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During Public School Week...

Varied activities set on school campuses

While the volunteer banquet Tuesday evening is a highlight of Texas Public School Week within the Snyder Independent School District, there are many other activities scheduled throughout the week.

Stanfield Elementary has a book fair scheduled today through Thursday, getting underway at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and at 8 a.m. on Thursday. It will conclude each day at 4 p.m.

On Tuesday, the school will have "Muffins for Moms" from 7:30 until 8:30 a.m., and a first grade play at 8:45 a.m. saluting Sesame Street.

The school will serve "Donuts for Dad" from 7:15 until 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, and the first graders will again present "Sesame Street Salute."

On Friday, Stanfield will dedicate its new playground equipment with special programs at 9, 9:45 and 10:30 a.m.

Each program will last 30 minutes.

At Central Elementary, parents are invited to eat lunch with their children with advance notice made by calling the school at 573-8592.

All during the week, students will emphasize Texas history and will be given the opportunity to explore various Texas highlights via the Internet in the school library.

On Friday, grandparents are invited to eat with their grandchildren.

At East Elementary, parents are encouraged to call the school at 573-1769 for visitation schedules.

On Thursday, the school will host "Donuts for Dads."

At Northeast Elementary, parents are invited to visit their children's classrooms throughout the week, especially during computer time. Call 573-2643 for times.

The school will hold a book fair throughout the week, and has a concert scheduled at 2:40 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium.

Parents of West Elementary students are encouraged to call the school at 573-3538 for activities and time schedules.

This evening's performance of "Grease" highlights activities at Snyder Junior High School.

On Tuesday, eighth grade parents are invited to eat lunch at the school, while seventh grade parents are invited on Wednesday.

The final performance of "Grease" is at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium.

At Snyder High School, parents are encouraged to visit the school by calling 573-6301 in advance.

Meeting site is challenged

The site of the Air Force public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initiative on April 7 has come under fire by the group opposing the low-level flight training.

The Air Force has reserved the SHS lunch room for the meeting which Heritage-Environmental Preservation Association members say is too small.

Buster Welch, a H.E.P.A. director, was to meet with Congressman Charles Stenholm this morning concerning the meeting site.

TXDoT to hold public meeting on March 18

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting at 7 p.m. March 18 in the Snyder Savings and Loan conference room to discuss the draft FY 2000-2002 Transportation Improvement Program.

A public meeting will also be held in Hamlin at 7 p.m. March 16 in the Hamlin Housing Authority Community Building.

The FY 2000-2002 TIP is a three-year plan developed by TXDoT for Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackleford, Stonewall and Taylor counties.

The TIP includes a priority list of projects and project segments that will be carried out within the 3-year-period, and a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented.

The financial plan indicates resources from public sources and private (if any) that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the plan, and recommends any innovative techniques to finance needed projects and programs.

A 10-day comment period following the public meeting will permit other interested persons to submit written comments to William L. Hale, P.E., District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604.

All written comments must be received at the Abilene district office no later than 12 noon on March 29.

TXDoT's TIP proposal can be examined during business hours through June 30 at the Abilene district office, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene.



PTK INDUCTION — Western Texas College's Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held its induction ceremony Sunday. There were 15 students from the fall semester and 41 from the current spring semester inducted into the international honor society. (SDN Staff Photo)



GREASE CONTINUES — Snyder Junior High School's production of "Grease," the rock and roll musical, continues with 7 o'clock performances tonight and Thursday. Players include from left, Josh Knox, Trey Roland, Clarke Reed, Caleb Durham, Brandon Gonzales. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

During WTC meeting...

Athletic committee to present baseball program to trustees

Western Texas College's athletic committee will go before the board of trustees this evening at 7 o'clock to recommend a men's baseball program.

According to committe chair Dr. Jim Durham, the committee has been working on the proposal since the fall.

"We are pleased to make this proposal. We think it will be good for the college and the community and we hope the board will see it the same way."

Dr. Durham said if the board approves the program, the committee will also work on an equivalent women's program.

Trustees also have five action items to consider, including revising the 1999-2000 calendar.

The administrative staff has recommended WTC's Christmas break be shortened from three weeks to two weeks.

Dr. Krenek said the change would put the college more in sync with other schools and colleges.

"It will provide more continuity with Snyder Public Schools as well as area community colleges."

The staff also recommends additional holidays during the fall and spring terms including Columbus Day, Martin Luther King Day and Good Friday.

The board will also open a lone bid for golf cart sheds. The item has been discussed in previous meetings, but no formal action has ever been taken.

Trustees will also consider the approval of a core curriculum.

The Texas Higher Education Board requires that each institution identify in its catalog the core of academic courses that will be required as a part of all associate of arts degrees.

According to WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek, the curriculum committee will complete the process of identification of the the core and Dr. Jim Palmer will make the presentation.

In other action, the board will consider the renewal of 61 contracts for professional personnel.

Five tuition and fee variance requests are also on the agenda.

In the information and discussion portion of the meeting, the board will hear:

—Report concerning truck driving program.

—Report on "Snyder Day" at State Legislature.

Gov. Bush unveils exploratory panel

AUSTIN (AP) — It won't be his father's presidential campaign, Texas Gov. George W. Bush says.

Unveiling his exploratory committee Sunday, Bush said potential Republican opponents should steer clear of the other George Bush.

"Any rival who criticizes my father makes a huge mistake. He's not the candidate, I am," Bush said.

The Republican governor quickly corrected himself — "OK, you got me. ... He's not the candidate, and should I choose to run I will be the candidate."

But Bush acknowledged it now is "obvious" that he is "very interested in running for the presidency."

"I went from warming to the task to pretty hot," he said. "I wouldn't have asked the people coming from around the country, who've agreed to help me raise money, if I wasn't seriously interested."

Bush's announcement gives shape to a field of at least 10 Republicans. Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander officially enters the campaign Tuesday; former American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole will take the same step as Bush, forming her exploratory committee Wednesday.

Although Bush promises to remain in Texas until after the state Legislature adjourns on May 31, others in the GOP already are taking aim.

Alexander said the strong showings by Bush and Mrs. Dole in polls could be fleeting. Bush and the wife of 1996 GOP nominee Bob Dole benefit from name recognition, he said.

"Pretty soon it will come on down back to earth," Alexander said Sunday on NBC's "Meet The Press."

Three prominent conservatives released a letter urging support for Steve Forbes.

"Republicans have suffered two major defeats in a row for the presidency by nominating moderate, establishment candidates," said the letter from L. Brent Bozell III, Richard Viguerie and Morton Blackwell.

Bush's father lost in 1992; Mrs. Dole's husband in 1996.

Rain Reports

Snyder	.42
Dunn	.2
Ira	.25
Hermleigh	.3
NE of Hermleigh	.12
Union	.60
Loraine	1.7
Farmer's Co-op	.3
Paymaster Gin	.5

ASK US

Q—Does the Snyder ISD hiring freeze apply to the girls head basketball coaching position?

A—No. The district is scrutinizing every vacant position, said Supt. Gayle Lomax. Some will be filled, some will be absorbed.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Sunday, 58 degrees; low, 42; high Sunday, 53; low, 42; 7 a.m. Monday, 46; .42 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, 1.37 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low near 40. W wind 10-20 mph; 5-10 mph after midnight. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High, lower 70s. SE wind 5 to 15 mph.



Blanc Knipe
Mostly sunny

Sunset:
6:47 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:03 a.m.
Of 66 days in 1999, the sun has shone 64 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Our plans miscarry because they have no aim. When you don't know what harbor you're aiming for, no wind is the right wind."

Seneca

Spielberg and Paltrow receive SAG awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The directors have honored the directors, the actors the actors and the writers the writers. Now the Oscar picture is as clear as it's going to get.

"Saving Private Ryan" appears to have the inside track on winning best picture at the Academy Awards on March 21, in light of Saturday night's Directors Guild of America award to its director, Steven Spielberg.

Gwyneth Paltrow of "Shakespeare in Love" is the favorite for best actress, after her award Sunday night at the Screen Actors Guild ceremony. A surprise SAG award to Roberto Benigni for "Life is Beautiful" gave a huge boost to his chances, previously seen as remote, for an acting Oscar.

The prospects for supporting acting Oscars for Kathy Bates for "Primary Colors" and Robert Duvall for "A Civil Action" are also looking brighter after their Screen Actors Guild victories.

And the screenwriters of "Shakespeare In Love" and "Out of Sight," honored last month by their peers, are the front-runners for the original and adapted screenplay Oscars.

Spielberg's Directors Guild win was his third. He also was honored for "The Color Purple" (1985) and "Schindler's List" (1993).

Only four times has the Directors Guild winner not repeated at the Academy Awards. The winner of the directing Oscar also usually sees his film take a best picture award.

Although the Screen Actors Guild awards are still young — in their fifth year — they are becoming a strong predicator of Oscar winners because of a significant overlap of the membership of the actors' union and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Benigni, the Italian director-actor-writer who created the comic-tragic story of a father trying to shield his son from the horrors of Holocaust, lifted SAG presenter Helen Hunt and spun her around, then said in broken English he was so happy that "every organ of my body is moving in a very bad way."

Benigni's award was the biggest surprise and suggested the best actor Oscar later this month is a toss-up. He beat such strong nominees as Joseph Fiennes ("Shakespeare in Love"), Tom Hanks ("Saving Private Ryan"), Ian McKellen ("Gods and Monsters") and Nick Nolte ("Affliction.")

Paltrow, awarded for her role as the hoiress who falls in love with a young William Shakespeare in "Shakespeare in Love," paid tribute to her mother, Blythe Danner, as "the most brilliant, beautiful, profound actress I know." Paltrow also won a Golden Globe and is now a favorite for an Academy Award.

