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Separatist group digs in after trading hostages

FORT DAVIS (AP) — A militant separatist group swapped two hostages for a jailed member early today, more than 12 hours after invading a neighbor's home and triggering a standoff with police.

But the self-styled Republic of Texas "ambassador" said the group wouldn't give up and was "digging in."

"They released one of our people, our captain," Richard McLaren told the San Antonio Express-News by cell phone from his trailer "embassy" in the rugged Davis Mountains of West Texas.

"He's back at the embassy. All our boys are back. We're digging in."

The Republic released hostages Joe Rowe and his wife, Margaret Ann Rowe, in a swap for Robert Jonathan Scheidt, arrested early Sunday on a weapons violation, Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Laureen Chernow said.

At least three dozen police who surrounded the remote subdivision called Davis Mountains Resort remained in position and planned to resume negotiations with the group later this morning, Mrs. Chernow said.

Reporters were kept at a rest stop several miles from the entrance to the site, 220 miles south of El Paso, the nearest major city. Trooper Richard Treece told reporters that nothing had changed since the Rowes were released.

Joe Rowe was in stable condition in an Alpine hospital after a minor gunshot wound to the shoulder.

The standoff began about noon Sunday. McLaren said hours later that the Rowes would be released in exchange for two Republic members: Scheidt, a 43-year-old identified as "captain of the embassy guard," and Jo Ann Canady Turner, arrested in Austin last week on two contempt charges. Ms. Turner remained in custody.

McLaren demanded another concession.

"We want them to ... agree to a referendum to allow Texans to vote on the independence issue," he told San Antonio radio station WOAI.

McLaren apparently was not part of the assault on the Rowes and remained about 15 miles away at a ramshackle trailer surrounded by trees. Richard Keys, the "militia lieutenant commander," claimed to be in charge at the Rowe house.

The group refused to specify its numbers. The DPS declined to speculate.

Ms. Chernow said the Rowes' home, which overlooks the only road into the development, remained occupied early today.

Although the hostages were released, other residents remained in about 90 homes scattered over thousands of acres of rugged high-desert terrain. Bert Parchman of Kyle said his mother, Suzanne Parchman, was among them.

Parchman, who was wearing a U.S. Navy hat, said he had known McLaren for years.

"I'm proud of the service I put in the Navy. I'm proud of this state and of the United States. I don't care for Rick. As far as I'm concerned, he can get the hell out of here," Parchman said.

"This began because he didn't want to pay for his property or pay his assessment. Rick's your average freeloader."

Some residents said Sunday they were afraid to travel the road because it would mean passing the Rowe house.

"We would like to advise them to stay calm," DPS spokeswoman Lucila Torres said of the residents.

Lease proposal on county court agenda Tuesday

Tuesday's Scurry County Commissioners Court meeting has an agenda that mirrors its meeting of three weeks ago — it deals strictly with matters pertaining to the possible lease of Cogdell Memorial Hosptital to Community Health Systems.

Shortly after convening at 10 a.m., the court is expected to go into executive session to meet with attorney George Scofield concerning requested changes that have been made in Community Health System's (CHS) contract proposal.

Following the meeting earlier this month, Scofield said there were areas in the lease in which the county and CHS were in disagreement. He wouldn't elaborate, saying the matters were discussed in executive session. However, the question of who would pay for indigent care appears to have been one of the points.

CHS has offered to lease Cogdell Hospital for a 30-year period for a one-time payment to the county of $8 million and other payments which would increase the total to more than $12 million.

Following the closed session, the court will consider the letter of intent from CHS, consider an order stating that a lease of Cogdell Hospital would or would not be in the best interest of Scurry County, and set possible hearing dates.

If necessary, the court will consider election procedures and set a date for a public vote on the proposed lease.



ARTFUL RECYCLING — Wet fields were keeping Huston Ballard from his gardening chores Monday morning but it gave him time to look over sunflowers he made from discarded automobile tires. Ballard, and most of Scurry County, received over two inches of rainfall since Thursday evening. (SDN Staff Photo)

5 student inmates set for graduation

Five student inmates from the Price Daniel and Wallace units will receive their associate of arts degrees Tuesday from Western Texas College.

Commencement will be at 10 a.m. at the Daniel Unit.

Students at the Daniel Unit receiving their diplomas will be Javier Hernandez, Glenn McCarty, David Pugh and Kevin Roeselar. From the Wallace unit is Joel Collazo.

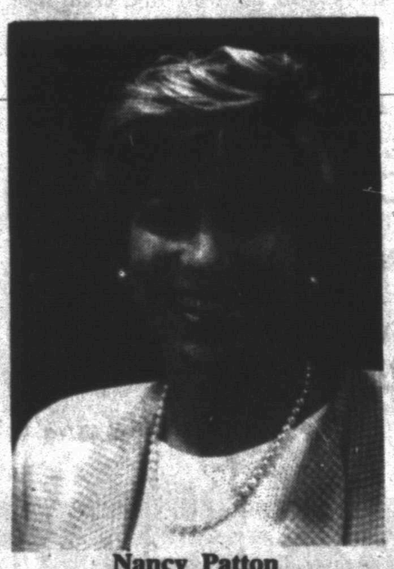
Giving the commencement address will be Nancy Patton, a Lubbock businesswoman appointed to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice board by Gov. George Bush in September of 1995.

Patton owns and operates Patton Cotton Company in Lubbock, a firm which sells and delivers raw cotton to spinning mills all over the world.

She is a graduate of Texas Tech and serves on the advisory council to the chancellor. She is on the West Texas Museum Association board of trustees and the Red Raider Club board of directors.

The associate in arts is a 62-hour degree. Those receiving it are eligible to pursue their bachelor's degree at another unit. Inmates pay for the education themselves.

Currently, more than 200 student inmates from the Daniel and Wallace units are enrolled in academic courses offered through Western Texas. The college also has six vocational programs at three units.



Nancy Patton

Notification needed today for RPCG event

Producers who plan to attend Thursday's Rolling Plains Cotton Grower's Production meeting are asked to call the local Extension office today, if they haven't done so.

The program begins at 8 a.m. in the Inadale Community Center and will conclude with a hamburger lunch at noon. Continuing education units will be offered for private, non-commercial and commercial applicators.

Speakers include Terry Millican, Scurry County Extension agent; Dr. Randy Bowman, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Chris Sansome, entomologist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service; and Dr. Dan Kreig, professor and physiologist at Texas Tech University.

Others are Dr. Carl Anderson, cotton marketing economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Dr. Peter Dotray, assistant professor with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Tech University; and Zach Wilcox, Nolan County extension agent.

Court sides with county in rights suit

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deeply divided Supreme Court today made local governments less vulnerable to lawsuits over excessive force used by their police officers, setting aside an $818,000 award against an Oklahoma county.

The 5-4 decision also could make it more difficult to sue local governments over other violations of federally protected rights.

The court said Bryan County wrongly was punished for a 1991 incident just across the state line in Grayson County, Texas.

In that incident, Reserve Deputy Stacy Burns threw Jill Brown to the ground with such force that she has undergone four operations since and ultimately will require total knee replacements.

Burns had been hired by his uncle, Sheriff B.J. Moore, despite a long record of misdemeanor convictions. Oklahoma law bars only the hiring of convicted felons to such law enforcement jobs.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court that although Moore's decision to hire Burns may have been a poor one, it does not make the county vulnerable to Mrs. Brown's lawsuit.

"Sheriff Moore's inadequate scrutiny of Burns' record cannot constitute 'deliberate indifference' to (Mrs. Brown's) federally protected right to be free from the use of excessive force," O'Connor said.

The court's dissenters said today's decision waters down a line of Supreme Court decisions, dating back to 1978, that subject local governments to civil rights lawsuits when individuals' rights are violated.

"Cases involving constitutional injuries allegedly traceable to an ill-considered hiring decision pose the greatest risk that a municipality will be held liable for an injury that it did not cause," O'Connor said.

"Congress did not intend municipalities to be held liable unless deliberate action attributable to the municipality directly caused a deprivation of federal rights," she said.

She added: "Bryan County is not liable for Sheriff Moore's isolated decision to hire Burns without adequate screening, because ... (Mrs. Brown) has not demonstrated that his decision reflected a conscious disregard for a high risk that Burns would use excessive force."

O'Connor was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas.

Justices John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer dissented.

In a dissenting opinion, Souter accused the court's majority of applying "an enhanced fault standard to a record of inculpatory evidence showing a contempt for constitutional obligations."

In a separate opinion, Breyer called for a complete "re-examination" of municipal liability in such cases.

College trustees to study several proposals tonight

Western Texas College board members meet tonight to gain information about several proposed renovation projects on campus.

Meeting at 7 o'clock, the board will visit the Learning Resource Center, the Student Center, the auto/diesel area, the welding yard and the driving range. Use of the Kmart building, donated to the college last year, is also to be discussed.

There are no action items on tonight's agenda. The purpose of the meeting is to familiarize trustees with the proposals and to have them decide which ones they may wish to pursue, said Dr. Harry Krenek, college president.

ASK US

Q—Did the recent rains benefit Lake J.B. Thomas?

A—Lake Thomas caught about 1,200 acre feet, causing a rise of about seven-tenths of a foot in elevation. The lake, hit hard by last year's drought, is at 6.2 percent capacity, with an elevation of 2,212.65 feet.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 48 degrees; low, 45; .60 of an inch precipitation; high Sunday, 61 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Monday, 39; total precipitation for 1997, 10.63 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low around 55. S wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, sunny, breezy. High around 90. SE wind 15-25 mph.

Wayne Thamez
Fair & warmer

Sunset: 8:21 p.m.
Sunrise: 7 a.m.
Of 117 days in 1997, the sun has shone 105 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I have heard it said that the first ingredient of success - the earliest spark in the dreaming youth - is this: dream a great dream.

--John Alan Appleman





CENTRAL PLAY — Two third grade classes at Central presented a play recently. Molly Kattes' students (top photo) are from left, first row, Laura Zamora, Matthew Pesina, Michelle Williams, Ernie Hernandez, Mark Keller, Kimberly Grove, Chris Holloway, Kirsten Courtney; second row, Lindsey Morin, R.J. Ornelas, Emily Jones, Alex Zamarripa, Traci Gutierrez, Krissie Roberts; third row, Kimberly Bell, Aeryal Peoples, Kasey Krop, William Banks, Tyler Ezzell. Betty Thompson's students (bottom photo) are from left, back row, Bridget Block, Ginelda Lopez, Omar Alcala, Katherine Johnson, David Duck; middle row, Laura Boyd, Rocky Treat, Amanda Murray, Chris Suber, Blake Seale, Adelita Vasquez, Cartavious Groage, Veronica Aguilar; front row, Jessica Calvert, Mitchell Williams, Steve Martinez, Ozzy Benitez, Victoria Martinez. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Developing countries seeking greater role in economic talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — As seven wealthy industrial countries discussed monetary issues and the global economy at the Treasury Department, representatives from developing countries talked five blocks away about claiming a future place at the table.

Poor countries deserve a role beyond merely "reacting to situations that develop in the industrialized countries," known as the Group of 7, Venezuela Central Bank President Antonio Casas Gonzales said at a news conference at the International Monetary Fund's headquarters.

For years, developing countries have been losing influence while increasing their contributions to world growth, Casas said. He was chairman of Sunday's meeting of the Group of 24 ministers who often speak for the developing world.

"The G-24 intend to institute a dialogue with the G-7," Casas said. "We want a mechanism in which the G-7 can be informed of our common interests. ... We want to exchange ideas which affect the global economy as a whole."

Casas said he would present his idea to Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin and leaders of the IMF and World Bank.

Casas met reporters as Rubin was presiding over a G-7 finance ministers' meeting at the Treasury. The seven nations are the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and Italy.

The G-24 include eight members each from Africa, Asia and Latin America, including most countries with medium-sized economies. It was formed in 1972 to represent developing nations. China and South Africa attended the meeting as observers.

The IMF and World Bank chiefs and representatives of U.N. organizations and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries also attended.

Casas recalled that a "North-South" dialogue between industrial and developing countries began after the 1973 oil shortage and price rises. But he said that after the oil crisis was over, interest declined among advanced countries.

The new strategy would be to start informal, pragmatic talks at the technical, working group level to avoid creating a bureaucracy, he said.

Casas said he would like to outline an agenda by September, when separate G-7 and G-24 ministers' meetings are scheduled during the annual World Bank-IMF session at Hong Kong.

At some point, he said, the G-24 would try to convene a summit of its heads of state.

