question mark again this year.

The only negative vote on the competition committee came from Mike Brown, president of the Cincinnati Bengals, one of three teams to vote against replay last season.

Bob Ferguson, general manager of the Arizona Cardinals voted for replay, even though Arizona owner Bill Bidwill was another of last season's three "no" votes and so did the committee's co-chair, Rich McKay of the Bucs, who expressed some reservations during the season.

One change that needs no vote involves that controversial call in the NFC title game.

Under a new interpretation to be used next season, a ball that hits the ground can be ruled a good catch if the receiver has full possession, Replay showed that Tampa Bay's Bert Emmanuel had possession but under last season's rule, the simple touch to the ground was enough to negate the catch on replay.

Also:

— The owners are expected to approve the sale of 49 percent of the Baltimore Ravens by Art Modell to Baltimore businessman Steve Bisciotti. That will probably be among the first things to take place when the meetings officially open Monday.

— League officials will begin work on a schedule format for 2002, when Houston joins the league and the NFL will switch to eight four-team divisions.

Spurs return to form in win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan and the Spurs found the perfect antidote for their injury-plagued woes — the Los Angeles Clippers.

Duncan scored 30 points in his best game since returning from an abdominal strain, and Samaki Walker chipped in 18 points to lead a strong effort from the San Antonio bench as the Spurs dominated the Clippers 103-78 on Wednesday.

Walker, who led all players with 12 rebounds, helped the Spurs soothe the embarrassment of blowing a 22-point lead in a 97-96 loss to Dallas on Tuesday night.

"It's a matter of finding a niche on this team," Walker said. "For me, that's rebounding and being aggressive, and I think the whole bench did that."

The Spurs, who have two key players (guards Terry Porter and Steve Kerr) on the injured list and a handful of others battling day-to-day injuries, had lost three of their last five before Wednesday.

Spurs forward Sean Elliott scored six points in 19 minutes, marking his best production in his five games since returning from a kidney transplant.

Duncan, meanwhile, had an easy time handling Los Angeles defenders Keith Closs and Michael Olowokandi. Duncan, who missed four games from Feb. 25-March 4 with an abdominal injury, hit 12-of-20 shots and also grabbed 11 rebounds.

"We needed this win really bad," Duncan said. "It's good for our confidence and a good one to start a roll with."

The Clippers took a 16-9 lead and held the advantage midway through the second quarter. But the Spurs, keyed by Walker, went on a 20-8 run to close the half and lead 53-42.

Sparked by Walker and Antonio Daniels, the Spurs reserves had one of their best games of the season. The San Antonio bench scored 55 points and 25 of the team's 48 rebounds.

"The bench came in and brought some energy," said Daniels, who had 14 points and six assists. "I think it's definitely a good sign when me and Samaki and some of the younger guys come in and do that."

The Clippers played without leading scorer Maurice Taylor, who missed the game with a sprained left ankle.

NIT Tourney Glance

All Times EST
Third Round
Wednesday, March 22
Penn State 81, Kent 74
Notre Dame 64, Brigham Young 52
Thursday, March 23
Mississippi (19-13) at North Carolina State (19-12), 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 24
California (18-14) at Wake Forest (19-14), 7:30 p.m.
Semifinals
Tuesday, March 28
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 28
Penn State (18-15) vs. Notre Dame (21-14), 7 or 9 p.m.
Mississippi-NC State winner vs. California-Wake Forest winner, 7 or 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Senior league needs help

Snyder Senior Baseball League is in need of board members. Anyone interested in serving on the board, or helping in any capacity, should contact Joel Hook at 573-4872 or 573-5213.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Softball tourney scheduled

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will host a men's softball tournament April 14-16 at Winston Field.

Deadline to enter is April 12, and entry fee is $110 per team. Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams.

For more information, call Ricky Garcia at 573-5996, Henry Ramos at 573-2037, or Ygnacio Benitez at 573-6401.

Kidd out for season

PHOENIX (AP) — All-Star guard Jason Kidd broke his left ankle in the Suns' win over Sacramento and will miss rest of the regular season.

Kidd, who leads the NBA in assists and averages 14.5 points, sustained the injury with .2 seconds left in the first half while racing the clock to take a shot.

Kidd fractured a bone high in the left ankle and will have surgery today. He is questionable for the playoffs.

Doctors halt Olajuwon

HOUSTON (AP) — Doctors told Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon to stop playing for up to three weeks because of ongoing breathing problems.

Olajuwon, 37, was diagnosed March 1 with a disease that restricts flow of air through bronchial passages during heavy exercise, causing spasms in his lungs. He's been taking medicine for the condition.

Olajuwon, the NBA's career leader in blocks and Rockets leader in virtually every offensive category, said next season would be his last. Houston, which won NBA titles in 1994 and 1995, will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1992.

Olajuwon's career averages were 23.6 points and 11.8 rebounds before this season, when he's averaged 10 points and six rebounds in 24 minutes, 13.4 below his career average.

NBA fines Coleman

NEW YORK (AP) — Hornets forward Derrick Coleman was fined $7,500 by the NBA for a flagrant foul against Philadelphia's Toni Kukoc in Monday's game at Charlotte.

Lindros out for season

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Flyers star Eric Lindros will miss the rest of the regular season and at least one round of the playoffs while he recovers from his fourth concussion in two years.

Lindros was diagnosed with a Grade II concussion, more serious than originally thought, and will be sidelined 4-6 weeks.

The 27-year-old center was hospitalized March 15 for treatment of recurring headaches after hit in the jaw by Boston's Hal Gill on March 4. Lindros underwent tests on his brain, and played four more games.

Stars center suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — Dallas Stars center Scott Thornton was suspended three games by the NHL for high-sticking San Jose center Marco Sturm, costing Thornton $13,671.88.

Men's NCAA Tournament Glance

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
Duke (29-4) vs. Florida (26-7), 7:38 p.m.
Seton Hall (22-9) vs. Oklahoma State (26-6), 9:55 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
Tulsa (31-4) vs. Miami (23-10), 7:55 p.m.
North Carolina (20-13) vs. Tennessee (26-6), 10:15 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 2:40 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23
Michigan State (28-7) vs. Syracuse (26-5), 7:38 p.m.
Iowa State (31-4) vs. UCLA (21-11), 9:55 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23
Gonzaga (26-8) vs. Purdue (23-9), 7:55 p.m.
Wisconsin (20-13) vs. LSU (28-5), 10:15 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 4:40 p.m.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	42	25	.627	—
New York	41	26	.612	1
Philadelphia	39	28	.582	3
Orlando	33	36	.478	10
Boston	30	38	.441	12½
New Jersey	29	38	.433	13
Washington	23	46	.333	20
Central Division				
x-Indiana	47	21	.691	—
Toronto	39	28	.582	7½
Charlotte	36	31	.537	10½
Detroit	35	32	.522	11½
Milwaukee	31	36	.463	15½
Cleveland	26	41	.388	20½
Atlanta	25	42	.373	21½
Chicago	13	54	.194	33½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-Utah	45	21	.682	—
San Antonio	43	25	.632	3
Minnesota	41	26	.612	4½
Dallas	29	38	.433	16½
Denver	27	40	.403	18½
Houston	24	43	.358	21½
Vancouver	19	49	.279	27
Pacific Division				
x-L.A. Lakers	57	12	.826	—
x-Portland	50	17	.746	6
Phoenix	44	23	.657	12
Seattle	40	28	.588	16½
Sacramento	39	28	.582	17
Golden State	17	51	.250	39½
L.A. Clippers	14	55	.203	43

x-clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 106, Toronto 93
Minnesota 109, Boston 106
Charlotte 119, New Jersey 103
New York 78, Chicago 67
Orlando 103, Atlanta 90
San Antonio 103, L.A. Clippers 78
Phoenix 114, Sacramento 93
Detroit 104, Portland 95
L.A. Lakers 119, Golden State 96