"This is just such an honor to be recognized by my peers. You'll never know quite what this means to me," said Paltrow, nominated along with Cate Blanchett in "Elizabeth," Jane Horrocks in "Little Voice," Meryl Streep in "One True Thing" and Emily Watson in "Hilary and Jackie."

"Shakespeare in Love" also won the ensemble acting prize for a film.

In other film categories, Bates, the politically savvy campaign troubleshooter in "Primary Colors," and Duvall, the tough, baseball-loving corporate attorney in "A Civil Action," won awards.

"I'm just thrilled, absolutely thrilled," supporting-actress winner Bates said backstage.

The other supporting actress nominees were Brenda Blethyn for "Little Voice," Judi Dench for "Shakespeare in Love," Rachel Griffiths for "Hilary and Jackie" and Lynn Redgrave for "Gods and Monsters."

Duvall won for supporting actor, beating David Kelly for "Waking Ned Devine," Geoffrey Rush for "Shakespeare in Love" and Billy Bob Thornton for "A Simple Plan."

Last year, four of those receiving SAG awards went on to pick up Oscars: Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt, Robin Williams and Kim Basinger. Only Gloria Stuart, who shared the supporting actress SAG award with Basinger, didn't get an Academy Award.

George Jones improving following car accident

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — George Jones, critically injured from a traffic accident, has made significant improvement and may soon be able to breathe without a ventilator.

"He still has a life-threatening injury, but everyone is encouraged by how well he has done since his accident," Vanderbilt University Medical Center spokesman Wayne Wood said this morning.

The 67-year-old country music legend remained in critical condition.

Jones had a quiet night, two days after nearly dying when he smashed his sport-utility vehicle into a bridge near his home. He was talking on his cell phone at the time.

Doctors hope to begin weaning Jones off his ventilator today. He also may start getting nutrients through a tube to his stomach, Dr. Virginia Eddy said.

"I've got to say that he's done remarkably well," Eddy said Sunday. "That's not to say that he's not very fragile at this point, but he's made a lot of progress."

Eddy was not among the first physicians to treat Jones, but said that from his medical records "it looked to me like he was on death's door" when he arrived at the hospital.

It took emergency workers about two hours to free him from the car. His liver was cut deeply, and his right lung was punctured.

As long as his liver doesn't bleed, Jones has a good chance of recovery, the doctor said.

"The liver heals itself very well, and his injuries are of the type that I really would expect to heal just fine without any surgery," Eddy said.

Jones is conscious, but sedated. He has not spoken since the accident, said his wife, Nancy Jones. He is communicating by squeezing her hand.

"With the squeeze of the hand, I knew he was going to fight," Mrs. Jones said. "George is just a strong person. He has a strong will and a reason to live."

Jones has been cited as an influence by singers outside the country genre, including Elvis Costello and Ray Charles, both of whom have recorded with him.

Gas prices go up

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Gas prices rose for the first time since September, though an industry analyst cautioned the increase may not signal a recovery.

The weighted average, including all grades and taxes, was $1.0028 per gallon Friday, up 0.48 cent from two weeks earlier, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 gas stations nationwide.

"If this is a price recovery after about a year and a half of price cutting, then it is so far a frail one," analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday.

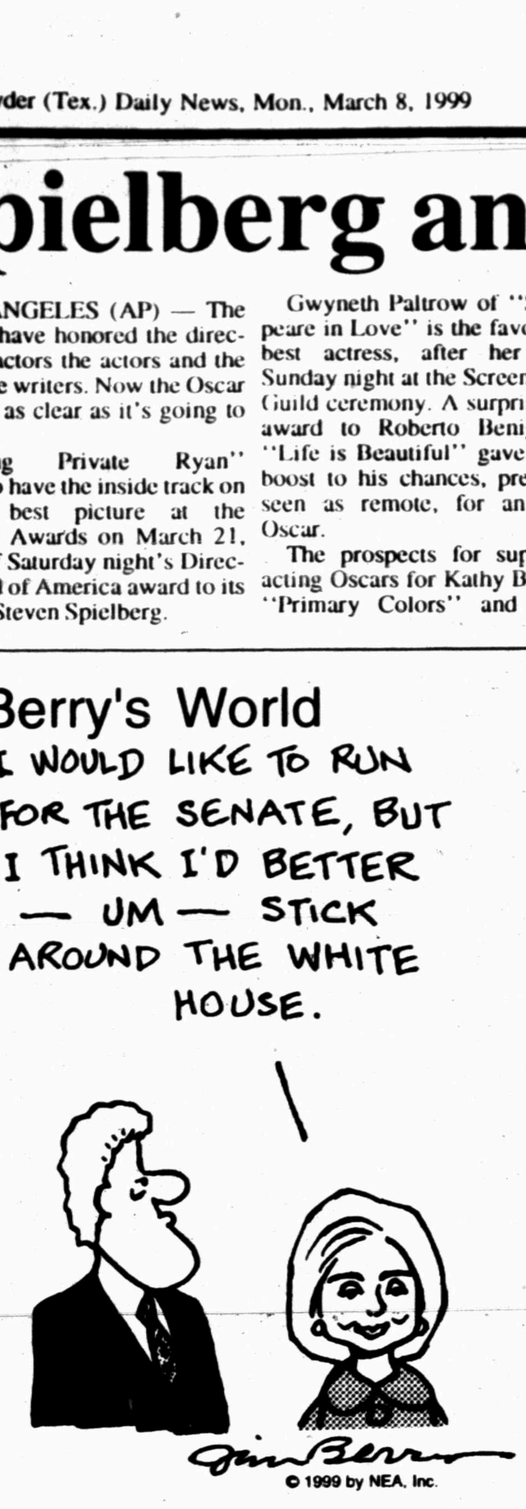
West Coast prices increased after the Feb. 23 explosion at a Tosco Corp. oil refinery in Martinez, Calif., which killed four people and sent gas buyers chasing for alternative supplies, she said.

She warned that the tightening of gas supplies might create glut conditions prior to the spring driving season.

Self-service prices were 94.16 cents for regular, $1.0517 for mid-grade and $1.1362 for premium.

Full-service prices were $1.4002 for regular, $1.4915 for mid-grade and $1.5662 for premium.

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Today is the 67th day of 1999 and the 78th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1950, the Soviet Union announced that it had developed an atomic bomb.

On this day in 1985, John McPherson of Newcastle, England, set a world record by kissing 4,444 women in eight hours.

On this day in 1987, Bob Seger announced at a Detroit concert that the "Like a Rock" tour would be his last.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. (1841-1935), Supreme Court justice; Cyd Charisse (1923-), dancer, is 76; Charlie Pride (1938-), singer, is 61; Lynn Redgrave (1943-), actress, is 56; Susan Clark (1944-), actress, is 55; Jim Rice (1953-), baseball player, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, heavyweight champion Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali in a 15-round bout in New York City.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "He bids fair to grow wise who has discovered that he is not so." — Publilius Syrus

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 2) and last quarter (March 10).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Skies Becoming Less Friendly For Flier Squeezed for Space

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I need advice on airline etiquette. I am over 6 feet tall and a frequent traveler. As the distance between my knees and the seat in front of me in coach class is reduced by the airlines, is it unreasonable to expect the person in front of me to ask permission before pushing the seat back? Do passengers have the right to push as far back as possible without regard to the inconvenience and discomfort it may cause the passengers behind them?

Several times in the past few years, people — usually women — have pushed their seat backs into my knees, and when I told them nicely there was no more room for reclining, proceeded to push their seat back even farther. Not only is it uncomfortable and rude, it makes work on a laptop computer impossible. If someone were behind me, I wouldn't dream of reclining without his or her permission.

If there isn't a definitive rule, how about taking a stand to establish one? I know many travelers would be pleased to have this point of etiquette specifically addressed.

PDX TRAVELER, TIGARD, ORE.

DEAR PDX TRAVELER: The passenger in front of you has a right to recline his seat, although it is rude and abrasive to do so without first obtaining permission. A solution to your problem would be to request bulkhead seating when you make your next reservation.

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DEAR ABBY: My best friend, whom I've known for eight years, frequently asks to borrow my clothes. I don't mind lending them to her, but she never returns them. After a while, she can't remember if they're hers or mine, so when I ask for something back, she claims it is hers.

I've tried saying no to her, but she always talks me into it. I value her friendship, and that makes it harder to stick to my guns and not give in. Is there a way to stop her from borrowing without destroying our friendship? I'm running out of clothes and patience.

ALMOST NUDE IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR ALMOST NUDE: Stand in front of your mirror and practice saying, "No more. I'm running out of clothes and I'm no longer comfortable with this." If she's a real friend, she'll stop taking advantage of you.

However, if you can't bring yourself to refuse her, mark the labels in your clothes with your initials so there will be no question to whom they belong.

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DEAR ABBY: My grandparents are flying into town soon to celebrate my mother's and grandfather's birthdays. My father wants to take a home-baked cake to the restaurant where we're having dinner. Is this appropriate? He insists it shouldn't be a problem. However, my mother and I think it would not be a good idea. We even joked about a "cake cutting fee" similar to that of a "corkage fee." What do you think?

HEIDI

DEAR HEIDI: I see nothing inappropriate about taking a home-baked cake to the restaurant. It would add a personal touch to the celebration. However, I would contact the restaurant in advance and obtain their approval to be certain they wouldn't prefer you purchase a cake from them.

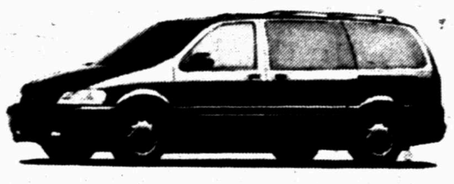
You could always forgo dessert at the restaurant and have cake and coffee at home.

