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Hold on tight! It's rodeo time

The best in collegiate rodeo comes to Scurry County Coliseum this evening as Western Texas College opens its annual three-night show.

Performances are set to begin at 7:30 tonight, Friday and Saturday. Tickets are $4 for adults, $2 for children.

The rodeo features some of the best talent in college rodeo — many of them students at Western Texas College. Fans can see Chasity Rickman, Tona Wright and Jamie Stewart, for instance, who last year made up three-fourths of WTC's women's team which was third in the nation.

Returning from last year's WTC Southwest Region championship men's team are Tanner Boyd, Pete Ellis and Ryan Weaver.

Those athletes will be competing in such events as bareback, saddle bronc, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, breakaway roping, goat tying and barrels.

Jody Carper, a top PRCA announcer from Big Spring, will call the action.

Tonight's show will including the crowning of the rodeo queen. Candidates are Jana McCloy, a physical therapy major from Gruver; Shawna McKee, a nursing student from Roby; and Kathy King, an art major from Merkel.

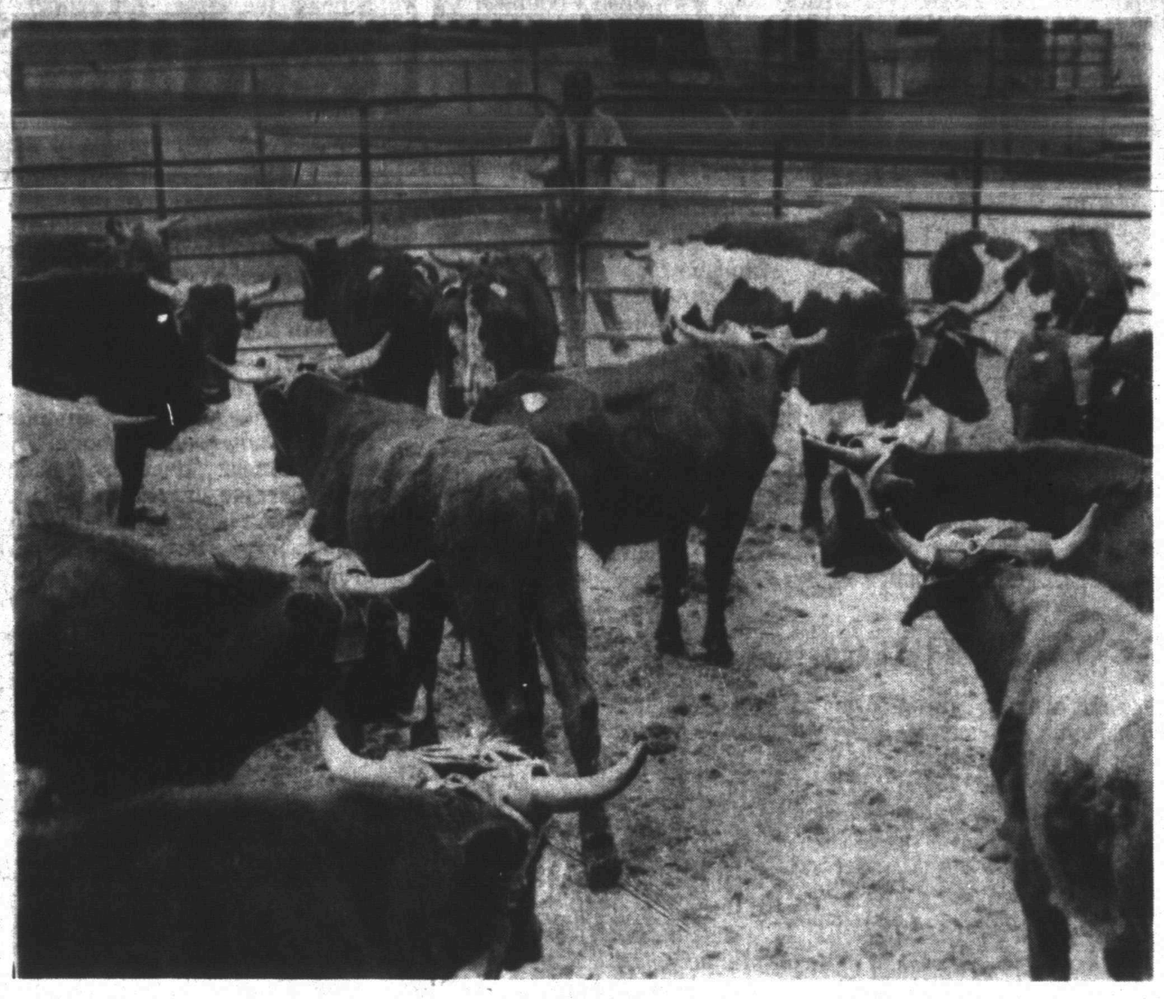
Friday morning at 9, the public is invited to watch the annual "exceptional rodeo," where students are paired with special citizens in a mock, fun-filled event.

The public is also invited participate in a cowboy church service at 6 p.m. Saturday. The local group 4-Giv'n will present the program.

There is no charge for the exceptional rodeo or cowboy church service.

There will be a dance Friday and Saturday nights at the Scurry County Rodeo Association Arena on Gary Brewer Road.

WTC cheerleaders will be operating the concessions and all proceeds from that will go toward cheerleading and rodeo scholarships.



DON'T FENCE ME IN — Manual Rios checks the fencing for the stock for Western Texas College's NIRA Rodeo set to open tonight at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There once was no respect for youth. Now there is no respect for the old. Looks like we missed both times."

Spring cleaning at least requires that the piles of paper on the desk be arranged in more orderly fashion.

It's amazing what can be found in paper stacks. For example there was a ticket application for the Final Four Game played earlier this month in Indianapolis. Guess we missed that too, although we did see a few minutes on the tube — and the living room admission was a lot cheaper than the second deck option.

While on sports, we read where Canada has three times more hockey rinks than the nation does hospitals.

We've watched a little hockey, and have never understood the game.

But we could conclude that they would need even fewer hospitals if fewer hockey games were played.

Here's a unqiue sporting event that the chamber could adapt to the Fourth of July Celebration. Why else would we have saved the item?

Over the next six months, more than 200 members of the U.S. Lawnmower Racing Association will compete in 13 races nationwide. The national championship concludes on Labor Day Weekend.

Gentlemen — and ladies — start your mowers!

And under another pile was a note from pharmacist Robert Patterson who had a Gallup Poll survey that listed the local druggist at the top of the list on honesty and ethics.

We're not sure whether the Snyder Drug guy sent it to brag on his profession, or to dig newspapers guys for being way down on the list — just above lawyers, insurance and car peddlers.

Most of us like praise — since it's so rare these days.

We also found a story about a restaurant patron who expressed unhappiness at the way his dinner was cooked.

The patron summoned his waiter and drawled, "Didn't I say well done?"

The waiter broke into a big grin. "Yes, you did. Thanks. I very seldom get a compliment."

Citizens asked to curb water use for 18 hours

Snyder's new water treatment plant will be tied in to Lake J.B. Thomas this weekend and the city is asking its customers to be conservative with water during that 18-hour period.

The hook-up will begin about 8 p.m. Friday and will be completed around noon Saturday, city officials say.

"We're going to fill up everything in the system that will hold water — the overhead storage tanks and ground storage — and the town will live off water in storage while the supply is interrputed," said Darrell Callahan, city utility superintendent.

"We're asking customers not do any unnecessary watering, such as watering their lawns or washing cars during that time. Any other activity, such as use in the home, cooking, bathing, is fine."

To make the tie-in, the line from the lake must be drained, interrupting water coming from the lake to the plant.

The plant won't be completed until late August, but the hook-up needs to be done now, before hot weather drives water usage up, Callahan said.

Completion of the new plant is expected by Aug. 25. It is being constructed for a variety of reasons, including Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission regulations regarding redundancy and anticipated growth of the city.

The current plant, built in 1951, is capable of handling four million gallons of water a day. The new plant will handle five million gallons. They will be able to work in unison during period of peak water usage, or separate from each other.

'Nunsense' opens at the Ritz

Popular musical comedy debuts at 7:30 this evening

"Nunsense," a Dan Groggin musical comedy, opens tonight at the Ritz Community Theatre.

The show runs tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8 o'clock and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The schedule repeats itself next weekend, April 17-20.

Tickets are $7, or $6 each for groups of 10 or more, reserved and prepaid. For reserved seats, call 573-4035 between 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets are available at the door on dates that aren't sold out.

The popular comedy stars Emily Hataway as Mother Superior, a feisty type who can't resist the spotlight; Doylene Gilliland as Sister Mary Hubert, second in command as Mistress of Novices; Melinda Early as Sister Robert Anne, a streetwise character from Brooklyn who is a constant source of aggravation for the Mother Superior; Sue Pulattie as Sister Mary Amnesia, who lost her memory after a crucifix fell on her head; and Elizabeth Brown as the novice who entered the convent with the firm desire to become the first nun ballerina.

Sam Robertson is the director. Judy Brown is the accompanist.

WTC nursing program keeps turning out top professionals

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Western Texas College's vocational nursing instructors are wearing big smiles these days.

In March, their fourth vocational nursing class in a row achieved a 100 percent passing rate on the comprehensive state boards which all graduates must successfully complete before receiving their licensed vocational nursing license.

Every student in the last eight classes at Western Texas has successfully passed the state test.

Both Diane Beard and Carol Watkins are "pretty darn proud" of their students whom they say, "make us look good."

They said passing the exam is no easy matter. Each student is given a different computerized test, featuring between 85 and 205 questions with varying degrees of difficulty.

Besides textbook knowledge, students must also exhibit good nursing judgment in their answers.

Before the state boards, students have to graduate. To do that, they must complete the year-long WTC program.

During that time, students face a grueling regimen of classroom work and clinicals or on-the-job-training at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

WTC conducts two vocational nursing classes each school year. One begins early in September and the other early in March. Each is limited to no more than 12 students. The pre-registration process is already underway for the class to begin in September.

While anyone can apply, only a few successfully meet all criteria for selection. All applicants must have either a high school diploma or the GED equivalent, along with three letters of reference.

In addition, applicants have to score designated points on the comprehensive pre-entrance exam. They will be interviewed by Beard and Watkins, ex-officio members of the admission committee.

After Beard and Watkins present their findings to the committee, members consider "the whole file" before making their decision, they explained.

Testing will be conducted through July 24. Interviews will be held through Aug. 4.

In recent years, applicants have crossed all age barriers, all backgrounds and all races.

More men are choosing a career in nursing than in previous years. Whereas at one time men nursing students were very uncommon, the opposite is true now. It is now

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Ag instructors offered probationary contracts

Two vocational agriculture teachers at Snyder High School, whose contracts were not renewed by the district's board of trustees last month, will be offered probationary contracts at tonight's board meeting.

Trustees of the district approved one-year contract renewals for 58 Snyder High School teachers last month, but the list didn't include David Frazier and Robert Hand.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said this morning he would not disclose why the two were not offered contracts, but were glad both had agreed to new probationary contracts today.

"I'm happy to be recommending to the board that these contracts be accepted," said Lomax.

