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Court puts the bite on weevil eradication program

Too early to predict ruling's impact locally

From local, AP reports

It's too early to tell what ramifications the Texas Supreme Court's ruling on the boll weevil eradication program will have across the state.

"Everything is continuing as normal activity at this point. We have not been told to stop operations. We will continue until told otherwise," Michelle Thompson, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation public information director for the west side of the state, said this morning from Abilene.

The Texas Supreme Court on Wednesday declared the state's boll weevil eradication program unconstitutional.

"Hallelujah!" said Harlingen cotton grower Lamar Smith, one of 120 Rio Grande Valley farmers who sued the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. "Hopefully, it means that we're out from under this fiasco that they call the boll weevil eradication program."

His lawsuit was one of two filed against the foundation contending its method of assessing fees for the program was unconstitutional. The other was filed by 10 Hale County cotton growers.

In both cases, state district judges invalidated the assessments and stopped their collection.

On Wednesday, the state's high court upheld the lower court rulings.

In the majority opinion, Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips said the Legislature violated the state constitution by delegating broad governmental authority to the private foundation.

The boll weevil eradication act "as a whole represents an overly broad delegation of legislative authority to a private entity. ... Therefore, the act cannot stand," Phillips wrote.

But Justice John Cornyn, in a dissenting opinion, said the ruling could set a dangerous precedent.

"The prospect of invalidating a delegation on this basis jeopardizes innumerable other statutes covering a multitude of subjects," Cornyn wrote.

Thompson said this morning that the foundation's lawyers were studying the ruling.

No one answered the telephone at the district office here. Local cotton specialists were attending the Rolling Plains Cotton Producer's meeting in Inadale and were unavailable for comment.

Terry Hefner, conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and a member of the Board of County Development (BCD), said she is still trying to find out more information.

The BCD provided funds for three-year lease of the former Howard Gray Motor Co. building, which houses the district office here.

Dr. David Kattes, ag professor at Western Texas College and another member of the Board of County Development, said he was disappointed at the court's ruling.

"I personally think it will be a loss. I think it was a good thing. I

See Boll weevil, Page 10

Graduation exercises set Friday night

Sixty-seven students will receive associate degrees and certificates Friday during commencement exercises at Western Texas College.

The ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the central courtyard.

Student speakers will be Johathan Carroll of Hawley, Sharon Gill of Snyder and Tonya Tiday of Graham.

Jack Price, associate professor of government, will give the faculty response.

A reception will follow in the Student Center.

In case of bad weather, the ceremony will be moved to the First Baptist Church.

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS SIGN ON — Western Texas College students will have an easier time transfering their credits to Angelo State University now that the administrators have completed an articulation agreement. The pact was signed Wednesday by ASU President E. James Hindman, right, and WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

Senior Center May Day event here Saturday

May Day, the annual Scurry County Senior Center fund-raiser, is set for Saturday in the county coliseum.

A variety of activities highlight the event.

Booths offering baked foods and arts and crafts for sale will open at 2 p.m. Musical entertainment will also begin then, and continue through the afternoon. Admission is free.

A silent auction, sponsored by the Golden Kiwanis, will offer merchandise donated by local merchants.

Barbecue will be served up beginning at 4:30 p.m. and lasting until 6. Tickets are $5 each.

The auction starts at 6:30 and will feature quilts made in the Center, afghans, paintings and some surprise items.

"We have the largest selection of quilts we have ever had, and in a variety of sizes," said Norman Laywell, Senior Center director.

WTC recognizes top students

Pamela Foster of Snyder and Jonathan Carroll of Hawley were named Outstanding Female and Male Student at Western Texas College this morning during the annual Awards Day program on campus.

The awards were presented by college president Dr. Harry Krenek at the conclusion of the program, held in the courtyard.

Also recognized were outstanding students in each department and those named to Who's Who.

Outstanding Male Nominees: Clay Ryan Koening, Snyder; Edward Robert Russell, Mineral Wells; Morten Vildhoj, Haderslev, Denmark; Jonathan David Carroll, Hawley.

Outstanding Female Nominees: Cindy Lou Burrow, Snyder; Jana McCloy, Morse; Lila Jo Rector, Knox City; Lou E. Harding, Snyder; Pamela G. Foster, Snyder; Sharon Gill, Snyder.

English as a Second Language: Akiko Nishijima, Fukioka, Japan.

Science: Allan Waddell, Roscoe; Ellena Franco, Colorado City; Jana McCloy, Morse; Shane Kelley, Colorado City.

Electronic Office Technology: Sophomore- Amy Hernandez, Snyder; Freshmen- Charlesta Scott, Snyder; Chelci Beaird, Colorado City; Sharon Gill, Snyder.

Math: Ana Hernandez, Snyder.

U.S. History: Brenda Fouts, Snyder; Mark Miles, Colorado City.

Drama: Burzin Unwalla, Houston.

Algebra: Christopher Lynch, Colorado City; Jake McCullough, Big Spring; Misato Ota, Culver City, Calif; Shane Kelley, Colorado City.

Psychology: Clay Ryan Koening, Snyder; Jarrett Granich, Los Alamos, N.M..

Golf/Landscape Technology: Sophomore- Craig Kight, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Ed Russell, Mineral Wells; Freshman- Kevin Coffee, Snyder; Tyson King, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

English: Danny Zapata, Roscoe; Jonathan Carroll, Hawley; Lila Rector, Knox City; Paul Morrison, Snyder; Raul Alcala, Snyder.

Business Administration: Debora Lang, Snyder.

USA Academic Team: Jana McCloy, Morse; Jonathan Carroll, Hawley.

Academic Rodeo: Jana McCloy, Morse; Kyle Bowers, Brooks, AB, Canada.

Government: Jeffrey Levens, Snyder; Richie Solis, Snyder.

Agriculture Major: Sophomore- Jessica Critz, Sweetwater; Shane Kelley, Colorado City; Freshman- Jeremy Howard, Ira; Paige Burelsmith, Tatum, N.M.

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OUTSTANDING STUDENTS — Western Texas College named its outstanding female and male student in ceremonies this morning on the campus. Honored were Pamela Foster of Snyder and Jonathan Carroll of Hawley. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder High School students enter state academic contests

AUSTIN — Snyder High School students begin Class 4A UIL academic and one-act play competition here Friday.

Participating in academic contests will be LaTrisha Lee in science and computer science, Christy Tankersley in computer applications and Jenise Judah in accounting.

Snyder drama department will present its one-act play, "The Tempest," at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Bass Concert Hall on the University of Texas campus.

Cast and crew members include Kade Kubena, Jay Don Griffin, Clark Church, Joey Steakley, Lone Pedersen, Joanie Wemken, Melanie Gibson, Emily Zeck, Mark Rodriguez, Kate Maguire, Mary Higby, Andy Parker, Chris Post, Jared Dennis, Ryan Landes and Shala Gilliland.

Others are Jessica Mills, Christina Bullard, Reid Johnson, Kevin Taylor, Jack Hedges, Mac McCraw, Eldon Scott, Anna Hannan, Scott Love and Chris Halbert.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "May is the time of year when you realize your fall bulbs didn't come up."

It's May, so surely spring is here. The wacky weather of last month confounded everyone and everything — including the mesquites.

There seems to be a mixed opinion on whether last month's freeze wiped out next fall's pecan crop. Don't ask us. We once planted stuff around the mail box and the pole died.

The following — about planting — showed up on our desk. It's some pretty practical stuff.

--First, plant five rows of peas — prayer, promptness, perseverance, preparedness, politeness.

--Next to them, plant three rows of squash — squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference.

--Then plant five rows of lettuce — let us be faithful, let us be loyal, let us be useful, let us be truthful, let us be loving toward one another.

--Finally, no garden is complete without turnips — turn up for volunteering, turn up with a smile, turn up with a new idea, turn up with determination.

--Cultivate, and see how well your garden grows!

Got a friend whose lawn naturally attracts dandelions.

He tried every formula for getting rid of them, but had no luck.

He sought professional advice. Our friend explained his plight, mentioning the multitude of chemicals sprayed on the hardy rascals.

The expert considered the dilemma. Scratching his head, the expert came up with a less stressful way to deal with the problem. He advised, "Learn to love dandelions."

Our friend, Martha Gist, has a pretty green thumb and she believes in talking to your plants.

She has an idea about making those tomatoes thrive. She advises: "Tell 'em they're dandelions."

ASK US

Q—What is the holiday Snyder ISD is celebrating Monday?

A—There is no official holiday observance Monday; rather, it is a bad weather makeup day. Since there was no loss of school time due to bad weather, it will be a holiday for students and employees.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 75 degrees; low, 51; 7 a.m. Thursday, 51; no precipitation; total for 1997, 10.63 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 30% chance of storms. Low, upper 50s. S wind 10-20 mph becoming N-NW toward morning. Friday, slight chance of morning showers.

Rain Possible

Nathan Ricossa

Sunset: 8:23 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.

Of 120 days in 1997, the sun has shone 108 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I always have to dream up there against the stars. If I don't dream I will make it, I won't even get close.

--Henry J. Kaiser

Rebels no match for elite forces, technology

LIMA, Peru (AP) — As the rebels grew bored, the government went to work, digging tunnels, slipping tiny cameras up through the mansion floor, sneaking microphones into the house and snapping overhead pictures from a spy plane.

By the time 140 elite commandos stormed the home on April 22, four months after the hostage-taking, they knew what they would find. They knew the rebels' habits and their battle plans. They knew how to elude rebel-planted mines.

Despite their tough talk and hard bargaining, the 14 Tupac Amaru rebels, mostly young peasants, proved no match for the squad of ruggedly trained, top-flight troops.

All the rebels were killed while only one of the 72 captives and two army soldiers died. The rest were freed in one of the most effective hostage rescues in modern history. The result is perhaps the proudest chapter in the history of a Peruvian military dogged by image problems.