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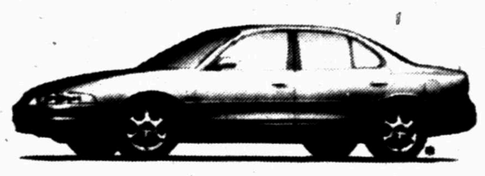
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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 1 Northwest Ira. The wildcat was completed to produce 161 barrels of oil. Location is in Section 176, Block97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Johnson Royalities has completed the No. 9 Strayhorn in the Fullerville field, two miles south of Polar. The well produced 22 barrels of oil at perforations from 2,344-350 feet. Location is in Section 22, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Nolan County

Lytle Creek Operating will drill the No. 1 Wilks in the Lake Trammel field, one mile north of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 5,600 feet, location is in Section 191, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 3 Alexander Heirs in the Lake Trammel south field, two miles northeast of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 5,400 feet, location is in Section 115, Block X, T&P survey.

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SOLO/ENSEMBLE WINNERS — These Snyder High School band students earned a first division rating in solo or ensemble regional competition Feb. 27 in Lubbock. Front row, from left, Michael Arbuckle, Laura Billingsley, Hayli Henderson, Amber Schwertner, Melinda Langham, Ashley Baremore, Amanda Greenwood; middle row, Ryan Burk, Kyla Connel, Audra Reneau, Tyler Neves, Carcie Posey, David Thames, Lynn Fogleman; back row, Zack Green, Isaac Nakamura, Michael Borrego, Thomas Bishop, Eric DeLeon, Zach Allred, Danny Early, Justin Stokes. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Holes drilled in hearts may alleviate severe chest pain

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A laser mounted on a tube the width of a cocktail straw can blast tiny holes in the walls of the heart, triggering the growth of blood vessels that substantially relieve crippling chest pain.

Lasers are already used as a last-ditch treatment of bad chest pain in some people, but an experimental new approach described Sunday appears much safer and can be used without open-heart surgery.

Experts say the promising results should help relieve many doctors' skepticism about laser therapy of the heart.

Heart lasers were approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for routine use last year. However, the treatment requires opening the chest and carries a 6 percent to 10 percent risk of death.

The new approach involves threading the laser into the heart on a catheter, something that doctors do routinely for a variety of procedures, such as angioplasty.

If it works as well as data so far suggest, it could offer relief to many thousands of Americans whose heart pain cannot be treated with angioplasty or bypass surgery.

"This is for people with no options who are miserable with their angina," said Dr. Stephen N. Oesterle of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Oesterly presented the results of the largest study yet with this approach at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

In his study, doctors at 12 hospitals in the United States and England randomly assigned 221 patients to have either the laser therapy or routine medical care. All had severe angina, resulting from poor circulation to their heart muscle.

Angina is rated on a scale of 1 to 4. Before treatment, all were in stage 3 or 4, meaning they had chest pain will eating, brushing their teeth or even sitting perfectly still.

After laser treatment, two-thirds had improved at least two grades to stage 1 or 2. This meant they could walk about their homes comfortably, even though climbing stairs might still trigger pain.

"You can lead a normal life with class 2 angina," said Oesterle. "You cannot with class 4 angina."

The laser is threaded into the left ventricle, where doctors burn 10 to 15 tiny holes into the heart walls. None died during the procedure. Patients can be sent home the same day they are treated.

When the approach was first proposed in the 1980s, doctors theorized that the holes acted as substitute blood vessels, carrying blood to oxygen-starved muscle. However, experts now know that the holes themselves quickly plug up, serving no purpose.

Instead, it now appears that the laser damage somehow triggers the heart to grow tiny new arteries, a process called angiogenesis.

Bridge



By Phillip Alder

North 03-08-99
♠ 9 7 4
♥ A 5 2
♦ A 8 4 3
♣ K 6 5

West
♠ K J 6 2
♥ 10 8 7
♦ J 9 6 5
♣ 8 4

East
♠ A 8 3
♥ J 9 6 4
♦ Q 10
♣ J 9 7 2

South
♠ Q 10 5
♥ K Q 3
♦ K 7 2
♣ A Q 10 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

Counting for declarer

By Phillip Alder

Last week, we looked at the most common defensive signaling situations. Yet there is more to cover. Today's conundrum: Should you give count in a suit attacked by declarer?

Last Wednesday, we found that the answer is in the affirmative if dummy has a semisolid suit, so partner knows when to take his ace (when declarer plays his final card in that suit). Yet usually the answer is in the negative; you will help only declarer.

I first visited the United States in 1971, to play bridge in New York and Chicago, then to sell ice cream in Omaha! During the Summer Nationals in the Windy City, this deal arose.

After a speedy auction to three no-trump, my partner, Ceri Evans, led his fourth-highest spade, and we rapidly raked in the first four tricks. Evans exited with a heart.

As you can see, declarer needed four club tricks. *A priori*, the best percentage play is to cash the three top honors, expecting the jack to drop; finessing on the third round is worse.

This South knew that. However, when he cashed the club ace and followed with the club three to dummy's king, I naively echoed, dropping the seven before the two. (My partner sensibly played four, eight.) When the third round came off the dummy and I contributed the nine, declarer asked my partner about our signaling methods.

Now, this is a bluff and double-bluff position, but South decided a 19-year-old wouldn't be so underhanded. (Or else he noticed the perspiration flooding from my brow.) Anyway, he finessed the 10.

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Presidential nicknames vary from 'Fox' to Comeback Kid

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nickname, says the proverb, is "the heaviest stone the devil can throw at a man." Some wound and leave scars. Some stick like burrs. Others fall away and are forgotten.

American presidents have attracted and endured nicknames ever since George Washington was called the "Sword of the Revolution," "Father of His Country," the "Sage of Mount Vernon" and, interestingly, "The Old Fox."

President Clinton will probably never entirely shed "Slick Willie," a nickname draped on him by an Arkansas newspaper writer years before he reached Washington.

But "the Comeback Kid," the title Clinton awarded himself after finishing a surprising second in the 1992 New Hampshire primary, is likely to be equally enduring.

It's a title Clinton retains — for his two presidential victories, his tiptoeing through the land mines of scandal and his acquittal in a Senate impeachment trial.

"Clinton seemed plainly to be relishing the symbolism of the Comeback Kid coming back again," The Washington Post's John Harris observed last month as he described Clinton's post-impeachment swing through New Hampshire.

Presidential nicknames have been piling up for two centuries. Five presidents were called "accidental" or "his accidency," because they gained office either by the death of the president they served as vice president or through other less than usual circumstances.

Many presidential nicknames were plainly sarcastic.

When John Adams insisted that Congress call President Washington "His Highness," some senators, snickering behind their hands, dubbed Adams "His Rotundity"

William Henry Harrison was a "Log Cabin candidate" before Abraham Lincoln but was also widely known as "Tippecanoe," after his 1811 victory on a battlefield of the Indian Wars.

Many people thought of Martin Van Buren as sly and "foxy," "the Little Magician." But finally, to his political foes he was little Van, "the used-up man."

Andrew Jackson was "Old Hickory" for the tree so hard it resisted nails. Some Americans, trying to recycle the title, called James Polk "Young Hickory."

Zachary Taylor is still known as "Old Rough and Ready," a reputation earned during the 1848 war with Mexico.

Theodore Roosevelt will always be a "Rough Rider," even though his cavalry regiment had no horses with them when they captured San Juan Hill. The president detested "Teddy," even though he had been called "Teedy" as a boy.

Lincoln survived many nickname salvos: tyrant, dictator, destroyer of liberty, "Black Republican," "the Illinois Baboon," "the Original Gorilla."

The "railsplitter's" defenders, of course, could fire back with "Honest Abe," "Father Abraham" and "The Great Emancipator." Lincoln's secretaries had their own nicknames for the commander in chief — "The Ancient" and "The Tycoon."

In the 20th century, Americans remember the monosyllabic Calvin Coolidge as "Silent Cal," and Franklin Roosevelt, the first of the alphabet presidents, as plain old FDR. To those who could not bear to speak his name, Roosevelt was "that man in the White House."