There was no formal reaction from the United States and other G-7 governments.

Major issues pressed by Casas and the G-24 communique included debt forgiveness and shrinking foreign aid contributions by Western governments.

The World Bank and IMF last week announced a $3.4 billion debt relief initiative effort to benefit about 20 mostly African countries. It needs more resources and flexibility, Casas said.



FACING THE MUSIC — Dr. Paul Thompson, Snyder physician, had always wanted to conduct an orchestra. He did just that at the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's Rave On! pops concert. Dr. Thompson was one of three audience members who had winning auction bids for the right to perform with the Lubbock Symphony. Dr. Thompson conducted a patriotic number, "Stars and Stripes Forever." (Contributed Photo)

Date Book

April 28, 1997

Today is the 118th day of 1997 and the 40th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

On this day in 1789, a mutiny occurred aboard the HMS Bounty of the British Royal Navy.

On this day in 1945, Italian fascist dictator Benito Mussolini was killed by Italian partisans.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Monroe (1758-1831), U.S. president; Lionel Barrymore (1878-1954), actor; Harper Lee (1926-), writer, is 71; James A. Baker III (1930-), U.S. secretary of state, is 67; Jack Nicholson (1937-), actor, is 60; Ann-Margret (1941-), actress, is 56; Jay Leno (1950-), talk-show host, is 47; Kim Gordon (1953-), musician, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner fired Yogi Berra and rehired Billy Martin for his fourth stint as manager.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We have buried the putrid corpse of liberty." — Benito Mussolini

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, wind-driven hail damaged more than 15,000 homes in Arlington, Texas.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter.

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Northridge aftershocks will continue

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Thousands of residents jolted out of sleep by earthquakes on two weekend mornings won't find any comfort in seismologists' predictions that aftershocks will continue.

The temblors were aftershocks to the 1994 Northridge earthquake that killed 72 people and caused $25 billion in damage.

"We still get a few small aftershocks every week from Northridge, so to get a couple of 4- or 5-magnitude ones in the last few days is really not unusual," Jim Mori of the U.S. Geological Survey said.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Halvey Energy Co. has completed the No. 3 Echols in the Mirage field, 1.5 mile east of Dunn. The venture was finaled to produce 40 barrels of 42 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,330-340 feet, and location is in Section 65, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Spalding Energy has completed the No. 1-B Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles northwest of Fullerville. The well was finaled to produce 16 barrels of 34 gravity oil and 30 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,052-280 feet and location is in Section 88, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Borden County

Collins and Ware Inc. has plugged and abandoned the No. 212 Von Roeder in the Von Roeder north field, 10 miles north of Vincent. Drilled to 6,950 feet, drill site was in Section 93, Block 25, H&TC survey.

HAT Oil and Gas Inc. has completed the No. 2 Johnson in the Clayton Ranch north field, 10 miles north of Gail. The well was finaled to produce 10 barrels of 39.8 gravity oil and 44 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,698-734 feet, and location is in Section 22, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Texaco will drill the No. 7112 Joe Mill field unit, 17 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 8,500 feet, drill site is in Section 41, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Sinclair Oil Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 5 Lain, a 6,750-foot wildcat located 13 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Drill site was in Section 56, Block X, T&P survey.

Baytech Inc. will drill the No. 1-27 Pieper, a 7,100-foot wildcat re-entry located five miles northwest of Roscoe. Location is in Section 27, Block 24, T&P survey.

Patterson Petroleum has completed the No. 115-North Nena Lucia unit in the Nena Lucia field, four miles west of Maryneal. The well was finaled to produce 14 barrels of 40 gravity oil and 650 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,806-7,048 feet, and location is in Section 1, Block 4, H&TC survey.

Pioneer Exploration has completed the No. 10 R.R. Petty in the E.A. field, three miles southwest of Nolan. The well was finaled to produce 33 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 50 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,760-766 feet, and location is in Section 6, Block Z, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration has completed the No. 11 R.R. Petty in the E.A. field, three miles southwest of Nolan. The venture was finaled to produce 28 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 10 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,752-760 feet, and location is in Section 6, Block Z, T&P survey.

Hallwood Petroleum will drill the No. 1 Connally unit in the Dora North field, 14 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Planned for a depth of 6,200 feet, location is in Section 3, Block 6, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Durango Operating Co. will drill the No. 7-19 Y6 in the Judy Gail east field, two miles northwest of Hamlin. Planned for a depth of 4,612 feet, drill site is in Lot 19, W.E. Kay survey No. 4.

Garza County

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 167 Fuller Dorward unit in the Dorward field, nine miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 692, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Merit Energy Corp. has completed the No. 709 Coleman Ranch unit, two miles west of Cuthbert. The well was finaled to produce 59 barrels of 27 gravity oil and 104 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,599-883 feet, and location is in Section 70, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Merit Energy Corp. will drill the No. 34-B V.T. McCabe in the Jameson north field, four miles north of Silver. Planned for a depth of 6,500 feet, location is in Section 226, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

SDX Resources Inc. will drill the No. 5-B S.E. Elliott in the Turner-Gregory field, eight miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 25, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Little Gem in the C.C. Gunn field, 21 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 7,700 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 25, H&TC survey.

'Volcano' bursts into top box office position

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Volcano" erupted into the No. 1 spot at the weekend box office, squeezing out the snake-infested scare "Anaconda."

But moviegoers, it seems, have only so much interest in deadly lava. The disaster film about a volcano that threatens to turn the coast into toast is not generating the heat of its predecessor and rival, "Dante's Peak."

Industry estimates Sunday show "Volcano" debuting with $14.7 million in ticket sales.

"Dante's Peak," in contrast, made $18.6 million dollars in the best February opening ever. In that movie, the volcano's victim is a small town.

"Volcano," starring Tommy Lee Jones, got good reviews for its lava-filled special effects. But a fatter opening take may have been needed because movies tend to lose audiences quickly these days, said Tom Sherak, chairman of 20th Century Fox's Domestic Film Group.

"Everybody's building and building for that first weekend ... because you know you're gonna have a huge falloff," he said, noting that despite its debut gross, "Dante's Peak" wound up with only about $65 million.

"Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion," a comedy starring Oscar-winner Mira Sorvino and Lisa Kudrow as two pretty losers faking success at their 10-year reunion, debuted in second place with $7.6 million.

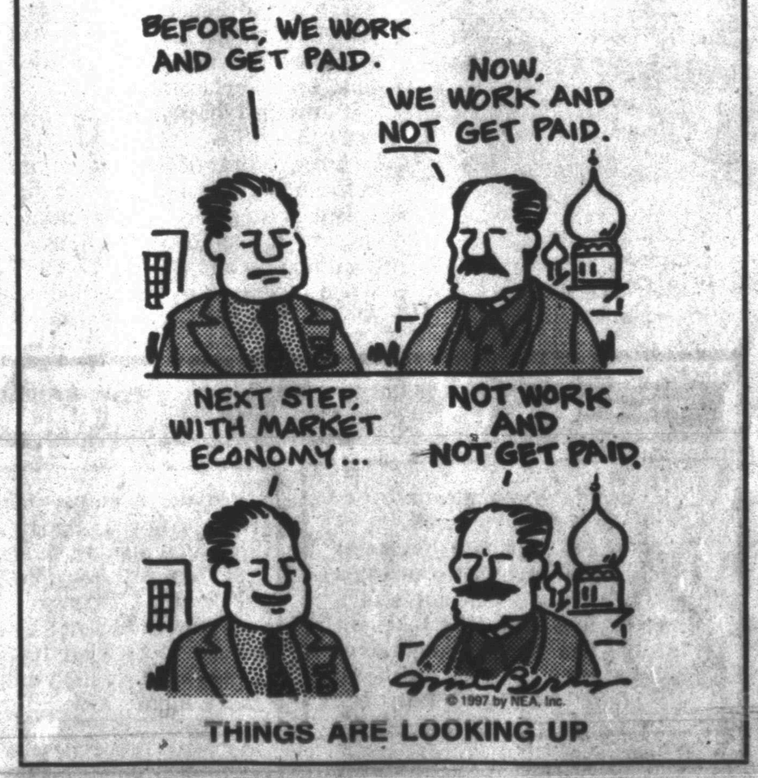
"Anaconda" was third with $7.3 million, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. It had been No. 1 for two weeks in a row.

"Liar, Liar," in fourth place, is the highest-grossing film of the year. The Jim Carrey comedy earned $6.8 million for the weekend for a total of $143.5 million over six weeks.

Final weekend box office figures were to be released Monday.

The top 10 films from Friday through Sunday:

1. "Volcano," $14.7 million.
2. "Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion," $7.6 million.
3. "Anaconda," $7.3 million.
4. "Liar, Liar," $6.8 million.
5. "The Saint," $5 million.
6. "Murder at 1600," $4.7 million.
7. "Grosse Pointe Blank," $3 million.
8. "Scream," $1.4 million.
9. "The Devil's Own," $1.2 million.
10. "Chasing Amy," $1.1 million.
10. "That Old Feeling," $1.1 million.



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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman's Family and Friends Help Heal Her Cancer Wounds

DEAR ABBY: I was upset by the letter from the woman who was upset because her sister-in-law and mother announced to friends that she had breast cancer. Her anger will not help her through her ordeal.

Last year I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Because of the short time frame (I found out on Wednesday and a radical mastectomy was performed on Friday), I had time to alert only my immediate family and two close friends. When the members of my church and all my other friends found out, their outpouring of love and prayers speeded my healing process. Without the love, understanding and help of my family and friends, my recovery would have been less rapid.

A member of a breast cancer support group called and invited me to a meeting. These new friends have provided me with emotional support that only a survivor could give; their sense of humor in the face of life-threatening illness cannot be rivaled. They have the latest news on medicines and techniques. We have speakers on all subjects relating to cancer.

Because I informed my friends about my cancer, at least one called her doctor immediately and scheduled the mammogram she had been postponing. Another friend was just beginning radiation, and since I had already started mine, I was able to tell her what to expect.

Breast cancer has opened up a whole new world for me — a world of positives, because life may be too short to worry about the negatives.

Be proud that you survived. Reach out to others and let them reach out to you. With insurance companies reluctant to fund reconstructive surgery, we need as many people as we can get to fight for our side. You may use my name.

JO ANN C. WALL, CHESAPEAKE, VA.

DEAR JO ANN: You have my sympathy for the ordeal you have experienced, and there is little doubt your positive attitude has played an important role in your recovery.

Early detection is critical in managing breast cancer, as many readers reminded me after I printed the letter from "Hurting in Kansas." A young woman from Cincinnati said it best:

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old female, writing to you in the hope that my story might save or prolong the lives of other young women.

On Dec. 26, 1996, just two days before my wedding, I found a small lump in my right breast. Because of the chaos of the holidays and family members arriving from out of town, I decided to say nothing and to pursue no action at that time. A week later, on our honeymoon, I showed the lump to my husband and expressed my concern. We agreed I would have it looked at upon our return.

I have since had a lumpectomy and auxiliary lymph nodes removed (some of the nodes were positive), and begun intensive high-dose chemotherapy with radiation treatments to follow. My outlook is very positive and I feel certain I can win this battle.

I am not writing for sympathy. I'm writing to alert your readers that this could happen to them, and to make them more aware of their role in early detection. Breast cancer does not run in my family. My mother, aunt, sister and cousins are all older than I and have never had an incident. Many physicians do not advise young women of their risk of breast cancer, and the majority of my friends don't know how to do breast self-examinations. No one is concerned until a woman is over 40, and even then there's some controversy regarding the effectiveness of mammograms.

This is not a disease that cares how old you are. Please, Abby, implore your women readers over 20 to do self-checks, have an annual examination by a physician, and begin mammographies early if they feel they are at risk.

GINGER KELLY, CINCINNATI

DEAR GINGER: No need to implore my readers; you just did, and most effectively. Thank you for writing, and best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

DEAR ABBY: This year the Pet Adoptathon '97 — that lifesaving spring weekend when animal organizations join together to find a home for each and every pet in shelters throughout the world — will take place May 3 and 4. Once again, North Shore Animal League and the Iams Co. are sponsoring this international event in shelters and humane societies throughout the United States, Canada, England and South America.

All participating shelters and North Shore Animal League's most famous adoptees — Scarlett and her kittens — issue this urgent plea to animal lovers everywhere: Visit your local Adoptathon shelter on May 3 or 4, and adopt a loving dog, cat, puppy or kitten. You'll receive a free Iams starter kit, which includes pet food as well as literature on responsible pet ownership. But best of all, you'll get a lifetime of companionship and unconditional love from a cute and cuddly furry friend.