Thursday's Games
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Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Baseball: Snyder JV at Sweetwater tourney
Golf: Snyder boys at San Angelo
Rodeo: Western Texas College at Odessa rodeo

FRIDAY
Baseball: Snyder varsity at Frenship, 4:30
Baseball: Snyder JV at Sweetwater tourney
Baseball: Abilene High at Snyder freshmen, 5 p.m.
Softball: Snyder at Big Spring, varsity at 4, JV at 6 p.m.
Track: Snyder at San Angelo Relays
Tennis: Snyder varsity at Lubbock tournament
Rodeo: Western Texas College at Odessa rodeo

SATURDAY
Softball: Snyder vs. Breckenridge in Abilene, JV at 1, varsity at 3 p.m.
Track: Snyder at San Angelo Relays
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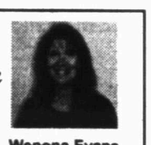
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Suspect is 'real sorry' for massacre at Dallas car wash

DALLAS (AP) — The suspect in a Monday morning massacre at a suburban Irving car wash that left five people dead has told a television station he's "real, real sorry" for the bloodshed.

Robert Wayne Harris, 28, told KXAS-TV that he routinely carried a gun but did not plan to use it Monday morning when he went to the Mi-T-Fine Car Wash in Irving.

However, he said something "snapped" and he started shooting.

"I felt sorry that I had did this. I feel real, real sorry," he said in a low, halting voice during a telephone interview from jail to the home of his brother, Walter Harris.

"I'm deeply sorry for what I did and for all the pain that I caused everybody involved," he said.

Police found a body Wednesday morning, possibly that of a woman reported missing last November, after questioning the man suspected of killing five car wash employees earlier this week.

Police received information from Harris "that lead us to the discovery of this body," said David Tull, a spokesman for the Irving Police Department.

The body was found in a grass-covered ditch near Lone Star Park in Southwest Irving, Tull said.

When asked by KXAS if he had confessed to that slaying to police, Harris said, "Yes."

Sandra Gaye Scott was reported missing Nov. 29 and her pickup truck was found Dec. 3. Harris was linked to her disappearance because his phone number was the last number on her pager, police said.

Scott's relatives have said they had suspected Harris in the 37-year-old woman's disappearance but police told them they did not have enough evidence to charge him.

In a January search warrant of Harris' apartment, police stated Harris was found to be "deceptive" in three polygraph tests where he was questioned about Scott's whereabouts.

Police have not made a positive identification on the body because of the advanced state of decomposition, Tull said. But Charles Gaylor, a field agent for the Dallas County Medical Examiner's office, said "We think it's her."

A forensic dentist today is expected to use dental records to determine if the body is Scott's.

Gaylor also said that the five slain car wash employees each died from a gunshot to the head. One victim, 48-year-old manager Dennis Lee, also suffered an "incised wound of the neck," he said.

Killed were Lee; Rhoda Wheeler, 45; Augustin Villasenor, 36; Villasenor's brother, Benjamin, 32; and Roberto Jimenez Jr., 15. Octavio Ramos, 36, remained in critical condition today at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were set today for Lee and Wheeler, and on Saturday for the Villasenor brothers.

Walk For The Cure to benefit diabetics

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another insulin shot and exercise to bring it down, Paula explained.

Travis has been taking his own readings for about five years. He now also gives himself insulin shots; 23 units for breakfast; or more if biscuits are served. Supper requires 13 units of insulin. He usually gives himself shots in the leg, but his mother often prefers the hip. The insulin needles are short and must not be inserted in veins or muscles, Paula explained, but barely into the skin.

"Our lives changed drastically after Travis was diagnosed to be diabetic," his mother said. "It isn't just Travis who is affected by the disease." Meals are planned at the same time each day because Travis must eat at the same time everyday. Sweets have almost completely been eliminated also. However, Paula noted that diabetic diets today do allow some sweets. But each individual must be monitored closely. However a birthday cake is always sugar-free.

For holidays and other big family gatherings, Paula said, "We have meals when Travis is supposed to eat."

During the day, Travis also requires a glass of milk at mid-morning and a glass of orange juice at mid-afternoon.

Spending the night with a friend, is mainly out-of-the-question, unless it is with someone who knows about his disease and can treat it appropriately.

An outing to a movie also requires planning. Travis has to bring a snack and the family chooses a movie time, which doesn't interfere with scheduled meals.

Eating at a restaurant has to be planned too. It's important for Travis' shot of insulin to be coordinated with the time the food arrives, Paula explained.

Besides regular meals, daily insulin and monitoring his blood sugar level, Travis also has to get plenty of rest and exercise, his mother said.

He plays basketball, football, soccer, and baseball, and likes to swim, fish and go camping. In fact, he is so active that he does not qualify for an insulin pump.

This summer, he will also spend three weeks at Camp Sweeney in Gainesville. The camp for diabetics is sponsored by the Lions Club. Travis will fish, swim, ride horses and play basketball. Throughout the three weeks, Travis will continue to monitor his blood sugar level, eat appropriate foods and in general take care of his diabetes, Paula said.

He will also attend the Don Eddy Basketball Camp at Hardin-Simmons-University this summer.

Travis enjoys watching sports as well and is a fan of the Texas Rangers and the University of Texas Longhorns.

Paula said they were surprised when they learned Travis had diabetes because at the time no one in their family did. Now, though, a grandmother has been diagnosed with borderline Type 2 diabetes.

When Travis turned two, his personality changed drastically and he became very thirsty. He would drink 32 ounces of water and still want more. A friend told Paula that excessive thirst is a classic sign of diabetes.

Tests confirmed her suspicions. Travis was diagnosed in July, eight years ago. The previous February, he had scarlet fever, and doctors told the family that sometimes that can lead to diabetes.

He spent six days in the hospital and during that time the family underwent intense training to learn how to cope with Travis' illness.

The Hatfields lived in Fort Worth at the time. The first hospital did not specialize in diabetes so they switched to Cooks Children's Hospital. Now, Travis has checkups in Lubbock every three months. Blood tests can indicate his blood sugar level average since the last checkup.

Some 2,920 days have passed since Travis' diabetes was first diagnosed. During that time, he has had 5,840 shots of insulin and pricked his finger at least 11,680 times.

The family's prayers and concern is that a cure be found within the near future.

Travis, his parents, and brothers, Corey, 21; Cody, 19; and Austin, 12, will take part in the Walk For The Cure from 8:30-9:30 Friday morning at East Elementary. They will be joined by the teachers and students.

Anyone may support the Walk For The Cure by making a tax deductible donation at East Elementary's office.