Lomax said he and SHS principal Larry Scott met Tuesday night with a group of ag students and parents and the main concern seemed to be the number of days the teachers were absent from the classroom for stock shows and other activities. Lomax said other questions dealt with federal funds for vocational programs.

"The district gets about $40,000 a year from the federal government for vocational programs," said Lomax.

"In the past, most all of the

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Appeals court vacates Dorsie Johnson's stay

The Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday vacated the stay that was blocking the excecution of a man convicted of killing a Snyder convenience store clerk in 1986.

Another execution date can now be set for Dorsie Lee Johnson, who has been on death row for more than 10 years. The Mitchell County man has already had three execution dates set and cancelled.

Johnson shot Allsup's convenience store clerk Jack Huddleston in the back of the head during a robbery on March 23, 1986. He was convicted of capital murder by a 132nd District Court jury in October of 1986 and received the death penalty.

Johnson has received several stays and has appealed his case throught the court system. He was the subject of an appeal to the Supreme Court in 1993, when the court chose his case to test Texas law on youthfulness. Johnson was 19 at the time of the murder. In a 5-4 vote, the court denied his appeal.

The latest execution date set for Johnson was on Oct. 23. That sentence was stayed by the appeals court to consider constitutional challenges of a state law passed in 1995 meant to expedite appeals by death row inmates. Johnson's was one of a number of executions stayed at the time, all dealing with the new state law.

Dana Cooley, district attorney for the 132nd District in which Johnson was convicted, was in court this morning on other matters and was unavailable for comment about the appeals court's finding.

ASK US

Q—Will Snyder High School hold a baccalaureate service at graduation?

A—Yes, baccalaureate will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 25 in Worsham Auditorium. Graduation is Friday, May 30 at 8 p.m. in the county coliseum.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 58 degrees; low, 33; 7 a.m. Thursday, 58; trace precipitation; total for 1997, 6.47 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, storm chance good; some possibly severe. Rain chance: 60%. Cloudy, low near 50. S-SE wind 10-20 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy, turning cooler; 20% rain chance. High around 60.

Austin Brunson
Turning cooler

Sunset: 8:09 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:20 a.m.
Of 99 days in 1997, the sun has shone 89 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Aim above morality. Be not simply good, be good for something.

--Henry David Thoreau

Images of Jupiter's moon lends support to ocean theory

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — "Mind-blowing pictures" of large icebergs on the surface of Jupiter's frozen moon Europa are tantalizing scientists with the possibility they've found evidence of a dynamic ocean, which could have spawned life at some point.

The closeup pictures taken by the unmanned Galileo spacecraft during a Feb. 20 flyby have scientists more eager than ever to explore the icy moon's interior.

Their enthusiasm was palpable Wednesday as those images, including an animated video, were released at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"It looks as though we found the smoking gun that points at this subsurface ocean," said Michael Carr, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

"These are really mind-blowing pictures," said Richard Terrile, an astronomer at the JPL. "How often is an ocean discovered? ... There is very strong evidence that there is an ocean here."

The pictures of icy chunks scattered like pottery shards provide "the clearest evidence to date there is liquid water and melting close to the surface of Europa," said Torrence Johnson, the Galileo project scientist at JPL.

But, Johnson cautioned "we have no evidence directly bearing on life."

Carr said the icy blocks, each about 2 to 4 miles across and resembling icebergs seen at the poles here on Earth, appeared to have drifted apart. "You can push them back together to reconstruct the original pattern," he said.

Their movement adds weight to scientists' notion that a relatively warm watery or slushy layer underlies a frozen crust that could be anywhere from 1 to 60 miles thick.

In the 20-mile-by-25-mile Europa snapshot, the ice probably is slightly more than a mile thick, said Paul Geissler, a University of Arizona planetary scientist.

The ice surface is also relatively young, at about 1 million years, said Clark Chapman, a planetary scientist with the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo.

Oceanographer John Delaney of the University of Washington said the water on Europa is probably rich in salt and other dissolved chemicals from millennia of interaction with rocks and was spiked by incoming comets with the organic molecules necessary for life.

Asked if the watery soup could hold life, Terrile said: "The water's probably bouillon, but we don't know if it's chicken soup."

While the news conference was taking place, an international group of scientists was meeting across town to discuss a proposed ice-penetrating robotic craft that might be able to explore Europa. They plan to test the cryobot first at Lake Vostok, a freshwater lake beneath the ice of Antarctica.

The 4.5-foot-long, 6-inch-diameter probe would carry a small, tethered submersible vessel that would emerge when it sensed water and could radio back a chemical analysis of what it found.

Delaney, who looks at life near seafloor volcanoes, was enthusiastic about such a mission.

Asked if the latest pictures were enough to convince him there's life on Europa, Delaney gave two answers.

Speaking as a scientist, he said NASA and oceanographers could design experiments to answer the question.

Then, speaking from his heart, he said: "I'm sure there's life."

Solar flare 'tidal wave' photographed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dramatic pictures from a new satellite show a shock wave moving across the face of the sun just after a solar flare sent an immense bubble of superheated gas toward Earth at almost 2 million miles an hour.

Just a small eruption, scientists assured Wednesday — worth noting only because it produced the first close-up photographs of a solar flare.

Its nothing-out-of-the-ordinary size and isn't expected to disrupt regular radio, telephone, television or cable communications, they said.

Also, virtually no danger exists of power blackouts, added David Speich of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's space weather center in Boulder, Colo.

"The effects will be almost none," Speich said. Some international shortwave radio operators, he said, could experience brief moments of minor signal distortion.

Satellite operators were notified routinely, but officials said it would take a larger event to affect orbiting equipment, mostly shielded from all but the biggest solar flares.

Massive solar eruptions of the past have caused blackouts, cooked satellites and disrupted communications for hours. But by the sun's awesome standards, this week's eruption was barely a firecracker, NASA said.

As of 9:45 p.m. EDT, none of the flare had reached Earth, Speich said.

"It's expected anytime between now and 10 hours by now," he said. "If it doesn't reach us by that time, then it's missed us. It just didn't impact the Earth — it went above us, beneath us or around us."

Scientists predict that any contact would be made by 8 a.m. EDT on Thursday, but won't be able to see anything unless it hits the planet.

"We don't see a thing because it's left the sun in a violent departure and has been traveling through space between the sun and the Earth during that time," Speich said.

For scientists, the excitement was that pictures taken by the space agency's SOHO satellite detected the wave moving across the sun's gaseous surface "like a tsunami tidal wave," NASA's chief scientist on the SOHO satellite, Art Poland, said. "That's the first time we have seen the shock wave."

Poland said he and his colleagues hesitated even to announce the flare because of its ordinary size, but he said the dramatic images from the new satellite led to the space agency's release of information.

Four similar flares have occurred this year, and the most recent differs only in that its eruption was directed more toward the Earth, that scientist said. Material from a solar explosion often speeds harmlessly out into space, away from Earth.

Earth's magnetic shield protects the planet against all but the largest solar flares, Speich said.

In March 1989, fallout from a solar flare caused the largest geomagnetic storm in 30 years. It knocked out a power grid in Quebec for nine hours. Parts of the power grid in the northeastern United States also experienced brief disruptions.

No satellites were damaged by that event, Speich said, but geomagnetic storms were blamed for failure of the GOES 8 weather satellite in 1994 and of a telephone communications satellite last January.

Students will be vaccinated

ODESSA (AP) — Ector County health officials are preparing to vaccinate 22 second-graders against hepatitis A Thursday after two students in the same class were diagnosed with the disease.

The students at Sam Houston Elementary are both being treated for the disease and are expected to recover without complication, said Ector County health coordinator Toby Cross.

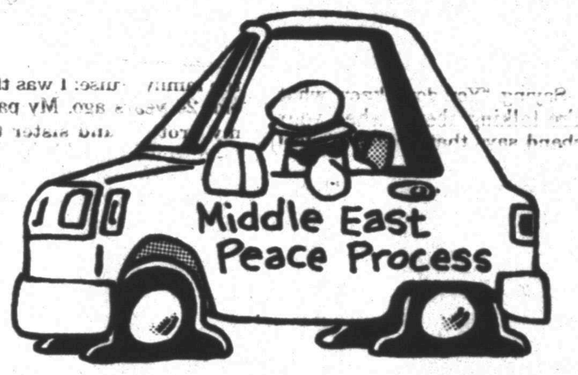
The first case of the illness was diagnosed last month; the second was confirmed Monday.

"Right now we feel like these are isolated cases," Cross said. "We're not sure where the infection originated in either case."

Hepatitis A, which can destroy the liver, is usually spread by the ingestion of bacteria from human waste.

The onset of the disease is marked by fever, nausea, abdominal discomfort and jaundice.

Berry's World



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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, April 11, 1997

Interesting times could develop for you socially in the year ahead. You may form several alliances from which you'll build a strong base, though friends may be envious at first. Work to bridge the gap between your personal and professional lives.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not hold back if a loyal friend is in need of your assistance today. Reinforce your relationship by pulling out all the stops in your quest for a more positive atmosphere. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be realistic, selective and cautious in your financial affairs today. Make sure that a profit is possible without taking a foolish gamble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Instead of telling others what to do today, set a proper example so that they'll see you're not asking of them what you don't ask of yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Quiet any desire to betray a confidence today. An important friendship may be at stake if you let loose.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) All should go well with associates today, provided nothing of value is at stake. Keep the ante low and egotism will remain in check.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The probability of fulfilling an objective looks strong today, but you might offend someone in the process. Keep your priorities focused.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Strive to be self-sufficient today, because associates on whom you're depending might not be available to assist you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might be called upon today to try to clear up a dispute between two close friends. Remain impartial and there will be a positive outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The route to an important objective might be littered with impediments today. However, you can still succeed by using an alternative plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Putting yourself before others today may seem promising at first, but eventually what you tried to deny may be publicly exposed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you are involved in a joint endeavor today, take control of the situation. A partner's input may be ill advised.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Let your humane and forgiving instincts guide your course of action today. Do not take direct measures to even the score.

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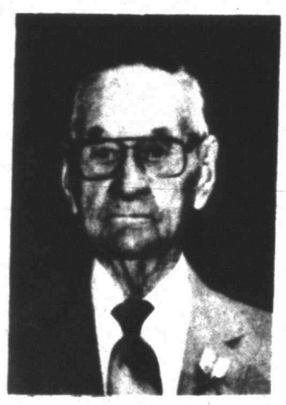

Tollie Favor & Essie Orms

Between them, two Scurry County residents carry more than 206 years of memories, but their positive outlook for the future makes them bright spots in our hometown. Snyder National Bank honors a pair of centenarians for April's Hometown Spirit Award.

The honorees are Essie Laura Orms, a fiesty 104, and Tollie Faver, who last month celebrated his 102nd birthday. The two are believed to be the county's two most senior citizens.

Mrs. Orms, a resident of Snyder Healthcare Center, will be 105 on Sept. 3. Last year on that date, Mayor David Holt proclaimed Essie Laura Orms Day.

Born in Cooper, Mrs. Orms had seven brothers and sisters. She married L.E. Orms in 1911. He was a farmer and oil investor, and served as county agent. After his death, she married Beaver Bishop who served as sheriff of Jasper County for 32 years.

While living in Snyder, Mrs. Orms operated a day care center on 23rd Street and touched the lives of many Scurry County children.