Before the raid, the military was accused of torturing and killing its own intelligence agents. The negative headlines melted away amid jubilation over what the special forces accomplished.

"This has given us back a little dignity," said poet Anthony Cisneros, a commentator on Peruvian society. "We're not a banana republic but rather a country that is capable of an effective response."

The commandos were hand-picked from the Peruvian navy, army and air force, and were separated from other troops and trained for weeks on an island off the Lima port of Callao using a wooden replica of the Japanese ambassador's home.

While troops trained, 60 people, many of them professional miners, began digging the tunnels soldiers would use to surprise the rebels. More than 200 truckloads of dirt were removed without the rebels' knowledge.

In March, the guerrillas heard the digging and called off negotiations. But talks resumed days later and rebels inexplicably took no new security precautions.

A few days before the assault, the spacious tunnels, which were carpeted to cut down on noise, stretched underneath the compound.

Soldiers in the tunnels made small holes and inserted periscopes equipped with the endoscopic cameras inside the compound's first floor. The cameras, smaller than a human fingernail, are normally used for intestinal examinations and surgery.

A remarkably clear photo taken from one camera published Monday shows rebel leader Nestor Cerpa smiling and speaking with three other rebels around a desk, oblivious that authorities were monitoring their every move.

Microphones hidden in a guitar, crutches and even a Bible also gave authorities key information about the goings on inside the compound. A CIA-provided spy plane reportedly flew over the residence and provided details about the location of people and rebel-planted mines.

Soldiers also had some of the most advanced weaponry available. Each had a Belgian-made FN Herstal P-90, with rounds that reportedly could rip through a bullet-proof vest when fired from up to 500 feet away.

The guerrillas were simply not prepared.

"If I come from a remote jungle region, how could I possibly imagine that they are observing me" with high-tech devices, said Guillermo Thorndike, an analyst who has written a book about the Tupac Amaru group.

The rebels also made some tactical mistakes. They fell into a routine and began playing a daily, hour-long game of makeshift soccer, leaving their weapons leaning against the walls.

They also moved their captives to the residence's second floor.

Survey: decrease seen in teen sex rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a campaign to cut teen pregnancy rates by a third kicks off, the government reports some encouraging news: the percentage of teen-age girls having sex dropped in 1995 for the first time since the survey began.

The data released today also show teens increased their use of birth control — condoms, in particular.

Fifty percent of teen-age girls between 15- and 19-years old have had intercourse at least once, according to the 1995 National Survey of Family Growth, an in-depth government survey conducted every five years.

That's down from 55 percent in 1990 and marks the first decrease since the survey began 25 years ago. In 1970, 29 percent of girls said they had sex, a percentage that climbed steadily until 1995.

A survey released last year found similar results for teen-age boys. In 1995, 55 percent reported having sex, down from 60 percent in 1988.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala welcomed news that the steady increase in teen sex may have halted, but she cautioned against letting the data "lull us into doing less."

"We need to change the cultural messages that have been accepted too long," she said.

That's precisely the goal of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, which hopes a media campaign and research into programs that work will cut the teen pregnancy rate by one-third over 10 years.

The campaign also wants to move past the debate over abstinence vs. birth control, which has virtually paralyzed many communities.

"While the adults are arguing, the kids are getting pregnant," said campaign director Sarah S. Brown.

Teen pregnancy rates have dropped modestly in recent years, but 40 percent of girls and women become pregnant before they are 20 years old, the campaign reports, giving the United States a higher teen pregnancy rate than any other industrialized nation.

Half of teen pregnancies end in birth, one-third in abortion and the rest in miscarriage, the campaign said.

The campaign rejects conventional wisdom that sex education and access to birth control will prevent pregnancy. The fundamental problem is convincing teens that getting pregnant is a bad idea, say organizers, who plan to work with television networks to create public service advertisements and change content in programming.

Board member Linda Chavez pointed to the entertainment industry's decision to stop showing characters smoking cigarettes, a once-common scene.

"When Hollywood decides they want to promote a certain value, they are effective at doing it," said Chavez, president of the Center for Equal Opportunity.

So far, commitments are modest. The BET network will host a town meeting with 250 teen-agers talking about teen pregnancy prevention. MTV has agreed to produce a series of public service advertisements, and ABC says it will arrange a meeting of soap opera writers.

The campaign also plans to support communities that want to embark on anti-pregnancy programs, although leaders admit they don't really know what works. They suggest a broad approach that integrates schools, parents, churches, media and industry.

"There are no easy answers," Brown said. "That doesn't mean there are no answers at all."

Meanwhile, the government survey shows that more women are using contraceptives.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, May 2, 1997

In the year ahead, your imagination and curiosity will be more easily stimulated than before. These attributes could be substantial contributors to your success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will be quite clever today in maneuvering around obstacles. This will provide your expectations with good chances of being realized, with or without cooperation from others. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Sometimes trying too hard can be as ineffective as not trying at all. Avoid being unduly aggressive, as you may defeat your own purpose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Soft sell could be the most effective tool at you disposal today. Understate your offer and let the listener fill in the blank spaces.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today your most outstanding skills are your ingenuity and resourcefulness. You may be using them to transform an arrangement that has gone sour.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Glamorous people and settings might hold special appeal for you today. Dinner by candlelight in a posh restaurant could gratify your yearnings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The market value of the skills and talents you have to offer is up today. Remain confident and don't underestimate your abilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A departure from your usual routines will help revitalize your psyche today. Do something fun and unusual with a different set of friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The concerns of persons you love should take precedence over other priorities today. First provide for their needs and then for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Friends with whom you'll be involved with today may place you in a leadership role. Take care to establish a proper example for them to follow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) When it comes to hard-nosed horse trading today, you might be out of your element. Do not let a smooth talker coerce you into a burn deal.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be very selective regarding companions today, because other will be differentiate between your behavior and theirs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Leave the door ajar today if you're negotiating a significant matter. Do not let your pride put obstacles on your path.

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BSP RITUALS — Beta Sigma Phi members held a ritual ceremony recently at the Martha Ann Woman's Club and participating were, from left, Janine Schoolcraft, Welcome and Ritual of Jewels; Carla Allen, Lois Cave, Janeen Patterson, Loretta Worthen, Exemplar Ritual; and Jackie Buckland, Order of the Rose. (Contributed Photo)

OFFICERS — Installed as Beta Sigma Phi officers included, from left, Dena Ellis, president; Jacalyn Lowrance, first vice president; Carla Allen, second vice president; Wanda Early, extension officer; Vicky Bell, treasurer; Jeanne Johnson, recording secretary; and Lois Cave, corresponding secretary. (Contributed Photo)

SCHOLARSHIPS — Jackie Buckland, center, Beta Sigma Phi treasurer, presented Jay Don Griffin, left, and Troy Allen with the Pam Fowler Memorial Scholarship. Standing with the recipients are their mothers, sorority members Betsy Griffin and Carla Allen. (Contributed Photo)

Sorority ends years with Founder's Day, installation

Xi Alpha Alpha Theta chapter members of Beta Sigma Phi were honored with traditional rituals when they met on April 22 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

The rituals were presented before a lace-covered table, centered with yellow roses and symbolic tapers on either side.

Jackie Buckland received the Order of the Rose for her 20 years of membership in Beta Sigma Phi. The Welcome Ritual and Ritual of Jewels were given for Janine Schoolcraft; the Exemplar Ritual was presented to Loretta Worthen, Janeen Patterson, Lois Cave and Carla Allen.

Assisting Hedges were Carolyn Limmer, Carolyn House, Jacalyn Lowrance, Vicky Bell, Marie Boone, Wanda Early, Dena Ellis and Janeen Patterson.

The 1997-98 officers were installed to include Dena Ellis, president; Jacalyn Lowrance, first vice president; Carla Allen, second vice president; Vicky Bell, treasurer; Jeanne Johnson, recording secretary; Lois Cave, corresponding secretary; and Wanda Early, extension officer.

Troy Allen and Jay Don Griffin received the Pam Fowler Memorial Scholarship, presented by Jackie Buckland.

Ellis conducted the business session where committees for next year were announced, and ways and means, programs, the social calendar and the budget were discussed.

A cookout and the revealing of secret sisters will be May 13, in Janeen Patterson's home. This will be the sorority's final social for the year.

The meeting adjourned with the Closing Ritual and Mizpah.

M. Drum to lead MAWC directors

A biennium report, recognition of life members and installation of officers will be highlights of the annual Martha Ann Woman's Club's Silver Tea set for 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the clubhouse.

Margaret Drum will serve as president for a two-year term. Also included in the installation are Jan Harrell, vice president; Janelle Hammack, recording secretary; Francene Noah, treasurer; Rae Adams, assistant treasurer; and Anne von Roeder, corresponding secretary. Shirley McMillan is caterer.

Preventing child abuse: 10 reasons

The Texas Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, through Texas Agricultural Extension Service at A&M, gives 10 important reasons to prevent child abuse.

1. Child abuse terrorizes, injures and kills.

2. Child abuse interferes with a child's normal growth and development, physically, mentally and emotionally.

3. Child abuse is costly for society. Victims of abuse are more likely to require tax-supported medical, legal, penal, and social services.

4. Child abuse victims are six times more likely to become abusive parents than non-abused children. The behavior is learned and the cycle is vicious.

5. Intervention and treatment are costly and less effective than prevention.

6. Prevention programs for parents reduce the likelihood of maltreatment.

7. Prevention programs for children effectively increase their safety and self-esteem.

8. Because of the interdependence of child abuse, education, and crime issues, prevention efforts positively impact many problems of concern to the public.

