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Home of Holly Goebel

Cogdell has firm financial standing, board told

Tax dollars make up 3 percent of revenues

Cogdell Memorial Hospital should remain on solid financial footing as long as it continues to look towards the future and progress, an accounting firm representative told hospital board members this morning.

"You have a very viable hospital. You are in a good trade area. I think you have a good future — that's not to say you can just sit back...it's an everyday struggle in this business," said Larry Anderson, an accountant with Mason, Warner & Company, which presented the hospital's 1996 outside audit today.

Anderson made the statement after being asked how Cogdell compares with other rural hospitals.

He pointed to Cogdell's relatively low dependence on taxes as an indication of the hospital's viability.

"It's relatively insignificant, when compared to overall revenues. Your taxes make up about three percent of your overall revenues. We (service) hospitals in which as much as 60 percent of their revenues come from taxes. Those hospitals are in trouble. Their long-term future is up to their taxpayers. When the taxpayers decide it's not worth it to them anymore, those facilities will no longer be there."

Anderson said managed care is the area most hospitals should be focusing on, and called the merger between St. Mary and Methodist Hospital in Lubbock one that points toward the future.

"As always, you have to continually upgrade and you've done a good job in the last four years of making improvements," he said.

Anderson's presentation of a "clean" audit was one of several items addressed in the two-hour meeting. Others touched on a Joint Commission survey, strategic planning and April's financial and operating reports.

Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer said the hospital has received another three-year accreditation from the Joint Commission, pending a final report. The commission cited several areas the hospital needs to address, primarily dealing with lack of documentation. None of the areas dealt with hands-on patient care, the board was told.

"There is no possible way the surveyors can address all of the Joint Commission's standards, so they focus on some of them. A hospital may be doing wonderfully in some areas and weaker in others," said Dr. Gary Nussey, "I have a feeling on a lot of this, the areas they concentrated on were our weaker areas.

"Any time you pass (the standards) you've done real well because...there are so many standards, I don't know how anyone could know them all. I think the hospital did well," Dr. Nussey said.

Home health and long-term care will be surveyed in July. A final report will probably not be available until 90 days after that.

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SCHOLARSHIPS — More than $430,000 in scholarships will be awarded to graduating Snyder High School seniors during graduation exercises set for 8 p.m. Friday in the Scurry County Coliseum. Mobil Corporation's supervisor at Salt Creek, Monte Olson, front row, left, announced that Mobil is awarding five new $1,000 scholarships. At the announcement were Charlene Light, counselor, and on the back row, from left, SHS principal Larry Scott and Supt. Gayle Lomax. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It doesn't matter if you win or lose...until you lose."

It may be a dead heat as to which guy is the most faithful to their exercise regimen — Bunk Casey or Red Tefertiller.

Regardless of the weather, Red can be seen biking in the Colonial Hill addition. He stopped the other night and commented on the bumper crop of wildflowers.

Somebody on the news said this year's crop of wildflowers is the most prolific in more than 50 years. One can't help but appreciate nature's beauty with lush yellow fields in addition to bluebonnets.

Red says riding a bike allows him a closer (and slower) look at God's handiwork.

Going out to the Wagon Wheel Ranch for lunch a couple of Sundays ago, we noticed that the yellow wildflowers almost stopped north of U.S. 180, along FM 1611. Turning off U.S. 84 on Polar Road, the fields lacked the same abundant color that is seen south of Snyder.

We asked all the agriculture experts for an explanation. So far, consultant Bunk Casey has come up with the only logical explanation. It also passed muster at the coffee shop.

According to Bunk — another fitness buff who walks, runs or bikes everywhere — there is an obvious explanation for the lack of wildflowers in the northern part of the county.

"It's Billy Ray Browning," Bunk pans. "Nothing will grow around Billy Ray."

Until somebody comes up with a better explanation...

Bob and Darla Doty, former Western Texas College staffers, are now part of the faculty at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

We talked to Darla the other day. Bob is still coaching rodeo and Darla is working in career services and recruitment. They said "howdy" to their many friends in Scurry County.

Darla also noted that the two sons have been elected presidents of their classes at Stephenville High School. Jay is a sophomore and Sterling is a freshman.

Wow! Time gets away.

All missing accounted for in Jarrell

Twenty-eight dead; authorities will call off search later today

JARRELL (AP) — Authorities plan to stop searching for bodies by noon today after concluding that 28 people died in the state's worst tornado in a decade.

Department of Public Safety officials said today they have the names of 28 people missing and at least 27 bodies undergoing identification in Austin. However, many of the bodies are in poor shape because of the storm's ferocity, so the additional name may be identified by body parts still being examined.

It had been feared that 23 people were still missing in Jarrell. But DPS spokeswoman Laureen Chernow said the town's remaining 131 residents have been accounted for.

"They believe the names and bodies will match up as the bodies are identified," Ms. Chernow said.

Justice of the peace Jimmy Bitz slowly confirmed identities throughout the night after comparing pictures and other records with relatives of the deceased. As of this morning, four bodies had been identified: teen-age brothers John and Michael Ruiz; Ryan Fillmore, believed to be 5; and his 44-year-old grandmother Emma Jean Mullins were the only names confirmed as of late Wednesday.

Although not officially named, locals already were mourning the deaths of a popular family of five: Larry and Joan Igo, their daughter Audrey and twin sons John and Paul.

The search will end by midday, then residents will be gathered at a church to be briefed and escorted to their houses.

But for some residents, noon isn't soon enough to return home.

As the tragedy moved into its third day, complaints were arising about mistreatment by overzealous law enforcement officials guarding the Double Creek Estates subdivision, where roughly 50 homes were demolished. Some residents said officers threatened them with arrest or assaulted them for attempting to visit their property.

"I'm angry at the DPS because they have been ugly to people here. They treated us like we have no feelings," resident Ladonna Peterson said. "They've threatened to arrest us and they threw a man in a ditch. It's not right."

"We want to try to save what we can," added resident Danny Hammett. "We've had two days of sunshine. We could have been cleaning up."

Committee reaches property tax accord

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers who pined for hefty reductions to Texans' local school property taxes were expected to sign-off today on a much-smaller $140 homestead property tax cut.

A House-Senate committee informally approved the deal Wednesday, a concession to larger plans scrapped last week when the panel could not reach a compromise.

The deal, scheduled for a final overnight touch-up, was expected to be signed by at least the required three House members and three Senate members on Thursday, eliminating the need for a final vote.

The plan also was expected to easily pass the full House and Senate before the legislative session's last day, Monday.

The conference committee earlier this month wrangled over differences between tax-cut plans passed by the House and Senate. Both offered far more than the total $1.04 billion cut expected from the $140 homestead compromise.

Gov. George W. Bush and key lawmakers announced last Saturday that the committee could not find a middle ground between the House and Senate plans and would settle on the $1 billion proposal.

The change increases homestead property tax exemptions from the state minimum of $5,000 to $15,000. That means a $100,000 home, which has been taxed on as much as $95,000 of its value, would be taxed on no more than $85,000 of its value.

Local school districts are allowed to offer higher tax exemptions. Even so, the total savings of $140 was estimated for all homeowners.

"Is it what both sides wanted," Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, asked. "Absolutely not."

CURRENT TAXES
— Average value of a Texas home, $77,000
— Minimum property tax exemption, $5,000
— Taxable value, $72,000
— Tax bill, $1,008, assuming the home is taxed at the average rate of about $1.40 per $100 in value.

PROPOSED CUTS
— Average value of a Texas home, $77,000
— Minimum property tax exemption, $15,000
— Taxable value, $62,000
— Tax bill, $868, assuming the home is taxed at the average rate of about $1.40 per $100 in value.

Registration slated today for WTC evening courses

Registration for summer evening classes at Western Texas College is set from 6 to 6:30 p.m. today in the Learning Resource Center.

Academic classes on the evening schedule include economics, English, government, history, algrbra and speech. College prep classes offered at night are in English, math and reading.

Registration for day courses will be held Monday. Registration times are from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1-6 p.m. Placement testing, for a fee of $10, will be offered at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday.

Academic classes on the day schedule include history, algrbra and math concepts. Reading will be offered as a college prep class. Vocational courses on the WTC summer schedule include golf grounds and landscape technology and office systems technology.

Night classes begin Monday. Evening classes meet once each week for nine weeks, ending July 31. Day classes begin Tuesday and meet Monday through Thursday for six weeks, concluding July 10.

Status reports to dominate afternoon meeting of DCOS

Status reports are expected to dominate when the Development Corporation of Snyder board meets at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Among them is an update on Lorber's plans to construct a plant in the industrial park. In relation to that, a report on training programs which will be offered through Western Texas College is also on the agenda.

Other reports include projects dealing with various construction within the industrial park, a natural gas line for the park, right of way procurement and engineering fees.

Financial statements, payment of bills and consideration of putting a DCOS website on the Internet are the only business items.

The board will also hear John DeLille's monthly executive director's report.

The agenda also calls for an executive session to consider compensation of the executive director and secretary.

ASK US

Q—Is booth space still available for rent during the July 4-5 celebration in Towle Park?

A—Yes. The armory is full, but there is still space at Towle Park Barn and down in the park itself. Contact the chamber at 573-3558 for space reservations.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 81 degrees; low, 67; 7 a.m. Thursday, 60; no precipitation; total for 1997, 12.35 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, scattered storms; some possibly severe; mostly cloudy, low 60-65. SE wind 10-20 mph. Rain chance: 40%. Friday, partly cloudy. High around 85. NE-E wind 10-20 mph.



