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Chamber recognizes leaders, future leaders

A bright future for kids through reading and a positive vision for Snyder through unity were embraced by speakers during Snyder Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet here Tuesday evening.

More than 500 local and area citizens came to hear First Lady of Texas Laura Bush speak and to recognize and honor fellow citizens.

Framed by a rainbow of colored balloons and surrounded by children's artwork, Mrs. Bush told those attending that the education of children is the top priority in Texas.

"The children of Texas have dreams of bright futures and it is up to us to help them realize those dreams. I am so glad that I could be a part of your efforts and your fun tonight, and I love seeing all the wonderful creations by the talented children of Snyder," said Mrs. Bush, who travels the state promoting reading and family literacy.

A native of Midland and the wife of Governor George W. Bush, she is a former public school librarian and helped organize the Texas Book Festival.

"The education of children is a top priority in Texas. In fact, the Governor believes that education is to Texas what national defense is to the country: our most important function," she told those in attendance.

The theme of the banquet was marked by the East Elementary fourth grade choir, which entertained the crowd with songs on the importance of reading. Later, eight school children were awarded $50 savings bonds from American State Bank as winners of writing and drawing contests.

First, however, Scurry County honored adults who have contributed of themselves.

Phil Ragland was awarded the Sizemore Award, a presentation which goes each year to an outstanding member of the chamber's Gold Coats organization. It was the fourth time Ragland has received the award. He was given the honor in 1995, 1990 and, along with Sam Robertson, in 1989.

Only R.C. Patton, who received the Sizemore Award three times in addition to the Chamber's Choice and Vestal awards, has been honored more.

Howard Limmer, Gold Coat president, presented the award.

Martha Schiebel accepted the Vestal Award, presented by Mayor David Holt. The mayor, who was visibly moved by the presentation, said Mrs. Schiebel was being recognized not only for her contributions to the city, as the award normally exemplifies, but for her humanitarianism.

Keith Collier was awarded the Winston Award for contribution to agricuture. The longtime dairy operator and former sheriff was unable to attend the banquet. Accepting the award for him was his son and partner, Tim Collier. Helen Hatter made the presentation.

Don Burt, manager of Red Man Pipe and Supply, was presented the McLaughlin Award for contribution to the oil industry by Mike Post.

Sixth grade teacher Caddye Claborn received the Excellence in Education Award, presented by Snyder ISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax.

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QUILT FOR LAURA BUSH — Laura Bush, speaker at the chamber of commerce banquet Tuesday evening, was presented a quilt pieced by Mae Brush, center, and quilted by the Senior Center quilters. Admiring the quilt at left is S.D. Hays. Several others helped with the Texas quilt. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

1998 Chamber awards

Sizemore Award	Phil Ragland
Vestal Award	Martha Schiebel
Winston Award	Keith Collier
McLaughlin Award	Don Burt
Education Excellence	Caddye Claborn
Business of Year	Wagon Wheel Ranch
Chamber's Choice	Tammy Valentine

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "An optimist is a guy who always sees the bright side of your problem."

Spring break is over, and folks are getting back into their routines.

New York may never be the same since Snyder's Billy Ray Browning took in the Big Apple. That's right...New York City!

Browning and his wife, Pam, owners of the Wagon Wheel Dude Ranch and Rusty Spur Cafe, accompanied a delegation from Snyder headed by SHS choral director Rhonda Haire.

Billy Ray wore his trade-mark cowboy hat everywhere in New York, but never found a chicken-fried steak.

While eating at some high-brow joints, including Joe Allen's — frequented by the rich and famous — the Snyder delegation did see a couple of celebrities, Mr. Bentley on "The Jeffersons" and Cliff of "Cheers" fame.

"Blend in" was the suggestion given Billy Ray prior to taking off for the city. When Billy Ray grinned, we didn't have to ask if he heeded that advice.

When approached by a panhandler, Billy Ray said he listened to the begger's sad story and then proceeded to tell a hard-luck tale of his own.

The panhandler ended up giving Billy Ray a dollar. Billy Ray said the guy was so moved about his tale of woe, that at first the homeless guy didn't want to take it back.

We hope somebody got a picture of Billy Ray hugging Lady Liberty on Ellis Island.

Roy and Rita Carter, owners of The Shack, also went on a choir-related trip during spring break.

The Carter's daughter, Barbara Perkins, is choral director at Cooper High School in abilene. The Snyder native is a former Snyder Junior High choir director.

The Cooper High Choir, composed of some 70 students, spent the week in England performing and touring historic sites.

The Texans also enjoyed "The Buddy Holly" musical. At the same performance was Holly's widow who was introduced and danced to the final number.

BCD officers to be selected

Election of officers and swearing in of a new board member are key items facing the Board of County Development in a meeting set for noon Thursday.

The board meets in the Development Corporation of Snyder board room at American State Bank.

Pennzoil employee Jerry Martin, appointed in January by Scurry County Commissioners Court, will be sworn in Thursday. He replaces Mark McCormick, who had served three terms and was not eligible for reappointment.

The board will also welcome David Kattes and David Koonce, who were both reappointed in January.

Board members will also elect officers and consider approval of financial statements, bills for payment and previous minutes.

Also on the agenda is sponsorship of the Big Country Resource Conservation & Development for 1988.

Agritech partnership forms to draw investment, industry

The Texas Agritech Corridor Partnership, an effort to create agricultural processing and manufacturing sectors in a 67-county area, will be discussed in a public forum here Thursday.

Scurry County and area citizens involved in agribusiness are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

It is spearheaded by the Texas Department of Economic Development and includes Texas Tech University, the International Agritech Center in San Antonio and Palo Alto Community College.

The idea for the partnership stems from military base closures in Lubbock and San Antonio. The 67-county area stretches from north of Lubbock to just south of San Antonio.

Thirty percent of the state's gross value of agricultural production comes from the area. However, almost all of that production is exported outside Texas for value-added processing and manufacturing.

According to officials, if Texas had the same share of processing operations as it does in commodity production, the output would generate $2.5 billion more in food processing, $1.7 billion more in textile manufacturing and $61 million more in leather product manufacturing.

The goals of the partnership are to attract capital investment for the formation of value-added processing facilities, develop a globally competitive agritechnology workforce, and the technology transfer and commercialization of agritechnologies not currently being maximixed.

Agritech Corridor Partnership

- 8:00 a.m. Registration, coffee, handouts
- 8:30 a.m. Review survey results, corridor demographics and characteristics
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Planning Process I
  Identify value-added manufacturing and processing potentials
  Priorities
  Discussion
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Planning Process II
  Consensus on priorities, value-added potential
  Goal-setting
  Identify strategies to accomplish goals, set timeline
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. Form Area oversight/leadership/communication teams and break into new teams for discussion
- 3:45 p.m. Review and define expectations, benchmarks, assign responsibilities
- 4:15 p.m. Closing

SNS seeks funds, workday helpers

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is in need of assistance from the Snyder community to help ensure that its annual workday is the success that past events have been.

Thomas Fogleman, president of the SNS board of directors, said the organization needs funds and workers.

"We have received donations from most of our regular givers and have picked up a few new donors. However, because of the economic hard times in our community, some of the donations have been smaller than in the past. We need several thousand dollars to equal the donations we have received in the past years," said Fogleman.

SNS helps repair homes for the elderly who cannot afford to have them repaired. SNS has chosen 12 candidates that meet the organization's guidelines this year.

"We are in the process of trying to determine if we will have sufficient funds to do all of the work that the houses are needing," said Fogleman. "Unless we receive additional funds, our budget will be very close."

Last year, the group worked on 10 houses. Fogleman also noted that additional workers will be needed for this year's workday, which is Saturday, April 25.

Most of the churches and civic clubs that have helped in the past have committed to this year's workday.

Donations can be mailed to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, TX 79550 or dropped off at Sam Robertson Insurance or the West Elementary office.

Groups or individuals interested in assisting can contact Fogleman at 573-3538 or leave a message at Sam Robertson's office.

Kids open fire; five killed

13-year-old boy warns he had 'a lot of killing to do'

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — A 13-year-old boy warned friends "he had a lot of killing to do" after he was jilted by a girl. A day later, police said, he and his 11-year-old cousin lured classmates out of school with a false fire alarm, then mowed them down with gunfire.

Four girls and an English teacher who shielded a student from the attack were killed in the ambush Tuesday. Eleven others were wounded. Six people remained hospitalized today, one in critical condition.

Hearings for the boys were scheduled for today, while authorities searched for answers to how the boys got their weapons and why they attacked.

"There's no explanation in my opinion why an 11-year-old or 13-year-old would do something like this," Craighead County Sheriff Dale Haas said. "It breaks my heart."

This morning, one big wreath, two bouquets and a candle were on the sidewalk in front of Westside Middle School. Classes were canceled.

Police did not offer a motive, but classmates said the 13-year-old had recently broken up with his girlfriend. A day earlier, he had said he "had a lot of killing to do," schoolmate Jamie Clevenger told The Jonesboro Sun.

Another student said she saw

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ASK US

Q—I noticed a white, flashing light on top of some of the Snyder ISD school buses. What purpose do they serve?

A—They are additional lights the district added to further alert drivers of the buses. The strobe lights go on when the engine is started.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 83 degrees; low, 48; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 58; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Low around 60. SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, cloudy to partly cloudy, windy, high 80-85. S wind increasing to 20-30 mph, gusty.

Whitley Fulford
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 6:58 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:40 a.m.
Of 83 days in 1998, the sun has shone 81 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life lived for tomorrow will always be just a day away from being realized.

Leo Buscaglia

HIS SONG — His Song will sing the national anthem during the opening of an exibition baseball game Sunday between the Rangers and the Astros. From left are Rick Martin, Gary Martin, Terry Bowden and Ken Spoor. (Contributed Photo)

Ranger baseball game...

Snyder gospel quartet to sing anthem Sunday

His Song, one of Snyder's gospel quartets, will sing the national anthem Sunday afternoon when the Ranger baseball team takes on the Astros in an exhibition game to begin at 1:30 p.m.

Quartet members include Ken Spoor, a self-employed carpenter; Rick Martin, who works for Mid-America Pipeline; Gary Martin who works at the coliseum; and Terry Bowden, who has Tire Time Rental.

His Song performs locally and has sung the anthem at Western Texas College basketball games.

They all attend East Side Church of Christ.

Secret service: Man said he mailed two packages

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — A man who admitted he sent packages of what appears to be gunpowder to two U.S. senators is no stranger to the Secret Service.

The name of the man, who was questioned Tuesday and hasn't been charged, showed up in the Secret Service database of people the agency has encountered while protecting presidents, one agency official said on condition of anonymity.

Black powder was sent in packages containing sweaters to the Columbus, Ohio, office of Sen. John Glenn and the Burlington office of Sen. James Jeffords. It apparently was gunpowder, although it still is being tested, said Charles Tetzlaff, the U.S. attorney in Vermont.