For the name of a shelter near you, call the Adoptathon hotline: 1-800-863-4267, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT. You can also visit us at www.iams.com.

MIKE ARMS, NORTH SHORE ANIMAL LEAGUE, PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y.

DEAR MIKE: The Pet Adoptathon is a worthy program, but I must issue a word of caution:

Readers: Before you rush out to adopt that adorable little pet who is guaranteed to give you boundless love, please take a moment to be sure you are ready to make a commitment that will last for many years.

Pets are wonderful, but they require proper care and attention, and many require training to be the pleasurable companions you may be seeking. If you are ready for this responsibility, get to the shelter early and select the pet who was born to be loved by you!

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North 04-28-97	
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	♥ K 5 4	
	♦ A J	
	♣ 7 5 2	
West		**East**
♠ 9 8		♠ 5 3
♥ J 6		♥ Q 10 9 8 2
♦ K 10 7 2		♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ A Q 9 8 6		♣ J 10
	South	
	♠ A K J 4	
	♥ A 7 3	
	♦ Q 5 4	
	♣ K 4 3	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

The extra edge was sharp

By Phillip Alder

No doubt you are aware that the body contains five bowels: a, e, i, o and u. Or so several schoolchildren have claimed over the years.

Although it helps to have a strong stomach when playing bridge, luckily most contracts don't require one to decide between five lines of play. In today's deal, there appears to be only one possibility: to assume East has the club ace. Yet there is a second prospect. How would you plan the play in four spades after West leads a low diamond to dummy's jack?

North's two-heart response was a transfer bid showing at least five spades. The subsequent jump to three no-trump offered South a choice of game contracts. Transfer bids have two big pluses: the no-trump opener can declare the contract in the major, and the responder can show a game-forcing two-suiter below three no-trump.

After drawing trumps, South was tempted to settle it by leading a club to his king. (As you can see, this would result in South losing four tricks: one heart and three clubs.) However, he tried an intermezzo first. He cashed dummy's diamond ace and heart king, led a heart to his ace, and continued with the diamond queen, discarding dummy's last heart — an unusual loser-on-loser play.

West was trapped. If he opened up clubs, declarer would score his king. Yet, if West led his last diamond, declarer would throw a club from the dummy and ruff in hand. Either way, declarer would lose only three tricks: one diamond and two clubs.

Casinos, skating stars and bridge experts live off these extra edges.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

A rise in status is indicated for the year ahead if you take advantage of your opportunities. Be sure the ambitions they arouse are realistic and attainable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Success is within your reach today, provided you don't trip over your own tongue. Verify your objectives and pursue each in an intelligent manner. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Avoid being indifferent to developments today, as you may drift into unfriendly waters. Be sure that you're in control of events.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) today you could be drawn into a complicated development if you allow others to manipulate you. Heed the warning signals before it's too late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Impulsive judgments could cause you problems today. Do not make decisions until you're absolutely certain you have all the facts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Household problems that require special knowledge should be left to the experts today. Stick with what you know or you could botch up the job.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try not to overtax yourself physically today in strenuous activities. Go a little at a time to build up your strength.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It might be better to temporarily shelve several disagreeable tasks which require your attention instead of doing them in a half-hearted way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is imperative today that you control events instead of letting them control you. Stay positive or you could be defeated before you begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're out shopping today, be careful not to get attracted to items that cost more than they're worth — you can't afford it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Restless urges could intensify your ambitions today and entice you into new endeavors. Take care that your methods are productive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you behave in a competitive fashion today, it could provoke circumstances you didn't anticipate. Keep your spirits in check.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An unpleasant development might leave you with angry feelings today. However, don't blame a whole group for the behavior of a single member.

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Specialized license plates considered

AUSTIN (AP) — If Rep. Glen Lewis has his way, Texans who want to pledge their allegiance to out-of-state universities soon will be able to — on Texas license plates.

The Fort Worth Democrat is supporting a bill that would allow the state to produce license plates that carry the logos of other states' schools.

"These folks are citizens of the state," Lewis said of people clamoring for out-of-state university plates. "They just chose to go to school outside the state of Texas."

Specialized plates raise millions of dollars for the state and the schools every year.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room at the hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m. 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; installation of officers; hostesses, hospitality committee—Sandra Browning, Maribeth Vestal and Bonnie Fry; 9:30 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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.

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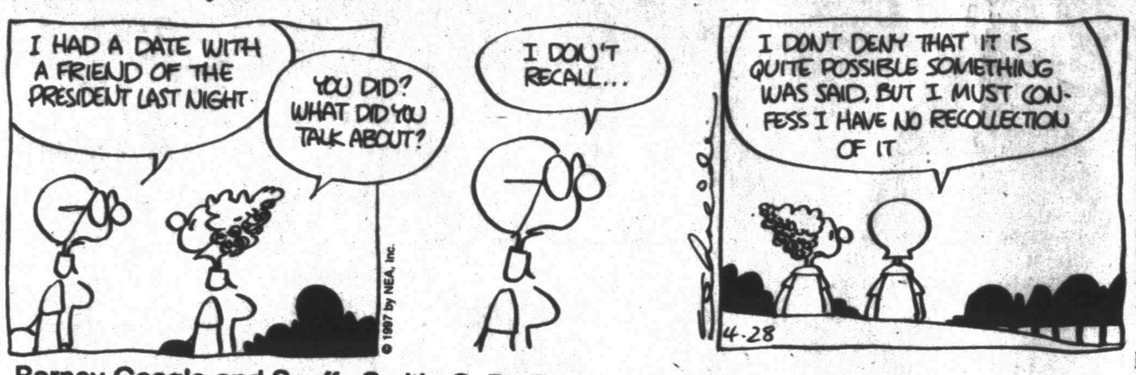
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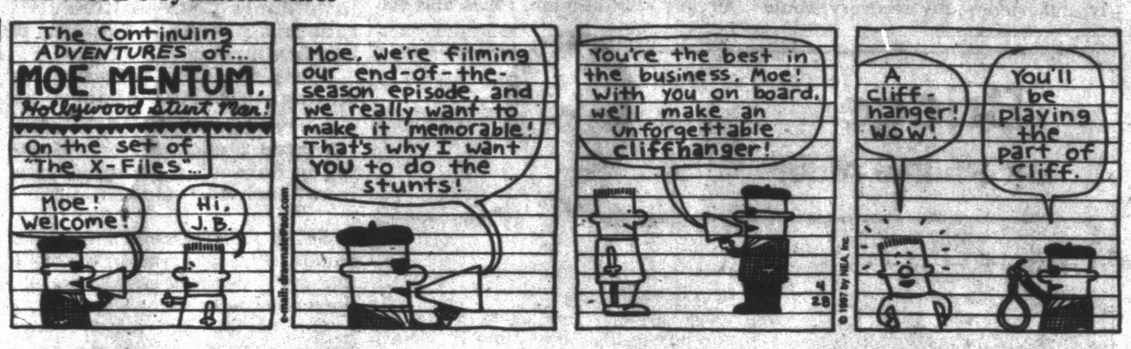
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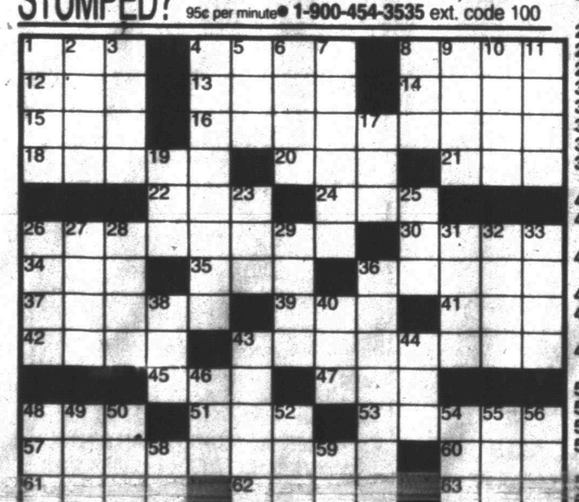
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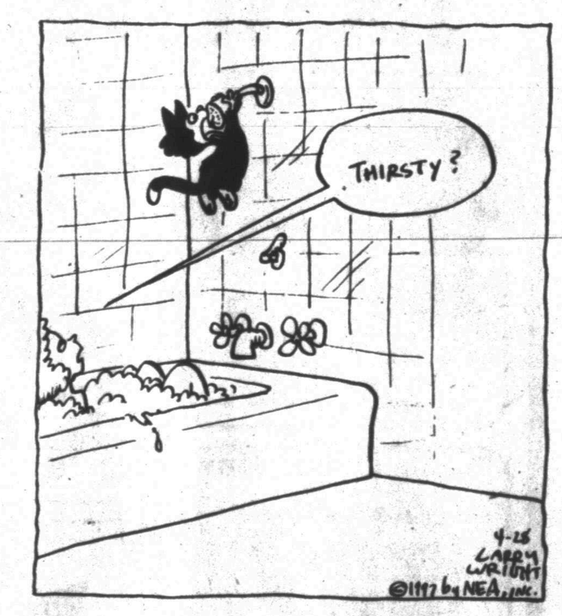
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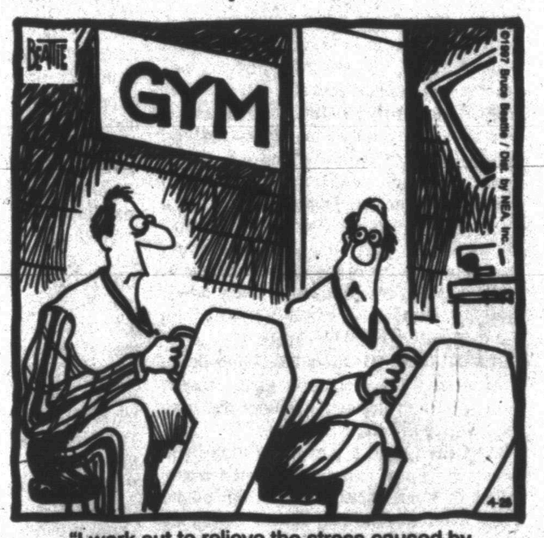
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SPORTS

Tigers face Plainview in crucial 2-4 tilt tonight

The Snyder Tigers' final District 2-4A game, delayed from last Friday because of wet grounds, is set for 7 tonight in Plainview.

The delay, however, has not changed the importance. Snyder must upset the league-leading Bulldogs and Estacado must lose tonight if the Tigers get into the post season playoffs.

The Tigers dropped to fourth in the loop standings after last Tuesday's 5-2 loss to Estacado at Moffett field. Estacado hosts Levelland tonight. In the other District 2-4A tilt, Lamesa takes on second place Frenship.

Coach Roland Herrera says the Tiger bats will likely face Chris Glenn, the same hurler who fanned 12 batters in Plainview's 7-0 shutout of the Tigers in the first round of district play.

Junior Clay Berryman (6-6) will start on the mound for the Tigers.

John Border is the Tiger catcher and Patrick Cumbie is the first sacker. Richard Canas is at second and Eric Lang is the third baseman. Trevor Thompson is the shortstop. The leftfielder will be Kyle Beck, David Smith will be in center and Chris Hernandez will defend in right.

The Tigers are 4-4-1 in District and own a 14-9-1 season mark.

Snyder rallies for 6-4 victory

KERMIT — Down by four runs in the sixth inning, Snyder's varsity softball team exploded for six en route to a 6-4 playoff victory over El Paso Parkland here Saturday afternoon.

The come-from-behind triumph sewed up a best-of-three/series for Snyder, advancing Coach Billy Hicks' diamond ladies to a Class 4A quarterfinals contest with Andrews, set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Lubbock.

Snyder and Andrews (18-4), met in the first game of the season and the Mustangs took a 12-6 decision.

After missing scoring opportunities in the second and fourth innings Saturday, the Tigers cranked up the offense with one out after CeCe Valadez had flied out to left. Starla Davis followed with a single to left and Keila Helms reached base on an error by the second baseman.

Brittany Drummond singled to right, scoring K.K. McClain, a courtesy runner for Davis. Bradi Johnson hit a slowe roller to first who made a throwing error to second. Helms raced home and scored on a throwing error to home by the second sacker.

Hicks said he gambled on the play. "She should have been out by three steps, but I had to test their arms."

The rally continued with Amy Ricks reaching base on an error by the first baseman, an miscue that allowed Courtney Rinehart, running for Drummond, and Johnson to score, knotting the score at 4-4.