Thomas Atwell
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:40 a.m.
Of 148 days in 1997, the sun has shone 136 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Early morning hath gold in its mouth.

Benjamin Franklin

New evidence of space snowballs hitting atmosphere

BALTIMORE (AP) — Dramatic photos from orbit give new evidence the Earth's atmosphere is pelted continuously with house-sized snowballs from space and provide vindication for a scientist whose theory has been ridiculed by experts for a decade.

Louis A. Frank, a University of Iowa physicist, presented the new findings Wednesday at the American Geophysical Union and muffled criticism from a hall full of scientists.

Frank said millions of objects that he called "snowballs" strike the Earth's atmosphere every year, adding to the planet's water cycle and perhaps delivering the organic chemicals that originally led to life.

Pictures from NASA's Polar spacecraft, orbiting at more than 30,000 miles, clearly show objects streaking toward the Earth and ballooning into clouds some 600 to 15,000 miles above the surface.

Filters on the Polar cameras show the objects contain water, Frank said. He estimated that the 20- to 40-ton aggregates of ice speed in from outer space at more than 20,000 miles an hour. As many as 20 a minute can come down, he said.

"This is an enormous amount of water coming into our upper atmosphere," Frank said. "If this rate has continued for the 4 billion-year history of our planet, it could account for the Earth's oceans."

The snowball-like objects also may carry organic chemicals that "may well have nurtured the development of life on our planet," Frank said.

The objects deliver enough moisture to Earth to cover the entire planetary surface with 1 inch of water every 10,000 to 20,000 years, he said.

That is not enough to significantly affect sea levels in the future, said Frank, noting, "The implications are more about what this means for the history of our planet."

Frank said the source of the space snowballs is not known, but he said it is something that experts in astronomy could determine by plotting the flight path of the objects. He said the icy balls are chemically unlike ordinary comets that are thought to have survived since the formation of the solar system and which spend most of their time in orbits far from the sun.

Many textbooks state the Earth's water was already here when the planet formed. Frank's study now suggests water arrived as a cosmic rain of iceballs that filled the oceans over millions of years.

Frank first proposed the water-from-space theory after spotting dark spots on pictures taken by NASA's Dynamics Explorer I satellite in the late 1970s. He published a photograph in a physics journal that showed the dark spots and included his interpretation that they were comet-like ice bodies streaking in from space.

On Wednesday, Frank called the photograph "the image that launched 10,000 criticisms." It was published on April 1, 1986, and "newspapers called to ask if this was an April Fool's joke."

Scientists denounced and even ridiculed Frank's theory. Most said the dark spots on the Explorer pictures were instrument "noise," radio static that made marks on the images.

In an effort to provide undeniable evidence, Frank helped design two new cameras for the Polar satellite. And the data presented Wednesday turned most attending scientists into believers.

"I was a skeptic 10 years ago. I gave up on the idea that those objects were real," said Robert R. Meier, a space scientist at the Naval Research Laboratory. "I am convinced now that those objects are real."

However, Meier said, whether the snowballs provided enough water for the Earth's oceans "is an assumption."

Added Steve Maran, a NASA astronomer: "This is a new class of objects. He has been vindicated by the new data. That hardly ever happens in science."

Astrophysicist Konrad Dennerl of the Max Planck Institute in Germany said the new study "is very convincing, but still controversial." He said it needs to be independently verified by new studies.

Andrew Nagy, a space scientist from the University of Michigan, said Frank convinced the audience that the objects he detected are real, but "the interpretation that these are 50-ton comets needs more convincing."

Frank said the objects detected by his cameras are not true comets because they lack the metallic dust and other chemicals that make the long streaming tails characteristic of comets such as Hale-Bopp.

Instead, they are made up mostly of water ice, with some sort of shell, perhaps of carbon, that keeps them together in outer space. The shell shatters as it approaches Earth, allowing the ice to vaporize.

"We don't have a really good name for these things," said Frank. "I guess you could call them snowballs."

Date Book

May 29, 1997

Today is the 149th day of 1997 and the 71st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1660, England's Charles II was coronated, marking the restoration of the English monarchy.

On this day in 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

On this day in 1973, Tom Bradley was elected the first black mayor of Los Angeles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Patrick Henry (1736-1799), American patriot; G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), writer; Oswald Spengler (1880-1936), writer; Bob Hope (1903-), comedian, is 94; T.H. White (1906-1964), writer; John F. Kennedy (1917-1963), U.S. president; Al Unser (1939-), auto racer, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, 39 soccer fans were killed when a riot erupted during a match between England's Liverpool club and Italy's Juventus in Brussels, Belgium.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!" — Patrick Henry

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1896, more than 8 inches of rain fell on Cloverdale Ranch in Nevada.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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Female fighter pilot killed in crash called a trailblazer

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Capt. Amy Lynn Svoboda's promising career as one of 14 female Air Force fighter pilots ended in the night desert amid creosote bushes and Gila monsters.

Svoboda's A-10 attack jet plunged from the night sky while on a training run over a southwestern Arizona range that pilots have used for 56 years to hone bombing, shooting and dogfighting skills.

The 29-year-old Illinois resident became the first female fighter pilot to die in a crash — and the second casualty in two months among the 355th Wing's A-10 Thunderbolt fliers at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

"She went down doing what she wanted to do," base spokesman Capt. Andy White said.

Svoboda was practicing ground attacks Tuesday night, her plane loaded with bombs, when the A-10 went down about 50 miles southwest of Phoenix, near Gila Bend, lighting up the desert with a fireball.

The crash site was found quickly, but searchers had to wait for daylight Wednesday because of the plane's ammunition. There was no sign Svoboda tried to eject or any immediate indication of what caused the crash, Air Force representatives said.

Hundreds of tiny flags marked the sites of debris scattered by the impact, which created a blackened crater 10 feet deep and 50 feet wide.

Svoboda, a 1989 graduate of the Air Force Academy, had gone through pilot training after the secretary of defense lifted a ban in 1993 on women flying combat aircraft.

She became an aircraft instructor pilot before arriving in Davis-Monthan in 1996 for A-10 training. She was made chief of A-10 training for a combat-ready squadron and logged more than 1,400 hours as a jet pilot.

A competitive athlete, she was once captain of the Air Force women's volleyball team, enjoyed golf and long-distance running, said Capt. Jenny Block, a friend. She also loved animals, reading and hiking.

"She had a heart of gold," Block said from Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. "Life was her passion."

Another friend, 2nd Lt. Juliana Adair of Hill AFB in Utah, said Svoboda "just excelled in everything she does. But she's very much a person too. She's human and very patient with other people."

The last A-10 pilot based at Davis-Monthan to die while flying was Capt. Craig Button, 32, whose jet vanished April 2 over the same bombing range. An extensive 18-day search led to the plane's discovery on a snow-covered Colorado mountainside.

Svoboda was not the first female fighter pilot in the U.S. military to die in a crash. Navy Lt. Kara Hultgreen was killed in 1994 when her F-14A crashed as she tried to land on an aircraft carrier.

Loses lawsuit

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Former Neverland Ranch employees will have to fork over a hefty serving after losing their lawsuit against the King of Pop.

A judge ruled Wednesday the ex-employees at Michael Jackson's estate must pay him and other defendants $1.4 million in attorney fees and costs.

They sued Jackson and five staffers, claiming they were forced out for cooperating in a child molestation probe. One plaintiff also claimed sex harassment by a staff member.

Berry's World



KIDS — IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE REACHING THE MOUSE AND THE KEYBOARD, IT'S TIME TO GO OUT AND GET SOME EXERCISE.

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DAR ENDS YEAR — Daughters of the American Revolution installed officers, from left, Lou Everett, chaplain; Dorothy Browne, regent; Jo Flynn, secretary; Ann Smartt, corresponding secretary; Helen Hatter, treasurer; Maribeth Vestal, registrar; Rae Adams, historian; and not pictured, Joanne Sterling, vice regent; and Nonnie Ward, librarian. In the bottom photo, Vestal presented the DAR Good Citizenship award to LaTrisha Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lannie Lee. Receiving a pin, certificate and a check, LaTrisha was chosen for fulfilling the qualities — honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism.

Dylan hospitalized

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Dylan was hospitalized with a potentially fatal heart infection that forced him to cancel a European tour, the singer's record label said Wednesday.

Dylan, who turned 56 on Saturday, was admitted to a hospital over the weekend with severe chest pains, Columbia Records said in a statement.

The statement indicated the ailment was histoplasmosis, a fungal infection that caused swelling of the sac surrounding the heart.

Bridge By Phillip Alder

North 05-29-97
♠ K Q 7 4
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West
♠ 9 6
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Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

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Opening lead: ♣ A

Colorful person in colorful shirts

Don von Elsner was a colorful bridge player, writer and lecturer who wore the polychromatic shirts common in his home state of Hawaii. He died at his house in Hilo on January 6 at the age of 87.

A real estate broker and financial consultant, von Elsner also wrote several mystery novels, in some of which bridge was a key feature. Von Elsner's bridge sleuth and expert player was Jake Winkman. Today's deal comes from one of these books, "The Best of Jake Winkman," which is available from Baron Barclay (800-274-2221) for $8.95 including shipping and handling.

Against four spades, West led the club ace: six, king, eight. West continued with the club seven: nine, jack, 10. What did East do now and why?