The powder discolored and numbed the hands of three people in Glenn's office Monday. Staffers in Jeffords' office didn't open an interior package containing the powder, said Jeffords spokesman Erik Smulson.

A man who was questioned at his home in Island Pond told agents that he sent both packages, said Doug Ogden, supervisor of the FBI's Columbus office.

In the years 1420 and 1438, wolves roamed the streets of Prais.

Court eyes two sexual harassment cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Supreme Court sex-harassment cases — a lifeguard abused by her supervisor and a ninth-grade student lured into an affair by her teacher — could provide new rules on when employers can be forced to pay the victims.

After hearing arguments today, the court will decide whether employers can be held legally responsible even if they were not aware of the misconduct.

"Sexual harassment is about power — the power of a harassing supervisor to inflict on a female subordinate conduct that he could not impose on any unwilling woman outside of the employment context," lawyers for former Boca Raton, Fla., lifeguard Beth Ann Faragher said in court papers.

Faragher seeks to force the city to pay damages for harassment by two supervisors. She says she was tackled, slapped on the rear end and subjected to sexual comments about her body.

But the city says it should not be held responsible because the two men were acting outside the scope of their duties and city officials did not know about the conduct.

"In this case, there never has been a contention that the city authorized or ratified the sexually harassing conduct," the city's lawyers said in court papers. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled for the city.

Faragher had complained to another supervisor who told her there was nothing he could do. The city had a written sexual harassment policy, but the policy was not circulated and there was no complaint procedure.

Faragher also sued the two men individually, and they were ordered to pay $10,000 in damages.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1986 that on-the-job sexual harassment is illegal discrimination if it is severe or pervasive enough to create a hostile work environment. The high court also ruled in 1992 that sexually harassed students can collect damages from school districts.

But in each case, the court did not say what standard should be used for imposing liability on employers.

Alida Star Gebser is asking the justices to revive her lawsuit against the Lago Vista Independent School District in Travis County, Texas, over a sexual relationship she had with a teacher in 1992 when she was a 14-year-old ninth-grader.

Gebser said the man used his position as a teacher and mentor to lure her into the relationship, and she acknowledged she did not tell her family or school officials about it.

School officials said they could not be held responsible unless they had "actual knowledge" of a risk of sexual harassment. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed and threw out Gebser's lawsuit.

Earlier this month, the Supreme Court ruled that sex harassment at work can be illegal even when the offender and victim are the same sex.

The justices also are hearing arguments in April on whether an employer can be held responsible for a situation in which job conditions were linked to sexual favors, if the employee did not submit and suffered no adverse treatment for the refusal.

Man convicted of extortion against Gates

SEATTLE (AP) — A man who sent threatening letters demanding money from Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates said he really only wanted material for a novel. Instead, he got a conviction on extortion charges.

Adam Quinn Pletcher was found guilty Tuesday of four counts of extortion and could get 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine for each count when he is sentenced May 29, though a prosecutor predicted he would get no more than 10 years.

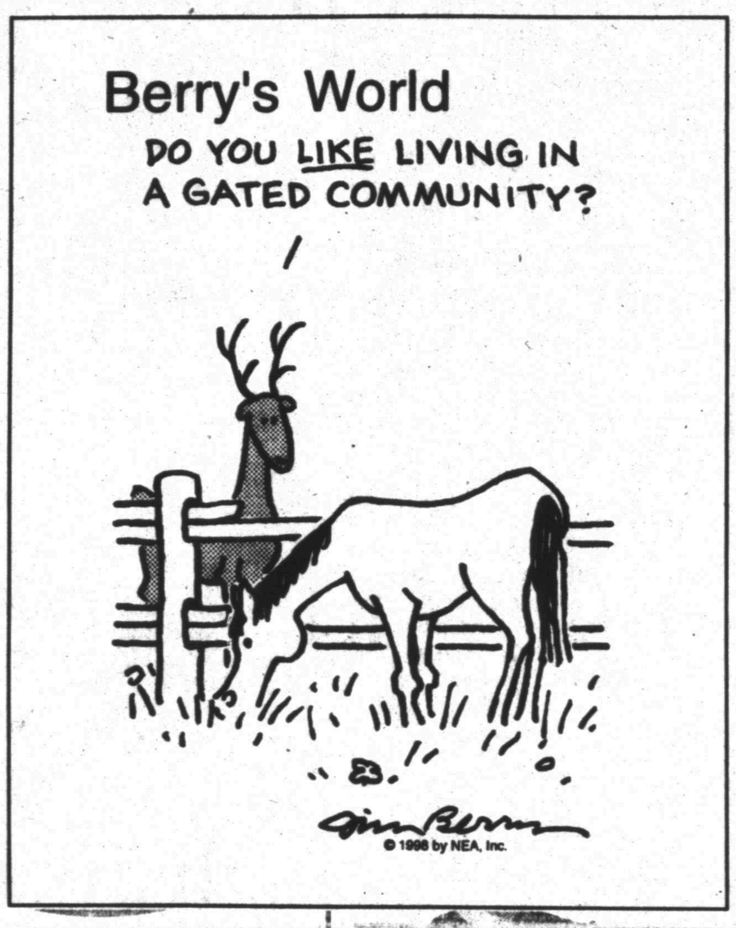
Pletcher, 22, portrayed himself as a 34-year-old former Army Ranger and hit man with a 100 percent kill rate in letters that demanded $5 million from the world's richest man.

Defense lawyer William Palmer, admitting the letters were "at best ill-advised, improper and inappropriate," said Pletcher's lack of intent was shown when he made no move to determine whether his demands had been met.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Redkey said Pletcher's research on offshore banks that offer secret accounts, enticing and encrypted pictures on the Internet and deleted computer files left no doubt about his purpose.

He said Pletcher wanted the money to open a non-alcohol nightclub.

Pletcher testified Tuesday that the letters were to be the basis for a novel inspired by the Sylvester Stallone movie, "Assassins."



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

Last Week's Photos: 1. Stephanie Knipe 2. Don West 3. Bobby Beard 4. Pam Gibson 5. Jimmy Thompson 6. Bill Wilson, III 7. Elton Beck 8. Ray Herring 9. Harold Buchanan 10. Bob Watlington

House leaders swap impeachment charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are accusing Republicans of plotting to use a planned review of the Justice Department as a way to prepare for a possible impeachment inquiry.

"I must now come to the House to report that the Republican leadership is now planning to surreptitiously commence ... an impeachment investigation without any notice to the Congress, to the Democrats on the Judiciary Committee or to the American people, without a vote from the House of Representatives," Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., said from the House floor.

Earlier in the day, a House Judiciary Committee meeting erupted in a shouting match after Conyers, the committee's highest ranking Democrat, accused Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., of shutting Democrats out of discussions of how to spend a proposed $1.3 million increase in the panel's budget.

Before abruptly leaving the committee room, Hyde said plans for the money were no secret and that Republicans had kept Conyers' staff informed.

He said the money will be used for the Justice Department review, the first in 19 years. As part of the review, new staff will look at all of the department's agencies, but they would be able to move into impeachment-related issues if needed, Hyde has said.

"We intend to look at the Justice Department from aardvark to Zimbabwe to find out all we can about it to make it cost effective and to exercise oversight in the fullest extent of the term," a testy Hyde told Conyers. "Your counsel has been notified all along about this."

"Well, what about me, sir?" demanded Conyers. "The hell with my counsel. You are the chairman and I am the ranking member. I don't have to go see my counsel to find out what's on your mind."

Conyers and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said a letter released by Hyde and House Speaker Newt Gingrich indicates the money will be used to investigate the Clinton administration for political purposes.

In the letter, Hyde said Attorney General Janet Reno's "recent decision not to seek the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the president, vice president and former energy secretary is but one of a series of dubious Justice Department judgments. Under our oversight responsibilities we must investigate the investigation. We must get the answers the department has wrongfully refused to give."

Conyers said those matters "have already been investigated by the committees in the Senate and the House and personally, Mr. Chairman, I see no need to provide yet more taxpayer dollars to recycle or duplicate these hearings."

Designer pet plates available

HOUSTON — Car owners across the state now have the opportunity to show off their animal magnetism. The Texas Legislature passed a bill during the 75th Legislative Session for the production and sale of Animal Friendly License Plates.

Revenue from the sales of these plates will provide funding for the free and low cost dog and cat sterilization programs across the state.

When Texas drivers are applying for Texas License Plates, they have the option to buy the new plates for a special fee of $25. Of that amount, $20 will be allotted to a special animal sterizilation fund with $5 going to produce the Animal Friendly Plates.

An advisory board, from animal protection agencies across the state, has been appointed to manage the fund. Before any monies can be distributed, $500,000 must be raised through license plate sales and renewals prior to September 2001.

Anyone can purchase an Animal Friendly License Plate. Applications are now available at every animal protection organization, or call The Fund For Animals at 713-863-0010.

Senators OK: Five Great Lakes, not six

WASHINGTON (AP) — The newest Great Lake is being demoted.

There are five Great Lakes, not six, the Senate conceded Tuesday, undoing its recent designation of Vermont's Lake Champlain.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who engineered the earlier elevation of Lake Champlain, went along with the change since it left his original aim intact: helping Vermont universities snag research grants.

Leahy had quietly inserted a sentence into a bill last month designating Lake Champlain one of the Great Lakes for purposes of the National Sea Grant program.

But he underestimated the wave of controversy that hit after President Clinton signed it into law March 6.

"It snowballed into concerns that we would have to rewrite our encyclopedias or throw out our atlases," Leahy said in acknowledging the opposition, with humor, on the Senate floor.

Lawmakers from the states that border Lakes Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie and Superior were angry.

The issue has been on the front pages of newspapers and in editorials across the Great Lakes states for weeks. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., even showed or read some of those commentaries to Leahy on the way to the Senate for votes the past few weeks.

"This is not just a tempest in a teapot for those of us who live on the Great Lakes," said Levin. "This is a matter of our identity."

"It created a serious perception problem," said Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich. "The designation of any lake beyond the original five is simply unacceptable."

So Leahy, Abraham and Levin took to the Senate floor to offer to "clarify" the previous legislation — as Leahy put it.

"The purpose of my earlier amendment was not to change any maps, but promote ecological research," Leahy said. "We've agreed to call Lake Champlain a cousin."

Champlain, a 490-square mile lake that straddles Vermont and New York, is puny compared with the Great Lakes. The smallest of the Great Lakes, Ontario, is 7,430 square miles.

The government spends $56 million a year for Sea Grant research at nearly 30 universities on lake and sea problems such as pest infestations or pollution.

In early Egyptian history, silver was more valuable than gold because it was found in nugget form less often.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mom's Long-Kept Secret May Be Cause of Daughter's Pain

DEAR ABBY: My young-adult daughter, "Ellen," dated for several years before meeting "Tom," to whom she is engaged. Before she fell in love with him, Ellen cut short several relationships because the men wanted to have sex, and she was saving herself for marriage.