9. Child abuse prevention sends a message to all people that our society values children and their place in our future.

10. If intervention spares just one child the terror and powerlessness of being victimized, it's the right thing to do.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-29-97
♠ 9 8 4 3
♥ A Q 6
♦ A 10 8
♣ K 9 5

West
♠ K 10 2
♥ 9
♦ 7 6 5 4
♣ A Q 10 8 6

East
♠ J 7 6 5
♥ K 10
♦ K 9 3
♣ J 7 4 2

South
♠ A Q
♥ J 8 7 5 4 3 2
♦ Q J 2
♣ 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 6

The titled to the rescue

By Phillip Alder

Oscar Wilde wrote, "Whenever a man does a thoroughly stupid thing, it is always from the noblest of motives." Well, bridge is a game of mistakes. And experts are especially adept at benefiting from those made by their opponents. In this deal, from the 1997 Macallan International Pairs, Britain's top player, Tony Forrester, took advantage of a blunder by West.

South's one-heart opening perhaps causes you a raised eyebrow or two. However, it is the best choice. The suit is too weak and the side-suit defense too strong for a pre-emptive opening bid. And to pass is feeble. As in chess, it pays to make the first move.

West started the defense on the road to success when he led a diamond. (He selected the six because second-highest from weak suits is popular in Europe. In North America, most would lead the seven, as the top two cards are touching. Leading fourth-highest should promise an honor in the suit.) Declarer had to finesse, and East did the right thing, switching to a spade at trick two. After a second finesse lost, West should have cashed the club ace. Then the heart king defeats the game. But West erred in returning the spade 10.

Forrester won with the spade ace, played a heart to dummy's ace, and called for the spade nine. When East covered with the jack, Forrester ruffed, played a diamond to dummy's ace, and threw the club three on dummy's spade eight.

I doubt East complimented West on his "noblest of motives" in returning the spade 10. He probably made some much less flattering observation.

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Menu change

On Friday, the Aramark Food Service will serve cinnamon sticks for breakfast, not cinnamon toast.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Debt Created by Easy Credit Is Harder and Harder to Pay

DEAR ABBY: I am a mortgage broker, and it is my job to review people's credit history. I am disturbed by the number of people who are mired in credit card debt. I just talked to a couple with four children who had more than $100,000 in credit card debt with an annual salary of $75,000.

This is an extreme case. However, it is not uncommon for people to be caught up in the vicious cycle of paying for things on credit and being able to afford only the minimum monthly payments of these cards. I feel the credit card companies are to blame for all their gimmicks of "preapproved" junk mail, and the consumer is to blame for not being able to throw this mail away instead of signing up. Credit cards encourage people to live beyond their means, creating financial stress in families.

If people are in that situation, I encourage them to call the credit card company to close their account and cut up their cards, except one with a low interest rate or one that is due monthly. If there isn't enough cash to pay for it — don't buy it!

Use the card for emergencies only. Even though they may have to do without the new outfit or the larger television set, consumers will be happier without the stress that credit card debt can cause. Are there support groups available for "credit junkies"?

FREE AND CLEAR IN FLORIDA

DEAR FREE AND CLEAR: I don't know about support groups for credit junkies, but consumer credit counseling services are available in most major metropolitan areas. To locate one, look in the Yellow Pages.

According to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, in 1996 a record 1.1 million individuals filed bankruptcy — up 27 percent from the previous year.

Your "credit card cut-up" is a step in the right direction, but major creditors also want to toughen the nation's bankruptcy code to make it more difficult to simply erase debts without further payment.

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DEAR ABBY: "Loving Daughter in Lakeland, Fla." wrote that her father had a college ring he never removed, but at his death she took the ring off to keep in his memory. She asked, "Did we do the right thing?" Your reply, "Yes, without a doubt."

You were wrong. My late wife never wanted her wedding ring removed. When she underwent serious surgery, she said, "Don't let them take the ring off." As death neared, she was concerned that the funeral directors might do so.

When the time came to close the coffin, I leaned down for one last kiss, placed my hand over her cold one, touched the ring and said, "You got your wish. That ring never left your finger since I put it on, years ago."

The body disintegrates after death, but gold is eternal. As long as our civilization survives, in that grave will be a circle of gold, memorializing a love that once existed.

"Loving Daughter's" father must have had a similar bond to his college. The ring should have remained with him throughout eternity.

ALONE WITH MEMORIES

DEAR ALONE: Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your beloved wife. You were honoring your wife's wishes by seeing that she was buried with her ring. "Loving Daughter," however, had never heard her father express such a sentiment. For her to have buried the ring, rather than keeping it to cherish, would have benefited no one.

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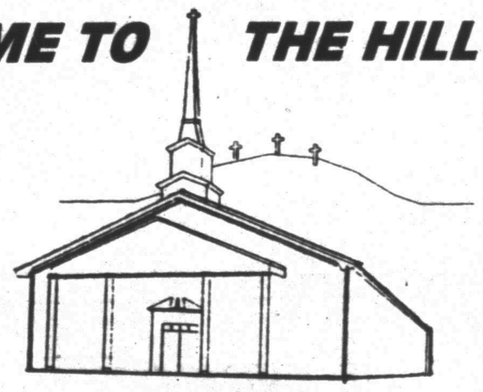
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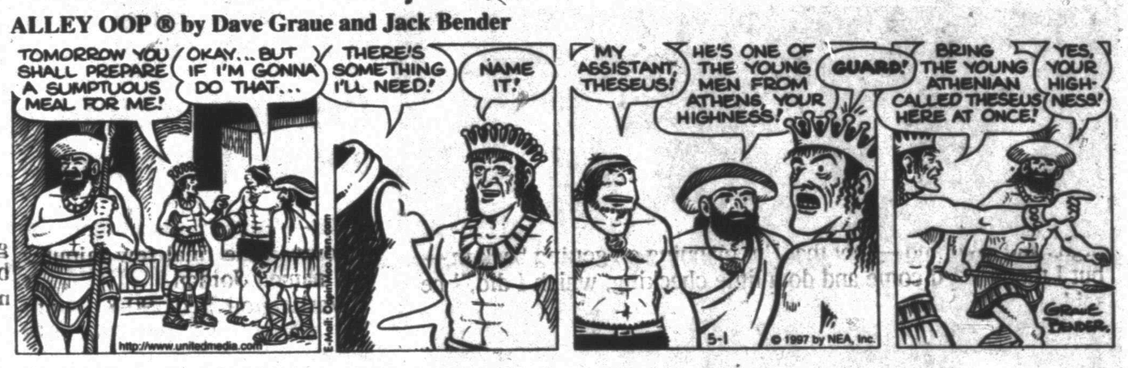

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45 Morning moisture
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11 Blue
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20 Fabric-coloring method
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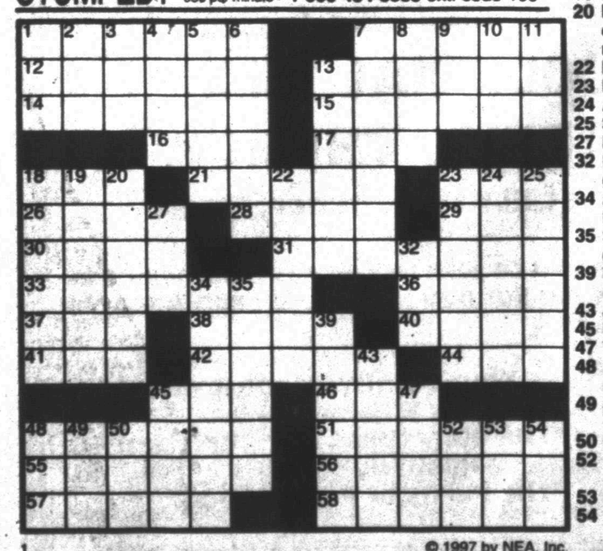

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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Expos' rally sinks Astros

MONTREAL (AP) — Even though his Montreal Expos are an even .500, manager Felipe Alou likes what he sees so far.

One day after a disappointing 14-8 loss to the Chicago Cubs, the Expos rallied for a 8-6 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

"What I like most is the spirit of this club," said Alou, whose team squandered a 5-0 first-inning lead Tuesday. "We gave up the lead three or four times (Tuesday). We got beat bad. But they came back today. It's an incredible feeling. If we had any kind of pitching, this club would compete a lot."

David Segui and Mark Grudzielanek led Montreal offensively, while left-hander Carlos Perez battled around a four-run third inning as Montreal overcame a 4-1 deficit.

Segui, settling in to his role as cleanup hitter, homered and drove in four runs, and Grudzielanek had four singles to extend his hitting streak to 15 games as Montreal snapped a three-game slide.

Pulpit in derby spotlight

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Pulpit is on the spot in the Kentucky Derby, and that's OK with trainer Frank Brothers.

"I like this spot, I really do," Brothers said Wednesday. "I realize we have 115 years of history to beat, but he looks excellent. He couldn't be doing any better, but there's a reason for that statistic."

There has been only one Derby winner who did not race as a 2-year-old — Apollo in 1882 — and Pulpit was made the 2-1 early favorite after drawing the No. 7 post.

He also could become the first betting favorite to win the 1¼-mile Derby on Saturday at Churchill Downs since Spectacular Bid in 1979.

Pulpit, a bay colt bred and owned by Claiborne Farm, sustained a stress fracture last year.

"For a young horse to take the kind of pressure he has, sometimes they just fall apart on you physically and mentally," Brothers said. "But he hasn't done that."

Captain Bodgit, the only horse to beat Pulpit in his five starts, was the early 5-2 second choice.

"I think we'll be the favorite at post time," said Barry Irwin, who, with Jeff Siegel, is the managing partner of a 32-member syndicate that owns the colt.

Holtz visits Valley Ranch

IRVING (AP) — It wasn't a surprise visit by Lou Holtz to the Dallas Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquarters, but the former Notre Dame coach did raise some eyebrows nonetheless.

Holtz said Wednesday he was in Dallas to visit a friend and also asked permission to watch practice camp, which was granted.

"I miss coaching, I miss the relationship of players, I miss the highs and lows and — not that I'm planning on getting back in — but I thought I'd come and do a little checking, which I did," he said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones once said Holtz was considered a possibility for the coaching job.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer laughed when reporters asked him about the visit, joking that assistant coaches didn't have to worry because Holtz was asking about receivers coach Hubbard Alexander's job.