The bidding wouldn't escape criticism, but it was critical to the story line. It's called author's license, or something like that.

Could South have started with only two clubs? Unlikely. His two-no-trump rebid strongly suggested exactly four spades. If so and South had two clubs, he would have four cards in a red suit. With four hearts, he would have responded one heart, not one spade. With four diamonds, probably he would have continued with three diamonds, not two no-trump.

East returned the club *two*. When South covered with the three, it was easy for West to see what was required: He ruffed with the spade nine. This uppercut the dummy, promoting a trump trick for East. And the inevitable diamond loser meant that South went one down.

If you've never read any Winkman books, it is still better late than never.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife Enduring Silent Treatment Should Take Vocal Action Now

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DEAR ABBY: You had a letter in your column concerning a husband who didn't speak to his wife for three months because she told him that she felt he was being too harsh with their son. He also was punishing her by refusing to have sex with her.

I hope you told his wife to deal with this behavior immediately, because it will not get better by itself. It will only get worse. If it isn't stopped now, 25 or more years down the road she will still be a victim of this childishness — and it also will have an effect on the children.

They should get counseling. If she ignores this behavior, she'll become more of a doormat and look back at 40 years of misery. She'll have no self-confidence left and will be emotionally damaged forever. I know.

BEEN THERE FOR 47 YEARS
IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR BEEN THERE: I advised the woman, who signed herself "Confused in Pennsylvania," that she should first try to discuss the cause of their "misunderstanding" with her husband, and if necessary, seek joint marriage counseling to resolve their problem. I also told her that if her husband refused to go, she should go without him in order to repair her self-esteem.

Another reader offered some insight into the husband's punitive and selfish behavior. This reader said she would not be at all surprised if the husband was involved with another woman, and was using his wife's criticism as an excuse to feign anger and avoid having sexual relations with her, while enjoying her cooking services, laundry services and frantic efforts at reconciliation. Now, isn't that food for thought?

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DEAR ABBY: Many times I read letters in your column from people complaining about what some "insensitive" person said to them in the market, etc., about their adoption, their disability, hair, size, color, cars, or anything else noticeable. Most recently, it was about the number of children (too many) a woman had.

You know what that is called? *Making conversation.*

When people are standing next to each other in a long line, they often feel like reaching out to make a connection, like in the old days when people looked one another in the eye when they passed on the street.

How are you supposed to start a conversation when you don't know anything about the other person? You look for signs to latch onto. Read any book about starting conversations, and you'll find that's how they get started.

Why not take the opportunity to welcome their reaching out, and if there is a real problem, gently correct them? Most individuals do not start conversations with the intention of being rude or insulting. The reality is you do have more kids or longer hair, or are taller than average or whatever else it is they are "insulting" you about. Their pointing it out is not what made it so.

Remember, you can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar. If you respond with something positive, and guide the conversation from there, "doing time" in line can become a few moments of pleasant connection with a fellow human being. Who among us have lives so full we don't have room for a brief dialogue with someone we don't already know?

TEFLON TINA
IN HAMBURG, PA.

DEAR TEFLON TINA: Your viewpoint deserves consideration. More friendships and (romances) have begun in line than on-line.

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Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Longstanding cuisine...

American chicken: fried and true

By Marialisa Calta

Growing up in an ethnic household (mine was Italian) there were certain foods that I learned to think of as uniquely "American," foods that my family never ate. Peanut-butter-and-marshmallow-fluff sandwiches was one. Chili was another. Any kind of TV dinner. And fried chicken.

Fried chicken was the kind of dinner that Opie was always sitting down to on "Mayberry, RFD" ("thanks, Aunt Bea"), the kind of food Timmy's mom might serve on "Lassie." In TV-land (a place which I equated with "America") happy families were continually tearing into large platters of fried chicken. And all I got were plates of risotto, or pasta or polenta. As my grandmother would have said: "poveretta." Poor thing.

You'd think that the first act I would have committed upon the acquisition of my own kitchen would have been to fry up some chicken. But I didn't. I feed my family, in fact, much as my mother fed us: There's still no fluff sandwiches or TV dinners on our table, and we eat polenta and risotto and pasta far more often than we eat chili.

But recently — in honor of Memorial Day, a patriotic, "American" kind of holiday that demands that most American of feasts, the picnic — I decided to try some recipes for this elusive dish of my childhood dreams. I found out that frying chicken is a relatively simple affair, requiring not much more than some flour, salt, pepper and oil for its most basic incarnations.

The first recipe here — from the Music City Roadhouse Restaurant in Washington, D.C. — is just such a simple preparation, with the preliminary step of soaking the chicken in buttermilk. The second recipe, for a classic Fried Chicken With Gravy comes from one of my favorite cookbooks, "Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine," by the Darden sisters — Carole and Norma Jean. The third comes from that most American of cookbooks, "The Junior League Centennial Cookbook," a compilation of beloved recipes from around the United States.

To be truthful, I did not love frying the chicken. It's messy, and requires patience and timing, and even though I am no health-food purist, I could not help but feel a little queasy about all that fat. But, to be truthful, I DID love the results: crispy, tasty chicken that I can justify health-wise as a once-in-a-while treat. My kids went wild for the stuff, pronouncing it far superior to the fast-food variety. Now they're lobbying hard for marshmallow fluff.

Note: I have given the yields for each recipe as they have been given to me, but from experience I will tell you that one 3-pound chicken will feed 4 people well.

COUSIN WILLIE'S SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN

- 1 whole chicken (about 3 pounds), or about 3 pounds of chicken parts
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 8 ounces all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 12 to 16 ounces vegetable oil, for frying

If using whole chicken, cut it into parts. Discard the backbone. Cut the breast in half to make frying easier. Rinse the chicken parts under cold running water. Pat dry with paper towels.

In a large cast-iron skillet or very heavy pot, preheat the vegetable oil. Soak chicken briefly (about 2 minutes) in buttermilk. Mix together flour, pepper and salt in a shallow bowl. Put chicken in seasoned flour mixture, turning to coat. Shake off excess. Add chicken to hot oil and fry until dark, golden brown (chicken should be 160 degrees on an instant-read thermometer).

Yield: 8 servings.

— Recipe from Stephen Mayer, executive chef, Music City Roadhouse in Washington, D.C.

FRIED CHICKEN AND GRAVY

- 1 2-1/2- to 3-pound chicken, cut into serving pieces
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon dried mustard
- 3/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 3-pound can solid vegetable shortening

For gravy:
- 2 tablespoons of oil used to fry the chicken
- 2 tablespoons flour
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup milk or cream

Wash the chicken pieces in cold water, leaving some moisture. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

In a paper bag, combine the flour, paprika, mustard, nutmeg and garlic powder. Shake to mix. Place a few pieces of chicken at a time in the bag, grasp shut and shake until evenly coated.

Melt the vegetable shortening in a Dutch oven or a large cast-iron skillet.

You know it's hot enough when fat sizzles if a drop of water hits it. Drop in the coated chicken pieces. Fry until golden brown, then drain on paper towels.

Strain 2 tablespoons of the shortening used to fry the chicken. Add the flour and stir over medium heat until brown. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add milk or cream, stirring continuously until thickened. Pour over chicken and serve.

Yield: 4 servings.

— Recipe from "Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine," by Norma Jean and Carole Darden (Doubleday, 1994).

Babe resisted, but got kissed by principal

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — When pupils at Chaires Elementary School say their principal has hog's breath, they're not kidding.

Jeff Patterson kissed a 250-pound porker named Babe as a reward for the children, who read 26,000 books this year. Patterson promised to kiss a pig if the school's 870 pupils read more than 20,000 books.

Patterson's first attempt failed Tuesday as Babe struggled. Then, bingo, his lips pressed against the grunting pig's snout.

Drew Grigg, an 8-year-old pupil who had volunteered his pig, recommended the principal kiss Babe on the snout, not on the mouth — too much drool.

Cooke's widow may go back to Bolivia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jack Kent Cooke's widow could soon be going back home to Bolivia — for good.

A three-judge panel of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals this week reversed a judge's order that barred Marlena Ramallo Cooke from being deported to her native country.

The panel ruled that an immigration law enacted after the deportation case began eliminated a federal court's power to directly review a deportation decision.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service had sought to deport the widow of the Washington Redskins owner since she pleaded guilty in 1986 to conspiracy to import cocaine.