The mother of seven children, all but two daughters are deceased. Rea Jordan lives in Snyder and Mary Bishop resides in Gonzales, La. Mrs. Orms has 40 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Tollie Faver, a World War I veteran, remains active and lives with his daughter, Wernette Smith, in Snyder.

Born in a dugout five miles southwest of Light (now known as Fluvanna), Faver drove a car until he was 96 and danced at his 99th birthday.

He attended Favorite School, located on the corner of the Faver's family land. He married Maggie Werner on July 20, 1922. The had met while she was teaching school in Snyder. The couple had three children. A daughter, Charlotte Pitner, died in 1983. Mrs. Smith and son, Arel "Red" Faver, live in Snyder.

Tollie farmed and also worked at a variety of other jobs. He worked at the oil mill, was a mechanic, operated a maintainer, worked as a carpenter, was a roustabout, and served as a custodian for the Snyder schools before retiring in 1965 at the age of 70.

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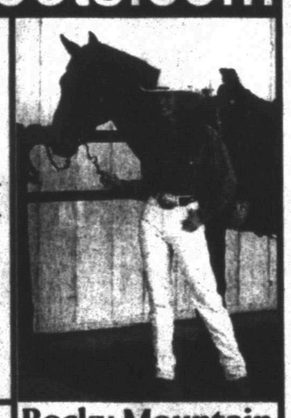

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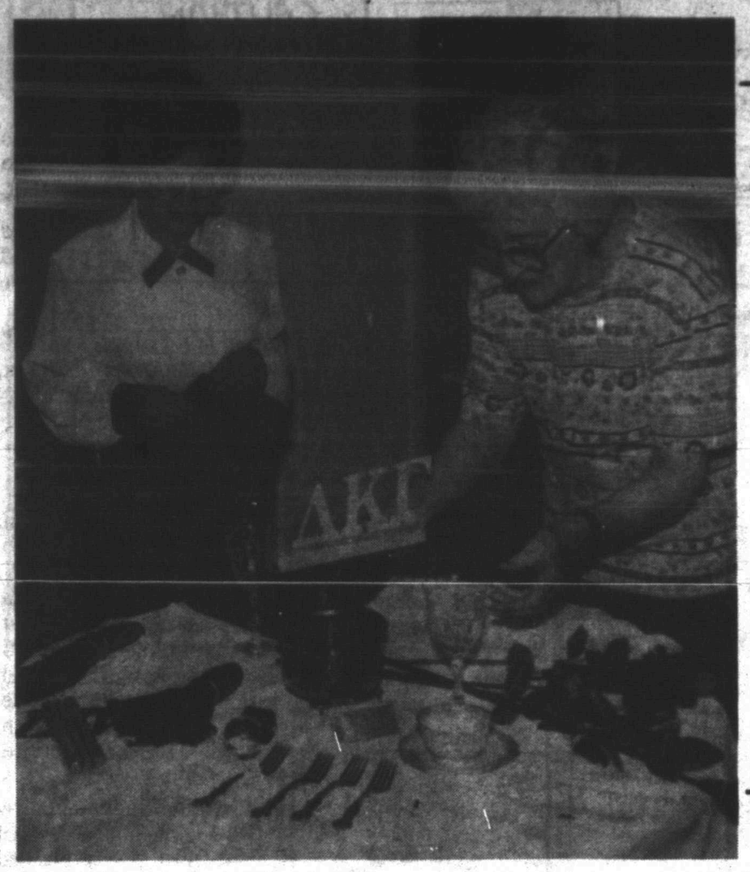

MAWC TABLESCAPES — Delta Kappa Gamma Society International members JoAlyce McMullan, left, and Georgene Galloway recently had a practice session in Mrs. McMullan's home to plan their table setting for the Martha Ann Woman's Club's Tablescape and Luncheon Saturday. Throughout the clubhouse, several table settings by individuals and club members will be viewed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by MAWC board members or by contacting Jan Harrell at 573-6443. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Wildflower gardens

Wildflower gardens have a charm all their own, and since they deliberately incorporate a naturalized look, they require little maintenance other than watering.

Select wildflower seeds or plants that grow well in your area and make sure you determine whether they need shade or sun. Plant wildflowers in bunches or clumps, rather than in neat rows, and choose flowers that will bloom at different times of the year for year-round color.

Dear Abby

Lack of Love in Marriage Is Reason Enough to Leave

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to your column, "Abused Wife Learns What Love Isn't." Similarly, after 15 years with an abusive woman, I told her I had to leave. She left me emotionally overwrought and filled with undirected anger. With the help of counseling, I also figured out what love isn't. Ladies: If you see yourself in this — take warning:

LOVE ISN'T ...

— Saying, "You don't know what you're talking about" when your husband says that he doesn't feel loved.

— Constantly badgering your husband to get a better paying job, when he makes an ample salary ($90,000 a year) and enjoys his work.

— Continuously referring to your husband as "old man," knowing he resents it, especially when he's athletic and youthful looking for his age (48).

— Grabbing and throwing your husband's hand down when he reaches out to touch or hold you.

— Belittling your husband before others, even in his presence.

— Telling your husband that no other woman would want him.

— Blatantly seeking expensive, tangible "trappings of influence" for status' sake, to the detriment of living within means.

— Not knowing or taking interest in what your husband does at work, realizing his work means a lot to him.

— Consciously not being home or at the airport to welcome your husband after a long trip.

— Reading and annoyingly chewing ice in bed until husband falls asleep, and feigning sleep until after husband leaves for work.

— Refusing to visit husband's relatives, while demanding frequent visits to your relatives.

THE GOODBYE HUSBAND
WHO FINALLY FOUND TRUE
LOVE AND CONTENTMENT
IN RESTON, VA.

DEAR GOODBYE HUSBAND: What a sad description of lonely coexistence — I hesitate to call it a marriage. Fortunately, not all women are like the first one you married. Congratulations on having found true love and contentment the second time around.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to the father who wrote regarding leaving his 4- and 2-year-olds home from the family cruise: I was that 4-year-old, 24 years ago. My parents took my brother and sister to Disneyland, and I stayed behind with both sets of grandparents.

I would like to tell that father to do as you suggested: Plan special times for the kids at home — ice cream excursions, nature walks, kids' museums, children's theaters, craft hour or going out for dinner. Make it extra-special for them, so they can tell the older ones when they return.

Being the younger child has its advantages later on in life. I was lucky to have my mom and dad to myself once the other kids left for college. I became an "only child" for a few years, and I would not have traded that quality time for anything in the world.

I hope the parents do some creative planning and go on their trip and enjoy.

ADJUSTED IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR ADJUSTED: I'm printing your supportive letter for that father to see. There is nothing as reassuring as the voice of experience.

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By Phillip Alder

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♦ A K Q 9 6
♣ A K 6 5

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

It is easier in the post-mortem

There are some plays that are virtually impossible to find at the table. It is only later that you realize you missed a chance for a coup — as in this deal from the 1995 Biarritz Festival.

Following South's two-heart reverse, North's three-diamond rebid was, by partnership agreement, game-forcing. (With a weak hand, North would have bid an artificial two notrump.) South's use of Blackwood with a void was debatable, leading to the poor slam.

At first, it looks as though South will lose a heart and a club. However, then you notice that the heart position is wonderful and that East has the spade king. So, declarer can get two spade tricks, on which he can discard his club losers. Suddenly the contract seems impregnable.

And that is how the play went. After winning with the club ace and drawing trumps, declarer led a heart to dummy's nine, winning the trick when West played low. Now came the spade ace, for a club discard, and the spade queen, covered and ruffed. Back to dummy with a heart, South threw his second low club on dummy's spade jack. Then he conceded a heart to West's king, claiming the small-slam bonus.

No, West wasn't wishing he had inserted the jack on the first heart play. That wouldn't have helped. He was regretting not playing the *king*. Taking this as a singleton, surely declarer would continue by finessing the heart 10. West would pounce with the jack and return a heart or club, killing the contract.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Defensive Driving (one day) Course; cost $30; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary, call 573-2850 for more information; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Cheerleading tryouts reversed

By The Associated Press

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP) — We've got 66 cheerleaders, yes we do! We've got 66 cheerleaders, how 'bout you?

Abraham Lincoln High School has created a huge squad of cheerleaders to prevent a possible pom-pom uprising over the mishandling of tryouts.

Cheerleaders were told no one connected to the school would judge last month's tryout, yet two of three judges had past involvement with the cheerleading squad.

Contestants were also supposed to be judged equally in three areas, but some categories were given more weight than others.

"I'm not insinuating any foul play," Assistant Principal Mike Messerli said this week.

But he did pull off a surprise play.

Instead of honoring the results, all those who tried out were allowed on a team. That means 24 varsity cheerleaders, 21 junior varsity cheerleaders and 21 freshman cheerleaders.

As a parent, your approval is important. So, remember to praise your kids for their special talents. Everyone is unique in his or her own way.

Kids love to know you are interested in what they are doing. Show an interest in the things that are important to your children. They'll love the attention!

—Children's Trust Fund of Texas

ART GUILD DONATES — Mary McCown, president of Art Guild Study Club, presented a monetary gift to Snyder Neighbors Sharing that will repair some 20 homes in Snyder on April 26, for those who cannot do it themselves. Accepting was board member Sam Robertson. All work is done by volunteers, and donations provide materials they will use. Art Guild meets every third Tuesday of each month for a dinner meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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1 Pig's digs
4 First-rate (2 wds.)
8 Farm measure
12 A Stooge
13 Basic point
14 Possessive pronoun
15 — — Clear Day
16 Some ranch workers
18 Beau —
20 — Canals of Michigan
21 Lemony drink
22 Oklahoma town
24 Actor Chaney
26 Internal organs
30 Double agents
34 Anecdote collection
35 Computer input
37 Assess
38 Toy on a string
40 Assist
42 Negative prefix
43 Beginning
45 Caustic
47 Legal matter
49 Also
50 Glide on snow
53 Cry
55 Doc or Grumpy
59 Not certain
62 Spain's Costa del —
63 Con's room
64 Grasp
65 Fuss
66 Part of a ship
67 Son of Ruth
68 Wool fiber

DOWN

1 Haze
2 Dial —
3 Affirmations
4 Complied
5 ... man — — mouse?
6 Pecans and cashews
7 Laud
8 Affirmative reply
9 Unconscious state
10 Regretted
11 Sea eagle
17 Weaver's need
19 Hosiery shade
23 Indian maid
25 Neither's partner
26 Knock out
27 — — the ground floor
28 — and nights
29 Stalk
31 Actress Turner
32 Harrow's rival
33 Mailed
36 Thanks — —
39 Above (poet.)
41 Urged
44 Examine
46 — Jones average
48 — voce
50 Draw into the mouth
51 Type of bend
52 Capri or Wight
54 Blurt out
56 Straight — — arrow
57 Went by car
58 Failure
60 House addition
61 — out (stretch)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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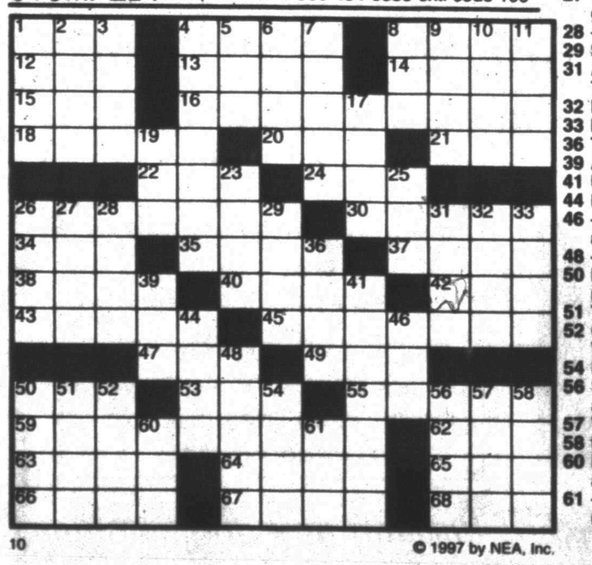

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SPORTS

Tiger netters journey to Lubbock for district tourney

The members of the Snyder Tiger varsity tennis team will pack their rackets and journey to Lubbock for the District 2-4A tournament Friday and Saturday.