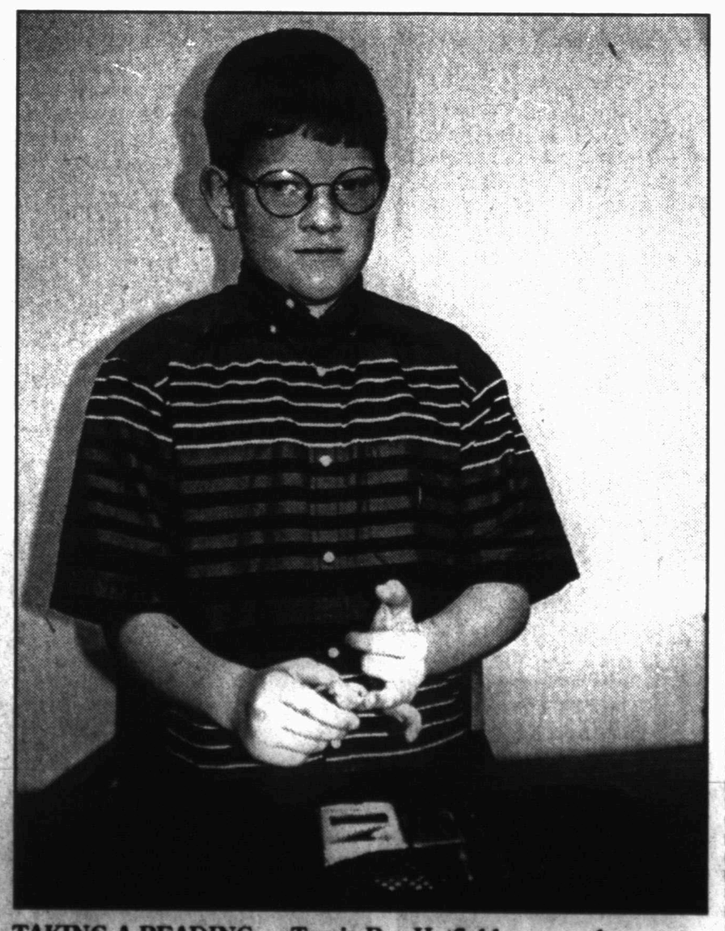
"With 'Walks' like we are having at Travis' school and contributions made by persons in our community we hope that a cure will be discovered real soon," Paula said.

She noted that great strides in treating diabetes have been made during the past eight years. And more breakthroughs such as an insulin inhaler are on the horizon. But even though promising research continues, she said Travis won't be able to participate in any medical breakthrough until he is at least 18 years ago. The Food and Drug Administration won't let children younger than 18 take part in any new treatment or use a new product.

Juvenile diabetes affects families and friends, not just individuals. According to statistics, a person dies from diabetes and its complications every three minutes. Approximately 16 million Americans suffer from the disease and its complications. Insulin is not a cure, but it does allow diabetics to attempt to live a "normal" life, Paula said.

Complications often lead to heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, gangrene, blindness, severe nerve damage and amputation of limbs.

The Hatfields have lived in Snyder for the past 21/2 years. Bill is a salesman for BWI in Dallas, which sells lawn and garden, among other supplies.



TAKING A READING — Travis Ray Hatfield uses a glucometer to check his blood sugar level at least four times each day. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	31 7/8	29 3/4	31 1/4 +	1 1/8
AT&T Corp s	57 1/2	55 9-16	57 +	5/8
Albertsons	28 5/8	27 11-16	28 9-16 +	1/2
Alltel	69 15-16	69	69 7/8 +	1/4
AmerOnline s	72	69 5/8	70 3/4 —	5/8
AndarkPtr	34 1-16	33 1/2	33 9-16 —	7/8
AtlRichfld	82 7-16	81 1-16	81 5/8 —	1 1-16
ATMOS Egy	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 5-16 —	1/8
Aviall	9 9-16	9 3/8	9 3/8	
BP Amoco s	51 3/8	50 5/8	50 3/4 —	11-16
BakerHughes	27 9-16	26 1/8	26 1/8 —	7/8
Bank of Amer	52 1/4	51 1/8	51 5/8 +	3-16
BellAtl	59 5-16	58 1/4	59 3-16 +	1 5-16
BellSouth	44 1/4	43 9-16	43 15-16 —	3/4
Beth Steel	6 5-16	6 3-16	6 5-16 +	1-16
BurlNoSFe	21 5/8	21	21 3/8 +	1/8
CBS Corp	63 11-16	63	63 5-16 —	3/4
Caterpillar	40 3-16	39 1/4	40 1-16 +	1 1/8
CenSoWst	17 3/8	17 1/8	17 3/8 +	1/4
Chevron	83 7-16	82 1/4	82 5/8 —	1 3/8
Citigroup s	59	58 1/8	58 3/8 —	3/8
Coastal	42 1/4	41 1/2	41 15-16 —	3-16
CocaCola	47 1-16	46 7-16	46 15-16 —	1/8
ColgatePal s	51 3-16	50	51 3-16 +	5/8
ComclMetals	27 11-16	27 9-16	27 5/8 —	3-16
CooperIn	34 1/2	33 5/8	34 1/2 +	9-16
DaimlrChry	67	65 13-16	66 13-16 +	11-16
DallSemicn s	42 3/8	40 7/8	41 5/8 —	7/8
DeltaAirl	53 3/8	50 1-16	52 15-16 +	2 7-16
Dillards Inc	16 5-16	15 5/8	15 7/8 —	1/4
DowChem	106 1/2	104 1/2	106 1/4 +	1 9-16
DuPont	53 5/8	52 11-16	53 7-16 +	1 5-16
EastmanChem	42 7/8	41 9-16	42 11-16 +	15-16
EstKodak	56 5/8	55 13-16	56 1-16	
EDS Corp	70 9-16	68 13-16	70 1/2 +	1/2
Entergy	19 1/2	18 13-16	19 7-16 +	3-16
ExxonMobil	75 1/8	74 5-16	74 5/8 —	1/8
Flowers	13 3/8	13 3-16	13 5-16 —	1-16
FordMotor	45 1/4	43 11-16	45 1-16 +	1 1/8
GTE Cp	69 3-16	67 1/4	69 3-16 +	2 1-16
GenDynam	45 7/8	44 15-16	45 5/8 —	5-16
GenElec	153	150 15-16	151 3/4 +	7/8
GenMills	35 1-16	34 9-16	34 3/4 +	1-16
GenMotors	83 15-16	82	83 11-16 +	1 15-16
GaPacGP s	40 7/8	39 7-16	40 3/8 +	15-16
GlobalMar	25 1/8	23 15-16	24 1-16 —	1 1/8
Goodrich	27 1/2	27 1/8	27 3/8 —	1/4
Goodyear s	23 7-16	23 1/4	23 1/4 —	3-16
GtAtlPac	18 7/8	18 5/8	18 7/8	
Halliburtn	38 7-16	37 7-16	37 9-16 —	1 1/8
Hanson ADS	33 3/4	33 1/2	33 11-16 +	1 15-16
HarteHanks	22	21 7-16	21 15-16 +	9-16
HomeDepot s	63 1-16	62 3-16	62 5/8 —	7-16
HoneywellIntl	47 5/8	46 1/4	47 1/8 +	7/8
IBM s	115 7/8	111 3/8	112 15-16 —	1 5-16
IntlPaper	39 15-16	37 13-16	39 3/8 +	2 1/8
JohnsonJn	81 15-16	81 1-16	81 5-16 —	5/8
K mart	10 3-16	9 13-16	10 —	1-16
Kroger Co s	17 9-16	17 3-16	17 3/8 +	3-16
Litton	34 5/8	34 3/8	34 5/8	
LockheedM	17 1/4	16 15-16	17 1/4 +	1/8
Lowes Cos	50 9-16	49 7/8	50 1/2 +	1-16
Lubys	9 11-16	9 1/2	9 1/2 —	3-16
LucentTech	62 7-16	60 9-16	61 1-16 —	1 9-16
MayDeptStr	29 1/8	28 5/8	28 13-16 —	5/8
MediaOne	80 7/8	79 1/4	80 13-16 +	1 1/8
Medtronic s	54 5/8	53	54 1-16 —	11-16
Monsanto	48 5/8	47 3/4	48 1/2 +	1/8
MorganJP	133 1/2	128	132 7/8 +	3 13-16
Motorola	164	161 9-16	162 1-16 —	1 7/8
NCR Corp	42 3/8	41 7/8	42 1-16 —	3-16
Navistar	39 3-16	38 11-16	38 13-16 —	1/8
Penney JC	15 1/4	15 1-16	15 3-16 —	1-16
PepBoys	6 7/8	6 11-16	6 11-16 —	1-16
PepsiCo	33 5/8	32 3/4	33 5/8 +	1/8
PhelpDodge	50 7-16	47 7/8	50 7-16 +	1 5-16
PhilipPet	43	42 5/8	42 11-16 +	1/8
PilgrmPrd B	6 15-16	6 3/4	6 3/4 —	3-16
Polaroid	26	25 5/8	25 11-16 —	9-16
Praxair	39 3/8	37 9-16	38 1/2 +	7/8
ProctGamb	56 7/8	55 9-16	56 1/4 +	3/8
PubS NwMx	15 5-16	15 1-16	15 5-16 +	1/8
ReliantEngy	22 1/2	22 1-16	22 3/8 +	1/4
RoyalDut	56 7/8	55 11-16	56 9-16 +	1/8
SBC Comm	43 3-16	42 3/8	43 1-16 —	1/4
SaraLee	17 13-16	17 1/2	17 3/4 +	1/8
Scripps EW	46	44 3/4	45 9-16 +	11-16
SearsRoeb	30 3/4	29 7/8	30 1/8 —	1 1/4
SherwinW	22 5-16	21 3/4	22 3-16 +	13-16
SmithklBchm	66 5/8	66	66 7-16 —	1
SouthernCo	21 1/2	20 7/8	21 7-16 +	1/2
SwstAirl s	20 3-16	19 5-16	20 3-16 +	5/8
SprintFON s	57 3/8	55 3/8	56 1/2 —	1/4
SprintPCS s	63 3-16	61 1-16	62 15-16 +	1 5-16
Sunoco Inc	27 11-16	27	27 5-16 —	3/8
TNP Ent	43 5/8	43 9-16	43 9-16 —	1-16
Tandy s	51	49 9-16	51 +	3-16
TempleInland	50	48	49 7-16 +	1 1/8
Texaco	52 3-16	51 1-16	51 7-16 —	1/2
TexInd	33 1/4	32 15-16	33 1-16 —	1-16
TexasInst s	180	174 7/8	176 3/4 —	2 5-16
Tex Util	30 3-16	29 9-16	30 1-16 +	3/8
Textron	60	59	59 13-16 —	1-16
TnconGlbR	29	28 9-16	28 9-16 —	5/8
TrinityInds	23 7-16	22 7/8	23 1/8 +	1/8
TritonEngy	35 3/8	34 5-16	34 3/8 —	1 1/8
TylerTech	5 11-16	5 1/2	5 5/8 —	1-16
US West Inc	69 1/8	67 3/8	68 13-16 +	1 5/8
USX-Marathn	23 7/8	23 5-16	23 11-16 —	1/4
USX-USS	23 7/8	23 5-16	23 7/8 +	7-16
UnCarbde	51 7/8	50 11-16	51 13-16 +	7/8
UnionPacif	38 3-16	37 5/8	38 1/8 —	1/2
UnitedTech s	57 9-16	55	57 1-16 +	1 1/4
Unocal	27 15-16	27 3-16	27 5-16 —	1/2
Venator Grp	7 5/8	7 3/8	7 9-16 —	3-16
WalMart	54 9-16	53 1/2	54 —	1 3/8
WellsFargo	40 3/8	39 3/4	40 1/4 +	1/4
WstnGasRs	16 1/4	16	16 3-16 +	1-16
WinnDixie	17 9-16	17 1/8	17 3/8 —	21-128
Xerox Cp	27 11-16	27	27 —	3/8