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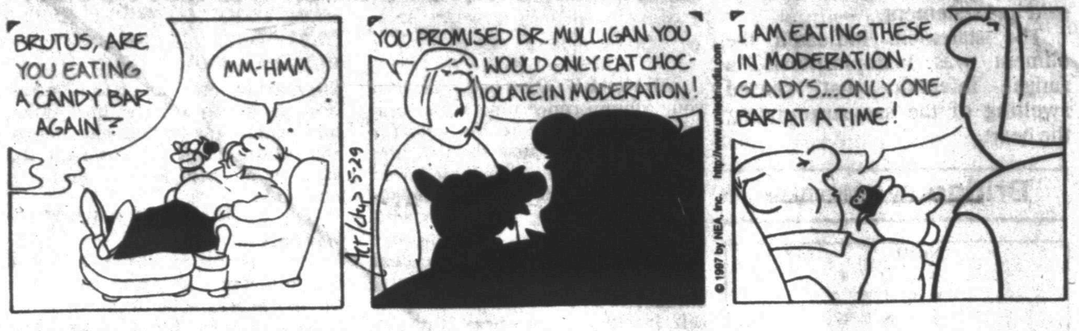
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5 Type of code
8 Infant's bed
12 S-shaped molding
13 Make a mistake
14 Architect Saarinen
15 Swallow hurriedly
16 Caspian, e.g.
17 Body of water
18 Sign up
20 Shouter
22 Platform
24 Hotel workers
25 Wipe out
28 Positive vote
29 Tax agcy.
30 Norse deity
32 Type of heel
36 Squired
38 Whitewall, e.g.
39 Uncle (Sp.)
40 BPOE member
42 Ford or Lincoln
43 Lip — (cosmetic item)
45 Inert gas
47 Lasso
49 Nothing
53 Dog in Garfield
54 Look at
56 Boast
57 Woe is me!
58 CPA's concerns
59 Abhor
60 Dissolve
61 Dentist's deg.
62 Busy as — —

DOWN

1 Theater section
2 Son of — —
3 Market
4 Lukewarm
5 Peppiest
6 Anger
7 Entreat
8 Wine cabinet
9 True to life
10 Miffed
11 Some South Africans
19 Express
21 Actor Jannings
23 Glossy fabric
25 Actress Caldwell
26 Commercials
27 Like children's books
31 Loudest
33 Inactivity
34 Singing syllable
35 Above (poet.)
37 Sub — (secretly)
41 Hawaiian timber tree
43 Twilight, old style
44 Soup server
46 Nape of the neck
48 Look after
50 Take hold of
51 Table d'—
52 Chirp
55 Hebrew letter

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SPORTS

Ready to defend NBA title..

Bulls ice down Miami

CHICAGO (AP) — With three playoff series out of the way and four victories to go for another NBA championship celebration, the Chicago Bulls are savoring what could be their final title run in the Michael Jordan era.

Or is it?

Jordan would like to come back, but only if coach Phil Jackson does the same. The game's greatest player and one of its most successful coaches are intertwined, but someday they, too, will go their separate ways.

"We're not thinking about that," Jackson said after the Bulls finished off the Miami Heat 100-87 Wednesday night to wrap up the Eastern Conference finals and earn their fifth trip to the championship series in seven years.

"We're thinking about the fact that we want to win a title. We've got to play better, particularly on the offensive end of the court, if we want to be a candidate to win a title."

Miami coach Pat Riley, who led the Lakers to four championships in the 1980s, says the rest of the league is doomed to chase the Bulls, the oldest team in the NBA.

"I don't think anybody's going to win again until Michael retires, I really don't," Riley said.

"As long as I'm still in a uniform and we can continue to have coaches come up and say that, our job is accomplished," said Jordan, who had 28 points Wednesday night despite another bad stretch of shooting.

"I plan on being around for a little while, I hope," he said. "I pride myself on helping this organization and city always stay on top."

Jordan, calling the game "personal" after Miami won Game 4 with what he claimed was rough play, came out in a frenzy, making six of his first 10 shots as the Bulls jumped out to a 16-2 lead.

Jordan, who had missed 20 of his first 22 shots Monday in Miami, then misfired on 15 of his final 21. Still, Chicago's big early lead was too much for the Heat to overcome as the Bulls beat Miami for the 10th time in 11 playoff meetings.

Chicago's reserves provided 33 points and the Bulls limited Heat center Alonzo Mourning to one basket in wrapping up the series 4-1.

The victory came short-handed. Scottie Pippen played only seven minutes after spraining his foot in the first quarter, and he was scheduled for an MRI today. Should Utah close out Houston in the Western Conference Finals tonight, Pippen isn't sure if he'd be ready for Sunday's Game 1 at the United Center.

"It's kind of hard to call that right now," Pippen said.

Should the Utah-Houston series require a seventh game, the finals would not begin until June 4.

Rockets face sudden death

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets are facing elimination once again, and that might not be so bad for them.

"We're backed into a corner again, and maybe this is the best situation for us," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said Wednesday. "We seem to play better in this kind of deal. We've got to come out fighting for our lives."

The Rockets will play host to the Jazz tonight in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals. Houston trails 3-2 and will be eliminated with another loss.

But the Rockets have an 11-2 record in elimination games under Tomjanovich, and they expect to ward off an early vacation.

"You trap a rat in the corner and he comes out fighting," Rockets guard Mario Elie said. "It's going to be guns slinging and come out fighting.

"This team has a lot of character and pride. We've been through this situation before and we know what it's like. If we respond tomorrow, we'll get a chance at Game 7."

The Rockets came away from Tuesday night's 96-91 loss feeling just a few plays could have won it for them. The Jazz felt the same about Game 4 when Eddie Johnson's buzzer shot won for the Rockets

NBA playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Monday, May 19
Utah 101, Houston 86
Tuesday, May 20
Chicago 84, Miami 77
Wednesday, May 21
Utah 104, Houston 92
Thursday, May 22
Chicago 75, Miami 68
Friday, May 23
Houston 118, Utah 100
Saturday, May 24
Chicago 98, Miami 74
Sunday, May 25
Houston 95, Utah 92
Monday, May 26
Miami 87, Chicago 80
Tuesday, May 27
Utah 96, Houston 91, Utah leads series 3-2
Wednesday, May 28
Chicago 100, Miami 87, Chicago wins series 4-1
Thursday, May 29
Utah at Houston, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 1
Houston at Utah, TBA, if necessary



GOLF AWARDS DINNER — The Snyder Tigers, Class 4A state champions, were feted with an awards dinner Saturday night at Snyder Country Club. Pictured from left, are Alissa Wells, Julie Doolittle, Keisha Gafford, Lacey Kidd, Randi Reed and Daysha Weaver. The team was presented the MVP award. Daysha Weaver was honored with the Fighting Tiger Award and Keisha Gafford was recognized as Most Improved. The Freshman Award went to Randi Reed, and special Senior Award honors were given to Alissa Wells and Julie Doolittle.



Brandy Gill

Hermleigh's Gill is loop co-MVP

Brandy Gill, Hermleigh senior, has been named to the all-district softball team and the league's co-most valuable player.

Other Lady Cardinals named first team all-district were seniors Kara Engle and Kellyn Gonzalez, sophomore Jennifer Roemisch and freshman Kendra Dacus.

Named to the all-district second team from Hermleigh were seniors Amanda Berry and Kassie Elder and juniors Miranda Terry and Melissa Brasuel.

15 strikeouts help blank Rangers, 5-0

SEATTLE (AP) — It was vintage Randy Johnson — a dominating fastball, a pinpoint slider for strikes and even a couple of changeups just to keep the Texas Rangers guessing.

It was just like 1995, when Johnson won the AL Cy Young award for the Seattle Mariners; before surgeons removed a bulging disc from his back last September.

"You guys ought to see it the way we see it," Rangers starter Darren Oliver said. "When he is on, he is really on."

Johnson (7-1) had 15 strikeouts the most in the majors this season — and gave up four singles and a walk in eight innings to beat the Rangers 5-0 Wednesday night and help the Mariners forget about what happened to their bullpen Tuesday in Minnesota.

When Lou Piniella went out to check on Johnson with one out in the eighth, the Kingdome fans booed him vigorously. When Piniella finally left the mound, they cheered him.

"Like I wanted to take him out of the ballgame," the Mariners manager said with a grin.

Johnson's 11th start of the season was easily his best. His previous strikeout high was 11. Johnson said he was encouraged, but not convinced. He's been bothered by a stiff back all season.

"I think this is going to be a year where I need to prove that I'm healthy — to myself and to a lot of other people," he said.

He proved himself to the Rangers.

"He's not easy to hit," Juan Gonzalez said.

Johnson recorded his most strikeouts since he fanned 15 against Oakland on Sept. 23, 1995. He struck out the side in the third inning and retired Dean Palmer three times on swinging strikes.

"Other than Pudge (Ivan Rodriguez), Will and Mike Simms, the other guys didn't seem like they could see the ball very well," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "Hey, that's not the first team he has pitched that way against."

The Kingdome fans booed Bobby Ayala when he came out to pitch the ninth. He retired the Rangers on three fly balls.

Johnson said he felt a lot of pressure to win the night after Seattle's bullpen allowed five runs in the ninth inning in an 11-10 loss to the Twins.

Said Johnson: "It's a great feeling. After the game last night, it was a long flight and there wasn't a lot of talking on the plane."

Joey Cora singled in the third, extending his hitting streak to 23 games, an AL record for a switch-hitter.

Seattle, which has won 21 of its last 27 games against Texas, took advantage of wildness by Oliver (2-6) to score two runs without a hit in the second. Oliver loaded the bases on walks to Edgar Martinez, Alex Rodriguez and Jay Buhner, then Mike Blowers and Russ Davis followed with RBI grounders.

Owls face LSU Friday in College World Series

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice baseball coach Wayne Graham made a decision three years ago that helped the Owls reach the College World Series for the first time this year.

The Owls will play defending champion Louisiana State on Friday in a first-round game because three freshmen pitchers, Jeff Nichols, Mario Ramos and Marc Gwyn, picked up the slack when No. 1 pitcher Stephen Bess was lost in February with a forearm injury.

"We recruited all three because we made a decision three years ago to recruit pitchers who could throw strikes," Rice coach Wayne Graham said. "About midseason, it became evident that they were going to be able to carry the things we knew they could do."