Tom and Ellen's wedding is in two months, and we just received a letter from her informing us that she is pregnant! In her letter, she said she would understand if we wanted to disown her.

I called her immediately and told her that we love her, we know she loves Tom, and everything will be all right. Although I know she heard me, she still seemed upset.

Abby, I have never shared this with my daughter, but her father and I made love before we were married. He has been the only man in my life, and I never felt hypocritical teaching Ellen to wait for sex until after marriage. Now that I see how bad she's feeling, I'm wondering if it would make her feel better to know I understand more than she might guess. Should I tell her?

WANTS TO HELP

DEAR WANTS: Since your husband is half the equation, ask him if the "secret" should be revealed to your daughter. I'm not at all certain it would make your daughter feel better to hear that she had been held to a standard that you didn't meet. In fact, she might resent it and feel she had been misled. Before reaching a decision, read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing this letter for all of those well-meaning people who subscribe to the notion, "What he or she doesn't know, won't hurt them."

After my father was killed at his restaurant during a robbery (at age 48), my mother and I were at his attorney's office to start proceedings, and the question of "date of marriage" came up. Mom said, "Aug. 23, 1925," and I said, "No, Mom — it's 1924." She turned to me and said, "Hush. We'll talk about this later."

I was 22 years old when I learned I had escaped illegitimacy by just 34 days! First I felt betrayed, then foolish because in mom's large family, I was the only one who was unaware of this fact of my birth. When I asked her, "Why, Mom, why?" she said, "Because Dad made me promise you would never know of it in his lifetime."

Apparently this proud man could not bear the thought that I might consider him imperfect. It was easy for Mom to go along with it because she always tried to protect me by withholding unpleasantness.

Abby, all this happened 50 years ago, and I have long since forgiven them. But I have not altogether forgotten that I was deceived by those I trusted most.

CAN'T FORGET IN L.A.

DEAR CAN'T FORGET: It is for that specific reason that I advise parents never to lie to their children.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to "Doesn't Look Handicapped," who is walking tall in the Midwest — I, too, have a handicapped placard. I had a car accident in 1990, breast cancer in 1991 and a heart attack in 1992.

I look OK, and I'm not a whiner.

I have a standard answer for anyone who tells me, "You don't look handicapped." I say, "You don't look ignorant, either. It just goes to prove you can't tell by looking!"

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., RETIREE

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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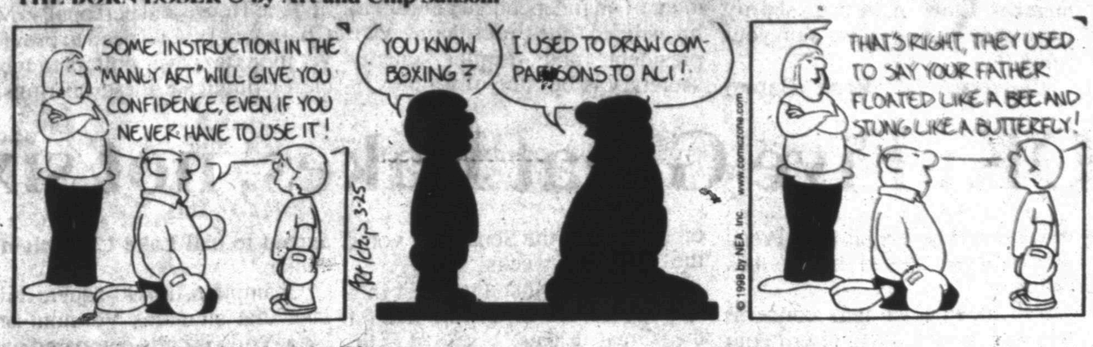

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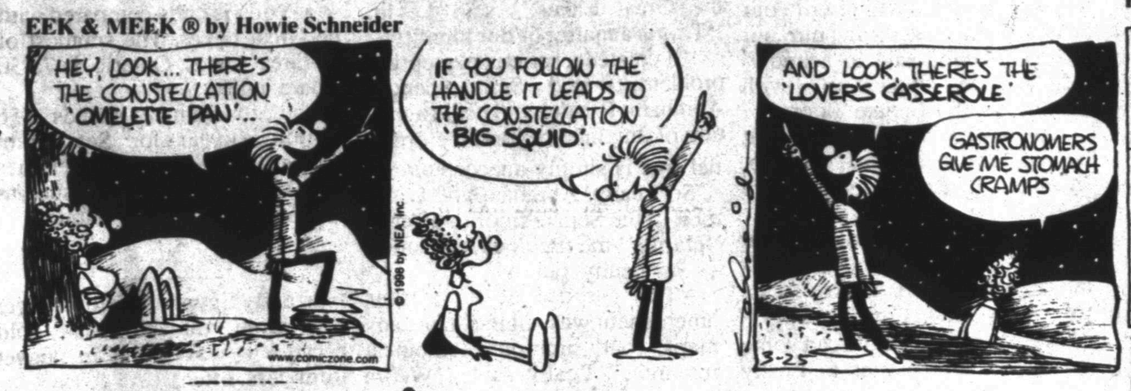

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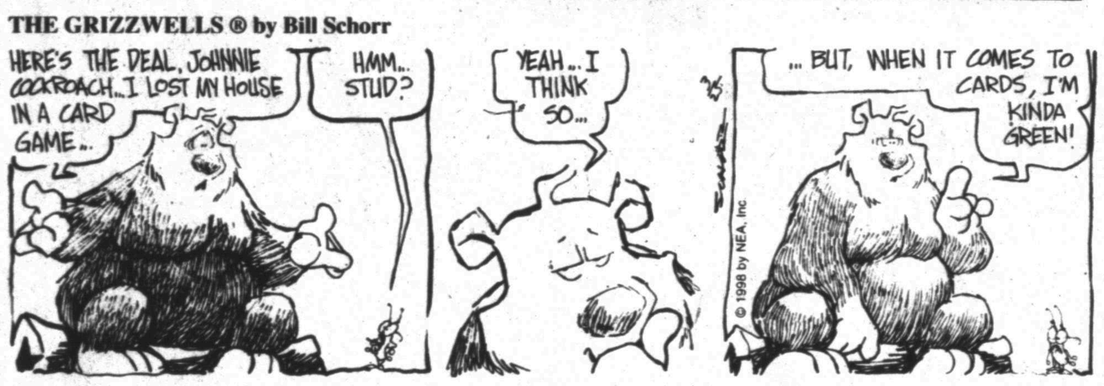

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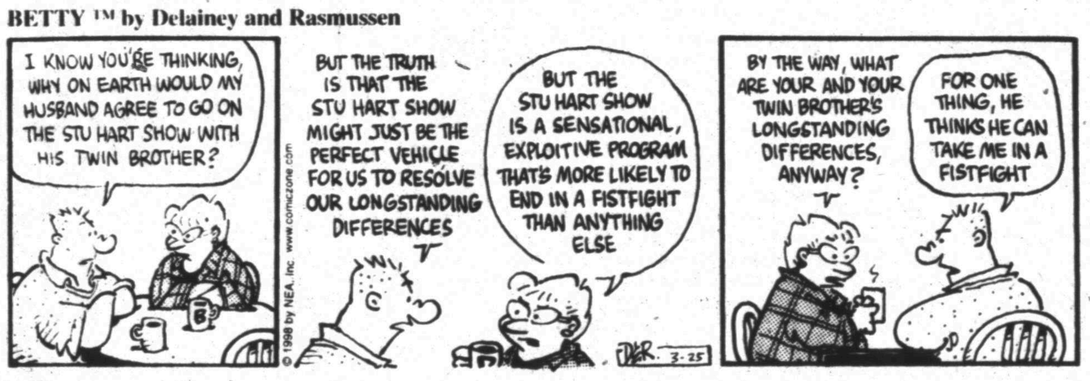

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1 In dreamland
7 Horses' gaits
12 20 Questions category
13 Gets up
14 Flightless bird
15 Disgusts
16 Decimal unit
17 Mao — -tung
18 Ore. time
21 Unclothed people
23 Turn the page (abbr.)
26 Freshwater porpoise
28 Simple
29 Unit of light
30 Lots and lots
31 Agatha Christie work
33 Irritating
36 Phoned
37 Lamprey
38 Electrified particles
40 Words of understanding
41 White House inits.
42 Supple
44 Sea eagle
45 Solemn wonder
46 Dawn goddess
48 Ornamental band
51 To the rear, on a ship
55 Truly
56 Theater district
57 Fourth month
58 Talk-show host, Tom —

DOWN

1 Swiss river
2 Nahoor sheep
3 Illuminated
4 Throw off (heat)
5 Devoured
6 Fullness
7 Hair
8 Ready for harvest
9 Gravel ridge
10 — Aviv
11 Draft agcy.
13 Blood vessel
18 Felt compassion for
19 Made sleep noises
20 Bell sound
22 Make irrational
23 Polite word
24 Singer Tina —
25 Air ingredient
27 Ninny
32 Prefix for cycle
34 Petroleum source (2 wds.)
35 One of two equal parts
39 Cutting tools
43 Dye compound
45 — — want for Christmas
47 Remain
48 Macaw
49 Sales agt.
50 Spoil
52 Old age, old-style
53 Map abbr.
54 Neither's partner

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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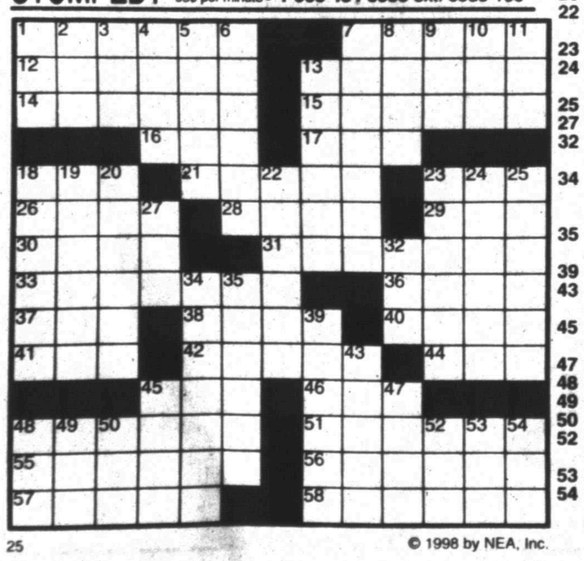

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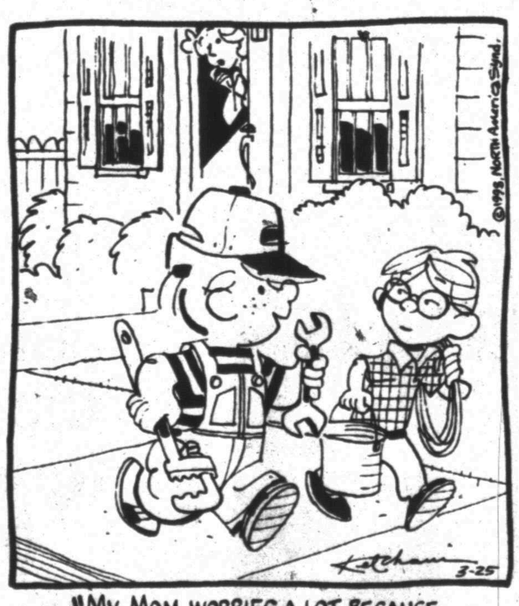

"MY MOM WORRIES A LOT BECAUSE SHE HAS A GREAT IMAGINATION."