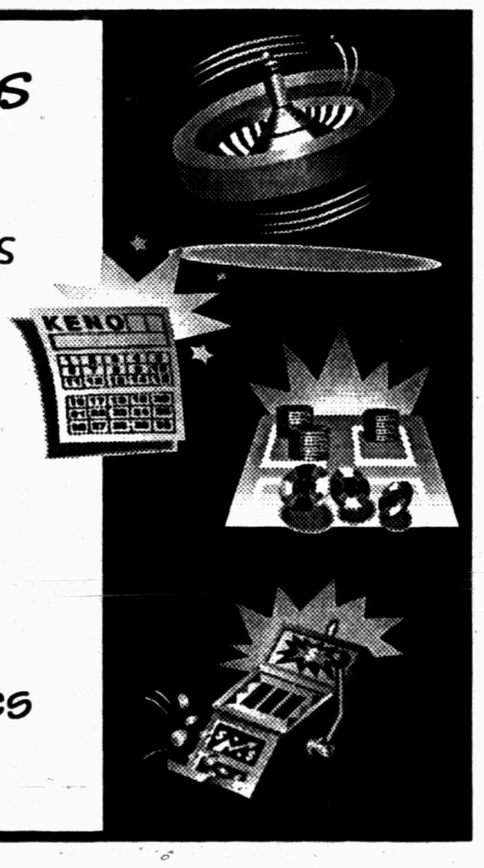
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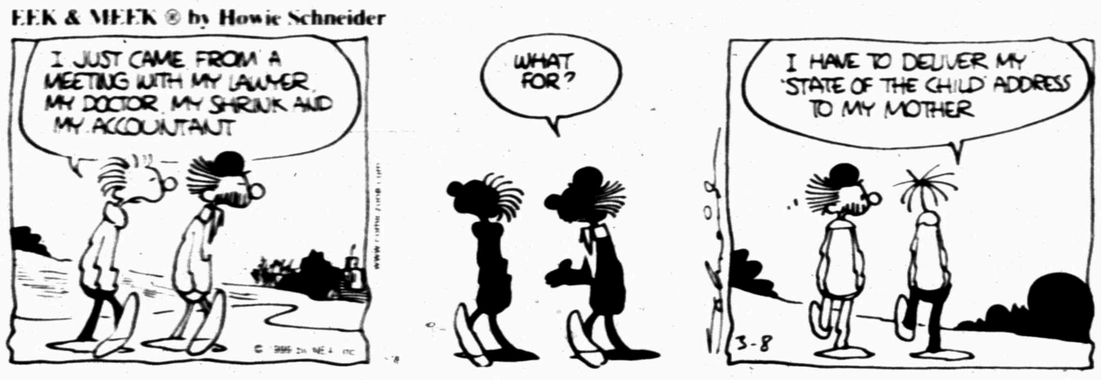
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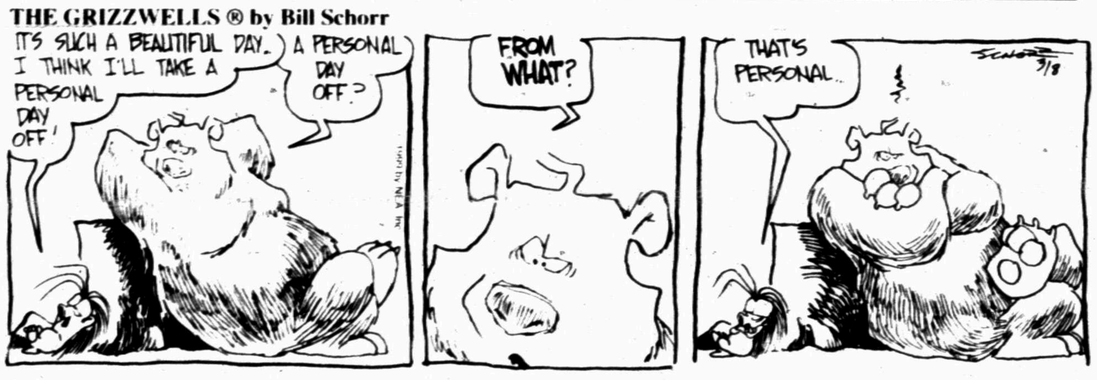
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35 Dreaded African fly
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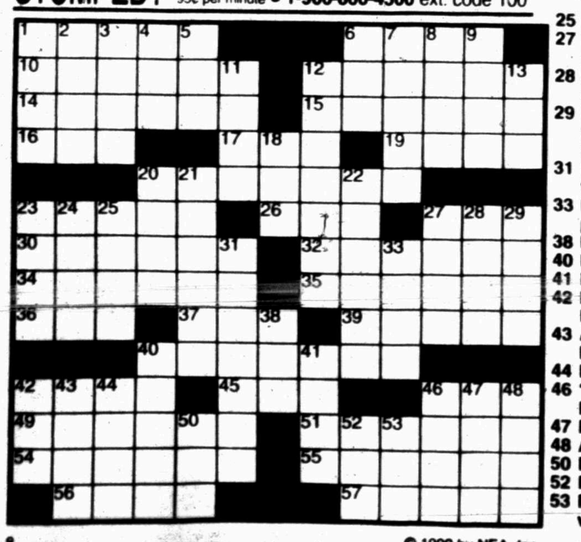
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13 Mao — -tung
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers hold on for links tourney title

MIDLAND — After the opening round of the Tall City Invitational, the Lady Tigers held the lead but had two squads nipping at their heels.

So in a windy final round, Snyder showed its experience.

With Andrews only four shots back and Abilene High only five, the Lady Tigers answered the bell with a 351 on Saturday, the second-best score of the day to secure the Tall City title.

Snyder held off Abilene by two strokes, posting a tourney total of 704. Andrews finished third at 708.

Lacey Kidd, who fired an 89 on the first day, carded an 85 to lead the Lady Tigers in the final round.

Keisha Gafford's 84 on Friday pushed Snyder into the lead. Gafford followed up her first-round performance with an 86 to finish with a team best 170.

Randi Reed posted an 87-89—176, with Stephanie Alderete turning in a 98-91—189. Adrian McJimsey carded a 93-98—191.

The Lady Tigers will be on the links again at the Andrews tourney, beginning Friday.

Two Texas squads make tourney field...

'Horns, UTSA going dancing

AUSTIN (AP) — When Texas started the season 0-4, the Longhorns looked more like a train wreck than an NCAA tournament team.

A Big 12 regular season championship later, 19-12 Texas earned its eighth tournament appearance this decade and first since 1997.

"The way we started, I didn't know if we had dug ourselves too deep a hole to get out of," Texas center Chris Mihm said Sunday after the Longhorns learned they are the No. 7 seed in the East Regional.

"It was great to see that. When we started the way we did, we knew it would take a lot of work to turn things around," Mihm said.

The Longhorns and Texas-San Antonio (18-10), which received an automatic bid for winning the Southland Conference, were the only two teams from Texas to make the 64-team NCAA tournament this year.

Texas-San Antonio is the 16th seed in the West Regional. The Roadrunners will play No. 1 seed Connecticut (28-2) in Denver on Thursday.

"I can't describe the feeling you get when you go through something like this. It's unspeakable joy," said UTSA coach Tim Carter.

As Big 12 champions, getting in wasn't the question for Texas. It was more of where they would play and at what seed.

Texas players and coaches watched together when it was announced they will play No. 10 Purdue (19-12) on Friday in Boston.

If they win Friday, Texas will advance to play either No. 2 Miami (22-6) or No. 15 Lafayette (22-7).

For Texas-San Antonio, the only way to make the NCAA tournament was to beat in-state rival Southwest Texas on Saturday.

The 71-63 victory gave the Roadrunners just their second NCAA bid ever and first since 1988.

Their reward is a matchup against a Connecticut team that spent much of the season ranked No. 1.

To win would make history. No 16th-seed has won a first-round game in the NCAA tournament. Still, the Roadrunners are elated to be in the "big dance," Carter said.

"The journey was fun. Now we get to have fun being one of the 64. We don't have that rich tradition, that rich alumni base. But as a coach, I loved putting up that banner today," Carter said.

One Texas team that faded late from the NCAA tournament field was Texas Christian. The Horned Frogs finished 19-10 after losing to Brigham Young 90-74 in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference.

Texas Christian was just 7-7 in the regular season in the WAC, which got three teams — Utah, Tulsa and New Mexico — into the NCAA field.

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

NCAA Basketball Tournament
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 12
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Duke (32-1) vs. Florida A&M (12-18)
College of Charleston (28-2) vs. Tulsa (22-9)
Tennessee (20-8) vs. Delaware (25-5)
Wisconsin (22-9) vs. Southwest Missouri State (20-10)
At The FleetCenter
Boston
Miami (22-6) vs. Lafayette (22-7)
Texas (19-12) vs. Purdue (19-12)
Cincinnati (26-5) vs. George Mason (19-10)
Temple (21-10) vs. Kent (23-6)

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 11
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Auburn (27-3) vs. Winthrop (21-7)
Syracuse (21-11) vs. Oklahoma State (22-10)
Ohio State (23-8) vs. Murray State (27-5)
UCLA (22-8) vs. Detroit (24-5)
At Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
Maryland (26-5) vs. Valparaiso (23-8)
Louisville (19-10) vs. Creighton (21-8)
St. John's (25-8) vs. Samford (24-5)
Indiana (22-10) vs. George Washington (20-8)

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 12
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Michigan State (29-4) vs. Mount St. Mary's, Md. (15-14)
Villanova (21-10) vs. Mississippi (19-12)
Arizona (22-6) vs. Oklahoma (20-10)
North Carolina Charlotte (22-10) vs. Rhode Island (20-12)
At The Superdome
New Orleans
Utah (27-4) vs. Arkansas State (18-11)
Washington (17-11) vs. Miami, Ohio (22-7)
Kentucky (25-8) vs. New Mexico State (23-9)
Kansas (22-9) vs. Evansville (23-9)

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 11
At McNichols Arena
Denver
Connecticut (28-2) vs. Texas-San Antonio (18-10)
Missouri (20-8) vs. New Mexico (24-8)
Arkansas (22-10) vs. Siena (25-5)
Iowa (18-9) vs. Alabama-Birmingham (20-11)
At Key Arena
Seattle
Stanford (25-6) vs. Alcorn State (23-6)
Minnesota (17-10) vs. Gonzaga (25-6)
North Carolina (24-9) vs. Weber State (24-7)
Florida (20-8) vs. Pennsylvania (21-5)

THE FINAL FOUR
At Tropicana Field
St. Petersburg, Fla.
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 27
East champion vs. Midwest champion, 5:42 p.m.
South champion vs. West champion, 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Monday, March 29
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

Snyder 7, Frenship 6...

Fifth inning fuels Tigers' victory

WOLFFORTH — It didn't take the Tigers long to get back on track.

After a pair of dissappointing losses on Friday, Snyder bounced back with a 7-6 victory over Frenship to grab seventh place in the Frenship tournament.

Snyder, now 6-3 on the season, fell behind early after Frenship posted a pair of runs in the opening frame.

