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STAR program has been major success

Saves county funds, re-directs offenders

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Since its implementation in August, an alternative punishment program for juveniles has saved Scurry County more than $222,000.

That was the figure program director Pete Barrera gave a group of people this morning representing the county, city and local school district.

Representatives from Nolan County, Sweetwater ISD and Colorado ISD were also at the meeting, which was held to present an update on the Special Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Program.

"Included in those figures is $180,000 that we would probably have had to pay to youth facilities," said Barrera.

Barrera said the facilities charge $80 a day per juvenile, and the average stay costs the county $14,000.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong said before the STAR Program was implemented, there were few options available for dealing with juvenile offfenders.

"We could put them on probation which left them in the same environment that got them in trouble in the first place, or send them a facility at $80 per day. Our other choice was the Texas Youth Commission, which only allowed one juvenile from the county in a year," Armstrong said.

"The program has accomplished many tasks for us.

"It's cost-effective. It offers immediate consequences for improper activity. And it is a means by which young people are re-directed," the judge said.

Barrera said the program is designed to teach participants to become leaders instead of followers.

"There are two reasons why kids mess up," said Barrera. "They did the wrong things right, or the right things wrong."

Barrera doesn't view the program as a form of punishment.

"In everything we do, we try to reinforce good things about their (the participant's) behavior," Barrera said.

District Attorney Dana Cooley

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CELEBRATING — Jessica Ibarra and Fabian Gutierrez observed Cinco de Mayo Tuesday with a demonstration of traditional dancing. The program was presented at Children's Day Out at the First United Methodist Church. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Happy people may not have the best of everything, but do know how to make the best of everything."

Be careful about bragging, 'cause Murphy's Law of whatever can go wrong usually will.

Doug Strickland devised what he thought was the ideal campaign slogan for last Saturday's school trustee election in the Carroll ISD.

In seeking re-election, the candidate decided to emphasize the progress made by the district in academics. The slogan picked was "Continue C.I.S.D Excellence."

There was just one problem. On all of his campaign signs, some 250 of 'em, "excellence" was mispelled "exellence."

The candidate even got a chuckle about his boo-boo, calling the error just a typo that got overlooked in the flurry of campaign activities.

Incidently, Mr. Strickland won reelection to the school district board which is located in northeast Tarrant County.

Summer vacation will soon be upon us, and don't forget about those special family members.

For the very spoiled pets, you might want to consider the Sutton Place Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The hotel promotes its VIP (Very Important Pet) program.

For certain guests, the hotel will bring dogs or cats room service of grilled T-bone or seared tuna filet — served in a procelain dish with a drinking bowl of Evian water.

Turndown service comes later, with dog biscuits or anchovy popcorn as late evening pet treats.

The whole thing, including the fancy serving bowl, costs $60.

T-bone...we wonder if it's okay if the master waits for table scraps?

And an animal story from a civic club publication:

An elephant was drinking from an African river when he spied a snapping turtle asleep on a log. He ambled over and kicked it clear across the river.

"Why did you do that?" asked the giraffe.

"Because," replied the elephant, "I recognized it as the same turtle who took a nip at my trunk 50 years ago."

"What a memory," exclaimed the giraffe.

"Yes," said the elephant, "Turtle recall."

Tight budget, gym floor woes hit WTC trustees

By Bill McClellan
Managing Editor

Replacement of the floor in the gymnasium and a preview of the 1998-99 budget weren't action items, but they got the most attention from Western Texas College trustees Tuesday.

Board members canvassed votes from Saturday's election, which saw Dr. Jay Kidd and Carolyn Barbee retain their places. However, trustees decided to wait until June to reorganize the board because Mrs. Barbee, who currently serves as vice president, could not attend the meeting.

Earlier this year, trustees were presented with a group of five priorities new to the 1998-99 budget but were told there were virtually no funds to implement the majority of them. Topping the list, and considered a "must," was to implement Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) requirements.

The requirements include hiring a counselor, an instructional staff member and a technician as well as upgrades in research and tracking at a cost of $95,000.

Tuesday, the board was presented with a budget overview which includes the SACS requirements, but none of the other priorities. Other key increases in the proposed budget are $50,000 to meet additional bond expenses and $20,000 in utilities anticipated at the Workforce Training Center, which is under construction.

Bettie McQueen, college vice president, told trustees, "The budget is basically balanced," but a hold has been put on equipment, repairs and maintenance and none of the other priorities have been included.

College president Dr. Harry Krenek said "every item on the priority list is important. This is not a wish list.

"I don't see anything we wouldn't do if we had the money to do it," said Dr. Krenek.

Priority 2 on the list is a salary increase for employees. Trustee Drew Bullard, while noting employee raises are among his top priority, said, "This is going to be a really rough year. I think everyone is just going to have to accept that. It doesn't look like we are going to be able to give any raises this year."

"I think a lack of salary increases will be a significant problem for the staff," Mrs. McQueen said.

Dr. Kidd instructed administration to bring figures to next month's meeting that would indicate how much of a tax increase will be needed to provide raises.

"We'll certainly do that...the early indication is it may be a stretch just to meet the effective rate," Dr. Krenek said, referring to speculation that values will be down for next year.

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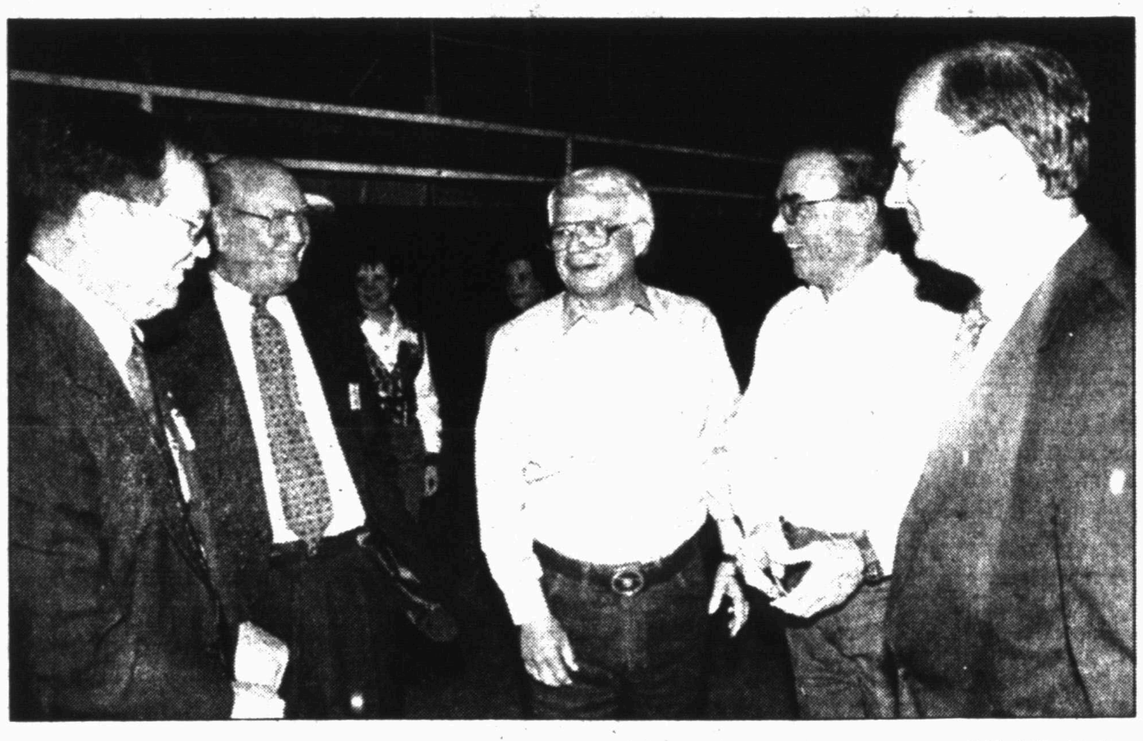

DIGNITARIES — State Rep. David Counts, center, visits with top Department of Public Safety personnel and State Comptroller John Sharp prior to Tuesday's Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet. Shown from left are, Dudley Thomas, executive director of the DPS; Col. Tommy Davis, DPS; Counts, Bobby Holt, DPS commissioner; and Sharp. (Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

Educated workforce is crucial, Sharp says

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

State Comptroller John Sharp told a crowd of some 400 people at Scurry County Coliseum Tuesday evening that an educated Texas workforce will rank right along with oil, cattle and cotton as "major booms" in the state's history.

Sharp, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, was the keynote speaker at the annual Northwest Texas Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet, hosted by State Rep. David Counts.

"I think this human resource boom will be bigger than all the others combined," said Sharp.

"We will create the future with the most, the smartest, and the best educated workforce that exists. We will have a huge advantage over other parts of the country."

In turn, he added, that will attract major industry to the state.

Sharp said the best economic development people in Texas are its teachers and law enforcement personnel.

Sharp received an ovation from the crowd when he said it was time to make sure the school children in Texas are in as good of facilities as the state's prisoners are.

Rep. Counts, serving as master of ceremonies, introduced the law enforcement personnel by groups, and recognized several individuals.

Included in that group was Dudley Thomas, executive director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Units to graduate students Thursday

Nineteen college students from the Price Daniel Unit and John Wallace Unit will receive their associate in arts degree Thursday.

Commencement exercises are set for 10 a.m. at the Daniel Unit.

Dr. Harry Krenek, president of Western Texas College, will provide the commencement address and award the degrees. Senior Warden T.J. Medart will give the response.

The welcome will be given by Mike Morrow, superintendent of the Windham School District.

Others participating will be Bob Martin, Region V assistant superintendent; Chaplain Wayne Horton; and Dr. Jim Palmer, WTC dean of instruction.

Price Daniel Unit graduates are Terry Bratton, Everett Carter, Scott Eiland, Vincente Estrada, Ruben Godlines, Roger Smith, Jerry Hawthorne, Norris Mills, Armando Martinez, Daniel Raudy, Jesse Silva and Robert Windham.

Graduates from the John Wallace Unit are Marcus Barnes, Richard Hernandez, James Hopp, Michael Milliman, Michael Orta, Kenneth Houston and Joshua Walker.

ASK US

Q—Does TU Electric own the building across from the chamber office on Avenue R?

A—No. The company leases it and there are two years remaining on the lease. The local manager will soon relocate his office there again.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 92 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 62; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 60-65. Light SW wind. Thursday, mostly sunny. High, 95-100. W wind 5 15 mph.

Teisha McGlouthing
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 8:27 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.
Of 125 days in 1998, the sun has shone 123 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The bigger a man's head, the worse his headache.

Persian Proverb

One killed when train, garbage truck collide

ROUND ROCK (AP) — A fatal collision in which a train hit a garbage truck is a grim reminder to motorists to be cautious when they approach railroad crossings, officials warn.

Last year, 68 people were killed and 165 injured in 422 vehicle-train accidents in Texas, which has more miles of track and more such incidents than any other state, said Texas Railroad Commission spokesman Bob Kaufman.

"This is an incident that happens way too often in the state of Texas," said Texas Railroad Commission spokesman Bob Kaufman. "We are encouraging all motorists to look, listen and live."

Added Danny Gibbs of the commission, "You and a train in a collision at a crossing — you're going to lose."

Cody Joe Pearson, 27, died Tuesday after the Central Refuse Truck he was driving was hit by an Amtrak train carrying 104 passengers and 13 crew members.

Two locomotives and seven cars derailed in the accident, which sent 11 people on the train to hospitals.

Pearson was airlifted about 20 miles south to Brackenridge Hospital in Austin. He died about 2:30 p.m., said hospital spokeswoman Jennifer Howard-Brown.

"Mr. Pearson was a good person and a good employee. We are trying to get the facts and figure out what happened and make sure anyone injured is well taken care of," said Bruce Bergquist, Central Texas Refuse office manager.

Train engineer Roldolfo P. Quesada was in good condition at Brackenridge. Ten other people on the train were treated and released from hospitals in Round Rock and nearby Georgetown.

The train was Amtrak's Texas Eagle, bound for Chicago from San Antonio.

The accident occurred about 9:20 a.m. at a farm driveway's private railroad crossing between Round Rock and Hutto, authorities said. One locomotive briefly caught fire, but it was extinguished.

"We are told the crew of the train in the lead locomotive were temporarily trapped but then were able to get out," said Ed Trandahl, spokesman for Union Pacific, which owns the track.

Passengers Elva Cheves of San Antonio and Nancy Culpepper of Fontana, Calif., said they heard the train whistle being sounded before the accident.

"We thought we hit a cow" initially, said Ms. Cheves, who was headed to Massachusetts. Amtrak spokesman John Wolf in Washington said alternative transportation was being arranged for the passengers.

Ms. Culpepper, who was going to Fort Worth to visit her mother for Mother's Day, said, "This is my first train ride. It was great up until today."

Mary Stinchcomb, 81, of the Detroit suburb of Melvindale said she and her sister were in the sleeper car when the accident occurred.

