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Man is arrested in the slaying of Bill Cosby's son

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One man is under arrest and two other people were being questioned today in the shooting death of the son of Bill Cosby. Police said the arrested man looks like their sketch of the suspect.

Prosecutors are expected to file murder charges against him soon, police Chief Willie Williams told a late-night news conference. He said the two others are a man and a woman.

When the arrest was made in the San Fernando Valley on Wednesday night, investigators seized evidence linking the man to the roadside killing of Ennis Cosby on Jan. 16, Williams said. He would not elaborate. He did not give the man's name, but said he is believed to be a Los Angeles resident.

"We're not releasing any information on the reasons why (the arrest was made) at this time, but we are very comfortable, based on our work with the district attorney," Williams said.

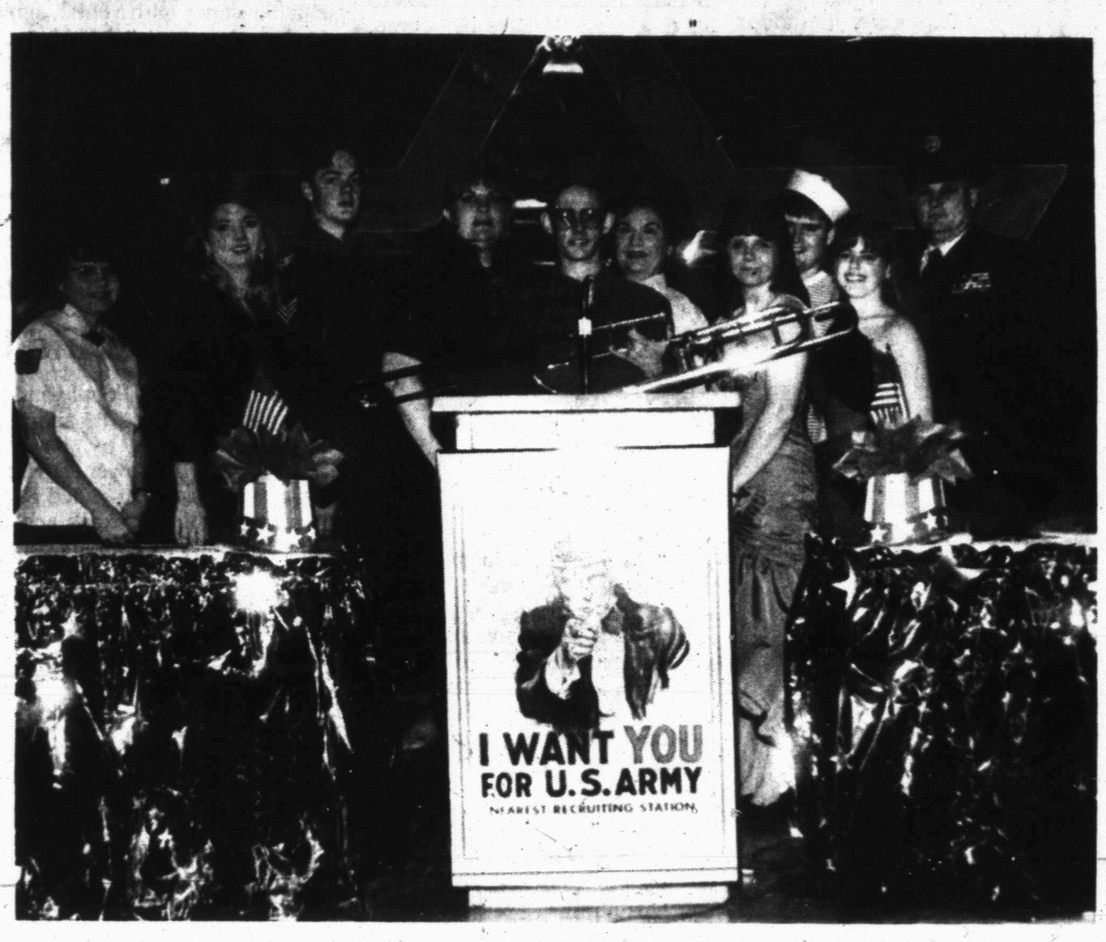
The Los Angeles Times, quoting an anonymous source, said police believe the shooting involved a gang of about four "Russian" robbers. Another source said police were tipped off about the shooter and possible accomplices, who apparently did not know Cosby, by someone who wanted to settle a score.

The Daily News of New York, citing an unidentified source close to the investigation, said a tipster told detectives that around Jan. 20, the tipster, a friend and another man went to an isolated area about five miles from the murder scene to look for a gun that had been dumped there, but were unable to find it.

The tipster took investigators to the same place Friday, and a gun was eventually recovered after a thorough search with help from recruits at the LAPD academy. On Monday, ballistics experts identified the gun as the weapon used to kill Ennis Cosby, the Daily News reported.

The tipster had initially contacted the National Enquirer in hopes of collecting a $100,000 reward, but he was tracked down late last week by detectives who traced his pager number, the Daily News said.

The paper also said that the tipster told investigators that one of the men had used a racial slur for blacks when acknowledging the killing to a friend.



CHAMBER PERFORMERS — Portraying a World War II USO troupe at tonight's Snyder Chamber of Commerce banquet will be these performers, along with the Ira High School stage band. Shown from left are Tosha Walker, Tammy Shirley, Tye Shirley, Gale Northcott, Chris Gee, Sue Parham, Laurie Walker, Adam Davis, Jennifer Rigsby and Jack Darnell. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Conservatism is something that starts with the purchase of an item to be paid for over time."

Snyder seed man Gerald Johnson still remembers when his family got electricity.

Gerald said he was so grateful that he made a promise never to turn off a light, so he even sleeps with a light on. Who knows, Gerald may have invented the night light.

Bunk Casey said Gerald couldn't have lived at his house. Bunk said his mother religiously turned out the light when she left the room — no matter who might still be in there.

Business Week magazine recently did a poll asking what inventions that Americans say they couldn't live without. They must have polled Gerald Johnson, because the light bulb was listed by 54 percent of respondents.

The only invention getting a higher rating than the light bulb was the automobile. It was wanted most by 63 percent. Other items on the list was the telephone, television, aspirin, microwave oven, blow-dryer and personal computer.

A blow-dryer?

That can't even come close in importance to indoor plumbing. If you don't think so, flush sometime and realize that the sewer line is stopped up. It'll make you forget about a bad hair day.

Fido no longer has to smell like a dog.

Dog perfume is a growing industry, now coming in fancy bottles and sold to millions.

Big department stores displayed Les Poochs next to favorite people brands. There is even one cologne that promises to bring out the beast in lovable pets.

Makers say dogs take pride in smelling good, claiming they hold up their heads and tails up when they wear the good smelling stuff.

Look for sexy ads for Kennel No. 5.

We don't understand this one, but college students in Europe are into a new "smell bad" fad. They put rolling deodorant on the outside of their clothing.

Someone has suggested the next step: brushing their lips.

Williamson seeks another HISD board term

Two days ago, no one, it seemed, was interested in running for a seat on the Hermleigh school board.

That's all changed with the filing of two individuals for board seats Tuesday and one more this morning.

There are three full-term places and one partial-term seat on the Hermleigh ISD board up for election May 3.

John Williamson, current president of the board, filed today for a second three-year term. Williamson is a Hermleigh graduate and owner of Big Country Incinerators.

His action fills the spots available on the board, though any number of candidates can still file. The filing period ends April 2.

On Tuesday, veteran board member Chip Roemisch and newcomer David Higgins filed for re-election. Roemisch will be seeking his second consecutive full term on the board. He had also previously served one other term.

Higgins, having been appointed to the board last month to fill out Jimmy Hudgins' vacated term until the election, filed Tuesday to complete the term.

Early on in the filing process, incumbent Tim Dacus filed to seek a full term on the HISD board. Dacus is completing an unexpired term.

The flurry of activity at Hermleigh leaves just one of 12 seats up for election without a candidate. That's the District 3 city council seat vacated last year by former councilman Kenny Gambrell. Anyone filing for that seat will be seeking to complete an unexpired term.

The city council election also features the only contested race to date. Terry Martin and incumbents Dayton Robertson and Ron Shaw are all seeking one of two at-large places up for election. The two candidates with the most votes will win seats on the council.

Uncontested in city government is the office of mayor. The current mayor, David Holt, has filed for another term and is unopposed.

On the Snyder ISD board, incumbent Richard Chambers is seeking to retain his Place 3 seat. Mike Levens has filed for Place 2, held by out-going trustee Geraldine Parker.

At Ira, trustees Bo Robinson, Place 4, and Dirk Dunn, Place 5, are seeking another term. Neither is opposed.

Local woman dies in wreck

A 45-year-old Snyder woman was killed in a two-vehicle accident that occurred on Highway 350 at the intersection of FM 2763 around 5:45 this morning.

DPS trooper Rick Campos said Rhonda Hester of 2257 Sunset was south-bound in a 1995 Chevrolet Tahoe when it struck a 1996 Freightliner truck-tractor which was attempting to turn east onto the farm-to-market road.

Hester, who was alone in the Chevrolet, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Charles Reynolds.

The truck-tractor was driven by Phillip Mercer of El Paso and owned by PAM Transportation of Tontitown, Ark.

Campos said the northbound Freightliner had crossed the southbound lane to the shoulder of the road in attempting to make a wide turn. At the time, Campos said, heavy fog limited visibility at the scene to 30 or 40 feet.

A passenger in the sleeper compartment of the truck, Rudy Guzman, 27, also of El Paso, was transported to Cogdell Hospital where he was treated and released.

Campos said the accident is still under investigation. He said his completed report will be referred to the district attorney.



SNYDER WOMAN KILLED — A Snyder woman died as the result of an accident early this morning on Highway 350 at the intersection of FM 2763. (SDN Photo by Wade Warren)

Foreign trade deficit is worst in nine years

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deficit in the broadest measure of U.S. foreign trade increased to $165.1 billion last year, the second worst performance in history.

The 11.4 percent rise in the current account deficit, reported today by the Commerce Department, reflected a big jump in the imbalance in goods to an all-time high and a third straight shortfall in investment earnings.

The current account deficit is considered the broadest gauge of the country's trade performance because it measures not only trade in goods and services but also investment flows between countries and foreign aid.

Last year marked the worst performance since a record high of $167.4 billion in 1987.

While the deficit for 1996 was larger than the $148.2 billion imbalance of 1995, it shrank to $41.4 billion in the fourth quarter, from $47.9 billion in the third.

Economists believe the deficit will deteriorate again this year.

Before 1982, the United States ran perennial surpluses in its current account as earnings on service trade, such as tourism and consulting fees, were enough to wipe out the deficit in merchandise trade.

In the 1980s, the United States was transformed from the world's largest creditor nation to the largest debtor. That means foreigners now own more U.S. assets than Americans own overseas.

ASK US

Q—There is a sign in the west end of Towle Park that reads: No camping in tents overnight. Why, and will it affect the Fourth of July?

A—See Ask Us, Page 10

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 67 degrees; low, 50; 7 a.m. Thursday, 51; trace precipitation; total for 1997, 5.05 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair evening, breezy, cooler around midnight. Friday, breezy, cooler. High around 50. N-NE wind 15-25 mph, diminishing during the afternoon.



Robert Drury
Breezy, Cooler

Sunset: 6:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:55 a.m.
Of 71 days in 1997, the sun has shone 62 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

-Dale Carnegie

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Professor says manuscript may contain lost sayings from Jesus

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Badly damaged fragments of an ancient manuscript found in Egypt contain words from early Christian communities, possibly even lost sayings of Jesus, a professor says.

Paul Mirecki, an associate professor of religious studies at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., discovered the manuscript in a museum in 1991. He said it would be nearly impossible to establish whether the text contains the actual words of Christ.

"It can't be proven or disproven," Mirecki said Wednesday. "What we do know is that all this came from early Christian communities."