Coach Chad Redwine attended a meeting of the district coaches Tuesday and came home with five of the top seeds in the tournament.

Adrian Gonzales locked up the number one seed in boys singles and Jaime Juarez is the second seed.

Todd Hall and Brett Gibson were given the second seed in boys doubles.

Laura Gonzales took the number one seed in girls singles and Vicki Vargas was named the fourth seed.

"I think we have a real good shot at getting at least four out of district and into regionals," Redwine said.

"Adrian should go and Jaime has a good shot if he plays well."

Adrian Gonzales has played the number one spot for Snyder this season as a freshman. Juarez is a junior.

On the boys doubles side, Redwine sees the semifinals as a possible speedbump for Hall and Gibson.

"Todd and Brett could face the number one seeds Gonzales and Lawson of Levelland, and it would be a tough match."

Redwine also feels that Laura Gonzales has an excellent shot at regionals.

"Laura should go as well," said Redwine.

Redwine sees Vargas as a young player, but one with a possible shot at the regional tournament.

"Vicki's young, but if she plays well then I think she has a shot."

All of Snyder's seeded players received a first-round bye and will play their first matches at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Lubbock High School tennis courts.

The finals are slated for Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Lubbock High.

BIG GOBBLER — Eight-year old Jay Weaver bagged this turkey on a recent hunt in Mitchell County. The beard was over 11" long and Weaver used a .410 shotgun. He is the son of Randy and Barbara Weaver. (Contributed Photo)

Sharp steps down as Texas Tech's SWA

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp said Wednesday she's giving up her job as the senior women's administrator to focus more on coaching.

"I felt it was important for Texas Tech to have someone who could represent the university in Big 12 and NCAA meetings and on national committees on a full-time basis," Sharp said. "Doing that was impossible during certain parts of the year. ... All of the administrative duties affected my ability to focus all my attention to basketball, which is a top priority."

Sharp has concurrently held three titles since February 1996: women's basketball coach, associate athletic director and senior women's administrator.

Sharp will keep the associate athletic director's position. A nationwide search has begun for a new senior women's administrator.

"Marsha is one of the most effective administrators in the Texas Tech athletic department, not to mention one of the best women's basketball coaches in the nation," Athletic Director Gerald Myers said. "She has been pressed into duty on a number of issues and has been stretched and pulled in a lot of directions."

Sharp has a 350-120 record over 14 seasons. Her teams have made 10 NCAA tournaments, including five trips to the Sweet 16. They won the national title in 1993, the school's first in any sport.

Mesa acquitted

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jose Mesa shed tears of relief after his acquittal of all charges in a rape trial, although his joy was tempered by the knowledge that he still faces another trial.

A jury Wednesday cleared the Cleveland Indians pitcher of charges of rape, theft and two counts of gross sexual imposition.

Mesa still must stand trial on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

A hearing on the second trial was scheduled for today in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, with jury selection to begin Monday. Mesa could receive 6-18 months in prison if convicted.

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Sweetwater subject of football documentary

SWEETWATER (AP) — The man who directed the acclaimed basketball documentary "Hoop Dreams" is taking on the drama of Texas high school football.

After considering 20 West Texas towns, Peter Gilbert — who directed the film that followed two Chicago basketball stars through four years of high school — and his staff are closer to beginning production in Sweetwater.

"I think they wanted a smaller town and a place with a football tradition," head football coach Tom Ritchey said. "I think the actual name of Sweetwater has a ring that sounds Texas to somebody in New York City."

But before the cameras could start rolling, Gilbert's crew had to persuade locals they weren't out to make another "Friday Night Lights," the best-selling book that looked at Odessa's love of football but exposed problems that went with it.

On Tuesday, school trustees voted 4-1 to accept the project. There is no date to begin filming, and executive producer Gilbert has yet to put together funding. He expects that to fall into place now that the site is set.

Sweetwater, an agricultural town of about 11,800, actually was chosen by Brett Morgan, a New Yorker who will share directing duties with two-time Academy Award winner Barbara Kopple.

"I was trying to find a town with the right chemistry, a town that celebrates the right kind of tradition, pride and support in the town's high school football program," Morgan told trustees. "Sweetwater fit this mold better than any other we could find."

John Pennington was the only school board member who voted against the project. He didn't like giving filmmakers the same unlimited access "Friday Night Lights" author H.G. "Buzz" Bissinger had for his insider portrayal of the 1988 season at Permian High School in Odessa, just 120 miles west.

The filmmakers will be allowed to attend virtually every school-related activity through April 1998.

"It's a fact that there's no way that any of the school administration or the coaching staff has any editorial power at all," Morgan said. "It's totally non-existent."

Pennington said he also is worried that economic pressures may influence Morgan to give the film more of an edge.

"I think (Morgan) is most honorable and is shooting straight and telling us what he wants to do," Pennington said. "But what I understand is this project will cost in excess of $800,000. If you and I invest that kind of money, you and I want a return."

Morgan told the board that producers would control content, but he stressed they plan a positive look at Sweetwater.

"I have no hidden agenda," Morgan said. "I am not out to judge the kids, the school or the town."

Ritchey, an avid supporter of the documentary, said he trusts Morgan, although he admitted "Friday Night Lights" was the first thing that crossed his mind when Morgan approached him.

"We've not been assured it's not going to be (negative)," said Ritchey, who arrived here after the school's lone championship in 1985. "What we've been assured is that it's a positive look at Texas football."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

All Times EST
By The Associated Press

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	5	2	.714	-
Boston	4	4	.500	1½
Detroit	4	4	.500	1½
NewYork	4	4	.500	1½
Toronto	3	3	.500	1½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	-
Cleveland	4	4	.500	½
Minnesota	4	4	.500	½
KansasCity	3	4	.429	1
Chicago	2	4	.333	1½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	5	3	.625	-
Seattle	4	4	.500	1
Texas	2	3	.400	1½
Anaheim	3	5	.375	2

Wednesday's Games
Texas at Milwaukee, ppd., weather
Detroit 10, Minnesota 5
Toronto 5, Chicago White Sox 0
Oakland 4, Boston 3, 10 innings
Seattle 11, Cleveland 1
Baltimore 4, Kansas City 2, 11 innings
N.Y. Yankees 12, Anaheim 5

Thursday's Games
Minnesota (Robertson 1-0) at Detroit (Blair 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Witt 0-0) at Milwaukee (Karl 0-1 or D'Amico 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 1-0) at Kansas City (Belcher 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Oakland (Mohler 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (R.Johnson 0-0) at Boston (Avery 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Gubicza 0-0) at Cleveland (Ogea 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Drabek 0-0) at Detroit (Olivares 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 0-1) at Milwaukee (McDonald 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Mussina 0-1) at Baltimore (Burkett 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 0-1) at Kansas City (Haney 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
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National League

All Times EST
By The Associated Press

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Florida	6	1	.857	-
Atlanta	6	2	.750	½
Montreal	3	4	.429	3
NewYork	3	6	.333	4
Philadelphia	3	6	.333	4
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	5	3	.625	-
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500	1
Cincinnati	3	5	.375	2
St.Louis	1	6	.143	3½
Chicago	0	7	.000	4½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	6	2	.750	-
LosAngeles	6	3	.667	½
SanFrancisco	5	3	.625	1
SanDiego	5	4	.556	1½

Wednesday's Games
San Francisco 3, Philadelphia 0
Colorado 13, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 4, Houston 3, 12 innings
Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 14 innings
Pittsburgh 4, San Diego 2
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games
Montreal (P.Martinez 0-0) at St. Louis (Morris 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Florida (Fernandez 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Castillo 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Morgan 0-0) at Colorado (Wright 1-0), 5:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 0-0) at Atlanta (Smoltz 1-1), 7:40 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
San Diego (Hitchcock 1-0) at Philadelphia (Schilling 2-0), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Foster 0-0), 3:20 p.m.
Montreal (C.Perez 1-0) at Colorado (Bailey 1-0), 5:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (R.Martinez 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Rapp 0-0) at Cincinnati (Smiley 1-1), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (S.Fernandez 1-0) at St. Louis (Osborne 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
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Tigers prepare for second half of District 2-4A schedule

The Snyder Tiger varsity diamond team finished the first half of its District 2-4A season with a 1-3-1 record. Coach Roland Herrera feels that his team still has a good shot at the postseason.

"If we win three of the next five," Herrera said, "we'll be going to the playoffs."

Snyder will journey to Lamesa Friday for a loop rematch with the Tornadoes.

Lamesa handed Snyder a 2-0 shutout loss in the Tigers' district home opener.

"I expect this to be a close game, and I think we'll have a better outing than we did the first time."

"Lamesa lost 22-4 to Frenship Tuesday and they usually play Frenship close."

Herrera will send his ace, Clay Berryman, to the mound to face the Tornadoes.

"Clay should have a better game this time," Herrera said. "He just has to keep the ball low because Lamesa has a such a small park."

Berryman is the third leading pitcher in the area with a 1.24 ERA through 62⅔ innings of work. He has allowed 51 hits and fanned 56 batters.

Berryman is also listed as one of the area's top hitters with a .471 average. Patrick Cumbie is leading the area with a .534 with three homers.

John Border is batting .471 and Kyle Beck is hitting .348.

The Tigers and Tornadoes will get underway at 5:30 p.m.

Elkington playing great golf heading into Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Steve Elkington has won two tournaments since March against the best two fields of the year and has reached $1 million in earnings faster than anyone in PGA Tour history.

This being the week of the Masters, few people seemed to notice.

The drama that began to unfold today at Augusta National is focused squarely on players who have written chapters of history in the Masters, and those who are expected to.

There's Nick Faldo, whose cunning, tactical mind has produced three green jackets. Another one this year would make him the first player to twice win consecutive Masters.

Greg Norman wants to produce a better ending to his story at Augusta than the 78 he shot in his final-round flop last year, when a 6-stroke lead turned into a 5-stroke victory for Faldo.

Tiger Woods has never broken par at the Masters, but already Jack Nicklaus is predicting he'll win 10 green jackets by the time he's through. He was playing his first Masters today as a professional — paired with Faldo, no less.

"Don't forget, I was an amateur," Woods said. "I'm tournament tough now."