Nichols (10-1, 3.44 ERA) and Ramos (9-3, 4.98 ERA) have carried the brunt of the starting load, but the Owls also have benefited from Matt Anderson (10-1, 1.82 ERA), who also has nine saves.

Anderson, a top pro prospect, has struck out 97 and allowed one home run in 74.1 innings this season.

Nichols is a good example of what Graham has tried to accomplish with his pitching staff.

"He makes a lot of use out of a moving fastball, and he knows how to change speeds," Graham said of Nichols. "Plus, he has only 28 walks in 102 innings."

Ramos has control problems with his breaking pitches.

"At times, he has (control) and at times he doesn't," Graham said. "When he gets control of his breaking ball, he will dominate."

The Owls carry a 47-14 record into the World Series. They have won 21 of their last 22 games and ripped through the Midwest Regional at Lubbock in four straight victories, scoring 53 runs.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	35	15	.700	-
Florida	30	19	.612	4½
NewYork	28	23	.549	7½
Montreal	27	23	.540	8
Philadelphia	19	32	.373	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	25	26	.490	-
Pittsburgh	25	26	.490	-
St.Louis	21	28	.428	3
Chicago	19	31	.380	5½
Cincinnati	19	32	.373	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	29	20	.592	-
Colorado	27	23	.540	2½
LosAngeles	26	23	.531	3
SanDiego	20	29	.408	9

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Montreal 0
Cincinnati 2, Philadelphia 0
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Colorado (B.Jones 1-0) at Florida (A.Fernandez 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 6-2) at Atlanta (Smoltz 6-3), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Burba 4-4) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Astacio 3-3) at St. Louis (Morris 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Valenzuela 2-6) at Houston (Kile 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	34	15	.694	—
NewYork	27	24	.529	8
Toronto	25	23	.521	8½
Detroit	23	27	.460	11½
Boston	21	27	.438	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	27	22	.551	—
Milwaukee	22	25	.468	4
Chicago	22	26	.458	4½
KansasCity	22	27	.449	5
Minnesota	22	29	.431	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	27	22	.551	—
Anaheim	26	23	.531	1
Seattle	27	24	.529	1
Oakland	21	32	.396	8

Wednesday's Games

Boston 5, Chicago White Sox 3
Baltimore 8, Detroit 1
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 4
Minnesota 3, Milwaukee 1
Cleveland 10, Kansas City 3
Anaheim 14, Oakland 10
Seattle 5, Texas 0

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Cone 5-3) at Toronto (W.Williams 1-4), 12:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 6-1) at Detroit (Pugh 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 1-2) at Minnesota (Robertson 5-2), 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Watson 2-3) at Oakland (Wengert 2-2), 3:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (D.Darwin 1-2) at Boston (Suppan 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 0-2) at Kansas City (Pittsley 0-4), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Hill 3-2) at Seattle (Moyer 4-1), 10:05 p.m.

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SDN Sports Briefs

Junior golf clinics

A junior golf clinic will be held June 4-6 at Snyder Country Club. Instructor will be Rick Mammolite, club pro. Call 573-7101 to register.

A junior golf clinic will be held June 2-6 at Western Texas College for boys and girls ages 10-17. Cost is $75. For information call 573-9291.

3 on 3 cage tourney

A 3 on 3 basketball tournament will be held June 7-8. Signups will be held through June 2. For boys 10-12, the fee is $32 per team and for boys 13-14, the fee is $36 per team.

First and second place teams will be awarded T-shirts and first place teams will advance to the Dallas Hoop-It-Up June 20-22. Release forms are required. For more information call Rocky Ware at 573-3344 between 2-7 p.m. Home telephone is 573-0738 or call 573-0800 and leave message.

Coed basketball camp

Coach Rick Archer, SHS girls' cage coach, will hold a coed basketball camp for boys and girls who will be in the 2nd through 8th grades next year. The camp will be July 7-11 at Snyder High School. Cost is $55 per camper and brochures are available at any school. For more information, call Archer at 573-6301.

API golf tourney

The annual API Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held June 7 at Snyder Country Club.

Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $240 per team. Cash prizes will be given for the top three places in each of the six flights.

There will also be door prizes and prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. There will be a putting contest. Hole-in-one prizes include two pickups and a $10,000 certificate of deposit.

To enter call Steve Olsen at 573-1766, Wade Lancaster or Mike Tyrrell at 573-0146.

Snyder volleyball camp

A volleyball camp for girls in the 5th through 9th grades will be held July 14-17 at the high school gym. Sessions will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Cost is $40. For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Baseball camp

SHS coaches Roland Herrera and Charles Bollinger will conduct a baseball camp June 2-6. Ages 5 to 7 will attend from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Ages 8 and up will attend from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Fee is $40 and insurance will be provided. For more information and to register, call 573-1355 or 573-5734.

Couples play Sunday

Couples play will be held starting at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Country Club.

C-City bass tournament

The 6th annual Fisherman Appreciation Bass Tournament will be held June 14. Sponsored by the C-City chamber, $2,000 is guaranteed for first place. Fishing is permited at Lake Champion or Lake Colorado City. Entry fee is $35 and all must register at tournament headquarters in downtown C-City. For more information, call 728-3403 or 728-8436.

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Space-age helment allows firefighters better vision

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A space-age helmet is giving firefighters a clearer view as they make their way through the smoky blur of burning buildings.

The helmet, with thermal-imaging technology used by the military, has colors to help firefighters see through the smoke and determine what is hot — white — and what is cold — black.

"Firefighting has changed very little in 150 years: Put the wet stuff on the red stuff," said city fire Division Chief Steve McInerny, whose department bought six of the helmets, each at a cost of $25,000.

"It's almost so futuristic it's hard to compare the ability we have with it," he said.

The 10.6-pound CairnsIRIS device mounts on a standard fire helmet. It combines heat-sensing gear and an electronic display. A heat sensor on the side of the helmet feeds data to a waistband power pack and up to the viewer, whose eyes are covered by the odd-shaped display.

Looking into the flip-down binocular lenses, the wearer can see anything that varies from air temperature. People give off a white glow. Cold water looks like gray lava, a 2-inch flame on a gas stove looks 2 feet tall as its heat rises. Chilly air spreads out like dirt from a ceiling vent.

The helmet even lets the user see through the side of a propane tank to gauge the level of liquid gas inside because it's cooler than the metal.

After weeks of training, Fort Lauderdale firefighters took the helmets out for the first time in December and ended up using them three times that day: in a fire at a family home, an auto body shop where workers smelled smoke, and a shed fire threatening to spread to a garage.

At the house, firefighters were blinded by the smoke. The helmet wearer entered and quickly determined that no one was home.

At the shed, firefighters were ready to break into the garage to hunt for flames. But, standing 20 feet away from the building using the helmet, they determined there wasn't a threat.

The helmets are made by Clifton, N.J.-based CairnsIRIS, a joint venture between Cairns & Brother Inc., a private company making fire helmets since 1836, and GEC-Marconi Avionics Inc., which applied the military technology.

The helmets went on sale in 1995, and 155 units have been bought by 100 departments.

Departments accustomed to spending $300,000 to $500,000 on a single fire truck tend to have big equipment budgets, but the helmet purchases can be costly if a department wants to place one helmet on each engine.

Still, CairnsIRIS said that more than 300 fire departments around the country are looking into buying the system.

Project Graduation offers safe parties

ABILENE — Ira and Snyder High Schools are among 28 in the Abilene district receiving a $300 mini-grant each from the Texas Department of Transportation for Project Graduation 1997. This is $50 more than was presented to each school last year.

In addition to the grant, Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district traffic safety coordinator, visited the high schools and presented the Project Graduation chairpersons key chains for each of the graduates who attend their high school event. These mementos bare the slogan, "Party Sober, Smart and Safe." Several T-shirts baring the same slogan were also donated to be used as door prizes.

"These graduation keepsakes are a reminder to the students to remain alcohol-free around prom and graduation time," Mitchell said.

For the past several years TxDOT has made grants available through its Traffic Operations division to support Project Graduation. The money is divided between the state's 25 highway districts who then determine the amount of each grant based on the number of high schools participating in their individual district.

This program is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state, transportation officials say.

Project Graduation was originally developed to assist rural schools with their celebrations and began in 1984 with only two schools. In 1989, the first year the department provided mini-grants to rural schools, they had 59 recipients. The program proved so successful, it was expanded to include all high schools. The more than 500 schools participating this year will effect 110,000 students.

Mitchell said the mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Graduation event, but to provide "seed money" for schools to start and support alcohol-drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals and the like.

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Haliburtn		77	76⅝	76⅝	— ⅛
Hanson ADS n			26	25⅞	25⅝
HarteHanks			30⅛	29⅝	29⅝
HomeDepot		62⅛	61⅜	62⅛	+ ⅛
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IBM s		90	88	88⅛	—1⅝
IntlPaper		49⅜	48⅜	48⅝	+ ⅛
JohnsonJn		59⅜	58⅜	59	— ⅜
K mart		13⅜	13⅛	13⅜	+ ⅛
Kroger s		26⅛	25⅞	25⅞	— ⅛
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LockhdMart		93⅜	92⅝	93	— ⅛
Lowes Cos		39⅛	38⅝	38⅝	— ⅛
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Medtronic		73⅛	73⅛	73⅛	+ ⅛
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TexasInst			94	93⅛	93⅛
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Woolworth		23⅛	23	3-16	23⅛	—1⅛
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Texas executes man convicted of murdering father and son

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A Harris County man with a drug history was executed Wednesday evening for murdering a father and son while they were on a hunting trip almost a dozen years ago.