Golf team sendoff

A sendoff for the SHS girls varsity golf team will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday in the sophomore parking lot. The Lady Tigers compete Monday and Tuesday at the Class 4A state meet in Austin.

Cancer benefit golf tourney

A four-person scramble to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held Saturday at the Western Texas College Golf Course.

Entry fee for the 18-hole tournament is $100 per team or $25 per individual. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Trophies will be given to the top three teams, and prizes given for longest drive, closest to the pin as well as door prizes.

Swingers play Friday

Swingers play will begin Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club and couples play is set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira High School all-sports banquet is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the school cafeteria. There will be an ice cream supper, followed by a dance.

Mens' basketball tourney

A men's basketball tournament will be held May 23-24 at Snyder High School. Entry fee is $100 per team and teams may have up to seven members. Deadline to enter is May 21. Call Daniel Flores at 573-5574.

3A softball game Friday

A Class 3A softball playoff game between Clyde and Monahans will be played at 7 p.m. Friday at Snyder's Cates Field.

Men's softball signup

Signup for Men's Slow Pitch softball is underway. Deadline is May 10. Contact Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 during the day or 573-4332 at night.

SCC Pumpjack Tournament

The Snyder Country Club will hold its annual Pumpjack Partnership Tournament May 17-18.

Deadline to enter is May 14 and entry fee is $150 per team. The first 60 paid teams will be accepted.

Format is a scramble both days and all handicaps will be verified.

Bulls sweep series...

Bullets short on ammunition

By The Associated Press

Shame on those who said the Chicago Bulls wouldn't win 72 games again.

It just took them a little longer than it did last year.

The Bulls, coming off a 69-win regular season, completed a first-round sweep of the Washington Bullets with a 96-95 squeaker Wednesday night.

As usual, Michael Jordan carried the load in the fourth quarter, leading Chicago back from a nine-point deficit. And when Jordan uncharacteristically let the ball slip out of his hands with 10 seconds left, Scottie Pippen caught it and went in for a slam dunk that proved to be the clincher.

There were no such fourth-quarter theatrics in the night's other game, but the Los Angeles Lakers certainly came close. After trailing by 26 entering the final period, the Lakers closed within six before falling 98-90 to the Portland Trail Blazers.

It reduced the Blazers' deficit to 2-1 in the best-of-5 series, which will resume Friday night.

With the playoffs now one week old, half of the first-round series have been decided and two more can come to an end tonight.

Miami, with a 2-1 edge on Orlando, plays host to the Magic. And the Phoenix Suns, with a 2-1 lead on Seattle, have a home game against the Sonics.

The other undecided series resumes Friday when Detroit, with a 2-1 lead, plays Atlanta.

Bulls 96, Bullets 95

The Bullets put up an excellent fight in their last game with their current nickname. They will be known as the Wizards next season.

The only wizard on the Landover court in the final few minutes was named Jordan.

Washington led 90-81 with 5:11 left before Jordan went to work. He hit two straight jump shots and followed a free throw by Rod Strickland with another jumper. After Juwan Howard missed for the Bullets, Pippen hit a 3-pointer to pull Chicago to 91-90 with two minutes left.

Strickland scored in the lane and Jordan responded with an 18-footer. Strickland then missed, and Jordan hit a runner to put the Bulls up with 1:12 remaining.

Howard's two foul shots put Washington up 95-94 with 22.1 seconds to go, and Jordan had the ball in his hands as the clock ticked down to 10 seconds.

As Jordan drove into the lane and pulled up for a jumper, the ball slipped out of his hands and flew right to Pippen, who drove to the basket and jammed the ball as he was being fouled by Harvey Grant.

"We executed the play to perfection," Pippen said in jest. "It hung in the air for a while, and when I got it I just took it to the baseline."

Trail Blazers 98, Lakers 90

At Portland, the Trail Blazers jumped ahead behind Kenny Anderson's 17 first-quarter points, and it stayed a blowout through three quarters.

But the Lakers outscored Portland 24-6 to start the fourth quarter to close their deficit to 90-82 on Kobe Bryant's two free throws with 3:15 to play.

Bryant, who scored 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, twice cut Portland's lead to six in the final 33 seconds, but Clifford Robinson and Anderson each made a pair of free throws to finally ice the win. Portland was 1-for-14 from the field in the fourth period.

"We've got to look at this game as a butt-kicking. We've got to look at it as a 30-point loss," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "We can't say, 'Everything's fine. We almost had it.' It's not."

Anderson made his first eight shots and had a career playoff high of 30 points on 9-of-11 shooting. Rasheed Wallace added 20 points and Robinson 18.

Shaquille O'Neal had 29 points and 12 rebounds, but got little help from his teammates until the final period. O'Neal outscored Portland center Arvydas Sabonis 29-0, but the rest of the Blazers' starters outscored the rest of the Lakers' starting five 80-15.

"I don't care about the Lakers. I just know they're going to have to check back into their hotel. I hope they don't have any rooms," Anderson said. "We've got a series now."

Rangers overcome White Sox, weather

CHICAGO (AP) — It was a dark and stormy night, not to mention windy, wet and a little risky for millionaire players.

Gusts up to 60 mph whipped in their faces and swept away their hats, while cold rain flooded their eyes.

"When the catcher would throw the (dry) ball back to the mound, it would actually get wet," Texas pitcher Bobby Witt said.

"Guys were running around the bases tip-toeing. The umpires wanted to get it in. They didn't want to have another makeup. The umpires were caught in between."

The Rangers finally won Wednesday night's game 6-2, one called after a 40-minute delay in the top of the seventh.

Both teams lost their starting pitchers because of shoulder problems before the third inning, and Texas scored four in the first on Mike Simms' grand slam, about an hour before conditions became so bothersome.

"It was very sloppy. That could be dangerous," White Sox manager Terry Bevington said. "It began to accumulate. It was just a matter of time when rains like that. With all the wind out there, it was a lot worse than it looked."

Then why did they play? That's what an irate White Sox first baseman Frank Thomas wanted to know.

"Those are the worst conditions I've ever played in," Thomas said. "We should have been out of there in the third inning. The tarp should be on the field in those kinds of conditions; that's why we have it. The weather cost us the game.

"Players get hurt in that crap. It was very dangerous. We lost because we had to play five innings. It got real bad after three innings. I mean water was gushing into guys' eyes out there; it was terrible."

The Rangers' Ken Hill was forced out in the second inning because of a right rotator cuff strain and was to be examined today by team doctors.

Xavier Hernandez replaced Hill, and then Witt (5-0), normally a starter, pitched two scoreless innings to become the American League's second five-game winner.

"I've pitched in cold, but those were the worst conditions as far as the wind and mist," Witt said. "It was tough for both sides, but you had to deal with it.'

Hill wasn't sure how badly he was hurt.

"I threw a fastball to Harold Baines, and I felt it; and then I threw a split finger, and I felt it again, and I went, 'Ah. I'd better not throw it again,'" Hill said. "It felt like a charley horse."

Chicago's Wilson Alvarez (1-4) pitched just two innings before leaving because of stiffness in his left shoulder, a move Bevington said was precautionary.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	19	6	.760	-
Florida	15	10	.600	4
Montreal	12	12	.500	6½
NewYork	12	14	.462	7½
Philadelphia	8	16	.333	10½

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	15	11	.577	-
Pittsburgh	12	13	.480	2½
St.Louis	11	14	.440	3½
Cincinnati	7	18	.280	7½
Chicago	6	19	.240	8½

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	17	7	.708	-
Colorado	17	7	.708	-
LosAngeles	13	11	.542	4
SanDiego	9	15	.375	8

Wednesday's Games

San Francisco 6, Pittsburgh 1
Atlanta 12, Cincinnati 3
Los Angeles 7, Philadelphia 5
Montreal 8, Houston 6
N.Y. Mets 6, San Diego 2
St. Louis 6, Florida 2
Colorado 11, Chicago Cubs 5

Thursday's Games

Atlanta (Smoltz 2-3) at Cincinnati (Burba 3-2), 12:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Astacio 2-0) at Philadelphia (Schilling 3-2), 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 4-0) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 1-3), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Holt 2-2) at Montreal (P.Martinez 3-0), 1:35 p.m.
Florida (A.Fernandez 3-2) at St. Louis (Morris 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Mlicki 0-2), 1:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (F.Castillo 2-3) at Colorado (Swift 2-1), 3:05 p.m.

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	16	7	.696	-
Boston	13	12	.520	4
NewYork	14	13	.519	4
Toronto	11	12	.478	5
Detroit	11	16	.407	7

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	12	11	.522	-
Cleveland	12	13	.480	1
KansasCity	11	12	.478	1
Minnesota	11	15	.423	2½
Chicago	8	17	.320	5

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	16	11	.593	-
Texas	14	10	.583	½
Anaheim	12	12	.500	2½
Oakland	13	13	.500	2½

Wednesday's Games

Detroit 8, Milwaukee 4
Boston 11, Anaheim 2
N.Y. Yankees 3, Seattle 2
Toronto 1, Kansas City 0
Oakland 11, Cleveland 9
Baltimore 12, Minnesota 3
Texas 6, Chicago White Sox 2

Thursday's Games

Anaheim (Finley 1-0) at Boston (Gordon 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Adams 1-2) at Cleveland (J.McDowell 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Williams 0-1) at Kansas City (Rosado 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 3-1) at Minnesota (Aldred 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

4A baseball playoff pairings

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Estacado vs. Canyon, 5 p.m. Friday in Canyon.

Frenship vs. Dumas at Plainview, 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Plainview (bye)

Andrews (bye)

El Paso Yesleta vs. Fort Stockton at Carlsbad, noon Friday, 7 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday, if necessary.

Weatherford vs. Fort Worth Eastern Hills, TBA.