There's also Jose Maria Olazabal, the 1994 Masters champion who won in his third start after an 18-month layoff with feet problems and then had a strong showing last week in New Orleans.

"This tournament has so much hype before you play it. It's like the Super Bowl," said Elkington, who is playing better than when he won the PGA Championship in 1995.

"Eventually, everyone has to get out there and play," he said. "It's a great arena to play in front of."

And no one is playing as well as Elkington, who has one of the sweetest swings in golf and a hot putter to go with it, a perfect combination for Augusta.

He needed only 105 putts in his wire-to-wire, 7-stroke victory at The Players Championship two weeks ago, which had the top 50 players in the world assembled for the first time ever and has the feel of a major championship.

"I feel like my chances are reasonably good as far as playing well," Elkington said.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
x-Miami	58	18	.763	—
x-NewYork	53	23	.697	5
Orlando	42	34	.553	16
Washington	39	37	.513	19
NewJersey	23	52	.307	34½
Philadelphia	21	55	.276	37
Boston	13	64	.169	45½
Central Division				
y-Chicago	67	10	.870	—
x-Atlanta	52	24	.684	14½
x-Detroit	51	24	.680	15
x-Charlotte	50	26	.658	16½
Cleveland	39	37	.513	27½
Indiana	37	39	.486	29½
Milwaukee	29	46	.387	37
Toronto	28	48	.368	38½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	59	17	.776	—
x-Houston	52	24	.684	7
Minnesota	37	39	.487	22
Dallas	23	53	.303	36
SanAntonio	20	56	.263	39
Denver	20	56	.263	39
Vancouver	12	66	.154	48
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	52	24	.684	—
x-L.A.Lakers	52	25	.675	½
x-Portland	45	33	.577	8
x-Phoenix	37	39	.487	15
L.A.Clippers	34	42	.447	18
Sacramento	31	45	.408	21
GoldenState	28	48	.368	24

y-clinched division title
x-clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta 116, Philadelphia 101
Charlotte 136, Boston 111
Utah 101, L.A. Lakers 89
Chicago 86, Indiana 80

Thursday's Games
Orlando at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
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New Jersey at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
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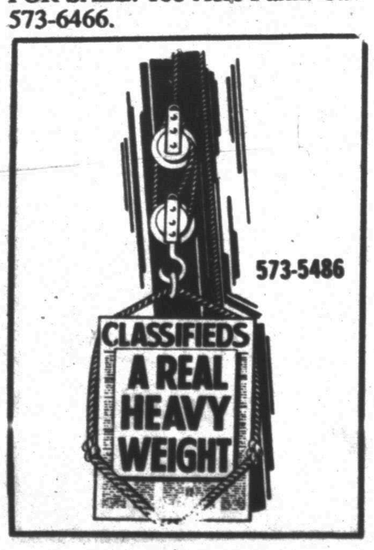

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Broadcasters studying future-TV competition

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Whether Americans turn on future TV sets or computers, broadcasters would like their shows to be seen on them.

As they compete to dominate how Americans will receive cinema-quality digital television, computer companies and makers of TV sets are wooing the nation's broadcasters as never before.

The prize: an estimated $150 billion for replacing the country's 220 million TVs with digital devices.

"We hope that we'll be on every platform, every television set in America," said Eddie Fritts, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, which is holding its annual convention here.

Currently, 98 percent of America homes have a TV and 33 percent a computer. So the race offers computer companies potentially big opportunities to get into more homes.

The two industries have different ideas about how to build the next generation of TV devices. Though broadcasters have concerns about what some computer companies want to do, they are keeping their options open.

"Let's be honest. We'd like to play footsy with both of them," Fritts said.

Existing analog TV sets will be replaced as broadcasters move to cinema-quality digital television by 2006. Analog broadcasting stops that year, and people will either have to buy digital sets to receive the new signals or converters to enable their old sets to operate with the new signals.

TV set makers and computer companies both say they'll have new digital devices on the market by Christmas 1998.

Manufacturers of televisions say couch potatoes want a wide-screen unit with razor-sharp pictures, high-quality sound and little, if any, computer power.

Computer companies say Americans want a range of digital PC-TV devices, including a big-screen computer in the living room, where people would watch TV, cruise the Internet and use a remote control-like device for instant retrieval of information about a TV show as they watch it. That would allow, plot lines of past episodes to be called up, for instance, or biographies of the actors, or the show's theme song.

Broadcasters could make the extra information available free or for a charge, opening new revenue opportunities, said Intel Corp. senior vice president Ron Whittier.

House civility reaches limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the House, members routinely refer to each other — and themselves — as gentlemen. Sometimes they're just kidding.

Two senior members — fiery Democratic liberal David Obey of Wisconsin and feisty Republican conservative Tom DeLay of Texas — squared off on the floor Wednesday. DeLay uttered a vulgarity and shoved Obey before the two were separated by a DeLay aide.

The dust-up came a month after a much-publicized weekend retreat in Hershey, Pa., designed to increase the civility level in the House following two years of sharply partisan battling.

DeLay, the No. 3 GOP leader in the House, was irked when Democratic Rep. George Miller of California referred to news articles alleging lobbyists had written bills in DeLay's Capitol office. He sought to have Miller's comments expunged from the record, but was overruled.

Watching the squabble on television in his office, Obey, former chairman of the Appropriations Committee, grabbed a 2-year-old newspaper article that referred to lobbyists shaping a regulatory moratorium bill in DeLay's office in January 1995.

Obey rushed to the House floor, confronted DeLay, and the two argued in an aisle, away from microphones. DeLay could be heard shouting a vulgar expression and shoved Obey with both hands before the aide intervened.

DeLay's press secretary, Tom Rudy, said two witnesses told him Obey initiated the confrontation when he ran across the House floor, repeatedly poked his finger at DeLay and addressed him using an obscenity.

"It's an outrageous example of how this town should not work, but often does," Obey told reporters later. But he was speaking not of the shouting and shoving but of the access and influence of lobbyists and political contributors. Obey said both parties have let lobbyists write bills.

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AMR Corp	85⅝	84⅝	84⅞	— ⅛
AT&T Corps	34⅛	34	34⅛	— ⅛
AirTouch	23⅞	23⅛	23⅞	+ ⅛
Albertsons	32⅞	32⅛	32⅞	— ⅛
AlldSignal		70⅝	70⅝	70⅝
Alltel	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	— ⅛
AmerOnline	46⅛	45⅛	46⅛	+1
AmStores	44⅛	44	44⅛	— ⅛
Ameritech	58⅛	57⅞	58⅛	+ ⅛
Amoco	84⅝	83⅝	84⅝	— ⅝
AndarkPtr	52⅞	51⅛	52⅛	— ⅛
AmcoInc		4	3⅞	4
AtlRichfld	131⅝	130⅝	130⅝	— ⅝
ATMOS Egy		24⅛	24	24⅛
Aviall		11	10⅞	11
BakerHughes	37⅛	36⅛	36⅛	— ⅝
BellAtl		59⅝	59⅝	59⅝
BellSouth	41⅝	41⅛	41⅝	— ⅛
BethSteel		8⅛	8	8⅛
BritPet	135⅝	134⅞	135	+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe	74⅛	73⅝	73⅝	— ⅝
Caterpillar	78⅝	77⅝	77⅝	— ⅝
CenSoWst	20⅝	19⅞	20⅛	+ ⅛
Chevron	65⅝	64⅝	64⅝	— ⅛
Chrysler s	30⅝	29⅝	30⅛	+ ⅛
Coastal	45⅝	45⅛	45⅛	— ⅛
CocaColas	57⅞	57⅛	57⅛	— ⅝
ColgatePalm	101⅝	101⅛	101⅝	— ⅛
ComclMetals		28	27⅞	27⅞
CooperIn	43⅛	42⅞	43⅛	+ ⅝
CyprusAmax	22⅝	22⅛	22⅛	+ ⅝
DallSemicn	26⅝	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅛
DeltaAirl	90	89⅝	89⅝	— ⅛
DigitalEq	25⅝	25⅛	25⅝	+ ⅛
Dillard	31	30⅞	30⅞	+ ⅝
DowChem	80⅛	79⅝	80	+ ⅛
DresserInd	29⅝	29	29⅛	— ⅝
DuPont	104⅛	103⅛	103⅛	— ⅛
EastmanChem	52⅞	51⅞	51⅞	— ⅛
EstKodak	77⅛	76⅝	76⅝	— ⅛
EDS Corp		40	39⅝	39⅝
Enserch		20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
Entergy	23⅛	23	23	— ⅛
Exxon	103⅞	102⅞	103	— ⅝
Exxonwi	52⅛	51⅝	51⅝	— ⅝
Flowers	24	23⅞	24	+ ⅛
FordMotor	33⅛	32⅞	33⅛	+ ⅛
GTE Cp	44⅛	43⅞	44⅛	+ ⅝
GenDynam	64⅛	63⅛	64	+ ⅝
GenElec	102	101⅛	101⅝	— ⅛
GenMills		60⅝	59⅝	60
GenMotors	55⅛	54⅞	54⅞	+ ⅝
GePacif	72⅝	71⅝	72⅝	+1⅝
GlobalMar	21⅛	20⅝	20⅝	— ⅝
Goodrich	37	36⅛	36⅛	+ ⅝
Goodyear s	51⅛	51	51⅛	— ⅛
GtAtlPac	23⅝	23⅛	23⅛	— ⅛
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Hanson ADS n	24⅛	24	24	— ⅛
HarteHanks		30	29⅝	29⅝
HomeDepot	57	56⅛	56⅝	— ⅛
HoustonInds	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	+ ⅛
IBM	134⅛	133⅝	134⅛	+1
IntlPaper	40⅝	40⅛	40⅛	+ ⅛
JohnsnJn s	54⅛	53	54	+ ⅝
K mart	13	12⅝	12⅞	+ ⅛
Kroger	51⅛	50⅝	50⅝	— ⅛
Litton	39⅛	38⅝	39⅛	+ ⅛
LockhdMart	84	83⅝	83⅞	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	39⅞	38⅞	38⅞	— ⅛
Lubys		18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
LucentTech	53⅛	52⅞	53⅛	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	46⅛	45⅞	45⅞	— ⅛
Medtronic	64	63⅞	64	+ ⅛
Mobil	126⅛	125⅛	125⅛	— ⅝
Monsanto s	40	39⅞	39⅞	— ⅛
MorganJP	99⅛	98	98⅛	— ⅛
Motorola	59⅛	58⅛	58⅝	— ⅛
NCR Corp n	33⅞	33⅝	33⅝	— ⅛
NationsBk s	57⅞	57⅞	57½	+ ⅛
Navistar		9⅝	9⅝	9⅝
NoramEngy		14⅝	14⅛	14⅛
Norwest	47⅛	46⅝	46⅝	— ⅝
Nynex		45	44⅞	45
OryxEngy	18⅝	18⅛	18⅛	— ⅝
PanEnergy	43⅛	43	43⅛	— ⅛
Penney JC	46	45⅞	45⅞	— ⅛
Pennzoil	48⅝	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅛
PepBoys	30⅝	30⅛	30⅝	+ ⅛
PepsiCo s	33⅝	32⅞	33⅛	+ ⅝
PhelpDodge	73⅞	72⅞	73⅞	+2
PhilipPet	39⅝	38⅛	38⅝	— ⅝
PilgrmPrd		10	10	10
Polaroid	38⅞	38⅝	38⅞	— ⅛
Praxair	45⅛	44⅞	45⅛	— ⅛
ProctGamble	120⅛	118⅝	119⅝	— ⅝
PubSNwMx	16⅞	16⅝	16⅝	— ⅛
RoyalDutch	171⅛	170⅝	170⅝	+ ⅝
SBC Comm		51⅛	51⅛	51⅛
SaraLee		40⅝	40⅝	40⅝
SearsRoeb	50	48⅝	48⅛	—2⅝
SherwinW s	26⅛	25⅞	26	— ⅝
SmthBchADS	75	74⅛	74⅛	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	21⅛	20⅞	20⅞	— ⅛
SwstAirlines	23⅛	22⅞	23	+ ⅛
Sprint	45⅝	44⅞	44⅞	— ⅛
SunCo	24⅞	24⅞	24⅞	— ⅛
TNP Ent	20⅛	19⅝	19⅝	— ⅛
Tandy	53	52⅝	52⅝	— ⅛
TempleInl	52⅛	51⅞	52⅛	+ ⅛
Tenneco	38⅞	38⅛	38⅛	+ ⅛
Texaco	106⅛	106	106⅛	— ⅝
TexasInds		27⅛	27⅞	27⅛
TexasInst	86⅛	85	85⅝	— ⅝
TexUtil	33⅞	33⅝	33⅝	+ ⅛
Textron	105⅛	103⅛	103⅝	—1⅛
Travelers s		49⅝	49⅝	49⅝
TrinityInds	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	— ⅝
TritonEngy		36⅛	36⅛	36⅛
Tyler		1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
US WestCm	32⅞	32⅛	32⅛	+ ⅛
USWstMds		17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
USX Delhi	13⅞	13⅝	13⅛	+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
USX-USS	26⅛	26	26⅛	+ ⅛
UnCarbde		43⅛	42⅞	43⅛
UnPac s	59⅝	58⅛	58⅝	+ ⅛
UnitedTech s	75	74	74⅛	— ⅛
Unocal	39	38⅛	38⅝	— ⅛
WalMart	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	— ⅝
WstnGasRs		16⅛	16⅛	16⅛
WestghEl	18	17⅞	18	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	33⅝	33⅛	33⅛	— ⅛
Woolworth	22⅞	21⅞	21⅞	— ⅛
XeroxCp s	58⅝	58	58⅛	— ⅛
ZenithE	13⅛	11⅞	12⅝	+ ⅝