SPORTS

Fifth inning powers SHS past Odessa

It was a ballgame for 4½ innings.

Unfortunately for the Odessa High Bronchos, they had to play seven.

Snyder sent six men home in the fifth inning, breaking open a 3-3 contest before cruising to a 12-3 victory Tuesday night at Moffett Field.

The win is the fourteenth for the Tigers this season against only two losses.

With Snyder clinging to a 3-2 lead in the fifth, the Tigers sent 11 men to the plate.

Banks Alexander and Eric Lang each knocked a single in the inning and Clay Berryman drove a 1-1 pitch to center field for a double. Snyder was aided by an error, a passed ball and three walks.

The six-run outburst gave the Tigers a commanding lead, which they added to with three runs in the sixth.

The game had been tightly contested until the fifth.

Berryman, the ace of the Snyder staff, retired the Bronchos in order in the opening frame.

Then in the bottom of the first, after Berryman was hit by a pitch, Kyle Beck blasted his first home run of the year over the left field fence for a 2-0 lead.

Odessa posted a run in the third, fourth and fifth innings, before Berryman singled in Lang to level the tally.

Snyder now hosts Ranger College junior varsity at 4:30 Friday in its final tune-up before district play.

The Tigers open 2-4A action Tuesday at Lamesa.

Odessa	001 110 0—	3 3 3
Snyder	200 163 x—	12 9 2

Odessa: Hadden, Morris and Leach, single. Rife (LP).

Snyder: Beck, home run; Berryman, double and single; Fish, double; Alexander, two singles; Lang, Trujillo and Cumbie, single. Berryman (WP), 5 innings, 3 H, 3 BB, 2 HB, 4 SO; Mandrell, 2 innings, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 HB, 0 SO.

SECOND PLACE — The Knicks finished second in the minor league of Snyder Little Dribblers, before securing the runner-up spot in the year-end tournament. Members of the Knicks are, front row, left to right, Trevor Groat, Cory Welsh, Pedro Villa and Brent Bollinger. On the middle row are Jonathan McClure, Stetson Kincheloe, Cade Simpson and Jeremy Ruiz. On the back row are coaches Carl Wesson and Chad Welsh. (Contributed Photo)

Smith looks to Pitino for suggestions on Final Four

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — First-year Kentucky coach Tubby Smith knew Rick Pitino was the right person to call about getting his team ready for the NCAA Final Four.

Smith succeeded Pitino as coach of the Wildcats last May, inheriting a program that won the national title in 1996 and was runner-up last season. He reached Pitino, who is now with the Boston Celtics, by phone in Chicago on Monday.

Pitino's advice was to try to control the environment the team will be in, keep the players focused and make sure they understand their goals and "be businesslike, because they'll have plenty of time for fun after it's over with," said Smith, who was Pitino's assistant at Kentucky from 1989-91.

While Smith has never been to the Final Four as a coach, he took Tulsa (1994-95) and Georgia (1996-97) to the NCAA tournament, with three advancing to the round of 16. He has a 10-4 record in NCAA play.

"The preparation is where you're most concerned because it's a unique situation, and the atmosphere around the Final Four is so different," said Smith, who sends his team against Stanford (30-4) in San Antonio on Saturday.

Smith believes beating Duke 86-84 in the South Regional final on Sunday, rallying from a 17-point deficit in the final nine minutes, will help his team heading into the national semifinals.

"We feel like we're playing pretty well, especially a come-from-behind game that will give us confidence going into the Final Four," he said Tuesday. "We were off yesterday. Our guys look fresh now. Obviously, they're excited about going."

While this is Smith's first trip to the Final Four as a coach, it's familiar territory for most of his players.

Five of the Wildcats were members of the national championship team in 1996, and seven players on the current roster played on the team that lost in the final to Arizona last season.

"I was very fortunate we had talented players returning and the program was in good shape," Smith said.

Allen Edwards, Cameron Mills, Nazr Mohammed, Jeff Sheppard and Wayne Turner were around in 1996, but only Edwards and Sheppard played against Syracuse in the final.

"It's special, but the last two years were just as special," Edwards said of going back for a third consecutive season. "It's fun. We still have a goal in mind and that's winning another title."

Sheppard was redshirted last season, while newcomers Jamaal Magloire and Scott Padgett along with Turner started in the championship game.

"They're going to be a big help to all the newcomers like myself," Smith said of the veteran players.

Sheppard said the Wildcats have embraced Smith's concept of unselfish play all season long. Kentucky (33-4) takes an 11-game winning streak into the national semifinals.

Jumping ship...

Muoneke becomes third player to announce tranfer from Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas basketball player Gabe Muoneke says he plans to transfer from the school because of difficulty adjusting to coach Tom Penders' system, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

The newspaper quoted Muoneke as saying, "It's kind of like transferring out of a biology class you're having trouble in and starting over in another one. I just didn't do well in Tom Penders 101."

Muoneke, a sophomore forward, is the third Longhorn who wants out. Freshman guard Luke Axtell and sophomore guard Anthony Goode also have said they plan to leave.

Goode, who made his plans known late in the season because of a lack of playing time, said he hasn't determined where he will go to school next year.

"Coach Penders and I agreed we'd sit down and talk about it after spring break. He said he'd help me out," Goode said.

Muoneke and Axtell were among four players who met with UT Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds on March 9 to voice complaints about the basketball program.

Muoneke said he hadn't received a formal release from Dodds. Axtell got permission to leave the school earlier this month.

"I've suggested I want it. I haven't put it in a position where he has to give it to me," the player said.

He also said no one had tried to talk him into staying at Texas.

"Except my girlfriend," Muoneke told the newspaper. "Nobody wants me to stay, is the way I feel. I know if I asked them (teammates) if I should leave, they'd probably say no, but I shouldn't have to go ask them."

Muoneke said there is no personal conflict with Penders. "It's not that. It's about my future. I don't have anything personal against the guy," he said.

Texas posts 14 hits in win

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Rusty Greer went 4-for-5 and Kevin Elster doubled twice and drove in a pair of runs Tuesday as the Texas Rangers beat the Cincinnati Reds 9-4 and closed in on a club record for spring training wins.

The Rangers (18-8) need one more victory to equal the team mark of 19, set in 1992 and matched in 1996.

Roberto Kelly also had a pair of hits as the Rangers got 14 overall against four Cincinnati pitchers.

Brett Tomko, one of the biggest concerns in the Reds' rotation this spring, started only his second major league spring game and gave up eight hits and four runs in five innings.

Tomko, sidelined for three weeks by shoulder tendinitis, threw a 93 mph fastball but had trouble with his changeup and breaking pitches. He said afterwards that he felt fine and should be ready for the season.

Reds reliever Mark Hutton left the game in the eighth inning after sustaining a mild groin strain. The injury is not considered serious.

Leading 4-2, the Rangers put the game away with three runs in the eighth off Hutton and Gabe White and two more in the ninth off Jeff Shaw. Elster's two-run double off White highlighted the eighth-inning rally.

Darren Oliver started for Texas and threw four scoreless innings before giving up Bret Boone's RBI triple and Brook Fordyce's run-scoring double in the fifth.

Junior varsity Tigers scalp San Angelo Lake View, 8-2

SAN ANGELO — Josh Ward gave up three hits and struck out six Monday night, as Snyder JV scalped Lake View, 8-2.

The Chiefs were held scoreless through the first three innings while the Tigers went to work.

Jared Hester and Bebos Martinez came home in the first, with Brian Gordon scoring in the second.

Matthew Grimmett knocked a single and later scored in the third for a 4-0 advantage.

Ward and the Tiger defense took care of the rest.

Snyder will be in a action again Friday at Levelland, beginning at 5 p.m.

Snyder	211 100 3 —	8
Lake View	000 101 0 —	2

Snyder: Ward, double; Beck, two singles; Hester, Martinez, Jones, Wilson, Grimmett, Gordon, Rosson, single. Ward (WP), 7 innings, 3 H, 4 BB, 6 SO.

Sports Briefs

Softball tournament

Snyder's Spring Tune-up Men's and Women's Softball Classic will be held Friday through Sunday at Winston Field.

Entry fee is $100 per team with trophies and T-shirts awarded to the top finishers.

For more information contact Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 or 573-4332.

Snyder Country Club

Snyder Country Club golf course will be closed Thursday due to aerification of the greens.

Royals rout Astros, 15-0

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP) — Terry Pendleton, trying to earn one of Kansas City's final roster spots, hit a grand slam and Sal Fasano drove in five runs Tuesday as the Royals beat the Houston Astros 15-0.

Pendleton's slam came in the fourth inning off Jose Lima. Fasano doubled twice and singled, and is now 8-for-17 in his last seven games with 10 RBIs.

The Royals had 15 hits, including four each by Joe Vitiello and Shane Halter. Dean Palmer hit his fifth home run.

Chris Haney pitched six shutout innings.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	48	21	.696	-
NewYork	38	31	.551	10
Washington	36	33	.522	12
NewJersey	35	34	.507	13
Orlando	35	34	.507	13
Boston	30	38	.441	17½
Philadelphia	25	43	.368	22½
Central Division				
x-Chicago	52	17	.754	-
x-Indiana	48	20	.706	3½
Charlotte	44	24	.647	7½
Atlanta	41	27	.603	10½
Cleveland	37	31	.544	14½
Detroit	33	36	.478	19
Milwaukee	30	38	.441	21½
Toronto	15	53	.221	36½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	51	17	.750	-
x-SanAntonio	47	22	.681	4½
Houston	36	32	.529	15
Minnesota	35	34	.507	16½
Dallas	17	52	.246	34½
Vancouver	16	52	.235	35
Denver	8	62	.114	44
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	51	17	.750	-
x-L.A.Lakers	49	19	.721	2
x-Phoenix	45	24	.652	6½
Portland	37	31	.544	14
Sacramento	26	44	.371	26
L.A.Clippers	15	53	.221	36
GoldenState	14	55	.203	37½

x-clinched playoff berth.