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	29 11/16	+1/16
Dell	56 13/16	-1 5/16
Wal Mart	53 15/16	-1 7/16
Compac	31 3/4	-1/2
Dol. Gen.	23 5/8	-7/16
GTE	69 3/16	+2 5/16
SBC Comm.	43 1/8	-3/16
BJ Services	69 3/4	+1/4
LU	61 1/8	-1 1/2
Cisco Sys.	74 3/4	+2 9/16

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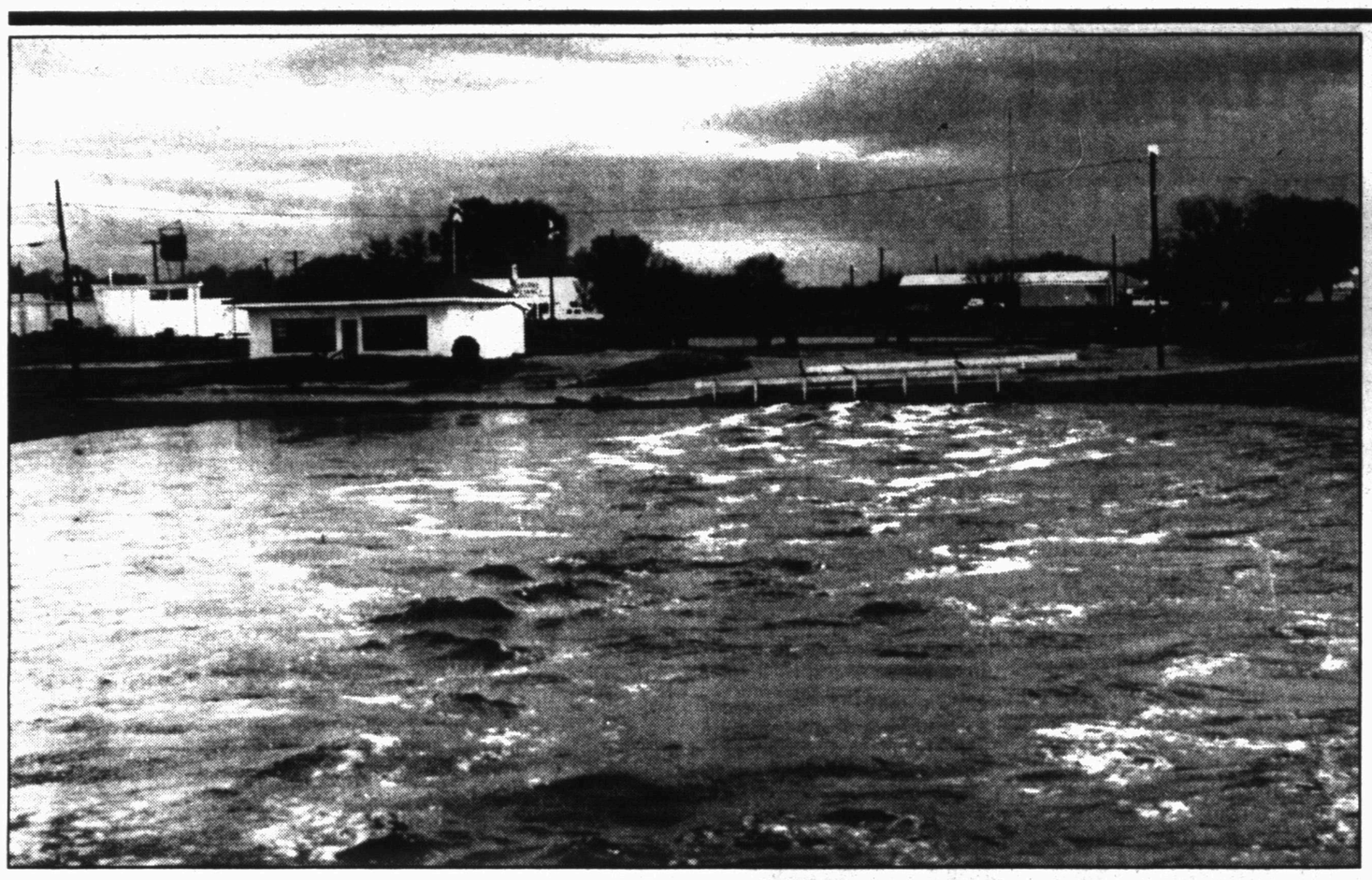