"We were just sitting in our bedrooms, having orange juice. ... The first boom, the orange juice flew up," she said. "Then came another boom, and then it (the car) was really tilted. I thought oh boy, there's something wrong here."

Lt. Mark Whiteaker of the Round Rock Fire Department, one of the first on the scene, said firefighters initially feared many more people had been injured.

"We were scared to death," he said.

There are more than 11,000 miles of track in Texas and more than 18,000 rail crossings. Of the crossings, 6,544 are private and not regulated by the state, Kaufman said. The one where the accident occurred has a stop sign but no flashing lights.

"People have to look and listen before they cross a railroad crossing such as this one here," Kaufman said.

Kaufman said there were 422 vehicle-train accidents in Texas last year, killing 68 and injuring 165.

Editor's Note: The Amtrak information number for friends and relatives of passengers is 1-800-523-9101.

End sought to prison order

AUSTIN (AP) — The state again is asking a federal court to release Texas from a final judgment in a lawsuit against the state prison system.

"Texas has run a constitutional prison system for more than a decade, with the past six years totally free of court supervision or oversight," Attorney General Dan Morales said Tuesday.

"The state has total control of the operations of its prison system and has proven itself. Now it has the right to be released from the final judgment," Morales said.

In the motion, which was filed Tuesday with U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice, the state says it is making the request under the 1996 federal Prison Litigation Reform Act.

That law said states whose prison systems were subject to a final court judgment may seek to end that judgment two years after passage of the act if there are no ongoing constitution violations.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Can patients get X-ray films?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Who owns the X-ray films taken in a hospital? Can I ask for and receive these films?

DEAR READER: In most instances, X-ray films are the property of the person or institution who took them. That is, such films will not be released to the patient. They will, however, be forwarded to another medical facility upon request. Also, in my experience, most hospitals will gladly make copies of the films for a small fee if a patient wishes to have the pictures (not simply the report) in his possession. Ordinarily, this is not a problem, because most hospitals are willing to share information with patients.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have emphysema. A friend told me not to use an air conditioner because it takes the oxygen out of the room. Is this so?

DEAR READER: Not so. Air conditioners merely cool the air and filter it. These appliances do not remove oxygen. Your friend is mistaken.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Concerning your column about men who spit out of car windows, I have the following comments:

It's safer to do while driving than reaching for a handkerchief. As a child, my mother washed all our clothes by hand in a copper tub. Reducing the number of dirty handkerchiefs was a courtesy to her. So, spitting is preferable.

DEAR READER: Sorry, but you'll have to do better than that to convince me that this unattractive habit is acceptable. Here are my responses to your comments:

Keep a box of Kleenex on your dashboard.

Just because your mother used to hand-wash your handkerchiefs doesn't mean that you have to be limited by her experiences. She probably discouraged you from changing your underwear every week, too.

You have the power to wash your handkerchiefs — and your underwear — in a washing machine. That, neighbor, is progress. God bless science and the appliance manufacturers. Stop spitting out the window. You're just spreading germs and making a spectacle of yourself. If you don't like the Kleenex solution, use paper towels.

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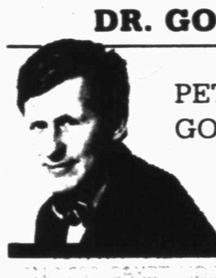

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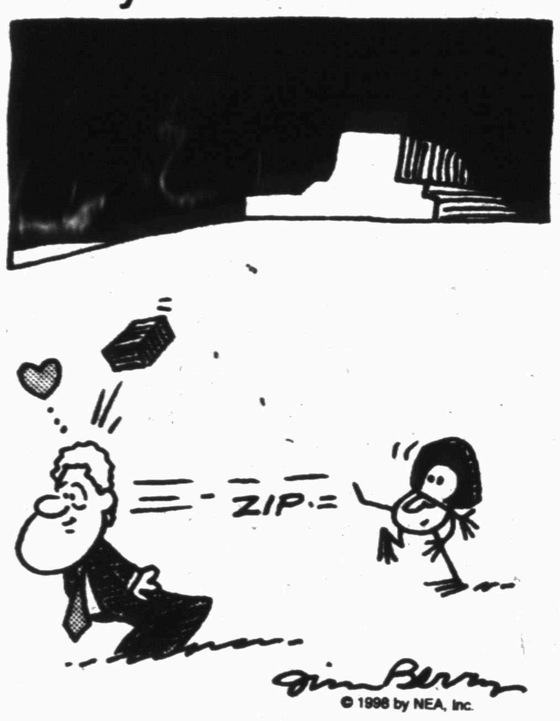

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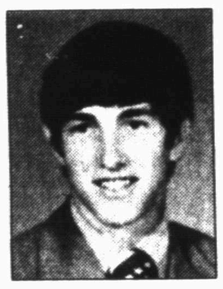
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949. The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN and their families are not eligible to enter.

The Winner Of Last Week's Contest Is Joan Bunch

Last Week's Photos: 1. A.C. Floyd 2. Faye Blackledge 3. Chon Rodriquez 4. Shawn Ragland 5. Sandy Pollard 6. Linda Wright 7. Denise Voss 8. Carol Haynes 9. Dr. Carl Dillaha 10. Jerry Worsham

Commission weighs limits on generic drugs

AUSTIN (AP) — It would be more difficult — and more expensive — for Texans to get nine types of generic prescription drugs under a proposal pending before the state Board of Pharmacy, opponents of the measure say.

Drugs to which access would be limited are used to treat asthma, seizures and heart problems. The board Tuesday considered public testimony, but took no action.

Board members also proposed a rule to allow pharmacists to administer immunizations.

Pharmacists, under the generic drug rule, still could give customers the generic drugs if the prescribing physicians allowed generic substitutes. Physicians always have the option of requiring that prescriptions be dispensed exactly as written.

Upon refilling a prescription, though, the rule would require pharmacists to use the same generic drug or inform the customer and the prescribing physician that the brand name drug or another generic was being used.

Substitution generally happens when the generic drug originally dispensed isn't available or a new generic is made available.

The rule, as currently written, would apply to pill versions of nine types of drugs known as narrow therapeutic index drugs. The difference between the levels at which those drugs are safe and the levels at which they are potentially dangerous is very slim.

Proponents of the measure say it would keep people who suffer from epilepsy, asthma and other ailments better informed. It also would prevent those patients from having their prescriptions changed without their doctors' knowledge.

But some pharmacists and representatives for generic drug companies said generic drugs dispensed in Texas already have been deemed to be exact copies of name brands. They said if pharmacists face additional work when dispensing generic drugs, they may opt not to.

That would raise costs, according to Bernard Weinstein, director of the Center for Economic Development and Research and an economics professor at the University of North Texas.

"I am convinced that the impact of this regulation will be significant, in excess of $10 million to $20 million annually," Weinstein told the board.

"This regulation will also have a chilling effect on efforts to reduce health care costs and will increase financial burdens on the uninsured and the underinsured as well as businesses and taxpayers," he said.

Board member Bill Pittman, an Austin pharmacist, said he believes the U.S. Food and Drug Administration does a good job labeling generics that are exactly like the brand names and those that are not identical.

Under Texas law, only generic drugs that are identical can be substituted for brand name drugs.

He said while cost is an issue, it is not the primary focus of the board. "The Board of Pharmacy looks at safety issues," Pittman said, adding that he believes FDA regulations already protect the public.

Board President Susan Jacobson, who represents consumers, said she believes the issue is about profits for brand name drug companies.

"You can have public safety at a reasonable cost and companies can still make money," she said.

The pharmacist-immunization proposal would require pharmacists to become certified by the state to give immunizations. It also requires continuing education on administering immunizations and storing and handling vaccines.

Future shortage of chocolate studied

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — It's a candy lover's worst nightmare — a decade from now, the world may start running out of chocolate.

It's not time yet to hoard the Hershey bars or stockpile M&Ms. But people are gobbling up candy bars twice as fast as chocolate is being produced and this year's cocoa crop is falling behind expectations.

"It's not going to disappear overnight," said Carol Knight, vice president of scientific affairs at the American Cocoa Research Institute in McLean, Va. "But if we don't work to assure its future, there could be a shortage."

Last month, the major candy companies gathered at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama with conservation groups and small cocoa farmers — who produce 90 percent of the world's chocolate — to develop strategies to farm more cocoa beans.

M&M-Mars, based in Hackettstown, paid for the meeting between groups such as Hershey Foods and The Nature Conservancy and the Rainforest Alliance, which are concerned with protecting rain forests that help cocoa grow better.

At stake is a $50 billion worldwide industry that is growing every day. Consumption of chocolate is growing by 3 percent a year, while production is increasing by 1.5 percent. Chocolate manufacturers may soon be interested in expanding sales in China and Eastern European nations, Knight said Tuesday.

And in the United States, "chocolate, by far, is the American favorite food," said John Lunde, director of international environmental programs for M&M-Mars.

The average American eats about 11.7 pounds of chocolate a year.

Lunde said the consumption rate may cause a chocolate shortage in 10 years if no more cocoa crops are planted.

Cocoa beans, which are dried, then ground, roasted and mixed with sugar and milk to make chocolate, are primarily grown on West Africa's Ivory Coast, but also in countries like Indonesia and Brazil.

So far, the 1997-98 cocoa crop is falling behind the previous harvest of slightly more than 1 million metric tons because of a lack of rain on the Ivory Coast. Cacao trees, which only grow from 12 to 20 feet high and take about six years to yield cocoa beans, grow best in the shade of taller rain forest trees.

The bean also is especially vulnerable to pests and plant diseases. The monilia fungus or black pod disease could wipe out a crop for the season, said Jeffrey Parrish, a conservation ornithologist at The Nature Conservancy.

"Each one of those trees requires an extreme amount of care," he said. "These small farmers can't afford to buy lots of chemicals and pay lots of workers."

Since the meeting, the institute has solicited about a dozen research proposals, Knight said. The institute wants to develop a worldwide study, though they have no specific partners or funding sources yet.

Besides helping the industry, the growth of cocoa should be a boon for the rain forest and endangered species, said Parrish, who oversaw a recent study in Costa Rica of the link between tropical bird populations and cacao plantations.

The plantations provide a home for more tropical birds and other threatened species than most other crops, he said.

"Who would have thought that we would have actually picked up a chocolate bar as a tool to do conservation?" Parrish said. "It appears that...that might be one of our best tools."

The National Park System, now in its second century of existence, is composed of over 350 sites and covers almost 80 million acres of land.

Romaine crop takes blow from El Nino

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Ana Pava surveyed her untouched salad and turned up her nose. El Nino had struck again.

Heavy rains in California wiped out much of the romaine lettuce crop, leaving Caesar salad lovers like Pava unsatisfied with the alternative.

"I'm not a vegetable eater, but Caesar is a salad that gives people a sauce so I can eat it," she said Tuesday, looking unhappily at the traditional iceberg lettuce side salad on her tray at Wendy's. "I got it, but I'm not going to eat it. I'll give it to my husband."

The shortage of romaine has forced some eateries — including all 4,500 Wendy's restaurants nationwide — to drop Caesar salads from the menu. Other restaurants are managing to find romaine, but they're passing on the higher cost to customers.

Like many other restaurants, Centro at the Mill, an Italian spot in Greenwich, Conn., has been getting by for the past week with other types of lettuce, such as red leaf or baby greens. For guests who insist on romaine, there's a $2 surcharge.

California supplies nearly 80 percent of the nation's romaine. Heavy rain delayed planting or killed seedlings, and many of the crops that did survive were attacked by fungus because of standing water.

While other types of lettuce also were affected, romaine was the hardest hit.

The result: Wholesale prices of romaine shot from about $10 a case to $50, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ken McConnell, manager of culinary development for the Ruby Tuesday restaurant chain at its headquarters in Birmingham, Ala., said a restaurant manager from New Jersey found a case of romaine for $72. He normally pays $12.

"And he still wanted to buy it," McConnell said. The restaurant manager got the OK.

The shortage should ease in a few weeks as the next crop of lettuce makes its way to stores and restaurants. Romaine usually takes three to four months to grow.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

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.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180; potluck supper at 6 p.m.

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

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.