But he said the discovery is important because it provides insight into the text's Gnostic authors, members of a minority Christian group that placed strong emphasis on the spiritual rather than the material world.

Mirecki said early Orthodox Christians depicted the Gnostics, who died off in the fourth century, as terrible liars. The professor said the manuscript shows "their teachings were not as wild as the church historians said they were. They were peaceful people."

Mirecki said the writings in the 12 to 15 damaged pages are similar to those in the Book of John, which contains much dialogue between Jesus and his disciples.

Mirecki said one new passage includes this advice from Jesus to his disciples: "I have overcome, so do not let the world overcome you." The Book of John also contains many passages about "overcoming the world."

The manuscript was discovered in Egypt and stored in Berlin's Egyptian Museum, where Mirecki says he found it in 1991. The text is written in Coptic, an ancient Egyptian language that uses Greek letters.

Mirecki is translating the text with another professor and they plan to publish a book this summer.

Some Biblical scholars said claims of discovered lost gospels are not uncommon. Others were skeptical of the finding because Mirecki has not shared the text.

"If (Mirecki's claims) were true, New Testament circles would be buzzing for months. Everyone would know about it," said Eric Meyers, a Duke University professor who specializes in archaeology of early Palestine.

Mirecki said the text was copied by a scribe in the fourth or fifth century. Its contents were determined to be about two to three centuries old at that time.

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"John, you really SHOULD leave your work at the office."

Capitol Highlights

Bill eyes nursing home residents

AUSTIN (AP) — People convicted of crimes including sexual assault and aiding suicide would be barred from working with residents in nursing homes under a bill approved by the Texas Senate.

"Current law does not go far enough to protect our most vulnerable citizens, the elderly and persons with mental retardation," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, author of the bill OK'd Wednesday and sent to the House.

"We must make every effort to keep those convicted of a dangerous offense from directly caring for this population."

Currently, people are barred from working directly with elderly or mentally retarded people in certain health care facilities if they have been convicted of criminal homicide, kidnapping and false imprisonment, indecency with a child, agreement to abduct from custody, arson, robbery or aggravated robbery.

Under Sibley's bill, the prohibition would be expanded to include sexual assault; aggravated assault; injury to a child or elderly or disabled person; abandoning or endangering a child; and aiding suicide.

If approved, the bill would apply to anyone hired on or after Sept. 1, 1997.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock praised the bill, saying, "No one in Texas is more vulnerable than our elderly or disabled citizens. We must make every effort to keep them safe from harm."

The nursing home bill is SB262.

False liens could lead to penalties

AUSTIN (AP) — People and organizations who file false property liens could face criminal and civil penalties under a bill that's been tentatively approved by the Texas House.

Rep. Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville, and sponsor of the bill, said groups such as the so-called Republic of Texas have waged "paper terrorism" against Texans and public officials by filing false liens.

The Republic's members contend that Texas was illegally annexed by the United States in 1845 and should remain an independent nation.

Attorney General Dan Morales has won a temporary restraining order against the Republic of Texas prohibiting them from filing false liens.

But Morales, who was in the House on Wednesday, said false property liens continue to be filed.

Property liens, legal or not, can cause financial and legal difficulties when property owners attempt to sell those properties or list them as assets in other financial deals. Even if bogus, it generally takes court action to remove them.

Hightower's bill would make it a crime to file false liens and other official documents. It also would make it a crime to impersonate a public official. The Republic of Texas has established its own court system.

The bill also would establish a civil remedy for property owners to sue the people who file false liens against them to recover any costs and damage associated with the liens.

Under Hightower's bill, people who file false liens would face up to two years in state jail and a $10,000 fine. The bill also would make it a Class A misdemeanor to issue a false court complaint, judgement or summons.

Highlights of eight DWI proposals

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are bills in a package aimed at cracking down on driving while intoxicated being considered by the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee:

— Guidelines would be established to set up sobriety checkpoints in Texas (HB603).

— Open containers of alcohol would be banned in motor vehicles (HB31).

— Minor drivers found with any traceable alcohol would be subject to community service and having their license suspended (SB35).

— The minimum confinement for a first offense of driving while intoxicated would be increased from 72 hours to 30 days. The second offense would result in 45 days in jail (HB257).

— The illegal blood alcohol content limit would be lowered from .10 to .08 (HB133).

— The vehicle of a person convicted of a second offense of DWI could be impounded. A third offense could result in the car being confiscated and sold (HB830).

— Minor drivers found to have any detectable amount of alcohol would face having their driver's license suspended until they reach the age of 21 (HB274).

— Police officers would be allowed to make arrests without a warrant for certain intoxication offenses (HB821).

Keeping exemptions important

AUSTIN (AP) — Eliminating many exemptions to the state sales and business taxes could raise the money needed to pay for school finance but also would hurt the state's economy, according to a Texas A&M economist.

Jared Hazleton, director of the Center for Business and Economic Analysis, on Wednesday told a House committee considering ways to lower local property taxes that the idea of eliminating sales and franchise tax exemptions would raise the billions of dollars needed to replace the money lost from lowering property taxes.

But Hazleton added that many of the current tax exemptions, including those on manufacturing, make Texas a better state in which to do business.

"This action could impact the attractiveness of our state," Hazleton said.

Hazleton said each business and individual would have to determine how any changes would affect them.

But in general, he said Gov. George W. Bush's proposal of a higher sales tax and a new business tax to pay for lower property taxes would increase the tax burden on businesses.

Of the overall percentage of taxes paid by individuals, more of it would be paid for by those least able to pay it, he added.

"I don't think those things are mutually exclusive," Hazleton said of a heavier business burden and a more regressive tax system.

While pointing out problems in various alternatives being considered, Hazleton said the idea of a state business property tax, in place of local business property taxes, might work. He also supported Bush's proposal that all businesses — regardless of how they are set up — be subject to taxation.



Jessica Sollis

Snyder girl will compete

Jessica Sollis has been selected as a candidate in the 1997 Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Program, to be held Friday through Sunday at the Waco Convention Center and Holiday Inn.

She is the daughter of Wendell and Dustee Sollis of Snyder.

Sponsors include Billy Ray Browning, Wagon Wheel Ranch; Bill Parker, West Texas State Bank; Howard Limmer, Limmer's Ladies Apparel; Tim Riggan, Edward Jones Co; Linda Armstrong, J.C. Penney Catalog Store; Bill Tune, Deep Creek Shoe Repair; Robert and Maria Patterson, Snyder Drug; Gary Landes, Landes Home Furnishings; Pat Falls, Claudine Atwood and Max von Roeder.

The new Miss Texas national Pre-Teen titleholder will receive a cash award, crown, sash, trophy and her sponsorship and airfare paid to the National Program to compete with other state winners for the title of Miss National Pre-Teen.

Contestants will be judged on academics, achievements, gown presentation, interview and personality. Optional talent, sportswear and photogenic competitions will be held during the state event.

Change noted in TV ratings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The TV industry is changing its "M" rating because computer and video game makers, which have legal dibs on it, use the symbol in their ratings.

The TV industry has notified federal regulators that it will change the ratings symbol "TV-M," for mature audiences only, to "TV-MA."

The Interactive Digital Software Association insisted that the rating be changed to avoid a trademark infringement with the "M" rating it has used for two years for mature computer and video games.

The change will take effect March 15.

The Federal Communications Commission made the change public on Wednesday.

The rating symbol is one of six categories broadcast and cable networks use to tell viewers whether a show is appropriate for certain age groups to watch.

Though the "mature audience only" category's rating symbol is changing, the content description that goes along with it is not.

That description says: "This program may contain mature themes, profane language, graphic violence and explicit sexual content."

The first program to get the "TV-M" rating was NBC's "Schindler's List," aired last month.

Most programs carry the "TV-PG" rating, which means that parental guidance is suggested.

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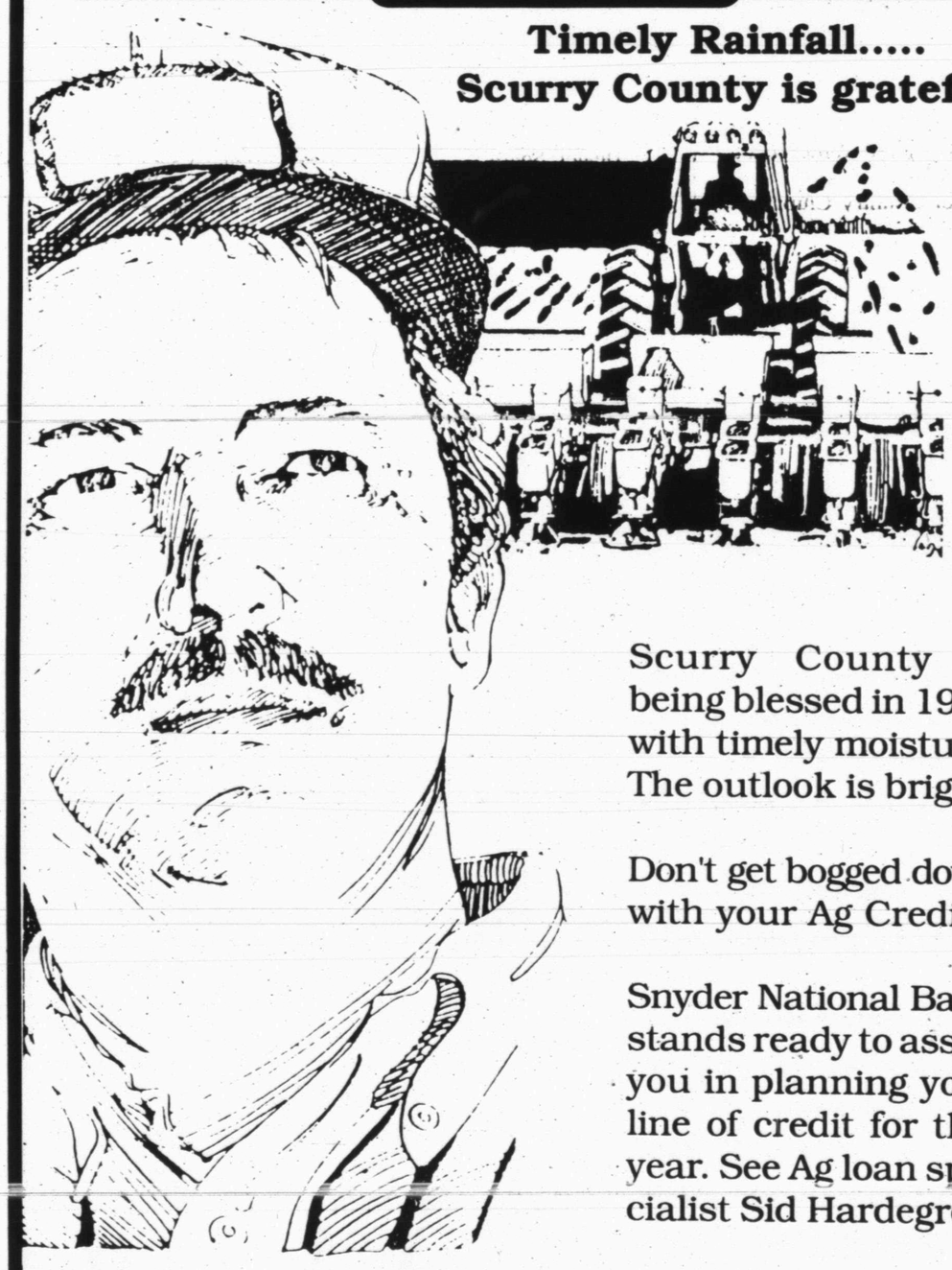
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Timely Rainfall..... Scurry County is grateful



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BOOK REVIEW — "One Small Blue Bead" was read to Atheneum Study Club by Imogene Sorely from Lubbock, left. The inspirational book in rhyme was written by Byrd Baylor Schweitzer. Pictured with Mrs. Sorely is Nona Williams. Atheneum meets every second Tuesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Gardening: right stuff, right time

By ED HUTCHISON
For AP Special Edition

Buying lawn fertilizer can be like playing the lottery. Choose the right numbers and win, maybe even big. Pick the wrong ones and suffer the consequences.