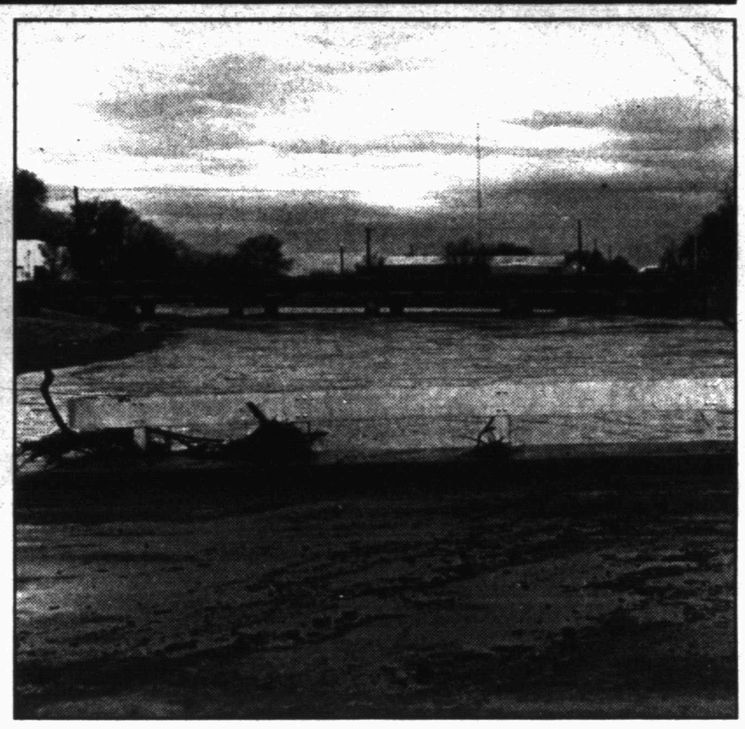

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24th, 25th and 26th Streets, 19th Street between Aves. O and R and 17th Street at Avenue N.

Deep Creek crested at 11 feet around 5 a.m. The start of school at Snyder and Hermleigh was delayed until 10 o'clock today due to impassable roads.

Hermleigh Supt. Jerry Church said the school had 15 to 20 window panes knocked out. "We had a lot of water to mop up," Church said.

Ira schools began at regular time.

Actual rainfall reports varied across the area from 2 inches near Polar to 7.5 inches at China Grove.

Residents 10 miles east of Snyder reported 6 inches of rain as did Camp Springs and Ira residents.

Hermleigh residents reported over 6 inches and Loyd Mountain recorded 5.7 inches.

Seven inches of rain were recorded at Dunn while Round Top Acres residents south of Snyder reported 5.25 inches.

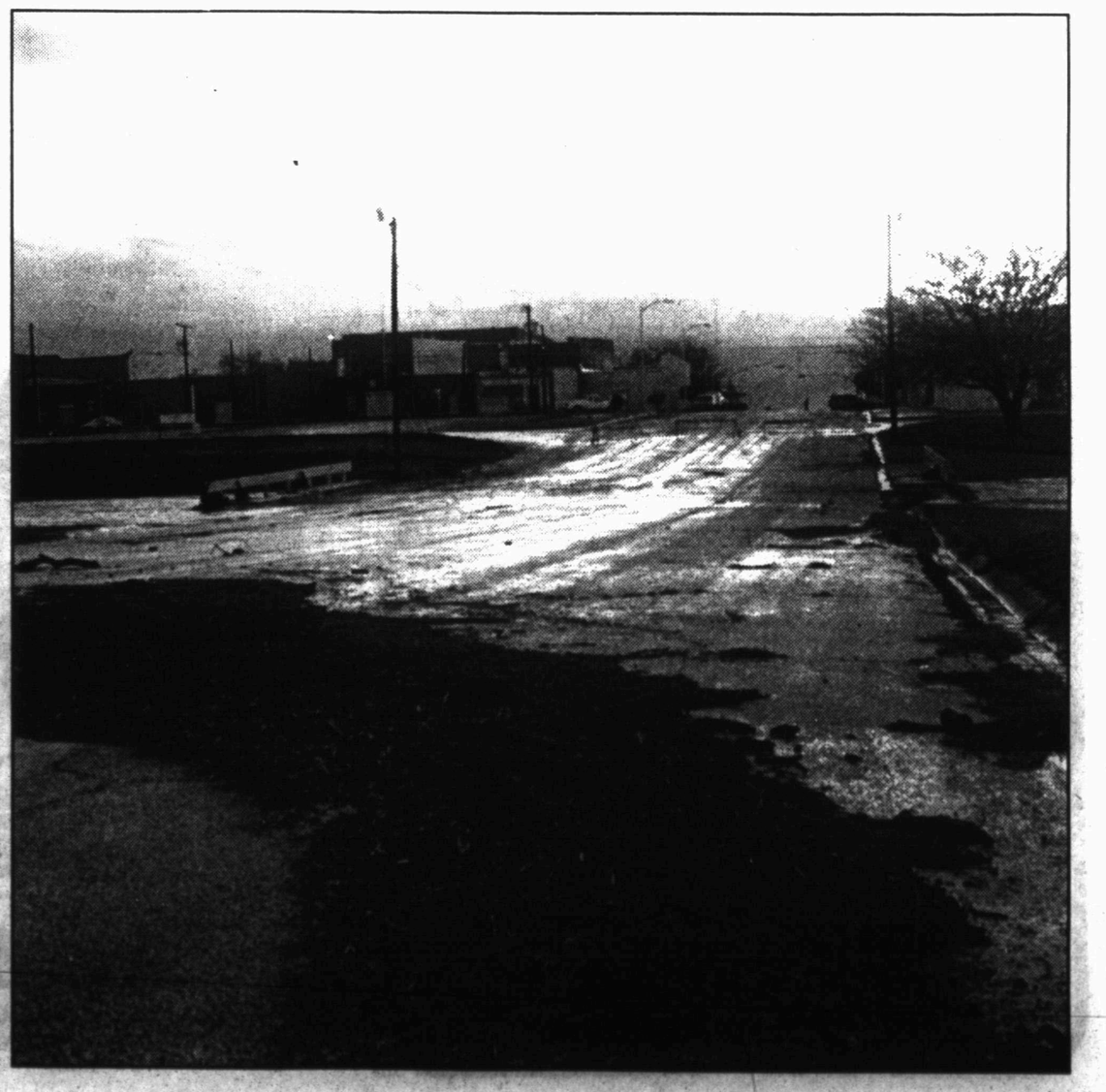
The Colorado River Municipal Water District reported that 4.5 inches were received on the west end of the lake near the Big Spring-Odessa intake.