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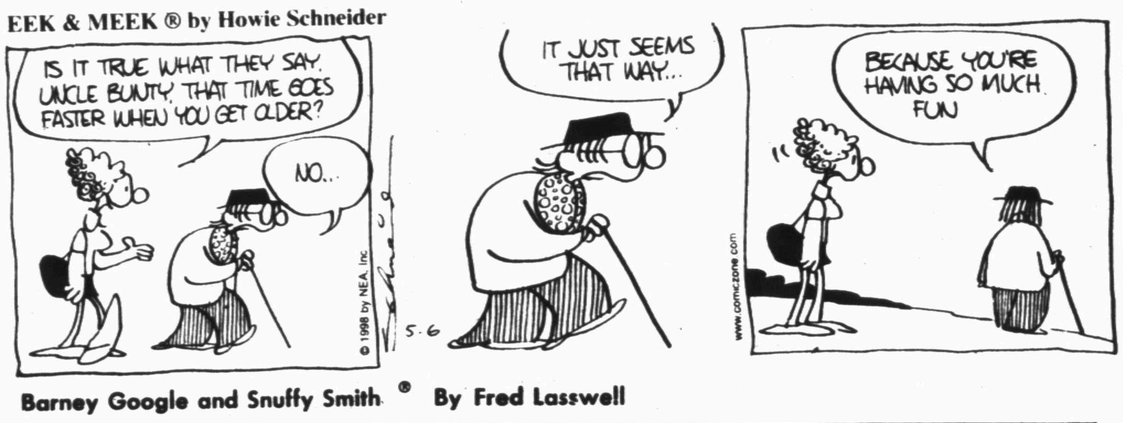

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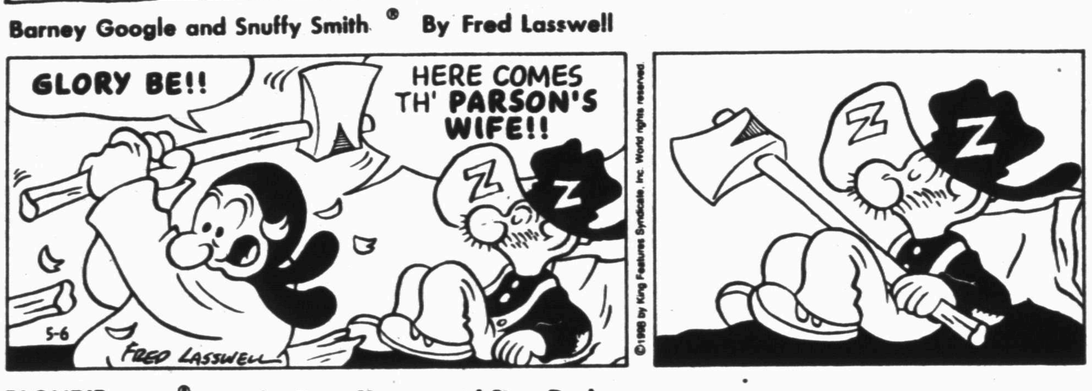

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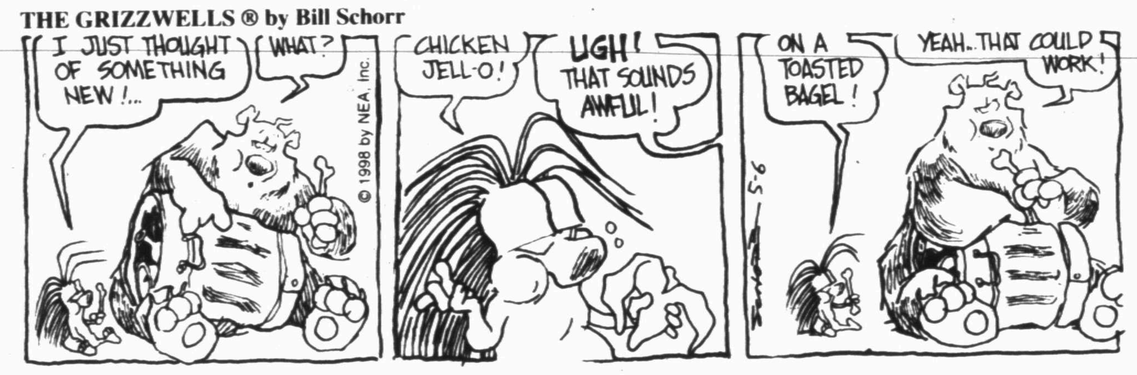

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1 — up (accumulating)
7 Column
13 Bring comfort
14 Glacial epoch (2 wds.)
15 Horse's home
16 Sign of the zodiac
17 Docile
18 Wool fiber
20 Exam
21 Bathroom feature
23 Elephant's tusk
27 Foes
32 Fable writer
33 Theater passageway
34 Valletta's place
35 Social group
36 Produce flowers
39 Misplaces
40 Mist
42 Legal-aid org.
46 Roman three
47 Deeds
51 Blood fluid
53 Painful wrenching
55 Most sensible
56 Sewing tool
57 Nervous (2 wds.)
58 Store fodder

DOWN

1 Attention-getting sound
2 Tiny particle
3 Clayey earth
4 Let — — (Beatles song)
5 Islanders' org.
6 Actress Davis
7 Type of apple
8 Here, Henri
9 For fear that
10 Frilly trimming
11 Matures
12 Take a break
19 Compass pt.
21 Circumvent
22 Tidily
23 Poetic foot
24 Entree meat
25 City in Norway
26 Decays
28 Spanish artist
29 Egyptian goddess
30 River in Germany
31 Watches
37 Sedative
38 Med. test
41 River in France
42 Lhasa — (dog)
43 Related group
44 Reporter, Lois —
45 Employed
47 Surface measures
48 Muslim judge
49 Cultivate
50 Dagger (obs.)
52 Food additive (abbr.)
54 Writing tool

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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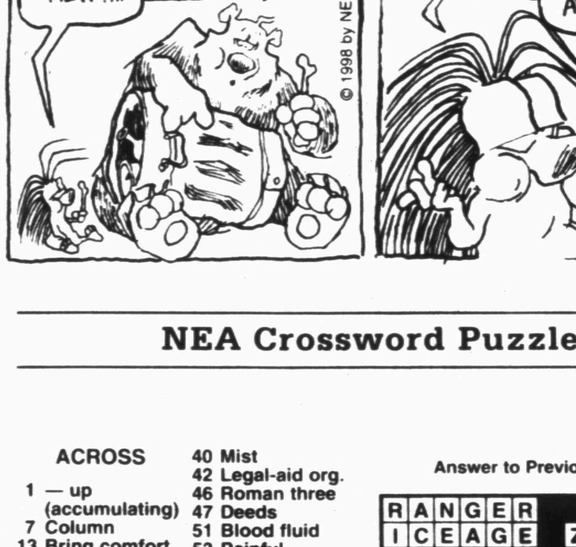

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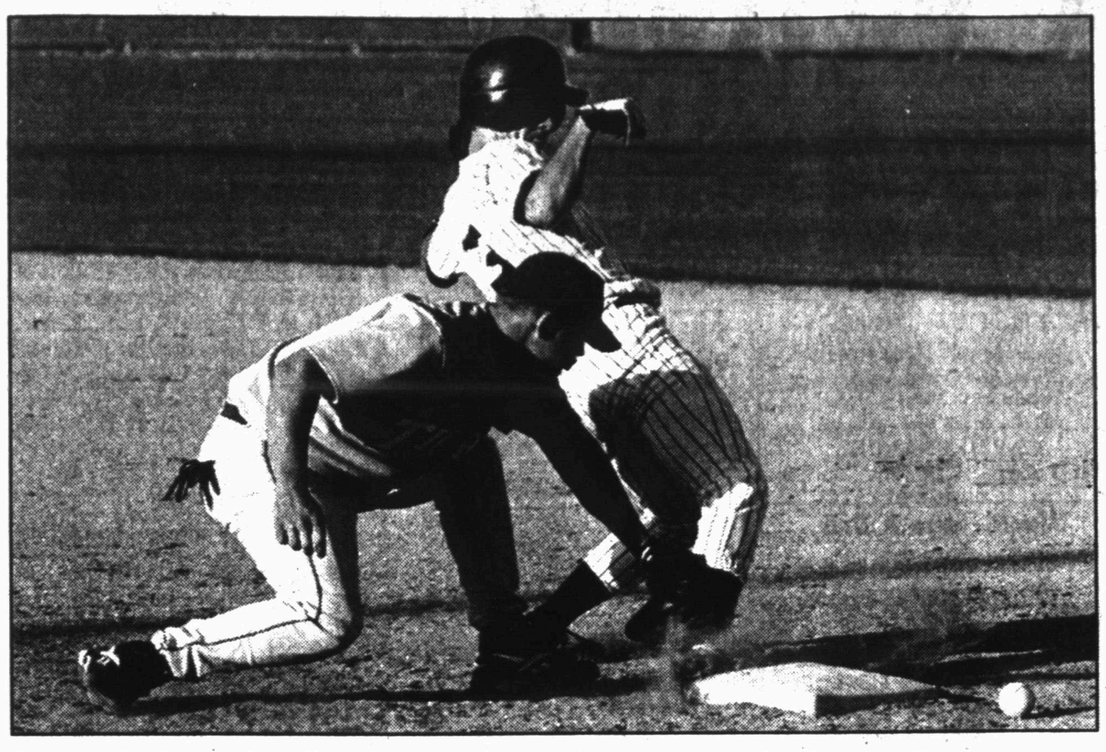


DO A LITTLE DANCE — Snyder's Brad Roemisch leaps back to the bag safely as Frenship's Steven Todd was unable to corral the pick-off throw Tuesday night in Seminole. After falling to Frenship, 13-5, Snyder now faces Pampa in the bi-district round of the playoffs. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Frenship explodes in 3rd; Snyder takes second seed

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — How the Tigers perform in their bi-district match-up could depend on two things — how well they remember Tuesday's third inning, or how quickly they can forget it.

Frenship sent 11 batters to the plate in the third and scored seven runs, all of them earned, en route to a 13-5 victory over Snyder in Seminole.

After splitting the regular season title, the win gives Frenship the district's top seed and a first-round bye.

Snyder advances as the 2-4A runner-up and will face Pampa, an 11-10 winner Tuesday over Amarillo Caprock, in the bi-district round.

"We either hit the ball well or we stink it up," Frenship coach Eric Leger said. "And tonight we happened to hit the ball well. I knew coming in that we'd have to perform well at the plate because (Kyle) Beck has been great in his last two starts."

Beck, who carried a 1.70 ERA into the game, lasted only 2⅔ innings, surrendering six hits, walking three and striking out one.

"Kyle just didn't have the usual pop that he does," Snyder coach Roland Herrera said. "His usual zip wasn't there. It's not his fault, sometimes that just happens. He was due."

Left-hander Chris Hernandez came on in relief, giving up six hits and fanning five FHS batters.

Eleven of Frenship's 13 runs were earned as Snyder committed only three errors in the field.

Snyder took the early lead in the first when Eric Lang singled home Beck and courtesy runner Brad Roemisch.

Beck had another strong performance at the plate, going three for four, including a home run in the top of the third that extended the advantage to 3-0.

But in the bottom of the frame, Frenship would post seven runs on three walks, two singles, two doubles and a home run.

Frenship kept their bats working in the fourth, sending four more runners home on an error and five hits, one of which was another homer.

The Tigers managed to score once in the fifth and once in the seventh, while Frenship added two in the sixth for the 13-5 final.

"We were totally undisciplined at the plate," Herrera remarked. "We're still just not being disciplined enough to lay off bad pitches."

While Frenship gets the week off before taking on the winner of the El Paso Burgess-Big Spring match-up, Snyder prepares to face Pampa.

The two squads have the choice of playing a single contest or a three-game series. The Tigers and the Harvesters could meet in Canyon, due to Plainview and all Lubbock fields already booked.

Times and site were to have been determined this afternoon.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Border lf	5	0	1	0
Berryman 3b	4	0	0	0
Beck p	4	2	3	1
Roemisch cr	0	1	0	0
Smith cf	3	1	2	0
Fish 1b	2	0	0	0
Bedell ph	1	0	0	0
Lang 2b	3	0	1	2
Shields dh	3	1	0	0
Cumbie c	4	0	2	2
Hernandez rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	9	5

Frenship	ab	r	h	bi
Mesker 2b	4	1	0	0
Denson cf	4	1	2	4
Leist ss	3	3	2	2
Maddux c	4	1	1	1
Kerr cr	0	1	0	0
Todd 1b	4	1	2	0
Potts lf	3	0	1	0
Nesteby rf	2	1	1	0
Vineyard p	2	0	1	0
Ritter cr	0	2	0	0
Moore dh	3	2	2	2
Totals	29	13	12	9

Snyder	201	010	1—	5	9	3
Frenship	007	402	x—13	12	4	

2B — Cumbie; Todd 2, Moore. HR — Beck; Denson, Leist.

WP: Vineyard, 4 innings, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 H, 2 BB, 4 SO. Nichols, 2 innings, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 H, 1 BB, 0 SO; Leist, 1 inning, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 H, 1 BB, 2 SO.

LP: Beck, 2⅔ innings, 7 R, 7 ER, 6 H, 3 BB, 1 SO. Hernandez, 4⅓ innings, 5 R, 3 ER, 6 H, 0 BB, 5 SO.

Abilene Eagles win offensive slugfest

Moffett Field saw an offensive explosion Tuesday night, as Abilene High took care of Midland High, 27-14.

The Eagles, who earned District 4-5A's top seed, slapped six doubles and three home runs on the night.

The Bulldogs were paced by Blake Johnson, who belted two three-run homers.

Abilene sent 12 men to the plate in the third inning and 11 more in the fourth. The Eagles receive a first-round bye before facing the winner of El Paso Franklin and El Paso Bel Air for the area title.