With lawn-feeding season just ahead, here are some things you should know in choosing the right fertilizers:

Lawn fertilizers that contain nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium are called complete fertilizers. How much is in a particular brand is expressed by a ratio, such as 21-8-15. That's 21 percent nitrogen, 8 percent phosphorous, and 15 percent potassium, by weight. This is called the N-P-K ratio, the letters being chemical symbols of the respective elements.

Most complete fertilizers also include an assortment of 13 other elements that are essential to sustained, robust growth. There also are special-use fertilizers. Urea, for example, is 46-0-0. It often is used to force lush, green growth from a lawn.

Grass has the greatest need for nitrogen, followed by potassium and then phosphorous.

An ample and steady supply of nitrogen gives the lawn a healthy, green color and rapid top growth. Steady is important, since grass plants use lots of it, and because it is leached from the soil by rain and sprinkling.

Lacking enough nitrogen, a lawn looks washed-out. Too much nitrogen creates conditions favored by disease and thatch.

Phosphorous, the second number, stimulates root growth. It does not wash from the soil, and established lawns don't need much. New lawns, though, will root more thoroughly if there's an ample supply.

Grass needs about as much potassium as nitrogen. The soil supplies a good amount naturally, and what's there, or added, does not leach as readily as nitrogen. Potassium adds strength and disease- and traffic-resistance to a lawn.

Bags of lawn fertilizer look alike, so it can be hard to determine if there is any difference between a $12 bag and a $6 bag — both of which have similar N-P-K ratios and cover 5,000 square feet of lawn.

The difference is seldom meaningful. National brands tend to command premium dollar, and they may have a more complete assortment of the other 13 elements; the label may say so. Another difference could be in the release rate of the nitrogen component. Look at the label to be sure that at least some of the nitrogen is of the slow-release type. Nitrogen that releases too quickly can burn the lawn, especially if applied during the heat of summer.

How often you fertilize depends on the kind of lawn you want. Fertilizing four to five times a year gives the grass all the nutrients it needs to grow thick and lush. Feed fewer times, and there's less robust growth. Feed once a year, and the lawn is basically on a sustenance diet. Don't expect much from it.

When you fertilize depends on where you live. Homeowners in warm climates grow what is known as warm-season grasses, such as St. Augustine grass, centipedegrass and bahiagrass. The first feeding should come when new growth appears. Second and subsequent feedings should occur every six weeks.

Cool-season grasses that include ryes, fescues and bluegrasses are best fed for the first time in mid-May and every six weeks after, with the last feeding coming between Halloween and Thanksgiving. Feeding a healthy cool-season lawn too early in the spring forces out top growth at the expense of root development. The result: more time mowing and less healthy plants.

With a few exceptions, lawn grasses do best when planted over a loam soil rich in organic content and with the right mix of nutrients. It's a good idea to have a professional soil test before a new lawn in planted and then again every five years. The makeup of the soil changes over time — the result of plant growth, leaching of nutrients, and weathering. A soil test alerts the gardener to specific problems which can be fixed easily with fertilizer or, if pH correction is needed, sulfur or lime.

Something that's not easy to change, unless it's done before the lawn is planted, is the amount of organic matter in the soil. Native soil with a lot of clay or sand can be made much more lawn-friendly with the addition of organic matter such as compost, sphagnum peat moss, redwood sawdust, peanut hulls and similar materials.

The sheer volume of organic material needed to make a difference is why this task is best done before sod is laid or seed sown. For example, almost 43 yards will be needed to add a decent amount (30 percent by volume) of organic matter to 6 inches of soil covering 5,000 square feet. While that's a lot of stuff — and work — the benefits last a long time, and the effort is worthwhile. It's easier if done by power equipment when the lawn is graded.

Leaving grass clippings on the surface supplies nitrogen but adds essentially no organic matter to the soil.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Family Trip of a Lifetime Has Trouble Getting Off the Ground

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My parents have invited my wife and me and my two sisters and their families on a 12-day cruise at their expense. They have never made such a trip before, and my father's declining health may make traveling impossible in the future. Both my wife and I get along with my parents very well. We see them once or twice a year.

Our problem: They have invited only grandchildren who are more than 6 years of age. There are many reasons: Small children would make the trip less relaxing for everyone; there are a variety of programs for children aged 6 and older, but not younger; the cabins accommodate only groups of four; and younger children wouldn't remember the trip anyway.

My wife and I would be taking two of our children and leaving two — ages 2 and 4 — at home. One of my sisters would be leaving two of her four children at home, and my other sister would be leaving both of hers. We have a very reliable friend who has taken care of all of our children when my wife and I have gone away together (for as long as six days), so that's not the issue.

I see this as a wonderful opportunity. Our older children would have the time of their lives, and while I'd miss the younger ones, I also know they would be just fine. My wife, however, feels it would be difficult for the 4-year-old. Although neither of us feels he would suffer permanent emotional scars, my wife says she wouldn't enjoy the trip if she had to worry about him. She feels put on the spot by my parents by being forced either to be the party pooper or to do something she feels uncomfortable about.

She says it would be much easier on the 4-year-old if we took none of the children, but I would love to share this experience with the older ones. She has offered to stay home while I take the older two, but I like that idea even less.

The issue has been tabled for the last three months, but our positions have not changed. I'm unwilling to concede that the trip, as planned, needs to be scrapped. She's unwilling to concede that it would be no big deal to leave the two younger children at home.

How should this be resolved?

ONE FAMILY'S FORTUNE

DEAR FORTUNE: Since your father's health is such that this might be the only time a special family reunion is possible, I would hate to see you scrap the trip. Events like this add to the richness of family lore, from which all family members will benefit. Children understand that there are special privileges that come with being older, just as there are special privileges given to younger ones. The younger children's stay at home can be made special with some creative planning — and the baby sitter could take them on daily outings.

There is much to be gained by taking the trip the way your parents offered it. I hope your wife reconsiders her position. If she doesn't, you and she must decide who gets left standing at the dock — your two older children, or your mate.

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DEAR ABBY: For the last year I have been reading your column and I am now a faithful fan. Something has really been troubling me.

A few days ago, I was in a church hall when a woman carrying a baby came in and sat down next to me on the bench. I must add that the baby was a beautiful one.

I could not tell whether the baby was a boy or a girl, and I could not think of a polite way of asking the mother. What would have been a polite way of finding out?

AMBER IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR AMBER: You could have said, "My, what a beautiful baby. What did you name this adorable child?"

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 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

Morris Shaw School of Defensive Drive course; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., cost $30; community room of Snyder Savings & Loan, 27th and College Ave.

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	6 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

A woman in the spotlight

David Bird has written many wonderful, amusing bridge books. His latest effort, a second collaboration with Simon Cocheme, is "Bridge with a Feminine Touch" (Gollancz; $16.05 postpaid from The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124). It features Debbie, who is trying to become a top player. The deals are excellent, ranging in difficulty from intermediate to advanced, and the text flows smoothly. However, although I recommend this book, I think Debbie is the weakest — from a journalistic standpoint — of his lead characters.

Debbie misplayed this slam (reached following some cue-bids) in the trial to pick the British team for the European Championship.

After winning the first trick with the club ace, Debbie correctly decided not to bank everything on the trump finesse. Instead, she played the diamond queen (to encourage West to cover) to dummy's ace. Then she tried the heart finesse. But that lost and she finished two down.

East immediately pointed out that spades were 3-3 and that Debbie could have discarded both of her club losers.

"I had to play with the odds," replied Debbie. "The chance of a 3-3 break is only 35.5 percent."

"Don't you also make it if the defender with the trump king has *four* spades?" continued East. "I think you'll find that playing on spades is about a 60 percent line."

Debbie and her partner, Nicola, don't make the team, but they do receive some compensation. To find out what, you'll have to buy the book — and the final line is perfect!

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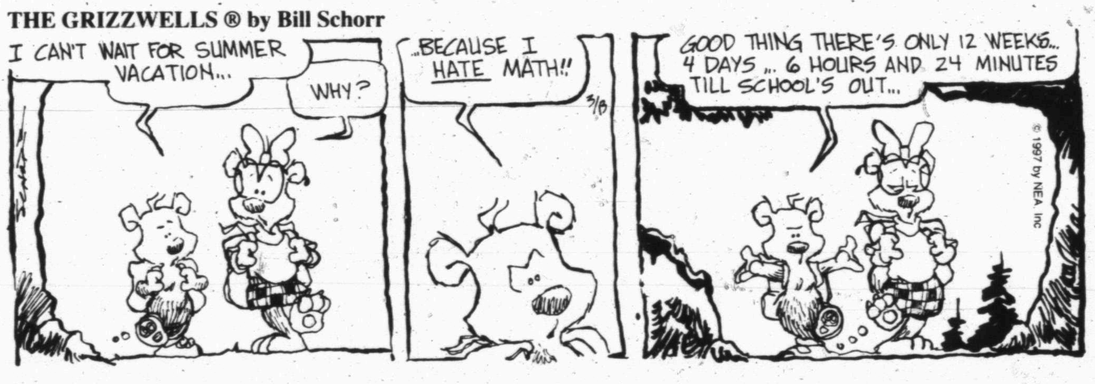
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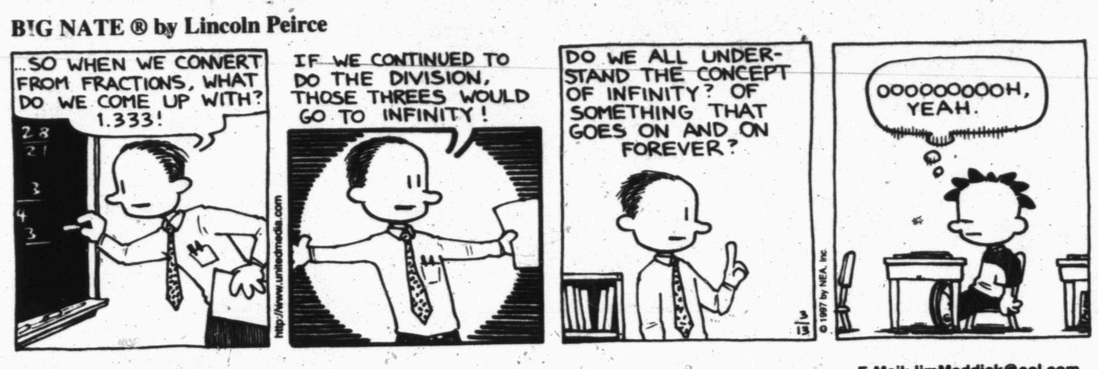
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18 Wedding-party member (2 wds.)
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21 Long time
22 Enclosure
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30 Hauls
31 Brief in speech
32 Big leaguer
33 Yorkshire river
34 Eject
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36 Fit to be consumed
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39 Salon purchase
40 Unit of light
41 Type of tale
44 Famous reindeer
48 Clare Boothe —
49 Dad
50 Cairo's river
51 Sioux Indian
52 Ref's kin
53 The same
54 Body of water
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56 Elsie and kin

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9 Ladder unit
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19 Bovine sound
20 Small coin
22 Division
23 Detective's need
24 Distinctive air
25 By the time — — to Phoenix
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28 Kind of test
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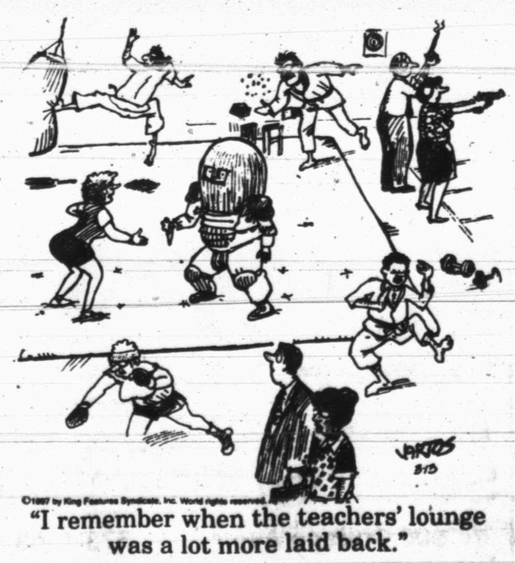
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Magic: Tyler Pollard 1, Tanner Beard 9, Marcus Villareal 6, Brady Reed 15. Mavericks: T.J. Jones 4, Zach Starnes 15, Colter Williams 4, Bret McClendon 4, Garick Clayton 2.