On the eastside of the dam, 4.3 inches were recorded.

A resident southwest of the lake reported 3.2 inches.

Union residents reported 4 inches while 4.5 inches were recorded five miles west of Snyder.

Three inches of rain were reported southwest of Fluvanna while a Gail resident recorded 2.5 inches. Dermott received 3.10 inches.



2nd Front Page

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

No new candidates on final filing day...

Snyder, Hermleigh have no contested races for May 6 school trustee positions

No additional candidates filed Wednesday, which was the final day for a spot on the May 6 ballots for trustee positions on three county school boards, the college board and Snyder city council.

This means the elections for the Snyder and Hermleigh school boards can be cancelled as there are no contested races.

On the Snyder ISD school board, Richard Chambers has filed for his third term as a Place 3 trustee and Mike Levens has filed for his second term in Place 2.

Current Hermleigh ISD board members Tim Dacus, Alan Culp and Vance Reynolds were the only ones to file.

The Ira trustee election has one contested race as Gilbert Sanchez and Dennis D. Taylor have both filed for the Place 4 post. Current Place 4 board member Bo Robinson is not seeking another term.

Dirk Dunn is uncontested in Place 5 on the Ira board.

The city council election will have one contested race as Jason Scott Spradlin is seeking to unseat District 4 incumbent I.E. Martin.

Vernest Tippens is seeking her seventh term for District 1 on the Council while James Jenkins has filed for his first full term in District 3.

David Harrell is the single candidate seeking the District 2 spot.

On the Western Texas College board, three people are seeking the Place 6 post currently held by R.C. Patton, who announced he will not seek another term. Patton was an original board member.

John Zalman III, Scott Richburg and James Hanks have all filed for the spot.

The three drew for places on the ballot this morning. Zalman will be listed first, Hanks second and Richburg third.

Eddie Peterson and Lee Presswood both filed for their second terms on the WTC board. Presswood holds Place 5 and Peterson, Place 7.

Obituaries

Roy McCloskey

1910-2000

Funeral service for Roy Jacob McCloskey, longtime Snyder businessman, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate.

Roy McCloskey

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. McCloskey, 89, died Tuesday, March 21, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 5, 1910 in Blackwell, Okla., he was a 1935 graduate of Arkansas State University. Mr. McCloskey taught school in Missouri.

He joined the Navy in 1941 and served in the African and European Theaters, specializing in codes and ciphers for the naval area of the Mediterranean. He later served as a district training area officer of Great Lakes, New Orleans and Abilene. He retired as Naval Commander and was a life member of the Naval Reserve.

Moving to Snyder in 1956, Mr. McCloskey was the first agent for State Farm Insurance Company in Scurry County. He retired in January, 1995 after 40 years.

Mr. McCloskey was active in church and civic affairs. Having a 44-year perfect attendance record, he served as Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor of District 22 in 1966-67 and 1989-90.

Mr. McCloskey was a member of the Snyder Masonic Lodge 706, Snyder Shrine Club, Scottish Rite, the Suez Temple and the American Legion Post 0181.

A longtime member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. McCloskey was a charter member of the CITA Bible Class. He was also a co-founder of the Snyder Goodfellows.

He married Opal Alexander in 1941. She preceded him in death in 1970. He married Elizabeth Odom on March 17, 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth McCloskey of the home; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rozanne Stark of Atlanta, Ga., and Beth and Weldon Harris of Lee's Summit, Mo.; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Robbie Odom of Floydada; a brother, Thomas McCloskey of Winnemucca, Nev.; seven grandchildren, Julie Childress of Independence, Mo., Kevin Harris of Lee's Summit, Mo., David Stark of New York City, Thomas Stark of Atlanta, Ga., John Patrick Odom, Nicole Maureen Odom and Brian C. Odom, all of Floydada; two nephews; and one niece.

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Arlen Vandiver

1914-2000

Arlen Rosco Vandiver of Plano, longtime Snyder resident, died Wednesday, March 22, in Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Plano.

Graveside service for Mr. Vandiver, 86, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery. Family visitation will be from 2 p.m. until service time and again following the graveside service.

Born Jan. 17, 1914 in Ladonia, Tex., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeptha Almerean Vandiver, he was a retired employee of the Texas Highway Department.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Vandiver of Plano; a sister-in-law, Sadie Mae Vandiver of Snyder; two grandsons, Jay and Jason Vandiver of Plano; and one great-granddaughter, Chelsea Alexis Vandiver.

Hal Battle

1923-2000

BLACKWELL – John Hal Battle, a former teacher and coach in the Snyder public schools, died Monday, March 20, at his home on Oak Creek Lake in Blackwell.

Hal Battle

A memorial service for Mr. Battle, 77, was held this morning at the Methodist Church in Blackwell.

Born Jan. 28, 1923 in El Paso, he was a graduate of Big Spring High School and earned his master's degree from Sul Ross State University.

Mr. Battle served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Air Borne Division during World War II. He was a varsity line coach in Snyder from 1949-59. He later worked in the Midland school district.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Battle of Blackwell; a son, Bob Battle of Midland; three daughters, Beckie Brands of Dallas, Jeanne O'Shaughnessy of Englewood, Colo., and Belle Reichle of Austin; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of San Angelo.

Jack Horton

1928-2000

METAIRIE, La. — A memorial service is pending in Louisiana for Snyder native Weldon Jack Horton, 71, who died today in Memorial Hospital in Metairie.

Mr. Horton donated his body to science to be cremated later.

He was born April 16, 1928 in Snyder and married Margaret Golland on Nov. 13, 1993 in Louisiana. He was retired from Avis Car Rental and as a ship cook.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Mary Horton; three sisters, Faye Curtis, Nina Hubbard and Eva Oliver.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Horton of the home; two daughters, Rita Jo and Pamela Diane; two sons, Weldon Richard and Richard Paul; three stepchildren, James Richardson of Bush, La., Cynthia Richardson of Ponchatoval, La., and Deborah Baudoin of Covington, La.; three sisters, Martha Davis of Snyder and Lela Davis and Gipsie Clark of San Angelo; and many nieces and nephews.

Aetna Tittle

1925-2000

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Aetna Mac Tittle, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, March 19, at Avera St. Luke Hospital in Aberdeen.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at the Church of the Nazarene in Ellendale.

A funeral service for Mrs. Tittle, 74, is set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born July 24, 1925 in Hagansport, Tex., she attended Clarksville High School, graduating in 1943.

She married John Wayne Tittle on Sept. 22, 1945 in Clarksville and they made their home in East Texas. In 1949, they moved near Perryton where they began ranching. In 1951, they moved to Snyder and Mrs. Tittle worked in the bowling alley.

In 1961, the family moved to Merricourt, N.D., where they ranched. Mr. Tittle died in 1981, and she continued to live on the ranch in summer months. She was a member of the Whitestone Homemakers and the Whitestone Historical Society.

