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For golf course improvement...

Bid approved; pump house nears completion at WTC

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Western Texas College board of trustees approved a bid last night that will lead to the completion of the golf course pumphouse project.

Trustees approved the low bid from Flowtronex of Carrollton for the pump house control system at a cost of $44,282.

Once installed, this will complete phase II of the project.

Phase I, construction of the new pump house, was completed in December and phase two is expected to be finished in 60 days.

Total cost for the project is $83,046.88 with the first half costing $38,764.88.

The City of Snyder will pay half the cost or $41,523.44.

Bill Mitchell, superintendent of golf course/grounds maintenance, said the new pump house, which should last 40 to 45 years, will be a savings in the long run.

"There should be a significant savings in the electric bill."

WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek said the completed project will take a worry off the college.

"It removes the threat that's been hanging over our heads that we might loose our greens and our pumps."

The previous pump house lasted 20 years and, according to Mitchell, "was near cratering."

The board took action on several other items of business including accepting the resignation of Don Buckland, instructor of golf/landscape technology.

According to Dr. Krenek, Buckland plans to retire.

Also approved was a request from the college welfare committee to allow college employees the option of contributing one, two or three percent of salary to a matching annuity program.

Terry Busby, director of human resources, said she believes the action will allow more employees an opportunity to participate.

Previosuly, WTC employees had to put three percent of salary into the program to be eligible.

Trustees also approved the small class report and voted to adopt an Intellectual Properties policy.

The Higher Education Code requires all public institutions that participate in state administered grant programs to maintain such a policy.

Because of WTC's participation the Skills Development and Smart Jobs Grants, the college must have one.

Vice president Bettie McQueen said the policy outlines the process an individual should take when using institutional facilities to develop a thought or idea into, for example, a program, video or textbook, and marketing that item.

"It protects both the individual and the institution."

McQueen also gave a report on repairs at the apartments. She said it will take an estimated $50,000 to bring the apartments and dorms "back into quality condition."

Planned renovations include the replacement of the exterior portion of the stucco walls at the apartments, wiring apartments and dorms for computer/internet access and replacing furniture and equipment in both places.

A portion of the money will also be used to replace flooring in the apartments.

A brief report was also given on House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 2.

Dr. Krenek said the recently introduced bills show an increase in state approriations to WTC of about 6.3 percent due to enrollment growth.

Translated, that will mean approximately $150,000 more a year from the state to the college.

The board also approved the minutes and financial report from the January meeting.

Dr. Jay Kidd presided and all trustees were present to include R.C. Patton, Carolyn Barbee, Drew Bullard, Jackie Greene, Lee Presswood and Eddie Peterson.

MOBILE HOME — Workers with Valencia House Moving, TCA Cablevision and TU Electric were all needed to move a house from 21st Street and Avenue M to a location on Pleasant Hill Road. The house belongs to Kay Price and is believed to have been built in 1906. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Many things can be done in a single day, if that day isn't tomorrow."

It gets your attention. We're talking about that feedlot on the east side just as you approach the Lubbock city limits.

It can really open your nostrils right after a shower. In case you've forgotten, a shower is a light rain.

If Lubbock wants to improve its civic image, they might consider some research underway at Clemson University in South Carolina.

The experiment in this instance is garlic chickenfeed. Researchers say a poultry diet that is about three percent garlic powder makes the odor of the waste less. In addition, there is some evidence that the garlic may even lower cholesterol in their eggs.

After the chickens eat the spicy diet, the poultry house smells like garlic, one professor advised.

Garlic on a T-bone ain't bad.

Cowboys are rugged individuals, and they don't worry about odor or much else.

Just how rugged they can be is proven in a story about a cowpoke who worked on the big Waggoner ranch near Vernon.

The cowboy was carrying about a dozen cattle to the market at one time. They got to rustling around and he pulled over to the side of the road and went around to the back of the trailer.

The cowboy stuck his head up through the bars and this ol' cow kicked him in the face and knocked him clean out. When he came to, his head was laying over on his shoulder.

He couldn't straighten up so he stuck his head between the bars and jumped off the bumper. His head straightened back up and he went on with his business and drove the cattle to market.

A few days later, he started having bad headaches and finally gave in and went to the doctor.

The doctor took some X-rays and asked, "Cowboy, when did you break your neck?"

And another tough ole boot had a heart attack way out on the ranch. His partner didn't know what else to do, so he loaded him in the back of the pickup and headed into the hospital some 20 miles away.

They were flying across those dirt roads, and the cowpoke was bouncing up and down in the back of the pickup. When they arrived at the hospital, the heart attack victim was black and blue from being joustled around.

The cowboy recovered. The doc said it was probably the ride into town that saved him. "Everytime he hit a bump, the cowboy's heart probably started beating again."

College open house to feature video conferencing demo

A demonstration of Western Texas College's video conferencing capabilities and distance learning classroom is scheduled during the college's open house Thursday afternoon.

From 2 until 2:30 p.m., Midwestern University in Wichita Falls will participate in a video conference in the Workforce Training Center's distance learning lab.

Officials from the university will demonstrate how distance learning works, and what programs and courses are available via distance learning on the WTC campus.

At 2 o'clock, and again at 3 p.m., a video conference will be held involving a company in Chicago.

"We'll be talking to officials at PictureTel," said Britt Canada, WTC's director of technology.

PictureTel is the company which manufactured the video conference equipment, said Canada.

Canada said the demonstrations will be taking place in two different classrooms in the training center.

The demonstrations Thursday is part of the dedication of the Workforce Training Center and campus-wide open house.

The dedication is set for 1:30 p.m., and the open house continues until 4 p.m. A reception in the college's student center will be held throughout the afternoon.

Mike Thornton is the dean of continuing education at the college, while John Gibson is the director of workforce education.

Allen Hodges is the assistant director of workforce education, while Roxanne Stoker is the workforce financial secretary.

Leanord Dodgen serves as the director of correctional officer in-service training, while J.D. Barham is the correctional officer in-service instructor.

Mark Bland is the college's director of community services, while Linda Franklin serves as the divisional secretary for continuing education. Linda Wright is the director of prison processing and Judy Bartels is the secretary for correctional officer training.

Senators debate closing of impeachment trial doors

WASHINGTON (AP) — After listening quietly for weeks to testimony and argument, senators are ready to debate President Clinton's fitness to remain in office. But first they must decide whether to hold their historic deliberations in public or behind closed doors.

Even as deliberations begin, senators are struggling to draft a strong censure resolution condemning Clinton's behavior in trying to hide an extramarital affair. Proponents of censure hope to bring it to the Senate floor immediately after the trial.

With all the evidence submitted, including videotaped testimony from the woman at the center of the sex and cover-up case, former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, the Senate was on a path to end the first presidential impeachment trial in 131 years on Thursday or Friday with an expected acquittal.

But before senators begin debating perjury and obstruction-of-justice charges today, they were deciding whether to change a Senate rule requiring closed deliberations.

Proponents of openness had the difficult task of capturing a two-thirds majority in the face of opposition from Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. Lott said he would allow senators to enter statements in the official record to explain their votes.

Opponents feared that if the television cameras stayed on, senators would use the maximum time allowed under the rules — 15 minutes per senator, or a total of 25 hours — for debate on the two articles of impeachment.

"I have a heavy tilt toward not opening them up because I want to save some time for the censure resolution," said Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I. The Senate begins its annual February recess at the end of the week.

But in closing arguments Monday, the chief House prosecutor, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., derided the censure alternative.

"Do you really cleanse the office as provided in the Constitution or do you use Air Wick of a censure resolution?" he asked.

White House counsel Charles Ruff, summing up for Clinton, ridiculed the prosecutors' case, saying it was built on "shifting sand castles of speculation." He said prosecutors were "more focused on retribution, more designed to achieve partisan ends, more uncaring about the future we face together."

While a bipartisan group of senators was writing and rewriting censure language, Democratic leader Tom Daschle moved to force a procedural vote designed to get a censure resolution before the Senate.

Jury selection made in wrongful death suit

A nine-woman, three-man jury was to begin hearing testimony this morning in 132nd District Court in a wrongful death suit involving a 1996 oilfield accident near Fluvanna.

The jury was selected from a panel of 125 people Monday afternoon.

The suit was filed Oct. 29, 1998 by the victims' wives and their minor children.

Juan Guardado, 29, was an employee of Drum Salt Water Disposal and was overcome by hydrogen sulfide gas as he and three others were cleaning a frac tank on a Drum lease, two miles west of U.S. 84.

Also killed in the accident was one of the firm's owners, R.L. "Buddy" Drum, 60, and another employee, Jerry McNew.

Drum's son, Max, was treated for hydrogen sulfide poisoning and survived the tragic accident. Guardado's brother, Artoro, was also treated for hydrogen sulfide poisoning and he too, survived.

Numerous defendants, including Gecko Booty 1994 Limited Partnership, Geo Sciences Exploration, Drum Transports, the estate of R.L. Drum and Max Drum were named as defendants.

However, plaintiffs non-suited all defendants with the exception of Bill Stephens Welding of Pampa, and that claim will be the subject of testimony this week.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs are Mark Lanier and Glenn Douglas of Houston and attorneys for the defendant is William Hicks of Abilene.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding in the trial which is expected to last all week.

Overall enrollment looks good at WTC

Overall enrollment for the spring semester at Western Texas College looks good, Registrar Ann Galyean said.

"Even though there is a slight decrease in total enrollment, our contact hours are up," she said. "And contact hours is where we get state funding."

Total enrollment for the twelfth class day was down with 1,193 students as compared to 1,235 for the spring of 1998.

Contact hours are up with 11,194 this semester compared to 10,279 for spring 1998.

Galyean said there also is an increase in full-time students this semester.

Currently, there are 654 on-campus students, 377 inmate students and 162 students involved in distance learning which includes concurrent enrollment with area schools and classes provide through video and interactive video.