Snyder got its second out when Darcee Purcell was caught looking. Amanda Huff hit deep and two outfielders ran together, allowing an inside-the-park homerun by Huff that also pushed in Hicks. Shawn Purcell followed with a single to right, but Valadez' line drive was caught to end the inning.

It was the three errors by Parkland that proved fatal, but Snyder committed three of its own. A miscue set up Parkland's first score in the initial frame, an error was a factor in the fifth inning.

The Tigers had threatened in the second and fourth frames. In the second, with two outs, Drummonded tripled down rightfield line, but she was left stranded when Johnson grounded out to second.

In the fourth, Valadez reached base on an error and Davis doubled down leftfield line, putting runners in scoring position on second and third. Helm was caught looking for the first out, Drummond popped up for the second and Johnson went down swinging to retire the side.

Drummond was the winning pitcher, allowing three hits, in advancing her season record to 10-8.

Not superstitious, but just in case...

Snyder softball Coach Billy Hicks isn't superstitious, but he's not taking any chances.

In two years in the playoffs, every time Brittany Drummond has pitched, the Tigers have scored six runs. Last year the Tigers won 6-0 and 6-4 against Joshua.

Last weekend the Tigers defeated El Paso Parkland 6-0 and 6-4.

Drummond lost her No. 8 black jersey and Hicks gave her No. 6 to wear.

Just in case, Coach Hicks expects to issue the No. 6 white jersey for Tuesday's game with Andrews.

Sports Briefs

Hale Irwin wins again

LAS VEGAS (AP) — When you're winning as much as Hale Irwin, they can't all be pretty.

A week after tearing the field apart in the PGA Seniors' championship, Irwin found another way to win Sunday in the Las Vegas Senior Classic.

Some shots went sideways and his putts kept rolling around the hole, but Irwin made the putt that mattered the most on the 18th hole to beat Isao Aoki by a shot for his second win in a row.

It was the fourth win in seven senior events for Irwin this year, the hottest start ever by a golfer on the Senior Tour.

Nobilo wins playoff

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Frank Nobilo has won golf tournaments all around the world, but America had been anything but the land of opportunity for him this season.

The 36-year-old New Zealander decided, like so many foreign players in the '90s, that the United States was the place to take his game to the next level.

Nobilo didn't count on back problems and a circulatory condition that lead to arthritic-like symptoms in both arms for the better part of the last 10 months, sending him to doctor-after-doctor and into a deep golfing slump.

But Nobilo put all his ailments aside Sunday during a miserable day for golf when he birdied six of his final 11 holes and made a scrambling par on the first playoff hole of the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic to beat Brad Faxon.

Lopez claims 48th victory

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. (AP) — Less than two years ago Nancy Lopez said she "needed to get myself more prepared or quit golf."

She opted for preparation — losing 40 pounds and working hard on her game. It paid off so well she was able to capture her 48th LPGA Tour victory on Sunday and look confidently toward a new objective.

"Fifty definitely is a goal," she said after winning the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship shortened to a 36-hole event when a severe thunderstorm washed out Sunday's scheduled final round.

She had enough of a game on Saturday to secure the $82,500 first prize at the 6,187-yard Eagles Landing Country Club course.

Lopez went through the first 17 holes of the second round with a 6-under total that featured an eagle-3 on the 13th, holing a wedge from 83 yards. It ended up being the shot that decided the tournament.

Girls Softball tryouts

Tryouts for girls 7-8 years of age for girls softball will be held at 6 p.m. today at North Park.

Because of rains, other age group tryouts have been rescheduled for Tuesday. Ages 10 and under and 12 and under will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Cates Field. Tryouts for ages 14 and under will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Cates Field.

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.

Ladies Playday Tuesday

Ladies Golf Association's playday is each Tuesday at Snyder Country Club, starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday's format will be Guess Your Score. Swingers play will begin Friday at 5:30 p.m. and couples play is set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

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.

Hermleigh's Digby seventh

ABILENE — Hermleigh's Billy Joe Digby was the only Cardinal thinclad to place in last weekend's regional track meet at ACU.

Digby was seventh in the discus with a toss of 121-7.

Correction

Jim and Helen Wadleigh of Snyder did not go to Houston to see their great-granddaughter, Taylor Greene, compete in the NBA 2ball championship. It rather was her grandparents, Lanny and Ethel Wadleigh of Fort Worth, who are former Snyder residents.

Jordan proves it's still Bulls' market

By The Associated Press

People have called his team vulnerable. People have said the MVP resides elsewhere. People have convinced themselves that this year will be different.

How dare they.

Michael Jordan proved again Sunday that his era is far from over. The greatest basketball player in the world scored 55 points, including 20 of his team's 23 in the fourth quarter, to lead the defending champion Chicago Bulls to a 109-104 victory over the Washington Bullets for a 2-0 lead in their best-of-5 series.

It was a good thing he did, too, because the rest of the Bulls weren't doing much. Scottie Pippen managed just three points in the second half. Dennis Rodman grabbed just eight rebounds. Toni Kukoc scored six points and Steve Kerr had just two. And nobody seemed able to stop Chris Webber, Juwan Howard and Calbert Cheaney on the defensive end.

But just as he has done so many times in his career, Jordan carried the team.

"M.J. is M.J.," Chicago's Ron Harper said. "We allow him to do his thing. If he wants to take over a game, there is nothing Scottie can say or (coach) Phil (Jackson) can say to stop it."

Said Jordan: "That's my job. That's what I get paid the big bucks for. I want to win. I want to win another championship."

Elsewhere Sunday, the Lakers and Heat went ahead 2-0 in their series and the Sonics and Pistons bounced back with victories that tied their series 1-1.

The Lakers defeated Portland 107-93, Miami trounced Orlando 104-87, Seattle crushed Phoenix 122-78 and Detroit topped Atlanta 93-80.

Fambro fifth in region high jump

SAN ANGELO — Snyder's Matthew Fambro placed fifth in the high jump and seventh in two hurdle events at the regional track meet last weekend.

Fambro cleared 6-3 in the high jump. All competitors missed at 6-5, but the tie-breaker system based on number of misses at 6-3 put Fambro in fifth.

Fambro was clocked at 15.09 in the 100-meter high hurdles and at 42.1 in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

On Friday, Snyder's Joey Medley placed fifth in the discus with a toss 144-4.

NBA playoffs

By The Associated Press

FIRST ROUND

(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, Houston leads series 2-0

New York 100, Charlotte 93, New York leads series 2-0

Utah 105, L.A. Clippers 99, Utah leads series 2-0

Sunday, April 27

Miami 104, Orlando 87, Miami leads series 2-0

L.A. Lakers 107, Portland 93, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0

Chicago 109, Washington 104, Chicago leads series 2-0

Detroit 93, Atlanta 80, series tied 1-1

Seattle 122, Phoenix 78, series tied 1-1

Monday, April 28

New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Utah at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29

Miami at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Houston at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Seattle at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30

Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Utah at L.A. Clippers, TBD, if necessary

Rangers win fifth in row

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Warren Newson knew something had to give, and when it did, it happened in a big way.

With only one hit all season and none in his last 10 at-bats, Newson homered, doubled and singled Sunday to lift the Texas Rangers to a 7-3 win over the Minnesota Twins.

Texas won its fifth straight game and completed its first sweep at the Metrodome since May 1995. Minnesota has lost five in a row.

The game was tied in the eighth when Newson homered off Dan Naulty (1-1), highlighting a five-run inning. He also had an RBI double in the second inning, and both hits were to the opposite field for the lefty-swinging Newson.

Newson's home run put Texas in the lead for good, and came on an outside fastball.

Both WTC rodeo teams finish third

ABILENE — Some times it's a guessing game.

Shanna Ferguson and Jamie Stewart showed their talents at the Hardin-Simmons University here over the weekend, but Western Texas College won't benefit from it.

Before each Southwest Region rodeo, coaches select a four-woman team and a six-man team to represent their college or university. Other students can compete, but their scores can't be used for the team total.

That was the case Saturday, when Ferguson won the women's all-around by splitting first and second place in the goat tying and taking second in the breakaway. Stewart was second in the barrels.

Ferguson, from Ovalo, Texas, won the short-go in the breakaway in 3.1 seconds. Her average was 7.1 seconds. Stewart, a San Angelo product, won the long-go of the barrels in 17.93 seconds and clocked 36.11 on two runs.

Western Texas' women's team placed third here with 125 points, leaving the Westerners third in the Southwest Region standings, some 295 points out of second place. The ladies will have one more shot at it this week at the season-ending Tarleton State University Rodeo in Stephenville.

Only the top two teams in the region advance to nationals.

Western's men also placed third here over the weekend, and remain solidly in second place in the region.

Tarleton State, directed by former WTC coach Bob Doty, leads both divisions. Western Texas is close behind in the men's standings, trailing by just 67.5 points.

In action involving WTC students here, Amanda Wallin led the women with a strong performance in the goat tying. She split first and second place with Ferguson in the average. Her 10.2 long-go time shared first place and her 10.9 in the finals was third.

WTC's other points came in the breakaway roping from Tona Wright. The Moriarty, N.M., cowgirl split third and fourth place with a total time of 7.4 seconds. Her 3.6 in the finals tied for second.

The saddle bronc and bareback continued to be the strong events for WTC's men. Lance Gaillard won the long-go in the saddle bronc with a score of 74. His combined points of 141 placed second in the average.

Jeff Decker won the finals with a score of 71. Combined with his long-go time of 62, he placed fourth in the average.

Chad Maynard led the effort in the bareback. The Eastland cowboy took second in both the long-go and short-go with a pair of 69s. His 138 total won the average. A couple of non-team members for WTC, Heath Kenney and Kyle Bowers, tied for third in the long-go. They did not fare well in the finals, however.

In an individual effort, WTC's Ryan Rickels placed second in the calf roping with a time of 24.2 on two head.

Hardin-Simmons Rodeo

Men: 1. Vernon RJC, 295; 2. Tarleton, 275; 3. Western Texas, 220; 4. Frank Phillips, 165; 5. Howard, 140; 6. WTA&M, 120; 7. Sul Ross, 105; 8. Odessa, 100.

Women: 1. Sul Ross, 140; 2. Tarleton, 135; 3. Western Texas, 125; 4. Vernon RJC, 65; 5. Texas Tech, 40; 6. WTA&M, 35.

Southwest Region Standings

Men: 1. Tarleton, 1,875.83; 2. Western Texas, 1,808.33; 3. Vernon RJC, 1,360.83; 4. Howard, 1,090; 5. WTA&M, 1,035; 6. Odessa, 927.5; 7. Cisco JC, 710; 8. NMJC, 642.5.

Women: 1. Tarleton, 1,670; 2. Vernon RJC, 1,585; 3. Western Texas, 1,290; 4. ENMU, 450; 5. Sul Ross, 285; 6. WTA&M, 270; 7. Howard, 155; 8. Odessa, 90.

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National League

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	17	5	.773	-
Florida	13	9	.591	4
Montreal	11	10	.524	5½
NewYork	9	14	.391	8½
Philadelphia	7	14	.333	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	14	9	.609	-
Pittsburgh	11	11	.500	2½
St.Louis	8	14	.364	5½
Cincinnati	7	15	.318	6½
Chicago	4	18	.182	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	16	5	.762	-
Colorado	15	6	.714	1
LosAngeles	11	10	.524	5
SanDiego	9	12	.429	7

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 10, Philadelphia 2

Montreal 8, N.Y. Mets 1

Colorado 4, St. Louis 2

Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 6

Atlanta 3, San Diego 2, 10 innings

San Francisco 2, Houston 0

Florida 8, Los Angeles 3

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 2, San Diego 0, 4¼ innings, rain

N.Y. Mets 5, Montreal 3, 10 innings

Philadelphia at Cincinnati, ppd., rain

St. Louis 6, Colorado 2

Pittsburgh 7, Chicago Cubs 0

San Francisco 3, Houston 2

Florida 4, Los Angeles 3

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh (Loiaza 2-0) at Philadelphia (Portugal 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

San Diego (Worrell 1-3) at Florida (Saunders 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Reed 1-1) at Cincinnati (Smiley 1-4), 7:35 p.m.

Los Angeles (Martinez 2-1) at Atlanta (Glavine 3-0), 7:40 p.m.

Montreal (Hermanson 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 0-3), 8:05 p.m.

San Francisco (VanLandingham 1-1) at St. Louis (An.Benes 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Colorado (Wright 3-1) at Houston (Hampton 1-3), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Colorado (Bailey 3-0) at Houston (Wall 0-0), 1:35 p.m.