Denison vs. Brewer, 7 p.m. Friday at Denison, 2 p.m. Saturday at Brewer and 30 minutes following if necessary.

El Paso Riverside (bye)

El Paso Burgess vs. San Angelo Lake View, 1 p.m. Friday in Alpine, 30 minutes following first game, and 10 a.m. Saturday if necessary.

Canyon Randall (bye)

Graham vs. Fort Worth Arlington Heights, 7 p.m. Thursday at Arlington Heights.

Sherman (bye)

Denton vs. Azle, 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Keller.

NBA playoffs

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(Best-of-5)

Thursday, April 24
New York 109, Charlotte 99
Miami 99, Orlando 64
Houston 112, Minnesota 95
Utah 106, L.A. Clippers 86

Friday, April 25
Atlanta 89, Detroit 75
Chicago 98, Washington 86
Phoenix 106, Seattle 101
L.A. Lakers 95, Portland 77

Saturday, April 26
Houston 96, Minnesota 84
New York 100, Charlotte 93
Utah 105, L.A. Clippers 99

Sunday, April 27
Miami 104, Orlando 87
L.A. Lakers 107, Portland 93
Chicago 109, Washington 104
Detroit 93, Atlanta 80
Seattle 122, Phoenix 78

Monday, April 28
New York 104, Charlotte 95, New York wins series 3-0
Utah 104, L.A. Clippers 92, Utah wins series 3-0

Tuesday, April 29
Orlando 88, Miami 75, Miami leads series 2-1
Detroit 99, Atlanta 91, Detroit leads series 2-1
Houston 125, Minnesota 120, Houston wins series 3-0
Phoenix 110, Seattle 103, Phoenix leads series 2-1

Wednesday, April 30
Chicago 96, Washington 95, Chicago wins series 3-0
Portland 98, L.A. Lakers 90, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1

Thursday, May 1
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2
Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 3
Phoenix at Seattle, 2:30 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, May 4
Detroit at Atlanta, TBD, if necessary
Orlando at Miami, TBD, if necessary
Portland at L.A. Lakers, TBD, if necessary

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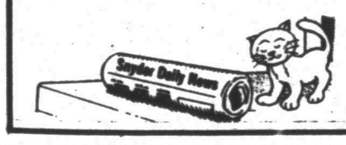

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Scientists: ingredient found in laxative causes rat cancer

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Laboratory rats developed cancer after being fed high doses of a chemical used for more than 90 years in a common over-the-counter laxative, federal scientists report.

In a report presented Wednesday to a committee of the Food and Drug Administration, toxicologists said that rats developed lymphomas after six months of a diet laced with phenolphthalein, an ingredient in the popular laxative Ex-Lax.

The amount of phenolphthalein related to cancer was at least 30 times higher than the normal dose people would receive from the prescribed amounts of the laxative, an FDA official said.

A vice president of the company that makes Ex-Lax said the laxative has been sold since 1905 and that the firm has no evidence that the product is not safe. He also questioned the validity of the results from the laboratory rat study.

Scientists from the National Toxicology Program, a Research Triangle Park, N.C. office of the National Institutes of Health, presented the report at a meeting of the Carcinogen Assessment Committee of the FDA. The committee went into executive session shortly afterward, excluding the public, and took no immediate action.

Committee Chairman Joseph J. DeGeorge of the FDA said his group would make a report to another FDA committee which, in turn, could decide whether the agency will move to restrict or modify the use of phenolphthalein in laxatives.

June K. Dunnick of the National Toxicology Program said that cells from 21 tumors taken from the laboratory rats were found to lack a cancer suppressor gene called p53. When normal, this gene helps to prevent cells from turning into cancer. The gene is missing or flawed in many human cancers.

"There was clear evidence of the loss of p53," said Dunnick.

Mark B. Gelbert, vice president of Novartis Consumer Health Inc. of Summit, N. J., manufacturer of Ex-Lax, said the product has no known health risks when consumers follow the directions on the package.

First daughter chooses Stanford

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Stanford University is one of the nation's most prestigious schools and boasts a picturesque setting under sunny California skies. It's also 3,000 miles away from Mom and Dad.

What more could a college freshman want?

At least, it's what first daughter Chelsea Clinton wants. The only child of President Clinton announced Wednesday that she will enroll at Stanford this fall.

Chelsea had her pick of Ivy League and other top schools, including Georgetown, her father's alma mater a mere three miles from the White House.

But the 17-year-old senior, who is thinking of becoming a doctor, decided to head west, to the delight of students biking to class or sipping lattes under the oaks outside the student union.

"I think it's great," freshman Courtney Lischke said. "I thought she'd stay on the East Coast, but I'm happy she's coming here."

Chelsea's announcement came in a single-sentence statement from her mother's press office, ending eight months of speculation and rumor.

The president said he did not try to influence his daughter's choice. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who had toured Stanford with Chelsea last September, was glad the college quest was finally over.

And she offered some insight into why Chelsea chose a distant university.

"I think she wanted to branch out and be her own person ... make her own mark in the world," Mrs. Clinton said.

Chelsea, who attends Washington's private Sidwell Friends School, was one of only 15,000 high school students to qualify as a National Merit semifinalist. She was one of the 1,610 students chosen from a field of 16,840 applicants for Stanford's class of 2001.

Stanford, 30 miles south of San Francisco, boasts 10 Nobel Prize winners and 19 winners of the National Medal of Science on its faculty. It is also one of the nation's the most scenic universities, with a central campus sprawling over 1,800 acres at the foot of rolling hills that rise into coastal mountains.

Students said the combination of those factors — along with the relaxed attitudes, good weather and ethnic and cultural diversity — may have been why Chelsea chose Stanford.

Switch turning runty rodents into supermice

NEW YORK (AP) — It may be time to build a better mousetrap: Genetics went and built a better mouse.

Researchers at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University have created a strain of supermice two to three times more muscular than the standard model, with big, broad shoulders and massive hips.

Their creators believe the mice could spur a revolution in the treatment of muscular dystrophy and similar diseases. They might even transform the livestock industry, where bigger muscles would mean more meat.

The supermice were made by Se-Jin Lee, Alexandra McPherron and Ann Lawler, molecular biologists at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. The researchers created the mice by deleting a single gene that appears to limit muscle growth.

The Hopkins researchers reported their success in today's issue of the British journal Nature.

Though they seem stronger than their peers, the supermice are gentle giants. "When I poke them they don't run away as fast as a normal mouse," McPherron said Tuesday. "They don't seem to be bothered by it."

Aside from their musculature, the mice are physically identical to their scrawnier kin. At five months, genetically altered males weigh about 1.5 ounces, compared to 1.2 ounces for normal mice.

The Hopkins scientists created the burly beasts by knocking out the gene for a growth factor they discovered. Growth factors are proteins that either stimulate or suppress the growth and division of certain cell types, such as bone or nerve — or muscle.

It turns out the growth factor the Hopkins researchers found, myostatin, inhibits muscle growth. The researchers found that out as soon as they saw the mice they had bred without the gene.

The result — totally buff. And promising.

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PhelpDodge	77⅞	75⅞	77⅛	+ ⅛
PhilipPet	39⅝	39⅛	39⅝	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd		10⅝	10⅝	10⅝
Polaroid	48⅝	48⅛	48⅝	— ⅛
Praxair		51⅝	51⅝	51⅝
ProctGamble	125⅝	124⅝	125⅝	— ⅛
PubSNwMx	16⅝	16⅛	16⅝	— ⅛
RoyalDutch	179⅝	178⅝	178⅝	—1⅛
SBC Comm	55⅝	54⅞	55⅝	— ⅛
SaraLee	41⅞	41	11-16	41⅝ — ⅛
SearsRoeb	48⅝	48	48⅛	+ ⅛
SherwinW s	31⅛	30⅝	30⅝	+ ⅛
SmthBc ADS	81	80⅝	80⅝	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	20⅝	20	20⅛	+ ⅛
SwstAirlines	27⅝	26⅝	27	— ⅛
Sprint		44⅝	43⅝	43⅞
SunCo	27⅞	27⅛	27⅛	+ ⅛
TNP Ent	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	+ ⅛
Tandy	52⅝	52	52	— ⅛
TempleInl	55⅝	55⅛	55⅝	— ⅛
Tenneco	40	39⅝	40	+ ⅛
Texaco	105	104	104⅝	
TexasInds	23	23	23	
TexasInst	91⅝	89⅝	90	+ ⅛
TexUtil	34	33⅝	33⅝	
Textron	111⅝	111⅛	111⅝	+ ⅛
Travelers s	55⅝	55⅛	55⅛	+ ⅛
TrinityInds		26⅛	26⅛	26⅛
TritonEngy	36⅝	36⅛	36⅛	+ ⅛
Tyler	1⅝	1⅛	1⅝	— ⅛
US WestCm	35⅛	34⅛	34⅛	— ⅛
USWstMds	17⅝	17⅛	17⅝	— ⅛
USX Delhi	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	27⅝	27⅛	27⅝	— ⅛
USX-USS		29⅝	29⅛	29⅛
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UnPac s	63⅝	63⅛	63⅝	— ⅛
UnitedTech s	76⅝	75	76	+ ⅛
Unocal	38⅝	38	38⅛	+ ⅛
WalMart	28⅛	28	28	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	16	15⅛	16	+ ⅛
WestghEl	17⅝	16⅞	17	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	34⅛	34	7-16	34⅛ — ⅛
Woolworth	21⅝	21⅛	21⅝	— ⅛

Births

Mike and Mandy Slaton of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Jackson Drew Slaton, at 8:38 a.m. on April 30 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

Grandparents are Becky Johnson of Snyder, and the late Eddie Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kouthe of Arlington. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reid of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Johnson of Marlow, Okla.

Alan and Lori Buchanan of Snyder are parents of a nine-pound, three-ounce son, Zachary Logan. He was born at 8:50 a.m. on April 30 in UMC Hospital in Lubbock.