ASK US

Q—Will Towle Park pond re-open for fishing this summer, and if not, what are the plans for it?

A—It will re-open only if it rains and puts a sufficient amount of water into the pond to support the fish. There are no other plans for it.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 81 degrees; low, 42; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 48; no precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 40-45. S-SE wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, breezy, warm. High around 80. S wind 15-25 mph, gusty.

Alexandra Urias
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:25 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:30 a.m.
Of 39 days in 1999, the sun has shone 38 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"What on earth would we do with ourselves if something did not stand in our way?"

H.G. Wells

Swindler pleads guilty in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — In exchange for his testimony against an associate, a Colorado man pleaded guilty Monday to swindling millions of dollars from investors nationwide and laundering the money through a bank in his hometown.

Bryan L. Sims, 38, agreed to a plea arrangement with federal prosecutors one week before his trial was to begin. Instead, he has promised to testify against Randall L. Garrett, an alleged partner in the scam.

If the deal is approved by U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein Jr., Sims will serve 12 years in a federal prison. Formal sentencing is set for 10:45 a.m. on May 21.

"I am so sorry for all those people," Sims told the judge in a brief statement, referring to investors he admitted to bilking out of more than $7 million.

Prosectors allege that Sims and Garrett offered victims a chance to earn 20 percent monthly on their investments — or 240 percent a year — by leveraging or securing lines of credit in major foreign banks.

Instead, Sims said they spent much of the $17.5 million or so prosecutors allege he laundered through a bank in Alamosa, Colo. Some of the money was returned to early investors under the guise of profit when in fact it was merely proceeds from other victims, Sims said.

"A majority of the funds (invested) was diverted for the personal use and benefit of Garrett and Sims," prosecutor Nancy Cook said.

Sims confirmed Ms. Cook's assertion when Werlein asked what he and Garrett did with the invested money.

"We spent it, sir," he said.

Garrett's trial on conspiracy, fraud and money laundering charges is set to begin as scheduled next Monday.

Texas Tech releases names of graduates; honor rolls

LUBBOCK — Several Snyder area students have recently graduated from Texas Tech University while others have been named to the President's List or the Dean's List.

Five graduates from Snyder include William Duffin Galloway, master of science in agricultural education; Terry Lanell Kubena, bachelor of science in multidisciplinary studies; Tammy Jane Logston, bachelor of science in multidisciplinary studies; David Jeremiah Patrick, bachelor of arts in English; Edward Francis Vinson, bachelor of business administration in finance.

Alicia Dawn Kubena of Hermleigh received a bachelor of science in multidisciplinary studies.

David Michael Holmes of Ira received a master of science in range science.

Students named to the Dean's List include: Brady Keith Collier of Snyder, freshman in agriculture and applied economics; Sarah Marie Lilly of Ira, sophomore in interior design; Johanna Paige Gayle, senior in journalism/broadcasting; Lindsey Elizabeth Griffin, junior in family financial planning; Michael David Hensley, freshman in communication studies.

Also, Eric James Lang, freshman in COBA; Melissa Carol Myers, junior in early childhood; Emily Marie Rice, sophomore in biochemistry; Russell Riggan, sophomore in COBA; Christa Marie Rosson, junior in early childhood; Carol Vina Strayhorn, freshman in COBA; Ellen Marie Strayhorn, senior in environmental engineering; Tracy Brooke Kubena of Hermleigh, senior in biochemistry.

Four students were named to the President's List. They include David Clark Kerr, junior in cell and molecular biology; Kevin Andrew Kerr, freshman in mechanical engineering; Dale Elaine Neves, senior in multidisciplinary studies; Amy Rae Patterson, junior in multidisciplinary studies.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Meador is new TSU graduate

Christopher Bryan Meador of Snyder graduated from Tarleton State University in Dec. 18. He received a bachelor of science degree in animal science.

Harrison named to Dean's List

GEORGETOWN — Ammie E. Harrison of Snyder is one of 306 Southwestern University students who have been named to the 1998 Fall Dean's List for academic achievement.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Harrison.

To be selected, students must have at least a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded hours and be in good standing with the university.

Actress won't be offended

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't worry — Cate Blanchett won't be offended if you think she's not beautiful.

"Go ahead. Say it. I've looked ugly. That's O.K. ... I'm not opposed to looking what is commonly termed as ugly," she says in the March issue of Vanity Fair.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1999

Involvements with persons who are in the forefront of new thinking will inspire you in ways that could benefit you in your career and personal life in the year ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be alert and watchful for something unexpected today that could be very beneficial for you. An unusual development brought about by a friend could be the source. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your luck may ebb and flow today, so don't be dismayed if it comes and goes at various times. By day's end, you'll discover that you're going to come out on the plus side of the ledger.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something is happening behind your back today that could have you a little miffed. Don't let this get to you because it's on your behalf, and you'll be informed in a few days when things fall into place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A venture today that has all the earmarks of being a losing proposition could turn out to be just the opposite. It'll prove that we should never accept anything at face value.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Interestingly, what you may believe is of real importance could turn out to be of little value to you today, while those incidental happenings are the real prizes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Converse with persons today who can provide you with important information. You're a quick learner at this time, which will allow you to grasp facts instantly. Don't squander this attribute.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have the natural ability today to see the pitfalls of friends which they may be overlooking. You'll be seen as a valuable ally because you'll be solving their problems for them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Before committing yourself to anything important today, reexamine your initial perceptions. There's a strong chance that your second thoughts will be the wisest, especially in joint ventures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't take on more than you can handle today, but by the same token, make a concerted effort to upgrade your productivity in what you do. Strike the perfect balance in every facet of your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Regardless of an individual's credentials, take the time to investigate any interesting investment proposals brought to you today. You'll feel better about your involvement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you can settle for not getting all that you hoped for, a delicate matter that has caused you some degree of anxiety can be wrapped up today. It may be worth it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do something light, carefree or even a little frivolous today if things have been a trifle tense for you lately. You need to rest your mind from time to time, as well your emotions.

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Capitol Highlights

Gallego wins Demo Caucus chair

AUSTIN (AP) — By his own admission, he is neither a cheerleader or a yell leader, but state Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, was reelected chairman of the House Democratic Caucus on Monday anyway.

The absence of Democrats in statewide offices highlights the need for Democrats in the House to draw attention to themselves, "But I'm not good at tooting my horn," he said.

Gallego has been caucus chairman since he first became a representative in 1991, and ran unopposed in this election.

He said the caucus will focus on issues such as education by working to secure money for classrooms and teachers this session.

Rep. Harold Dutton Jr., D-Houston, was reelected as vice chairman.

Testimony on deregulation heard

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to deregulate the state's electric market would unfairly penalize companies that have operated efficiently, according to some utilities.

Utility officials testified Monday before the Senate Special Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring, which is considering a deregulation bill introduced by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

Under the bill, companies would continue to recoup from customers their investments in power plants that may be worth less in a competitive environment. Electric customers are currently paying these costs — estimated at about $4 billion.

But the bill also says that utilities with plants that may be worth more in the competitive market would have to share the potential profits with customers.

The utilities see this as an unfair penalty.

"We shouldn't be penalized for working efficiently," said David Wilks, president and chief operating officer of Southwest Public Service Co., which is based in Amarillo.

Wilks said that while the state Public Utility Commission estimates his company's potential profits from power plants at about $900 million, the company puts it closer to $200 million.

"There's obviously tension between the two positions" that will have to be worked out by lawmakers, said Sibley, chair of the committee.

The provision of the bill would mostly affect companies providing electricity in the Panhandle and parts of south Texas.

The issue of so-called stranded investments — in which companies fear being left with debts from building power plants as deregulation takes away their customers — helped derail a deregulation bill in 1997. It's also expected to be an issue this session.

The House State Affairs Committee also began hearing testimony on electric utility deregulation Monday. Utilities testifying before the committee stressed the need to ensure that existing companies aren't given any unfair advantages.

Lawmakers unveil child care plans

AUSTIN (AP) — A legislative effort to strengthen access to quality, affordable child care includes tax credits for businesses that pay some child-care expenses and incentives for better training of child-care workers.

"Not only is child care about the safety and happiness of our children, it is also about the productivity of our current workforce and the skill and ability of our future workforce," state Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, said at a Monday news conference.

The legislators pointed to a 1996 study by Working Mother Magazine, which reported that 2.8 million Texas children under 18 years of age have both parents — or their only parent — in the workforce.

The same study showed that there is only one accredited child-care center for every 2,637 children and one accredited family child-care home for every 10,424 children statewide, they said.

"We are in a crisis," said Rhonda Paver, chair of the Child Care Council. "Child-care centers have closed due to fiscal reasons and severe lack of staff; we have high turnover and no one left to take over the job."

Proposals by Mrs. Greenberg and Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, would:

— Provide franchise tax credits for Texas businesses that pay some of the child-care expenses for their employees.

— Provide funds for a Training our Teachers (TOT) program, making scholarships available to students pursuing their Child Development Associate credentials who commit to three years in the profession.

— Under tentative legislation still being discussed, create a college loan forgiveness program for degree-holders in early childhood development who plan to join the field.

Sandra Briley, the director of the University of Texas Childcare Center, said the latter would be a strong incentive for students to pursue the child-care profession.

"Almost anything pays better than child-care positions do — even waiting tables," said Ms. Briley, whose center has enrolled 130 children on a full-time basis. About 350 more are on a waiting list.

"There is a notion that people in this field are just baby sitters. As a society, we need to raise financial rewards as well as give this position the respect it deserves," she said.

If Texas does not, Rep. Ray Allen warned, there will be a price to pay.

"Child neglect invariably merges as a primary cause for the personality change which results in criminal activity," said Allen, R-Grand Prairie.

The targeted tax credits for child care legislation is SB 426 and HB 65.