RAPTORS 40, CELTICS 38
Raptors: Jed Martin 6, Tanner Reed 2, Colby Driggers 8, Chance Greenwood 12, Andrew Bane 10, Brad English 2. Celtics: Demetris Horn 2, Thomas Vargas 3, Andrew Vargas 15, Clay Williams 14, Taylor Cotton 4.

JAZZ 37, SPURS 34
Jazz: Shane Kitchens 4, Lee Scott 11, Josh McGaha 14, Josh Mendoza 8. Spurs: Dustin Davenport 4, Stafford Gray 12, Cory Lyons 9, Shawn Roemisch 5, Peter Perez 4.

WARRIORS 30, PACERS 24
Warriors: Kris Hatley 16, Isaac Ramon 2, Robin Hollingsworth 6, Justin Stoker 2, Will Davis 4. Pacers: Adam Rogers 4, Jess Wall 6, Justin Boyd 8, Jake Barnes 6.

MAVERICKS 50, T'WOLVES 39
Mavericks: T.J. Jones 4, Zach Starnes 19, Jeff Fine 8, Colter Williams 7, Bret McClendon 8, Garick Clayton 2, Rankin Hardin 2. T'wolves: JOel Silva 4, Kenneth Fabre 13, Clinton Blume 2, Logan Hill 20.

MAGIC 40, RAPTORS 26
Magic: Tyler Pollard 4, Matt McCormick 1, Tanner Beard 19, Marcus Villareal 7, Brady Reed 4, Patrick Alderetti 5. Raptors: Jed Martin 6, Tanner Reed 2, Colby Driggers 6, Chance Greenwood 7, Andrew Bane 5.

MAGIC 40, JAZZ 37
Magic: Matt McCormick 2, Tanner Beard 12, Marcus Villareal 14, Brady Reed 6, Patrick Alderetti. Jazz: Lee Scott 10, Josh McGaha 11, Josh Mendoza 16.

MAVERICKS 42, WARRIORS 26
Mavericks: T.J. Jones 2, Zach Starnes 27, Colter Williams 4, Bret McClendon 6, Kyle Dortch 2, Rankin Hardin 1. Warriors: Kris Hatley 18, Isreal Sosa 2, Isaac Ramon 2, Robin Hollingsworth 2, Will Davis 2.

MINORS
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
ROCKETS 45, LAKERS 44
Rockets: Kasey Krop 1, Lico Castillo 26, Barrett Bowlin 14, Garrett Pinson 10, Jeffery Gibson 4, Nathan Graves 30.

ROCKETS 38, NUGGETS 30
Rockets: Kasey Krop 2, Lico Castillo 22, Chris Smith 7, Barrett Bowlin 7. Nuggets Tyelr Hogan 3, Zach Garcia 23, Jarrod Fletcher 4.

LAKERS 48, SONICS 29
Lakers: Garrett Pinson 7, Jeffery Gibson 6, Nathan Graves 35. Sonics: Dustyn Williams 3, Tommy Garcia 2, Chase Luft 24.

ROCKETS 40, PISTONS 22
Rockets: Lico Castillo 21, Chris Smith 4, Barrett Bowlin 11, Adam Hopper 4. Pistons: Nathan Ricossa 2, Brad Richardson 3, Jason Cave 6, Antwoine Jeffery 9, Cale Lancaster2.

NUGGETS 33, BULLS 32
Nuggets: Tyler Hogan 2, Zach Garcia 27, Jarrod Fletcher 4. Bulls: Jay Weaver 2, Blake Seale 2, Cade Owen 6, Eric Martinez 22.

SONICS 30, KNICKS 27
Sonics: Dustyn Williams 6, Chance Grantham 5, Chase Luft 19. Knicks: Pedro Villa 1, Cade Simpson 20, David Duck 6.

LAKERS 33, HEAT 12
Lakers: Jordan Lollar 4, Jeremy Reed 4, Garrett Pinson 12, Blake Mayo 2, Wesley Kellner 9, Nathan Graves 2. Heat: Tyler Driggers 2, Justin Rios 2, Brandon Bragg 4, Bryan Clifton 2, Kelton Clayton 2.

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Fishing report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 13:

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water fairly clear; 63 degrees; black bass up to 6 pounds are good on Power Worms, Bass Assassins and crank baits; crappie are fair to good on shiners and jigs fished in deep water; catfish are fair to good on King's Punch Bait and earthworms..

BELTON: Water clear; 15 feet high; 58 degrees; black bass up to 7 pounds are good on spinners, Power Worms and Slug-gos; crappie are fair on minnows and Fle-Flies fished around marinas; catfish are fair on cheese bait and shiners fished over baited holes.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; normal level; 60 degrees; black bass are fair on spinners and worms; catfish are good on night crawlers and shrimp.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; normal level; 63 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are fair on crank baits and spinners; all other fishing is slow.

CANYON: Water off-colored; high; 62 degrees; black bass up to 8 pounds are good on spinners and worms; white bass are fair to good on live bait; striped bass are fair on crank baits and live bait; catfish are good on cheese bait and night crawlers.

FAYETTE: Water fairly clear; normal level; 66 degrees; black bass up to 7¼ pounds are good on live water dogs, spinners and lizards; catfish are fair to good on shrimp and carp.

TRAVIS: Water clear; lake high; 63 degrees; black bass up to 10 pounds are good on white and chartreuse spinners, worms, live shiners and Slug-gos; striped and white bass are fair on live bait and crank baits; crappie are good on minnows and fished around boat houses; catfish are fair on shiners and prepared bait.

WACO: Water murky; 10 feet high; 60 degrees; black bass are fair on crank baits and large spinners; crappie are fair on minnows fished over baited holes; catfish are good on worms and stink bait

WHITNEY: Water clear to murky; lake level high; black bass to 8 pounds are good on worms and spinners; striped bass are good on live bait; white bass are fair to good on live bait fished on the main body of the lake; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished around boat docks at night; channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows and cut bait.

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water off-colored; 62 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are fair on crank baits and spinners; crappie are fair on minnows fished over brush; catfish are fair on minnows, earthworms and prepared bait.

KEMP: Water stained; 3 feet low; black bass are fair to good on Power Worms, lizards and spinner baits fished in 10 feet of water; striped bass are fair on live bait; catfish are fair on cheese bait and night crawlers.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; 60 degrees; black bass are good on spinners, Rat-L-Traps and worms fished in the back of the creeks in 10 feet of water on points; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished at night; channel and blue catfish are fair on stink bait and night crawlers fished in 30 feet of water along the river channel; flathead catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 2 feet low; 62 degrees; black bass are fair to good on spinners whacky worms and crank baits; striped and white bass are good on live bait and spoons fished on the main lake; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished over baited holes and around marinas at night; catfish are good on cheese and cut bait.

In near future...

Tech officials expect audit from NCAA

LUBBOCK (AP) — Even as Texas Tech reshuffles personnel and policies relating to the academic certification of athletes, officials will watch carefully an audit that could yield further adversity.

Four days after forfeiting 10 Big 12 victories and removing itself from consideration for the NCAA men's basketball tournament, the school on Wednesday stripped compliance officer Taylor McNeel.

Also being reassigned were academic counselor Michele Matticks and associate athletic director Alfonso Scandrett, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported today.

McNeel and Matticks had been responsible for the certification program that resulted in the basketball disqualifications.

The school had certified players Gracen Averil and Deuce Jones as eligible, only to find out during the Big 12 tournament last week that the players lacked necessary credits.

Kathy Jones — a former NCAA official who is now a consultant based in Overland Park, Kan. — will assist internal auditors in a deeper inquiry into student certifications, starting with athletes currently competing.

"In the weeks ahead, as we overhaul our current system of academic certification, it is possible that we will find additional instances of previous certification problems," Tech president Donald Haragan said.

Women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp has said her team checked out cleanly as it heads into a first-round NCAA Tournament game Saturday at Palo Alto, Calif.

Deuce Jones' father said he and his son are upset that the two D's that rendered the point guard ineligible were made public. Release of college grades is a violation of federal law.

"I also hope that when he does get his degree in December that people don't associate the negative connotation and may cause him not to make X amount of dollars," said Fred Jones, who discussed his concerns privately with Chancellor John Montford on Wednesday.

Haragan announced the appointment of Tech attorney Victor Mellinger as the acting compliance officer, taking over for McNeel.

There had been no firings related to the matter as of this morning, although Montford said he expects some terminations once the dust settles.

He also said there could be other reassignments or firings.

Montford and Haragan said the NCAA policies that dictate academic eligibility issues are complicated and, in Haragan's words, "difficult to keep up with."

"Nevertheless, Texas Tech had people who were responsible for and salaried to pay attention to every detail and directive that came down from the NCAA," Haragan said. "And this is where our system broke down."

Six Tech athletes either have lost playing time or eligibility related to university administrative mistakes in the past year.

School officials should have phoned the NCAA office if they had questions about an academic certification issue, Montford said.

The NCAA has been investigating Tech since February 1996 for possible violations in the football and men's basketball programs.

Varsity baseball hosts 14-team tournament

The Snyder High School varsity diamond team began play in the Snyder High School Baseball Tournament today at 11:30 against the Brownfield Cubs.

There are 13 teams competing in the tournament with games taking place at Moffett Field, Snyder High School Field and the Ira High School Field.

Should the Tigers win, they will face the Littlefield Wildcats tonight at 7 at Moffett Field. If Snyder loses, it will take on the loser of the Fort Stockton-Colorado City game at 2:30 today at the high school field.

The tournament will run through Saturday with the championship game being played Saturday night at 7 at Moffett Field.

Snyder will have to win four straight games in order to win the championship against teams from Colorado City, Fort Stockton, Sweetwater, Denver City, Littlefield, Big Spring, Huntington, Abilene Wylie, Roosevelt, Seminole and Andrews.

SDN Sports Briefs

WTC All Sports Banquet

The annual WTC All Sports Banquet will be held at Rudy's Restaurant at 7 p.m. March 20.

The banquet will honor athletes from the basketball, rodeo, golf and cheerleading squads. Tickets are $7.50 each.

WTC Booster Club meeting

The WTC Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Rudy's Restaurant to plan for the upcoming year.

Century Club members may pick up their tickets for the All Sports Banquet at the door and if you have paid for your tickets, please RSVP.

Men's basketball tournament

The Hermleigh Booster Club will host a men's basketball tournament March 21-22.

The cost is $100 per team. For further information, contact Chip Roemisch at 863-2241 or 573-4087.

Girl's fast-pitch clinic

A girl's fast-pitch clinic is scheduled for today and Friday at the Snyder Boy's and Girl's Club.

The clinic is for ages eight and up. For further information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Little League umpires needed

Snyder Little League is in need of umpires for the coming season. Umpires are needed for all levels of play such as Farm League, Senior League and Girls Softball. Contact Phil Robinson at 573-7985 or 573-7970.

Softball squads host Canyon Reef Classic

Snyder High School varsity and JV softball teams were scheduled to begin play in the Canyon Reef Spring Classic today at the David Cates Softball Complex.

The varsity Lady Tigers will play in the Division I portion of the draw in Pool C with Abilene Wylie, Godley, Lubbock Coronado, El Paso Eastwood, San Angelo Lake View and Clyde.

