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Home of Ty Jones

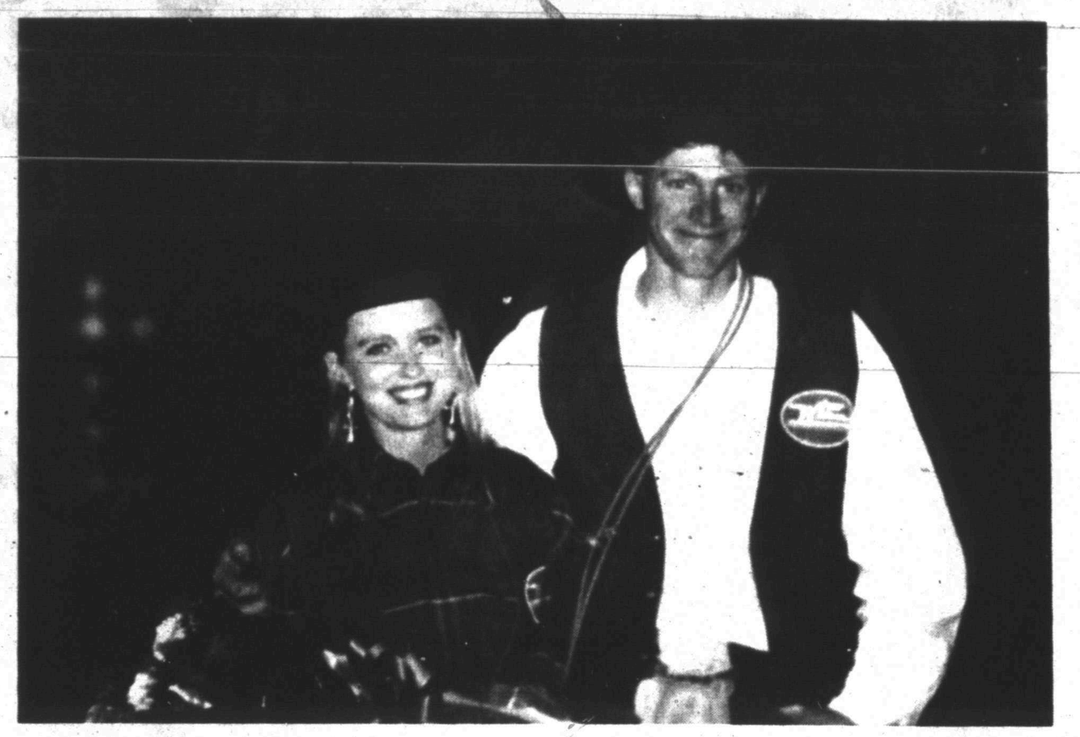
City asking customers to curb water use

City of Snyder residents are being asked to curb their use of water this evening and Saturday morning as the new water treatment plant is tied in to Lake J.B. Thomas.

To make the tie-in, the line from the lake must be drained, interrupting water coming from the lake to the plant.

The hook-up will begin about 8 this evening Friday and will be completed around noon Saturday, city officials say.

During that time, city customers will be using water stored in ground and overhead storage tanks. Residents can use water for all their normal needs, but are asked not to water their vehicle during the 18-hour period.



RODEO QUEEN — Jana McCloy of Gruver was named rodeo queen at the opening night of the Western Texas College Rodeo Thursday. Joe Moody of Roswell, N.M. presented her with a bouquet and certificate. The rodeo continues tonight and Saturday in the coliseum with performances at 7:30. (SDN Staff Photo)

Twisters, hail hit Texas; one killed

By The Associated Press

Tornadoes and baseball-size hail pounded western Texas, smashing homes and toppling power lines. One person was killed.

Victor Rodriguez and his wife looked at a friend's damaged home.

"That's where the living room was," he said, pointing a flashlight at a concrete foundation. "This was where the garage was, and their car was inside."

The car hadn't been found.

Rescuers used flashlights to search under fallen walls and trees after a tornado ripped apart six mobile homes northeast of Lubbock late Thursday. Only one person in that community suffered minor injuries, Beverly Morton, a Lubbock County sheriff's dispatcher, said this morning. Electricity for the area was knocked out.

Forty miles east, a man was killed when a tornado struck a mobile home near White River Lake. Authorities said hail the size of baseballs fell as they tried to rescue the man.