Grandparents are Weldon and Juanita Buchanan, and Don and Paula Unruh, all of Snyder.

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Senate panel prepared to OK bill forcing stronger ratings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just four months after the TV industry began rating shows, a Senate panel is moving forward on a bill that would either force more detailed ratings or forbid violent shows from airing when children are likely to be watching.

The Senate Commerce Committee today is expected to agree to send the bill, written by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., to the Senate for consideration.

With committee approval, the full Senate could consider Hollings' bill as early as next month, a Senate aide said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The action turns up the pressure on the TV industry to voluntarily strengthen its six-tier, age-based ratings systems that went into effect New Year's Day.

"This should be a wake-up call for the industry to modify its ratings," said Kathryn Montgomery, president of the Center For Media Education, a group that wants stronger ratings.

The broadcasting and cable industries oppose Hollings' bill, saying it is unconstitutional. The best way to handle ratings is voluntarily, they said.

But supporters point out the Supreme Court has upheld government limits on when indecent shows may be aired on TV and radio stations. Those limits were designed to protect children.

Hollings' bill responds to complaints that the industry's movie-like ratings don't give parents enough information about the type, amount and intensity of violence in each show.

Existing ratings use designations from "TV-G," programs suitable for all ages, to "TV-MA," for mature audiences only. Most shows have been rated "TV-PG," parental supervision suggested.

Though critics also have complained the existing ratings don't provide adequate information about sexual and language content, Hollings' proposal deals only with violence.

An identical bill has been offered in the House, but hasn't been acted upon. A House panel will hold a TV ratings hearing in Peoria, Ill., May 19.

Hollings' bill would require broadcasters and most cable channels to either provide more detailed information about shows' violent content or air those shows only when children are not likely to be viewing.

"Premium" cable channels like HBO and Showtime and pay-per-view programs are not covered by the bill because people must expressly choose to have them enter their homes. Regulating them would pose constitutional problems, Hollings' aides explained.

The bill doesn't recommend a method for rating violent content. But Senate aides said an example of an acceptable system is the one used by HBO and other cable networks. That ratings system describes the type of violence depicted and rates its intensity, with 1 being the lowest and 3 the highest.

The Federal Communications Commission would determine during what hours violent programs would be banned. It is unclear which programs would qualify as violent.

OUTSTANDING SPONSOR — Ezell-Key Grain Company received the outstanding sponsor award for Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District at its annual banquet held Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Bob Potter, left, accepted the award from board member Max Jones. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR — Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District named Kay Echols Conservation Educator for the year. The announcement was made at the annual banquet Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Mrs. Echols, a first grade teacher at East Elementary, shown second from left, was accompanied by her son, Perry; her husband, Tommy; her daughter-in-law and son from Lubbock, Angela and Van Echols. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

POSTER AND ESSAY AWARDS — Six students were winners of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District's poster contest. They include (rural), standing from left, Johnathon McClure from Hermleigh, first; Alicia Culp from Hermleigh, second; Whitney Anderson from Borden County, third; (urban) Chance Tatum, first; Jessica Sollis, second; and Jacki Thompson, third; all are from Snyder. The three essay winners include, seated, Jolene Reyes, first; Becky Copeland, second; and Lindsey Smith, third; all are from Borden County. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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After 50 years, black sailor finally receives Navy Cross

WASHINGTON (AP) — The moment was captured on film: a flaming kamikaze fighter skidding across the deck of the USS Intrepid and slamming into gun mounts in a ball of flame.

In the midst of the fireball was a 19-year-old sailor who manned his gun to the last, even as the plane careened straight at him. Perhaps because of a bureaucratic oversight, perhaps because of the color of his skin, Petty Officer Robert Jones had to wait half a century to get a medal of recognition for his bravery on that day in the western Pacific in 1944.

The wait was over Wednesday afternoon when Navy Secretary John Dalton, in a simple ceremony at the Capitol Building, presented Jones with the Navy Cross, the highest honor the Navy can offer other than the Medal of Honor.

"This is a day long overdue," Dalton said. "This awards ceremony should have taken place over 50 years ago, in the Pacific theater of World War II."

A one-paragraph citation described the action aboard the Intrepid on Oct. 29, 1944, during the Battle of Leyte Gulf off the Philippine Islands:

"When a Japanese bomber attacked his vessel from the starboard side, Petty Officer Jones continued to fire his portside gun across the flight deck at the oncoming plane and, although it was apparent that the bomber was headed directly for his gun tub, remained at his post, firing his weapon until the plane crashed into his tub, severely burning him."

Dalton pinned the medal on Jones' chest as the sailor's wife, two dozen relatives, and senators and congressmen from his home state of Virginia looked on. Jones, 71, wore the service dress blues and white cap of a Navy sailor and a proud smile.

"Right now I'm filled up to the top. I'm filled with joy," he said.

Jones had earlier been awarded other medals, including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He is authorized to wear the "V" device denoting service in combat.

Records indicate that a Navy officer assured Jones he would receive the Navy Cross, but the promise was never followed up with anything in writing.

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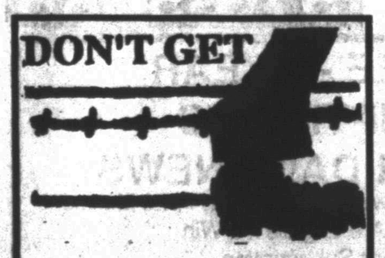

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, the Chicago World's Fair opened.

On this day in 1941, Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" premiered in New York.

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TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Milwaukee Brewer Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's record for the most RBI in a career.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Mr. Kane was a man who got everything he wanted, and then lost it." — Orson Welles

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1988, blinding dust storms in eastern Colorado forced the closure of I-70.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 29) and new moon (May 6).

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FDA considers antidepressants for children

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dr. Paul Riley has prescribed Prozac to chronically depressed and obsessive-compulsive kids almost since it appeared on the market in 1988.

After 35 years as a pediatrician and child psychiatrist, Riley says he knows from experience that Prozac and drugs like it are safe and effective.

"I lived in the old days when we didn't have antidepressants," said Riley, now at St. Vincent Stress Centers in Indianapolis. "Fifty percent of the people were dead" — from suicide — "within a year. People don't remember that, but I do."

Now the Food and Drug Administration is considering formally approving the use of Prozac in kids, a move that could help open a huge market for Eli Lilly and Co., the Indianapolis-based maker of the drug.

Some worry, though, that there haven't been enough studies of the drug's effects on children.

And others are concerned that doctors will dispense Prozac for typical adolescent moodiness, in the same way that the hyperactivity drug Ritalin is said to be overprescribed to children who are merely rambunctious or unmotivated.

"Once the drug is on the market, its use is totally up to individual physicians, and hopefully it's based upon sound scientific fact and not marketing," said Larry Sasich, a research analyst for the consumer group Public Citizen.

Doctors can legally prescribe FDA-approved drugs for non-approved uses. But formal FDA approval allow manufacturers to actually market the drugs for use in kids. That could bring around many doctors and parents who might be wary of giving Prozac to a youngster.

Young people could represent a huge new market at a time when drug companies have seen sales of their best-selling antidepressants begin to slow. Millions of children and adolescents are believed to suffer from depression or obsessive-compulsive disorder, and advocates say many go untreated.

"The only way you could boost further growth is go after other markets, and one potential market is the adolescent market," said industry analyst Hemant K. Shah.

Last year, U.S. physicians prescribed Prozac and competitors Paxil and Zoloft to more than 580,000 children and adolescents, according to the research firm IMS America Ltd.

About 28 million adult Americans in 1996 took the drugs, which are known as serotonin reuptake inhibitors for their ability to boost brain levels of the mood regulator serotonin.

Prozac, the most established of the class of drugs, produced $2.36 billion in sales last year.

City council...

Candidates answer questions

Ron Shaw

Name: Ron Shaw
Age: 54
Occupation: Employed by U.S. Postal Service since September 1982
Affiliations: Northside Baptist Church, Snyder Beautification Committee
Prior board experience: Completing second term as a council member. Served on the Executive Committee of the WCTCOG during my council tenure

1. Define the role of a city council member.

A council member interacting with the other council members establish the policies and procedures used by the city staff for the daily operation of the city. A council member has the unique opportunity of working with the legislature to influence legislative bills that affect cities. HB1802 and SB1 would add a minimum of $1 to your water bill. I have worked diligently this session to eliminate this tax.

2. What is the most pressing problem facing Snyder city residents today (equipment replacement, water quality, landfill, water/sewer fees, tax rate)? What do you feel needs to be done to address this problem?

I think our most pressing problem is affordable housing. Salary ranges for most new jobs being generated will not be enough for $800 and $900 house payments. A major expense for any new subdivision is utility services and streets and curbs. I think the city needs to work with developers toward the re-development of existing neighborhoods.

3. The city has been active in working with the DCOS toward industrial development. Should this continue, and, if so, to what degree?

DCOS exists at the pleasure of the city council. DCOS has done yeoman work in structuring an economic development program to include an industrial park. The City of Snyder owes a debt of gratitude for the service of past and present board members. We must continue to work with and support DCOS for the future of Snyder. We must work with them at any level to get the job done.

4. Are there any specific goals you would like to see accomplished over the next few years? If so, what are they?

I would like for all the taxing entities to look for ways to eliminate duplication of services. Why not have one central garage to service and maintain vehicles and equipment instead of multiple locations. Why not one computer center to service them all. The appraisal district and the city have satisfactory relationships. Could purchasing and accounting be centralized? If we can save tax dollars, I think we need to consider it.

5. What are Snyder's primary assets, and how can they best be utilized?

I have always thought our primary asset is our people. When faced with a challenge we find a way to meet it.

Dayton Robertson

Name: Dayton Robertson
Age: 35
Occupation: Plant manager, YZ Industries, Inc.
Affiliations: First Baptist Church 91-present, Rotary Club 96-present, Youth Soccer, T-Ball, basketball coach 92-present.
Prior board experience: City Council 92-present, Snyder Neighbor Sharing 95-present, United Way 95-96.