Monday's Games

Detroit 94, Philadelphia 79
Chicago 111, Boston 88
Dallas 91, Minnesota 87
L.A. Lakers 107, Denver 86
Seattle 109, Sacramento 83
Vancouver 106, L.A. Clippers 95

Tuesday's Games

Charlotte 106, Toronto 89
Atlanta 85, Orlando 73
San Antonio 86, Cleveland 85
Utah 92, Phoenix 73
Milwaukee 118, Houston 108
Washington 99, Portland 87
New York 88, Golden State 75

Wednesday's Games

Miami at Boston, 7 p.m.
Houston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.
New York at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-NewJersey	43	18	9	95	197	137
Philadelphia	36	22	11	83	206	162
Washington	32	26	11	75	183	175
N.Y.Rangers	22	31	17	61	176	197
N.Y.Islanders	23	36	10	56	178	197
Florida	18	39	12	48	162	219
TampaBay	16	43	9	41	134	215
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	36	19	15	87	196	161
Boston	31	25	13	75	180	162
Montreal	32	28	9	73	198	175
Buffalo	29	25	15	73	175	159
Ottawa	27	30	12	66	163	174
Carolina	27	34	7	61	166	187
Edmonton	27	34	10	64	179	199
SanJose	27	36	7	61	168	188
Calgary	22	35	13	57	185	211
Vancouver	22	37	13	57	199	245
Anaheim	23	37	10	56	171	217

x-clinched playoff berth

Monday's Games

Carolina 5, Florida 3
Chicago 5, Detroit 5, tie

Tuesday's Games

New Jersey 3, Philadelphia 2
Phoenix 4, Toronto 2
Buffalo 2, Calgary 0
Vancouver 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Los Angeles 4, San Jose 3

Wednesday's Games

Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

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N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
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Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Washington at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	42	16	11	95	210	137
x-Detroit	38	19	14	90	216	171
St.Louis	36	26	8	80	205	168
Chicago	28	30	12	68	174	170
Phoenix	28	31	12	68	193	199
Toronto	24	37	9	57	160	202
Pacific Division						
x-Colorado	36	19	16	88	209	175
LosAngeles	33	25	11	77	201	182

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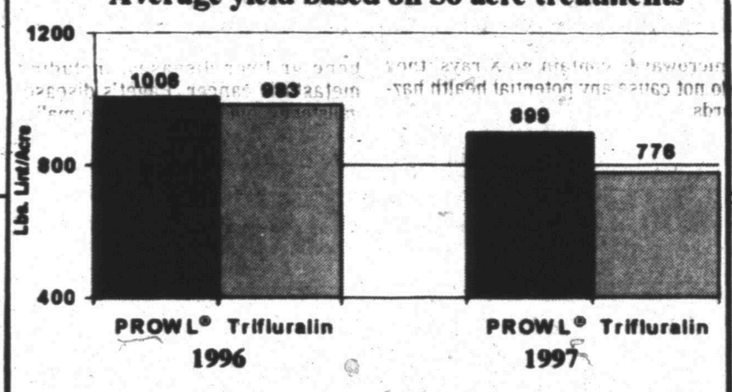

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Plan would aid electricity competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration is proposing a $3 billion federal fund to promote conservation and continued assistance to low-income consumers in an increasingly competitive electricity market, according to sources familiar with the plan.

The proposal is part of a long-awaited administration package for electricity competition to be announced at a news conference today.

Congress has been considering what federal legislation is needed as part of a growing movement in many states to allow electricity providers to compete for customers.

Environmentalists and social activists have feared that while competition may bring lower prices, it also would dampen utilities' interest in conservation programs and assuring the poor get continued service.

The proposals were to be unveiled by Energy Secretary Federico Pena and Carol Browner, head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

A general outline of the proposal was provided late Tuesday to The Associated Press.

While the environmentalists praised creation of a conservation assistance fund, they expressed disappointment that the administration plan apparently does not include direct regulation of carbon dioxide emissions from electric power plants.

Some environmentalists have hoped that the administration's electricity restructuring package would be a centerpiece of early action on global warming by calling for caps on carbon dioxide emissions.

Carbon dioxide, which is produced from burning fossil fuels, is the principal greenhouse gas that many scientists say is threatening to cause a warming of the Earth if not contained. Power plants account for about a third of carbon dioxide emissions.

By not addressing the carbon emissions cap issue "they've missed an opportunity" to get utilities to take steps on global warming, said Alden Meyer of the Union of Concerned Scientists. "This is not going to move the industry well down the road to achieving the Kyoto agreement." he added.

The global warming agreement reached in Kyoto, Japan, in December calls for the United States to reduce greenhouse emissions 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2008-2012. It is subject to ratification in Congress, where it faces sharp opposition.

A cap on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants reportedly had been a subject of some debate within the administration with EPA officials favoring a proposal to regulate such releases as the agency now does smog-causing chemicals.

House committee OKs bill with billions for state roads

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas' share of federal funds for roads and bridges would rise dramatically under a highway bill approved by a pivotal House committee, swelling from an average $1.1 billion annually to $1.9 billion.

Two weeks after the Senate approved a six-year, $214 billion highway bill, the House Transportation Committee on Tuesday unanimously endorsed a $217 billion blueprint that would increase transportation spending by more than 40 percent. The committee's version now goes to the full House, which is expected to take up consideration next week. House and Senate negotiators then will have to iron out the substantive differences in their bills.

Unlike the Senate, the House measure earmarks $9 billion for "high-priority" projects often derided as pork-barrel spending. Some 1,000 projects in 350 congressional districts were shoehorned into the House bill — including dozens of projects around Texas worth $444 million, according to preliminary figures released by the committee.

"I know that some people might say there's a lot of pork going on," said Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, who claimed credit for $32 million in South Texas funding. "But what to some is pork to us is dire need."

Ortiz hailed the funding of improvements to U.S. 77 and U.S. 281, which have been cited as routes for the proposed extension of I-69. The so-called NAFTA superhighway would stretch from the Rio Grande Valley and Laredo through Houston and then northeast, linking with the existing I-69 in Indianapolis and ending on the Canadian border.

"We do have serious problems with traffic congestion," Ortiz said, pointing to the increases in trade since NAFTA's creation in 1994. "More and more, we are moving more products across Mexico and vice versa."

Another NAFTA trade route, I-35, would be eligible to compete for $1.2 billion set aside for high priority corridors, said Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth.

"This historic legislation is right for America, good for Texas and will help build America's future," said Ms. Granger, who is one of several Texans on the Transportation Committee.

Texas Department of Transportation officials focused less on the earmarks for individual construction projects, paying more attention instead to the rate of return Texas would get for every dollar its motorists pay into the federal highway trust fund in the form of gasoline taxes.

Texas long has been a "donor" state — receiving 76 cents for every dollar paid into the trust fund.

Under the Senate bill, the Texas Department of Transportation estimates the state would gain 87 cents for every dollar paid into the system; under the House bill, 85.4 cents on the dollar.

"This is excellent news for Texas," state DOT spokesman Randall Dillard said Tuesday. "We're just excited that the House committee was able to address the issue of equity in the bill ... And Texas is looking in good shape as that bill moves forward."

A Transportation Committee member from Texas, Democrat Nick Lampson of Beaumont, said he and the other Texans on the panel labored mightily to increase the state's share of the pie. "I am proud that this legislation will help get Texas closer to its fair share of highway funds," said Lampson, who tucked $40 million in improvements for his congressional district into the bill.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Microwaved food is safe

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any health hazard from eating food that has been cooked in a microwave oven?

DEAR READER: None whatsoever. In fact, such food may actually be more nutritious because the cooking time is lessened.

For example, if you boil your vegetables (rather than steaming or microwaving them), they will undergo many minutes of preparation. This prolonged exposure to heat may leach out vital minerals and nutrients. Contrast this to microwaving, in which food can be prepared in seconds or minutes. Moreover, because microwaves contain no X-rays, they do not cause any potential health hazards.

I like to microwave my vegetables because the process is environmentally more responsible than standard oven-cooking: My baked potatoes are ready to eat after five minutes of microwaving, compared to 45 minutes in a customary oven. This uses less energy — and it's fast.

When I was growing up, the pressure cooker was the appliance of choice: It cooked food in minutes. Now the microwave is in, although I continue to pressure-cook artichokes, a favorite treat.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am an 82-year-old woman with an elevated blood level of alkaline phosphatase. It has progressively increased annually for the past three years and is now 454 units per liter. Should I worry about this?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, yes.

The alkaline phosphatase is an enzyme manufactured in the liver and in bone. The normal value is 30 to 120 units per liter. Although the level often increases as we age, this increase is usually trivial. Similarly, levels in adolescents are often elevated, reflecting rapid bone growth.

More important, increased amounts of the enzyme often indicate serious bone or liver diseases, including metastatic cancer, Paget's disease, gallstones and cirrhosis. Some malignancies, especially lung tumors and lymphoma, are associated with high alkaline phosphatase levels, as are heart failure and blood clots in the lungs.

While some authorities discourage testing in elderly patients with isolated increases in alkaline phosphatase, most of my patients want answers and are willing to undergo moderate testing to identify any treatable problems. Such testing should, in my view, include blood tests of liver function, a blood count, chest X-ray, and a bone scan. Ask your doctor about this. Your alkaline phosphatase is quite high. I suspect that you have Paget's disease of bone, a common and treatable disorder that causes weak spots which may easily fracture. Therefore, I think that further testing is advisable.

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

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DISMISSALS: None.

CENSUS: 39 (Med., Surg.-12, Long-term Care-27).

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal, north room; Rachel Martin, program; Virginia Lowrance, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; hostesses, Kathy Landes, Carol Young and Glenda Glasscock; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Singles Game Night at FBC Family Life Center; bring snacks, nursery provided; 7 to 10 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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.

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1998 Snyder Chamber of Commerce Awards

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR — Chamber executive director Donna Fowler presented the Business of the Year Award to Wagon Wheel Ranch owner Billy Ray Browning.

SIZEMORE AWARD — Howard Limmer, left, presented the Sizemore Award to Phil Ragland. It was Ragland's fourth time to receive the award.

WINSTON AWARD — The Winston Award for agricultural achievement was awarded to Keith Collier. In his absence, his son Tim accepted the award from Helen Hatter.

McLAUGHLIN AWARD — Don Burt, left, manager of Red Man Pipe & Supply, received the McLaughlin Award from Mike Post.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE — Sixth grade teacher Caddye Claborn received the Educational Excellence Award, presented by SISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax.

SPECIAL AWARD — Mayor David Holt, left, presented the chamber of commerce an award of commendation from the City of Snyder. Accepting were chamber president Keith Hackfeld and his wife, Jackie.

CHAMBER'S CHOICE — Tammy Valentine, left, received the Chamber's Choice Award from chamber executive director Donna Fowler.

VESTAL AWARD — Martha Schiebel accepted the Vestal Award from Mayor David Holt.

Chamber workers are recognized

SDN Staff Photos By Jo Ann Nunley

The Business of the Year Award, presented by chamber executive director Donna Fowler, went to the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Accepting was owner Billy Ray Browning.

Mrs. Fowler also presented the Chamber's Choice Award, gratefully to Tammy Valentine.

Keith Hackfeld, president of the chamber and a businessman and rancher, said he sees a bright future for Snyder.