The JV will compete in the Division II portion of the draw in Pool D with Lubbock Monterey, Colorado City and Monahans.

The varsity was scheduled to begin play this morning at 11 against the Clyde Lady Buldogs. Snyder will play its second game at 3 p.m. at West Field against San Angelo Lake View. The Lady Tigers will finish off the day with an 8:20 meeting with Godley.

The JV Lady Tigers were scheduled to take on the Colorado City Lady Wolves this morning. Snyder's second game is scheduled against the Lubbock Monterey Lady Plainsmen at 5:40 at East Field.

Other games scheduled for today are at West Field--Abilene vs. Big Spring, 1:40; Abilene JV vs. Hermleigh, 4:20; San Angelo Lake View vs. El Paso Eastwood, 5:40; Hawley vs. Van Alstyne, 7. East Field-- Abilene JV vs. Lubbock High, 1:40; Colorado City vs. Lubbock Monterey, 3; Hawley vs. Coahoma, 4:20; Lubbock High vs. Lubbock Monterey, 7. Logan Field--El Paso Eastwood vs. Cololrado City, 3; Breckenridge vs. Abilene High, 4:20; Big Spring vs. Midland Christian, 5:40.

Pool play will continue tomorrow with the JV taking on Monahans at 8:30 a.m. at West Field and the varsity meeting El Paso Eastwood at 9:50 at West Field.

The teams' record in pool play will determine their seeding for bracket play which will begin Saturday afternoon at 3:10.

Rockets fall to Magic, 96-95; end win streak

By The Associated Press

Every team dreads them, yet every team has to go through those long road trips to the other conference.

The Orlando Magic finished their last one of the season Wednesday night, capping a six-game, nine-day odyssey with a 96-95 victory at Houston to finish 4-2 on a trip that started with a victory in Seattle on March 4.

The Utah Jazz, meanwhile, made the third stop of a seven-game, 11-day trip and beat the New Jersey Nets 117-102.

In other NBA games, Chicago edged Philadelphia 108-104, Indiana beat Atlanta 92-82, Washington downed Vancouver 104-82 and the Los Angeles Lakers defated Golden State 109-101.

The Orlando-Houston game went down to the final seconds, and Penny Hardaway won it with a 10-foot jumper over Mario Elie with 1.1 seconds left.

Eddie Johnson had a chance to win it for Houston, but his long jumper missed at the buzzer.

Gerald Wilkins added 19 for Orlando, which swept the two-game season series. Nick Anderson sat out with a bruised right quadriceps tendon and Rony Seikaly was out with a lower back strain.

Of Orlando's 20 remaining games, 12 will be at home. The Magic currently hold the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot with a four-game lead over Indiana. Orlando is just a half-game behind Cleveland for the seventh spot.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 32 points and 12 rebounds, and Kevin Willis had 21 points and 14 rebounds. Clyde Drexler, out the last five weeks with a pulled left hamstring, expects to return Sunday at Miami. Charles Barkley, who hurt his left hip on March 1 against Dallas, hopes to play on Tuesday at New Jersey.

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

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First Round
At Lawrence Joel Coliseum
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Thursday, March 13
California (21-8) vs. Princeton (24-3), 12:15 p.m.
Villanova (23-9) vs. Long Island University (21-8), 30 minutes after previous game
North Carolina (24-6) vs. Fairfield (11-18), 7:40 p.m.
Indiana (22-10) vs. Colorado (21-9), 30 minutes after previous game
At Pittsburgh Civic Arena
Pittsburgh
Friday, March 14
Wisconsin (18-9) vs. Texas (16-11), 12:15 p.m.
South Carolina (24-7) vs. Coppin State (21-8), 30 minutes after previous game
New Mexico (24-7) vs. Old Dominion (22-10), 7:40 p.m.
Louisville (23-8) vs. Massachusetts (19-13), 30 minutes after previous game

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
First Round
At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.
Thursday, March 13
Kansas (32-1) vs. Jackson State (14-15), 12:25 p.m.
Purdue (17-11) vs. Rhode Island (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game
Maryland (21-10) vs. College of Charleston (28-2), 7:50 p.m.
Arizona (19-9) vs. South Alabama (23-6), 30 minutes after previous game
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Friday, March 14
Georgia (24-8) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (22-10), 12:30 p.m.
Illinois (21-9) vs. Southern California (17-10), 30 minutes after previous game
Marquette (22-8) vs. Providence (21-11), 7:40 p.m.
Duke (23-8) vs. Murray State (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Thursday, March 13
Cincinnati (25-7) vs. Butler (23-9), 12:30 p.m.
Iowa State (20-8) vs. Illinois State (24-5), 30 minutes after previous game
Xavier, Ohio (22-5) vs. Vanderbilt (19-11), 7:40 p.m.
UCLA (21-7) vs. Charleston Southern (17-12), 30 minutes after previous game
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Friday, March 14
Clemson (21-9) vs. Miami, Ohio (21-8), 12:25 p.m.
Tulsa (23-9) vs. Boston University (25-4), 30 minutes after previous game
Mississippi (20-8) vs. Temple (19-10), 7:50 p.m.
Minnesota (27-3) vs. Southwest Texas State (16-12), 30 minutes after previous game

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
At The Huntsman Center
Salt Lake City
Thursday, March 13
Boston College (21-8) vs. Valparaiso (24-6), 2:42 p.m.
St. Joseph's (24-6) vs. Pacific (24-5), 30 minutes after previous game
Kentucky (30-4) vs. Montana (21-10), 7:55 p.m.
Iowa (21-9) vs. Virginia (18-12), 30 minutes after previous game
At The McKale Center
Tucson, Ariz.
Friday, March 14
North Carolina Charlotte (21-8) vs. Georgetown (20-9), 2:42 p.m.
Utah (26-3) vs. Navy (20-8), 30 minutes after previous game
Wake Forest (23-6) vs. St. Mary's, Calif. (23-7), 7:55 p.m.
Stanford (20-7) vs. Oklahoma (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game

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Philadelphia	16	46	.258	30
Boston	12	51	.190	34½
Central Division				
x-Chicago	55	8	.873	—
Detroit	45	17	.726	9½
Atlanta	43	20	.683	12
Charlotte	41	22	.651	14
Cleveland	34	27	.557	20
Indiana	30	32	.484	24½
Milwaukee	26	36	.419	28½
Toronto	22	40	.355	32½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
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Houston	43	21	.672	3½
Minnesota	31	30	.508	14
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Seattle	43	18	.705	—
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L.A.Clippers	26	34	.433	16½
Phoenix	24	38	.387	19½
GoldenState	23	39	.371	20½

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Tuesday's Games
Chicago 117, Boston 106
Charlotte 98, Vancouver 92
Atlanta 106, Utah 99
Houston 103, San Antonio 79
Minnesota 104, Philadelphia 100
Miami 108, Milwaukee 93
Dallas 91, New York 83
Orlando 96, Denver 91

Wednesday's Games
Utah 117, New Jersey 102
Chicago 108, Philadelphia 104
Washington 104, Vancouver 82
Indiana 92, Atlanta 82
Orlando 96, Houston 95
L.A. Lakers 109, Golden State 101

Thursday's Games
Seattle at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Denver, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

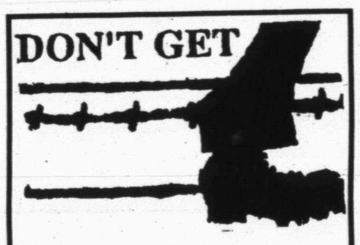
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Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
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Seattle at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
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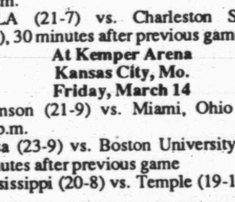
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BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned RHP Jimmy Haynes to Rochester of the International League.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Mike Gellinger computer scouting analyst. Assigned RHP Chris Clemons to Nashville of the American Association and C Mark Johnson to their minor-league camp.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optioned 1B Ryan Jones and INF Jeff Patzke to Syracuse of the International league. Optioned C Julio Mosquera to Knoxville of the Southern League. Reassigned RHP Chris Carpenter, RHP Roy Halladay and RHP Billy Koch to their minor-league camp.

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6790).

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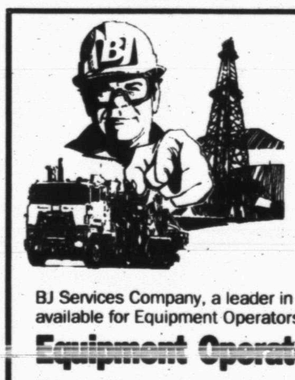
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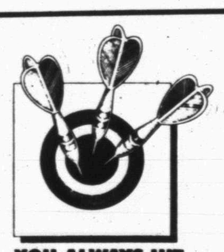
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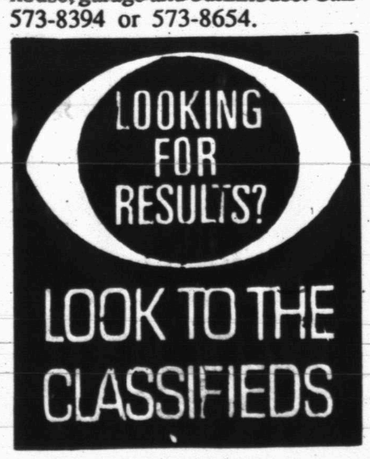
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Federal judge strikes down Alabama's 1993 law on school prayer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A federal judge today struck down Alabama's 1993 school prayer law, saying it wrongly coerced schoolchildren to participate in religious activity.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Ira DeMent is the latest in a series of court decisions knocking down attempts by Alabama governors and legislators to put school prayer laws on the books.

The 1993 law said "non-sectarian, non-proselytizing student-initiated, voluntary prayer" must be permitted during any school-related event.

The judge said the law was unconstitutional partly because it "creates excessive entanglement between religion and the state" by forcing school officials to continually monitor the content of prayer and the conduct of dissenting students.

The judge's ruling came in a lawsuit filed last year by Michael Chandler, an assistant principal in DeKalb County, and a student's mother in Talladega County. They contended the law had led to teachers requiring students to pray out loud in class and give readings from the Bible, with students told to stand in the hall if they didn't want to take part.

8 people in custody, two on felony charges

It was a busy 24-hour period for local law enforcement officers, who arrested eight people, including two on felony charges.

Edward Dewayne Presley, 37, of 11613 County Road 30 in Midland was arrested at 3 p.m. Wednesday on a Scurry County grand jury indictment for theft. Presley is charged with stealing two head of cattle from Lafrances Presley on July 13, 1996 and 11 more head on Jan. 28 of this year.

Presley was also arrested on a local warrant for issuance of a bad check and Fisher County DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

Kim Allen Johnson, 31, of 2606 Ave. U was arrested at his home at 5:36 p.m. on a felony warrant to revoke his probation and a warrant for obstruction/ retaliation.

Officers arrested a 28-year-old male at 7:39 a.m. in the 1800 block of 24th Street on an outstanding DPS warrant from Brownwood for no liability insurance.

Officers arrested a 34-year-old female at 1:55 p.m. in the 2100 block of 26th Street on two outstanding city warrants for no liability insurance and failure to appear.

A 34-year-old female was arrested at 2:54 p.m. at the police department on two outstanding city warrants for no liability insurance and failure to appear on each ticket.

At 8:24 p.m., officers arrested a 17-year-old male in the 3800 block of College Avenue for driving without a valid license.

At 12:57 a.m. today, officers arrested two people in the 1000 block of 28th Street. A 17-year-old female was taken into custody for minor in possession, municipal warrants for minor in possession (2), failure to appear (2) and no driver's license. An 18-year-old male at the scene was arrested for interference with public duties.

A man notified officers at 12:29 p.m. Wednesday that his cellular phone had been stolen. A woman at Travel Inn later brought police a cellular phone she said she had found. The phone was identified as belonging to the complaintant.

Snyder Fire Department extinguished a grass fire behind Mail Center Plus at 1:07 p.m.