Montreal (Bullinger 1-3) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 0-3), 2:20 p.m.

San Diego (Hamilton 1-1) at Florida (Brown 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-2) at Philadelphia (Maduro 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Clark 2-1) at Cincinnati (Morgan 0-2), 7:35 p.m.

Los Angeles (Park 0-1) at Atlanta (Wade 0-0), 7:40 p.m.

San Francisco (Reuter 1-0) at St. Louis (Stottlemyre 0-1), 8:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	14	7	.667	-
Boston	12	11	.522	3
NewYork	12	12	.500	3½
Toronto	10	11	.476	4
Detroit	10	15	.400	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	10	10	.500	-
Cleveland	11	12	.478	½
KansasCity	10	11	.476	½
Minnesota	11	13	.458	1
Chicago	7	16	.304	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	15	9	.625	-
Texas	13	8	.619	½
Oakland	12	12	.500	3
Anaheim	11	11	.500	3

Saturday's Games

Toronto 4, Seattle 3

Baltimore 14, Boston 5

N.Y. Yankees 10, Chicago White Sox 2

Oakland 7, Kansas City 6, 11 innings

Milwaukee 9, Cleveland 8

Texas 6, Minnesota 1

Detroit 2, Anaheim 0

Sunday's Games

Seattle 2, Toronto 1

Boston 13, Baltimore 7

N.Y. Yankees 7, Chicago White Sox 1

Milwaukee 6, Cleveland 5

Texas 7, Minnesota 3

Kansas City 7, Oakland 1

Anaheim 6, Detroit 5

Monday's Games

Texas (Oliver 1-1) at Milwaukee (McDonald 2-2), 2:05 p.m.

Seattle (Fassero 4-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 2-1), 7:35 p.m.

Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Anaheim (Langston 1-2) at Boston (Wasdin 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (Prieto 2-0) at Cleveland (Nagy 3-1), 7:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Eldred 2-1) at Detroit (Olivares 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Seattle (Moyer 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 1-1), 7:35 p.m.

Toronto (Hentgen 1-1) at Kansas City (Rusch 2-1), 8:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Coppinger 0-0) at Minnesota (F.Rodriguez 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

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His carrot crop is so drenched from weeks of above-average rainfall it can't be harvested. Onions that should have been shipped off weeks ago lie in damp fields, caked with mud.

"The drought's over here for sure," said Lackey, disgustedly rubbing muck off an onion.

Ask Rio Grande Watermaster Cindy Martinez the same question, and her response is not only is the drought not over, but conditions are worse this year than last.

"We keep singing the same song," said Ms. Martinez, who oversees water allocations from the two international reservoirs that feed the Rio Grande Valley. "Every time there's an abundance of rainfall we're asked, 'Are we out of the drought? Are we out of the drought?' All we can say is no."

While weeks of spring showers have replenished soil moisture in South Texas, they have done nothing to alleviate the region's severe water supply shortage.

So as other parts of the state declare the drought dead and gone, the Rio Grande Valley is struggling to survive its fourth straight dry season.

For farmers like Lackey, the situation is becoming harder to accept as time wears on.

"You either have to be crazy or have a strong constitution to keep in this business," said Lackey, a Rio Grande Valley farmer since 1961. "It's hard to look at this and keep your sanity."

The Valley takes its water from Falcon Lake and the Amistad Reservoir, storage sheds located hundreds of miles west of here that also supply water to residents and farmers in northern Mexico.

On this side of the border, 90 percent of the water supply is used for agriculture, while 10 percent is allotted to cities.

Over the past few years, the reservoirs have dropped to record-low levels. Today, the supply stands at just 39 percent of capacity. At this time last year, the reservoirs were at 41 percent of capacity.

Recent rains raised the level a few percentage points, but the much-needed showers fell too far east to do any real good.

Where it did rain, however, it did indeed pour.

Brownsville has received 4 2/3 inches of rain so far this month. That's more than three times the normal amount for all of April, said National Weather Service meteorologist Richard Hagan.

'Titanic' in trouble; slow production could sink planned release on July 4th

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A ship named Titanic has long been synonymous with disaster. Now a film named "Titanic" is steaming perilously close to the same fate.

Helmed by perfectionist director James Cameron, the movie is rapidly becoming the most expensive in history and may miss its planned Fourth of July holiday launch. Such a delay could cost two Hollywood studios millions of dollars in lost revenue — and open the door to competitors.

It is nail-biting time for Paramount Pictures and 20th Century Fox, jointly bankrolling the film that industry sources say could become the most expensive ever at $200 million for production and marketing.

The film cannot make its July 2 release, an executive close to production said on condition of anonymity. If it's not released later that month, look for "Titanic" at Thanksgiving.

Asked about the movie's release, Paramount motion picture group vice chairman Rob Friedman snapped: "I don't know. You tell me. Everybody else seems to have the information."

There are regular "Titanic" reports in the trade paper Daily Variety, complete with a faintly sketched and ominous-looking clock.

"I think that's the most amazing thing. You'd think it was like a hostage crisis or something," said Rae Sanchini, the movie's executive producer.

The Titanic sank with 1,523 men, women and children in 1912 after it hit an iceberg on its maiden voyage from Britain to the United States. It sank in 2 1/2 miles of water off the coast of Newfoundland.

Eighty-five years after the disaster, the doomed luxury liner is still a popular subject. A $10 million Broadway show, "Titanic: A New Musical," opened in New York City last week after a preview period filled with highly publicized technical breakdowns.

Now tales of lavish spending and obsession surrounding "Titanic" are bubbling up around Cameron, whose "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" in 1991 was once Hollywood's costliest.

Sixteen-hour work days and work weeks of 70-plus hours were common on a film that Cameron is said to consider not just a popcorn flick but an artistic epic. It stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet.

"We called it 'Gone with the Titanic.' The principal actors were calling it that, too," said Barbara Chronowski, one of the extras hired for six months of filming at a Baja California studio built for the production.

The production took place on controlled water-tank sets, including one that held a 750-foot, 80 percent replica of the ship. That avoided the disruptive open-sea weather that sent the budget soaring for 1995's troubled epic, "Waterworld."

But the devil for "Titanic" may be in the details.

Cameron commissioned historically accurate artwork to hang in the ship's first-class smoking room. He revised entire shots rather than put a piece of Titanic furniture out of place.

"When we sat in the first-class dining room, which will be magnificent in the movie, we had little menus on the table that said 'RMS Titanic,'" Chronowski said. They were identical to those on the ship the day it sank.

For the record, Sanchini said, the china was cheap dinnerware stamped with the White Star logo. She said such finicky re-creations were vital.

Making the July Fourth weekend also seems crucial.

The highest-grossing films have opened in summer, including "Independence Day," which brought in $85 million on its debut weekend last July Fourth, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks movie grosses.

Faced with a likely July 2 void, Paramount is shifting its John Travolta-Nicolas Cage film "Face Off" to June 27; 20th Century Fox is counting on the Jack Lemmon-Walter Matthau comedy "Out to Sea."

Officers kept busy throughout weekend

Officers arrested Saul Salinas, 19, of 611 Highway 208 in Dunn at 9:09 p.m. Saturday for public intoxication. Officers were first called to the Park Village Apartments in reference to someone trying to kick a door in. Officers responded and the subject ran and hid in a dumpster in the 4400 block of Avenue U where he was arrested. Salinas was also wanted on an outstanding warrant for felony revocation of probation on a charge of burglary.

Other arrests over the weekend included a 55-year-old male who was taken into custody at 12:09 p.m. Saturday in the 2700 block of Avenue J on an outstanding city warrant.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 1 p.m. Saturday on a warrant out of Taylor County for theft by check.

Officers arrested a 41-year-old male at 4:12 p.m. Saturday in the 1900 block of Coleman Avenue for public intoxication.

A 42-year-old male was arrested at 12:24 p.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of 39th Street on two Scurry County warrants for the issuance of bad checks and a Mitchell County warrant for a bad check.

Two people were arrested at 8:47 p.m. Sunday in the 500 block of 15th Street. Arrested for Class C assault/family violence were a 30-year-old male and a 27-year-old female.

At 1:55 this morning, officers arrested a 37-year-old male in the 3700 block of Avenue O for public intoxication.

In other activity over the weekend, the fire department was called to the Gene Wright residence at 2902 37th Street at 9:37 p.m in reference to his house being full of smoke. The fire was located in the trash compactor and extinguished.

Officers were called to Allsup's at 11:15 p.m. Saturday in reference to a subject leaving and not paying for $16 worth of gas.

Officers were called to the 3800 block of Avenue V at 1:27 p.m. Sunday in reference to a fight. Offense reports for Class A assault and Class C assault were submitted.

DPS troopers investigated a one-vehicle roll-over which was reported at 7:07 p.m. Saturday some 3.7 miles south of Ira on Highway 350. Involved was a 1994 Dodge pickup driven by Larry Drgac of Girvin. A passenger in his vehicle, Anna Drgac, 42, was taken by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where she was treated and transferred to Lubbock's University Medical Center. She was listed in satisfactory condition this morning.

Singer to play ball

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — When R. Kelly says he can fly, he's not kidding.

The rhythm-and-blues singer R. Kelly, whose single "I Believe I Can Fly" appeared on the soundtrack of the Michael Jordan movie "Space Jam," has signed to play minor league pro basketball.

"It's not a gimmick," Ken Gross, owner of the Atlantic City Seagulls, said Friday. "He's a ballplayer. He can play."