IGA DONATES FUNDS — Money from Lawrence IGA customers who donate coin savers has been presented to the Boys and Girls Club. Jack McGlaun, executive director, accepted the check from store manager C.R. Perez. From left are Charlotte Haigood, checker; Perez, McGlaun, Glenda Anderson, office manager; and Nona Bunch, public relations. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Space parts arrive on Mir; repairs: routine or critical?

MOSCOW (AP) — Fuel, fire extinguishers and spare parts have arrived at the aging Mir space station, allowing an American astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts to repair the systems that allow them to breathe.

NASA says the repairs are critical, but the Russians, eager to protect the image of their space program, have portrayed them as less serious.

Mir has had a rash of bad luck in the last 1½ months: a fire in February, followed by the failure of the main oxygen system and a partial power outage caused by trouble with the system that keeps the station pointed in the right direction.

Last week, the primary system to purge carbon dioxide overheated, forcing crew members to rely on a backup air purification system. At the time, they were trying to fix a problem that sent the temperature in the main living module soaring to an uncomfortable 86 degrees.

The 11-year-old orbiting space station was only designed to last five years.

The accidents come at a time of deep tension between the space agencies of Russia and the United States. NASA is angry over the Russians' failure to deliver on time a critical piece of the new international space station. The potential for danger to their astronaut also heightens feelings over the situation aboard Mir.

The Russians are eager to protect their reputation. Space in general and the space station in particular are one of the few technical areas in which the Russians remain among the world's best.

NASA tends to be open about its programs and the lives of the astronauts in space. Russians conduct their space program on a more military footing, with a minimum of openness and a focus on technical issues.

The Feb. 23 fire is a prime example. Russians described it first as a "micro-fire" that caused no damage and was doused in seconds. NASA later said it was bad enough to fill the station with smoke.

The Progress-34 ship that docked Tuesday with Mir brought three fire extinguishers to replace those used to put out the fire, the ITAR-Tass news agency said. NASA said it also brought sealant to fix pinhole-sized punctures in the coolant pipes of the air purification system.

The failure of the main oxygen-generating system is undoubtedly serious. NASA calls it critical, noting the station is using backup systems both to generate oxygen and to clean the air of carbon dioxide. They are concerned that there was only an eight- to nine-day supply of canisters for the carbon dioxide system before the cargo ferry arrived with more.

In the few statements they have made, Russians have stressed that the backup systems are working fine and the station has a two-month supply of oxygen. Its cosmonauts are planning to remain aboard until August.

Even if all goes wrong, the crew can always evacuate the station and use the attached Soyuz capsule to return to Earth.

NASA astronaut Jerry Linenger, the fourth American to live on Mir, is supposed to return to Earth in mid-May. NASA officials have said that if they are not comfortable that the Mir is performing well, they may decide not to replace him.

Linenger expresses confidence in the station.

"I feel safe up here," Linenger said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "It's not like I stay up at night thinking what might go wrong."

But some of his bosses might be.

"I'm still confident we can make it to the end," NASA manager Frank Culbertson said last week of keeping Americans on Mir though mid-1998. "Obviously there are concerns, and there is a chance that we might not."

Norway needs 900 physicians

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Rich on oil but poor on medical care, Norway plans to comb Europe for 900 physicians to cure its ailing cradle-to-grave welfare state, newspapers reported Wednesday.

Norway, a country of 4.3 million people, is the world's second-largest oil exporter — earning so much from the oil that the government has an escrow fund for the surplus of money.

Yet despite its riches, it has been unable to keep up with demand for health services.

So the state labor directorate plans to recruit foreign doctors, teach them Norwegian and put them to work helping the thousands of people waiting for medical care, the Oslo newspaper Aftenposten reported.

"Our ambition is to recruit 300 doctors a year during the three years of the project," Harald Jentoft Strand of the directorate told the newspaper. Most would be recruited in Germany, Austria and Finland.

The directorate said there is a current shortage of 650 doctors in Norway, leaving many hospitals desperately short-staffed.

Last year, the Labor government pledged to straighten out the system. It issued a "waiting list guarantee," saying that no one with a serious illness would have to wait more than six months for treatment.

Yet the Norwegian news agency NTB said more 20,000 seriously ill patients have waited more than six months for treatment.

Old bomb explodes

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A fragmentation bomb left over from the Vietnam War exploded in a schoolyard in central Vietnam, killing at least seven children and wounding 32.

Aviator's journey delayed

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Stiff headwinds on Wednesday grounded a Texas businesswoman seeking to retrace the round-the-world flight Amelia Earhart began 60 years ago.

San Antonio millionaire Linda Finch postponed her takeoff from the Brazilian coastal city of Natal, about 1,300 miles northeast of Rio de Janeiro.

"She's waiting for headwinds of less than 15 knots. They were about 15 to 20 knots today," Joe da Silva, a local representative of United Technology International Operations, said by telephone from Natal.

That may not be too strong a wind for today's planes, but Finch is flying a restored Lockheed Electra 10E, a duplicate of Earhart's twin-engine propeller plane. And her next stop is across the Atlantic Ocean in St. Louis, in the West African nation of Senegal, 13 hours and 1,727 nautical miles away.

"A strong wind would leave her very little safety time, less than an hour," da Silva said. "The preoccupation is that she'll fight headwinds all the way and not get there."

Finch will try to take off Thursday afternoon, he said.

The 46-year-old businesswoman left Oakland, Calif., on March 17, the same day Earhart took off in 1937. She plans to make 30 stopovers during a 21-month voyage.

Finch is seeking to retrace Earhart's 1937 trip, which nearly made her the first woman to circumnavigate the globe.

Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, vanished near Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean after completing 22,000 miles of a planned 24,557-mile journey.

The original wild horses of North America disappeared about 30,000 years ago; today's wild horses are descended from those brought by the conquistadores.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Night sweats could indicate TB

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a healthy 58-year-old man who lives in Hawaii. My work often puts me in contact with homeless people who suffer from a variety of ailments.

For the past month, I have awakened several times each night with drenching perspiration. The sweating is so severe that I must change my shirt. Also, I have noticed a rather troublesome hacking cough that I never had before. I am under some degree of stress. Could this be causing my symptoms?

DEAR READER: I doubt it.

You are describing a medical condition called "night sweats," which indicates the likelihood of an infection in your body. Tuberculosis, a particularly serious bacterial infection, is a common cause of night sweats. Thus, you can understand my concern when you say that you are working with homeless people (among whom TB is, unfortunately, common) and have developed a cough; TB is readily spread from one person to another through the air.

I urge you to seek immediate medical attention. You need an examination, chest X-ray and tuberculin testing (a skin test for TB), as well as appropriate sputum analyses for the TB bacterium. Should you be infected with tuberculosis, you will need to undergo several months of antibiotic therapy. Don't delay; this could be serious. Not only are you probably contagious at this point, but — if you do have TB — it could lead to a serious, even fatal, lung infection.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Having read your column decrying the ads for laxatives that are aired on the TV evening news (when many people are trying to eat), I was motivated to write the following, which I submit for you and your readers' enjoyment.

TV DINNER

The day is done. It's six o'clock
And dinner hour for me.
Since it's the time the news is aired,
I turn on my TV.
I hear about a distant flood
That's yet to be controlled.
And stocks are up but bonds are down
And so's the price of gold.

A robber hit the local bank;
We're making strides in space.
A congressman whom I admire
Is flirting with disgrace.

My salad's crisp, the entree's fine.
I savor every bite
Until those timely ads come on
To spoil my appetite.

A sad vacationer insists
A pill that did the trick
Was better than the pinkish stuff
When strange food made him sick.
A cure for headache is extolled,
A spray for stuffy nose.
Another product is acclaimed
for fungus-ridden toes.

There's nothing like the touted brand
To cure that nagging rash;
Another product will relieve
One's sore gums in a flash.

My appetite has disappeared,
Please — no dessert for me.
I think instead I'll take a walk.
I'm fed up... with TV.

DEAR READER: Great work. I'm glad I could ignite your creative fires.