He cited how the area is recovering from the 1980s oil bust, listing as examples the construction of a textile mill by Lorber Industries and expansions of Patterson Drilling and Y-Z Industries.

"With unity and a vision, nothing can stop Snyder, Texas," Hackfeld said.

In a special presentation, Mayor Holt presented an award from the City of Snyder to commend the chamber of commerce.

One other special award was presented to Mrs. Bush, a quilt designed and made by Senior Center volunteers.

Students who won $50 savings bonds, their categories and teachers were:

Things I Like About Texas: Hadley Hirt, 5th grade, teacher Susan Scott; Erin Hackfeld, 5th grade, teacher Elizabeth Conger.

Favorite Story Book Character: Jay Bearden, 6th grade, teacher Elaine Byrd; Whitney Stewart, 6th grade, teacher Dorothy Petersen.

Mrs. Bush Portraits: April Beth Boyd, 3rd grade, teacher Judy Moss; Teresa Eagan, 3rd grade, teacher Molly Kattes.

Letters To Mrs. Bush: Kayla Guerrero, 5th grade, teacher Donna Farley; Blake Robertson, 5th grade, teacher Donna Farley.

SONIC ADDITION — Larry Greene operates a backhoe to clean up the area just south of the Sonic. Eight more units will be built on the site for the drive-in. Owner Mac Humphrey said the new units would be wider and taller to accommodate the larger sports utility vehicles. (SDN Staff Photo)

Leader of Taiwanese sect: Forget about predictions

GARLAND (AP) — The leader of a Taiwanese religious group that relocated to Texas and said God was coming backed off early Wednesday after God didn't appear on television as expected.

Church leader Chen Heng-ming said his followers were free to go their separate ways but that he would remain in Garland, a Dallas suburb, to "continue studying and researching."

"Because we did not see God's message on television tonight, my predictions of March 31 can be considered nonsense," Chen said.

His followers, numbering nearly 150, had gathered in his house on a quiet tree-lined street in this suburb. Chen, known as "Teacher Chen," had said that God would make an appearance on Channel 18 across the country to alert humanity to his impending arrival on Earth.

Chen had also said God would appear at 10 a.m. on March 31, beginning a new era for a human race he says has lost its way.

At 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, the Garland cable system's Channel 18, a religious-oriented station, offered prayers for the group and wished its members well in finding their way. The station's programming wasn't interrupted. The broadcast channel had only white noise.

Chen, in a news conference held on his front lawn, stood before more than 100 reporters and neighbors and said his faith remained unbowed. Too few people are aware of God's word, he said, and he expressed hope that the mass media attention could help change that.

"God's revelation to me is that if I want to take the responsibility of preaching the kingdom of God, I have to take the scorn and insults along with it," he said, surrounded by followers. "Otherwise the media will pay no attention."

Chen said his faith was unshaken.

"Even though the image doesn't show on television, I don't have any reason to doubt the existence of the Supreme Being, God, in this universe," he said through a translator at the midnight-hour news conference.

Police erected barricades and cordoned off a 165-house area in the tree-lined neighborhood, where members of God's Salvation Church are living in various upscale houses. The main house, their leader's, serves as their church.

Though church members — most clad entirely in white, with white hats — have spoken openly about their principles in the past, on Tuesday they politely declined comment as they entered the fenced-in back yard of Chen's house.

"I'm sorry. I can't," one said gently in Mandarin Chinese, smiling as he waved off a reporter.

Sharp urging lawmakers to do more for state's space program

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — With NASA once again facing budget cuts, Texas must do more to sustain the well-being of Johnson Space Center or face the possibility of it coming under the budget knife, says state Comptroller John Sharp.

"Places like NASA and Fort Hood are taken for granted by too many Texans and far too many people in Austin," Sharp said. "The last thing we want is to be in a position of, when budget cuts come, we haven't done our homework."

Sharp made the remarks at a news conference Tuesday to release the March issue of his monthly economic newsletter, Fiscal Notes. The latest issue includes a report on the space program's importance to the state's economy.

The focus on Johnson Space Center, which serves as the control base for NASA's manned spaceflight operations, could not have been better timed.

Earlier this year, the space shuttle's prime contractor, Houston-based United Space Alliance, was forced to lay off hundreds of workers due in part to a $100 million shortfall in this year's NASA budget.

At Florida's Kennedy Space Center, about 300 people lost their jobs. Another 40 people were laid off in Houston, while others were transferred to different jobs, said United spokesman Jeff Carr.

NASA's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999 includes a $173 million reduction in overall spending. Those cuts could lead to further job losses at Johnson and other NASA facilities.

With such budgetary pressures, "having the support of the state and the community is important," said JSC Director George W.S. Abbey.

Sharp, noting that JSC has spent billions of dollars on contracts and business in dozens of Texas cities, said lawmakers should provide the center with some of the same economic benefits granted other corporations.

"Whenever a large corporation decides to shop around for a new home, it seems there's no limit to the financial incentives people will offer to persuade that company to stay," he said. "But when members of Congress talk about cutting funding for the International Space Station or focusing NASA's resources on unmanned space programs, we don't hear much from state government.

"That attitude has got to change," Sharp said. "The state should do whatever it can to provide the infrastructure, education and services that JSC needs to thrive and grow."

Abbey agreed.

"There are benefits that the state has given to industries that come into the state, and there are similar benefits that could be provided to the federal government, relative to all the kinds of things we need to support us here locally," he said.

During the last fiscal year, JSC spent $1.3 billion on contracts and related business in the Houston area alone. It spent another $6.7 million in Dallas-Fort Worth, $1.9 million in Bryan-College Station and $1.7 million in Austin and San Antonio, according to Sharp.

More than 20 other Texas cities, including Amarillo, Brownsville and Waco, received up to $500,000.

Additionally, NASA spent nearly $40 million last year on research and educational programs at Texas universities and donated $25 million in surplus items, mostly computer equipment, to schools and universities.

About 15,000 employees and contractors work for JSC, although a 1995 study found that the center indirectly generates more than 36,000 additional jobs in the Houston area.

The missing ingredient to all the benefits, said Sharp, "is a commitment from state and local governments to provide NASA and JSC the support they need to keep this installation strong and growing."

If that is achieved, "the economic potential of this area will be as limitless as space itself," he said.

Brazoria County cancels jail contract

ANGLETON (AP) — Brazoria County commissioners have canceled a contract with a private company that has been leasing part of the county jail where Missouri inmates claimed last year that they were mistreated.

The commissioners went into a brief closed-doors meeting and then voted unanimously Tuesday to end its contract with Capital Correctional Resources Incorporated. The effective date of the break-up will be May 7.

More than 400 inmates were incarcerated before the mistreatment allegations came to light, resulting in the state of Missouri moving its prisoners to other facilities.

The commissioners can sign a new contract with a Massachusetts company that's acquiring the assets of Capital Correctional Resources.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 26, 1998

In the year ahead, you could be endowed with more clout than you ever had previously in both work and social situations. Each area will offer significant opportunities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Critical information from an unusual quarter could work to your benefit today, provided you respond promptly to this new report. Time is not your ally. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Involvements with friends today could turn out to be both fun and constructive. Your personal clique may put something together in which you'll be included.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This could be an interesting day for you. Conditions look more favorable than usual in matters that affect your career, your popularity, or perhaps both.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things should work out to your ultimate benefit today, because Lady Luck might single you out for special attention. It is now your turn at bat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone to whom you've helped over the past year has cherished your thoughtfulness. He or she might reciprocate with a unique gesture today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Several of your peers might ask you to speak for them in a matter of importance today. They selected you as their candidate, so fire your best shot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Appropriate help will be available for something you thought you would have to do unaided. Today's developments could make your job much easier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be more fortunate today in situations that have elements of chance, but this does not give you a pass key to gamble on the unknown.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be optimistic today about the outcome of important events. If you think like a winner, you'll act like one and do what needs doing in a successful sequence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might meet someone new and interesting today. If this should happen, take immediate measures to cultivate the relationship. It could be meaningful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Good things you have going for you financially can be expanded upon and made even better. Work on ways today to enhance your opportunities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A buzz of excitement may reverberate among your friends today. It might be a bulletin about something nice that could happen for you.

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Datebook

March 25, 1998

Today is the 84th day of 1998 and the fifth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1961, Elvis Presley played his last show for eight years at Hawaii's Block Arena.

On this day in 1965, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

On this day in 1992, cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev returned to Moscow after 10 months in space to learn that the Soviet Union no longer existed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Arturo Toscanini (1867-1957), conductor; Bela Bartok (1881-1945), composer; David Lean (1908-1991), director; Howard Cosell (1918-1995), sportscaster; Gloria Steinem (1934-), feminist, is 64; Aretha Franklin (1942-), singer, is 56; Elton John (1947-), singer and pianist, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1958, Sugar Ray Robinson became the world's first boxing champion to win the title five times.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I can sometimes deal with men as equals and therefore can afford to like them." — Gloria Steinem

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1923, dust fell with snow in a band 20 miles wide and 150 miles long from Wisconsin to central Michigan.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 21) and new moon (March 27).

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

03-25-98

North
♠ 8 5 3
♥ 9 8 6 5 2
♦ A 3
♣ K Q J

West
♠ K Q J
♥ A
♦ 10 9 7 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 3

East
♠ 10 9 6 4
♥ 4 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A 10 5 2

South
♠ A 7 2
♥ K Q J 10 7
♦ K J 2
♣ 7 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

The oft overlooked danger

By Phillip Alder

When beginners are learning how to play in a suit contract, they are taught to count losers. Fine, as far as it goes. But in my experience, they tend not to worry about third-round losers, usually with fatal consequences.

For an intermezzo, after partner opens one heart, what would you respond with the North hand in the diagram? Next, for the concerto, how would you plan the play in four hearts after West has led the spade king?

If you (wisely!) use the limit raise, you have no problem: You respond three hearts. But if you play the forcing raise, you have a big problem. You either underbid with two hearts, or overbid (or misbid) with four hearts, or misrepresent your hand with two clubs. Nothing works!

If, after winning trick one, you lead a trump immediately, you lose four consecutive tricks: the heart ace, two spades and the club ace.

You must do something to eliminate one of those spade losers. In other circumstances, leading a club at trick two, establishing a club winner for a discard, would be fine. But here that play is too slow; the defenders still get four tricks.