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AirTouch	24⅜	24⅛	24⅛+ ⅛	
Albertsons		32½	32 32½	
AlldSignal	71⅛	70⅝	70⅝— ⅜	
Alltel	30⅜	30	30⅛+ ⅛	
AmerOnline	43⅝	42⅝	42⅝— ⅛	
AmStores	45⅛	44⅛	45⅛+ ⅜	
Ameritech	59⅛	58⅛	59 + ⅜	
Amoco	81⅛	80⅝	80⅝— ⅛	
AndrkPr	54	52⅝	53⅜— ⅜	
AmcolInc		3⅜	3⅜ 3⅜	
AtlRichfld	134⅛	133⅜	134⅛+ ⅜	
ATMOS Egy	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜— ⅛	
Aviall	12⅛	11⅛	11⅛+ ⅛	
BakerHughes	34⅛	33⅜	33⅜— ⅛	
BellAtl	64⅜	63⅝	64⅛+ ⅜	
BellSouth	43⅜	42⅝	43⅛+ ⅜	
BethSteel		8⅛	7⅞ 8	
BritPet	137⅛	137⅛	137⅛— ⅜	
BurlNoSFe	77⅛	76½	76⅝— ⅛	
Caterpillar	88⅜	87	88⅛+1⅛	
CenSoWst	19	18⅝	18⅛+ ⅛	
Chevron	65⅝	65¼	65⅝+ ⅛	
Chrysler s	29⅜	29¼	29⅜+ ⅛	
Coastal	46¼	45⅜	45⅝— ⅛	
CocaCola	60⅜	58⅝	60⅛+1	
ColgatePalm	107⅞	106⅝	107⅛+ ⅜	
Cooperin	45⅛	44⅛	44⅜+ ⅛	
CyprusAmax	23	22⅛	22⅜— ⅜	
DellComicn	36	35⅛	36 + ⅜	
DeltaAir	91⅛	89⅝	91⅜+1⅝	
DigitalEq	28⅜	28⅛	28⅛— ⅛	
Dillard		30⅛	29⅝ 30⅛	
DowChem	82	80⅝	81⅛+1⅝	
DresserInd	29⅛	28⅜	28⅝— ⅛	
DuPont	102⅛	101⅛	102⅛— ⅛	
EastmanChem	51⅜	51⅛	51⅜+ ⅛	
EstKodak	80⅛	79	80⅛+1	
EDS Corp		32⅛	32¼ 32⅛	
Enserch	19¼	19	19 — ⅛	
Entergy	23⅛	23	23 — ⅛	
Exxon s	53⅛	52⅝	53⅛+ ⅜	
FstBksAm		12⅜	12⅜ 12⅜	
Flowers	24⅜	24⅛	24⅛— ⅛	
FordMotor	34⅛	34⅛	34⅜+ ⅛	
GTE Cp	45	44⅛	45 + ⅛	
GenDynam	70	68⅜	68⅜—1⅝	
GenElec	107⅛	106⅛	107⅛+ ⅜	
GenMills	59⅛	58⅜	59⅛+ ⅛	
GenMotors	55⅜	54⅜	55⅛+ ⅛	
GaPacif	76⅜	76	76⅜— ⅜	
GlobalMar	21⅛	20⅛	20⅜— ⅛	
Goodrich	39⅛	38⅜	38⅜— ⅛	
Goodyear s	52⅛	51⅛	51⅛+ ⅛	
GtAtlPac	24⅜	24	24⅛+ ⅛	
Haliburtn	70⅝	69⅛	69⅜—1⅛	
Hanson ADS s	24⅛	23⅝	23⅞— ⅛	
HarteHanks	27⅛	27¼	27⅛+ ⅛	
HomeDepot	56⅜	56⅛	56⅜+ ⅛	
HoustonInds	19⅜	19⅛	19⅜+ ⅛	
IBM	151⅛	149⅛	151⅛+ ⅜	
IntlPaper	41⅜	40⅝	41⅛— ⅛	
JohnsnJn s	58⅛	58	58⅛+ ⅜	
K mart	13⅜	13¼	13⅜+ ⅛	
Kroger s	26⅛	26	26⅛+ ⅛	
Litton	42¼	42⅛	42⅛+ ⅛	
LockhdMart	87⅛	87⅛	87⅛— ⅜	
Lowes Cos	36⅜	36⅛	36⅛+ ⅛	
Lubys		18	17⅞ 17⅞	
LucentTech	55⅛	55	55⅛+ ⅜	
MayDeptStrs	45⅛	44⅛	44⅝— ⅛	
Medtronic	65⅛	64⅜	65⅛+ ⅜	
Mobil	124⅛	123⅛	123⅝— ⅜	
Monsanto s	40	39⅝	40 + ⅛	
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Motorola		55⅜	54⅝ 55⅛	
NCR Corp n	29⅜	29⅛	29⅜— ⅛	
NationsBk s	58⅜	57⅛	58⅛+1⅛	
Navistar	10	9⅝	10 + ⅜	
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Norwest	47⅜	46⅜	47⅛+ ⅜	
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PhilipPet	38⅛	38⅛	38⅛— ⅛	
Polaroid		44⅛	44⅛ 44⅛	
Praxair	48⅜	48⅛	48⅜— ⅜	
ProctGamble	122⅛	119⅝	121⅛+ ⅛	
PubSNwMx	16⅛	16	16⅛+ ⅛	
RoyalDutch	176⅛	176	176⅛+ ⅜	
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SaraLee	41	40⅝	40⅞+ ⅜	
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SouthernCo	20⅛	20	20⅛+ ⅛	
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TempInl	54⅜	54	54 — ⅜	
Tenneco	38⅜	38⅛	38⅜— ⅛	
Texaco	102⅜	102⅛	102⅜+ ⅛	
TexasInds	23⅛	22⅛	22⅜—1	
TexasInst	83	81⅛	83 +1⅜	
TexUtil	32⅜	31⅞	32⅛+ ⅛	
Textron	107⅜	107	107⅛+ ⅛	
Travelers s	50⅜	48⅝	50⅛+1⅛	
TrinityInds	25⅜	25⅛	25⅛+ ⅛	
TritonEngy	37	35⅛	35⅞— ⅜	
US WestCm		33⅛	33⅛ 33⅛	
USWstMda	16⅛	16	16⅛+ ⅛	
USX Delhi	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛— ⅜	
USX-Marathn	26⅜	25⅞	26⅛+ ⅛	
USX-USS	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛— ⅜	
UnCarbde	48⅛	47⅞	48⅛+ ⅜	
UnPac s	61	60⅛	61 + ⅜	
UnitedTech s	74⅜	74	74⅛— ⅜	
Unocal	37⅛	36⅞	36⅞— ⅛	
WalMart	27⅞	27	27⅛+ ⅛	
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WestghEl	17	16⅛	16⅞— ⅜	
WinnDixie	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜— ⅛	
Woolworth	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛— ⅛	
XeroxCp s	58⅛	58⅛	58⅝+ ⅛	
ZenithE		10⅛	10⅛ 10⅛	

Early results of study show less insecticide also effective

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Farmers and ranchers could slash insecticide use by up to 75 percent without weakening their battle against grasshoppers, early results from a University of Wyoming study show.

Jeff Lockwood of the Department of Plant, Soil and Insect Sciences says the study could provide a way to greatly reduce the cost of grasshopper management at a time when a major infestation appears to be looming and traditional federal funds are unavailable.

The last major grasshopper infestation in the late 1980s covered tens of millions of acres of range land across the West. Private, state and federal entities spent at least $75 million and used nearly 2 million gallons of insecticide to suppress the outbreak.

Lockwood says using less insecticide over fewer acres could help reduce the costs by $30 million and cut insecticide use by at least half in the next infestation.

"Such a program would reduce the costs of the treatment by nearly two-thirds, and may provide ranchers with their only economically viable option during the next outbreak," Lockwood says.

"The results of such programs are largely indistinguishable from those of the traditional approach in which an infestation is blanketed with higher rates and 90 percent of the grasshoppers are killed."

The study is being conducted by the university, the Wyoming Agriculture Department, county weed and pest districts and the U.S. Agriculture Department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Lockwood says results from the first two years of a five-year study indicated that reducing the amounts of insecticide used — along with spraying strips of land rather than entire fields — could be just as effective as current levels of use.

He says he hopes to find out exactly why during the next three years.

"We really can't be sure how much to credit the grasshoppers moving into the treated swaths and how much to credit the predators we're allowing to survive in untreated swaths," he says. "It's probably a combination."

The new method could be effective for several reasons: Grasshoppers move around a lot and those in unsprayed areas are highly likely to wander into treated areas. Leaving a low density of grasshoppers after a treatment may be important in allowing native predators to survive.

"The beneficial species recovered more slowly than did the pests. We may have found a way to work with rather than against the natural processes that usually keep grasshopper populations in check," Lockwood says.

Furhman leader of anti-female police group

NEW YORK (AP) — Disgraced former Los Angeles police Detective Mark Fuhrman was the "Grand Dragon" of an anti-female police group and wore a hood at "tribunals" held to punish male officers who refused to shun female officers, the Daily News reported today.

Fuhrman, whose bigoted tape-recorded comments were a major part of O.J. Simpson's criminal trial, described putting on a hooded sweatshirt to preside at beer-fueled mock trials held at night at a baseball field, the newspaper said.

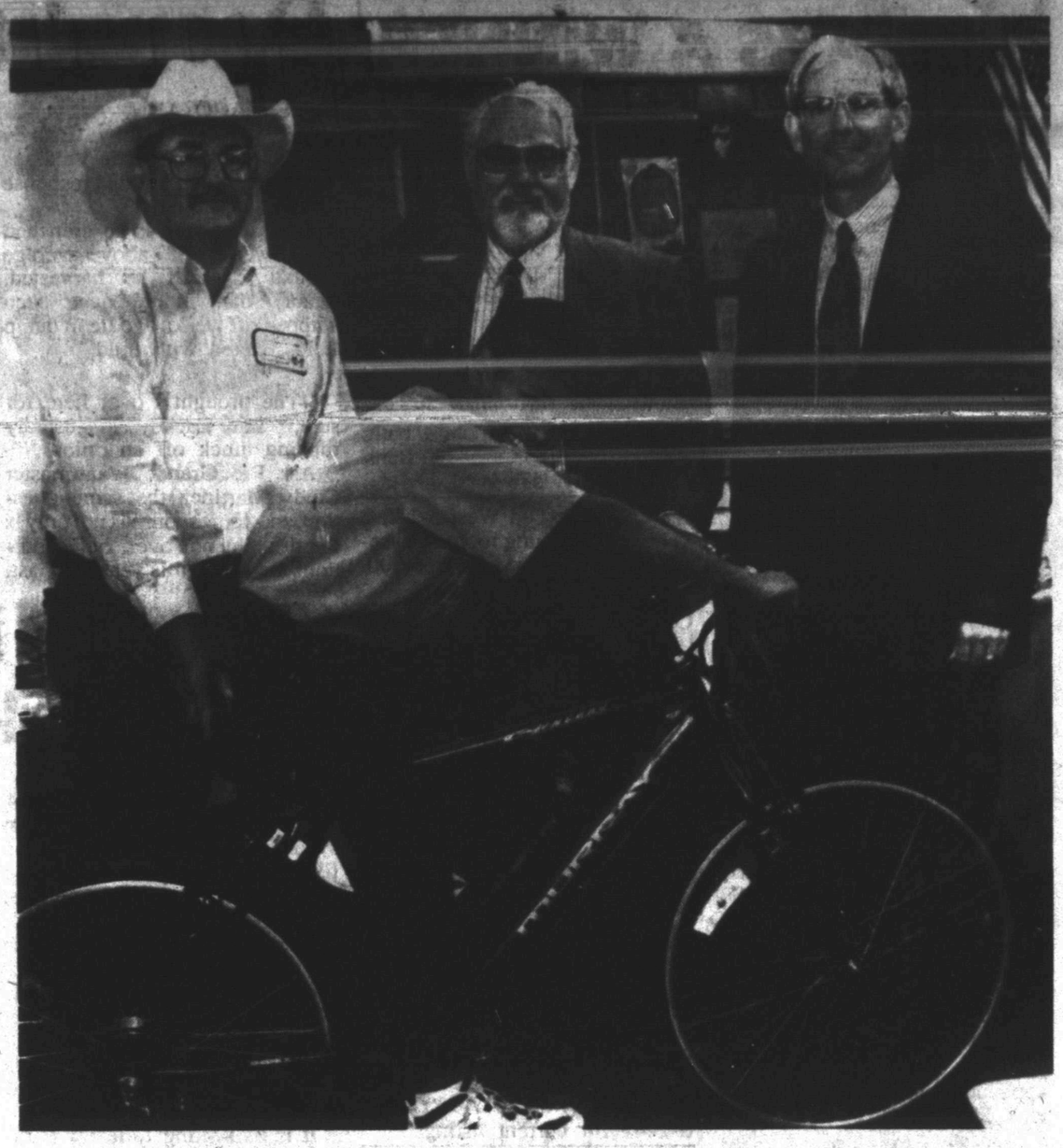
"I am the Grand Dragon. The 'Hood' is what we call it," Fuhrman said in never-released portions of the tapes cited by the Daily News.

Fuhrman's racist remarks on the tapes led to his plea of no contest to a perjury charge last year.

However in his book about the Simpson case, "Murder in Brentwood," Fuhrman said he greatly exaggerated on the tapes to impress an aspiring screenwriter.

The Daily News said in the tapes Fuhrman revealed his leadership in Men Against Women, an all-male club of LAPD officers that reportedly ostracized female police in an attempt to drive them from the force.

The Los Angeles Police Commission's 18-month investigation of the Fuhrman tapes found MAW actually existed in the 1980s, with dozens of members promoting discrimination against women, sources told the Daily News.