The scholarships for professional child care training is SB 425 and HB 66.

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GOOD NEWS
By Wayne Horton

PROBLEM SOLVING

The great South African leader Paul Kreuger who lived at the turn of the Century was called on to divide some land between two feuding brothers. Because the land contained hills, lakes, and mines, he realized that almost any division he would make would be hotly contested.

Kreuger pondered the problem deeply. Then he hit upon a solution. He called the brothers together then asked one of them to divide the land and the other brother would get first choice of the half he wanted.

Now I understand where my Mom got the idea of one of us kids cutting the candy bar in half and the other choosing first!

Well, I suppose there's always a solution to every problem-- even the one you're facing today. Someone much wiser and more authoritative than a South African President is there to help you. He's your Father. He loves you. You can call Him "Abba." It means "Daddy." Trust Him with your problem. He'll never leave you or forsake you. He's never broken a promise. And, my Friends, that's Good News!

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DKG AT WOMAN'S CLUB — Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Monday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with the purpose to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action. A health care program was given by Dee Butler and several members who currently participated in Jump Rope for Heart and the Walk Across Texas. Hostesses were, from left, Jamie Hall, Beverly Robertson, Geraldine Parker and Ralphene Canon. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Patriotism," by Jack Gorman; Barbara McGee, Martha Schiebel are 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.

Beta Sigma Phi; country club; regular meeting and social; Beth Bowen, Loretta Worthen and Brenda Hedges, hostesses; 7 p.m.

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

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

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 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; LaVerne, watercolors; hostess, Joy McGlaun; 9 to 4, with a lunch break.

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

Noah Project-West 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.

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.

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

Scurry County 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.

SATURDAY

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

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

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Titanic whistle will blow one more time

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — What next, a movie?

The sponsor of an exhibit on the Titanic plans to blow the steam whistles of the doomed ship for the first time since it went down on its maiden voyage in April 1912.

Tests completed Monday, including X-rays and a structural examination, concluded that the 750-pound set of whistles can withstand the stress of another blow.

Erich Mische, executive vice president of Media Rare, Inc., which is co-sponsoring the exhibit, said the whistles will be sounded in public at a ceremony sometime in the next few weeks.

"Titanic — The Exhibition" opened Jan. 1 and runs through April 30. It also has visited Boston; London; Memphis, Tenn.; and St. Petersburg, Fla.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North — 02-09-99
♠ 4 2
♥ Q 10 8 5
♦ 8 4
♣ A Q J 8 2

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

East
♠ J 10 8 7 5
♥ 4 3
♦ A K Q 9 7 5
♣ ---

South
♠ A K 6
♥ A J 9 6 2
♦ 10 2
♣ K 6 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 NT	2 ♦
Dbl.	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 3

In the papers, one way or another

By Phillip Alder

No doubt you will have noticed that these columns primarily relate to declarer-play. Good defensive deals are far harder to find and are often difficult to explain in the space provided. However, a recent issue of the Bulletin of the International Bridge Press Association featured this good one.

The deal occurred during the Marlboro China Cup, an elite invitation-only event played in Beijing last October. It featured a play that is written up regardless of result. How did the defense go against four hearts?

I apologize for the auction — experts will be experts! North responded with a one no-trump because that was his partnership's initial bid when holding a limit raise (other, weaker hands were also possible). South's double was for takeout, showing extra strength. The rest featured North and South paddling uncertainly in undiscussed territory, though eventually they came ashore in the normal contract.

This auction had made it easy for East, Shi Hoajun, to show his best suit. So, West, Dai Jianming, led the diamond three. Now, true, he would have led the three from any tripleton, but East was willing to gamble. After winning the first trick with the diamond queen, Hoajun returned the diamond *five*. When in with his jack, West had no difficulty in finding the switch to a club, giving East the vital ruff. And in a moment, the heart king defeated the contract.

The open tournament was won by four French world champions. In the women's series, China finished first by a wide margin — a team that will surely win the Venice Cup or Women's World Team Olympiad in the next three years.

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Time-saving idea: microwave potatoes and stuff them with liftover vegetables, meat or cheese for a quick meal.

Bugs invade fashion for youth

The Associated Press

Once released from the confines of his snowsuit, your youngster can breeze through spring and summer:

— Bugs and beasts, those fearsome feature-creatures of current film, crawl onto the fashion scene set by Oshkosh B'Gosh.

Boys get the goods on dragonflies, beetles and grasshoppers, decorating pique placket shirts ($16.50-$17.50), rendered in colors like burnt orange, navy and green haze. Crocodiles and turtles are swimming on separates in bright shoreline green and waterfront blue tank tops and jersey T-shirts ($10-$11 and $11.50-$12.50). Pair them with nylon sport or plaid shorts, if you like ($11-$13 and $16.50-$18.50).

Butterflies, if not for free, are at least for girls, mixing freely with flowers. They're featured on baby doll pointelle tops ($15-$16) and keyhole tank tops ($11-$14) in pastels and brights. French terry sweatshirts ($20-$24) and bubble knit tops ($13-$16) feature daisies on lemon yellow and lagoon blue. There's also a winsome Caribbean Sun plaid seersucker top and shorts combination ($16-$18 and $15-$16).

— Fend off those early spring winds with hooded sweaters, jackets, and baby wraps from The Children's Place. Hooded fleece cardigans for girls ($18-$22) come in soft spring pastel colors, while baby's hooded knit cardigan ($16) can be found in baby pastels.

Robber dressed well

KENNER, La. (AP) — James Tamborella Jr.'s purse allegedly did him in.

Police said Tamborella, 25, entered the First American Bank early Monday, wearing makeup, carrying a purse and dressed in a pair of women's black jeans, black shirt and black beret.

"He was color-coordinated, yes, he was," Lt. Steve Caraway said.

Tamborella handed a teller a holdup note written on the back of a personal check, keeping his hand in the purse while the teller looked it over, Caraway said.

The note asked for $20 bills. But when the teller told him she didn't have any in her drawer, he snatched the note and left on a bicycle, Caraway said.

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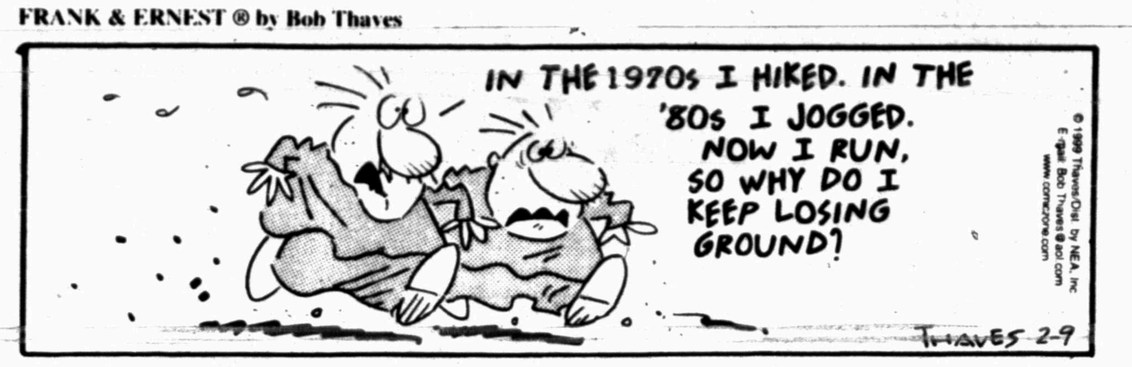

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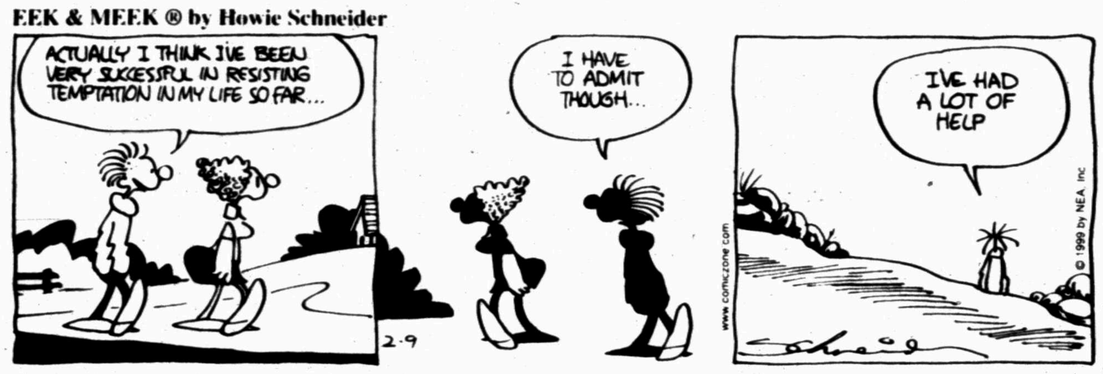

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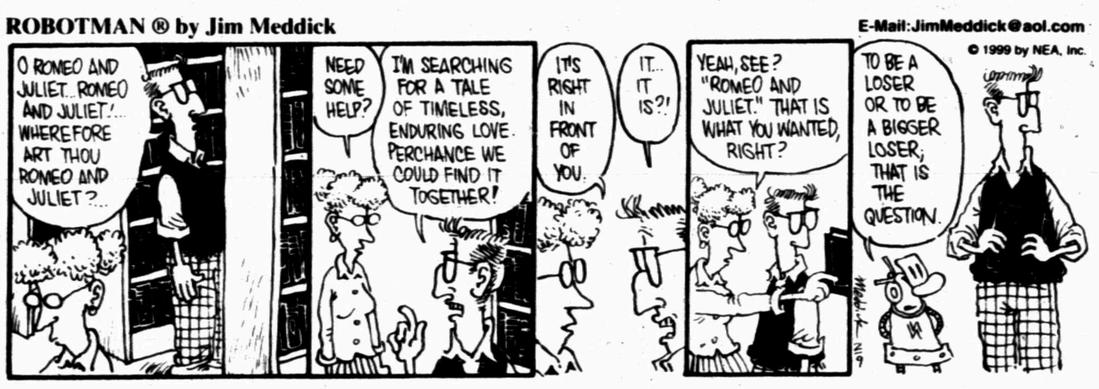