Robert Madden, 33, was pronounced dead at 6:42 p.m. CDT, seven minutes after an executioner released a lethal dose of drugs into his arms.

In a confusing and rambling final statement, Madden apologized to members of his victims' family, who watched through a window a few feet away. But the condemned man professed his innocence.

"I apologize for your loss and pain, but I didn't kill those people. Hopefully we all will learn something about ourselves and about each other and we'll learn enough to stop the cycle of hatred and vengeance," Madden said.

"You can't look back. I forgive everyone for this process, for doing what seems to be wrong. I understand we all have to deal with experiences we create."

As the drugs took effect, he took two deep breaths and stopped moving.

Madden was the eighth condemned killer to receive lethal injection this month in Texas, extending a record total of executions in a single month.

The punishment also was the 16th this year, closing in on the record 19 injections Texas carried out in 1995. The pace of executions in the nation's most active capital punishment state is quickening this year as longtime inmates exhaust their appeals and new laws designed to speed the appeals process take effect.

At least 10 executions are set for next month, including four next week.

A final-day appeal for Madden was filed in the federal courts, contending his trial lawyers were incompetent and that his execution would be cruel and unusual punishment because he was incompetent.

The execution was delayed about 30 minutes while officials waited for a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court, which rejected an appeal.

Madden had been out of prison only a few months in 1985 following a conviction for methamphetamine possession when he was arrested for the fatal shooting and slashings of Herbert Megason, 56, and Megason's 22-year-old son, Don, both of Alvin.

The man and his son had been hunting Sept. 15, 1985, at a ranch in Leon County, about midway between Houston and Dallas.

"I've seen him die many times in my dreams," Jewel Megason, whose husband and son were killed, said. "I have lived for this moment. I was so afraid it wasn't going to take place. The only thing that bothered me was having to look at him. You know how hard it is to look at the person who murdered your loved ones?

"I hope he was so terrified when they strapped him down. I loved every minute of it."

Madden, who had been undergoing drug rehabilitation in Killeen, was arrested in New Mexico after signing his own name to the elder Megason's gasoline credit card.

Authorities believe Madden was driving a stolen car, had run out of gasoline and somehow crossed paths with the father-son hunting partners.

"We don't know exactly what happened but apparently he was able to get control," said former Leon County District Attorney Latham Boone, who prosecuted Madden. "He tied them up and it looked like he tortured both of them with a knife, shot them with a .22 (caliber gun) and possibly a shotgun, cut their throats and dragged them off into a ravine, a dry creek bed, and covered them with brush."



A HONOR ROLL — These Ira students have been on the A Honor Roll for the entire 1996-1997 school year. Back row from left, Colter Brown, Celeigh Sterling, Loryn Brown, Morgan Clements; third row, Terryn Autry, Rusty Josey, Colton Long, Brandon Crane; second row, Nickelynn Bays, Aryn Calley, Corbin Clements, Jessica Odom, Whitney Payne, Sara Caldwell; front row, Mark Barnes, Karen Coonrod, Josh Hall, Laura Juarez, Clayton Long, Rachel Caldwell. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Attempted ban may affect tobacco talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's move to ban suave Joe Camel could lead to a fallout in the tobacco peace talks, removing what cigarette makers considered one of their biggest concessions in a proposed settlement.

But Mississippi Attorney General Michael Moore says his potential deal is even more important now because he is attempting to force tobacco firms to get rid of advertising symbols that appeal to teens.

And Moore says he should know within eight or nine days if he is making enough progress in the negotiations to continue toward a peace deal — or give up and prepare for the July 7 opening arguments in Mississippi's groundbreaking lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

On Wednesday, the Federal Trade Commission charged R.J. Reynolds with unfair advertising practices, saying the Joe Camel campaign was designed to entice children to smoke and that it should be banned.

"Joe Camel has become as recognizable to kids as Mickey Mouse," said Jodie Bernstein, the FTC's director of consumer trade protection. "Wine, women and song were part of his activities. These are calculated, we believe, to create a character young people want to be a part of."

If the FTC proves its case before an administrative law judge, it would then ban Joe Camel advertising everywhere but in bars or nightclubs that exclude minors and force RJR to conduct anti-teen smoking education for the next 10 years.

RJR, the nation's No. 2 tobacco firm and maker of Camel cigarettes, vowed to fight vigorously the charge of unfair advertising as "unprecedented, unfounded and unwarranted." The first hearing is scheduled for June 24, and the trial process itself could take slightly more than a year.

In Moore's settlement talks, the tobacco industry already had offered to erase Joe Camel and other cartoon and human images from cigarette ads. The FTC's move took away that concession, said anti-tobacco activists and some members of Congress, who must approve any deal.

"Today's FTC decision should take this issue off the table for the ongoing negotiations," declared Rep. Tim Roemer, D-Ind., who headed a bipartisan petition of 67 House members that pushed the FTC to investigate Joe Camel. "We have successfully snuffed out Joe Camel."

"The FTC ... undercuts any argument that Congress has to act" to restrict cigarette ads, agreed anti-tobacco activist Michael Pertschuk, a former FTC chief.

Responded Moore: "It's a crime that FTC has taken so long to act. ... We need to stop the Joe Camels that we can't even imagine before they hurt our kids, not after."

But in a separate meeting in Chicago on Wednesday, Moore encountered widespread skepticism from health organizations that his proposed deal would actually benefit public health.

Moore is trying to settle 31 state lawsuits against cigarette makers by recovering Medicaid funds spent on sick smokers. The negotiations are contemplating a sweeping agreement that would put a cap on the nation's entire war on tobacco.

Administration is moving on policy for endangered species

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is formally proposing that private land owners be exempted from the Endangered Species Act if they voluntarily protect fish and wildlife.

As part of a court settlement with environmentalists opposed to the idea, the Interior Department published the proposed rule change today and began accepting public comment on the so-called "no surprises" policy.

"No surprises" refers to the promise made to land owners that if they meet certain conditions of habitat conservation plans, they won't be subject to more rigid prohibitions in the future on land use activities such as logging, mining and grazing.

Eight environmental groups sued in November to block the policy, adopted informally three years ago. The groups say the voluntary agreements don't provide enough assurances that species will survive.

They say the new comment period opens legal avenues to challenge habitat conservation plans that timber companies, states and others already have entered into with the federal government.

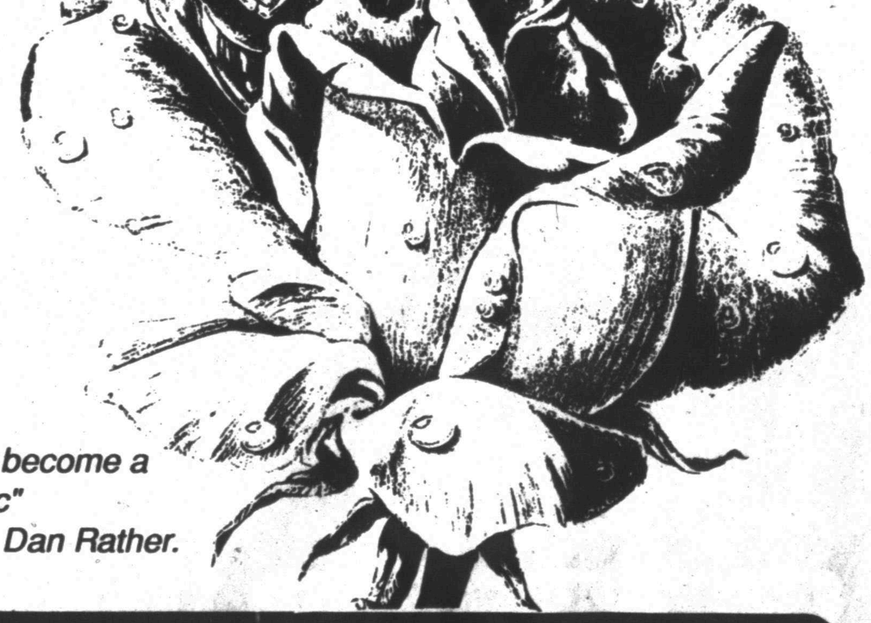
But Donald Barry, acting assistant Interior secretary, said he doesn't anticipate significant change in the way the administration has been carrying out the policy.

More than 100 scientists meeting at Stanford University in February went on record with concerns the plans could "become habitat giveaways that contribute to, rather than alleviate, threats to listed species and their habitats."

"When surprises happen, and they will according to biologists, the species will go extinct," said Eric Glitzenstein, attorney for the lead plaintiff, the Spirit of the Sage Council based in Pasadena, Calif.

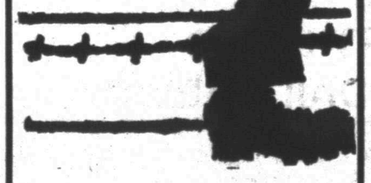
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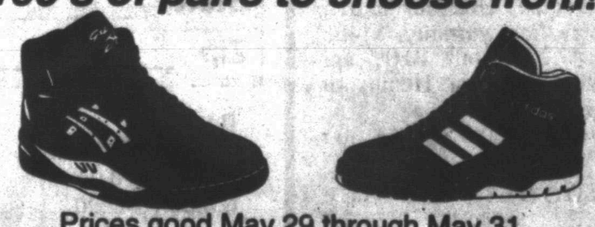
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CLASS WINNERS — These Hermleigh students won a math class competition with their scale drawings. From left are, Ricky Luna, first place; Larry Lambaren, second; and Ester Martinez, third. HISD teachers served as judges. Judith Finley is their math teacher. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Pilot discovers that pioneer aviator appealed to everyone

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Retracing Amelia Earhart's ill-fated 'round-the-world trip, pilot Linda Finch discovered the legendary aviator's appeal is global.