There is only one chance of success. Immediately play a diamond to dummy's ace, then finesse your diamond jack. True, if the finesse loses, you go two down when you could have settled for one down. But that 100 points is a worthwhile investment in your attempt to score up the game bonus. Here, though, the finesse wins. Now one of dummy's spade losers can be discarded on the diamond king. Finally, lead a trump, the loser count being down to three.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	141¼	140	140⅞	+ 2⅛
AT&T Corp	68⅜	67 11-16	67 13-16	+ 5-16
AirTouch	50⅝	49⅞	49 15-16	—11-16
Albertsons	52⅝	51¼	52	— ⅜
AlldSignal s	43⅝	42 13-16	43⅜	+ ½
Alltel	44¼	44⅛	44¼	+ 1-16
AmOnline s	69⅝	68⅜	69	+ 1⅜
AmStores	25	24¾	24 15-16	+ 3-16
Ameritech s	49	48⅝	48⅞	+ 3-16
Amoco	87 15-16	86 9-16	87⅞	+ ⅜
AndarkPtr	68	66 15-16	67⅞	+ ⅜
ArmcoInc	6 3-16	6⅛	6 3-16	+ 1-16
AtlRichfld s	81 15-16	81¼	81 5-16	— ⅜
ATMOS Egy	29⅛	28½	29⅛	— 1-16
Aviall	14 11-16	14 11-16	14 11-16	+ 1-16
BakerHughes	40½	39⅝	40 5-16	+ ⅛
BellAtl	105⅝	104⅝	105¾	+ 7-16
BellSouth	65 7-16	65	65 5-16	+ 5-16
BethSteel	15⅛	14⅛	15⅛	— ⅛
BritPet s	90	89 1-16	89¾	+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe	106 5-16	105⅝	105⅞	+ ⅜
CBS Corp	34 3-16	33 9-16	33 13-16	— ⅛
Caterpillar s	56 11-16	55⅝	55⅝	—13-16
CenSoWst	27 13-16	27	27 13-16	+ 1-16
Chevron	86¼	85⅛	85 13-16	+ ⅜
Chrysler	43⅞	43½	43 11-16	+ 5-16
Coastal	67⅞	66 9-16	67 5-16	+ 9-16
CocaCola	76¼	75⅞	76 1-16	+ 1-16
ColgatePalm s	87⅞	86⅝	87 3-16	+ 7-16
ComclMetals	35 13-16	35¼	35 13-16	+ 1-16
CooperIn	60⅝	59 13-16	60 5-16	+ ⅜
CyprusAmax	17 1-16	16⅞	16⅞	
DallSemicn	35⅜	34⅜	35¼	+ 1⅜
DeltaAirl	121⅜	119⅜	120 1-16	+ 2⅞
DigitalEq	51 15-16	51 7-16	51 15-16	+ 1⅜
Dillards Inc	37⅞	37	37 3-16	— 1-16
DowChem	95 11-16	95⅛	95 9-16	+13-16
DresserInd	49⅝	48½	49⅝	+ 9-16
DuPont s	70¼	69⅝	69 15-16	+ ⅛
EastmanChem	68	67¼	67 15-16	+11-16
EstKodak	65⅞	64½	64 9-16	+ 3-16
EDS Corp	47⅞	46 7-16	46 15-16	—1 7-16
Entergy	29 3-16	29 1-16	29 3-16	+ ⅛
Exxon	69 3-16	68⅝	69 1-16	+11-16
FstBksAm		24½	24½	24½
Flowers s	23 15-16	23¼	23 5-16	— 9-16
FordMotor	64 3-16	63⅛	63 15-16	+ 7-16
GTE Cp		59	5-16	59 59
GenDynam	89	87 9-16	87 11-16	—1 11-16
GenElecs		83	7-16	82⅞ 83 + ⅜
GenMills		75⅝	75	75⅝ + 7-16
GenMotors	71 3-16	70 11-16	70 11-16	+ 3-16
GaPacGP s		65⅞	65 3-16	65 5-16 + ⅛
GlobalMar	25 13-16	25 3-16	25⅜	+ 1-16
Goodrich		53⅞	52⅞	53⅞ + 1⅜
Goodyear s		75½	74⅞	75 + ⅞
GtAtlPac		30 1-16	29⅞	29⅞ — ⅜
Halliburtn s		51½	50⅞	51 7-16 +11-16
Hanson ADS		30⅝	30⅝	30⅝ + ⅛
HarteHanks s		24¼	23 13-16	24 + 9-16
HomeDepot s		66 9-16	65⅝	66½ + ⅛
HoustonInds		28½	28¼	28 7-16 + 3-16
IBM s		105⅞	104⅝	105 + 1⅜
IntlPaper	49 9-16	49 1-16	49 3-16	+ 1-16
JohnsonJn		74⅛	73½	73 9-16 — 5-16
K mart		16 15-16	16 11-16	16 11-16
Kroger s		44⅞	44⅜	44 13-16
Litton	59 11-16	58 15-16	59 5-16	+ ⅜
LockhdMart		115⅞	114¼	115 — ⅛
Lowes Cos		70 11-16	70⅛	70⅝ + ⅜
Lubys		18⅝	18 9-16	18⅝ + ⅛
LucentTech	124 15-16	124	124 9-16	+1 7-16
LucentTch wi		62 9-16	62¼	62⅜ +11-16
MayDeptStrs		62⅛	62 1-16	62 13-16 + ⅜
Medtronic s		55	54½	54 9-16 — ⅛
Mobils		79⅝	77 15-16	79⅝ + 1
Monsanto		52⅞	52⅛	52½ + ⅛
MorganJP	137⅞	136⅜	137 1-16	+ 3-16
Motorola		57⅞	56	57 +1 11-16
NCR Corp		33 7-16	33	33⅜ + 1-16
NationsBk	75 1-16	74 3-16	74⅝	— 1-16
Navistar		35⅝	33 3-16	34⅝ — ⅜
Norwests		43 5-16	42 13-16	43 + 1-16
OryxEngy		27 3-16	27	27⅛ + ⅛
Penney JC		74⅝	73 11-16	74⅛ — ⅛
Pennzoil		67 3-16	66½	67⅛ + ⅜
PepBoys		24	23⅝	23⅞
PepsiCo		42 11-16	42 5-16	42 5-16
PhelpDodge		66⅝	66 5-16	66 9-16
PhilipPet		51 15-16	51 3-16	51⅞ + ½
PilgrmPrd		13⅝	13 13-16	13 13-16 — 1-16
Polaroid		45 15-16	45 11-16	45⅝ — ⅛
Praxair		49⅛	48 13-16	49 1-16 + 5-16
ProctGamb s		86 11-16	86 3-16	86 7-16 + 1-16
PubSNwMx		24⅛	23 13-16	24 + 3-16
RoyalDut s		57 13-16	57⅛	57 9-16 — 7-16
SBC Comm s		46 9-16	45 11-16	45⅝ — ⅛
SaraLee		62	61 11-16	61 13-16 + 1-16
Scripps EW			55	54⅝ 54⅝
SearsRoeb	58 13-16	58 1-16	58 5-16	— 1-16
SherwinW			35 3-16	34⅝ 34⅝
SmthBc ADS s			62 11-16	62⅝ 62½
SouthernCo			28 9-16	28⅜ 28⅜
SwstAirl s		30⅛	28⅝	28 13-16 — ⅛
Sprint	71 13-16	70½	71 9-16	+ 1-16
SunCo		41½	40⅝	41⅜ + ⅜
TNP Ent		32⅝	32 9-16	32⅝ + ⅛
Tandy s	48⅜	47⅝	47 13-16	—11-16
TempleInland		64½	64⅛	64½ + 7-16
Tenneco		43⅛	42⅝	43½ + ⅛
Texaco s		61 15-16	61	61 9-16
TexInd		56⅛	55⅝	56⅛ + 1⅜
TexasInst s		56	54⅝	55 11-16 + 2⅜
TexUtil		40 7-16	40 1-16	40⅛ + 1-16
Textron s		79	78⅛	78⅝ +15-16
Travelers s		63 5-16	62⅞	63 + 1
TriconGlbR n		31⅛	30 7-16	31⅛ + ⅜
TrinityInds	53 13-16	53 5-16	53 5-16	— 3-16
TritonEngy		34½	34 1-16	34 7-16 + 5-16
Tyler		7 13-16	7 9-16	7⅝ + ⅜
US WestCm		56 7-16	56 1-16	56 3-16 — ⅛
USWstMda		37 3-16	36 11-16	36 15-16 + 9-16
USX-Marathn		38⅛	38 3-16	38⅛ + ⅛
USX-USS		40⅝	39⅝	39 15-16 — ⅜
UnCarbde		49⅝	49	49⅝ + ⅜
UnionPacif			54⅝	54 54⅛
UnitedTech		93 7-16	93	93 7-16 +13-16
Unocal		40 7-16	40 1-16	40 7-16 + 7-16
WalMart		50⅝	50 3-16	50⅝ — ⅛
WstnGasRs		19 5-16	19	19 — 7-16
WinnDixie		56 11-16	55 5-16	55½ —1 3-16
Woolworth		26 15-16	26½	26 13-16 + 3-16
Xerox Corp		99 9-16	98⅝	99 7-16 +2 13-16
ZenithE		6 15-16	6 13-16	6 15-16 + 1-16

Local Interest Stocks

Applied Mtls.	35 13/16	+1 11/16
BJ Services	39 11/16	+1 1/16
Cracker Brl.	40 3/8	+1 3/8
Clayton Hms.	21 1/4	+11/16
Compaq	26 7/16	+7/8
Cabletron	15 1/16	-1/16
Cisco Sys.	69 9/16	+1 3/4
Dell	68 1/2	+2 3/4
Brinker Int'l.	21 5/16	+3/8
Calloway Glf.	30 1/16	-5/8
Fannie Mae	64 7/8	0
Intel	76 1/16	+1 5/8
JP Morgan	137	+1/8
Korea Fund	8 1/4	+1/16
Lehman Bros.	74 1/8	+1/2
3 M	95 9/16	+5/8
Phillip Morris	44 1/16	+5/16
Microsoft	89 3/8	+4 7/16
Netscape	19 11/16	+9/16
Oracle	30 5/8	+5/16
Petsmart	11 7/16	+1/32
Patterson Egy.	12 1/16	+1/32
Sun Am.	50 1/2	+1/2
Safeskin	71	+9/16
Sun Micro	45 1/16	+3/16
US H & G	7 1/8	-1/8
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Five killed as school students go on shooting spree

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the 11-year-old by the fire alarm, then saw him running out of the school once it was triggered.

Authorities said as many as 27 shots were fired. Youngsters scrambled as some of their classmates fell bleeding and cried as they waited for emergency workers.

The dead students were identified as Natalie Brooks, Paige Ann Herring and Stephanie Johnson, all 12, and Brittany R. Varner, who was 11. Teacher Shannon Wright, 32, died Tuesday night after surgery for wounds to her chest and abdomen, the county coroner said. Students said she stepped in front of another student as the shots rang out.

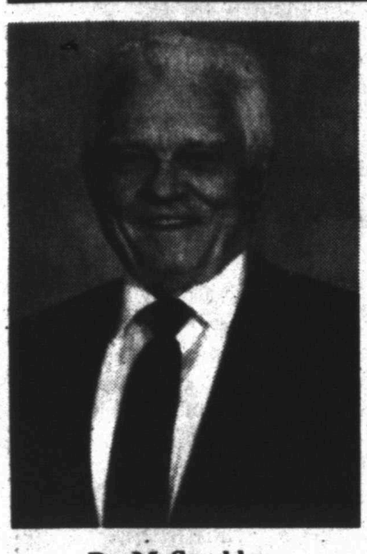
Lula Belle Jones, cafeteria manager at the school, described Mrs. Wright, who was the mother of a 2½-year-old son, as kind and loving. About stepping in front of the bullet, she said: "She would do that without a doubt."