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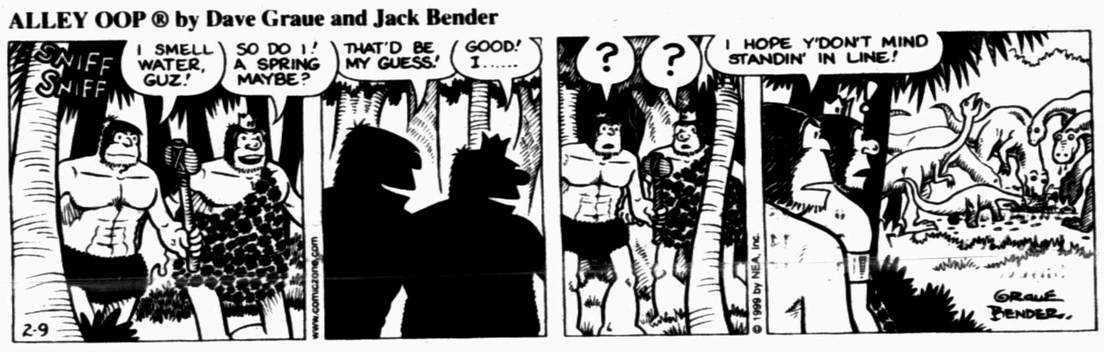

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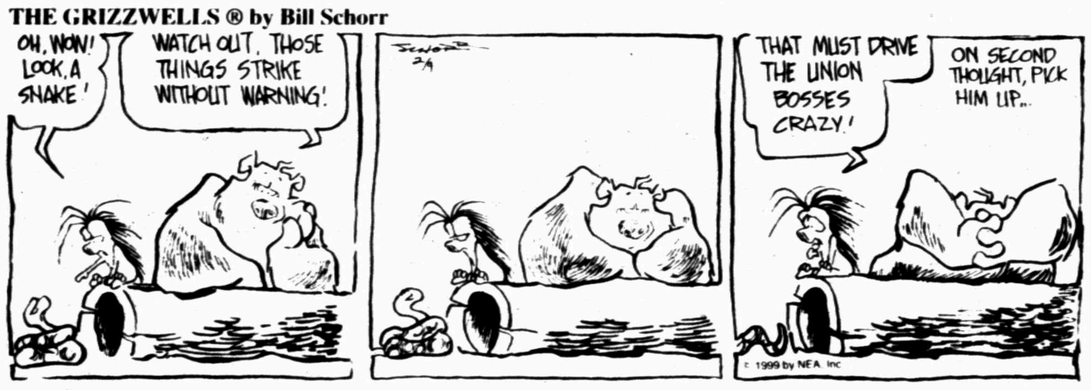

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Musical group
6 Skiers' lift
10 Pitcher Dwight
12 Sped
14 City in Oregon
15 Chore
16 U.S. ecol. agcy.
17 Inlet
19 Notable Italian family
20 Like some eggs
23 Thai or Tibetan
26 Boston Red —
27 Popular flavor enhancer
30 Loafer decoration
32 Haughty
34 Take to the sky
35 Oklahoma native
36 Your, in Paris
37 Film director Craven
39 Dictation taker
40 Quick raids
42 Ocean movement
45 "— — the Walrus"
46 Org. for rural kids
49 Coat arm
51 Sends out
54 Click beetle
55 "ER" extras
56 Where to put a coin
57 Armed band

DOWN

1 S-shaped molding
2 Brilliant stroke
3 Roman garment
4 Netherlands commune
5 Perfection, in gymnastics
6 Craggy hill
7 Wearied by dullness
8 Latin 101 verb
9 Hit Broadway musical
11 Dweeb relative
12 Overly enthusiastic
13 HST's successor
18 Dog tags, e.g.
20 House, to Hernando
21 Boxing strategy
22 Reveal
23 Rat— (drum sound)
24 Except
25 Egyptian goddess
27 Part of UMW
28 British weapon
29 Souvlaki alternative
31 More circumspect
33 Cooking utensils
38 Penna. or Grand Central
40 Take care of
41 "— — the Mood for Love"
42 "The Waste Land" inits.
43 Contents of Pandora's box
44 Offering from Monty Hall
46 Bother
47 Fixed charges
48 African fox
50 Raunlongear, often
52 Have a meal
53 Sign at a sellout (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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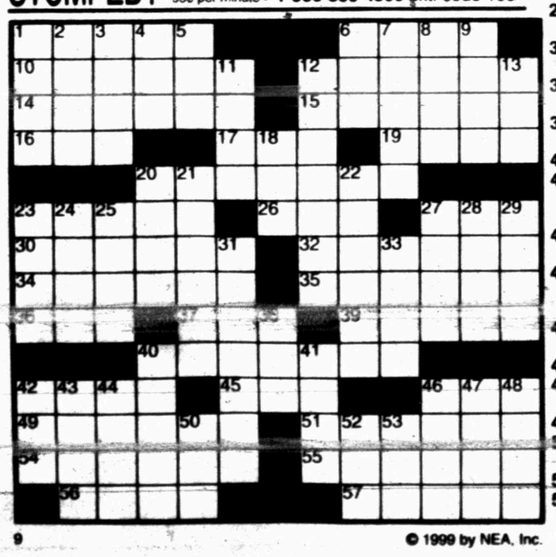

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SPORTS

Tigers look for redemption, share of lead against Chiefs

With three games left in the regular season, the Tigers have a chance to end an 18-year drought in Snyder.

Carrying a 6-1 district mark, the Snyder Tigers pay a visit to San Angelo Lake View at 7:30 tonight, with a share of the 5-4 lead on the line.

A victory over the Chiefs, combined with repeat wins against Andrews and Big Spring, would crown the Tigers as District 5-4A co-champs, their first such distinction since winning three consecutive titles from 1979-81.

"We have to stay focused and do what we do best on both ends of the floor," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "We didn't have our best defensive game against Lake View the first time we played them. We have to do a better job of stopping their penetration tonight."

The Tigers' 77-33 rout of Sweetwater on Friday, combined with Big Spring's loss to the Chiefs, secured Snyder's second postseason berth in as many years.

In their last meeting, Lake View blew open a 48-48 tie in the final period to walk away with a 71-58 victory.

Snyder had success containing the Chiefs' main three weapons of point guard Alonzo Robinson, wing Grant Freeman and post Cody Renfro.

But a pair of Lake View players, Bruce McDonald and Michael Gonzales, combined for 35 points.

"We have to do be able to contain McDonald and Gonzales, while still slowing down the other three," said Birks. "Then on the offensive end, we have to take good shots and take care of the ball."

To control Lake View's offensive threats, Snyder could switch from its man-to-man defense to a 1-3 zone with a chaser.

Tyler Warren would draw the job of shadowing the speedy Robinson, forcing the ball into another Chiefs' hands.

"We might use the zone quite a bit, or we might use it sparingly to confuse them," Birks stated. "Our kids know how to run it and they're excited about it."

Prior to tip-off of the boys' game, the Lady Tigers will wrap up their district schedule against the Maidens at 6 p.m.

The Snyder girls (14-14, 6-3) will be looking to carry some momentum into their bi-district contest Monday against Stephenville.

The Lady Tigers, who locked up a spot in the playoffs three games ago, will square off with the Lady Yellowjackets at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

5-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lake View	7	0	23	7
Snyder	6	1	15	12
Andrews	4	3	9	20
Big Spring	2	5	8	18
Ft. Stockton	2	5	14	12
Sweetwater	0	7	7	19

Tonight's games: Snyder at Lake View; Ft. Stockton at Big Spring; Andrews at Sweetwater.

Friday's games: Snyder at Andrews; Sweetwater at Big Spring; Lake View at Ft. Stockton.

5-4A Girls

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Sweetwater	8	0	25	4
Lake View	7	2	14	13
Snyder	6	3	15	13
Andrews	4	5	9	18
Big Spring	1	8	5	23
Ft. Stockton	0	9	4	22

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End of regular season.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000	-
Orlando	2	1	.667	½
NewJersey	1	1	.500	1
Boston	1	2	.333	1½
Miami	1	2	.333	1½
Washington	1	2	.333	1½
NewYork	0	2	.000	2
Central Division				
Detroit	3	0	1.000	-
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000	1
Atlanta	2	1	.667	1
Indiana	2	1	.667	1
Chicago	1	1	.500	1½
Toronto	1	1	.500	1½
Charlotte	1	2	.333	2
Cleveland	0	3	.000	3
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	2	0	1.000	-
Houston	2	1	.667	½
SanAntonio	2	1	.667	½
Dallas	1	1	.500	1
Minnesota	1	1	.500	1
Vancouver	0	2	.000	2
Denver	0	3	.000	2½
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	2	0	1.000	-
Seattle	2	0	1.000	-
L.A.Lakers	2	1	.667	½
Portland	1	1	.500	1
Sacramento	1	1	.500	1
GoldenState	0	2	.000	2
L.A.Clippers	0	2	.000	2

Monday's Games

Charlotte 94, Miami 91
Orlando 107, Boston 90
Detroit 106, Washington 103
Indiana 95, Cleveland 89
L.A. Lakers 80, San Antonio 75
Houston 99, Denver 80
Portland 95, Vancouver 76

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Putnam lifts SJHS to win

Hailey Putnam saved her best for last.

Putnam, who paced Snyder Gold with 12 points, drained her most important bucket with 10 seconds left on the clock, lifting the Lady Tigers to a 33-31 victory over previously unbeaten Andrews in eighth grade girls' action Monday night.