"When I left, I thought Amelia was primarily a role model for young women in this country," said Finch, who crossed 17 countries and five continents. "Now I realize she's admired and respected by nearly everyone, everywhere I went."

The San Antonio businesswoman landed her twin-engine Lockheed Electra, the same model Earhart used, before a cheering crowd at the Oakland airport Wednesday, completing a 26,000-mile journey that took 2½ months to complete.

Earhart mysteriously disappeared on her way to Howland Island in the South Pacific on July 2, 1937.

While Finch had wanted to focus on Earhart's accomplishments rather than her loss, Finch said she couldn't help but get choked up when she dropped three wreaths over Howland Island in Earhart's memory.

"It was a much more emotional time than I anticipated," Finch said. "It brought her loss to the forefront."

One of the wreaths came from Scott Knoch, the mayor of Atchison, Kan., Earhart's birthplace. Knoch returned to Oakland to present Finch a lei of sunflowers, partly because yellow was reportedly Earhart's favorite color.

She also received countless bouquets of flowers and cards from children and other well-wishers.

A stiff breeze blew as Finch climbed from the plane, wearing a tan flight suit and looking remarkably alert despite flying for almost 16 hours after her Tuesday departure from Honolulu. She waved and beamed at the hundreds of people gathered to watch her end the flight she had begun from the same field on March 17.

"I feel a little bit like Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz," she told the crowd, many of whom were schoolchildren on field trips. "I followed my own yellow brick road in the sky, visiting many wonderful countries. But this, for me, is the most wonderful of all."

In the crowd, 10-year-old Julianne Ho, a fifth-grader from Hillsborough just south of San Francisco, said she wouldn't want to take the same trip, but was impressed with Finch's courage.

"We thought it was neat that she could travel around the world," she said. "It takes a lot of guts."

Persistence key to bee victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twelve-year-old Alex Kerchner of Washington state is champion of the National Geography Bee because he knew Singapore is Asia's most densely populated country.

That correct answer Wednesday gave Kerchner victory over 56 other finalists and more than 5 million students nationwide. He won a $25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime subscription to National Geographic, the magazine that sponsored the contest.

It was the fourth time that Alex, a seventh-grader at Kamiakin Junior High School in Kirkland, Wash., had made the geography bee finals.

"Persistence paid off," he said. "You have to keep trying, looking at everything until you get it all together. You just have to keep trying until you make it. I did it for four years and I finally won."

But it wasn't exactly easy.

Alex hesitated, then asked for a repeat of one question: "The term 'eolian' refers to physical features that have been shaped by which agent of erosion?"

He then provided the correct answer: "Wind."

"I always seem calm, but I really am nervous," he said. "I didn't give up."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Why to monitor thyroid function

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For about 20 years, I had taken Synthroid replacement for an under-active thyroid gland. About a year ago, I was not coping very well; I felt jittery and lost weight. I went to another doctor, who immediately halved the dose of pills. After a week, I felt so much better that I stopped the drug entirely. My life has changed for the better. Is there a way for a physician to determine whether a patient is given Synthroid in error and, if not, how much a person should take?

DEAR READER: Yes, there is and it should be routine practice to assess a patient's thyroid needs.

Thyroid function can accurately and inexpensively be determined by blood tests. I do not know why you required Synthroid replacement 20 years ago, but your needs clearly changed during that time.

In my opinion, your doctor should have annually monitored your thyroid function with a blood test called the TSH. If he were in doubt that you required thyroid medication, he could have slowly reduced the dosage.

Once off the drug, if your thyroid were deficient, the test would have shown it.

However, even if you required Synthroid the amount might change over time. This is the rationale for periodic testing, which should be obtained on any patient taking Synthroid.

If your dosage were, indeed, excessive, you would experience nervousness, sweating, intolerance to heat, rapid pulse, weight loss, and other symptoms.

I cannot predict whether or not you will need thyroid replacement therapy in the future. For now, you seem to be OK. However, you should continue to monitor your thyroid status with the blood tests I mentioned.

DEAR DR. GOTT: While in college in the Northeast, my son developed Lyme disease. Because of a long delay in diagnosis (because the doctors here at home were unfamiliar with the disorder), he has progressed to the chronic phase. Intravenous antibiotics have not helped him. He is almost immobile because of muscle and joint pains.

A spinal tap was negative. He has even been given steroids, without benefit. Our local doctors are at their wits' ends. My son has been labeled a "treatment failure." Where do we turn?

DEAR READER: As I have written before, chronic Lyme disease is exceedingly difficult to treat, much less to cure. In the chronic phase, it can cause joint/muscle pains, heart problems, headache, nerve damage, and many other symptoms. Many patients with persistent Lyme disease do respond to extended courses of intravenous antibiotics but — as you have unfortunately discovered — some cases are resistant.

I see from your letter that you live in a Southeastern state where Lyme disease is a rarity. I suggest that you attempt, as a last hope, to find a Lyme specialist in an area where the disease is more prevalent. In particular, your son's doctors should look for a specialist in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, or Massachusetts.

To help you in your quest, I am publishing the address of the Lyme Disease Resource Center, P.O. Box 1891, Sonoma, CA 05476. Perhaps this national support group can send you a list of such specialists.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

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Do not waste your time and talents on trivial objectives in the year ahead. You are in a personal opportune cycle and this is the time to elevate your expectations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There must be harmony of purpose in collective endeavors today. If everyone involved has the same objective, the will to succeed will be victorious. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Lately you've been overlooking something that can be of significant personal benefit to you. Fortunately, as of today you may start seeing it for what it is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A valued relationship that hasn't been up to par lately can be mended and put back on track today. It is up to you to be Mr. or Mrs. Fix-it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something rewarding could be in the offing for you today; but it might be in unfamiliar areas. If handled with care and prudence, you stand to gain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your attitude will determine the type of response you'll get from others today. Good things are probable if you're earnest, generous and cooperative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your sense of accomplishment, as well as your finances, will be greater today if your efforts are spent on your loved ones and not just yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your executive qualities will be exceptionally keen today. Associates would be wise to let you organize matters, be they either for fun or business.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Patience will be your most important virtue today, especially when negotiating a testy matter. Focus on the victorious results that you envision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Use your curiosity constructively today. Start asking in-depth questions about a friendship matter that you do not fully comprehend.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today there could be two special areas where providence will provide for you. One is materialist and worldly, the other is a confidential intangible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not let the size or scope of a task cause you to feel uneasy today. Your luck comes into focus when you're involved with something big and significant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In your commercial affairs today, be cognizant of your hunches. The positive ones will be on target; the negative ones are self-inflicted.

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Blockbuster's postponement was the only alternative

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The added interest expense from postponing "Titanic" is nearly enough to have made "Star Wars." But Paramount Pictures and 20th Century Fox had no other choice but delay by six months the most expensive movie ever made.

The question now: Are the three-hour movie's chances improved or hurt by moving it from July to December? And what happens to the movies that now must face "Titanic" head-to-head?

"I think it only helps the film," said James Cameron, the film's writer-director. "It's a relief to have it settled and announced. As for me, what it means is the difference between 17-hour days and 16-hour days."

Tuesday's announcement that "Titanic" would voyage from a July 2 opening date to Dec. 19 resolved the worst-kept secret in recent Hollywood history.

From early spring, it was obvious the disaster epic — filled with complicated special effects and costing a reported $200 million — would not be ready for the Fourth of July weekend.

As Paramount contemplated moving "Titanic" to later in the summer, new problems arose. Harrison Ford warned Viacom entertainment chief Jonathan Dolgen, whose Paramount studio has made millions from Ford's movies, not to clip the wings of Ford's "Air Force One" by moving "Titanic" to the same weekend.

August, September and October aren't big box office months. In November, 20th Century Fox — which is co-financing "Titanic" — is set to open its first big-budget animated film, "Anastasia," and its high-priced action sequel "Alien Resurrection."

"Thanksgiving has a lot of high-profile films concentrated in a narrow window. So we felt the Christmas holiday was a great launch date," said Rob Friedman, chairman of Paramount's Motion Picture Group.

"Titanic" could rack up as much as $10 million in additional interest between now and the end of the year — the entire budget for 1977's "Star Wars."

Some analysts say the December move won't necessarily save the "Titanic."

"In the two weeks before Christmas, movie going tends to dry up," said Hal Vogel, an entertainment analyst with Cowen & Co. "And in the week between Christmas and New Year's there are a lot of big movies coming out."

The challenge, given the flood of movies released at year's end, is to find enough screens to show a wide release like "Titanic."

The three-hour running time will cost the movie at least one showing a day. It's also unclear who the target audience is, now that the film is being advertised as more love story than disaster drama. It stars Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.

Three major films are now set to open the same day as "Titanic": the next James Bond movie, "Tomorrow Never Dies," "The Mask of Zorro," and "Home Alone 3."

"I have no fear," said David Foster, the co-producer of "Zorro." "The boat sinks. Everybody drowns. The whole world knows the story."