Survivors include four sons, Eddy Tittle of Muskogee, Okla., Don Tittle of Beulah, N.D., Larry Tittle and Garry Tittle, both of Aberdeen; a daughter, Judy Jensen of Langford, S.D.; a brother, Herbert Watts of Fort Worth; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Ask Us

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Snyder Emergency Shelters

The fire department basement is the only one that is always open during weather-related warnings.

The following are opened on an as-needed basis: Snyder's water treatment plant basement; City Hall vault; Scurry County Courthouse basement; Hugh Boren Insurance office; First Baptist Church educational building basement (enter by north door); Snyder National Bank basement; Central Elementary basement; First Presbyterian Church; Texas Savings Bank basement; Scurry County Museum basement; Thompson's on the Square basement; old Anthony's store at 1800 25th St.; and Scurry County Senior Center.

14-year-old taken to Big Spring after suicide threat

A 14-year-old female was transported to Big Spring State Hospital Wednesday after threatening to commit suicide.

The girl's mother requested officers at her home at 7:29 p.m. Officer Brian Peterson and an MHMR employee were dispatched.

Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner said this morning that the girl had a minor injury to her arm but it did not require medical attention.

A woman requested an attempt to locate on her 8-year-old son at 5:37 p.m. in reference to having not seen him since 4 p.m. She called back a short time later and advised the boy had returned home.

Two subjects were taken into custody in the past 24 hours.

At 6:36 p.m. Wednesday, officers arrested a 41-year-old in the 3700 block of College for driving while license suspended.

A 19-year-old male was jailed for assault/family violence. Officers arrested him at 2:01 a.m. today in the 4400 block of Avenue U.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a report of a truck fire at 2:56 p.m. behind Wilson Motors. The vehicle was a 1988 Ford pickup owned by Bill Wilson.

An electrical short is suspected to have started the blaze, which destroyed the interior of the pickup.

District attorney is in Lubbock hospital

Scurry County District Attorney Dana Cooley is being treated in Lubbock's Covenant Lakeside Hospital for a broken leg suffered Wednesday afternoon.

According to Ann Everett, secretary in the DA's office, Cooley was on her way to Lubbock to interview a witness when she stopped to purchase gasoline in Post.

"All we know now is that somehow she fell and broke her leg while at the station," said Everett. "We know she broke her tibia and fibia, and she had to go into surgery to have pins and a metal plate inserted."

Everett said Cooley could be released from the hospital as early as this afternoon. A criminal jury trial scheduled to begin Monday in 132nd District Court has been postponed.

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ONGOINGS

District Court cancelled

District Clerk Trina Rodgers has announced that the jury called for Monday has been cancelled.

Diabetes support group

The Diabetes Support group will meet at 6 this evening in the Cogdell Hospital cafeteria.

Special Olympics

"Tip a Cop" night will be from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Spanish Inn. Snyder police officers will be waiting tables and all proceeds will go to the Special Olympics. A softball tourney will be held Saturday and Sunday at Winston Park, also to benefit Special Olympics. Entry fee is $100 per team and trophies and T-shirts will be awarded. For more information, contact Debra Chaney at 573-1114.

Gold Coat luncheon

The Chamber of Commerce Gold Coat luncheon will be at noon Friday at Golden Corral.

'Inhalants: The Silent Epidemic'

"Inhalants: The Silent Epidemic" will air at 5 p.m. Friday on Channel 2. The film is sponsored by Cox Communications and Snyder CADA. "A Parents' Guide to Preventing Inhalant Abuse" is available at the CADA office, 2513 College Ave. Call 573-1141 or come by for a free copy.

Eighth grade party

The end of school party planning committee for SJHS eighth graders will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at 2211 41st St. All eighth grade parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Gaylan Mason at 573-7125.

American Diabetes Association Walk

The American Diabetes Association Walk for A Cure for East Elementary's fourth graders is scheduled Friday. Parents may participate in the walk, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Everyone will gather at the gym. All money envelopes are also due at that time.

LCU chorus

Lubbock Christian University's Praise! Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Side Church of Christ. Allison Bowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bowden, and Jenise Judah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Judah, are members of the LCU chorus. The concert is free and open to the public.

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. For reservations call 573,3427, 573-6443 or 573-6717.

HEPA meeting

A general membership meeting the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Red Steagall will perform. The membership will discuss Air Force plans to conduct training flights over this area.

American Heart Association

The Scurry County American Heart Association will meet at noon Tuesday at Pizza Inn. All interested persons are invited. For more information, call 573-5041.

SHS reunion meeting

SHS classes of 1943-45 will have a class reunion planning meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. For more information, call 573-5149.

Cancer board meeting

The board of directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will met at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Tee-ball sign ups

Sign up times are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (March 29-31) for five and six-year-old tee-ball, and seven-year-old coach-pitch tee ball. Times are 4-7 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Fee is $30 per player.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit's next immunization clinic is next Thursday. Dates in April are the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

WIC recipients

WIC recipients who have failed to pick up March vouchers need to contact the WIC office at Outreach Health Services before March 31. For more information, call 573-0191.

Annual sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is set for Sunday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Tickets are available at the door for $6 for adults and take-outs, and $3 for children under 12. The sausage dinner with all the trimmings is all-you-can eat. The festival will also have game booths, raffles and a country store. Sausage sold by the pound is $2.75 uncooked and $3.75 cooked.

Golden K fish fry

The Golden K Kiwanis will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Senior Citizens Center. Plates, including carryouts, are $6.50 each. Children under six may eat free.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-2-6

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:5-8-17-35-38-41. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $4 million.

28 cities, counties to give preference to gun makers who adopt safety codes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Maintaining pressure on gun manufacturers, the Clinton administration announced that 28 cities and counties will give preference to gun makers that follow the lead of Smith & Wesson — producing safer firearms and adopting a code of responsible conduct.

"Government at every level should use their procurement policies to support manufacturers who take responsible steps to make guns safer and to keep guns out of the wrong hands," said Andrew Cuomo, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who announced the new gun-safety coalition.

Cuomo urged communities of every size to join the effort and said preferential buying can force the gun industry to fall in line behind the Smith & Wesson agreement because sales to law enforcement agencies represent 20 percent to 30 percent of the U.S. gun market.

"It's common sense from police to buy guns from a company that makes it harder for criminals to get hold of guns that can be used against police and civilians," Cuomo said.

Meanwhile, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, introduced legislation to block lawsuits by the federal government against gun makers, calling such suits "extortion" and an attempt to impose gun control over congressional objections.

Hatch acted as the administration moved to capitalize on the Smith & Wesson agreement which was reached by dropping the threat of legal action.

Hatch said his legislation would call a halt to "frivolous and burdensome lawsuits against law-abiding manufacturers, dealers and firearms owners." He said it would also require "the immediate destruction of background check records in order to protect the privacy rights of firearms owners" and would bar the government from charging fees for such checks.

"I do not believe that the administration ever really intended to see its lawsuit against the firearms manufacturers to verdict," Hatch said. He said he suspected it was simply a bargaining ploy.

Last week, Smith & Wesson, the largest U.S. manufacturer of handguns, agreed to quickly install gun locks on all the weapons it sells, to introduce "smart gun" technology permitting weapons to be fired only by their owners and to block gun sales at gun shows without a background check.