Snyder, who ends its season with a 12-3 mark, trailed by three points entering the final period, before rallying down the stretch.

Zipporah Peoples dropped in eight points for the Lady Tigers, with Afton Schwertner netting six. Chaelyn Robinson posted five points, while Shelley Fisk notched two.

In other eight grade action, Andrews outlasted Snyder Black to capture a 30-21 victory.

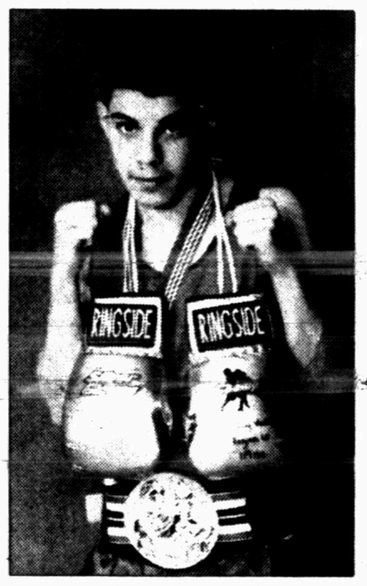
Snyder owned a 23-19 lead as the fourth quarter opened, before Andrews outscored the Lady Tigers, 7-2, in the final minutes.

Ashlee Grantham led the Snyder effort with six points, while Ashley Blevins and Jaque Alvarez registered four.

Lauren Day put three points on the board, with Chrissy Hernandez and Stephanie Valadez accounting for two apiece.

Snyder Black finishes its season with a record of 3-8.

Local fighter wins national boxing crown



Anthony Vasquez

Snyder is now home to a national title holder.

Anthony Vasquez defeated Alfredo Weissell of Liberal, Kan. to win the 119-pound crown at the National Silver Gloves Boxing Championships.

Vasquez earned a shot at the belt by notching victories in his previous two bouts, one of which was a first-round knockout over Dwayne Hall of Rochester, N.Y.

Vasquez will be in the ring again this weekend at the Golden Gloves regional event in Pecos. Winners at the regional level earn a chance to compete at the state tourney in March.

Also fighting from Snyder will be Mike Martinez Jr., Gabriel Vasquez, Johnny Vasquez Jr. and Joseph Martinez.

Cougars grab two wins over Snyder frosh

Snyder dropped a pair of contests to Abilene Cooper on Saturday in freshman boys basketball action.

Snyder A came out on the short end of an 83-45 decision, while Snyder B fell, 106-56.

The Cougars grabbed a 39-21 halftime lead against Snyder A, then posted 44 points in the final two quarters to extend the margin.

Jamaal Pruitt led the Tigers with 17 points, while Shay Franks netted eight.

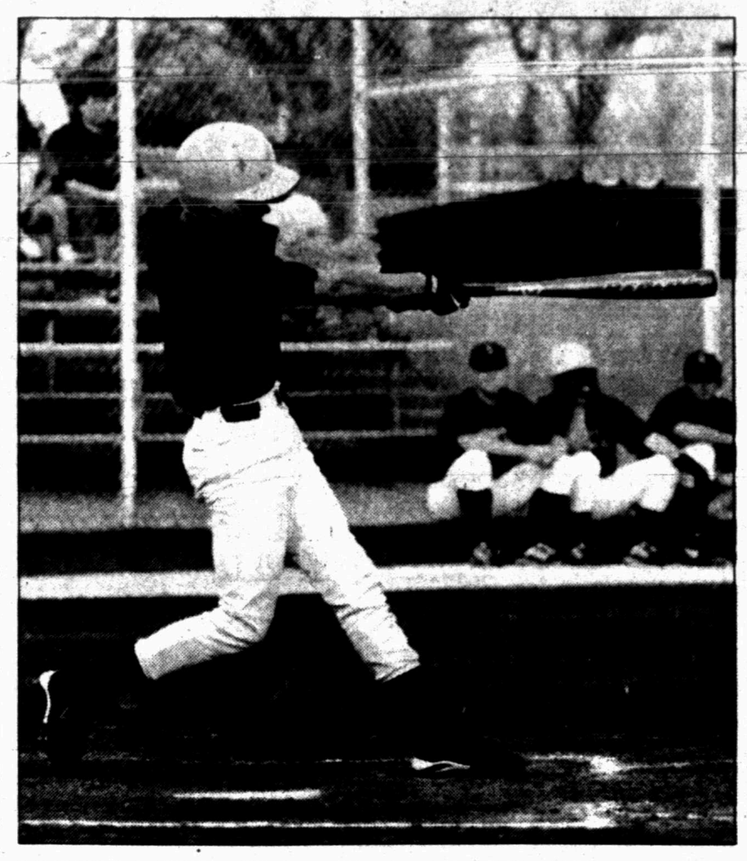
Nick Landes notched seven points, with Brandon McGuire dropping five. Wade Pinson registered four points, while Brooks Nunley and Tate Thompson added two apiece.

After sinking only two baskets in the first period, Snyder B answered with 18 second-quarter points, but couldn't overcome the Cougars' charge.

Craig Bowen spearheaded the Tigers' effort with 15 points.

Tito Alaniz and Wes Martin poured in 10 points each, while Jay Scott and Bradley Spells accounted for eight apiece. Rudy Martinez put five points on the board for the Tigers.

Snyder A will be in action again this evening when it faces Lake View at 4:30 in the San Angelo Central gym.



TAKING A CUT — Tiger senior shortstop Matt Rodgers puts the ball in play during Snyder's baseball scrimmage with San Angelo Central on Monday. Each squad posted seven runs over the 13-inning workout. The Tigers scrimmage Midland High on Saturday at Moffett Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

With Pippen in charge...

Rockets drub Nuggets

HOUSTON (AP) — Scottie Pippen isn't taking long to get accustomed to his new surroundings.

With a sellout crowd cheering his every move, Pippen had 24 points and 13 rebounds in his home debut Monday night, leading the Houston Rockets to a 99-80 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

"I was shooting the ball well from outside," Pippen said. "That opened up a lot of other things. But this is just one game. I'm still trying to find the open spots and fit in."

Pippen fit in nicely with Houston's other superstars.

Houston's threesome of Charles Barkley, Hakeem Olajuwon and Pippen shot a collective 74 percent from the field in a take-charge first half that ended with Houston ahead by 22.

The Nuggets couldn't keep up.

"When we get our transition game going, it really opens things up," Pippen said. "We got a lot of second shots and we were really aggressive on the boards. If we get out and run, it will create some easy baskets for us."

Barkley continued his fast start with 15 points and 19 rebounds, and his 12 second-quarter points led a 21-4 charge that put the Rockets in control.

Barkley's spurt helped the Rockets to a 53-31 halftime lead, and Pippen had eight points over the first eight minutes of the third quarter.

Olajuwon had 14 points and 13 rebounds, giving the Rockets three double-double performances.

"They're (Nuggets) a good bunch of guys, they're going to try," Denver coach Mike D'Antoni said. "But the guys have to learn it's a 48-minute game and they have to learn how to start games. We've got to get off to better starts offensively."

Antonio McDyess had 14 points and 14 rebounds and Corey Alexander came off the bench for 14 points, but Denver could not overcome its slow start.

"They're (Rockets) a lot better defensively with Pippen," McDyess said. "Pippen talked to them and really got them going. He seems like he's their leader out there."

The Rockets built a 20-7 first quarter lead against a cold-shooting Denver team that shot only 18 percent from the field over the first 10 minutes.

NCAA Basketball Scores

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MIDWEST

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Alcorn St. 92, Ark.-Pine Bluff 70
Ark.-Little Rock 71, Denver 57
Texas-Arlington 85, Stephen F. Austin 83, 2OT

FAR WEST

Montana 81, Idaho St. 58
New Mexico 85, San Diego St. 60
New Mexico St. 80, Idaho 73

Slow start by Dusters leads to loss

BIG SPRING — It's beginning to sound like a broken record for Western Texas.

Once again Monday night, the Lady Dusters turned in a sparkling defensive performance, holding nationally-ranked Howard to only 56 points.

But on the offensive end, WTC couldn't find the target.

The Lady Dusters fell to 3-6 in conference play with a 56-46 setback to the Lady Hawks at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard (23-2, 8-1) remains in second place in the WJCAC standings, while Western Texas (15-10, 3-6) holds the fifth spot, two games behind fourth-place New Mexico.

It was a close affair throughout, as WTC's stiffling man-to-man pressure never allowed the Lady Hawks to pull away.

Howard took control in the opening three minutes of the first half, forcing eight Western Texas turnovers to open a 10-point lead."

"We just didn't come out ready to play in the first three minutes of the ballgame," WTC coach Valery Jackson said. "After that we settled down and played well, but the first three minutes cost us."

The Lady Dusters managed to trim the margin to six points down the stretch, before Howard extended the lead back to double digits with key free throws.

Christy Wells paced the Western Texas effort with 13 points, while Danielle Brown netted nine. Rosalind Lawrence posted eight points and garnered 12 rebounds.

WTC has five games remaining to make up the two-game difference and climb back into the fourth and final postseason slot.

The Lady Dusters begin the crucial five-game stretch Thursday against Clarendon at Scurry County Coliseum.

7th grade girls drop two games to Lady 'Stangs

Despite a pair of Andrews victories on Monday, Snyder's seventh grade girls squads still finish their seasons with winning records.

Snyder Gold warpped up its basketball action with an 8-7 mark, following a 45-16 setback to the Lady Mustangs.

Misha Wofford paced the Lady Tigers effort on Monday with six points, while Priscilla Ybarra netted three.

Whittney Criswell, Beth Clements and Laura Arellano notched two points apiece.

In the other seventh grade contest, Andrews went on a 21-9 run over the second and third quarters to grab a 35-22 victory.