Snyder knotted the tally at 2-2 in the third inning, before Frenship regained a 3-2 advantage in the fourth.

Trailing by one, Snyder put together a fifth-inning rally to take the lead for good.

Following a lead-off walk to Cory Mandrell, Collin Jones blasted a triple to even the score.

Next-up, Jared Hester slapped a single to drive in Jones, followed by a walk to Johnny Pena.

After Matt Rodgers reached base, Clint Hook busted a single to scorer Hester and Rodgers.

Frenship tried to answer in the seventh inning, sending three runners home before Snyder closed the door.

Hook faced two batters in relief to record the final out.

Mandrell, in only his second appearance on the mound, pitched the first 6⅔ innings to pick up the win.

Snyder travels to San Angelo Central today for a 4 p.m. matchup with the Bobcats, followed by the Snyder tourney beginning Thursday.

The Tigers face Lubbock Cooper at 2 p.m. Thursday in the tourney's first round.

Also competing will be Pecos, Odessa High, Dumas, El Paso Ysleta, Perryton, Sweetwater, Pampa, West, Ft. Stockton and Monahans.

Snyder	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	— 7
Frenship	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	— 6

Snyder: Jared Hester and Clint Hook, two singles; Cory Mandrell and Collin Jones, triple; Matthew Grimmett, single.
WP: Cory Mandrell.

At the Bulldog Relays...

Martinez paces Snyder

ABILENE — Through the first two meets of the season, Snyder High's Rudy Martinez has shown that speed overcomes experience on the track.

Martinez, just a freshman, raced to the top spot Saturday in the 3,200-meter run of the Bulldog Relays in Abilene.

After nabbing the runner-up slot a week ago, Martinez led the Snyder boys to an eighth place finish, overall.

The freshman distance runner also came in third in the 1,600, while Dusty Ashby finished fifth in the two-mile run.

Mark Medley turned in another strong performance in the discus event, securing second place with an effort of 134-1.

Another freshman, Wade Pinson, cleared 6 feet to take third place in the high jump, while Rodney Thompson was fifth. Pinson also claimed the fifth spot in the 110-meter hurdles.

In the girls' bracket, Amy Brooks paced the Lady Tigers.

Brooks notched third place in the discus competition with a toss of 102-3 inches. Brooks also fared well in the shot put with a fourth place finish.

In the running events, Loryn Brown raced her way to a sixth place finish in the 300-meter hurdles.

Snyder will be back on the track Saturday when it hosts the Canyon Reef Relays at Tiger Stadium. A total of 17 teams are expected for this year's event.

Clyde downs SHS girls

With their best pitcher in action, the Clyde Lady Bulldogs didn't need any extra help.

Snyder gave them some anyway.

The Lady Tigers committed six errors to go along with only two hits in a 12-1 setback to Clyde at Cates Field on Saturday.

Snyder, now 7-5 on the season, got singles from Angie Shoemake and Amy Ricks for their only offense of the contest.

"Their pitcher wasn't overpowering, but she was a real smart pitcher," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "She had a good offspeed pitch and she knew when to use it."

Kristin Martinez went the distance for the Lady Tigers, giving up 14 hits, while striking out a pair of Lady Bulldogs and walking one.

Snyder will be back on the diamond Friday when it hosts the Snyder tournament. The Lady Tigers open tourney play at 1:30 Friday afternoon.

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Orlando	14	4	.778	—
Miami	12	5	.706	1½
NewYork	10	7	.588	3½
Philadelphia	10	7	.588	3½
Boston	7	8	.467	5½
Washington	7	9	.438	6
NewJersey	3	13	.188	10
Central Division				
Indiana	12	5	.706	—
Milwaukee	9	5	.643	1½
Detroit	10	7	.588	2
Atlanta	8	8	.500	3½
Cleveland	7	8	.467	4
Toronto	6	10	.375	5½
Charlotte	4	11	.267	7
Chicago	4	12	.250	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	13	4	.765	—
Minnesota	11	6	.647	2
Houston	10	8	.556	3½
SanAntonio	10	8	.556	3½
Dallas	6	13	.316	8
Denver	5	13	.278	8½
Vancouver	4	13	.235	9
Pacific Division				
Portland	13	3	.813	—
L.A.Lakers	13	6	.684	1½
Seattle	9	7	.563	4
Phoenix	9	8	.529	4½
Sacramento	9	9	.500	5
GoldenState	7	10	.412	6½
L.A.Clippers	0	15	.000	12½

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Cleveland 97, Golden State 80
Orlando 87, Detroit 82
San Antonio 114, L.A. Clippers 85
Sacramento 111, Phoenix 99
Houston 107, Vancouver 92
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Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

DiMaggio succumbs to illness

By MARV SCHNEIDER
AP Sports Writer

Joe DiMaggio, the elegant Yankee Clipper whose 56-game hitting streak endures as one of the most remarkable records in baseball or any sport, died today at his home in Hollywood, Fla. He was 84.

DiMaggio, who underwent lung cancer surgery in October and battled a series of complications for weeks afterward, died shortly after midnight, said Morris Engelberg, his longtime friend and attorney.

DiMaggio's body will be flown to Northern California for burial in his hometown of San Francisco, Engelberg said.

"DiMaggio, the consummate gentleman on and off the field, fought his illness as hard as he played the game of baseball and with the same dignity, style and grace with which he lived his life," said Engelberg, DiMaggio's next-door neighbor.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig called DiMaggio "the personification of grace, class and dignity on the baseball diamond."

"As an immigrant's son, he represented the hopes and ideals of our great country," Selig said.

The New York Yankees' center fielder roamed the basepaths for 13 years through 1951, missing three seasons to serve in World War II. During that time he played for 10 pennant winners and nine World Series champions, batted .325 and hit 361 home runs.

More than anything it was The Streak, during the magical summer of '41, that riveted a country fresh from the Depression and elevated him from baseball star to national celebrity.

Besides his brother, Dom, survivors include a son, Joe Jr.; two grandchildren, Paula and Cathy; and four great-grandchildren.

Sports Briefs

Track meet volunteers needed

Snyder High School is in need of volunteers to help Saturday with the Canyon Reef Relays.

Anyone wishing to help should contact Matt or Vanessa Gutierrez at 574-6039, 574-6040 or 573-7260.

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Pitching clinics for girls' fast-pitch softball will be held every Wednesday. Classes are limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

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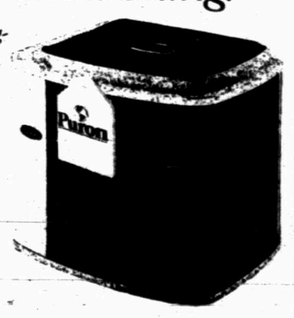
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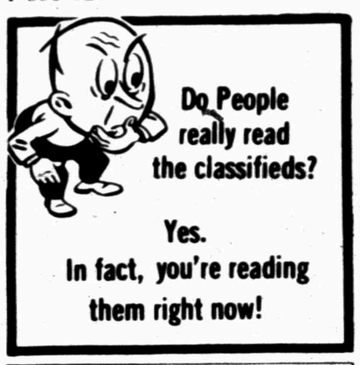
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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors meeting; clubhouse; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

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

Defensive Driving Course; Monday and Tuesday evening at the Snyder Svings and Loan Community Room, 27th & College Ave. No reservations needed, for more information call 573-2850; two-night course is 6 to 9 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room at Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program "Cottage Industry," by Fran Farmer; Barbara McGee and Martha Schiebel, hostesses; 4:15 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; country club; "An Evening of Poetry," by Janeen Patterson; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

Altrurian Daughters Study Club; MAWC; book review by Jo Ashley, Geleska Baze and Shirley Stewart, hostesses; 11:30 a.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information, call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime for four- and five-year-olds at the Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal on W. 37th; Paul Hudgins, program, Karen Rinker, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch break.

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

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Three support groups — Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief and Caring for Aging Parents, will meet at the First Baptist Church; for more information call the church office at 573-2631; anyone is welcome and child care is provided; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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 appointment, call 573-9742.

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Ira School Menu

TUESDAY
Barbecue Ribs
Green Beans
Creamed Potatoes
Bread
Plain Cake

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Baked Potato
Peas and Carrots
Bread
Sheath Cake

THURSDAY
Steak Fingers
French Fries
Relish Cup
Biscuits
Apricot Cobbler

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 6: Retha Danon, Raymond Kellner, W.W. Mitchell, Christini Singleton, Cecilia Martinez, Travis Stroud; March 7: Jimmie Dyess, W.F. West, Carolina Boyer, David Clinkenbeard, Valerianna Lopez, Jeffrey Stewart.

DISMISSALS: March 6: Alicia Garza, Lupe Salinas, Thelma Wimberly, Lucia Solis, Nancy Stansell; March 7: Retha Canon, Cecilia Martinez, Travis Stroud, Kaylee Coker, Kyler Ewing, Noel Flores, Floy Kimsey, Alex Luecke, Joshua Silva.

CENSUS: 39 (Med., Surg.-15, Long-term Care-24).

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De Niro-Crystal comedy tops weekend box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert De Niro's portrayal of a neurotic mob boss who turns to Billy Crystal for therapy beat the teen love-games flick "Cruel Intentions" to finish No. 1 at the weekend box office, estimates showed.

"Analyze This" earned $17.7 million in its debut, far ahead of the "Cruel Intentions" opening of $13.2 million, according to figures released Sunday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

The comedy was a victory of sorts for both De Niro and Crystal, outdoing their most recent openings by millions. De Niro's action thriller "Ronin" debuted with $12.7 million and Crystal's "My Giant," opened with $3.1 million.

"Cruel Intentions," the latest film geared toward a teen audience, failed to beat the openings of other recent teen films such as "She's All That" and "Varsity Blues."