1. Define the role of a city council member.

The role of a city council member is to hire/supervise the city manager, approve the annual operating budget, and to establish policies/ordinances.

2. What is the most pressing problem facing Snyder city residents today? What do you feel needs to be done to address this problem?

The rising costs of services. Budgets need to be developed that provide the maximum level of service at reasonable costs.

3. The city has been active in working with the DCOS toward industrial development. Should this continue, and, if so, to what degree?

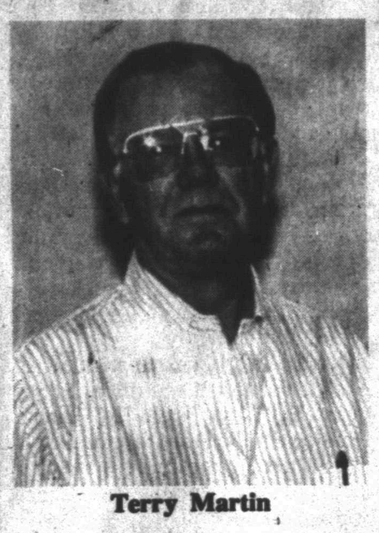
The City should continue to partner with DCOS in attracting new businesses to Snyder. The City's primary focus should be providing adequate water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal services.

4. Are there any specific goals you would like to see accomplished over the next few years? If so, what are they?

1. The water treatament plant expansion; 2. 30th Street improvements; 3. Lorber Industries construction and start-up.

5. What are Snyder's primary assets, and how can they best be utilized?

The people of Snyder are the city's best asset. When dedicated people become involved in worthy projects, other people join in. This leads to the start of other good projects which in turn involves yet more talented people ... the cycle continues and Snyder receives the benefit. WTC, the Ritz, Noah Project West, the SNTX I Industrial Park, Snyder Neighbors Sharing, and the Price Daniel Unit are the results of good folks doing good work.



Terry Martin

Name: Terry Jon Martin
Age: 52
Occupation: Retired Operation's Supervisor
Affiliations: First United Methodist Church
Prior board experience: Snyder School Board 1988-1994

1. Define the role of a city council member:

Set and monitor administration of policy. Represent citizens in all applicable city matters.

2. What is the most pressing problem facing Snyder city residents today? What do you feel needs to be done to address this problem?

Fees and taxes are always a concern — Optimnization and continued review of alternate methods to supply essential services should be used to address this ongoing concern. Stop waste and fluff.

3. The city has been active in working with the DCOS toward industrial development. Should this continue, and if so, to what degree?

Growth and development of business and therefore jobs is a key factor in the future of Snyder. Efforts should continue in this area for the benefit of all.

4. Are there any specific goals you would like to see accomplished over the next few years? If so, what are they?

Maintain quality essential services for the citizens.

5. What are Snyder's primary assets, and how can they best be utilized?

Snyder's assests are many, such as our police and fire department, future completion of a new water plant and working sewer and street systems. In addition our central geographic locations and being the county seat of Scurry County are a plus. All city asssets should always be utilized for the maximum benefit of the general citizenship.

Fox planning 40 percent new programming during summer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox has something new for those television viewers who were sentenced to summer after summer of reruns.

The fourth-place network, hoping to keep viewers from surfing to cable channels, on Wednesday announced an ambitious summer schedule of new series, specials, and sports events like the baseball All-Star Game.

Fox said 40 percent of its programming during June, July and August will be original.

The top broadcast networks have steadily lost audience share to cable during the 1990s. Some cable networks, sensing vulnerability, have been scheduling their best programs in the summer to entice viewers bored by reruns.

The rerun season has lengthened in recent years as studios produce fewer original episodes of regular series. This year's fall schedule will also start a week later than usual, on Sept. 22.

"I think Fox is providing the industry with a leadership role and allowing the audiences to come back," said Fox Entertainment President Peter Roth.

But Fox's new summer schedule has its limits.

Roth insisted viewers won't be getting rejects. "These are not — I repeat not — failed pilots," Roth said.

Fox's summer programs:

— "Roar," created by former teen idol Shaun Cassidy, is an action show set in Europe at 400 A.D., with a 20-year-old hero leading his people to freedom from the Roman Empire. It will air Mondays at 9 p.m. EDT.

— "The Ruby Wax Show" brings to America a popular British talk-show host. It's planned for Mondays at 8:30 p.m. EDT.

— "Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction," produced by Dick Clark and starring James Brolin, shows make-believe and true dramatizations of paranormal events and asks viewers to guess which is real. It will air Sundays at 7 p.m. EDT.

— "Mad TV" features highlights of the Saturday night sketch show, repeated on Mondays at 8 p.m. EDT.

Among the specials will be "L.A. Johns," a movie about a high-priced call girl and her clients, the baseball All-Star Game, the NHL's Stanley Cup playoffs and two football exhibition games.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Inner ear could be the problem

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have double vision and vertigo. My ophthalmologist says that my eyes are normal. What kind of specialist should I see?

DEAR READER: The combination of vertigo and double vision suggests that your problem may lie in the inner ear and could be caused by a growth or an infection.

Therefore, I recommend an ear-nose-and-throat specialist, who will — among other things — test your hearing and order a CT scan. Once the cause of your symptoms has been identified, the otolaryngologist will suggest treatment, including surgery or antibiotics.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Following 38 radiation treatments to my prostate gland for cancer, I developed almost constant diarrhea with occasional bright red rectal bleeding. At 70, I can put up with this, but is it dangerous?

DEAR READER: Diarrhea and bleeding could have many causes, ranging from colonic growths to infection. You need further testing, including blood and stool analyses, as well as colonoscopy, a procedure during which a gastroenterologist examines your lower intestine with a fiber-optic tube.

Given your history of radiation therapy, however, it's likely that you have a condition called "radiation proctitis." The X-ray treatments for your prostate cancer probably inflamed the lining of your lower colon. This condition should be quite evident during colonoscopy and can be treated with anti-diarrhea medicine (Immodium and others) or with cortisone enemas.

Once he has examined you, the specialist should be able to offer advice about therapy. Your symptoms may not constitute a health hazard, but they certainly should be addressed.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a "teaching hospital"? I live 40 miles west of Chicago and would appreciate knowing where to get help.

DEAR READER: As a general rule, teaching hospitals are affiliated with medical schools. Nonetheless, there are hundreds of fine hospitals that do not train such students. In most cases, teaching hospitals are large, exist in urban environments and offer many diverse services.

Having said this, I must remind readers that so-called "community hospitals" play a vital role in the healing profession. Such hospitals, although small, offer excellent, personalized care for common ailments. I believe that teaching hospitals are entirely appropriate for difficult or unusual cases that cannot be resolved at the community level. The staff of community hospitals ordinarily have a rich and varied referral base, meaning that they have ready access to super-specialists when required.

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Budget bargainers are considering deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional negotiators are agreed on the framework of a deal to balance the budget by 2002 that includes about $140 billion in tax cuts and smaller cost-of-living increases for Social Security recipients, sources said today.

President Clinton was reviewing the plan with his negotiators at the White House, deciding whether to embrace a few final details on tax cuts and domestic spending, said Republican and administration officials.

House Republican leaders briefed a group of conservatives late Wednesday, and several leadership sources today said there was only muted protest. "We can sell this to our members," said one source who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Now it is up to Clinton."

One Democratic negotiator, Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, said today that "the big parameters are about to be settled, I think."

Asked about that, Clinton said today: "Spratt is a smart man." The White House conceded there were sure to be protests from liberals if Clinton embraced the package. But several administration sources said Clinton was determined to seal a deal today.

On Capitol Hill, GOP leaders said they plan to win over the Republican rank-and-file by calling the deal a budget balanced with honest numbers, permanent tax cuts, steps to improve Medicare's solvency and a reduction in the size and scope of the federal government.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Dascnle, D-S.D., said "there is increasing evidence there could be an agreement today." But, he warned, "I'm declaring my independence. I'm not going to sell it if I don't believe in it."

Republican House members were summoned to a late-morning closed-door caucus to go over the details of the emerging agreement.

House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt, though, was decidedly unhappy.

"It's unfortunate that this has not been a budget summit arrangement that has included House Democrats," he told reporters. "It does not give me great optimism or confidence that you'll get enough Democrats."

Republicans hold a majority in the House, but the budget dealmakers will need a significant slice of the Democratic caucus to assure passage of any budget legislation.

Two GOP sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, outlined three main areas of tax cuts. These include a $500-per-child tax cut, to be phased in over several years, as well as a capital gains tax cut of unspecified scope. The plan also contemplates an increase in the size of an estate that could escape taxation.

Arms dealer testifies against T. McVeigh

DENVER (AP) — An arms dealer testified today that Timothy McVeigh called him six months before the Oklahoma City bombing and asked to buy a detonator for a bomb, saying "he needed it bad."

"He asked me if I could get him a detonation cord ... a high explosive used to set off the main explosive," said Greg Pfaff, who met McVeigh at gun shows through his ammunition outlet, Lock and Load Distributors.

Pfaff said he told McVeigh that a "det cord" is not normally sold at gun shows and could not legally be shipped in the United States. But McVeigh, who was calling from Arizona, said he would personally pick it up.

"He said it didn't matter, he needed it bad," said Pfaff, who was never able to come up with the detonation cord.

Pfaff, who now runs a deli in Harrisonburg, Va., said he met McVeigh in 1992 and had sold him armor piercing incendiary ammunition, among other items. He said he saw him at another gun show in 1993 around the time of the government siege on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

"He was very agitated about Waco, couldn't believe that it was happening," Pfaff said. "Basically that this could be the start of the government going house to house to retrieve the weapons from the citizens."