Acee French led the Lady Tigers with seven points, while Katie Chandler and Sharday McKinney poured in six points each.

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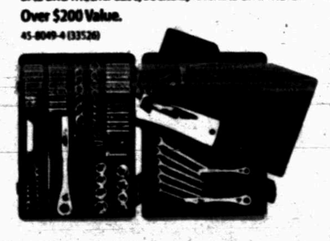
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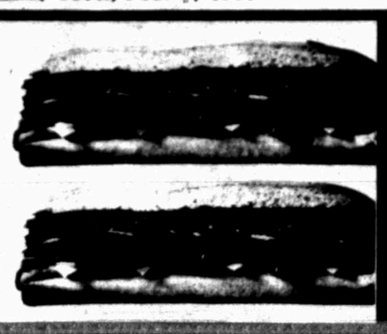

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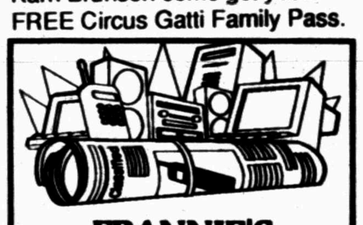

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AirTouch	87⅞	86¼	86	13-16—1 7-16
Albertsons	60⅝	60⅛	60⅛	— ⅛
AlldSignal	43⅛	42	9-16	42 15-16+ 3-16
Allte	62 5-16	61 11-16	61 11-16	— ¼
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ATMOS Eng	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅛
Avialt	11⅛	11	5-16	11 5-16— 1-16
BP Amoco	87⅛	86	7-16	86⅛— ⅛
BakerHughes	17 15-16	17⅞	17⅞	— ⅛
BankAmerica	60 7-16	59	9-16	60
BellAtl s	58 9-16	57⅞	58	—13-16
BellSouth s	44 9-16	44	5-16	44 9-16+ ⅛
BethSteel	8 13-16	8⅝	8⅝	
BurlNoSFe s	34⅝	33	15-16	34 — 5-16
CBS Corp	37 1-16	36	3-16	36 3-16— ⅛
Caterpillar	48⅛	47⅛	47	9-16+ 5-16
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LucasTech s	100⅝	97	9-16	97 13-16— 2⅝
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MediaOne	54⅛	53	15-16	54⅛+ ⅛
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Jordan King's foes together for his funeral

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even on the way to his grave, King Hussein worked a few final acts of political magic. His funeral put Syria in the room with Israel, planted Democrats beside Republicans on a long plane ride, and returned Boris Yeltsin to the world stage from which he seemed to have vanished.

President Clinton marveled at the unifying force that hovered over ceremonies for Hussein in Amman on Monday. He said the makeup of the Israeli delegation alone showed Hussein will always be a force for progress and compromise in the Middle East.

"I could hardly believe my eyes. All the candidates for prime minister," Clinton told U.S. Embassy workers at a hotel in downtown Amman. "They were all walking together. I don't know if they talk at home, but they were talking here.

"It was as if Hussein were hugging them all," Clinton said. "People coming from all around the world — countries that are at each other's throats — here, meeting in peace and friendship, (under) the sanctity of the umbrella of this great man."

While ordinary Jordanians wept in the streets over the loss of Hussein, 63, who died of cancer Saturday, the world leaders flocked to Amman to touch base with Hussein's newly crowned eldest son, King Abdullah, 37.

Figures from the world's mightiest powers spent the entire day praying with heads bowed or hands raised before Hussein's coffin; milling about in the winter chill while Hussein's male relatives prepared his body for burial; chatting with Abdullah on plush gold sofas inside the royal palace.

As the night air rang with a wailing Muslim call to prayer, Abdullah personally escorted his palace visitors to their cars one by one: Crown Prince Naruhito of Japan. French President Jacques Chirac. Charles, Prince of Wales. The Sultan of Brunei.

Clinton buttonholed grieving leaders from Gen. Abubakar of Nigeria to President Hafez Assad of Syria, who vaguely assured that he, too, is committed to helping Jordan thrive in the post-Hussein era.

During their meeting, Assad "sort of said yes" when Clinton told him, 'I hope you will support Jordan,'", said Clinton national security adviser Sandy Berger.

Berger contrasted Hussein's rites with the 1981 funeral of assassinated Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Then, only the Sultan of Oman showed up among Arab nations, Berger said; On Monday, "Assad was in the same place as Israel."

Yeltsin ignored his own ailments to make the trip. The moment he saw the president, Yeltsin "stood up and said, 'Beell Cleen-ton!' in his big bear voice," Berger said. The Russian president locked Clinton in a tight hug, and they launched into talks that were "mostly just personal chatter," Berger said.

But Yeltsin's gregariousness could not hide his shaky health. The Russian president's frailty startled Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who said he hadn't seen Yeltsin in more than six months.

"I was really shocked. Very, very shocked," Leahy said. But despite that, Yeltsin was of sharp mind, and offered some "strong opinions," Leahy said. He didn't elaborate.

Outside of his role as an official mourner, Clinton also reveled in his status as the junior member of the American presidents' club. He said they were able to make the journey to Jordan together because their mutual respect for Hussein outweighed their political differences.

"Here we are, two Democrats and two Republicans," Clinton told the embassy workers. "We've agreed on many things, and disagreed on a thing or two over time. But we know that America's interests and America's heart were close to this king's country."

He listened admiringly as former Presidents Ford, Carter and Bush expressed their confidence in Abdullah's ability to rule. He seemed touched by Carter's story of embracing a weeping King Hussein on a White House balcony in 1977, mere weeks after the king's third wife, Queen Alia, was killed.

Carter said he suggested Hussein take time to hunt and fish in south Georgia, and made a helicopter available for the king "without asking anybody's permission, since I was commander in chief. I think he enjoyed it."

Problem gamblers cost society thousands

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Every person who becomes a problem gambler costs society about $3,000 a year, according to a national study that found about equal proportions of men and women who gamble.

The costs include unemployment benefits and money employers must spend to recruit and train new workers to replace someone fired because of gambling, according to the overview of American gambling habits compiled by the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Council.

In a report released Monday, researchers found that about 4 million people are problem gamblers who had lost $100 or more in a single day or year and had at least three adverse effects from gambling, such as job loss.

The report also found that about one in seven adults has never gambled.

The study was conducted for the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, which is preparing a report for the president and Congress.

"We have done a huge amount of work, and we don't have a headline yet," said Dean Gerstein, a NORC researcher. "There hasn't been a national study since 1975."

While the report highlights problems associated with gambling, it also contains information that gambling proponents can use.

For example, NORC analyzed social and economic changes between 1980 and 1997 in 100 communities within 50 miles of one or more casinos and found that casinos had no statistically significant effect on bankruptcy or crime rates. That did not include white collar crime, such as embezzlement.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Colitis is worse than spastic colon

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the difference between colitis and spastic colon?

How are they treated?

DEAR READER: Colitis means inflammation of the intestinal lining. It is tricky to diagnose and often difficult to treat. There are myriad causes, ranging from temporary bowel infection to the more serious ulcerative colitis. The affliction requires meticulous diagnosis and careful medical treatment. Patients with this condition should be under the care of gastroenterologists, in my opinion.

Spastic colon, on the other hand, is more a nuisance than a disease. Now known as "irritable bowel syndrome," it is caused by unexplained contractions of the intestine's muscular walls. These spasms may result from excessive nervous stimulation arising in the brain. For example, some people develop diarrhea when under stress. For them this is an unpleasant but entirely predictable reaction. Antispasmodics, counseling and meditation are methods by which irritable bowel syndrome can be treated and sometimes cured.

To give you related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Irritable Bowel Syndrome" and "Diverticular Disease." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the titles.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 73-year-old woman who has been diagnosed with torticollis. What are the symptoms, the treatment and the medicines that might cure this problem?

DEAR READER: Torticollis (wry neck) is caused by spasms of the muscles that support the head. It can result from tension, arthritis of the neck bones, inflammation of the neck muscles, or — in rare cases — a pinched nerve in the upper spine.

Treatment depends on the cause. In most instances, the painful muscle spasm can be relieved by hot packs, massage and antispasmodics, such as Robaxin or Flexiril, which reduce neck aching. If the muscle spasm is severe, a person may have difficulty turning or moving the head. In such cases, pain medication or physical therapy may be useful.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What effect would a body temperature of 109 degrees have on a 68-year-old man?

DEAR READER: He would probably either have a convulsion or lapse into a coma. If a fever that high is not rapidly controlled (with medicine and a cooling blanket), serious neurological damage — even death — could result.

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Date Book

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Today is the 40th day of 1999 and the 51st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected president of the Confederacy.

On this day in 1964, the Beatles appeared on the "Ed Sullivan Show."

On this day in 1989, President Bush, in a speech to Congress, proposed a $1.16 trillion federal budget for 1990.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Henry Harrison (1773-1841), U.S. president; Amy Lowell (1874-1925), poet; Ernest Tubb (1914-1984), singer; Brendan Behan (1923-1964), writer; Carole King (1942-), singer-songwriter, is 57; Joe Pesci (1943-), actor, is 56; Alice Walker (1944-), novelist, is 55; Mia Farrow (1945-), actress, is 54; Judith Light (1949-), actress, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, Jean-Claude Killy won the downhill event at the Winter Olympic games in Grenoble, France.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." — Robert Frost

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (Feb. 8).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Grandma Needs Advice for Girl Who's About to Become a Teen

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter's 13th birthday is approaching. It is special because she will be a teen-ager, an exciting time filled with new experiences and responsibilities. I would like to give her some advice about boys and dating. She is already boy-crazy. However, every time I try to tell her something, she says, "Oh, Grandma, you're so old-fashioned! Things are different now."

What I need is some advice from you, Abby. She reads your column every morning before she goes to school, and she doesn't consider your advice old-fashioned.