A woman contacted police from the 3200 block of Avenue H at 7:06 p.m. Wednesday in reference to kids in the neighborhood throwing rocks at her children. She said one of her children had been struck in the back of the head with a rock. A report for Class A assault was filed.

Police were called to the 1000 block of 28th Street at 12:20 a.m. today, where it was determined a male had assaulted a female. The woman refused to file charges. Officers submitted an offense report for family violance and issued a criminal trespass warning to the male.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	85⅞	84⅜	85⅞	+ ½
AT&T Corps	35¼	35⅛	35⅛	— ⅛
AirTouch	26	25⅞	25⅞	— ⅛
Albertsons		36	35¼	36
AlldSignal	74⅜	73⅜	74⅛	— ⅜
Alltel	34⅜	34¼	34⅜	— ⅛
AmerOnline	45½	43¼	45⅛	+ ⅞
AmStores	44⅜	44¼	44⅜	— ⅛
Ameritech	61¼	60⅜	61⅛	— ⅛
Amoco	87⅞	87⅛	87⅝	— ⅜
AndarkPtr	56⅞	56¼	56½	+ ¼
ArmcoInc		3⅜	3⅜	3⅜
AtlRichfld	125⅞	125⅛	125⅞	+ ⅛
ATMOS Egy		24¼	24¼	24¼
Aviall	11⅛	11	11	— ⅛
BakerHughes	37⅞	37⅜	37⅜	— ⅛
BellAtl	65	64¼	64⅝	— ⅜
BellSouth	43⅞	43⅜	43⅜	— ⅛
BethSteel	8⅜	8¼	8⅛	— ⅛
BritPet	134½	133½	133⅝	— ¼
BurlNoSFe	84⅜	83⅛	83½	+ ⅜
Caterpillar	80½	79⅛	79⅜	—1
CenSoWst	23⅛	23¼	23⅛	— ⅛
Chevron	66⅝	66⅛	66¼	— ⅜
Chrysler s	31⅛	30⅞	31	— ⅛
Coastal	47⅜	47¼	47¼	— ⅛
CocaColas	60⅛	59¼	60	—1
ColgatePalm	109¾	109	109⅜	— ⅜
CooperIn	46½	46¼	46⅜	— ⅛
CyprusAmax		24¼	23¾	24¼
DellComco		25¼	25¼	25¼
DeltaAirl	86⅜	85½	86½	+ ⅛
DigitalEq	30¼	29⅜	30	+ ⅛
Dillard	31¼	30⅛	31	— ⅜
DowChem	84¼	83¼	83⅜	— ⅜
DresserInd	30½	30	30⅛	— ⅜
DuPont	112	111¼	111⅜	— ½
EastmanChem	55⅜	55¼	55¼	— ⅛
EstKodak	91⅜	90⅛	91	— ⅜
EDS Corp	44⅜	44¼	44⅜	— ⅜
Enserch	21⅜	21	11-16	21⅜ — ⅛
Entergy	26	25¾	25⅞	— ⅛
Exxon	101¼	100⅝	101	— ½
Exxonwi		51⅛	51	51
FstBksAm		10⅞	10⅝	10⅞
Flowers	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	+ ⅛
FordMotor	32⅛	32⅛	32¼	— ⅛
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MayDeptStrs	48⅜	48	48¼	— ⅛
Medtronic	66⅛	65⅜	65⅝	— ⅜
Mobil	130	129⅛	129¼	—1
Monsanto s	40⅛	39⅝	40	— ⅛
Motorola	57¼	56⅜	56⅝	— ¼
NCR Corp n		37⅛	36⅞	37⅛
NationsBk s	62	61¼	61¼	—1⅛
Navistar	9⅛	9	7-16	9⅛ — ⅛
NoramEngy	15	14⅞	15	+ ⅛
Norwest	51⅛	51	51⅛	— ⅛
Nynex	48⅜	48⅜	48⅛	— ⅛
OryxEngy	19⅛	18⅜	18⅛	— ⅛
PacTelesis	40	39⅜	39⅝	—1
PanEnergy	43¼	43	43⅛	— ⅛
Penney JC	50⅛	50⅛	50⅝	— ⅛
Pennzoil	53¼	52⅛	53	+ ⅛
PepBoys	33⅜	33¼	33⅜	— ⅛
PepsiCo s	32	31⅛	31⅜	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	77	76⅛	76⅝	— ⅛
PhilipPet	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛	— ⅛
Polaroid	41¼	41¼	41½	— ⅛
Praxair	49⅜	49¼	49⅜	— ⅛
ProctGamble	124⅛	122¼	123¼	—1⅜
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Tandy	53⅛	52½	53	+ ⅛
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Tenneco	40⅝	40	40	— ⅛
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USX Delhi	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	— ⅛
USX-Marathn	27¼	27	27	— ⅜
USX-USS	29⅛	29⅛	29⅝	— ⅛
UnCarbde		49¼	48⅞	48⅞
UnPac s	61	60⅜	60⅝	— ⅜
UnitedTech s	76⅜	75⅝	75⅞	—1⅜
Unocal	39⅜	39¼	39⅜	— ⅛
WalMart	29⅜	28⅞	29	+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	19⅛	19	19	— ⅜
WestghEl		19⅛	18⅜	19
WinnDixie	32⅜	32⅛	32¼	— ⅛
Woolworth		23	22	23
XeroxCp s	62⅞	62⅛	62⅜	+ ⅛
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Scurry County Country



Town & County Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Violence in the media

The average American child views about 22 hours of television per week. By age 70, seven to 10 years of life have been spent watching television. In Saturday morning cartoons, children witness 20-25 acts of violence per hour. Two to five violent acts occur during each hour of prime-time television. A common theme in American media is that violence is justified, particularly by the "good" guy.

More than 100 studies document a connection between violence in the media and aggressive behavior in children. At a time when guns rank as one of the leading causes of death among children and youth, gun-play and references to guns are still commonplace on prime-time television, in the movies, in video games and in music lyrics.

Parents who are concerned about the amount of violence in the media can do a number of things to have an impact on their children, neighborhoods, state and nation.

At home, parents can set a specific amount of television viewing time allowed each day. When the allowed time is used, the television is turned off. Families can plan ahead for which shows they really want to watch. Parents can discuss the limits they place on the types of programs which can be viewed. Parents also can watch television with their child and talk about the violent acts they see. It's good to focus on the consequences of the violence on the victim. Parents can also pay attention to other violence to which their child is exposed. Parents can limit or eliminate violent toys and games in their children's lives.

Parents can talk with neighbors and parents of their children's friends. Let them know about your rules and ask if they have rules or limits on television and violent play.

Parents can expect friends of their children to follow house rules on television and violent play when visiting. Parents can also help to organize play groups and other non-violent activities for children.

Parents can make a difference in what is shown on television by making their views known to both the networks and the companies who advertise during programs. Write to the national networks and let them know that you will not allow specific shows to be viewed in your home. Write to companies who advertise during shows with violent scenes and let them know you will not support or buy their product until they choose to market during "family-friendly" shows.

Parents can play with and read to their children instead of watching television. Children love the adult attention and it will give you an opportunity to talk about your views on violence in a nurturing and loving environment.

Otto Kahn, the main benefactor of New York's Metropolitan Opera House in the early 1900s, was not allowed to own a box there because he was Jewish.

Inhabitants of the high Andes Mountains have about 20 percent more blood than people living at lower elevations.

Spring Ride for Rehab planned for April 19-20

The Spring Trail Ride for Rehab is scheduled for the weekend of April 19-20 at the Chadbourne Ranch in Coke County near Bronte. Registration will begin April 18 after 3 p.m. and continues Saturday, April 19 beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteer Trail Ride Chairmen are Kelly Gill, Mac Sayles and Thomas Hicks.

The weekend will feature a day-long ride on Saturday and a shorter ride on Sunday morning, and three meals will be served. First aid and restroom facilities will be available. Saturday evening entertainment will be provided by Sam Davis, cowboy poet, from Abilene. Davis will also lead a worship service on Sunday morning. In addition, weekend activities will feature a number of auction items.

The Chadbourne Ranch is located in the picturesque hills of Coke County and is the site of historic Fort Chadbourne. The fort was established in 1852 and in use until 1864. Shortly after the Civil War, G.G. Odom settled in the area and founded the Chadbourne Ranch at the site of the fort. The ranch is still owned by his descendents.

Expenses for the event are underwritten by Lawrence Hall Chevrolet, which means that participants' freewill donations will go directly to treatment services at West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene and San Angelo.

Trail Ride Co-chairman Kelly Gill said, "Effective January 1, regulations require a negative Coggins test within the past twelve months for any participation in any trail ride, show, fair, competition or other event where equine are gathered. Your voluntary compliance is appreciated."

To sign up for the trail ride or for additional information, contact John Thomas, Abilene, Abilene, 915-691-7290, Ellen Bown, San Angelo, 915-949-9535, or after 7 p.m., Mac Sayles, Tuscola, 915-554-7884.

Sheep raisers slate meeting

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association members in District 2 will meet at the Cowboy Country Club, three miles East of Mertzon on Hwy. 67 on Wednesday.

The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the noon meal hosted by West Texas Wool & Mohair. The business session will get under way at 1:30 p.m. Gary McGeehee of Mertzon is district chairman and is in charge of local arrangements.

TS&GRA officers will go over plans for an expanded membership drive as well as the proposed referendum on sheep and goats. Executive Director Zane Willard will review legislation at the state and national level which could adversely affect sheep and goat producers.

Directors to serve the district for the 1997-98 term will be elected at the close of the meeting. District 2 is made up of the counties of Andrews, Borden, Crane, Crockett, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Loving, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Reagan, Scurry, Sterling, Upton, Ward and Winkler.

Serving in District 2 from Gail are Joel Dennis and Van York.

Peanut growers scheduled to vote

TIFTON, Ga. (AP) — Peanut growers will begin voting Saturday on whether to continue the life of the Georgia Peanut Commission.

The commission, which operates on a $2-a-ton levy on farmers, has been under fire from some who contend it is spending too much money without adequate accountability. The agency promotes uses of peanuts.

"If we lose (the commission) I firmly believe we'll lose the program," board member Billy Griggs told an audience of growers.

Mitchell County farmer T.E. Akridge III told commission leaders to end the strife with the Georgia Peanut Producers Association.

"We're sitting around making mud pies and throwing them at one another" when growers should be united to survive an onslaught of quota cuts, reduced trade barriers and unstable demand, Akridge said.

NRCS Notes

By Terry Hefner, Soil Conservationist

NOTE: The following is a reprint of the "Forward" to the 1948 Yearbook of Agriculture written by, then Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson. Secretary Anderson's message is as appropriate today as it was in 1948.

A happy sign in this troubled year is the conviction held by many people that the time is now and the chance is here to plan for a more secure agriculture in the United States.

In conferences and meetings in the past twelve months I have encountered this conviction and sensed its force as I have traveled the length and breadth of the country. I have encountered it, stronger than ever before, on Capital Hill and in rural communities where men and women have gathered to consider present urgency and future uncertainty.

They apply different words to the goal they mean to reach. Some call it a balanced agriculture or permanence in farming. Some call it stability or continued abundance. Others think of it as converting agriculture from a wartime to a peacetime basis. But, whatever the words, they express a common idea — the goal of security. To the farmer, security means year-to-year and generation-to-generation assurance that he can use his land as it should be used, free from fear of boom or bust; that he will have a fair market for the products of his soil and toil; that he will get the amenities that he earns; that he can serve community and country.

And many of the people with whom I have talked look upon grassland as the foundation of security in agriculture. They believe in grass, and so do I, in the way we believe in the practice of conservation, or in good farming, or prosperity, or cooperation. For grass is all those things; it is not just a crop. Grassland agriculture is a good way to farm and to live, the best way I know of to use and improve soil, the very thing on which or life and civilization rest.

Through the foods that come from it, grass can give us better health. It is our alliance with nature. It is a tool against floods and a guardian of the water supplies of cities.