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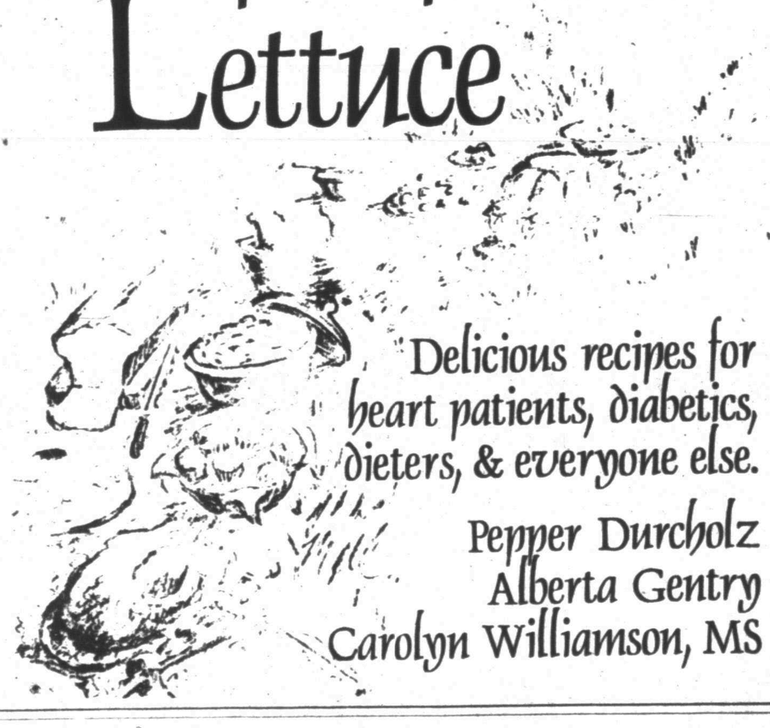

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Record lows damage fruit production

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Roger Monnin burned 300 gallons of diesel fuel to try to warm up the apples, strawberries and raspberries on his 35-acre farm. He ran water over the strawberries and encased them in three inches of ice.

"I don't think I'd have anything left if I hadn't done that," he said Wednesday as temperatures dipped to 19, one degree lower than the record for the date in 1957.

Fruit farmers, mostly across the Midwest, were taking drastic and innovative measures to save their crops from the unseasonably cold temperatures. In parts of West Virginia today, flowering tulips were curled up like question marks asking why they met an early doom.

Record lows were felt across much of the northern half of the nation today, with Minot, N.D., dipping to minus 2 degrees. Muskegon, Mich., broke a 37-year-old record when temperatures fell to 14 degrees; Dickinson, N.D., plunged to 9; Miles City, Mont., reached 12; Pittsburgh chilled at 18; and at Snowshoe and Davis, W.Va., it was 8 degrees.

In Ohio alone, record lows were reported this morning in Cleveland (20), Akron (18), Youngstown (17) and Columbus (20). Dayton's low today was 23.

Ohio fruit farmers sell about $25 million worth of apples each year and $4 million apiece in strawberries and peaches. The April cold snap made it difficult to protect the crops.

Peace Valley Orchards in Rogers was using giant wind machines to blow warmer air over the peach, apple, plum and cherry trees. Farmer Dan Simmons said it's too early to assess damage because blooms are frozen.

Monnin Fruit Farm estimates it lost 50 percent to 70 percent of the peach crop. "This is the worst I've ever seen," Monnin said.

Bob MacQueen, owner of the 250-acre MacQueen's Orchard in Toledo, said up to 90 percent of his large apple blooms were lost.

"We're not out of business, but we're injured," he said.

Otho Lewis, owner of Lewis Bros. orchards in West Virginia's eastern panhandle, said crops were damaged because the cold weather followed several weeks of temperatures in the 60s and 70s that caused peach trees to bloom early.

School board to convene

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money had gone to vocational agriculture, but this year we designated about $12,000 to the industrial technology program," said the superintendent.

"Some parents questioned us on that," said Lomax.

Besides Frazier and Hand, elementary school teacher Sandra Wells will also be considered tonight on her second year of a probationary contract.

New teachers in the Snyder school district all serve two years on probation, with the exception of teachers who have been employed as a teacher for at least five of the eight years prior to initial employment with the district.

Other matters the trustees will consider at the 6 o'clock meeting are the adoption of the 1997-98 school calendar, bids for athletic equipment for the coming year and an order cancelling the May 3 election due to uncontested races.

In non-action items, the board will hear an update on school finance, the district's professional development and appraisal system and the district's maintenance program.

The first reading of a local board policy concerning a minor change in the district's medical treatment policy will also be considered.

Obituaries

Jose Sifuentes

1934-1997

RALLS — Jose Rios Sifuentes, the brother of Estella Rendon of Snyder, died Tuesday, April 8, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital.

Mass for Mr. Sifuentes, 62, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Ralls Cemetery. Rosary is set for 7 tonight in St. Michael's Church.

Born in Kenedy, he married Evangeline Guerrero on Dec. 11, 1959 in Floydada. A farmer, Mr. Sifuentes moved to Ralls in 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Evangelina Sifuentes of Ralls; a son, Joe Sifuentes of Ralls; four daughters, Joci Cuellar, Mary Lou Sifuentes, Elizabeth Lira and Olivia Salas, all of Ralls; four brothers, Amador Sifuentes of Ocilla, Ga., and Prudencio Sifuentes, Juan Sifuentes and Fidel Gomez, all of Lubbock; four other sisters, Eugenia Sifuentes of Lubbock, Aurelia Sifuentes of Crosbyton, Maria Sifuentes of Houston and Olvana Protio of Del Valle; and six grandchildren.

Sam A. Posey

1927-1997

BIG SPRING — Sam A. Posey, 69, died Tuesday, April 8, in Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Duvall, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Big Lake, officiating.

Born April 21, 1927 in Ozona, he married Myrtle Jo Creech on Oct. 19, 1963.

A resident of Howard County for 46 years, he retired after 33 years with American Petrofina Refinery.

Mr. Posey served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cyrus and Annette Posey, and one grandson, Robert Cy Kirby.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Posey of Big Spring; two sons, James R. Dunn of Big Lake and Bobby L. Dunn of Crane; three daughters, Vonda York of Snyder, Gail Wilcox of Muleshoe and Jan Brewer of Valley View; a brother, Strick Posey of Snyder; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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Weldon Sumruld

1913-1997

Weldon W. Sumruld, lifetime Scurry County resident, died Wednesday, April 9, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Service was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Ave. D. Baptist Church, and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor, will officiate.

Born on Aug. 21, 1913 in Scurry County, Mr. Sumruld married Bennie Juanita Stokes on Dec. 18, 1933. She died on Feb. 21, 1993. He married Margie Ryan on Jan. 31, 1994 in Snyder.

Mr. Sumruld was a retired Scurry County employee. He was a member of Ave. D Baptist Church and taught the men's CITA Sunday School class at First Baptist Church for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Margie Sumruld of Snyder; two daughters, Velesta Black of Baird and Vondell Bourland of Canyon; one son, Lorell Sumruld of Pasadena; one stepdaughter, Brenda Prince of Weatherford; one stepson, Donald Ryan of Rosenberg; three brothers, Roy Sumruld of Tulare, Calif., Charlie Sumruld of Snyder and Bill Sumruld of Farmers Branch; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Donie Patterson

1928-1997

SAND SPRINGS — Graveside service was set for 4 p.m. today in the Trinity Memorial Park for Donie Lee Patterson who died at 8:10 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, following a lengthy illness. Raford Dunagan was to officiate.

Arrangements were under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Patterson, born on April 20, 1928 in Arkansas, was the sister-in-law of Ruby Reese of Snyder.

She had lived in several areas in Texas before moving the Big Spring in 1962. She married Marvin E. Patterson on Dec. 15, 1973. They moved to Cove, Ark., for a brief period and returned to Big Spring in 1981. Mrs. Patterson worked for many years caring for the sick and elderly as a nurses' aide at nursing homes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and sisters, and one stepson, Ricky Wayne Patterson.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin "Bob" Patterson of Sand Springs; three sons, James Teeler of Sand Springs, Roy Levi Teeler and Bobby Lynn Teeler; one brother, Joe Stewart of Cuero, Tex.; three sisters, Opal Hanselman and Cora Rayburn, both of Victoria, and Anne Lowrance of Cove, Ark.; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Nursing program at WTC

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unusual for a class not to have at least one male student, the instructors said.

Vocational nursing students follow a Monday through Thursday schedule. For the first month, the focus is on classroom study. Later, students divide their time between the classsroom and clinical work at Cogdell.

As the year progresses, at least one day a week is spent in the classroom.

For those interested in nursing, Beard and Watkins said that "the field is wide open" for anyone who likes to help people.

WTC's vocational nursing graduates "don't have a hard time finding a job," the instructors added.

Salaries vary, depending on the place of employment, the shift and area of specialty.

Some WTC graduates also continue their education and become registered nurses.

Watkins did that. She started out as one of Beard's students, graduating in 1980. She completed RN requirements at Howard College, graduating in 1986. This August will mark her eighth year as a WTC instructor. She began in 1989.

Beard earned her nursing degree at Baylor University. Next month marks her 22nd year at WTC.

Their goal is to "graduate good nurses who can pass the boards."

They attribute the success of WTC's program to several factors, but they give much of the credit to their students who are "determined to put forth the effort needed to succeed."

They said they are fortunate that their students really want to succeed. "They are proof that it is possible to accomplish your goals."

Their longevity as instructors and the fact that they work well together are other factors. And courses are also kept up-to-date.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Brandi Cortez, 1213 N. Ave. M; Eva Blanton, 5311 Big Spring Highway; Buford Browning, 2411 27th; Evelyn Mebane, 1646 CR 361; Cameron Pettitt, 2212 Towle Park Road.

DISMISSALS: None.

CENSUS: 58 (Med., Surg.-16, Long-term Care-37, CCU-1, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

John and Heather Plaisance of Stephenville announce the birth of their twins on April 3: John Richard, 10:09 p.m., six pounds and 10 ounces; Edward Aldon, 10:37 p.m., six pounds and nine ounces. They were born in Erath County Methodist Hospital.

Grandparents are Don and Judy McArthur of Snyder, Richard and Linda Merrell of Belton, and Patsy Sibley of Houston. Their great-grandparents include Ed and Tina Gray of Lorenzo, Thelma and Clyde Frazier of Belton, and John Alden Wilson of Louisiana.

Brandon and Jeanette Claxton of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Breanna JoDawn, at 7:56 a.m. on April 6 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, 3½ ounces.

Grandparents include Jerrel and Judy Pylant of Carlsbad, N.M., Gary and Dee Claxton of Huntsville and Don and Velma Massingill of Gail. Great-grandparents are Cecil and Dorothy Lankford of Snyder, Ellen Claxton of Snyder and the late Buin Claxton, and Nora Massingill of Colorado City.

Three taken into custody

Three people were taken into custody by Snyder area peace officers Wednesday.

DPS troopers arrested a 30-year-old female at 1:48 p.m. along Highway 208 South on a city warrant for theft.

A person requested to speak to an officer at 8:30 p.m. in reference to another subject not having a place to spend the night. Officers found a place for the 59-year-old male to stay, as they arrested him for public intoxication.

At 10:15 p.m., officers arrested a 79-year-old male in the 4400 block of Avenue U for public intoxication.

In other activity, a woman requested to speak to an officer at the police station in reference to being assaulted. An offense report for Class C assault was submitted.

Officers were called to the Southwestern Bell building at 2:50 p.m. in reference to a window being broken out of a company truck. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Robert Gage requested to speak to a deputy at 3 p.m. in reference to a theft by check. An offense report was submitted.

An officer was requested at Wal-Mart at 6 p.m. in reference to problems with a juvenile. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Happy Birthday Dana

From Your Sweetwater Buddy

What's Up?