Streaking Yanks drop Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — David Cone dominated baseball's top-hitting team, taking a no-hitter into the fifth inning and leading the New York Yankees over the Texas Rangers 7-2 Tuesday night for their 20th win in 22 games.

Paul O'Neill, who failed to homer in his first 25 games of the season, connected for the second straight game, a three-run shot in the first off John Burkett (2-4). At 21-6, the Yankees are off to their best start since the 1958 team opened 21-5.

Cone (4-1) improved to 7-3 against Texas, winning his fourth consecutive start. He didn't allow a hit until Kevin Elster's infield single with one out in the fifth, and wound up giving up just two runs and three hits in five innings.

After Elster's hit, Luis Alicea beat out a bunt single and Cone strained his left knee trying to get to the ball. He then struck out Tom Goodwin, but Mark McLemore dumped a looping RBI single to left.

Cone, who threw 101 pitches, was diagnosed with a slight knee strain, and trainer Gene Monahan wasn't sure if Cone would make his next start.

O'Neill, who had four RBIs, sent a drive just inside the right-field foul pole in the first following Chuck Knoblauch's double and Derek Jeter's bunt single.

New York made it 6-1 in the fifth on Joe Girardi's RBI single, which chased Burkett, Jeter's single off Scott Bailes and a passed ball by Ivan Rodriguez with the bases loaded.

Sports Briefs

State golf tourney

The Lady Tiger golf squad will compete in the 4A state tournament Monday and Tuesday at Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin.

Snyder will compete against Pampa, Dallas Highland Park, Grapevine, Colleyville Heritage, Montgomery, El Campo, Gregory-Portland and Austin Anderson.

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

Cancer Society scramble

A four-man scramble to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held Saturday at WTC. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee for the 18-hole event is $100 per team. Call the WTC pro shop to sign up.

Pumpjack Partnership

Snyder Country Club will host the annual Pumpjack Partnership May 16-17.

Format is a two-man scramble and entry fee is $150 per team. For more information contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Ex-UT coach considers TV

AUSTIN (AP) — Former University of Texas basketball coach Tom Penders says he's been offered other coaching jobs but is leaning toward a TV job.

Penders, who resigned April 2 amid a player revolt, said he could still go back to coaching eventually.

"I'm leaning toward doing something in TV," Penders told the Austin American-Statesman. "Broadcasting has always been something I've wanted to do, and yet if I do enter that, I don't think it would preclude me from coaching again if I want to go back to it."

Penders said he has been asked by ESPN to audition as a color commentator for its college basketball telecasts.

Dallas learns new offense

IRVING (AP) — Regardless of what Troy Aikman thinks about it, the Dallas Cowboys have started to install Chan Gailey's new shotgun offense at a veterans-only mini-camp.

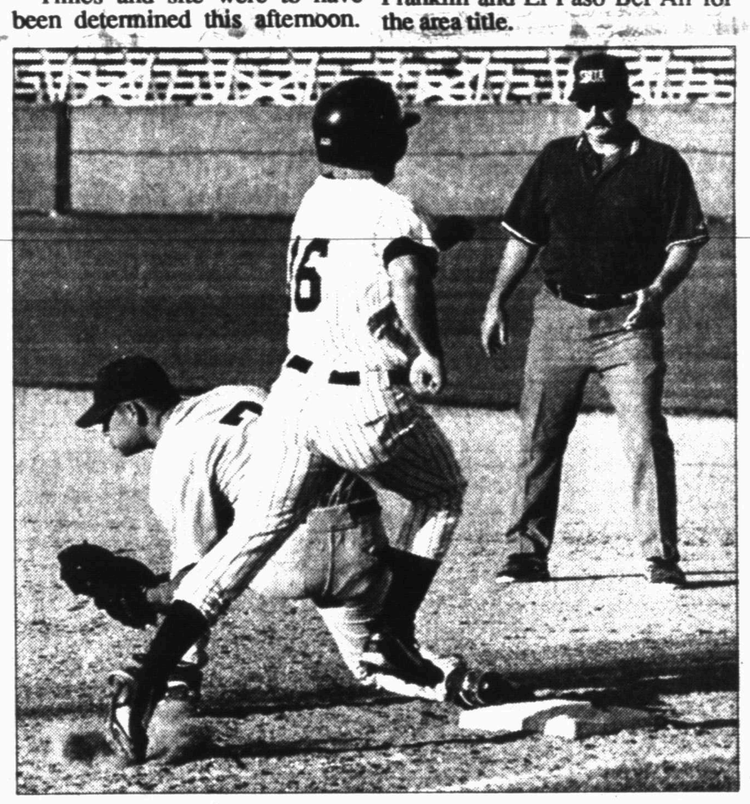
By the sound of it, there were some misfires.

"It's looking about like you would expect the first time a shotgun goes in," Gailey said Tuesday after the first day of his second mini-camp as head coach.

"The guys are feeling their way through it. Every position is feeling their way through it. I wish it was perfect, but it's not. And you deal with it and get better with every practice."

Aikman has never regularly used the shotgun in the NFL but says his reputed dislike for the offense is a myth.

On the contrary, he said Tuesday, the shotgun will open up more possibilities for an offense that ranked 20th in the league last season and failed to score more than one offensive touchdown in 10 games.



ALMOST THERE — Snyder's John Border hustles to first base as Frenship's Steven Todd secures the throw during second inning action Tuesday night in Seminole. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Tech men's golf coach resigns

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech men's golf coach Tommy Wilson has resigned effective immediately, athletic director Gerald Myers announced Tuesday.

Wilson led the Red Raiders to three NCAA regional appearances in his 13 seasons at Tech. His 1996 squad won the final Southwest Conference team championship and Wilson earned league coach of the year honors.

That season Bryan Novoa became the Red Raiders' first individual conference medalist since 1967 and was one of eight all-conference performers during Wilson's tenure.

"I felt that the men's program here at Texas Tech needed new guidance and direction to stay competitive in Division I golf," Wilson said in a prepared statement.

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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	22	10	.688	-
NewYork	15	14	.517	5½
Philadelphia	13	17	.433	8
Montreal	11	19	.367	10
Florida	11	21	.344	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	20	11	.645	-
Milwaukee	17	13	.567	2½
St.Louis	17	14	.548	3
Chicago	16	15	.516	4
Cincinnati	15	16	.484	5
Pittsburgh	13	18	.419	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	22	9	.710	-
SanFrancisco	17	15	.531	5½
LosAngeles	16	15	.516	6
Colorado	15	17	.469	7½
Arizona	8	24	.250	14½

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 3, Cincinnati 2
Colorado 6, Philadelphia 1
San Francisco 8, Florida 2, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2
Atlanta 8, Los Angeles 3
N.Y. Mets 9, Arizona 1
Houston 10, Chicago Cubs 5
San Diego 13, Milwaukee 4

Wednesday's Games

San Diego (Brown 2-2) at Milwaukee (Karl 4-0), 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 0-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 3-2), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 2-2) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 2-2), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Remlinger 2-3) at Montreal (Vazquez 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thompson 1-2) at Philadelphia (Beech 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Reuter 3-2) at Florida (Hernandez 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stottlemyre 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 1-3) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 1-3), 7:40 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Colorado (Wright 2-2) at Montreal (Perez 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Benes 2-2) at Philadelphia (Schilling 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (R.Martinez 3-2) at Florida (Hammond 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Weathers 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Loiaza 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 1-1), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 3-1) at Atlanta (Smoltz 2-0), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 2-3), 8:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	21	6	.778	-
Boston	21	9	.700	1½
Baltimore	16	15	.516	7
Toronto	13	18	.419	10
TampaBay	12	18	.400	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	18	12	.600	-
KansasCity	13	18	.419	5½
Chicago	12	18	.400	6
Minnesota	12	19	.387	6½
Detroit	7	20	.259	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	19	11	.633	-
Anaheim	17	14	.548	2½
Seattle	15	16	.484	4½
Oakland	14	16	.467	5

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 6, Baltimore 5
Boston 4, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 4, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Yankees 7, Texas 2
Seattle 8, Chicago White Sox 1
Detroit at Oakland, ppd., rain
Toronto 13, Anaheim 11

Wednesday's Games

Detroit (Keagle 0-5) at Oakland (Haynes 1-1), 3:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 3-2) at Cleveland (Burba 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 0-3) at Boston (Checo 0-1), 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Arrojo 3-2) at Kansas City (Rusch 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 3-1) at Texas (Witt 3-1), 8:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 2-3) at Seattle (Cloude 3-1), 10:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hanson 0-1) at Anaheim (Olivares 1-0), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Detroit (Worrell 2-3) at Oakland (Candiotti 3-3), 3:15 p.m.
Boston (Rose 1-2) at Kansas City (Rapp 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 2-1) at Texas (Sele 5-1), 8:35 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 3-3) at Seattle (Swift 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Thursday, May 7
Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Edmonton at Dallas, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, May 8
Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
St. Louis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, May 9
Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, May 10
Montreal at Buffalo, 2 p.m. (FOX)
St. Louis at Detroit, 2 p.m. (FOX)
Monday, May 11
Washington at Ottawa, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dallas at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, May 12
Buffalo at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Detroit at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, May 13
Washington at Ottawa, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dallas at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Thursday, May 14
Buffalo at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Detroit at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 3
Chicago 83, Charlotte 70, Chicago leads series 1-0
Monday, May 4
Seattle 106, Los Angeles 92, Seattle leads series 1-0
Tuesday, May 5
Indiana 93, New York 83, Indiana leads series 1-0
Utah 83, San Antonio 82, Utah leads series 1-0
Wednesday, May 6
Charlotte at Chicago, 8 p.m. (TNT)
Los Angeles at Seattle, 10:30 p.m. (TNT)
Thursday, May 7
New York at Indiana, 8 p.m. (TNT)
San Antonio at Utah, 10:30 (TNT)
Friday, May 8
Chicago at Charlotte, 8 p.m. (TNT)
Seattle at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m. (TNT)

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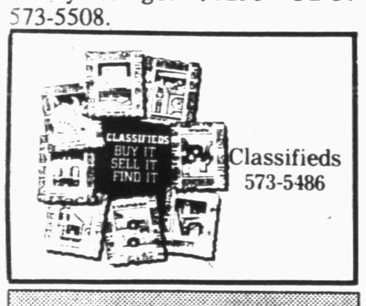

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Ski lift cable accident...

Expert witness testifies Marine Corps jet flew as low as 301 feet

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — An expert witness said today that a Marine Corps jet flew as low as 301 feet in the Italian Alps before cutting a ski lift cable, dropping 20 people to their deaths.

At the point of impact, the gondola-carrying cable was 370 feet above the ground, investigators have said.

The flight of the EA-6B Prowler was described today by Marine Chief Warrant Officer Jeff Poncelet, who prosecutors said is an expert navigator.

He said the plane flew as low as 301 feet above the ground during the six miles of its course before it hit the cable, although it was at 436 feet above the changing terrain 11 seconds before impact.

The Prowler, a communications-jamming and reconnaissance plane from the U.S. air base at Aviano, Italy, reportedly was prohibited from flying below 1,000 feet.

Poncelet testified at a hearing, similar to a civilian grand jury, that is to determine whether Capt. Chandler Seagraves, 28, of Nineveh, Ind., and Capt. William Raney II, 26, of Englewood, Colo., should be court-martialed. Another hearing will be held later for the other two crew members.

One witness testified during Tuesday's opening session that no ski lifts were marked on maps that he'd seen of the area. Another said he'd seen a map in a file that had the words "aerial cableway."

Poncelet testified today that whether the ski lift was marked on the chart or not, crew members need to keep a close lookout when flying at low altitudes.

"Any time you're in a low-level environment, you're going to be on the lookout for something that's not on the chart," he said. "Here in North Carolina, it's towers."

The Feb. 3 accident caused a rift between the United States and Italy and was expected to be discussed today.

Ira third after second day of UIL competition

Action continued Tuesday in the elementary and junior high UIL competition hosted by Ira Schools. The contests will conclude Thursday.

On Tuesday, Ira earned 172 points to claim third place, followed by Westbrook in fourth place with 98 points. Grady leads with 312 points and Sands is second with 287 points.

The two day points totals are 446 for Ira; 719 for Grady; 677 for Sands and 278 for Westbrook. In Monday's events, a slight error was made in calculating Ira's score. They earned 274 points that day, rather than 278.

The following are the results of the second day of competition.

Fifth grade art memory: 1. Anna Montoya-Grady; 1. Manuela Perez-Grady; 1. Flor Perez-Grady; 2. Ashley McGinty-Ira; 2. Colton Long-Ira; 2. Wesley Kellner-Ira; 2. Brandon Crane-Ira; 3. Shaunessy Peacock-Sands; 3. John Loewen-Sands; 3. Travis Roberts-Sands.