Please, Abby, can you help me to help my granddaughter?

GRACE IN GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

DEAR GRACE: Your granddaughter is right about one thing: Things are different now from when you were her age. Teen-agers today must handle far more complex problems than either of us faced when we were young. Today's teens face pressure to have sex, and risk contracting sexually transmitted diseases if they do become sexually active. There is the temptation of drugs, and they must deal with more violence than we ever did.

We have fewer stay-at-home mothers these days, and without the necessary time to communicate with their parents, young people often pick up what they can from other teens who are equally inexperienced. For that reason, I wrote my booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know," which answers many questions teens have about sex, love, drugs, and how to handle the many pains of growing up.

The booklet has been used at both church and nonsectarian summer camps, and many teachers have suggested that it would be even more helpful if it were given to children ages 10 to 12, because today children mature earlier physically than they did a generation ago.

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DEAR ABBY: When I was very young, my brothers molested me. I have tried everything to get over my anger toward them, but I still feel that they "owe" me.

Abby, my marriage failed and I have never had a stable relationship because I feel that every man is lying to me and is out to hurt me. I just can't seem to get past the pain. I would like to put this behind me and forgive them, but I can't.

MOLESTED IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR MOLESTED: You say you feel that your brothers "owe" you and indicate that you cannot heal because of your anger. They cannot repay your stolen innocence, nor can they undo your trauma. As an adult, only you have the power to heal yourself, with the help of others who have been in your situation and with professional counseling. Counseling and a self-help support group are not options; they're mandatory if you're ever going to put what happened behind you. At that point you may — or may not — choose to "forgive."

For the location of a support group in your area, send a long (business-sized), stamped (33 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Survivors of Incest Anonymous Inc., P.O. Box 26870, Baltimore, Md. 21212.

I urge you, and anyone who has been molested, to take that first step toward healing today. Don't delay. Write for information, and ask your doctor to refer you to a counselor.

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To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Weight Loss Puzzles Doctors

ATLANTA, GA -- Doctors were surprised when two separate studies found that a natural dietary supplement could help cause significant weight loss.

Although not conclusive, both studies found that patients receiving the formula called Bio-Rex 3000 lost more than twice as much weight as those in a control group on the same fat reduced diet. Neither group was instructed to decrease the amount of food they ate or to increase their exercise levels. An article published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* says that you don't have to decrease the amount of food you eat to lose weight, provided that you limit the fat.

According to a spokesperson for Phillips Gulf Corporation, the exclusive North American distributor of Bio-Rex 3000, the company is considering additional studies in order to get federal approval to make pharmaceutical claims. Currently, weight loss claims for the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement are limited. However, with the requisite approval, the company could say that Bio-Rex 3000 decreases sugar cravings, increases metabolism and interferes with the body's ability to produce excess fat.

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Flight limits to end

WASHINGTON (AP) — O'Hare, Kennedy and LaGuardia, three of the most tightly restricted airports in the country, would be opened to unlimited flights in five years under a new Clinton administration proposal.

The proposal, part of a broad federal aviation bill, would also allow unlimited flights by 70-seat regional jets into the airports in Chicago and New York as of Sept. 1, 2000.

Those flights would be aimed at improving service to small and medium cities that have been underserved by major carriers and their larger jets.

Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Department officials said the existing limits are "obsolete" and based on 30-year-old rules. Under the proposal, the current caps would expire simultaneously on Sept. 1, 2004.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport is the only other U.S. airport with a similar restriction on flights. The new FAA bill would not affect the number of flights into Reagan National, which was set by Congress about 12 years ago when control was shifted to a local airport authority. Officials said any changes are still considered a matter for Congress.

The officials also said they would not propose any change in the existing 1,250-mile limit on the length of flights from Reagan National. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has proposed dropping that limit to allow nonstop, coast-to-coast flights.

Last year a more modest proposal to add 30 flights at O'Hare, the world's busiest airport, and an undetermined number at Kennedy and LaGuardia died in Congress after Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., complained to Newt Gingrich, then House speaker.

The new speaker, Illinois Republican Dennis Hastert, has said he would support more flights at O'Hare, but he has not said anything about an unlimited number. Representatives for Hyde and Hastert did not immediately return calls seeking comment on the latest proposal.

The administration officials challenged assertions made by those living near the airports that extra flights would increase noise and reduce safety in their neighborhoods.

They noted that after this year, noisier Stage 2 aircraft engines will be banned in the United States, replaced by more modern and quieter Stage 3 equipment.

A Transportation Department official who briefed reporters said the rule was never designed for safety reasons. FAA and Transportation Department officials said the old rules emanated from a concern about airport congestion, not safety, and despite the recent addition of flights at O'Hare in particular, delays have decreased.

Also included in the bill, which would renew the FAA for another five years, are provisions to:

—Increase an airport ticket tax, which goes to state and local authorities, from $3 to $5 per airport, and from a maximum of $12 per ticket to $20.

—Institute $1.5 billion in new user fees for the air traffic control system.

States with bottle deposit laws have 30 to 40 percent less litter by volume.

SAFETY AWARDS — Snyder area office personnel (top photo) earning safety awards were from left Stewart Chapman, Cheryl Jones, Kim Soucek and Billy Tarter. Not pictured are Paul Bishop, Joe Jones, Mike Molter, Ben Streiff, Thomas Rowe, III, and Jerry Beard. Scurry County maintenance section employees (bottom photo) were from left front row, Jimmy Suarez, assistant section supervisor; Bradley Pylant, Joel Nesmith and George Larralde. Back row from left, Dennis Reynolds, Billy Adams, Terry McCright, Art White and Jack Talley, section supervisor. Not pictured are Gerald Thompson and Benito Olibas, Jr. (TxDot photos by Mary E. Kilgore)

Divisions remain as House GOP seeks post-impeachment agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans hoping to boost their popularity are honing a post-impeachment agenda, but they remain divided over tax cuts and whether to break spending limits enacted just two years ago.

Leaders told House GOP lawmakers at their retreat in Williamsburg, Va., last week that the party was lagging in the polls, in part due to the impeachment trial of President Clinton. Internal GOP surveys showed voters preferring Democratic congressional candidates over Republicans by 46 to 39 percent, a Clinton approval rating of 70 percent, and Congress' disapproval at 51 percent.

"We've tried, but everything we say right now is smothered by the impeachment message," Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., who heads the House GOP's campaign operation, said Monday.

With the 2000 elections 21 months away, Davis said Republicans have time to correct things. But for now, he and others are warning colleagues that they could lose House control in next year's voting unless they aggressively formulate and execute a legislative agenda.

The Senate's impeachment trial of Clinton is likely to end this week with the president's acquittal. House GOP leaders hope to move quickly to budget and other issues.

But the Williamsburg meetings found Republicans disagreeing over specifics, especially when it comes to the GOP's top-tier issue of cutting taxes, participants said.

In a blow to House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, many Republicans voiced opposition to his plan for cutting income-tax rates by 10 percent across the board. Some complained that the proposal would be an easy target for Democrats arguing that Republicans were helping the rich, since better off taxpayers would benefit most because they pay higher taxes.

Many conservatives prefer eliminating the so-called marriage penalty, under which millions of married people pay higher taxes than they would if single.

"There's a sense that for an across-the-board reduction in rates, there's not a lot of support for that," said Rep. Jerry Weller, R-Ill., a sponsor of legislation to end the marriage penalty.

Some moderates and conservatives prefer holding off on tax cuts and using the projected flood of annual budget surpluses to reduce the accumulated $5.6 trillion national debt.

"The public understands this," said moderate Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich. "They don't want to see us spend the surplus away; they don't want to see it all on tax cuts either."

Across-the-board tax cuts have been endorsed by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

But key segments of the GOP's base prefer more-targeted alternatives. Small business and farmers would like elimination of estate taxes, while religious conservatives favor eliminating the marriage penalty.

Snyder employees earn safety awards

ABILENE — Ten members of the Snyder area office and 11 employees of the Scurry County roadway maintenance section were among 260 Abilene district employees receiving awards during the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Safety Awards Banquet.

Area office employees receiving awards for safe driving were Paul Bishop and Kim Soucek, each with three years; Stewart Chapman, four years; Joe Jones, six years; Mike Molter, Snyder area engineer; Ben Streiff, nine; years; Cheryl Jones, 12 years; Thomas Rowe, III; 14 years; Jerry Beard, 24 years; Billy Tarter, 27 years.

Receiving safety awards from the maintenance section were Jimmy Suarez, assistant section superior; Benito Olibas, Jr., 20 years; George Larralde, 18 years; Dennis Reynolds and Art White, 17 years each; Terry McCright and Gerald Thompson, 12 years; Jack Talley, section supervisor, 10 years; and Bradley Pylant, one year.

This banquet is held to recognize employees' efforts in their operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries for a period of one year.

On March 31...

Most cable TV federal price controls to end

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cable rates are set to be deregulated next month and the Clinton administration won't try to stop that from happening.

The Federal Communications Commission's existing price controls on cable TV end, or "sunset," on March 31 under a 1996 telecommunications law.

"We will let it set as of March 31," Commerce Secretary William Daley told reporters Monday at a briefing on the law, enacted three years ago.

Only the price of the most basic level of cable service, which consists of broadcast and a few cable channels, will continue to be regulated.

"We're pleased that the administration supports the scheduled sunset of cable price regulation," said National Cable Television Association President Decker Anstrom.

The cable industry opposes regulating prices beyond March 31, saying it would halt investment in new services — such as high-speed Internet access and digital TV — and discourage companies from adding new channels.

But consumer groups were disappointed by Daley's comments. "The administration is doing nothing to challenge skyrocketing prices charged by cable monopolists," said Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumers Union's Washington office.

Daley said the administration will keep a close eye on cable rates after the price controls are lifted. "We will watch it. We will not let anyone take advantage ... and gouge consumers," he said.