Nonetheless, "Cruel Intentions" did bring in more than the $11 million it reportedly cost to make. It stars Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe and Reese Witherspoon and sets the plot of the love-games story "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" against a Manhattan prep school.

Meanwhile, Nicolas Cage's dark "8mm," about a private investigator who infiltrates the porn subculture in search of a runaway girl, finished No. 3 with $7 million. Though it lost 51 percent of its audience in its second week, studio officials remained optimistic.

"This is really all to the benefit of Nick Cage," said Ed Russell, Columbia's executive vice president of publicity. "He has really driven the audience into a very intriguing film."

"The Other Sister," a love story about two mentally challenged people starring Juliette Lewis, was in fourth place with $5.6 million. It lost just 15 percent of its audience in its second week.

"In the face of competition like 'Analyze This' and the adult market, I think we did very well. I think it's about word of mouth. The public does it for you," said Chuck Viane, senior vice president of distribution for Buena Vista Pictures.

Overall, the box office was down 8.5 percent from last year, when the megahit "Titanic" was still packing theaters.

Here are estimated grosses at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday. Final figures were expected Monday:

1. "Analyze This," $17.7 million.
2. "Cruel Intentions," $13.2 million.
3. "8mm," $7 million.
4. "The Other Sister," $5.6 million.
5. "Payback," $4.1 million.
6. "October Sky," $3.7 million.
7. "My Favorite Martian," $3.6 million.
8. (tie) "Message in a Bottle," $3.4 million.
8. "Shakespeare in Love," $3.4 million.
10. "She's All That," $2.6 million.

Alcohol, drugs send 4 to jail

Alcohol and drug related charges sent four subjects to jail over the weekend.

Department of Public Safety troopers took two subjects into custody at 10:55 p.m. Saturday 15 miles north of Snyder on U.S. Hwy. 84.

Arrested were a 20-year-old female for public intoxication and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and a 20-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

An 18-year-old male was taken into custody at 3:35 a.m. Sunday in the 1000 block of 37th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a Nolan County warrant for theft.

At 12:04 a.m. today, offices arrested a 29-year-old male in the 1900 block of 22nd Street for public intoxication.

Two offense reports were also filed this weekend.

At 11:36 p.m. Saturday, officers filed an offense report for family violence.

An offense report for runaway was filed at 5:31 a.m. Sunday in reference to a 14-year-old female not returning home. The girl was located at 8:49 a.m. Sunday and transported to the sheriff's office where she was released to her mother.

Snyder Fire Department responded to two calls over the weekend.

Firemen were called to Manuel DePaz's residence in the 700 block of 28th Street at 10:01 a.m. Saturday in reference to a garage fire. The fire damaged a mattress and a box full of Christmas decorations.

A grass fire was reported at 3:13 p.m. Saturday under the bridge at Avenue E and U.S. Hwy 84. Damage was limited to grass.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Diuretic depletes body's potassium

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In order to replace potassium that I am losing from my body because of a diuretic medicine, my doctor told me to increase my consumption of potassium-rich foods, such as orange juice and bananas. Is this enough?

DEAR READER: I'm afraid not. While extra potassium in the diet — prunes, apricots, bananas and orange juice — will supply the necessary amounts of this vital mineral to most people, recent research has shown that such natural sources will not correct the potential potassium deficit caused by diuretics (kidney stimulants). In people taking diuretics, the body chemistry is often not acidic enough to permit adequate absorption of potassium. Therefore, patients taking diuretics should also take potassium supplements in the form of pills or liquid. The most effective supplements contain potassium chloride, which your physician should prescribe along with the diuretic.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am an X-ray technician. In a recent column, you properly responded to a reader's question by stating that X-ray examinations do not produce a tingling sensation. However, I frequently hear this complaint, for which I have a logical answer: Such patients are actually feeling the vibrations caused by the moving grid inside the X-ray examination table. Therefore, the tingling sensation is not caused by the X-rays themselves, but rather by a harmless mechanical phenomenon.

DEAR READER: Thank you for your perceptive insight. Your theory has been confirmed by my radiologist consultants. X-rays themselves cause no sensation whatsoever; the buzzing or vibration that is felt (not heard) may be a result of the vibrating grid.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I went to the doctor for some tests because I was experiencing fatigue and a rapid pulse. A treadmill cardiogram was normal, but my TSH was 0.20, which is below the normal range. However, my doctor said this is normal. How can that be?

DEAR READER: I believe that either your doctor misspoke or you misunderstood her: A thyroid stimulating hormone level of 0.2 micro international units is below the normal range for most labs: 0.27 to 4.2. This seems to indicate that your thyroid gland is slightly overactive. This could well explain your fatigue and rapid pulse. This condition needs attention and treatment. Return to your physician for an explanation. If she fails to address the issue, request a referral to an endocrinologist. Masked or hidden hyperthyroidism is a potentially serious disorder; it should not be ignored.

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Lawmaker: Hackers threaten U.S. military security

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Hackers have repeatedly tried to penetrate computer systems of a military agency partly based at a Texas installation and at others around the country in what lawmakers and others are terming a major, organized attack, the San Antonio Express-News reported in Sunday's editions.

Defense Department computers are under a "coordinated" assault, according to U.S. Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., a member of House subcommittees on military research and readiness, the newspaper said.

"It's a totally different game," said Weldon, explaining that rogue states or terrorists can cheaply exploit weaknesses in computer systems. "It's no longer tank-to-tank, plane-to-plane, bomber-to-bomber, where we could always win because of our economic superiority."

The Air Intelligence Agency, which provides worldwide security for Air Force computers worldwide, was reportedly probed by hackers on Jan. 7-8, the newspaper said.

Of the AIA's 15,000 personnel, about one-third work at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, which is to close by 2001 and transfer its missions to Lackland Air Force Base, also in San Antonio.

"Probes" of military Web sites accessible to the public occur almost daily and the Air Force constantly watches for serious intrusions, AIA spokesman Joe Mecadon told the Express-News.

He said some attempted intrusions into government computers are being investigated, but hackers haven't yet broken into classified military systems.

Weldon said House members were briefed behind closed doors last week by Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre on efforts to hack into the Pentagon's computer system. Weldon said Hamre and a Justice Department official told his committee that hackers had launched a "major attack" on a military computer system.

A military computer server near San Antonio was reportedly probed for several days in January by hackers who entered the system through an overseas site on the Internet. The intrusions were detected by the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va.

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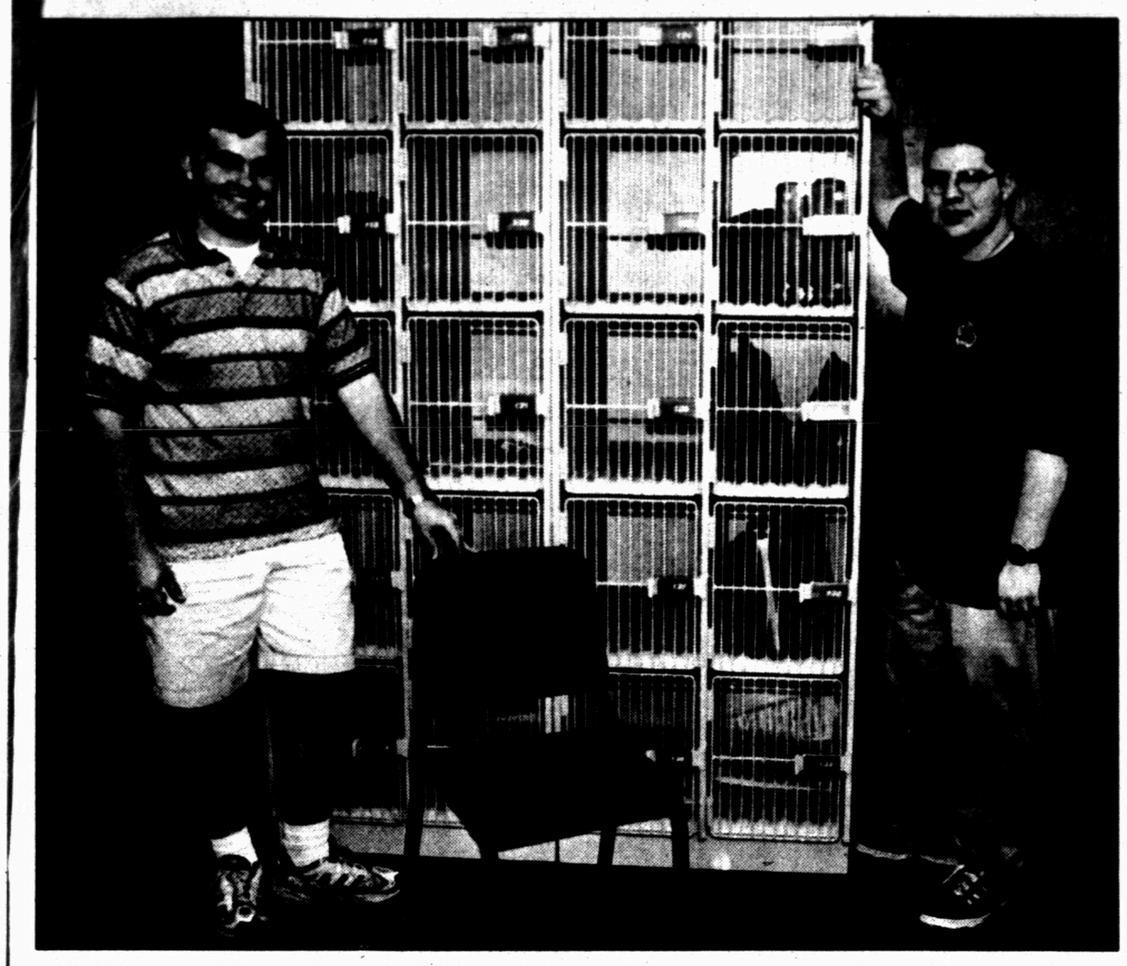
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NEW CHAIRS, CABINETS — Snyder High School band captain, Thomas Bishop, right, and drum major, Nickolas Means, are pictured with samples of new additions to the band hall. The chairs were purchased this year and the instrument cabinets were bought with funds earned the previous two years. Band director Walter Reneau said, "We appreciate the support the citizens of Snyder have always given the high school band." (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Questions still remain about GOP's budget for year 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republican leaders have announced the broad principles that will guide them as they write a fiscal 2000 budget and a plan for handling huge surpluses expected for the foreseeable future.