Students awarded bikes for perfect attendance

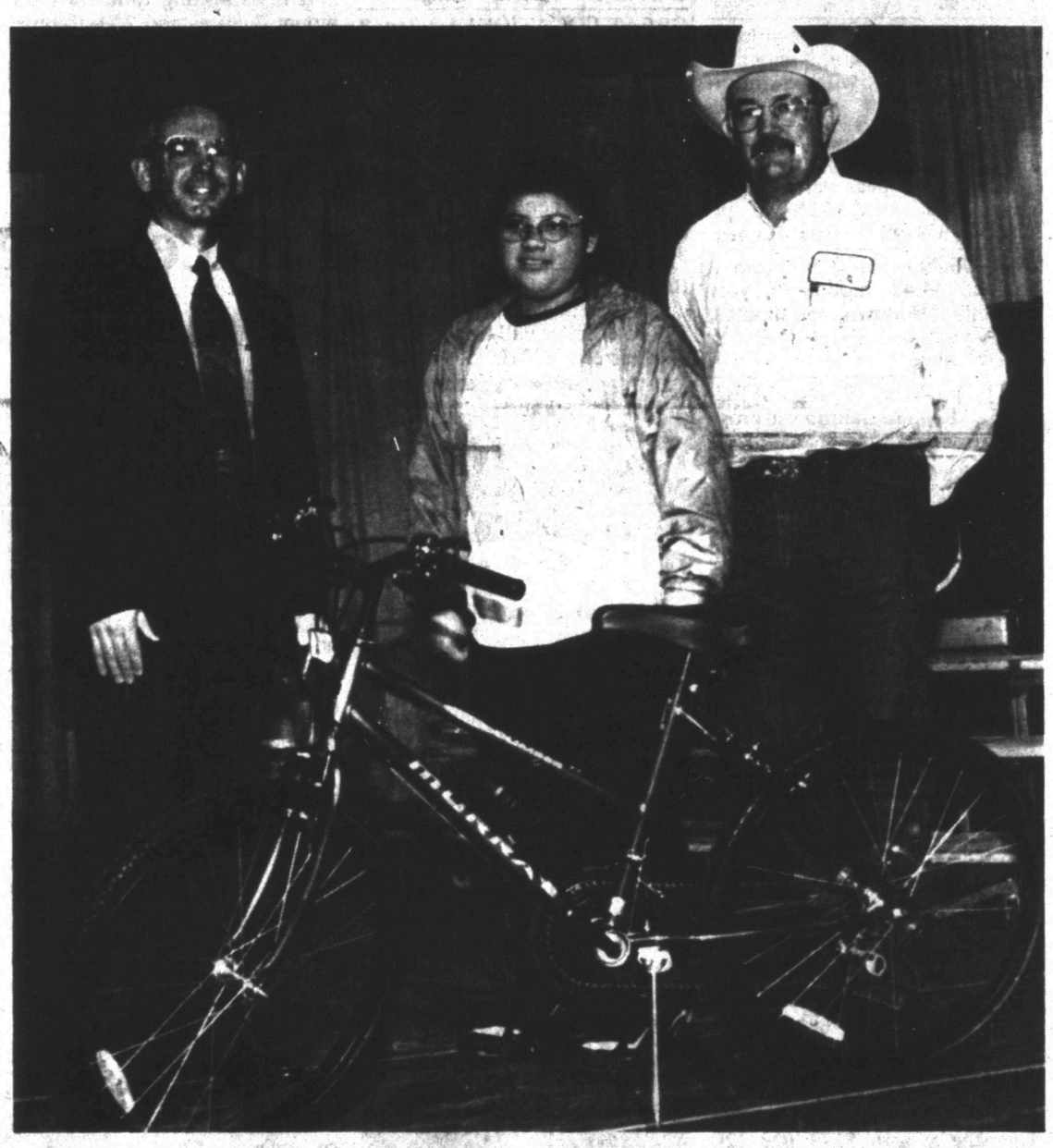
Two Snyder students were the lucky winners of new bicycles in a contest designed to promote perfect attendance.

Lina Olvera, a sixth grader at West Elementary, was the first to receive her bike Friday morning. Shortly afterwards, Clement Rodriguez, a fifth grader at Northeast, also received a bike.

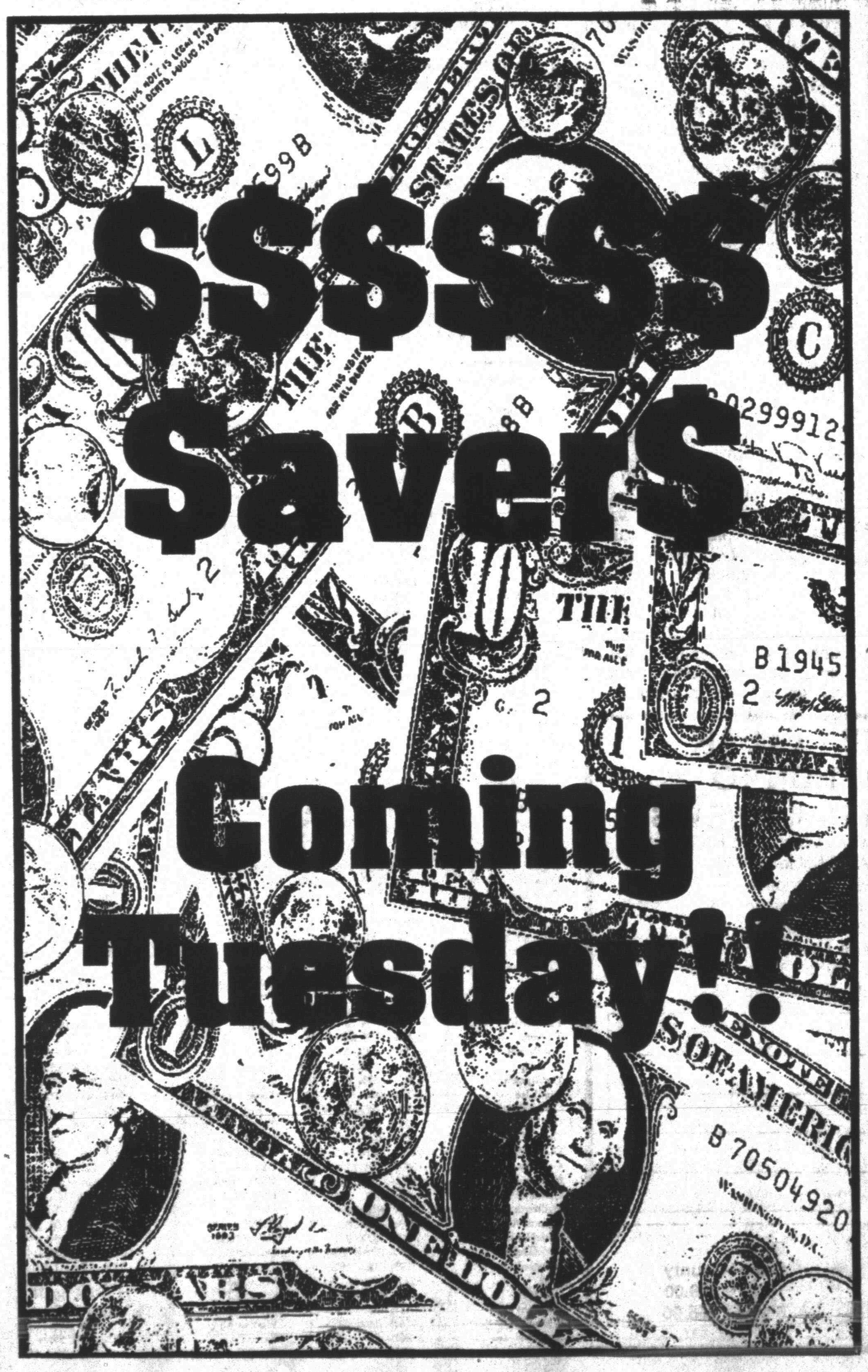
Making the presentation were Wendell Sollis, Snyder ISD director of curriculum, and Jimmy McElreath, a Southwestern Bell Pioneer.

This school year, through a new program, "Pedaling for Perfect Attendance," SWB Pioneers donated bicycles to selected elementary schools in Snyder, Sweetwater, Stamford, Abilene and Wylie.

Names of students with perfect attendance were entered into a drawing to receive the bicycles.



BICYCLE WINNERS — Two Snyder students received new bicycles Friday in a contest to promote perfect attendance. Lina Olvera, top photo, a sixth grader at West, received her bike during a school assembly. From left are, Wendell Sollis, director of curriculum, Olvera and Jimmy McElreath, a Southwestern Bell Pioneer. In the bottom photo, Clement Rodriguez, a fifth grader at Northeast, is shown with his new bicycle. From left are McElreath, Lee Presswood, Northeast principal, and Sollis. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)



Tabloid claims to reveal who world's oldest new mother is

LONDON (AP) — A British tabloid claimed to reveal the identity of the world's oldest new mother Sunday, saying she was a Los Angeles-area bank worker who retired to have a baby.

Arceli Keh, 63, lives in Highland, Calif., 60 miles east of Los Angeles, with her husband Isagani, 60, and their 5-month-old daughter, Cynthia, the Express on Sunday said.

"I wasn't trying to make history," Mrs. Keh was quoted as telling the tabloid. "I just wanted a baby."

The University of Southern California announced last week that a 63-year-old woman in its fertility program had delivered a healthy girl, born of a donated egg and the sperm of the client's husband. The birth set a record for oldest successful pregnancy, and stirred debate about parenthood so late in life.

In the Keh's suburban neighborhood Sunday afternoon, some children played in the yards near the family's two-story brown stucco house. At the Keh residence — which had a neatly mowed lawn, potted plants in front and a vegetable garden out back — the curtains were drawn in all the downstairs windows.

A neighbor said she saw the Kehs load their baggage onto a shuttle bus Saturday and depart. No further explanation for their absence was available.

Eunice Rainbolt, 57, said the couple told her they had given birth to a baby girl, though she never realized Arceli Keh was pregnant.

"I heard a child crying, but I always thought it was their grandchild," Rainbolt said. "I saw a wheelchair in front of her house, and I thought she was sick, because she was walking very slowly, but I didn't know she was pregnant."

Other neighbors said the Kehs were friendly.

"They're great, like all the people in this neighborhood," said Larry Burrus, 53, who has lived in the community for 12 years. "We speak to them off and on, but we all work, so it's mostly a hi-and-bye society."

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Neighbors saw McLaren as a powder keg

FORT DAVIS (AP) — The residents of Davis Mountains Resort have been pleading with authorities for months to do something about neighbor Richard McLaren.

For just as long, the self-style ambassador of the Republic of Texas has been threatening authorities with a showdown. —

It finally happened Sunday, with McLaren taking hostage two of his most vocal critics, homeowners association president Joe Rowe and his wife, M.A., in retaliation for the arrests of two of his followers.

"We've been telling people and telling people and telling people this was going to happen," area resident Michelle Behrendt said. "They sat on their thumbs and did nothing ... They could have done something about this."

McLaren has been a thorn in the side of his neighbors for many years, filing property liens against them and harassing them through what he called a "paper war."

"I've put up with McLaren for 15 years, and he's just a (expletive) idiot," said Charles Sanders, who lives within the roughly 15 miles between the Rowes' house and McLaren's headquarters.

"He's dangerous. He's confronted me with a machine gun before ... He'll leech off of anybody he can. He sues for every nickel he lives on."

McLaren took his radical ways statewide a few years ago when his group went to the state Capitol and proclaimed themselves the legitimate government of Texas, saying the state was illegally annexed in 1845.

Last year, authorities drew up two arrest warrants for McLaren, one for a burglary charge and another for failing to appear for a federal court hearing. They even cut off mail service to his neighborhood.

Yet, much to his neighbors' disappointment, McLaren was never taken into custody or even forced to curtail his actions. The local sheriff and the U.S. Marshal's Service simply said picking up the renegade wasn't a high priority.

"He's a nut," said Jeff Davis County Sheriff Steven Bailey. "He's a nothing."

Still, neighbors figured it was a matter of when — not if — he would snap. And, he claimed to be well-armed with a bevy of troops awaiting his command.

Last month, McLaren compared his situation to fatal standoffs at Waco and Ruby Ridge.

"These boys are asking for a total military assault," McLaren told The Associated Press. "Our defense forces will fire because we would consider it an invasion."

McLaren believed authorities had set up a "gunship" in nearby Alpine to be used in a possible assault. He also believed that federal authorities were gathering forces in southern Texas.

McLaren's actions became too much for some of his followers. The Republic split into at least three factions, then the one he was associated with wanted him impeached for repeatedly overstepping his authority.

All along, they too feared McLaren would allow himself to be pushed to the brink.

On Sunday, the faction that kicked him out posted an Internet message imploring Republic sympathizers not to support McLaren.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.



Diet drug may not be the answer

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read about a new diet pill called Redux, but my doctor refuses to prescribe it, claiming that I have high blood pressure and shouldn't take it. Yet my sister and several of her friends have had success with it. Why is my doctor so stubborn?

DEAR READER: I don't believe that he's being stubborn, just cautious.

Redux is a prescription drug that, when used in conjunction with a sensible diet, promotes weight loss. The medicine is new and has yet to achieve widespread use.

Initial studies have shown it to be safe, except for one glaring drawback: Occasionally, it can cause pulmonary hypertension (high pressure in the lungs) that may lead to cough, breathlessness and heart failure.

Pulmonary hypertension is not the same disorder as arterial hypertension, the common disease known as high blood pressure, which affects millions of adults. Nonetheless, it seems that your physician has adopted a very conservative approach; in the face of your arterial hypertension, he doesn't want to risk a further health problem. This is his decision.

I recommend that you put yourself on a low-calorie diet (no alcohol, junk food or concentrated sweets). Perhaps this will enable you to slim down without the need for a potentially dangerous medication.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an 80-year-old woman with an embarrassing problem: I wet myself whenever I cough, sneeze or strain. I've tried special exercises and hormones to no avail. I must wear a pad all the time. My doctor wants to send me to a urologist for surgery. Is this the only hope?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, it may be. As women age, the bladder tends to drop out of position, leading to incontinence. Surgical resuspension of the bladder is almost always an effective remedy for such a situation.