Cable prices have increased 21 percent since the law's enactment, while overall inflation has risen 6 percent during the same period, consumer groups say.

The industry says that with each rate increase, customers have gotten more channels, improved service and better picture and sound quality.

Congress set the expiration date with the hope that competition for cable would materialize and make continued price regulation unnecessary.

But consumer groups don't believe that sufficient competition for cable has developed to keep rates in check and have asked Congress to stop the scheduled deregulation. Their efforts haven't gained momentum on Capitol Hill.

The industry says competition is growing from satellite providers, phone companies and municipally owned cable TV systems.

Daley said the administration is encouraged by cable industry statements that "they plan to keep their rates somewhat under control."

The cable industry says rates are unlikely to spike higher after they are deregulated by the government.

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School accountability plan criticized

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's idea for cutting federal funds for schools that don't set and meet standards for their students and teachers is raising charges that he would have Washington intrude into state and local affairs.

Along with shoring up Social Security, Clinton's education proposals are key to the administration's plans to reassert itself when the impeachment process has run its course. But some Republicans already are criticizing his approach to school accountability.

Republican National Committee spokesman Mike Collins said the administration was threatening to use education money as "a and improve teacher qualifications. But they say they're eager for the debate.

"If the Republican position is money for nothing, then they'll have to answer to the taxpayers." said presidential adviser Paul Begala. "And the students and the parents."

In his State of the Union address, Clinton called for officials to fix or close failing schools, and soon afterward he unveiled a $200 million proposal to support intervention in troubled classrooms.

"Some people argue that even though we spend $15 billion a year on public education, the national government has no business whatever holding the system accountable for results," Clinton said at a Boston elementary school last week. "Can you imagine any company spending $15 billion and saying, 'Here, take the money, we don't care what the results are?'"

In some ways Clinton's proposal to use education funds as leverage for reform echoes his effort to set national standardized tests for fourth and eighth graders, which was killed by Congress in 1997.

This time Clinton is careful to say he doesn't want to "micromanage" the schools, only nudge them to set higher goals for themselves. But he's adamant that they be held to some standards: "If you want the money you should do this — not should, you must."

Republicans, who say that 35 cents out of every federal dollar spent on education is eaten up by the paperwork state and local officials are required to fill out, say such edicts from the presidential bully pulpit are unwarranted."

Obituaries

Edward Lewis

1972-1999

Funeral service is pending in Huntsville for Edward Lewis of San Angelo, an inmate at the Price Daniel Unit.

Mr. Lewis, 26, died Monday, Feb. 8, at the Price Daniel Unit. The initial diagnosis for cause of death was a heart attack. An autopsy has been ordered and funeral arragements will be announced.

Mr. Lewis had been at the Price Daniel Unit since September, 1998.

Larry Crawley

1945-1999

Larry Neil Crawley, a lifelong resident of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 5, at his home in Snyder.

Graveside service for Mr. Crawley, 53, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Mike Foster of the First Assembly of God in Colorado City will officiate.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 2, 1945, Mr. Crawley was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Ruby Crawley.

Survivors include three sisters, Jackie Grimes of Colorado City, Ann Johnson of Loraine and Shirley Maye Stevens of Alamogordo, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

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Bernice Harmes

1928-1999

SAN ANGELO — Bernice Harmes, the sister of Loraine Dennis of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 7, in Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Harmes, 70, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Dickie Schutlz will officiate and burial will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Born in Fisher County, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Harmes. Mrs. Harmes had lived in San Angelo for many years and was owner and operator of a beauty shop. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Neal Morgan of San Angelo and Buzzy Morgan of Whitney; two other sisters, Willadene Westbrook of San Angelo and Dorothy Wallace of Houston; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mary Bullard

1928-1999

ODESSA — Mary Elizabeth Bullard, the sister of Walter Littlefield of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 6, at her home in Odessa.

Funeral service for Mrs. Bullard, 70, was set for 4 p.m. today in the Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Dale Thurlby was to officiate and private graveside services will be held at a later time.

Born in Brownwood, Mrs. Bullard was a retired licensed vocational nurse. She moved to Odessa from Lubbock in 1991, and was a Baptist.

Survivors also include a son, Tony Bullard of Odessa; a sister, Virginia Botts of Garden Grove, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Ralph Hines

1926-1999

COLORADO CITY — Ralph Hines, a life-long resident of Mitchell County, died Sunday, Feb. 7, in a local hospital following a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Hines, 72, was the father of Doris Sands, a former Snyder resident now living in Sundown.

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Ken Northcutt and Dan Marshall officiating. Burial was to follow in the Westbrook Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 28, 1926 in Stanton, he graduated from Westbrook High School in 1944 and entered the U.S. Navy and served in the Marianna Islands during World War II.

Mr. Hines graduated from Sul Ross State University in 1951. He worked for Anderson-Clayton and for Carnation Companies as a livestock specialists.

He married the late Betty Brown in 1957 in Pleasanton. An avid supporter of the Sul Ross rodeo team, he was named to the school's Rodeo Hall of Fame in 1966. Mr. Hines was also past-president of the Westbrook Cemetery Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Witt and Mattie Hines; four brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include another daughter, Janie Vann of Colorado City; a brother, Donald M. Hines of Midland; six grandchildren; and a special friend, Shirley Clifton of Loraine.

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2 break-ins are reported

A report of a vehicle burglary and a break-in of a storage building dominated Monday's law enforcement activity.

Randy Davis notified officers around 8 a.m. that a vehicle had been broken into in the 1500 block of 25th Street. Officers filed a report for burglary of a vehicle.

Ruben Pena requested an officer at 8:44 a.m. in the 3700 block of Avenue O in reference to someone breaking into a storage room. A report for burglary of a building was submitted.

Three reports of criminal mischief were reported, one almost having serious consequences.

Officers were called to the portion of U.S. 84 inside the city limits around 5:35 p.m. in reference to someone throwing rocks at trucks. One of the rocks broke the window out of a truck, but there were no injuries.

Three juveniles were later located and officers filed a report of Class B criminal mischief.

Officers investigated a report of criminal mischief to a vehicle at 10 p.m. on the parking lot of McDonald's.

JoAnn Cagle reported her vehicle had been spray-painted. Officers filed a report for criminal mischief/state jail felony in the incident.

A report of criminal mischief was also investigated by officers in the 1600 block of 27th Street and by deputies on FM 1609. A vehicle suffered minor damage on 27th Street, while traffic signs had been damaged in the county.

Food Check-out Day celebrated

Snyder farmers and ranchers make food more affordable for Americans. As a result, the Scurry County Farm Bureau is recognizing today as Food Check-Out Day in Texas.

When applied to calendar days, the average American will have earned enough income to pay for his or her family's annual food supply in just 40 days. Today, Feb. 9, is the 40th day of the year.

Food is a bargain compared to other expenses American families are facing. Last year Americans had to work until May 10 just to pay their taxes.

"America's farmers and ranchers are the most productive in the world. We're proud of our success with others," Steve Moore, Farm Bureau president said.

Food Check-Out Day celebrates the harvest from America's farms and ranches and how it's shared with consumers through affordable prices.

Producing safe, quality food is our job," Moore said. "We hope consumers take note of Food Check-Out Day and join us in this celebration of American agriculture's success."

Hermleigh ISD Trustees meet at 7 p.m. today

Hermleigh ISD school board members will consider three items of new business when they meet this evening at 7:30.

The board will consider the extension of principal Clarence Speiker's contract and consider membership in a food purchasing co-op for school year 1999-2000.

The board will also call for a trustee election for May.

The terms of Burton Sandefur and Tony Lambaren are expiring.

events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Late Lil' Dribbler signup

Today is the last chance for Girls Little Dribblers registration. Call 573-4261, 573-4834 or 573-1686.

People for Progress

Representatives of People for Progress will be at the Snyder Park Club until 4 p.m. today. Persons needing utility assistance are invited.

Ira booster club meeting

The Ira Athletic Booster Club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited.

WTC sets open house

WTC will observe the dedication of its training center and have a campus-wide open house on Thursday. The dedication is at 1:30 p.m. and the open house continues until 4 p.m. For additional information call 573-8511, Ext. 200.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at 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.

PTK Valentine fundraiser

Phi Theta Kappa, WTC honor society, is selling chances for Valentine gifts to help fund their trip to California for the international conference. The raffle will be held Thursday in the Student Center during the activity period. Gifts have been donated by various local merchants. Tickets are available from PTK members or by calling 573-8511, Ext. 313.

Fish Fry

A Fish Fry sponsored by St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Men and Women's Association will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday in the Parish Center, 30th and Ave. A. Tickets, sold at the door, are $6 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12. Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Valentine service, banquet

First Church of the Nazarene will have a Valentine's Day service Sunday at 10:45 a.m., followed by a banquet. There will be door prizes, games and activities. The church is located on the Colorado City Highway and everyone is invited.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Omens," followed by "Raising Children for Success."

Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's Disease support group will meet from 10 until 11:30 a.m. next Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Guest speaker will be JoBeth Hardegree, Cogdell Hospital registered nurse.

Discover Creation program

A Discover Creation program, presented by former evolutionists, will be presented from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 22-24 in the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church. Evidence from both science and scripture will be presented and will be informative for both youth and adults.

Hermleigh photos wanted

The Scurry County Museum is seeking photographs of buildings in Hermleigh. The photos may be donated or loaned and one will be used on the 1999 Christmas ornament. Call 573-6107 or come by the museum on the WTC campus.

Distance learning course

Midwestern State University will offer a trimester course, public personnel administation, through the distance learning lab on the Western Texas College campus. The course begins Feb. 23 and will meet from 5:30-9:15 p.m. each Tuesday. To apply, call 1-888-521-1112 or 940 397-4400.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

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.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
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Pick 3

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