The blueprint, which they will try selling next week to rank-and-file GOP lawmakers, signals how Republicans will position themselves politically in this year's budget battle with President Clinton. But it leaves several unanswered questions.

Q: What exactly have Republican leaders agreed to?

A: A vague framework that describes their general direction but saves specific decisions for later in the process. It says Republicans will only use Social Security surpluses for the elderly, not for general tax cuts or spending; will reserve more money than Clinton for Social Security and Medicare, or debt reduction if the two programs are not overhauled; will obey spending limits from the 1997 budget-balancing law; will increase defense spending and cut taxes.

Q: If it is so vague, why is it important?

A: Because it makes several pivotal budgetary and political statements that are likely to be Republicans' marquee principles in this year's run-up to the 2000 elections. They want to be seen as a party that is protecting Social Security and Medicare and that wants to cut taxes and restrain spending. And by promising to not use Social Security funds for tax cuts, they want to immunize themselves against Democratic accusations that Republicans want to take away money from senior citizens and use it to cut rich peoples' taxes.

Q: Can they do all that?

A: That is one of the key questions.

Take their promise to live within spending caps set by the 1997 budget deal. For fiscal 2000, which begins Oct. 1, that agreement would hold discretionary spending to $536 billion, nearly one-third of the overall budget. Discretionary spending covers defense and domestic programs, but excludes automatically paid benefits like Medicare and payments to federal debt holders.

That $536 billion is a lot of money, but about $25 billion less than is being spent this year. Factor out one-time 1999 emergencies and it's still about $15 billion short. And then there are the billions extra both parties want to spend on defense and education.

Q: So will they keep spending within the $536 billion limit?

A: Republican leaders insist they will find enough savings by cutting some programs, using unspent funds and even some of Clinton's proposals to reduce spending and raise some fees. Democrats — and many Republicans, usually in private — say inevitably, many programs would be cut so deeply that spending bills will either be rejected by the GOP-controlled Congress, or vetoed by Clinton.

And that could get Republicans precisely what they say they wish to avoid: A replay of last year's autumn spending showdown with Clinton, in which the president has most of the cards because a veto could cause a federal shutdown. As a result, many people from both parties think an agreement with Clinton to exceed the spending limits will be reached later in the year.

Q: Haven't Republicans successfully established themselves now as protectors of Social Security and Medicare?

A: Not yet. The polls show the public trusts Democrats more than Republicans on both issues, and that won't be easy for the GOP to overcome.

Besides, no one has seen the details of how Republicans would, as promised, "Lock away every penny of the Social Security trust fund surpluses for our nation's elderly."

Democrats want to know specifically what they would do with the money, and how they can guarantee it won't be used for something else. They suggest Republicans may try using it to transform Social Security, in part, into personal retirement investments that people would control.

Q: Does this help the GOP get the tax cuts they want?

A: Maybe, but here too the details will be more telling.

Republicans are planning tax cuts totaling about $15 billion next year, but swelling to a $700 billion to $900 billion price tag through the decade.

They have pledged not to use Social Security surpluses to pay for the tax cuts.

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Up to 40 Haitians presumed dead in Florida boat sinkings

MIAMI (AP) — Louis Pierre almost lost his life in what may be the deadliest smuggling attempt in Florida history. Still, the Haitian dreams of bringing his family over to the United States.

"I would love for them to come," Pierre said of his wife and four children.

"But not in the boat," he added.

Coast Guard officials suspect Pierre, who is hospitalized in good condition, and two others are the only survivors rescued from the choppy waters of the Atlantic Ocean after two boats loaded with refugees sank early Saturday.

The Coast Guard ended its search Sunday and said as many as 38 Haitians were presumed drowned. Crew members on a passing freighter had reported hearing screams from the water about 30 miles east of West Palm Beach.

The refugees apparently were being smuggled into the United States, Coast Guard officials said. None of those found was wearing a life jacket.

Two Coast Guard cutters and 12 planes from both the Coast Guard and the Air Force searched an area of 2,600 square miles, authorities said.

Survivors told investigators there were 43 people in all — 16 men and two women on one boat and 20 men and five women on the second boat, William Brett of the U.S. Border Patrol told the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale.

A Coast Guard cutter recovered the bodies of two men, and crew members saw two other men's bodies sink below the surface.

The survivors told agents that one of the boats broke down and that the other approached to help. Both boats — a 17-footer and a 20-footer — then went under.

Pierre, speaking through a translator, said he left in the boat carrying 16 men and two women from St. Mark, Haiti, Monday night, and stopped in the Bahamas on Thursday night to rest.

After they left the Bahamas, the boat started taking on water and sank, he said. He said he was in the water 17 hours before he was rescued. Three other men who were swimming with him drowned before help arrived, he said.

Pierre said that he was not smuggled and contributed only $50 for food and gas. He hopes to receive political asylum.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

In the year ahead, advancement in your chosen field of endeavor is very promising. You may be asked to take on more responsibilities. However, you'll receive increased compensation for the additional work.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be afraid to go after something big today. You are now in a good achievement cycle, but it's imperative to first concentrate on meaningful objectives. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Laying out a good blueprint will produce positive results, so develop plans today that affect not only the immediate, but what you think will be important down the road.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strong, realistic desires can promote enthusiasm and positive results, so give full expression to your highest aspirations today, especially those that have material overtones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When it comes to situations that call for teamwork or partnership arrangements, you could be extremely lucky today. There's strength in numbers so long as you're all working toward the same goal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Rewards are in the offing today for good service you perform at work. However, your greatest satisfaction will come from situations where your primary objective is to help someone you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You won't need to request favors today, because friends will likely offer to help you as they see fit. Be prepared to graciously accept whatever is offered.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep your eyes focused on the end results you desire to achieve today, because you are now in a favorable trend for finalizing matters that are of great consequence to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a strong possibility that without even trying, you could be endowed with extra charismatic magic today. Every place you go, the party begins when you make your entrance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be alert today for financial opportunities through friends with whom you have a good rapport. They're the ones who could be instrumental in helping you enhance your bank account.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There could be a sudden alleviation of conditions that have hampered your progress in promoting your self-interests in the past. Be ready to move when you see the open window.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although you may not learn of it today, persons who are fond of you and aware of what you're trying to do could be instrumental in helping you further your cause.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Ideas you might have categorized as being unattainable could flash through your mind today, but don't be so quick to discount them. Set your sights higher, for they may be trying to tell you something.

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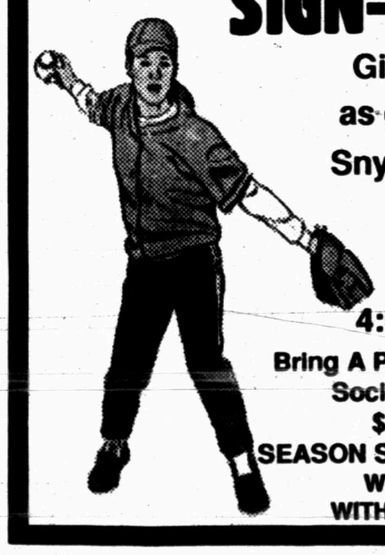


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McVeigh's conviction, sentence stand

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today left intact Timothy McVeigh's conviction and death sentence for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more — the worst such attack on U.S. soil.

The court, without comment, rejected an appeal in which McVeigh argued his trial was tainted by jury misconduct and news reports that he confessed to his lawyers.

In other action today, the court:

—Refused to free filmmaker Oliver Stone from a lawsuit that says his movie, "Natural Born Killers," led a couple to shoot a woman during a robbery. It left intact a state appeals court ruling that allowed the lawsuit to go forward because it alleged the filmmakers intended to incite viewers to commit similar crimes shortly after seeing the movie.

—Rejected the appeal of a Missouri high school teacher who was fired for letting her students use large amounts of profanity in class while performing self-written plays.

—Turned away Marlena Ramallo Cooke's appeal in her effort to avoid being deported over a 1986 guilty plea to a drug conspiracy charge. She is the widow of the late Jack Kent Cooke, who owned the Washington Redskins professional football team.

—Turned away a dispute between Santa Barbara, Calif., officials and anti-abortion activists over the city's restrictions on how close pickets, sidewalk counselors and other demonstrators can get to abortion clinics and their patients.

McVeigh was convicted of first-degree murder, conspiracy and weapons-related charges in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. A three-judge federal appeals court panel upheld his 11 convictions and death sentence last September in the deaths of federal employees.

McVeigh still can pursue a new round of appeals challenging the constitutionality of his prosecution.

The ruling by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sends a message that "the rules of law may be applied on a sliding scale when the crime is unspeakable and public outrage is great," McVeigh's Supreme Court appeal contended.

The bombing could be heard miles away, and television screens soon were filled with stunning images of the shattered building and rescue workers looking for survivors.