High school registration

High school students are registering this week according to the following schedule:

Thursday	Sollis	periods 5, 6 & 7
Friday	Sollis	periods 1, 2 & 3
Friday	Millican	periods 1, 3 & 4

City council on the air

TCA and ZTV will air the April 7 city council meeting at 4 p.m. today and Friday on Channel 2.

Texas Special Olympics

The Area 14 Texas Special Olympics Spring Games will be held Friday and Saturday in Abilene. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at Indian Stadium.

First UNC youth fund-raiser

The youth of First United Methodist Church will have a fund-raising sale Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at the old Lone Star Gas building, 1712 27th St.

Senior bake sale and car wash

Snyder High School seniors are holding a bake sale and car wash from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. All procees will benefit the drug free, alcohol free graduation event. Parents and seniors are reminded of their obligation to help.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Center. Cost is $6 per plate, including carry-outs. Children under six eat free.

Parents of seniors to meet

Parents of 1997 Snyder High School seniors will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday to plan graduation activities. The meeting will be held in the high school student center.

SNS needs financial help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing, which repairs homes of persons over 65 or disabled, is in need of donations for the April 26 workday. Donations can be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, or dropped off at Sam Robertson's Insurance or the West Elementary School office.

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.

Free tax help provided

An AARP tax aide is available Wednesdays at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. to help middle and low income older taxpayers prepare their personal income taxes. For information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

TASP review slated

Western Texas College instructors are offering a TASP review for students who will be taking the TASP test on April 19. Students may come to either the 1-2 p.m. or 5-6 p.m. session on April 17 in the 7D Building, Room 101. Call 573-8511, ext. 296, for more information.

Wildflower tours available

Scurry County Museum is conducting wildflower tours through April 30. Tours should be scheduled at least five days in advance by calling 573-6107. The tours will be given by Western Texas College botany students.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The seventh Bible tape, "Overcoming Hardship," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "The Forever Marriage."

Morningside revival

Morningside Baptist Church, 119 36th St., will have a revival April 16-20. Services will be at 7 p.m., except for Sunday, when they will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. There will be a followship following each service. Everyone is invited to help make the revival effort a successful one.

Wastella reunion

The Wastella reunion will be held Saturday, April 19, at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Please call 863-2437 and make reservations if you have not already sent in money for the meal.

Ministerial Alliance

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance has moved its meeting to 10 a.m. April 17 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Pick 3

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

5-2-8

(five, two, eight)

Lotto Texas

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for a $4 million Lotto Texas jackpot, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 14, 20, 22, 34, 41 and 44.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $9 million.

Witness cannot identify suspect

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman who police say saw the killer of Ennis Cosby has failed to pick the suspect out of a police lineup, and even chose other men instead, according to media reports.

The woman "categorically eliminated" 18-year-old Mikail Markhasev during at least one lineup held after his March 12 arrest, defense attorney Charles Lindner said in today's editions of the Los Angeles Times.

She also picked out other men in the lineup, according to WCAL-TV.

The shooting took place Jan. 16 on a stretch of road where the 27-year-old son of entertainer Bill Cosby was changing a tire on his Mercedes-Benz.

Curriculum rewrite uproar continues

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed state curriculum rewrite is tainted by a national effort at "dumbing down" schools that includes putting students to work early, a Texas Eagle Forum leader says.

But Marc Tucker of the National Center on Education and the Economy — described by the conservative Eagle Forum's Stephanie Cecil as pushing a plan that would weaken academics — said Wednesday his group actually is working to strengthen education around the country.

"We would have virtually all the kids in the United States meet academic standards that are way above (current) high school graduation standards in any state," Tucker said in a telephone interview, accusing the Eagle Forum of purposely misrepresenting his group's work.

Whether standards advocated by the NCEE are adopted around the United States is up to state and local officials, Tucker emphasized.

Texas and Tucker's group are linked through the New Standards Project, a joint effort of the Washington-based, non-profit NCEE and the University of Pittsburgh's Learning Research and Development Center.

The state has spent $1.6 million on membership dues for the program over several years. Officials said payments were suspended recently after conservative board members backed by groups including the Eagle Forum raised questions about the project.

The State Board of Education this week is continuing its consideration of the curriculum rewrite. Backers describe it as an effort to make academic standards more rigorous while giving schools leeway in how they achieve the standards.

Ms. Cecil and others criticize a proposal by Tucker to give students a "certificate of initial mastery," although that idea has not been advocated by Texas education officials.

Tucker said this proposal would identify the countries with the most stringent standards in various subjects, look at what their students are required to know by age 16, and require U.S. students to meet that standard by the time they graduate from high school.

"That is an academic standard that is way above what is now expected by any state of their students as a high school leaving standard," Tucker said.

U.S. students could begin trying to pass an exam to prove they have met that standard at age 16, earning a certificate. They then could go into a rigorous college preparatory program or into technical or professional preparation program, he said.

Ms. Cecil said the national center's work would result in "dumbing down academics by replacing a strong emphasis on core academics with hundreds of training courses ..."

"Under the Marc Tucker plan, four years of rigorous academics (in high school) have been squeezed into two. For the second two years, students will focus on career programs which have interpersonal skills, personal qualities and work involved in them," she said.

Ms. Cecil said the agenda is reflected in a decrease in the number of math and science courses under the proposed curriculum, while she said the number of career and technology courses have increased.

Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe, however, said the rewrite would cut the number of career and technology courses available to schools from about 400 to 263. She said some courses were combined, while some that were experimental or had low enrollment were dropped.

Mrs. Ratcliffe said a couple of science courses were eliminated either because of low enrollment or weak content. She said some other courses were combined, and some were placed in a different category.

As part of an effort to stop any influence by the "Tucker agenda" and support board members who have spoken out against it, Ms. Cecil and her group are organizing a march on the Capitol.

School tax panel takes break

AUSTIN (AP) — The lobbyists came. The lobbyists went. And after nearly 24 hours of testimony, the point was clear if unsurprising: interest groups all want someone else to pay more to educate Texas children.

After two marathon-like days of public hearings, a House committee trying to find a way to lower local school property taxes took a day off Wednesday.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the committee, said he wanted members of the panel to gather their thoughts before finally deciding what to do. The bill could be before the full House next week but must first be voted on by the committee.

The committee is considering a proposal to cut local school property taxes by more than $3 billion a year. To replace that money, the committee plan would expand the current business tax, increase some other taxes and add to the list of goods and services subject to the state sales tax.

"It was very well orchestrated by the lobby," Sadler said of public hearings Monday and Tuesday at which lobbyist after lobbyist lined up to say why taxing their goods and services would be a bad idea.

Sadler said there are items in the proposal that concern him. But when asked if anyone changed his mind, the chairman simply replied: "No."

"We're going to take a day to give us a chance to reflect on the public testimony and all the information that's been gathered over the last seven weeks," he added. "It's an important measure. We're going to be sufficiently deliberate."

During Tuesday's public hearing, which ran into the early hours Wednesday, Sadler chided lobbyists for saying they were unsure what the proposal would do.

He and other members of the committee said each part of the bill is spelled out: all businesses except sole proprietorships would pay the state franchise tax, taxes on alcohol and tobacco would increase, about 35 goods and services — each listed and defined — would be added to those subject to the sales tax.

Limits hurting low-income Texans

AUSTIN (AP) — Low-income Texans could be hardest hit by a bill that would limit no-fault divorces for couples with children, a lawyer testified in a House committee.

Court fees for a no-fault divorce are approximately $150, said Austin attorney Shannon Noble. A conservative estimate of the cost of a divorce in which fault must be proved is between $5,000 and $10,000, she said.

Ms. Noble testified Wednesday against a bill by Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth that would prohibit no-fault divorces unless one spouse or a member of the family has a protective order. Such court orders can be issued to protect someone in cases of family violence.

The House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues committee took no action on the bill.

Snyder man gets 4-year probation

A 20-year-old Snyder man was assessed a four-year probated sentence Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Robert Jesse Holden was charged with the Sept. 17, 1993 burglary of a building. In February, 1994, Holden was given a five-year probated prison sentence and deferred adjudication.

Holden's guilt was adjudicated by Senior District Gene Dulaney after the defendant failed to abstain from drugs and failed to pay court-ordered fines and court costs.

Teacher's drink laced with LSD

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A middle school history teacher drank iced tea laced with LSD, which police said was slipped into his thermos by one of his eighth-grade students.

A 13-year-old Challenger Middle School student, whose name was not released, was taken into custody Wednesday for investigation, said Tom Hall, police chief for San Diego City Schools.

The teacher, John Duitsman, was hospitalized Tuesday after feeling anxious and sick, although he did not report having hallucinations.

Students told The San Diego Union-Tribune in today's editions that the eighth-grader bragged about drugging his teacher, who is in his 50s.

One student told the newspaper the suspect was upset about a failing grade he received on an assignment.

The student faces felony charges as well as expulsion for bringing drugs on campus.

Austin Briefs

Bill would take good time credit

AUSTIN (AP) — County jail inmates would lose their good time credits if they were found to have filed false or malicious lawsuits against the jail.

"This will allow sheriffs to focus more time on legitimate cases," said Rep. Terry Keel, R-Austin, sponsor of the bill. Keel is a former Travis County Sheriff.

The bill, approved on a 144-1 vote, goes to the Senate. Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, voted against the measure.

The no good time bill is HB373.

Roofers would be regulated in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Roofers would be regulated in Texas under a bill approved by the Texas Senate.

The bill by Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, would require roofers in Texas to obtain a license and also establishes a penalty — punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a fine of $2,000 — for roofers who work unlicensed.

The measure was approved on a voice vote and now goes to the House.

According to state figures, hail storms damaged an estimated 100,000 roofs in North Texas in May 1995.

House nixes juvenile search proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has rejected a proposal, backed by the governor, to allow police officers to search some juveniles without probable cause or reasonable suspicion.

An amendment to a House bill offered on Wednesday would have allowed police officers to stop and search juveniles if they knew:

— The juveniles' names.

— That the juveniles were on probation for gun-related crimes.

— The juveniles' probation orders required them to submit to searches.

Police would not have been required to have reasonable suspicion or probable cause to initiate the searches. Such requirements are standard for most searches, although some are allowed without reasonable suspicion or probable cause.

Bill would allow Internet classes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas colleges and universities would be allowed to offer classes for credit over the Internet and by other so-called distance-learning methods under a bill approved by the Texas House.

"It may not have a football team, but you can log on from anywhere you please," Rep. Ted Kamel, R-Tyler, said of his so-called "Internet University" bill.

State law currently doesn't allow distance learning courses without prior approval for each course by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Kamel said that is an unnecessary hurdle.

The bill, approved 144-0, goes to the Senate.

The Internet university bill is HB 14-0.

Uniform start date aim of Senate bill

AUSTIN (AP) — School couldn't start before Sept. 1 unless school districts obtain a state waiver under a bill that moved out of the Senate Education Committee.

Sen. Eddie Lucio offered the bill at the urging of the South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce, which said area tourism is affected by the shortened summer vacation time when schools begin classes early.

A uniform schedule for starting school would benefit transfer students, who would be on the same schedule as their new classmates, said Lucio, D-Brownsville.

In addition, he said, it would allow more time for students to earn money from summer jobs and enable teachers to enroll in summer college courses.

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