Also testifying today was Kyle Kraus, a Buffalo, N.Y., computer specialist and McVeigh's second cousin. He testified that in the fall of 1991 he received a package from AcVeigh containing "The Turner Diaqies," a racist, fictional novel that details a plot to blow up the FBI headquarters.

College presents awards

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Writer: Sophomore- Jonathan Carroll, Hawley; Mark Harrington, Lubbock.

Art: Kenneth Beasley, Houston.

Computer Science: Michael C. Jones, Winters.

Sportsman: Morten Vildhoj, Haderslev, Denmark; Robby Huestis, Snyder.

Spanish: Nadia Baeza, Gail.

Who's Who: Barbara Chapman, Snyder; Edward Robert Russell, Mineral Wells; H. Paul Rucker, Lubbock; James Lee Fillpot, Snyder; Jana McCloy, Morse; Jessica Critz, Sweetwater; Jonathan David Carroll, Hawley; Lance Adam Gaillard, Texhoma, Okla.; Lila Jo Rector, Knox City; Maria Luisa Calderon, Loraine; Michael Craig Jones, Winters; Pamela G. Foster, Snyder; Rebecca Ann Sweet, Colorado City; Rebecca Suzanne Gruben, Roscoe, Shane Kelley, Colorado City; Stuart Cody Brasuell, Sweetwater; Tonya Tiday, Graham.

Boll weevil program ruling

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can understand the logic of those in South Texas and Hale County, but I think it will hurt us in the long run."

The Legislature established the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in 1993 to fight the spread of cotton-destroying weevils.

Farmers in nine regions of the state were given the option to join the program and pay a per-acre assessment for each year they participated.

Farmers from the Rolling Plains eradication zone, which includes Scurry County, overwhelmingly voted to join.

But farmers in the Rio Grande Valley who initially supported the effort soon turned against it, claiming the pesticide spraying killed beneficial bugs that eat the boll weevil and other harmful insects.

Rio Grande Valley cotton growers lost $140 million in sales in 1995 after a disastrous season that they blamed primarily on the eradication program. The following year, growers successfully launched a recall election and voted to discontinue spraying.

Although they halted the spraying, farmers continued to be assessed $12-$18 per acre to pay for a $9 million debt they incurred from participating in the program.

The Supreme Court said the foundation's assessment method is unconstitutional, in part because the Legislature provided no guidance on how to set those assessments or on the amount of debt the foundation may incur.

Randy Whittington, an attorney for the Rio Grande Valley farmers, said the Supreme Court decision in essence kills the eradication program — for now.

"I think the foundation, at least the eradication program as we've known it, is probably dead in the water," he said. "The foundation board members have just refused to recognize what was staring them right in the face, which is a lot of people didn't agree with what they were doing."

Obituaries

Dr. Cowan

1913-1997

COLORADO CITY — Dr. W. Kenneth Cowan, a Colorado City physician until his retirement in 1984, died Monday, April 28, in a foster care home in Lubbock.

Memorial service for Dr. Cowan, 83, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the All Saints Episcopal Church. The Rev. Frank Swindall will officiate and creamation will be under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Born in Tampico, Mexico, he attended Southern Methodist University, the University of Texas, and the UT Medical School in Galveston. He moved to Lubbock from Colorado City in 1995.

Dr. Cowan married Eleanor F. Rowles on July 5, 1941 in Westchester, Pa. She died Jan. 6, 1997.

Survivors include two sons, William K. Cowan of Lubbock and Stetson Rowles of Mesa, Ariz.; a daughter, Alexis McRoberts of Lubbock; a sister, Katarina Niven of Mexico City; and four grandchildren.

Karen McKimmey

1951-1997

Karen McKimmey, a resident of Snyder for the past three years, died Tuesday, April 29, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness. She was 45.

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church in Rotan. The Rev. Werth Mayes will officiate, and burial will follow in the Rotan Cemetery.

Born in Rotan on July 22, 1951, she attended Rotan schools and graduated from Texas Tech University with a B.A. degree and Angelo State University with a B.S. degree. She had taught school in Littlefield, Big Spring and Jim Ned and had also worked one year for Texas Instruments.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Wanda McKimmey in 1969.

Survivors include her mother, Annie Mae McKimmey of Rotan; a brother, Clyde McKimmey of Big Spring; a sister, Kay Carter of Snyder; one uncle and aunt; three nephews; and one niece.

Phillip Stevens

1940-1997

STEPHENVILLE —Phillip Graham Stevens, the brother of Harvey Stevens of Snyder, died Wednesday, April 30, at Lake Leon in Eastland County.

Funeral service for Mr. Stevens, 56, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Kirk Parsons will officiate and burial will follow in the Lingleville East End Cemetery.

Born Dec. 27, 1940 in Claremore, Okla., he married Deloris Ann Richter on Oct. 14, 1962 in Snyder. Mr. Stevens had lived the past 23 years in Lingleville, moving from Snyder.

Mr. Stephens was a shop foreman for Erath County Electric Cooperative and was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Deloris Stevens of Lingleville; two sons, Mark Stevens of Lingleville and Scott Stevens of Stephenville; two other brothers, Loy Stevens of Rotan and Roy Stevens of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

Personal, Professional Service

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Law officers working trio of burglary cases

Snyder police are investigating three reports of burglaries.

Dispatchers received a 911 call at 3:06 a.m. that someone had broken a window at Skinny's on Coliseum Drive. Officers discovered a window broken, but no entry into the building was made. An offense report for attempted burglary was submitted.

At 3:46 a.m., officer Keith Ward advised a window had been broken at Cotton's Minute Market in the 500 block of Coliseum Drive. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted in reference to an undetermined amount of merchandise being taken.

An offense report for burglary of a residence at 804 27th Street was submitted at 10:19 p.m. Wednesday.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male at the driver's license office at 10:49 a.m. Wednesday after a routine check revealed the man was wanted for AWOL/larceny by the National Guard.

A 38-year-old male was arrested by deputies just east of the city limits on U.S. Highway 84 at 1:30 p.m. for indecent exposure.

Following a report of an intoxicated driver south-bound on Highway 84 around 9:30 p.m., deputies arrested a 36-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

At 12:21 a.m. today, officers arrested a 31-year-old male in the 1700 block of Avenue R for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In activity Wednesday, an offense report for family violence was submitted at 8:09 a.m. in reference to an incident which occurred on Tuesday.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 8:49 a.m. in reference to vandalism to a house at 906 29th St. which belongs to Faye Williams.

Officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at 3:46 p.m. in the 2600 block of 34th Street. Involved were 1980 Ford pickup driven by Amecia Warr of 1540 South CR 183 and a parked, unoccupied 1980 Cadillac owned by Estell Murphy of 2603 34th St. Also damanged was a garage at the Murphy residence.

What's Up?

Apple Awards Banquet

Snyder ISD has announced its second Golden Apple Awards Banquet for 6:30 this evening in the junior high cafeteria. Honored will be Adopt-A-School partners and volunteers.

Model plane club to meet

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 this evening at the club flying field, three miles south of Western Texas College on Round Top Road. Visitors are welcome.

Tiger Pride Club

The Tiger Pride Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the high school student center to reorganize for the next school year.

Pyron Cemetery meeting

Pyron Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting at 10 a.m. Friday in the Inadale Community Center. All interested parties are invited. Lunch will be served.

Special Olympics fund-raiser

Price Daniel Unit and Snyder Police Department employees will hold a car wash and sale beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Baked goods, food, T-shirts and caps will be offered. All funds will benefit Area 14 Special Olympics.

Blood pressure clinic

Interim Health Care will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic at the Wal-Mart pharmacy from 2-4 p.m. Saturday.

Horseshoe tournament

The first open games to be played on the new horseshoe courts at the coliseum will be held Saturday. Check in time is 9:30 a.m. All contestants are welcome.

Parents of 8th grade students

Parents of eighth grade students are invited to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. High school counselors will discuss curriculum, graduation requirements and scheduling procedures. Students are also welcome to attend, and should bring registration materials they received at school.

'The Tempest' on stage here

Snyder High School drama department will present its one-act play, "The Tempest" at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Worsham Auditorium. Admission is $2 per person. The play lasts about 45 minutes.

SNS workday rescheduled

The Snyder Neighbors Sharing workday, postponed last weekend because of inclement weather, has been rescheduled for May 10.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ will be Tuesday from noon until 2:30 p.m. Classes are for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds. For information, call 573-3554, 573-5762 or 573-8684.

Pancake supper planned

Parents of Snyder High School seniors are sponsoring an all you can eat pancake supper from 6-8 p.m. next Thursdsay at McDonald's. All proceeds will go toward the alcohol-free Graduation '97 event. Tickets are $2 and may be purchased from parents or through Caron Perkins by calling 573-5401.

American Legion

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, at the post home.

Men's spiritual retreat

The first annual Snyder Christian Men's Retreat will be held May 16-17 at Willow Park Inn. The theme is "A Call to Holiness." Those attending will be taught the principles of transparency and accountability. For information, contact Donnie Burk at 573-5629.

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.

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.

8th grade end of year party

The 8th grade end of year party will be held May 23 at the armory. Organizers are in need of donations from parents of 8th graders to cover expenses. Anyone wishing to help should make a check to: Class of 2001, Melissa Alexander, P.O. Box 768 in Snyder.

Rummage items requested

Scurry County Museum is looking for donations to put in its annual rummage sale. Donations will be accepted May 12-16 and are tax deductible. This is the fourth year the museum has held this fund-raiser.

American Heart Walk

The American Heart Walk is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The five-mile course begins at the Towle Park pavilion. Participants solicit pledges and receive prizes based on the amount of money raised. For information, call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041, Carol Gulseth at 573-5525 or Matt Cross at 574-7280.

Pick 3

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

1-3-0

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas, state lottery officials said.

They said the estimated $4 million jackpot will rise to about $9 million for Saturday night's drawing.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery from a field of 50 were: 32-37-40-41-45-46.