Sixth grade music memory: 1. Morgan Hartman-Grady; 1. Brent Madison-Grady: 1. Claudia Moreno-Grady; 2. Nathan Wilkins-Ira; 2. Rusty Josey-Ira; 2. Chad Everton-Ira; 2. Lindsey Wilson-Ira; 3. Devin McNew-Sands; 3. Ben Campbell-Sands; 3. Chelsy Ybarra-Sands; 3. Audra Kennemer-Sands; 3. Jose Briseno-Sands.

Sixth grade listening: 1. Ben Campbell-Sands; 2. Morgan Hartman-Grady; 3. Ross Moore-Westbrook; 4. Audra Kennemer-Sands; 5. Chad Everton-Ira; 5. April Lollar-Ira.

Eighth grade impromptu speaking: 1. J.D. Grigg-Sands; 2. Sarah Clark-Grady; 3. Blythe Long-Grady; 4. Samantha Yates-Grady; 5. Case Hardy-Ira; 6. Aubrey Foster-Sands.

Third grade oral reading: 1. Amanda Cooper-Grady; 2. Kiersten Russell-Grady; 3. Kenneth Peacock-Sands; 4. Jessica Odom-Ira; 5. Samantha Peacock-Sands; 6. Jordan Truelove-Westbrook.

Fifth grade listening: 1. Alisha Midwell-Westbrook; 2. Travis Roberts-Sands; 3. Jennifer Redwine-Westbrook; 3. Brandon Crane-Ira; 5. Jordan Johnson-Westbrook; 5. Colton Long-Ira.

Seventh grade impromptu speaking: 1. John Gainer-Ira; 2. Eric Dickerhoff-Ira; 3. Matt Truelove-Westbrook; 4. Lee Ann Miller-Grady; 5. Tinsey Grigg—Sands; 6. Krystal Loggins-Westbrook.

Fifth grade maps, graphs and charts: 1. Colton Long-Ira; 2. Gustavo Rodriguez-Grady; 3. Kelsey Tubb-Grady; 4. John Loewen-Sands; 5. Marcelo Barraza-Sands; 6. Brandon Crane-Ira.

Fifth grade dictionary skills: 1. Marlena Gomez-Sands; 1. Marcelo Barraza-Sands; 3. Travis Roberts-Sands; 4. Brandon Williams-Westbrook; 5. Brandon Crane-Ira; 6. Wesley Kellner-Ira.

Seventh grade oral reading: 1. Hollie Gibbs-Sands; 2. Tinsey Grigg-Sands; 3. Misty Christon-Grady; 4. Jamie Madison-Grady; 5. Monica Barboza-Westbrook; 6. Kali Clements-Ira.

Eighth grade oral reading: 1. Ky May-Grady; 2. Aubrey Foster-Sands; 3. Samantha Yates-Grady; 4. Brandi Woods-Sands; 5. J.D. Grigg-Sands; Blythe Long-Grady.

Fourth grade oral reading: 1. Kayleigh Hale-Grady; 2. Heather Hale-Grady; 3. Dee Fryar-Sands; 4. Brittany Dickerhoff-Ira; 5. Trent Rogers-Sands; 6. Mika Peterson-Sands.

Seventh grade modern oratory: 1. Candace Sanchez-Ira; 2. Krystal Loggins-Westbrook; 3. Jamie Madison-Grady; 4. Andres Juarez-Grady; 5. Colter Tate-Grady.

Eighth grade modern oratory: 1. Stacey Bodine-Sands; 2. Samantha Yates-Grady; 3. Lacey Cox-Grady; 4. Jennifer Haggerston-Grady.

Fifth grade oral reading: 1. Linsey Pinkerton-Grady; 2. Ashley Allen-Sands; 3. Douglas Rutledge-Grady; 4. Colton Long-Ira; 5. Marcelo Barraza-Sands; 6. John Loewen-Sands.

One arrested on indictment

Snyder area peace officers made two arrests Tuesday, including one on a grand jury indictment.

Joelda Hester, 23, of 1312 North Ave. R was arrested at the Law Enforcement Center at 10:44 a.m. on a grand jury indictment for forgery by passing.

At 1:42 p.m., officers arrested a 28-year-old woman in the 2700 block of Avenue F for driving with a suspended license.

Sheriff's deputies were notified at 10:03 a.m. about a returned check at Lawrence IGA on 30th Street and College Avenue. A report for forgery was filed.

Deputies were called to the Cottonwood Flats area in reference to a possible burglary at 8:05 p.m. Tuesday. A report for burglary of a building was filed.

Peace officers also responded to complaints of loud music, reckless driving, missing property, false alarms and motorists who had locked themselves out of their vehicles.

One accident was investigated at 6 p.m. at 37th Street and Avenue E, but no report was available this morning.

Grimmett worker killed in mishap

ANDREWS — An Andrews employee of Grimmett Bros. Inc. died Monday in an oilfield accident in southwest Andrews County.

Arnaldo Villanueva, 30, was pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice Cindy Arnold after the victim's body was pulled from a mud pit.

Sheriff Wayne Farmer said the mishap occurred about 4 p.m. as Villanueva operated a bulldozer digging a new pit to hold mud, water and other chemicals used in drilling wells.

The sheriff said the new pit was being dug adjacent to an older pit when a wall collapsed, filling the pit and trapping the victim on the dozer.

Villanueva was an employee of Grimmett Brothers of Andrews and was working at an Enron Oil and Gas Co. lease.

It took emergency workers more than 2½ hours to remove the victim from the pit.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Old Andrews Cemetery.

Births

Fernando and Roseanna Moreno of Abilene announce the birth of their seven-pound, 4½-ounce son. He was born at 4:47 p.m., on May 5 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Doris Blackard, Anita Brown, Ysidro Estrada, Roseanna Moreno of Abilene, Joshua Dunagan, Charles Laster.

DISMISSALS: Mercedes Ruiz, Gladys Williams, Betty Cagle, Logan West.

CENSUS: 54 (Med., Surg.-21, Long-term Care-29, CCU-2, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Datebook

Today is the 126th day of 1998 and the 48th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1891, the first electrical wiring was installed in the White House.

On this day in 1960, Britain's Princess Margaret married Anthony Armstrong-Jones, a commoner, in Westminster Abbey.

On this day in 1984, Tina Turner's comeback hit, "What's Love got to do With It," was released and went to No. 1.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), founder of psychoanalysis; Robert E. Peary (1856-1920), explorer; Rudolph Valentino (1895-1926), actor; Stewart Granger (1913-1993), actor; Orson Welles (1915-1985), actor-director-producer; Willie Mays (1931-), baseball great, is 67; Bob Seger (1945-), singer-songwriter, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, Roger Bannister ran a mile in less than four minutes during a track meet in Oxford, England.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Yes, America is gigantic, but a giant mistake." — Sigmund Freud

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1876, a multiple-vortex tornado caused two deaths in Chicago.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (May 3) and full moon (May 11).

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-06-98
♠ 8 7 3
♥ K Q J
♦ A 4 2
♣ 9 5 4 2

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

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

South
♠ A 6 4
♥ A 10
♦ Q J 10 9 8
♣ A 10 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Even if you play 16-18, you should open that South hand with one notrump. The good five-card suit and those aces make the hand worth nearer 17 points than 15.

You have six top tricks: one spade, three hearts, one diamond and one club. Three more can be established in diamonds (probably four if West has the king). Yet if you lose a diamond trick, you must hope the opponents cannot promptly cash enough tricks to defeat you.

With this layout, if you win trick one, you will go down. But everyone beyond the total beginner stage will duck. However, many will also duck West's spade continuation. Now the contract is in jeopardy. Knowing that South has the spade ace (if East had it, he would have won trick two) and aware that he has no entry to his suit, a clever West will switch. And if in midseason form, he will select a club — and suddenly the contract is dead. The defenders collect two spades, one diamond and two clubs.

South must win the *second* spade trick, then take the diamond finesse. If it loses and East still has a spade, presumably the suit is splitting 4-3 and the contract is safe.

How do you know to win the second trick? Either by working it out from first principles, counting winners and losers, or by tuning in tomorrow.

More on holding up

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I introduced the holdup play. The opponents attack your weak suit. You hold up your stopper for one or two rounds in the hope of breaking their communication in that suit. But sometimes you must be careful exactly how many rounds you duck.

How would you plan the play in this three-no-trump contract?

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

The Panhandle Beef Conference will be held Tuesday at the Amarillo Civic Center. This year's program will highlight forage management, performance evaluation of cattle and outlooks for weather and markets.

Cool-season perennial forage production for cattle grazing is a topic of great interest in the High Plains.

Dr. Vivian Allen, Texas Tech University, will recap her research and experience with cool-season forages in the South Plains area. Dr. Larry Redmon, Oklahoma State University, has planned and observed various cool-season forages in Western Oklahoma.

The combined observations of these experts will provide some insight for cool-season forage selection and management in the south and north Plains area of the Panhandle.

Dr. Ted McCollum, extension beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will report on the 1997-98 Ranch-to-Rail North program. Cattle from over 100 ranches in six states are enrolled in this year's program.

Selecting breeding stock to sustain cow productivity but improve growth and carcass traits will be discussed by David Lust of West Texas A&M University. Trait selection and EPD are among the tools that will be discussed.

Feed yard performance, carcass traits, cattle value and closeouts can be affected by implant programs. Dr. John Hutcheson, Hoechst-Roussel Vet, will address the economics of implants strategies in pasture and feedlot cattle.

Will El Nino continue for a while or subside? Ed Andrade, lead forecaster for the National Weather Service in Amarillo, will discuss trends in the weather for the Plains region.

The program will close with Jim Sartwelle of the Texas Agricultural Extension giving the outlook for grain and cattle markets in 1998.

For more information, contact Dr. McCollum at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. Advance registration would be appreciated. Please call 806-359-5401 to reserve your place.

EPA reverses stand; producers score big

AUSTIN — Texas cotton producers scored a major victory Friday when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reversed its stand from last year. EPA granted the Texas Department of Agriculture the approval to issue a Section 18 emergency specific exemption for the use of flowable carbofuran (Furdan 4F Insecticide) on cotton to control aphids. The exemption expires Sept. 30, 1998.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said that without the use of Furadan 4F, Texas cotton farmers would have to use more expensive methods to combat aphids. Because these methods are less effective, more pesticides would have been used in cotton fields across the state.

In notifying TDA of the Section 18, EPA said that FMC Corporation, the manufacturer of Furadan 4F Insecticide, has submitted a proposed label amendment for the registered label which would include foliar cotton application. EPA has not made a decision on this proposal and, as the notification letter states, unless FMC can "revolve the issues that have been identified by the agency, it is unlikely that EPA would authorize a continuation of this use to occur under section 18 in the future."

In 1997 EPA denied a request from TDA to grant a Section 15 emergency specific exemption. With cotton producers facing more than $40 million in potential losses from aphids, Perry issued a Section 24 (c) local need registration last August that allowed cotton producers immediate use of Furadan 4F Insecticide as a foliar application in addition to an "at planting" application, as labeled.

Last October, when the Texas cotton season was winding down, EPA "declared invalid" this Section 24 (c) Special Local Need registration.

The emergency exemption for the 1998 crop year will be triggered within a county when a registered product fails to control severe aphid infestations. An Agricultural Extension Service entomologist must certify in writing to TDA and EPA that aphids have reached the threshold level. Producers must be able to document failed control methods.

EPA requires that all applicators must attend a FMC stewardship program before applying Furadan 4F Insecticide. Farmers must also report any adverse effects or misuse for carbofuran applications.

According to the Section 18 exemptions:

•The user must possess a copy of the Section 18 labeling at time of application;

•Furadan 4F Insecticide may be applied as a foliar application, using ground or aerial equipment, at a rate of 8 oz. of product (0.25 lb. a.i.). A maximum of two applications may be made;

•A maximum of 900,000 pounds of carbofuran may be used to treat up to 1.8 million cotton acres in Texas;

•The user should not apply Furadan 4F Insecticide directly to water, including immediately before or during irrigation. In addition, aerial applications within 20 yards of bodies of water including rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. The insecticide should not be applied where run-off to aquatic habitat is likely to occur.

•TDA will extensively monitor for any bird mortality;

•All areas where Furadan 4F Insecticide is being applied must be posted with signs for 14 days;

•The use of closed mixing and loading systems for both aerial and ground applications is required; and

•All handlers and users must wear the proper protective clothing.

Growers should contact their local Texas Agricultural Extension Service office of TDA Pesticide Registration at (512) 463-7407 for more information on proper application methods and restrictions.

Most plant pollen is extremely flammable.

TDA announces...

Dairy training designed toward helping consumers

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced today that one-on-one training with dairy processors in Texas is working to ensure consumers and children get the right amount of milk at supermarkets and school cafeterias.

Since July 1997, the Texas Department of Agriculture has trained almost 100 milk plant managers and quality assurance officers from 10 companies statewide. These sessions have focused on national measurement standards used by the state to monitor accurate milk volumes.

The training was spurred following last year's random sampling by TDA inspectors of gallon jugs and half-pints sold in retail outlets and school cafeterias. Results at that time uncovered shortages resulting in failure rates as high as 50 to 60 percent. All sizes from gallon to half pint containers were tested.