It is a course of strength as we face that time when we shall give less emphasis to commodities likely to produce surpluses and instead direct more attention to practices designed to sustain the productivity of our soils. Indeed, because we now produce a great deal more than before the war, we are to that extent placing an extraordinary burden on the land. Our land resources will be better used when we can turn more to grass and livestock farming.

Grass has other important values, as told in this yearbook. I pass over them now, except one which is seldom mentioned but which I think of often as I travel and see the beauty of our country. I am particularly conscious of it now, as I write these lines in May of 1948, when spring brings out again her mantle of green and I am preparing to leave the Secretaryship of Agriculture.

That use is the use of beauty itself. Grass can make beautiful the hillsides, school yards, roadsides, farmsteads; in doing so it brings greater utility and efficiency.

Beauty also brings serenity, and serenity is a quality we and the troubled world need.

Clinton P. Anderson

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Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,434 head of cattle for the Thursday, March 6 Sale. Cows were $5 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows (high dressing, cutters, utility) 40 to 45.75; Canner and low cutters 32 to 40; Slaughter bulls 42 to 56.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 80 to 100; 400 to 500, 80 to 90; 500 to 600, 70 to 77.50; 600 to 700, 65 to 75; 700 to 800, 62.50 to 68.50.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 65 to 75; 400 to 500, 62.50 to 68.50; 500 to 600, 62.50 to 68; 600 to 700, 60 to 65; 700 to 800, 58 to 63.50.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 65 to 72.50; 700 to 800, 60 to 65.

Cow and calf pairs, good: 500 tp 750; grade: 350 to 450.

Springers: 275 to 550; baby calves: 70 to 135; doodlers 100 to 190.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

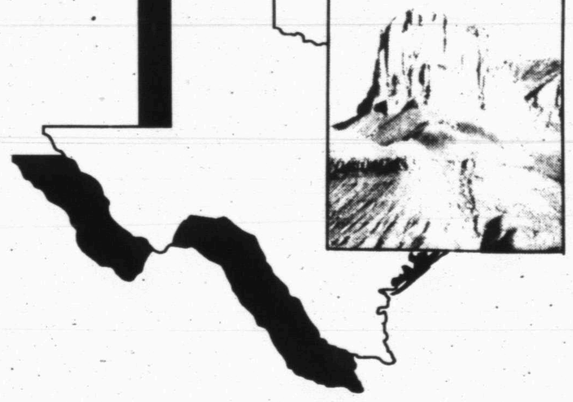
COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a 878 run Saturday, March 8. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $2 lower on heifers. Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Bred cows wewre $10 to $50 a head higher. Young pairs were $20 to $50 higher. Trade was active and demand good.

Heifers:
200 to 400, 67 to 81
400 to 600, 68 to 75.50
600 to 800, 60.50 to 67.50.
Steers:
200 to 400, 82 to 101
400 to 500, 82.50 to 89
500 to 600, 76 to 88
600 to 800, 67.50 to 72.50

Young bred cows: 550 to 670.
Medium age to older bred cows: 440 to 540
Young cows and calves: 670 to 800.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 460 to 600.
Packer cows: High cutter and utility 35 to 43.75; cutter canners 28 to 35.75.
Packer bulls: 48.50 to 52.25.

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Doctors unionizing to battle hospitals, HMOs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joining a union never crossed Dr. Keith Shelman's mind.

Then he got a dose of corporate medicine.

Across the country, doctors like Shelman who feel they have lost control of patient care to corporate accountants are looking to labor unions as a way to collectively gain leverage against hospitals, clinics and managed care groups.

"This is not like you're talking to steel workers or auto workers who grew up with this," Shelman said. "You're talking to people who are biased toward conservativism. We look at this like it's our last chance."

Shelman was among 92 doctors at the Thomas-Davis Medical Centers in Tucson, Ariz., who voted to join an affiliate of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees this winter.

"The major barrier to health care and our success as physicians is no longer the patients' illnesses, but the system," said Shelman, who has practiced internal medicine for more than a decade.

In recent months, podiatrists nationwide and physicians in New York also have voted to unionize, either directly or by affiliating through professional associations.

More medical men and women from Philadelphia to Oregon are expected to join the ranks of organized labor soon.

The doctors say the conflict at the heart of the debate is obvious: A physician's primary responsibility is to the patient; a corporate executive is responsible for the bottom line.

"The insurers have taken control of patient care, and we're trying to keep control," said Dr. Raymond Lodise, president of the 4,000-member Philadelphia County Medical Society. "We know that unions have tremendous influence with legislators and we know that unions deal with people who are affected by managed care."

Affiliation with the labor movement will allow some doctors to bring patient care issues — such as restrictions on referrals to specialists and the amount of time they may spend with each patient — to the bargaining table when they negotiate contracts with health care organizations.

Will unionizing help a doctor's bottom line?

"Money is not the issue," said Dr. Richard Osborne. "The main thrust of your bargaining ... is going to be altering working conditions, and that is going to directly affect patient care."

But there may be financial advantages: Doctors allied with labor will have a leg up in marketing their services to thousands of union members.

And union leaders, keen to increase their ranks, see fresh recruits and the promise of a powerful alliance.

Doctors and union officials complain that health care corporations are operating with impunity under the current system. Many are exempt from antitrust laws, and some can claim immunity from malpractice suits under laws governing employee benefits.

"There are tremendous issues that need to be addressed in this whole health care arena, and the public is not aware of most of them," Osborne said.

Osborne, an independent anesthesiologist who organized the Tucson doctors into the Federation of Physicians and Dentists, said individual doctors who agitate on behalf of their patients might find themselves out of a managed care contract.

By joining forces, doctors hope to speak up more effectively.

"If you're going to provide a service, the patient who pays his premiums every month should not have to stand in line for care," Osborne said. "They make money by making people stand in line for care."

The National Labor Relations Board recognized the Thomas-Davis physicians' 92-23 vote to unionize, but the parent company is fighting them in court.

In October, podiatrists from across the country formed a national guild and affiliated with the Office and Professional Employees International Union. Last month, 2,100 members of an independent practitioners association on Long Island also affiliated with OPEIU.

Inspired by the podiatrists and an enthusiastic gathering of 200 of his members, Lodise plans a regional meeting today to discuss unionizing as many as 16,000 medical society members in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Doctors not employed by public hospitals or under a managed care group must form physician associations before unionizing in order to avoid antitrust laws.

Man more concerned about next meal

DALLAS (AP) — Gilbert Davila seemed more concerned about his next meal than he did about a jury's decision where he will spend the next 40 years.

A jury had just returned a sentence Wednesday of life in prison for Davila, 19, for the beating death of a hotel worker last fall.

Davila had a glum expression until jurors left the courtroom. Then he broke into a wide grin and asked his lawyer how quickly he would be returned to his cell.

"Will they get me back over there before dinner?" Davila asked.

Davila's apparent nonchalance upset relatives of Charles Jones, a 65-year-old bell captain who was slain at an Oak Cliff bus stop.

"He showed no remorse at all," said Jones' sister, Mae Walker. "There's no place on the street for people like that. I'm glad he's getting a life sentence so nobody else will have to go through what we went through."

Jones was killed last Oct. 10 when waiting for an early morning bus to his job at the Le Meridien Dallas hotel in downtown Dallas.

Witnesses said four men attacked Jones and another man with makeshift clubs.

Davila told police that, after a day of drinking and drugs, he and the others were searching for people to rob to buy more beer and cocaine.

Defense lawyer Matt Fry told jurors in closing arguments that they should discount Davila's confession. He complained that a veteran police detective "played this 19-year-old young man like a violin" in getting him to admit the killing.

Fry also argued that they should not convict Davila of capital murder because prosecutors failed to show he intended to kill Jones.

Proscutor Rick Jackson grabbed a two-foot-long metal bar found near Jones' body and slammed it against the witness stand.

Evidence showed that Jones was struck 11 times in the head with the bar, Jackson said.

"You don't hit someone 11 times in the head if you're just trying to knock them down, if you're just trying to make them stop running," he shouted.

Davila will be required to serve at least 40 years before he is eligible to seek parole.

Millions of children without insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children's advocates renewed their call for extending health insurance to all children, seizing on new government figures showing that one in seven children lacked coverage in 1995.

The Census Bureau's estimate that 9.8 million children, or 13.8 percent, were uninsured matched previous estimates but added new fuel to the efforts of advocacy groups lobbying to extend coverage.

"If this country provides every 66-year-old with health insurance (through Medicare), why not every 6-year-old or every 16-year-old?" asked Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund.

The Census statistics show the number of uninsured children dropped slightly from 1994, when 14.2 percent, or just over 10 million children, were uninsured at some time during the year. Statistically, the number of uninsured children has remained at about the same level since 1993, said Robert Bennefield, an analyst for the Census Bureau.

Over a 28-month period between 1992 and 1994, the government said, 30 percent of children lacked health insurance for at least one month. But just 4 percent were uninsured for the entire period.

The Census also reported that in 1995:

Most of the uninsured children's parents work part-time, for small businesses or for other employers who do not provide insurance.

—Hispanic children were the least likely to have health insurance, with 26.8 percent uninsured in 1995. For blacks, it was 15.3 percent; whites, 13.4 percent.

—Medicaid covered 45.4 percent of all black children, 37.4 percent of Hispanic children and 18.3 percent of white children.

—Poor children made up just one-third of the uninsured children. Most poor people have health insurance through Medicaid, the federal-state health program for the poor.

—Two-thirds of children were covered by private insurance at some time during 1995, up slightly from 1994. Until 1995, the percentage had been dropping steadily since 1989, when 73.6 percent of children were covered by private insurance.

—Medicaid covered 23.2 percent of children. That has grown steadily since 1989, when 19.2 percent of children were in the program.

There are several Democratic proposals to cover children this year, from Senate and House leaders and from President Clinton. Republican Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas said he will propose his own legislation.

"Every 48 seconds a child is born without health insurance," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Wednesday. "We're here to announce that there is no better time than now to reverse these trends."

Daschle's legislation gives families tax credits to help them buy insurance for their children, and Massachusetts Sens. Edward Kennedy and John Kerrey, both Democrats, have proposed a voucher system. Both plans seek to cover all 10 million uninsured children.

Clinton wants $18 billion over five years to cover 5 million children. He wants to reach out to almost 3 million children who qualify for Medicaid but are not enrolled and would give states grants to develop their own plans to cover the rest.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, March 14, 1997

Acquaintances who were indifferent to your material needs might do an about-face in the year ahead and help you to improve your lot in life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you've been contemplating improvements in your surroundings, this is a good day to do something serious about them. If you begin now, you'll finish what you start. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You should do exceptionally well today in things that require mental dexterity and imaginative thinking. Give these matters priority if they are of real worth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you have any significant financial dealings pending, strive for closure today; you will probably fare better today than tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Promptly assume management yourself today if an endeavor that affects your welfare — as well as the interests of others — is wobbling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Play it smart today and let your counterpart do most of the talking about the terms and conditions of an arrangement you're trying to negotiate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A new opportunity you're interested in has an excellent chance of success today if you move promptly. Award it the attention and respect it deserves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Material gratification isn't a dirty word for you today. If this is your motivation, find ways to provide more for those you love as well as for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be positive regarding the outcome of events today, even though you might not be functioning under optimum conditions. Focus on hopeful expectations, not despair.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Owing to extraordinary circumstances, a secret desire you've been nourishing might come to fruition today. Ask not how or why, just be grateful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone who has your best interest at heart might make an important decision on your behalf today. However, you may not learn of this until later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not think something you're working on won't be acknowledged by individuals you want to impress. Applause is in the offing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your behavior and your quick thinking will win you the respect and support of two new allies today. You have been eager to get them into your camp.

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Date Book

March 13, 1997

Today is the 72nd day of 1997 and the 83rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered.

On this day in 1943, a plot to kill Hitler was hatched by German army officers.