Diagnostic tool may help heart patients

By The Associated Press

Doctors could do a far better job predicting who is at high risk of a heart attack or other cardiovascular problems by testing for a certain protein in a simple, inexpensive blood test, researchers reported today.

Experts say doctors may adopt the test and use it along with cholesterol screening to identify people who run a high risk of a heart attack, stroke, bypass surgery or death from heart disease.

Researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and elsewhere used a highly sensitive version of the decades-old blood test for a substance called C-reactive protein. The protein indicates arteries are inflamed.

Scientists believe that while high cholesterol causes fatty buildups in the blood vessels, heart attacks are triggered when inflammation causes the deposits to break off and clog an artery.

The research was reported in today's New England Journal of Medicine, along with a second study suggesting that MRI scans could help doctors detect heart disease in women at a very early stage. Often, women complain of chest pain, but conventional tests see no sign of trouble.

In the first study, Harvard Medical School cardiologist Dr. Paul Ridker and colleagues tested blood, taken from apparently healthy postmenopausal women participating in the hospital's Women's Health Study, for levels of C-reactive protein, or CRP, and 11 other substances.

After three years, researchers identified 122 women who had heart attacks or other cardiovascular troubles and compared them with 244 participants who were fine.

The one-fourth with the highest CRP levels were 4.4 times more likely to have had a heart attack or other cardiovascular trouble than the one-fourth with the lowest CRP levels.

The substance was the best predictor of heart attack risk — almost twice as good as LDL, the "bad cholesterol" that is the current gold standard in cardiac diagnosis. Cholesterol and CRP screenings both cost around $20 on average.

"Half of all heart attacks in the U.S. occur in people with normal cholesterol levels," so combining cholesterol screening with testing for CRP is a big improvement, Ridker said.

His research found women with the highest levels of both substances were six times more likely to suffer a heart attack or other problem than those with the lowest levels.

The study involved only women, who have generally been excluded from cardiac research even though heart disease kills one of every two women. Doctors said there is no reason to believe the findings wouldn't apply to men as well.

Dr. Daniel Shindler of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in New Brunswick said CRP levels could help cardiologists diagnose patients more accurately and lead to better drug therapies.

"If I find C-reactive protein elevated, I will be more aggressive" in encouraging women to stop smoking, exercise more, eat a healthier diet and control their diabetes, Shindler said.

Dr. Sidney Smith, former president of the Dallas-based American Heart Association, said other research shows that giving drugs called statins to reduce CRP levels helps prevent heart attacks in patients who have already had one.

A separate study by researchers at the University of Alabama at Birmingham may have solved part of the mystery of why half of the women hospitalized for chest pain appear to have healthy, unclogged arteries when they undergo an angiogram, a standard cardiac X-ray.

Researchers used a $900 MRI heart scan on 35 such women and found that 20 percent of them had an abnormality in the relative levels of two heart substances that give the heart muscle energy.

Dr. Gerald Pohost theorized the scans are detecting ischemia, or inadequate blood flow to the heart, that was occurring not because of clogs in the major arteries but because many arteries too small for an angiogram to spot were narrowed and did not expand normally.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Responsible gun ownership begins with proper safety

DEAR ABBY: Concerning the letter from "Debra in Oklahoma City" whose father informed her that guns are still loaded when the clip is removed — let me state my qualifications for writing. I am a former Army officer specializing in instructing small arms and hand-to-hand combat, and a former police officer.

Anyone who doesn't have the sense to open the action of his (or her) automatic weapon to remove any round left in the chamber — as illustrated by the letter in your column — should have second thoughts about owning one. Having a loaded weapon lying around if one has no intention of using it is asking for a disaster.

If someone knows nothing about firearms and has no interest in owning one, I have no quarrel with that. However, if someone has no knowledge of firearms and is intent on owning one — PLEASE get qualified help before purchasing one! — **D.A.J., HERMISTON, ORE.**

DEAR D.A.J.: Good advice from a weapons expert. Predictably, Debra's letter brought me a fusillade of mail. For a sample, read on:

DEAR ABBY: I hope no other family has to learn how true "Debra's" statement is about there being a bullet still in the chamber after the clip has been removed.

In Oct. 31, 1999, my 4-year-old and 2-year-old great-grandsons were playing with a 9 mm gun at their home. They found it in an unlocked case within their reach. The 2-year-old pulled the trigger and fatally shot the 4-year-old. Yes, the clip had been removed, but a bullet was still in the chamber.

Parents, please lock up those guns, because even a 2-year-old can fire a gun! — **GRIEVING GRANDMOTHER IN ARIZONA**

DEAR GRANDMOTHER: I offer my sincere sympathy for the tragic loss that has befallen your family. I hope your chilling letter will be a wake-up call for those who need one. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: It amazes me that someone with such little knowledge of firearms would purchase and carry a semiautomatic handgun. My brother-in-law, who is a responsible and knowledgeable gun owner, left a bullet in the chamber of his gun — and accidentally shot himself in the hand. Even longtime gun owners can have accidents.

New gun owners should make it a priority to become familiar with their weapon. Go to a gun range and practice with it. Learn how to handle it safely. Learn proper storage of the weapon. The law states that all firearms must be stored out of the reach of children. Remember, what you hold in your hand has the power to take a life — yours, a loved one's, or an innocent bystander's. — **RICK ETZ, COCOA, FLA.**

DEAR RICK: It's frightening how often that law is misunderstood or ignored. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My only daughter and dearest friend, Tara, was killed three years ago by a man well-versed in gun safety. He's an ex-Marine and NRA member. As he sat in his apartment cleaning his guns, he failed to notice that one was loaded. The bullet penetrated the common wall and struck my daughter in the head.

The senselessness of my daughter's death and the resulting trauma will forever be in our lives. — **ANNE COAKLEY, BOULDER, COLO.**

DEAR ANNE: Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. No parent should ever have to face the heartache of burying a child. Let's hope that your letter serves as an important lesson that could prevent a tragedy. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The level of ignorance in this country runs from street level to administrative. In U.S. News magazine, I recently saw a photograph of a table full of guns from a "buyback" — with police officers and officials touting safer streets. Unfortunately, they forgot to ensure their own safety. Several of the weapons had their hammers back — presumably ready to fire! — **DR. ALLAN QUERENS JR., METAIRIE, LA.**

DEAR DR. QUERENS: So much for guns being safe in the hands of gun experts — experts who should be more safety conscious.

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IMPORTANT EVENT!

MONDAY, MARCH 27th

"Red" Steagall to perform at HEPA Membership Meeting!

On Monday, **March 27th**, HEPA is holding an important general membership meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Famous country singer/poet Red Steagall will perform for us.** Red has agreed to contribute his performance free of charge to support our fight against the RBTI.

Brady Bowen and his swing Country Band will provide music before and during a chili-dog supper, followed by an update on the latest developments with the RBTI. Red Steagall will begin his performance after the RBTI update.

A donation of $20 per person will be accepted at the door to raise money for HEPA and cover the cost of the meeting. Every HEPA member is urged to attend and bring any prospective members along! Even though we are 1,000 strong, we need all like-minded people to join us in our fight.

The meeting is at Wagon Wheel Ranch located on CR 2128 about 10 miles north of Snyder. The music will start at 5:30 so come early if you'd like. PLEASE BE THERE!

From Snyder: Go 8 miles west on US 84 to FM 1142. Turn right and go 3 miles to CR 2128. Turn left on CR 2128 and go 1 mile to the ranch.

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