The latest findings reveal almost 90 percent of the milk containers in retail outlets and schools tested by TDA contain the full amount — with the numbers continuing to show improvement.

"Last year in the stores TDA sampled, consumers had a 50-50 shot at buying a gallon jug of milk containing the proper amount," Perry said. "We have worked with the industry to resolve those problems, and our latest test results show that this training is working. TDA will continue its efforts on behalf of Texas consumers to see the compliance rates improve even more."

In April 1997, TDA tested samples in Texas as part of a 20-state milk survey requested by the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The 1997 survey uncovered shortages of up to one ounce missing in each gallon tested, with a gallon containing 128 ounces.

TDA inspectors will continue to conduct inspections of milk containers in packing facilities, retail outlets and school cafeterias to monitor the compliance progress by dairy processors. TDA will also continue responding to any consumer complaint the agency receives.

Town & Country Topics

By Katherine Roberts, Couny Extension Agent

Teen traffic crashes: take the problem seriously

Teen-agers are far more likely to be involved in traffic crashes than any other age group.

The children of the baby boomers are creating a surge in the teen population. Therefore, the number of teenage drivers is increasing. Each year for the next ten years, there will be more teen drivers due to the large numbers of children born to baby boomers between 1980 and 1993.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for youth and young adults, accounting for nearly a third of all deaths between 15 and 24 years of age, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. NHTSA also reports that more than 500,000 youths, 15-20 years old, are injured in traffic crashes each year.

Why are young people at such high risk? The risk is largely due to inexperience.

"A 16-year-old is 20 times more likely to be killed in a crash than an adult," according to Arthur Anderson, director of the California Office of Traffic Safety.

Younger drivers are more willing to take risks, such as speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. They are also less likely to wear safety belts than other age groups, and more likely to be driving at night.

Adolescent drivers, in particular, are not as likely to believe they'll be involved in a crash. Overconfidence, peer pressure and the perceived psychological rewards of risky driving are also contributing factors.

For teen-aged drivers, their inexperience both as drivers and as drinkers combine to put them at significant risk. The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention reports that young people also ride with drinking drivers at an alarming rate. Their passenger fatality rates are far higher than those of other age groups.

A study conducted in California predicts that by the end of the decade there will be a 24 percent increase in deaths involving alcohol among 15-16- and 17-year-old drivers. Alcohol-related fatalities for 18-19- and 20-year-old drivers is twice that of adults, according to NHTSA (www.ots.org/ots).

In order to combat this problem, signals to young people need to be clear.

—It is illegal for persons under 21 to drink alcohol.

—Alcohol is a drug that reduces inhibitions and interferes with good judgment.

—Each year drunk drivers kill thousands of Americans.

—Parents who invite young people into their homes to drink are teaching young people how to drink as well as teaching them that it is acceptable to break the law.

Adolescents in particular, with their propensity to challenge authority and their secure belief in their own immortality, need strong guidance regarding how to make the right choices. With the celebration (proms, graduation) season upon us. Harris recommends that parents monitor their teen-agers more closely to ensure that they are not drinking.

Harris advises parents not to go away for the weekend and leave your home in the hands of unsupervised teen-age children. Do not open your home to parties where teenagers are allowed to drink alcohol.

Provide fun activities and alternatives for teens that do not involve alcohol. On the issue of alcohol and driving, there can be no room for compromise. Law enforcement alone cannot solve the problem. Alcohol consumption by teens must be discouraged in the strongest possible language by the largest possible number of adults in the community.

Rolling Plains meet said to be a productive event

The Rolling Plains Cotton Production Meeting was a direct result of producer requested educational programming.

The program featured information on the latest technology for dryland and irrigated production of cotton and gave producers the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers.

The Cotton Production Meeting is in direct support of the following Texas Agricultural Extension Service goals:

•Economic competitiveness, viability and stability

•Economic stewardship and natural resources

•Developing life skills and leadership qualities

Four continuing educational units are available, 1 IPN, 2 general, 1 laws and regulations.

The meeting was held at Mrs. Allen's Banquet Hall in Sweetwater last Thursday. Speakers were Zachary Wilcox, Dr. Billy Warrick, Lindy Patton, Dr. Chris Sansone, Dr. Jackie Smith, Doug Fairbanks and Gary Bonner.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 946 head of cattle for the Saturday, May 2 sale. Feeder steers and heifers were $1 to $3 higher. Slaughter cows were $1 higher. Bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were weak in a light test. Trade was active and demand good.

Steers:
300 to 400: 87 to 98
400 to 500: 82 to 90
500 to 600: 74.50 to 82
600 to 700: 67.50 to 75.50
Heifers:
300 to 400: 74.50 to 81.50
400 to 500: 70 to 77.50
500 to 600: 67.50 to 73.50
600 to 700: 64.50 to 69

Young bred cows: 480 to 540.

Medium age to older bred cows: 410 to 485

Young cows and calves: 490 to 600.

Medium age to older cows and calves: 600 to 645

Packer cows: 35 to 38.50

Packer bulls: 48 to 53.75

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,172 head of cattle for the Thursday, April 30 sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings were steady.

Slaughter cows: 36 to 42; canners and low cutters: 28 to 35; slaughter bulls 48 to 56.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 90 to 115; 400 to 500; 85 to 105; 500 to 600, 80 to 93.50; 600 to 700, 73 to 83; 700 to 800, 70 to 71.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 80 to 92; 400 to 500, 75 to 85; 500 to 600, 72 to 80; 600 to 700, 68 to 72.50; 700 to 800, 65 to 71.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 72 to 90; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.

Cow and calf pairs, good: 625 to 825; grade, 425 to 600.

Springers: 300 to 600; baby calves: 50 to 150; doodlers: 150 to 220.

Sweetwater cattle auction

SWEETWATER — The market at Sweetwater had a run of 987 head of cattle for the Wednesday, April 29 sale. Stocker and feeder cattle were steady. Pairs and bred cows were steady with packer cows and bulls 1 cwt lower.

Steers:
300-400: 100-110
400-500: 88-96
500-600: 82-93
600-700: 74-82
Heifers:
300-400: 88-96
400-500: 78-85.50
500-600: 74-80
600-700: 68-72

Bred cows: Good: 520-620; Older and Plainer: 400-500

Pairs: Good: 625-700; Older and Plainer 500-600.

Packer cows: Good: 36-41; Low Yielding: 28-36

Packer Bulls: Good: 48-53; Low Yielding: 45-48.

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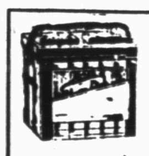

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Bald eagle, peregrine leaving endangered list

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than two dozen imperiled birds, plants and animals, including the bald eagle, are recovering so well that they're close to being removed from the government's endangered list, the administration says.

Promising a new policy of giving greater priority to removing species from the list, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said the growing health of some of these species shows the Endangered Species Act, despite criticism, works.

"Our new policy to emphasize delisting could alter the terms of debate over the landmark 1973 conservation law," Babbitt says in remarks prepared for an appearance today near a bald eagle nesting ground in a wildlife refuge in Massachusetts.

Under the Interior policy shift, 29 species from the well-known — the bald eagle and peregrine falcon — to the obscure — the Hoover's wooly-star plant and Pahrump poolfish — likely will be removed from the endangered list over the next two years, officials said.

Among others close to recovery are the timber wolf in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota; the Aleutian Canada goose; the Ash Meadows Amargosa pupfish in Nevada; and the Columbia white-tail deer in the Northwest.

Some will be taken totally out from under the law, while others may be shifted to the less critical "threatened" status, officials said. In some cases state management of the species may continue.

"For the first time we can get past the rhetoric and see the light at the end of the tunnel," Babbitt said.

The change marks the first time in the Endangered Species Act's 25-year history that such a large number of species would be earmarked for removal from the list. There are 1,135 species on the list with about 100 awaiting a final decision to be listed.

Over the years only 21 species have been taken totally off the list and 14 of those were removed because they either disappeared or were found to be put on erroneously, according to Fish and Wildlife Service statistics.

"We can now prove one thing conclusively. The Endangered Species Act works. Period," Babbitt said.

Critics of the 1973 law have argued that the inability to get more species off the list demonstrates that the law is not working to protect species, while causing economic harm to people, including landowners who are restricted in the use of their property.

Some conservatives said Babbitt's latest pronouncements do little to change that view.

Many species that have recovered or are close to recover, such as the bald eagle and Peregrine falcon, "have recovered in spite of the ESA, not because of it," maintains Brian Seashole, a researcher on endangered species at the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

The state flower of Ohio is the scarlet carnation.

How to finance IRS overhaul bill eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new financing plan is raising expectations that the Senate and House will quickly resolve differences in their competing bills for restructuring the Internal Revenue Service.

"Today's news is good news for the prospects of getting a quick resolution," said Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, a main sponsor of the House measure.

He was reacting to a plan announced Tuesday by Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., to finance a big portion of the overhaul by allowing more senior citizens to convert their traditional Individual Retirement Accounts into Roth IRAs.

The Senate was expected to vote on this financing proposal soon after it resumed debate today on the legislation managed by Roth, who is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and lent his name to the new type of IRA.

Sponsors say the bill would improve supervision and management of the IRS by installing a new nine-member board of directors. It also would grant the IRS commissioner new powers to revamp internal operations and hire 40 executives at higher salaries.

And it would expand taxpayers' rights in numerous areas by easing tax penalties, improving rights for appeal and giving so-called "innocent spouses" the ability to separate themselves from tax debts of their former spouses.

These provisions go far beyond a House bill that passed last November and result in a $18.3 billion cost over 10 years. Once the Senate bill is passed, negotiators from the two houses will work out a compromise.

Roth's proposal to modify IRA rollover rules answered the biggest lingering question about the Senate version of the bill.

Unlike traditional IRAs, there is no immediate tax deduction for a contribution to a Roth IRA. But once certain requirements are met, the deposit and all the interest it earns can be withdrawn tax-free.

The plan would raise $8 billion from 2005 through 2007 by allowing taxpayers older than age 70½ to convert their minimum distributions from traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs.

Converting a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA creates revenue for the government because taxes must be paid on any amount moved from a traditional IRA.

"This proposal will enlarge the group of taxpayers who can enjoy the benefits of the Roth IRA," Roth said in a statement. He added he wanted to find ways to pay for the IRS bill "without getting bogged down in a firefight over controversial revenue-raisers."

Portman said while there may still be a few sticking points between the House and Senate versions, Roth at least offered a plan that fully pays for the bill. Many lawmakers feared he would seek to waive budget rules that require any spending to be offset with tax increases or other revenue-raisers, a politically difficult prospect.

"It's a lot better than busting the budget or going around the rules," Portman said.

Thomas Ochsenschlager, a tax partner at Grant Thornton LLP, said such a plan would be well-received by his clients. "A lot of people would take advantage of it," he said.

After two days of a meandering debate, the Senate was poised today to begin working on a large list of amendments.

Proposals range from the extreme, such as stripping the IRS of its criminal investigations unit and transferring it to the Justice Department. Others are more benign, such as waiving interest charges for taxpayers who didn't file returns because of natural disasters.

ABC chief: 'Sameness' not 'gayness' cost 'Ellen' its fans

NEW YORK (AP) — Too much of the same thing — not the gay thing — led to a dwindling audience for "Ellen," the president of ABC said.

Robert Iger said the sitcom became too much for people because it explored the lead character's homosexuality every week.

"I think the audience left primarily because of sameness. Not gayness," Iger said of the recently canceled show in an interview to be broadcast tonight on the network's "Prime Time Live."

A year ago, "Ellen" made television history as the first series with an openly homosexual lead character. It drew both praise and fire for its groundbreaking portrayal of a woman coming to terms with her lesbianism.

ABC released excerpts of Iger's interview with correspondent Diane Sawyer on Tuesday.

Iger addressed the television audience's tolerance level for homosexual content when Sawyer asked him about parental advisory labels that were aired at the beginning of some episodes. "Ellen" star Ellen DeGeneres called the warnings degrading.

"There is somewhat of a double standard here," he said. "I think our world tolerates two men kissing if it's in completely comedic context. It tolerates certain things between heterosexuals that it doesn't tolerate between homosexuals."

ABC was "unbelievably supportive" in increasing tolerance toward gays and working toward a point when advisories are not necessary, he said, "but we're not there yet."

ABC and its parent, Walt Disney Co., shouldn't take any blame for the failures of "Ellen" and DeGeneres, Iger said.

"She had a great opportunity," he said. "And she knew it. To some extent, she took advantage of it. To some extent, she tried to take advantage of it too much and the result was failure."

A spokeswoman for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said she was disappointed at Iger's attitude.

"His candor may be refreshing, but he's a media professional and he has the responsibility to do the right thing and reflect the world around him," said Joan Garry, GLAAD's executive director.

DeGeneres, who has complained bitterly about the cancellation, told Sawyer there would have been more gay content "if it wasn't a struggle every week to get that on the air.