On this day in 1983, "The Larry King Show" premiered.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Priestley (1733-1804), chemist; Percival Lowell (1855-1916), astronomer; Oswald Garrison Villard (1872-1949), editor-journalist; Janet Flanner (1892-1978), journalist; L. Ron Hubbard (1911-1986), religious leader-writer; Neil Sedaka (1939-), singer-songwriter, is 58; Dana Delany (1957-), actress, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1961, Floyd Paterson knocked out Ingemar Johansson to retain the heavyweight-boxing title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A slight sound at evening lifts me up by the ears, and makes life seem inexpressibly serene and grand. It may be in Uranus, or it may be in the shutter." — Henry David Thoreau

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1993, blizzard conditions in northern Georgia left snow drifts 10 feet deep in some areas.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 8) and first quarter (March 15).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Eating sensibly for weight loss

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am overweight. As part of a diet, are there any foods that are low-calorie but nutritious? I crave food and believe that if I could modify my consumption, I would shed pounds.

DEAR READER: You are absolutely correct that the cornerstone of a weight-reduction diet is low-calorie food that provides nutritional benefits.

To accomplish your goal, I suggest that you substitute raw vegetables for less-nutritious edibles, such as food containing sugar or fat.

The vegetables, which are low in calories, will provide vitamins, fiber and other health benefits, as well as blunting your hunger. I often recommend that stout patients keep a supply of uncooked vegetables in the refrigerator for snacking. Such vegetables can be quite delicious if spiced up with low-calorie, fat-free dip or dressing.

In the event that you miss eating sweet substances, you can try supplementing your diet with sugar-free products. However, the vegetables should help you to lose weight without health risks, assuming that you also consume protein (meat, poultry, fish, and grains) at least twice a day.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been prescribed Nardil (once a day) and Xanax (four times a day) for panic attacks. After learning of the potential side effects of these drugs — especially the habituation potential — I am eager to wean myself off them. How do I start and with which one?

DEAR READER: First of all, you should discuss this situation with your doctor and follow her advice.

However, your problem is not unique. Here is what I suggest, if your physician agrees.

Nardil is an anti-depressant that is particularly useful in relieving associated anxiety. I'd leave this drug alone for the time being, because it's probably the more effective of the two prescriptions and usually is free of side effects. (Hypertension, dizziness, sedation, fatigue, weakness, and constipation occur in a small ercentage of users.)

Start reducing the Xanax by one pill a day. After a week of three a day, cut back to two; after a week or two on this dose, try one a day. (You may need to use occasional extra doses if you feel particularly stressed and uneasy.) Take one a day for two weeks, then a half a day for another two weeks. If you feel all right at that point, stop the Xanax entirely and use only the Nardil.

Should you subsequently decide to taper off the Nardil, ask your physician for an appropriate schedule.

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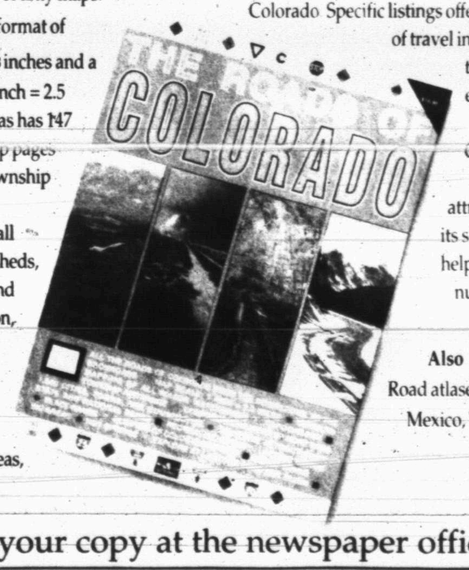
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Salinger now claims he has proof Navy missile brought down TWA

Attorney general, FBI official dispute report

PARIS (AP) — Pierre Salinger today offered an expanded version of his theory that a Navy missile shot down TWA Flight 800, this time releasing a 69-page document and a set of radar images to bolster his case.

"We have now reached the point where we are totally sure what we are saying is true," Salinger, a former ABC newsman and press secretary to President Kennedy, told a news conference.

Salinger, whose original claim that friendly fire brought down the jet was widely discredited, said that this time, he had absolute proof. But when asked about the expanded report, Attorney General Janet Reno told reporters: "I am advised that there is no evidence of that."

FBI Assistant Director James Kallstrom responded with scorn.

"The American people should know that the ridiculous claims of Pierre Salinger and his so-called investigative team are based on erroneous chatter on the Internet, so-called witnesses — most of whom deny what he claims they said to him — and just plain false information," Kallstrom told The Associated Press this morning.

The head of the National Transportation Safety Board also disputed Salinger's expanded report.

"We have looked at all the radar data. There is no evidence on any of the radar data of a missile tracking toward TWA 800," Jim Hall told ABC TV's "Good Morning America," speaking in Washington.

A source close to the investigation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the radar shows Flight 800 and other aircraft but no missile.

Salinger and Mike Sommer, identified as an former investigative reporter and news executive for ABC, presented a set of radar images they said were taken from an air traffic control video from John F. Kennedy International Airport, where the flight took off July 17, 1996.

The images, also published in Paris-Match magazine, show a blip identified as Flight 800, and another blip heading toward it that Salinger claims is the missile that brought down the plane.

The tape "completely confirms a missile fired down TWA 800," Salinger said.

Early Tuesday, the FBI seized a videotape, supposedly showing the radar images, from the Florida home of retired United Airlines pilot Richard Russell.

Salinger first based his friendly fire claim on a memo Russell wrote and circulated on the Internet.

At the news conference, Salinger and Sommer claimed the missile was fired during a "super-secret" U.S. Navy exercise off Long Island, N.Y., and was meant to target a Tomahawk missile, but hit Flight 800 instead.

Shooting leaves 7 dead

NAHARAYIM, Jordan (AP) — A Jordanian soldier opened fire with an automatic rifle today, killing seven Israeli junior high school girls who were on a field trip to the "Island of Peace" in the Jordan River.

Six other eighth-graders were wounded before the gunman, who chased the students while firing, was overpowered by other Jordanian soldiers.

Initial reports said he started firing from a watch tower, but Israel TV said he was in a jeep. That report said he grabbed a weapon from a fellow soldier, shot him and then opened fire on the terrified students who were 50 yards away. He changed clips in his weapon and fired more shots before he was overpowered by other soldiers.

The soldiers said the attacker was mentally unstable, but Israeli leaders linked the shooting to the this week's harsh Jordanian criticism of Israel over the impasse in the Mideast peace talks.

The soldier opened fire while about 80 students stood near a watch tower on a grassy hill on the island of Naharayim. A sign at the entrance reads "The Island of Peace."

"I heard shots," said one of the wounded girls, identified only as Oranit. "I turned around and saw a soldier put in a magazine clip and fire. We ran down the hill and took cover. He fired at my hand."

A witness, Raz Hess, said at one point the soldier fired from close range and aimed at the head of one of the girls. Hess said other Jordanian soldiers stood by as the gunman fired and "did nothing until he finished shooting."

The shooting comes at a time of crisis between Jordan and Israel over an impasse in Mideast peacemaking. King Hussein of Jordan said he would cut short a trip to Spain and the United States and return home later today.

In a phone call to Israeli President Ezer Weizman, Hussein said he felt the bullets had been directed "against him and his sons and daughters," a statement by the monarch said.

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy suggested there was a link between the shooting and the king' unprecedented criticism of Israeli this week.

Ohio River cresting today; sandbagging continuing

SMITHLAND, Ky. (AP) — Unlike many of her neighbors, Jo Roberts stayed in her 157-year-old home as the murky-brown Ohio River swelled and began lapping against sandbags.

Her precautions — she hired men to lug expensive antiques upstairs and put furniture on blocks — apparently were unnecessary.

The National Weather Service said Wednesday that its earlier prediction about the river climbing to 53 feet, 13 feet past flood stage, was wildly off the mark. The river was cresting today at 51.7 feet, unchanged from Wednesday night.

The Ohio's tributaries weren't dumping as much runoff into the river as expected, weather service hydrologist Dave Reed said.

"There were some uncertainties about how much water they could take," he said. "We felt we had better go out with that (higher number). It's better to be a little more prepared than not."

Ask Us

Q—There is a sign in the west end of Towle Park that reads: No camping in tents overnight. Why, and will it affect the Fourth of July?

A—County officials said general camping throughout the park has been stopped because of vandalism, particularly around the Fourth of July. However, those who have booths at the park will be allowed to stay overnight to watch over their possessions.

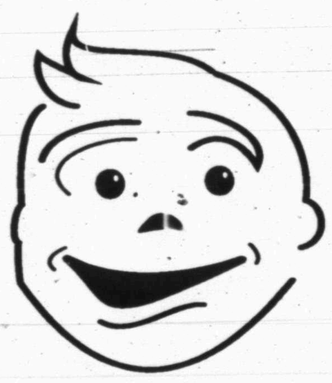
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Rhonda Hester

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Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Rhonda Hester of Snyder who died this morning of injuries sustained in an automobile accident south of Snyder. She was 45.

She was born on Feb. 13, 1952 in Snyder. Mrs. Hester was an employee of A&M Composites in Coahoma.

Survivors include her husband, Ron Hester of Snyder; one daughter, Damona Goss of San Angelo; two stepchildren, Angie Morris and Justin Hester, both of Snyder; her mother, Evelyn Windham of Menard; a sister, Rosie Comer of Big Spring; and a brother, Randy Lawson of Menard.

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What's Up?

Alliance meeting changed

Today's Ministerial Alliance meeting has been changed to 10 a.m. next Thursday at Rudy's.

Hamburger fund-raiser

A hamburger lunch and supper is planned Friday and Saturday at Moffett Field, as a fund-raiser for the Snyder High School baseball program. The event is sponsored by the booster club.

Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

Free tax help provided

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

Wildflower tours available

Scurry County Museum will be conducting wildflower tours from April 7-30. Tours should be scheduled at least five days in advance by calling 573-6107. The tours will be given by Western Texas College botany students.

Skate Night planned

Snyder Noon Kiwanis will sponsor Skate Night from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Scurry County Coliseum. Admission is $2 for skaters and $1 for spectators. Concessions will be available. All ages are welcome. Bring your own skates.

Art and writing contest

Area schools are invited to participate in the 11th annual Texas Wildflower Program at Scurry County Museum. The program will feature creative art and writing. Projects will be accepted March 24-27. The display will open April 7 and close May 9. For information, call 573-6107.

SNS needs financial help

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

Adult education classes

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

Ira gospel singing

Ira First Baptist, Church of God, Church of Christ and United Methodist are hosting a community singing at the Ira School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Call Judy Smallwood at 573-5785 or Linda Darnell at 573-9527 to have your group placed on the program.

Everyone is invited.

AARP chapter to meet

The local AARP chapter will meet at noon Monday in the Senior Center. Cogdell Hospital administrators Jeff Reecer and Jerry Vestal will be the guest speakers. A board meeting will follow the program.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Hermleigh Booster Club

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the high school.

Boys & Girls Club meeting

The Boys & Girls Club board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the club, 1500 28th Street. Agenda items include summer fund-raising events, employee salaries, building renovations, adding additional board members and United Way. Visitors are welcome.

Pick 3

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

9-8-7

(nine, eight, seven)

Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 2-12-40-42-46-48.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.
Number matching six of six: none.
Matching five of six: 65. Prize: $2,114.
Matching four of six: 4,177. Prize: $120.
Matching three of six: 77,783. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
Estimated jackpot: $9 million.

We would like to inform the people of Scurry County that the Ricky Howell who has been indicted for rape is **NOT** our son and **NOT** any kin to us.

Our son Ricky Howell was born here, grew up here, and coached and taught history in Snyder High School in the mid 80's. Our son is 40 years old and is serving as elementary principal in Bronte, Texas. He is living happily with his wife Kathy (Atkinson), son Wes and daughter Kailey.

Joy & Wilson Howell