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Gov. Bush signs several bills

AUSTIN (AP) — Water quality management or conservation plans developed between landowners and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board or local districts would generally not be subject to the state open records law under a bill signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush Wednesday.

There currently are instances in which landowners or tenants are hesitant to enter into such plans because of their public accessibility, according to a bill analysis. It said the accessibility may cause "a sense of vulnerability concerning private property rights."

The bill, which goes into effect Sept. 1, includes exceptions allowing information to be disclosed in certain instances, including if the owner or tenant agrees in writing to the disclosure.

The closed water records bill is HB1808.

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush signed a bill Wednesday that would make child support enforcement by the Texas attorney general's office subject to an independent review.

The bill by Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, would require the findings of the independent analysis to be reported back to the Legislature in 1999 as part of a sunset review process.

The Sunset Commission reviews all state agencies and recommends whether to maintain, alter or discontinue them.

As part of the review, the independent firm would recommend whether child support enforcement should remain in the attorney general's office, be transferred to an independent state agency or be privatized.

The bill goes into effect in 90 days.

The child support review bill is HB3281.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety would be allowed to share descriptive information about juveniles who escape from custody of the Texas Youth Commission under a bill signed by the governor Wednesday.

The bill, by Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, would allow the release of such information as a juvenile offender's name, description, photo and offense if it is necessary to protect the public welfare.

The bill goes into effect in 90 days.

The juvenile information bill is SB625.

AUSTIN (AP) — The first step toward commuter rail service between Austin and San Antonio was approved by Gov. George W. Bush Wednesday.

Under a bill by Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, intercity commuter rail districts would be created with an eye toward developing rail service on existing Union Pacific tracks connecting San Antonio, New Braunfels, San Marcos, Austin and Round Rock.

The districts would be overseen by a board of directors appointed locally and by the Texas Transportation Commission. The board would be authorized to issue revenue bonds and notes in amounts necessary to finance the commuter rail facilities.

The legislation goes into effect in 90 days.

The Austin-San Antonio rail bill is SB657.

AUSTIN (AP) — Neighborhood watch organizations would be required to carry insurance under a bill signed by the governor Wednesday.

The bill, by Rep. Fred Bosse, D-Houston, would provide the charitable organizations limited liability for injuries not caused by intentional, willful acts, negligence or reckless disregard. The organizations provide neighborhood crime prevention or patrol services and would be required to hold $1 million in insurance.

The legislation goes into effect Sept. 1.

The neighborhood watch bill is HB546.

Hospital gets clean audit

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Most of the meeting this morning centered on strategic planning, either directly or indirectly. The board has tentatively set a planning session for June 6-7 at the Barcelona Courts in Lubbock. Some department heads will also be involved as will chiefs of the medical and nursing staffs. St. Mary Hospital of Lubbock will help facilitate the session.

Two sets of comments which took place this morning related to that session indirectly.

Dr. Nussey, in giving his medical staff report, listed six items of focus the medical staff would like to see addressed. They are 1) physician recruitment, 2) nursing salary and benefits as well as morale, 3) improvement of the physical plant, 4) hospital strategic planning, 5) the possibility of adding psychiatric staff to the hospital, and 6) a formal rehabilitation unit.

Nussey noted that some of those items — such as improving the physical plant and rehabilitation unit — have seen progress. He called the renovation to the obstetrics department "wonderful, on par with anything I've seen, even at larger hospitals."

Jim Bob Cave, board chairman, said the medical staff's concerns should be a major part of the strategic planning session in June.

As to physician recruitment, Reecer told the board that Cogdell is obtaining the services of Pinnacle Health Group in Atlanta. Pinnacle's fee is $20,000, or $1,000 a month for the first six months and the remainder only upon placement of a physician. If Pinnacle has not presented a minimum of three candidates within six months, the hospital would get half of its money back, meaning the most the hospital stands to lose without getting a physician is $3,000.

Financial information for April presented to the board included patient revenue of just over $2 million and a net income to the hospital of $133,337. The hospital has a cash balance of $1,265,721.

The monthly operating report indicates an average daily census of 12, a long term censes of 35.1, 1,283 home health visits, 102 surgical patients, 16 newborns and 594 emergency room visits.

Board members present this morning were Cave, Dr. Mark Weaver, E.D. Walton and J.B. Tate Jr. Not present were Jimmy McMillan and Stanley Martin.

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Seven-year-old slain while father gambles night away

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — While her father gambled the night away, a 7-year-old girl was raped and killed in a Nevada casino restroom. An 18-year-old high school student who allegedly befriended her was arrested.

Jeremy Strohmeyer was arrested for investigation of the slaying of Sherrice Iverson, whose body was found before dawn Sunday at the Primadonna Resort — one of three hotel-casinos in Primm, 43 miles southwest of Las Vegas.

Strohmeyer was arrested at his home in Long Beach late Wednesday, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Sgt. Bill Keeton said. He was held without bail pending extradition proceedings.

Strohmeyer and a friend of his told two teen-age girls in Long Beach about the killing, the girls told their parents and their parents called authorities, Las Vegas police said today.

Sherrice had arrived at the casino early Sunday with her father, Leroy Iverson, 57, of Los Angeles, and 14-year-old brother.

Security guards had warned Sherrice's family three times that night not to leave her alone in an arcade while they were gambling, a source connected with the casino said. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Our security found the young girl alone at 1:33 a.m. and paged her family, and her older brother came and got her," Primadonna Chief Operating Officer Chris Gibase said in a statement earlier this week.

3 arrested by authorities

City officers arrested two people Wednesday and another was taken into custody early this morning.

An 18-year-old female was arrested at 11:05 a.m. Wednesday in the 1500 block of Avenue M on city warrants for allowing an unrestrained child in a vehicle, failure to pay the fine and a new charge of failure to provide identification at the time of arrest.

A person called the police department at 2:36 p.m. in reference to a person in the area of 37th Street and Merrill Avenue possibly being intoxicated. Officers arrested a 57-year-old male for public intoxication.

Following a disturbance at Allsup's early this morning, officers arrested a 39-year-old female for public intoxication.

In other activity Wednesday, officers were called to the Walls Factory Outlet Store at 9:26 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief to the door of the business.

Officers were notified at 2:30 p.m. that a 15-year-old female who had been listed as a runaway had returned home.

Officers were called to the Snyder Shopping Center at 1:24 p.m. in reference to several juveniles throwing water balloons.

An incident report for Class C criminal mischief was submitted at 4:14 p.m. in reference to the back glass being broken out of a vehicle by a rock while parked in the 1700 block of Smith Street.

Deputies are investigating the theft of a butane tank from the Robert Mitchell residence in Ira that was reported at 8:16 p.m.

Snyder man to enter plea

A Snyder man is scheduled to enter a plea in Lubbock's United States District Court Friday morning on charges of a felon being in possession of a firearm and possession of a silencer that was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Tommy Brian McKinley, 48, was indicted on the federal charges on March 12.

McKinley pleaded not guilty to the charges on March 27 and is currently free on $5,000 bond.

McKinley, who lived at 2808 Ave. T, was arrested on the charges in February in Lubbock. He has also been indicted by a Scurry County grand jury for aggravated assault and possession of less than one ounce of methamphetamine. Bonds on the local charges totaled $15,000.



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Reese Air Force Base slated for industrial, business use

LUBBOCK (AP) — Deactivated Reese Air Force Base someday will serve Lubbock as a business and industrial park in the western reaches of town, according to a plan approved by the agency in charge of its fate.

The Lubbock-Reese Redevelopment Authority has unanimously approved a plan by a consulting firm to turn the old pilot training base into a complex featuring industrial aviation, manufacturing, educational facilities and other uses.

Once Reese officially shuts down Sept. 30, the plan urges the authority to acquire the property and aggressively market it.

"It's a road map for the path to redevelopment," said Eddie McBride, the authority's executive director.

Civic leaders hired Dallas-based Pathfinders to study reuse options soon after the Pentagon put Reese on the chopping block two years ago.

What's Up?

Grads celebration preparations

Snyder High seniors and parents will be at the Western Texas College gym at 1 p.m. Friday to decorate and prepare for the all-night graduation celebration. For more information, call Dee at 573-1330.

Reception scheduled

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

Girl's basketball fund-raiser

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

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Marianna and Ernie McGaughey will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Wesley Hall of the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. McGaughey has served as pastor of Snyder's First United Methodists Church for the past three years.

Vacation Bible School

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

Mobil cookout fund-raiser

The Mobil cookout fund-raiser originally set Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot has been postponed until the fall.

Camp Springs homecoming

Camp Springs Homecoming will be held Sunday in the Northeast Community Center. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a covered dish. Paper products and ice will be furnished. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series of tapes titled "The Seven Churches of Asia." The second Bible tape, "Judas and the Great Betrayal," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "Smyrna, Thyatiara & Philadelphia."

Quilt objects sought

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

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

Dermott school reunion

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

Writing contest

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

Class of '87 reunion

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

Adult education classes

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

IA Club needs donations

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

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $9 million and was sold in Huntsville.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were 4, 8, 10, 20, 28 and 44. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

4-0-6
(four, zero, six)

Senate OKs disaster relief proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate approved a measure that would provide a way for Texas to provide disaster relief when federal funds fall short.

Rep. Patricia Gray's bill was approved Wednesday with minor changes and now returns to the House before going to the governor for consideration.