"The comfort level of the audience is never going to say, 'Come on, give us more gay stuff. We're ready for it now,'" she said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Several deep and lasting friendships are likely to be established in the year ahead. None from this group, however, is likely to be in your present field of endeavor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Sweeping responsibilities under the rug today won't present a problem. The trouble will come later when you try to catch up and you see what a large pile of debris you have to deal with. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you don't honestly think well of another, it's best not to say anything today. False flattery or criticism will be quickly detected and could result in your being labeled a shallow person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Thinking big or stating your intentions won't assure you of success today. Accomplishments will have to be earned the hard way, through effort and application.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Instead of assessing matters in a realistic fashion, you might distort the facts today to suit your desires. Judge things based on what they are, not what you wish they would be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone with whom you're closely associated may think the world owes him or her a free ride today; you might be expected to buy the ticket.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A person who let you down before might make some rather lavish promises to you again today. It's best you don't hold your breath until they happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you're a person who tries to be industrious and productive, but today you might do only that which you think you have to do in order to squeak by.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Pretending to be something other than what you really are will not make a favorable impression on others today. Just be your own sweet self, nothing more, nothing less.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Persons can't always be exactly what we would like them to be. There's a chance you could be disappointed today when someone you greatly admire fails to live up to your expectations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might experience one of those awkward moments in which you'll wish you could vanish after blurting out something wrong to the wrong person. Think before you speak.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may not be as shrewd a shopper as you think you are today, and a sharp salesperson who recognizes this might unload some shoddy merchandise on you that's suppose to be a bargain.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't treat contemporaries in a condescending fashion today, because it could produce uncomfortable results. Deal with others as equals and forgo all forms of one-upsmanship.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Fraternal Feud Over Mom Leaves One Brother Hurt

DEAR ABBY: I have a sibling who will not communicate with me because he is angry that I have power of attorney for our elderly mother, who is now in a nursing home. He is six years older than me. Two friends of mine have experienced the same painful problem; both tell me it is common.

I have gone out of my way to include my brother in decisions, saying *he* can decide what money to use to pay Mother's bills: property? savings? CDs? He refuses to discuss any issues. I send detailed information about Mother's finances and care. He doesn't respond.

Since the immediate family lives several hundred miles from Mother, we continue to employ one of the nurses who cared for Mother when she lived at home. She visits Mother for extended times on a regular basis, and Mother really likes her. My brother has been unkind to this lady, refusing to speak to her when they meet in Mother's room.

I suggested to my brother that both of us be with Mother on her 90th birthday, knowing this would really please her. He refused — or more accurately, he did not respond.

I am blessed to have a close family member who helps me regularly with Mother's care and financial decisions. She audits the checkbook regularly. This help and moral support make my situation bearable.

Oddly, I agree with my brother. I, too, think he should have had the power of attorney. He's smarter than I am, and he lives closer to Mother. I suggested as much to her several years ago, but she said, "No, I don't believe I want to do that." So, I do all the work and get no thanks. I don't mind the work, but I do mind the unkind treatment.

Do you have any suggestions?

HURT BROTHER IN OHIO

DEAR HURT BROTHER: Only this: Keep accurate records of all transactions you make on your mother's behalf — in case your brother decides to question your handling of her assets at a later date. And keep your distance. He is taking out his anger and jealousy not only on you, but also on others he perceives as being "close" to your mother. Trying to placate him won't help.

From your description of your older brother's behavior, I think your mother made a wise decision when she chose to give you the power of attorney.

Doing the right thing is not always pleasant. You are to be commended for being a dutiful son and for carrying out your mother's wishes.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 68 years old and have been a fan of yours for many years. In a recent column, you mentioned that in some states, living together for a specific number of years constitutes common-law marriage. Would you be kind enough to publish a list of those states?

J.D. IN TUCSON

DEAR J.D.: They are Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and the District of Columbia. However, the legal requirements for a valid common-law marriage vary from state to state. In some of them, more than cohabitation is required. Therefore, any couple considering common-law marriage should consult an attorney before assuming that their union is legal.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	149	145 3-16	146	— 1⅝
AT&T Corp	61⅞	61 1-16	61 3-16	
AirTouch	52 7-16	51⅝	52	— 3-16
Albertsons	46¾	46	46 7-16	+ ¼
AlldSignal s	44⅛	43 13-16	44⅛	— ⅛
Alltel	42 5-16	41 13-16	41⅞	— ⅛
AmOnline s	88⅝	86¼	87 11-16	—1 13-16
AmStoress	23 5-16	23	23 5-16	+ ¼
Ameritech s	43 15-16	43⅝	43⅝	— 5-16
Amoco s	45¾	44 5-16	44⅞	+ ⅛
AndarkPtr	74⅛	73¼	73 7-16	— ⅛
Armcolnc	6¾	6⅝	6 11-16	— 1-16
AtlRichfld s	80⅞	79⅝	79 15-16	— 1-16
ATMOS Egy	29 15-16	29⅝	29 15-16	+ ⅛
Aviall	14⅛	14 1-16	14⅛	— 1-16
BakerHughes	42⅞	40⅝	42⅝	+1 3-16
BellAtl	98 11-16	97	98 3-16	— ⅛
BellSouth	65 13-16	65	65 3-16	— ⅛
BethSteel	15 5-16	14⅞	15	— ¼
BritPet s	94⅞	93¾	94⅛	+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe		100⅞	100	100
CBS Corp	34 13-16	34⅝	34 9-16	— ⅛
Caterpillar s	56	55⅝	55 11-16	— ¼
CenSoWst		26⅞	26⅝	26 11-16
Chevron	86 13-16	85⅝	86	— 3-16
Chrysler	49	46⅛	47⅛	+6 1-16
Coastal	72	71⅛	72	— 1-16
CocaCola	76 3-16	75⅝	76	— 1-16
ColgatePalm	89	87⅞	88⅛	— ⅛
ComclMetals	33¾	33 3-16	33¾	— 1-16
CooperIn	70⅞	69 13-16	69 15-16	
CyprusAmax	17 11-16	17 7-16	17 9-16	— ⅛
DallSemicn	37 15-16	37 9-16	37 11-16	— 3-16
DeltaAirl	115	113	113 5-16	+13-16
DigitalEq	58 15-16	57 15-16	58 15-16	+15-16
Dillards Inc	36 7-16	36 3-16	36¼	— ⅛
DowChem	98 1-16	97⅛	97 15-16	+ 1-16
DresserInd	54	53	53 5-16	— 9-16
DuPont s	76⅛	74⅞	76	+ 5-16
EastmanChem	68 13-16	68 1-16	68⅛	—13-16
EstKodak	75⅛	74 5-16	74 5-16	— 7-16
EDS Corp	39 1-16	38⅞	38⅞	— ⅛
Entergy	25⅛	25⅛	25⅝	— ⅛
Exxon	75	74 1-16	75	+ 1
FstBksAm	25	24⅞	25	+ ⅛
Flowers	22	21¼	21 15-16	+ 3-16
FordMotor s	47⅞	46⅝	46⅞	+ 1
GTE Cp	59¼	58⅝	58⅝	— ⅛
GenDynam s	42⅛	41¼	41⅝	—11-16
GenElec	84 1-16	83 3-16	83⅞	+ 9-16
GenMill	68 13-16	68 5-16	68 13-16	+ ⅛
GenMotors	70 1-16	69 5-16	69 11-16	+ 1¼
GaPacGP s	78 15-16	78 1-16	78⅝	+ ⅛
GlobalMar	25 21-32	25 1-16	25⅝	— 3-16
Goodrich	53 11-16	53 5-16	53 5-16	— 7-16
Goodyear s	69 15-16	69⅝	69 15-16	+1 5-16
GtAtlPac	30⅞	30⅝	30⅞	+ ¼
Halliburtn s	56¼	55¼	55⅛	— ⅛
Hanson ADS	30⅝	30 3-16	30 5-16	+ ⅛
HarteHanks s	22⅝	22 1-16	22 1-16	— 1-16
HomeDepot s	71	69⅞	70⅛	— 9-16
HoustonInds	30	29⅛	29⅝	— 5-16
IBM	118⅞	117 7-16	118⅛	+11-16
IntlPaper	52⅝	52¼	52 9-16	+ 3-16
JohnsonJn		70⅞	70	70⅞
K mart	18 1-16	17 13-16	18 1-16	+ 3-16
Kroger Co	42⅝	41 9-16	42⅛	— ⅛
Litton	60 1-16	59 31-32	60 1-16	+ ⅛
LockhdMart	111⅛	109⅞	110⅝	— 1⅛
Lowes Cos	69⅞	69 5-16	69⅝	+ ⅛
Lubys	19	1-16	18⅞	18⅞
LucentTech s	73 15-16	72⅞	72⅞	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	63⅛	62⅞	62⅞	— ¼
Medtronic s	50⅞	50	50⅝	— ⅛
Mobils	80⅝	79⅛	80	— 7-16
Monsanto	56⅝	55 3-16	55¼	—11-16
MorganJP	137⅞	133¾	134⅛	— 7-16
Motorola	56 11-16	56	56⅝	+ 7-16
NCR Corp	37⅞	36¼	37⅛	+ 9-16
NationsBk	76 5-16	74⅞	74⅞	— 1⅛
Navistar	29	28 13-16	29	+ ¼
Norwest	39⅛	38¼	38 7-16	—13-16
OryxEngy	27 1-16	26⅝	26⅞	— ¼
Penney JC	71 5-16	70⅝	70⅞	— 7-16
Pennzoil	65⅛	64⅛	65	— ⅛
PepBoys	23	22 9-16	22 9-16	+ 1-16
PepsiCo	40⅞	39⅝	39 13-16	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	67 1-16	66⅝	66⅝	— ⅛
PhilipPet	49 13-16	49 3-16	49 5-16	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	17	16⅞	17	+ 1-16
Polaroid	43⅞	43⅝	43⅝	+ ¼
Praxair	50⅝	49 11-16	49⅝	— ⅛
ProctGamb s	83 3-16	82 1-16	82 5-16	— 1⅛
PubSNwMx	22⅞	22⅝	22⅝	— ¼
RoyalDut s	57 5-16	56⅝	57 1-16	— 3-16
SBC Comm s	42 11-16	42⅛	42⅝	
SaraLee	59⅝	59 7-16	59 11-16	+ ⅛
Scripps EW		56⅝	56⅝	56⅝
SearsRoeb	58⅝	57 1-16	57 9-16	— ⅛
SherwinW	35 7-16	34⅞	35 3-16	— ¼
SmthBc ADS s	59⅞	58⅞	59	— 1
SouthernCo	26 3-16	26	26 1-16	— 1-16
SwstAirl s	26 15-16	26	26 3-16	— 5-16
Sprint	69 3-16	67⅞	68⅛	—11-16
SunCo	42⅝	42 1-16	42 1-16	+ 1-16
TNP Ent		32¼	32 13-16	32⅝
Tandy s	47	45 11-16	46 3-16	—1 3-16
TempleInland	65 1-16	64⅝	65	+ ¼
Tenneco	43⅛	42⅞	42⅞	— 5-16
Texaco s	61⅞	61	61 3-16	— ¼
TexInd	66 5-16	65⅛	65⅛	—13-16
TexasInst s	67	65⅝	65⅝	— ⅛
TexUtil	39⅛	38⅝	38 13-16	— 5-16
Textron s		77⅛	76⅝	76⅞
Travelers s	61 9-16	60⅝	60 5-16	—13-16
TriconGlbR n	31	30 11-16	30 15-16	— 3-16
TrinityInds	49 15-16	49	13-16	49 13-16 + ¼
TritonEngy	40 9-16	40⅝	40½	— ¼
Tyler		10⅛	10⅝	10⅛
US WestCm	53 11-16	52⅝	52 15-16	— ⅛
USWstMda	38⅝	37 13-16	38¼	+ 3-16
USX-Marathn	36⅛	35⅞	35 15-16	+ 3-16
USX-USS	38⅛	38	38 1-16	— 5-16
UnCarbde	53⅝	52⅝	53⅛	— ⅛
UnionPacif	56 15-16	56¼	56 7-16	+ 1-16
UnitedTech	99	97⅞	98 5-16	+ 3-16
Unocal	40 7-16	39 15-16	40 3-16	— ⅛
WalMart	50⅞	50 1-16	50⅛	— ¼
WstnGasRs	18⅞	18⅛	18 9-16	— 3-16
WinnDixie	36 15-16	36¼	36⅞	— 1-16
Woolworth	22⅝	22 3-16	22 5-16	— 9-16
Xerox Corp	114⅝	113	113⅛	— ⅞
ZenithE	3 7-16	3 5-16	3 7-16	+ 3-16

Local Interest Stocks

Applied Mtls.	36 3/8	-1/16
BJ Services	38 3/4	-15/16
Black Warrior Wire Line	8 15/16	0
Cracker Brl.	35 7/16	-9/16
Clayton Hms.	20 1/8	-5/16
Compaq	31 9/16	+1
Cabletron	14 3/16	-1/16
Cisco Sys.	75 5/16	+1 11/16
Dell	88	+5/16
Brinker Int'l.	24	-1/8
Calloway Glf.	27 3/16	+5/16
Fannie Mae	59 11/16	-3/8
Intel	81 11/16	-3/16
JP Morgan	134	-9/16
Korea Fund	7	-1/8
Lehman Bros.	70 1/4	-3/8
3 M	95 1/8	-1 3/16
Phillip Morris	39 9/16	+1/8
Microsoft	86 5/8	-1 1/8
Netscape	29 1/4	-7/8
Oracle	26 3/16	+3/8
Petsmart	11 5/8	-1/8
Patterson Egy.	14 3/16	-1/16
Sun Am.	48 13/16	-3/16
Safeskin	38 5/8	+7/8
Sun Micro	41 5/8	-3/16
US H & G	6 1/2	-1/8
Walgreen	34 1/16	-3/8
Yahoo	116 9/16	-3/16

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

SISD trustees continue workshops

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Snyder ISD trustees continue to mull over items to be included, or deleted, from a proposed bond issue as they met again Tuesday afternoon for 2½ hours.