At McVeigh's 1997 trial, prosecutors said he and co-defendant Terry Nichols carried out the bombing in revenge for the April 19, 1993, deaths of about 80 people in the siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

Prosecutors said McVeigh, now 30, chose the Oklahoma City building because he believed people responsible for the Waco siege worked there and because the building was an easy target.

Nichols was convicted of conspiracy in a separate trial and sentenced to life in prison.

McVeigh's appeal said pretrial news reports that he had confessed to his lawyers created an "extraordinary" threat to his fair-trial rights.

Clinton visits Central America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making a pilgrimage to the sites of Hurricane Mitch's worst horrors, President Clinton proffers Central Americans hope for their reconstruction so that despair does not turn into political trouble for the region.

The president embarks — without his wife, sidelined by a recurring back problem — today on his four-day, four-nation mission just as 15,000 Guatemalans and Salvadorans in the United States illegally become eligible for deportation. He has turned down pleas for an extension of the halt in deportations that was instituted after last fall's devastating storm and expires today.

But Clinton's first stop — at the only home left standing after a wall of mud slid down Nicaragua's Casitas Volcano in October — promises to underscore that many of those illegal immigrants have nothing to go home to.

To have them return now "would cause us tragic problems of stability," warned Salvadoran President Armando Calderon Sol, who will greet the Clintons in San Salvador tonight. In advance of their arrival, Calderon pleaded for the United States to reconsider an extension of the stay on deportations.

White House spokesman Michael Hammer said the United States has determined the region is capable of "beginning to receive their nationals" although deportations are not expected to begin immediately.

In the meantime, Clinton's trip was scripted as a neighborly show of compassion, solidarity and assistance — as much as the president could muster while his $956 million emergency aid package remained tangled in domestic spending politics on Capitol Hill.

On the dried, cracked mud at the foot of Casitas Volcano, he was laying flowers at the impression left by the body of a small girl, victim of the Oct. 30 landslide that killed 2,000 people.

In a nearby Posoltega, Nicaragua, schoolyard, Clinton was meeting with homeless, jobless and — many of them — hopeless survivors still living in plastic tents four months after Mitch moved on.

"People are losing hope and you don't want an uncertain future," Hammer said, laying out the goals of Clinton's trip, which follows on separate official missions to the region by Mrs. Clinton and Tipper Gore, wife of the vice president.

"Without rebuilding schools, homes, roads, crops and jobs, it can lead to despair and corruption," Hammer said. "The people need to realize that the United States stands with them."

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AlldSignal	46	1-16	45½ 45½+13-16
Alltel	59	11-16	58⅝ 58¾— ⅛
AmOnline s	88	7-16	86 1-16 88¼+1 3-16
AmStores	34¼	33	15-16 33 15-16— 5-16
Ameritech	63¾	63	63 1-16— 5-16
AndarkPtr s	33¾	31	11-16 33 3-16+ 1¾
Armcolnc	4	11-16	4 9-16 4 11-16+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	59⅝	57	13-16 59¾+1 7-16
ATMOS Egy	23¾	23½	23 9-16+ ⅛
Aviall	14¾	14	11-16 14 11-16— 3-16
BP Amoco	89	15-16	89⅛ 89 7-16— 5-16
BakerHughes	21¼	20	11-16 21 + ¾
BankAmerica	68¼	68	68 1-16—13-16
BellAtl s	55¼	54	7-16 54⅜—11-16
BellSouth s	46	7-16	45 15-16 46 — ⅛
BethSteel	8¼	8	7-16 8 9-16+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe s	34⅛	34¼	34¼— ⅛
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NCR Corp	43¾	43	3-16 43¾+ ⅛
Navistar	43	15-16	43 43 5-16—1 7-16
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PennzEnergy s	9¾	99¼+ ⅛	
PepBoys	18½	18¼	18¼— 3-16
PepsiCo	39¼	38	15-16 39 3-16—11-16
PhelpDodge	49	7-16	48 11-16 48¼+ 1-16
PhilipPet	41¼	40	5-16 41 3-16+ 1¾
PilgrmPrd B	18	17	9-16 17 9-16— ⅛
Polaroid	22	9-16	21 15-16 22 5-16— ½
Praxair	34	13-16	34 7-16 34 13-16+ 1-16
ProctGamb	93½	92	3-16 92½— 1½
PubSNwMx	16¾	1616	— 7-16
ReliantEngy	28¼	27	9-16 28 — ⅛
RoyalDut	46¼	46¼	46⅝+ 5-16
SBC Comm	52¼	50	15-16 51 —13-16
SaraLee s	27⅛	26	13-16 27 — ⅛
Scripps EW	41¾	41½	41½— ⅛
SearsRoeb	44¼	44	7-16 44⅜— ⅛
SherwinW	26¾	25¼	25⅞— ⅜
SmithklBchm	70	9-16	70 5-16 70 9-16+ ¼
SouthernCo	25¼	24	13-16 24 15-16+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	31¼	31	1-16 31 11-16+1 1-16
SprintFON n	89	3-16	87½ 88¼+15-16
SprintPCS n	35¼	34	1-16 34 13-16— 9-16
Sunoco Inc	32	3-16	3232 — 1-16
TNP Ent	30¾	30	11-16 30 11-16+ 1-16
Tandy	56¼	55	3-16 55¼—11-16
TempleInland	60¾	60¼	60 3-16—11-16
Tenneco	31¼	30	7-16 30⅛— 9-16
Texaco	51¼	5051	+ 5-16
TexInd	24	23	7-16 23½
TexasInst	103¾	99¾	103 3-16+2 9-16
TexUtil	44¼	43	7-16 43 7-16— ⅜
Textron	80	3-16	78¼ 78⅜—1 9-16
TriconGlbR	65¾	65	1-16 65¼— 3-16
TrinityInds	34	5-16	34 1-16 34¼
TritonEngy	6¾	6	7-16 6½+ 1-16
Tyler	5¼	5⅛	5⅛— 5-16
US West Inc	55¾	54¾	55 — ¼
USX-Marathn	20¾	20	3-16 20¼+ ⅜
USX-USS	24	13-16	24½ 24 11-16+ ¼
UnCarbde	43	42	5-16 42¾— ½
UnionPacif	49½	4949	+11-16
UnitedTech	130	128¾	128¾— 5-16
Unocal	31	7-16	30½ 31 1-16+ ⅜
Venator Grp	4¾	4½	4¾+ ¼
WalMart	94¼	92½	92½— ¼
WellsFargo	38¼	38	38 9-16— ⅛
WstnGasRs	5¼	5	9-16 5¼+ ⅛
WinnDixie	44	3-16	43 1-16 43 1-16—1 5-16
Xerox Cp s	55	5-16	54¾ 55¼+ 1¼

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Births

Eric and Melissa Olson announce the birth of their nine-pound daughter, Kelsey Camille. She was born March 5 at 3:54 p.m. in Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock.

Kelsey is the granddaughter of David and Camille Fisher of Snyder, Jerry Hodges of Sweetwater, Ole and Carolyn Olson of Carlsbad, N.M. Great-grandparents are Beth Curry of Snyder and C.M. Hodges of Sweetwater.

Obituaries

Christina Nelson

1983-1999

AMARILLO — Christina Marie Nelson, 15, died Friday, March 5, at her home in Amarillo.

Funeral service for Miss Nelson is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Blackburn-Shaw Martin Road Chapel. Pastor Jack Cornell of the Apostolic Faith Church in Woodward, Okla., will officiate. Assisting will be Pastor Alvin Buschman of Cave Springs, Ark.

Burial will follow in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

Born Oct. 18, 1983 in Lander, Wyo., she had lived in Amarillo for the past four years. She attended Horace Mann Middle School and was active in the Buffs Peer Mediation group. A member of the Apostolic Faith Church, she was active in the Air Force Junior ROTC program.

Survivors include her parents, Lee and Shirley Nelson of Amarillo; a brother, Michael Wayne Nelson of Amarillo; a sister, Traci Lee Nelson of Amarillo; her grandparents, Dorthy and H.F. Szczepanski of Lander, Wyo., and Mildred and Clarence Echols of Cheyenne, Wyo., and several relatives in Snyder.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ira open house

In conjunction with Texas Public Schools month, Ira School will host an open house from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. this evening. Hamburger supper starts at 6:30 and room tours at 7, followed by the one-act play at 8 o'clock. The reception is at 8:45 in the new gym foyer. Troll Book Fair is 7 p.m.

Stanfield book fair

Stanfield Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair today and Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is sponsored by the Parent Council.

SHS Forensics Boosters

SHS Forensics Boosters will meet at 7 tonight in the speech room. Parents with students competing on the Forensics team should plan to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "Forsaking God for the World," followed by "Letting Jesus Reclaim Your Life From Alcohol and Drugs."

Pleasant Hill reunion

A Pleasant Hill reunion planning committee will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Senior Center. Call Mary Farris at 573-8641, or Connie Key at 573-7465 to give names and addresses.

AARP meeting

The AARP Chapter 2063 board will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Center.

Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available every Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet Thursday in the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents. Child care is provided.

Women's Conference

Women Worshipping Jesus Devotedly Conference will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Mercy & Truth from Rockwall will lead the music and Barbara Murrell from Mesquite will be the speaker. For more information or to pre-register, call 573-8401 or 573-9812.

Windbreak trees available

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra windbreak trees, both hardwood and evergreens, available.

Aggie scholarships

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' Club will award two scholarships to a high school senior and a current A&M student. Students in Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties are eligible. Applications are available at the high schools and postmark deadline for applications is April 1.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on Wednesday, April 7, from 5-9 p.m. at Snyder High School.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Pick 3

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

4-6-7

(four, six, seven)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The ticket was sold in Houston.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 3, 5, 16, 22, 42 and 46.

The next drawing Wednesday night will again be worth an estimated $4 million.