I suggest that you be examined by the urologist so that he or she can give you an opinion. Then at least you'll know whether surgery is an option and what the procedure entails. You will be in a better position to make an educated decision about what to do. Obviously, at your age, any surgery carries dangerous risks, so you'll want to have the simplest and safest procedure possible.

Although incontinence is not a hazard to health, it is — as you've discovered — an annoying nuisance. Pads may be one option, but surgery could permanently solve the problem.

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Listening devices and high technology vital to rescue

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Hidden in a chess piece, crutches and even a Bible, tiny microphones gave commandos who stormed the Japanese ambassador's mansion to free 72 hostages intimate knowledge of the hostage-takers' daily routine.

Periscopes allowed commandos to see into the compound's first floor and a CIA spy plane with advanced technology was used to detect people and rebel-planted mines, according to Peruvian television reports.

Some of the listening devices were displayed on television Sunday. They show clearly Peruvian authorities knew what was going on behind the thick walls of the diplomatic compound during the four-month standoff.

Seventy-one hostages were rescued in Tuesday's movie-like commando assault. One hostage, two soldiers and all 14 Tupac Amaru rebels were killed.

When 140 elite troops detonated explosives under a rebel soccer game and stormed into the compound from a network of tunnels, they knew all they needed about the whereabouts of the hostage-takers and their captives.

President Alberto Fujimori said the intelligence was so precise that he didn't waiver "for a single minute" before giving the attack order.

A microphone hidden in crutches used by Eduardo Cruz, one of the Tupac Amaru leaders, gave authorities access to conversations in the first days after rebels stormed the compound during a Dec. 17 cocktail party.

Cruz was injured in the assault and requested the crutches, shown Sunday along with other items on the television news program, Contrapunto.

Later, authorities smuggled in microphones in a thermos, a guitar, and the chess piece. They cut a small section out of a Bible requested by a military officer among the captives so he could communicate with police and soldiers — giving them important information leading up to the raid.

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Clinton issues 'call to action' at summit

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Charging Americans with a new mission, President Clinton and his predecessors set out today to translate their summit on community service into a must-do movement to improve the lives of America's children.

"Yes, we're a great volunteering country, but we can do more," Clinton urged the nation in previewing his "call to action" at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future.

Some 3,000 soggy summiteers, undeterred by the drizzly day, gathered at Independence Hall to hear summit chairman Gen. Colin Powell declare, "Let's go save our children!"

Former Presidents Bush, Carter and Ford and former first lady Nancy Reagan have teamed up at the summit to give a bipartisan thrust to the effort. Ordinary citizens from across the country joined in, too, promising to carry the message home.

"I think there's a hunger for doing the work, so let's get on with it," said Helen Beattie, a school psychologist from Hardwick, Vt.

"I will get things done for America," promised one delegate's button.

Sounding a cautionary note, Jesse Jackson said the spirit of volunteering was important, but the nation also needed stronger government and corporate commitments to racial and economic fairness.

"I see the virtues of volunteerism and yet the limits of it," he said.

Celebrities from Oprah Winfrey and Wynonna Judd Kelley to Tony Bennett and John Travolta lent their star power to the volunteerism effort at an evening gala Sunday celebrating those who serve.

"It's about teaming those who do with those who have for those who need," Winfrey told a cheering crowd.

Main bridge reopened in Grand Forks

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — The main bridge linking Grand Forks with its sister city across the Red River was reopened today, a milestone on the journey back from their worst flooding on record.

Hundreds of cars lined up on Gateway Drive until a clay dike was bulldozed open, letting people drive across the Kennedy Bridge into East Grand Forks, Minn., for the first time since the span was closed April 19.

"I haven't been home in 12 days," said Ed Filipi, an East Grand Forks resident stranded on the Grand Forks side since the closing.

Two other bridges linking the two cities remained closed.

Another flood-related roadblock also fell — Mayor Pat Owens relaxed a ban on the sale of alcohol that had been effect since April 18. Alcohol can be sold from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The river had dropped 6 feet since cresting a week ago. Its level this morning was about 47 feet — 19 feet above flood stage.

Downstream, however, the 30-mile-long crest had just pushed into Canada. Thousands of people in southern Manitoba had been ordered to leave their homes.

Authorities had reopened 70 percent of the 10½-square-mile Grand Forks, allowing many people to move back into homes.

Most still had no electricity but some people at least had the luxury of enough water pressure to take showers.

"It does make you feel more like your city's coming together," the mayor said.

Authorities advised people not to stay overnight. Because of the lack of utilities, "it's not safe," fire Capt. Vince Liddy said today.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, scheduled a tour today. President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., already visited Grand Forks, which some predict will cost $1 billion to clean up and rebuild.

Among those allowed to go back home to look at the damage, Dawne Dueck shed a few tears as she described seeing her cedar chest under water, the one her mother gave her on her wedding day.

Mrs. Dueck tried not to dwell on what was left behind when the flooded Red River forced her family and an estimated 47,500 other people to flee.

"We just decided that our lives were more important and we left," she said Sunday as drenched photographs pulled from the cedar chest dried on the hood of a car.

The Duecks did not expect the river, more than two miles away, to cause the damage it did. In the face of a 500-year flood, they grabbed only a change of clothes.

The couple fretted over not lugging the heavy chest to the first floor, which remained dry. But most devastated is their 16-year-old daughter, whose bedroom was in the basement. She lost most everything to the murky water.

New proposal would allow prosecution in death of fetus

AUSTIN (AP) — Baby Krystal's crib, clothes and blankets have long been packed away, unused. The man convicted of causing her death in a drunken driving accident is behind bars. Her family is mourning still.

But their grief would be even harder to bear if the man who caused the wreck couldn't have been charged with a crime against the infant, says Krystal Zuniga's grandmother, Rebecca Coronado of Corpus Christi.

That could have happened: Krystal was still in the womb when the accident occurred last June, and a fetus isn't considered an individual under Texas law. Prosecution occurred because she lived for a short time after her emergency, premature delivery.

Krystal's case, and others, have prompted proposals to allow for prosecution when a fetus capable of being born alive is injured or killed.

Abortion and acts by the mother would be excluded.

One bill, by Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, is scheduled for a House committee hearing this week. A March hearing for another, by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, was canceled and hasn't been rescheduled. Similar measures have been filed by other lawmakers.

"What we're simply trying to address is where someone does injury to a woman carrying a child and the child is killed," Smithee said. "There's been a tremendous loss to that woman and that family. Yet there may not be any way to prosecute the perpetrator."

Harris — while calling his bill "unequivocally, totally separate" from anti-abortion efforts — said Friday that before pushing it further he is waiting to see what the House does with a Senate-passed bill requiring parental notification for minors to get abortions.

"That whole area has gotten so volatile and confused in people's minds that I just think it's better not to distract from the parental notification at this point," said Harris, whose bill also would allow for civil lawsuits by the parents of a viable fetus who died.

Smithee's fetus death bill is HB1275.

Harris' fetus death bill is SB142.

Obituaries

Vivian Kemp

1905-1997

FLOYDADA — Vivian Yvonne Kemp, the sister of Cynthia Lyon of Snyder, died Saturday, April 26, at her home in Floydada.

Service for Mrs. Kemp, 91, was held Sunday at Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock and burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born May 29, 1905 in Tannehill Prairie, Okla., she married Jimmy Ray Kemp on Oct. 30, 1921 in Memphis, Tex. He died in 1986.

The family moved to Lubbock in 1925, and she moved to Floydada in 1990. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Kemp had worked as a sales person for Dunlap's and in the cafeteria for the Lubbock school district. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ruth Ann Jones, in 1989.

Survivors include a son, Jimmy Kemp of Lubbock; a daughter, Jackie Gregory of Floydada; three other sisters, Maxine Wingrove and Betty Lowe, both of Driftwood, and Patricia Churchwell of Brenham; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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Rebels storm hospital, drag away 50 children

KISANGANI, Zaire (AP) — Rebels stormed a pediatric hospital in eastern Zaire and dragged away 50 Rwandan refugee children in an attack the night before their leader gave the United Nations two months to get 100,000 Rwandan refugees out of Zaire.

The Hutu children were taken days after thousands of sick and exhausted Rwandan refugees fled squalid camps farther west in Zaire. They claimed Zairian villagers had slaughtered hundreds of refugees, and that rebel troops had fired into their camps.

Rebel leader Laurent Kabila has denied that his fighters attacked refugees, saying the refugees were spreading lies.

Yet 20 rebels went to the hospital in Lwiro, near Zaire's eastern border, on Saturday night and took away the children and adults who were with them, Roger Botralahy, a spokesman for the U.N. children's agency, said today.

"We don't know where they are," Botralahy, who runs the UNICEF office in Bukavu, 20 miles south of Lwiro, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press in Nairobi, Kenya. "These were children, not even teen-agers — they had nothing to do with the fighting or the (1994) genocide in Rwanda. They were of no military interest."

The children had been picked up by the humanitarian group Save the Children along the routes taken by the refugees in eastern Zaire while they fled west in November and December. Most were either lost or abandoned and were suffering from severe malnutrition, Botralahy said.

The rebels, who were recognized by hospital staff, beat two nurses and an aide. The Zairian patients fled and the hospital closed.

Botralahy said UNICEF, which funds the Save the Children program at the hospital, has filed a formal complaint with rebel authorities in Bukavu. He said he was told it was being investigated.

Meanwhile, authorities evacuated the first 40 refugees on Sunday, flying them from Kisangani to the Rwandan capital of Kigali.

Button's remains identified

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Human remains found at the site of an A-10 Thunderbolt crash have been positively identified as those of Capt. Craig Button, the pilot who flew 800 miles off course before going down, the Air Force said.

Positive identification was made through DNA testing by scientists at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C., officials at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona said Sunday.

Button's parents in Massapequa, N.Y., were notified.

"We are pretty much up on it all. We don't want to say anything at this time. Please understand," Button's father, Richard Button, said today in a phone interview.

His son, based at Laughlin Air Force Base at Del Rio, Texas, was on a routine training mission from Arizona on April 2 when his A-10 veered from other planes in his formation.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 25-None; April 26-Lionor Gutierrez, P.O. Box 924; April 27, Amy Luera, 609 25th; Joe Vincent, 3007 El Paso.

DISMISSALS: April 25- C.A. Hall, Ileta Hall, Durwood Hopper, Triston Lopez, Lois Moore, Sabrina Perez and baby girl, Carly Pyburn and baby girl, David Thomas, Rebecca Fulford, Kyleen Pavlovsky, Alex Rivera, Betty Rodriguez; April 26-None; April 27-None.

CENSUS: 43 (Med., Surg-5, Long-term Care-33, CCU-1, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Lupe and Lionor Gutierrez of Snyder announce the birth of their son who weighed six pounds, 10 ounces. He was born at 11:20 p.m. on April 26 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Amy Luera of Snyder announces the birth of her six-pound, 11-ounce daughter at 3:19 p.m. on April 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

What's Up?

SNS workday rescheduled

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

Apple Awards Banquet

Snyder ISD has announced its second Golden Apple Awards Banquet for 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the junior high cafeteria. Honored will be Adopt-A-School partners and volunteers. RSVP no later than today by calling 574-6012.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by the series titled "The Story of the Bible." The second Bible tape, "You Can't Keep a Good Man Down," will air at 7 this evening. It will be followed by "Lesson 2: The Chosen."

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge 987 will meet at 7:30 tonight in the lodge hall.

Genealogical Society

The Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the library. Joe Thrower will present a program on "Researching Birth, Death and Marriage Records." Visitors are welcome.

Wildflower tours available

Scurry County Museum is conducting wildflower tours through Wednesday. Tours should be scheduled in advance by calling 573-6107. The tours will be given by Western Texas College botany students.

Free seminar slated

Dr. Rudolph Cartwright, neurologist from Odessa, will address treatment of brain disorders, attention deficit disorder, seizures, memory loss and other problems in a free seminar set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at Towle Park Barn.

WTC sets awards day

Western Texas College will recognize its top students with a courtyard ceremony set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday. A reception will follow in the student center. The public is invited.

Tiger Pride Club

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

American Heart Walk

The American Heart Walk is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 3. 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.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ will be May 6 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. May 8 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.

Adult education classes

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

Pick 3

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

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-9-11-18-41-44.

Estimated jackpot: $9 million.

Number matching six of six: 1.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Houston.

Matching five of six: 317. Prize: $602.

Matching four of six: 8,346. Prize: $82.

Matching three of six: 144,066. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $4 million.