Board president Charles Anderson polled each trustee about alternatives that were added during campus forums, including renovations to the high school gym, building a new competition gym and adding public restrooms and lobby space at the junior high gym.

Trustees also discussed the difference in costs between renovating Stanfield Elementary and Northeast Elementary if the district decides on a two-elementary school concept.

Cost estimates for renovating the high school gym, with chair seating on the east side, new roll-out seating on the student or west side and expanding the concession, toilet and dressing room areas, totalled $528,000.

Trustees favor the improvements to the gym, with the exception of chair seating on the east side.

"I'm as big a basketball fan as there is in town," said Mark McCormick. "But I just can't see spending $292,000 for seats with backs on them."

Architects have said that due to the present seating arrangement on the east side, major work would have to be done in order to provide enough room between rows of seats while still maintaining the line of sight for fans.

This would also entail refinishing the floor and moving the entire playing area to the west, thus eliminating one row of seats on that side.

Trustees said they didn't believe they could justify the cost of chair back seating as no additional fans could be accommodated.

Trustees also favor adding public rest rooms at the junior high, but not a concession stand.

On Monday, the board looked at a two-elementary school concept with one school being used for grades 1 through 3 and the other for grades four through 6. Special education, kindergarten and kindergarten would be located at either Stanfield or Northeast.

This would entail closing Central, and either of the other two schools.

Superintendent Gayle Lomax said Tuesday that it would cost $289,770 more to implement this plan at Northeast, as opposed to Stanfield.

Trustees are studying two concepts, one being the two-elementary school plan and the other building pods or wings at four elementary schools, with Central Elementary being closed.

Neither of the two plans call for moving the sixth grade to the junior high school.

Presently, the two-elementary concept carries a price tag of some $23 million, while the four-elementary school concept is set at $20.3 millions. Those figures include all costs, including items trustees deleted during Tuesday's meeting.

Architects are expected to have the final figures in time for another workshop on the bond issue, set for 5 p.m. Friday.

Anderson also instructed Assistant Superintendent Lee McNair to have figures available to show what the tax rates are expected to be under each of the two plans.

Anderson presided Tuesday. All board members were in attendance.

College gym needs new floor

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Ironically, the board was presented with another problem Tuesday that is not on the priority list, but is one which has to be addressed.

Trustees were told that the gymnasium floor has broken boards and dead spots and can't be used to play on. It's even unsafe for workouts, according to women's basketball coach Valerie Jackson, who at one point commented, "It has no pride."

The floor was obtained from the coliseum some 10 to 12 years ago and is used for all types of physicial education courses in addition to basketball.

Administrators were told by the board to proceed with going out for bids.

Coach Jackson also informed the board that Coca-Cola will furnish the gym with two shot clocks and a scoreboard — a package said to be worth some $50,000 — if the campus will sell Coke products exclusively.

Trustees also instructed administrators to research that program and to visit with Pepsi as well.

A change in food service setup will be implemented for 1998-99, after trustees approved a three-year contract with Great Western Dining.

Currently, students can purchase a 15-meal plan which consists of three meals a day, Monday through Friday. The college has no meal plan for the weekend.

Next school year, the college will have a 19-meal plan, with brunch and dinner offered on Saturday and Sunday. Administrators said they hope to increase student activities on campus during the weekend. It will also help student athletes, who cannot go home on weekends.

The cost will be an additional $100 per student per semester. Students will be charged only a $50 increase for the first year, however, and the remaining cost will come from the cafeteria's $240,000 fund balance.

Trustees were told that the general public will also be invited to dine at the cafeteria on weekends.

In other business, trustees:

—Approved the resignation of Steve Tate, instructor with the Golf/Landscape Technology program;

—Approved tuition and fee variances for 11 classes;

—Approved $10,280 to send students and instructors to the College National Finals Rodeo in Rapid City, S.D. June 13-22;

—Heard pre-bid information on vehicles.

Trustees went into executive session following regular business for an evaluation of the college president — another SACS requirement. No action was taken when the board reconvened.

Board members present were Dr. Kidd, Bullard, Eddie Peterson, Lee Presswood and R.C. Patton. Mrs. Barbee and Jackie Greene were absent. Greene was in attendance for the executive session.

STAR program

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said the program has reduced the redundancy rate for juveniles much more effectively than sending the juveniles to state facilities.

Barrera said 68 juveniles have been referred to the program with 23 from 132nd District Court and 24 from the school district.

Besides the school and the district court, persons can be assigned to the program by the county court, justice of the peace court, municipal court, or by parents asking their children be placed in the program as three have.

The program begins at 5:30 a.m. with physical training, and then a normal school day.

Physical training and drills on life skills are held following classes, and from 5 until 6 p.m., students do homework under supervision.

Those in the program have to work closely with their parents because a parent can be held in contempt of court if they fail to follow court-mandated rules.

"A person in the program cannot go anywhere without being in the eyesight of their parent or guardian without special permission," Barrera said.

Barrera and his staff also make spot checks at various times at the participants' homes.

"Failure to follow the rules will result in an extended time in the program, or worse," said Barrera.

"Forty people have completed the program, while we have had three failures," said Barrera, who added that there are currently 18 students in the program.

A major reason the program was organized in Scurry County was the persistence of Judge Armstrong and City Councilman I.E. Martin, Cooley added.

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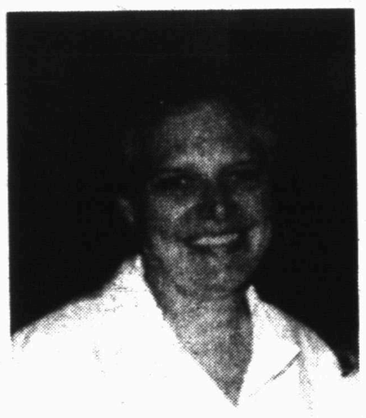
Obituaries



Alice McCauley

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1945-1998

Alice Faye McCauley, 52, died Sunday, May 3, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. McCauley is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Dec. 14, 1945 in Sherman, Mrs. McCauley was a housewife and had served as a Girl Scout leader for the past 13 years.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Diann and Robbie Nolan and Sabrina and Jack Beall, all of Snyder; a son, Bobby McCauley of Snyder; three granddaughters, Sharla Nolan, Kimberly Nolan and Haley Beall, all of Snyder; a grandson, Randy Nolan of Snyder; her former husband and longtime friend, Robert McCauley of Snyder; her step-dad, James Ham of Mulberry, Fla.; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, step-brothers and step-sisters.

Family visitation will be from 6 to 8 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Ed Adams

1921-1998

COLORADO CITY — M.E. "Ed" Adams, a resident of China Grove, died Tuesday, May 5, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Adams, 76, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Dan Crawford was to officiate, and burial was to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Born in Denton County, Mr. Adams was a farmer and had been a resident of China Grove since 1933. He was a Baptist.

Mr. Adams married Dorothy Walker in 1941 in Colorado City, and she survives.

Survivors also include two sons, Billy Wayne Adams of Abilene and Edward Adams Jr. of Grapevine; four daughters, Jo Ann Clark and Virginia Adams, both of Snyder, Sharon Myers of Colorado City and Betty Sue Miller of Abilene; two brothers, J.W. Adams of Clute and Lester Adams of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Snyder native sustains burn

CARLSBAD, N.M. — A Snyder native was seriously injured Tuesday morning in a flash fire at an oilfield site in Eddy County.

Jerrell D. Pylant, 38, of Carlsbad was severely burned on his face and upper body and arms while working on a large compressor unit used in the production of gas and oil.

Eddy County Sheriff M.A. "Chunky" Click said a fuel leak on the unit fueled by natural gas was apparently ignited by a spark, causing a flash fire.

A co-worker of Pylant started into Carlsbad with the burn victim and they were met with a responding ambulance. He was taken to Columbia Medical Center and later transferred to the burn unit of Lubbock's University Medical Center where he was first listed in critical condition with burns over about 12 percent of his body. His condition this morning was upgraded to "serious, but stable."

Pylant is the son of Joann Snider, a teacher at Western Texas College.

C-City fireman dies in mishap

COLORADO CITY — A veteran volunteer fireman died Tuesday when a fire truck he was driving overturned en route to a grass fire.

Pat McKinney, a former fire chief, died about 5 p.m. on Interstate 20 about nine miles west of Colorado City.

McKinney, a retired employee of Fina Oil, was returning from a grass fire and was en route to a second grass fire near C C Tank Rentals. A second fireman, Pat Crow, was airlifted to Lubbock's Methodist Hospital and was listed in critical condition with chest injuries.

McKinney, a fire fighter for more than 50 years, was ejected from the emergency vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Services are pending with Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Warner Bros. premiered its Vitaphone sound-on-disk in 1926. A short film introducing the process was shown along with a feature film, "Don Juan."

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Sports Challenge fund-raiser

An all you can eat pancake and sausage fund-raiser will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at McDonald's. Tickets are $2.50; drinks are extra. The event is being held to help Snyder students Kristin Martinez, Courtney Rinehart, Cece Valadez and Darcey Purcell play in the Mililani Softball Tournament in Hawaii and Juan Arizmendi to participate in track events in Belgium, through Sports Challenge International.

Tiger Jazz show slated

The Tiger Jazz Spring Show will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free.

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the club flying field, 2½ miles south of the college on Round Top Road. Visitors are welcome.

Hermleigh FBC revival

First Baptist Church of Hermleigh's revival services continue tonight and Thursday at 7:30. Dr. John McClung, pastor of the Living Word Baptist Church in Long Beach, Calif., will be the evangelist. Everyone is invited.

Car wash and bake sale

The Red Sox T-ball team will hold a car wash and bake sale from 1-3 p.m. Friday at Wal-Mart. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment.

Dance planned Friday

Snyder Youth Bowlers are sponsoring a dance from 8 p.m. until midnight Friday at Towle Park Barn. Admission is $3 per person or $5 per couple. Funds raised will help send the bowlers to the state tournament.

Manic/depressive support group

An effort is being made to form a manic/depressive (bipolar) support group in Snyder. If you are interested, call Debbie at 573-1154.

Special Olympics garage sale

A giant garage sale benefitting Special Olympics will be held all day Saturday in the former Kmart parking lot. Donations of items for the garage sale are needed.

There will also be a dunking booth, bake sale and dart throw as well as a car wash. The event is sponsored by Price Daniel Unit employees who are also selling $5 tickets for a chance to win a pickup.

BSA Fish-A-Thon planned

The Boy Scouts of American are planning Fish-A-Thon '98 Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Towle Park Pond. The pond will be stocked with sunfish and catfish prior to the tournament. Registration is $5. Prizes will be awarded. Scouts will have demonstrations and concessions. Fishing license requirements will be waived for the event.

Golf team send-off

Snyder fans are invited to help "send off" the high school girls golf team which is leaving Saturday morning to participate in the state tournament. The team will be leaving at 9:45 a.m. from the parking lot south of the high school football field.

Flapjack Frenzy

Colonial Hill Baptist Church youth will hold a Flapjack Frenzy, all the pancakes you can eat for $5, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in the fellowship hall.

'Oklahoma' set for the stage

Snyder High School choral department will present Roger and Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma" May 15-16 at 7:30 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium. Reserved tickets are on sale now for $7 each. General admission is $4. Call Katie Necessary at the high school, 573-6301, for tickets or more information.

Museum rummage sale

Scurry County Museum needs items for its rummage sale, to be held May 15-30. The museum needs to raise $21,000 in order to continue operating at its present level. If you have items to donate, call 573-6107.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief, caring for aging parents and learning to improve the family experience will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at First Baptist Church. Parents and teens are welcome and child care will be provided.

Dermott School reunion

The Dermott School reunion will be held June 13 at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to

Snyder Band Boosters

Snyder Band Boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
1-15-16-21-23
(one, fifteen, sixteen, twenty-one, twenty-three)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-4-8
(five, four, eight)