Authorities didn't release the boys' names, but the Sun identified them as Mitchell Johnson, 13, and his cousin Andrew Golden, 11. Under state law, children under age 14 are charged only in Juvenile Court and can be held only until they turn 18. But Prosecutor Brent Davis said his office is "trying to ascertain exactly what our options are" in bringing more serious charges.

In Little Rock, U.S. Attorney Paula Casey said her office was looking into whether it could charge the 13-year-old with federal firearms charges, though it was likely the 11-year-old would be off-limits. Federal prosecutors and the FBI talked by telephone with local officials this morning.

Students described Mitchell as a troubled boy who had recently begun bragging about involvement with a gang and was upset over a breakup with a girlfriend, who was among the wounded. Students said he made numerous threats Monday.

Obituaries



Dr. McSpadden

Dr. McSpadden

1926-1998

Funeral service for Dr. W.B. McSpadden, longtime Snyder family practitioner, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church.

Dr. Craig Curry, minister, will officiate along with the Rev. David Robertson, a former pastor of the church.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Dr. McSpadden, 72, died Tuesday, March 24, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a brief illness.

Dr. McSpadden moved to Snyder from Morton in 1968 to enter private practice. He joined the medical staff of Cogdell Memorial Hospital in June, 1968. He had served multiple terms as chief of staff and had remained on the active staff until December, 1996 when he was approved for honorary staff privileges.

Born Jan. 1, 1926 in Rotan, he was a 1947 graduate of McMurry College and earned his master's of education degree in 1949 from the University of Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in 1958. Dr. McSpadden completed his internship in 1958 at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas.

He married Vera Allred on Aug. 23, 1947 in Anson.

Before moving to Snyder, he practiced at West Plains Hospital and Clinic in Muleshoe and Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton.

He was a member of the Texas Medical Association, American Medical Association, American Association of General Practitioners, the Texas Association of Family Practitioners, and the County Medical Society.

Dr. McSpadden was a member of Snyder's First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Allred McSpadden of Snyder; two sons, Brad McSpadden of Dallas and Loy McSpadden of Canyon; and a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and David Harveson of Fort Worth.

Pallbearers will be Terry Davis, Drew Travis, Bob Travis, Bob Cumbie, Robert Adams, Rex Nall, Frank Miller and Tommy Davis. Local physicians will be honorary pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to the Cogdell Hospital Foundation or to First United Methodist Church.

Lenny Drake

1962-1998

POST — Lenny Drake, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, March 22, in Amarillo's Northwest Texas Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Drake, 36, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Billie S. Smith, interim pastor, officiating. The Rev. Jim Graham of the Post Church of the Nazarene was to assist.

Burial was to follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 8, 1962, he graduated from Post High School in 1980. Mr. Drake had worked for BJ Services in Snyder between 1988-96. He moved to Amarillo in 1996 to work for Amarillo Hardware. Mr. Drake was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Lauderdale; and by an aunt, LaVerne Teaff.

Survivors include his mother, Shirley Taylor of Post; his father, H.C. Drake of Fort Worth; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Glen Slater of Post; a daughter, Taylen Rheann Dawn Drake of Lubbock; and two sisters, Vickie Cherie Drake and Julie Ann Drake, both of Burleson.

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Terry McDowell

1951-1998

Funeral service for Snyder Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Cliff Cooper, pastor of North College Ave. Baptist Church.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. McDowell, 47, died Monday, March 23, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital following a sudden illness.

Born Feb. 13, 1951 in Sweetwater, Mr. McDowell was a 1969 graduate of Snyder High School and attended Angelo State University. He married Charlotte Kincheloe on March 6, 1972 in Sweetwater.

Mr. McDowell joined the Snyder fire department as a volunteer in April, 1972. He became a full time fireman in December of the same year.

He was promoted to fire department lieutenant in 1980, and in August, 1982, Mr. McDowell was named chief. He also served as the city's emergency and civil defense director. He was a member of the Ave. D Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte McDowell of Snyder; a daughter, Tracie McDowell of Snyder; a son, Tim McDowell, of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Ron Stephens of McAllen; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Lynn McDowell of Grand Prairie; one aunt, Eva Moore of Snyder; two uncles, Myron Fenton and Lynn Fenton, both of Snyder; and four nephews, Ronnie and Dwight Stephens of McAllen and Jerin and Jalyn McDowell of Grand Prairie.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Beard, John Gayle, Perry Westmoreland, Randy Davis, Odell Cox, Johnny Pilgrim, and honorary pallbearers will be members of the fire department and volunteer fire department, and their wives.

A scholarship fund established by the Fire Department Auxiliary has been set up at Snyder Savings and Loan.

Jerry Logan

1947-1998

Funeral service for Gerald "Jerry" Logan, 50, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.

Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of Snyder's First Baptist Church, will officiate, and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Logan, an assembly technician for YZ Industries, died Sunday, March 22, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a brief illness.

Born Nov. 20, 1947 in Indianapolis, Ind., he married Joan Lavender on April 27, 1987 in Indianapolis.

Mr. Logan was a member of the Moose Lodge, Brotherhood of Railroad Carmen of the U.S. and a member of the American Bowling Congress.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Logan of Snyder; a son, Don Logan of Indianapolis, a daughter, Lisa Logan of Washington, Ind.; four stepdaughters, Belinda Grant and Debbie Hataway, both of Snyder, Jean Venable of Nashville, Tenn., and Sammie Foster of Rogersville, Tenn.; a brother, Don Logan of Indianapolis; 10 step grandchildren; two nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and a sister.

The family will greet visitors from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Harrison gets maximum term

Lawrence Eugene Harrison received the maximum sentence this morning as he was ordered to serve two years in a state jail facility for the 1997 burglary of the Park Village Apartment office.

He was also fined $10,000.

A six-man, six-woman 132nd District Court jury deliberated for more than an hour before handing out its punishment, which could have ranged from 180 days to two years.

Harrison, 21, of 800 35th St. had pleaded guilty Tuesday morning after failing to show up for his trial Monday. He had been free on bond, but it was revoked and he was placed in the Scurry County Jail after turning himself in early Tuesday.

Harrison had been convicted of three prior felonies in Dallas County for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

He was represented by court-appointed attorney Martin Fender and the case was prosecuted by District Attorney Dana Cooley.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong presided.

5 people arrested, one for felony DWI

Four people were arrested Tuesday for misdemeanor offenses and one was taken into custody early today for felony driving while intoxicated.

Manuel Fuentez, 28, of 2505 Ave. W was arrested at 12:37 this morning in the 2400 block of Avenue C for felony DWI.

Other arrests included a 24-year-old male who was taken into custody at 9:48 a.m. Tuesday in the 3700 block of Avenue E on city warrants for disregarding a stop sign and failure to appear.

A 25-year-old male was arrested at 4:21 p.m. Tuesday in the 1100 block of Avenue E on warrants for driving while license suspended and no liability insurance.

At 6:32 p.m., officers arrested an 18-year-old female in the 1600 block of Avenue I on city warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 32-year-old male at the Law Enforcement Center at 6:45 p.m. for Class C assault/family violence.

In other activity, deputies filed a report of an accidental shooting as a 13-year-old boy was shot with a BB gun at a residence on CR 4132.

An offense report for dog bite was submitted at 5 p.m. in reference to a person bitten by a dog in Hermleigh.

Officers filed an offense report for Class C assault/family violence at 5:56 p.m.

The fire department responded to a report of a grass fire at 8:58 p.m. on North Highway 208. The fire was discovered to be a controlled burn.

A report of a gas drive-off was made from Rip Griffin's at 1:30 this morning. A person failed to pay for $18.87 worth of gas and a quart of oil.

At 3 a.m. today, officers discovered newly-painted grafitti on a building at the Varsity Square Shopping Center.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

CMH board faces routine items

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board will consider routine business when it convenes at 8 a.m. Thursday. Agenda items include approval of the medical staff report, financial report, account payables and the nursing report.

Baseball boosters fund-raiser

Snyder High School Baseball Boosters are selling caps and T-shirts at all home baseball games. They are also on sale at the high school and Lang Tire. Proceeds will go into the high school baseball fund.

Taize service of sung prayer

Everyone is invited to a Taize service of sung prayer to strengthen the spirit on the journey to Easter. It will be held at 7 this evening at the First Presbyterian Church.

Revival at New Jerusalem

The New Jerusalem Temple, 311 26th Street, is holding a revival with Visente Ramirez and Maya Garza through Sunday. Services are at 6:30 each evening.

'Always, Patsy Cline' reservations

The Ritz Theatre box office is taking reservations for the musical "Always, Patsy Cline" from 2-5 p.m. weekdays. The musical opens Friday, and plays Saturday and Sunday and again April 3-5. Tickets are $7. Group rates are available. Call 573-8880 for reservations or information.

Library book sale

Scurry County Library will hold its annual book sale today through Saturday during regular hours.

Ira Council for Excellence

Ira Council for Excellence will meet at 8 this evening in the school cafeteria to discuss the upcoming tournament.

Ira book fair

Ira school is having a troll book fair all week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the library.

Diabetics meeting set

Diabetics are invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the new rehab services building at 5301 Trinity Blvd.

Planetarium show

A planetarium show, "Through The Eyes of Hubble," will debut Thursday on the WTC campus with shows at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Shows will follow at 2 p.m. each Sunday through April. Special showings for school classes (best suited for grade 4 and above) can be arranged for any Friday in April by calling the science department secretary at WTC. There is no admission charge.

Scurry Democratic Party

Scurry County Democratic Party will hold its county convention at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Dermott School. For information, call 573-7874.

SJHS shop students holding raffle

Eighth grade shop students at Snyder Junior High School are selling raffle tickets for a chest of drawers. Tickets cost $1 each and proceeds help pay for their trips to regional and state contests. For tickets, call the junior high at 573-6356.

UCSWCD tree program

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District still has several varieties of windbreak seedlings, both evergreen and hardwood, for sale. Come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. in the USDA office complex or call 573-6317 or 6318.

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Asssociation will sponsor a five-mile walk on Saturday, April 4, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park. Walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Fish Fry will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Snyder Senior Center. Tickets are $6, and children under age 6 eat free. Carryout plates are available.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival

St. Elizabeth will hold its annual Sausage Festival on Sunday, April 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, 30th Street and Avenue A. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under. Sausage will also be sold by the pound. There were be raffles, game booths and a country store.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

11-14-27-28-35

(eleven, fourteen, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty-five)

Pick 3

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

3-2-5

(three, two, five)