"It was totally destroyed," said Janie Walker, a dispatcher with the Dickens County sheriff's office. "His wife got out, but she's been cut up pretty badly."

A few hours earlier, a tornado struck near Plainview, north of Lubbock.

Larry and Margaret Beerwinkle flattened themselves on the kitchen floor after hearing the high winds. When it was over, there was a huge gash in the roof of their barn and metal sheets were wrapped around trees.

Several large trees were shredded, a metal basketball goal was bent over and a trampoline that had been cemented into the ground was uprooted.

"It got awful close," Beerwinkle said.

Hale County chief deputy Richard "Smokey" Sims watched the twister rip through the Beerwinkles' barn, skip across the highway and barely miss a mobile home on the other side.

Snow and snow showers are possible in West Texas where temperatures will plunge into the teens in the Panhandle before dawn Saturday. A freeze warning is in effect for tonight for the northwestern third of North Texas. Temperatures will dip into the 30s as far south as the Hill Country tonight.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Life started with a cell, and if justice prevails, some folks will end it there."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

According to the Sweetwater Reporter, the city and the economic development board have joined hands to hire an Austin lobbyist to represent local interests.

Hired was Gilbert Turreita whose primary task will be to look after the welfare of the Sweetwater campus of Texas State Technical College.

The two-year agreement calls for a fee of $1,600 monthly, plus expenses not to exceed $2,400 each year.

And from the Lamesa Press-Reporter, directors of Medical Arts Hospital have accepted operational control of the Medical Arts Rural Health Clinic from Methodist Hospital.

The hospital administrator assured residents that the clinic would remain open and that patients who use the clinic will be seen by mid-level practitioners, either nurse practitioners or physician's assistants, from a pool at Texas Tech University under the supervision of a doctor.

And a new industry, according to the Brownfield News.

Birdsong Peanut officials, along with Brownfield Development Corporation, announced it will start construction of a peanut processing plant.

Option has been taken on a 40-acre site.

The Lovington Daily Leader reports that the New Mexico legislature has ended its session without deciding the fate of a proposed prison in Lea County.

Political fighting in that state has delayed a decision about a prison supported by Gov. Gary Johnson.

Because of the delay, officials are now looking at a private prison.

James Roberts, in the Andrews County News, can see 50 years of progress.

He remembered when city fathers outlawed hogs being raised at the rear of a downtown restaurant. A fly nuisance was cited, and the hog owner went along as long as cows and goats were included in the ordinance.

Fifty years later, the Andrews council has banned chickens and crowing roosters inside the city limits.

Roberts said, "Progress marches on!"

Trustees cancel election

ISD focuses on appraisal system, funding bill

Snyder ISD trustees canceled their May election for the second consecutive year Thursday, adopted a school calendar for 1997-98 and were briefed on matters involving the teacher appraisal system, school finance and budget overruns within the maintenance department.

Having no contested races on the May ballot, trustees took advantage of a state law allowing the district to waive an election. Taking seats on the board will be incumbent Richard Chambers in Place 3 and newcomer Mike Levens in Place 2. Current Place 2 trustee, Geraldine Parker, chose not to seek another term.

Trustees took care of some personnel matters, approving probationary terms for Sandra Wells, bilingual and gifted/talented instructor, and for ag instructors Bob Hand and David Frazier.

The board approved a calendar for the upcoming year. Key dates include staff development beginning on Aug. 11 with classes to start Aug. 19. Christmas holidays will be from Dec. 23 through Jan. 4 for students, and the last day of school has been set for May 29.

Lee McNair, business manager, discussed House Bill 4 with trustees. He cautioned that the bill has not passed, and is subject to change.

The funding bill being discussed by the legislature would cap residential property taxes at 50 cents. Up to 10 cents more could be added, but only by voter approval.

Currently, SISD's tax rate is $1.50.

The legislature would make up for the difference by lifting many tax exemptions and adding taxes in other areas.

McNair noted that presently, the state funds approximately 60 percent of education and 40 percent comes from local funds. Under House Bill 4, the state would pay about 85 percent, with local funds amounting to 15 percent.

Assistant Supt. Ann McCabe briefed trustees on the Professional Development & Appraisal System (PDAS), which will replace the Texas Teacher Appraisal System.

Teachers will be graded in eight major categories, or "domains," including: successful student participation; learner-centered instruction; evaluation and feedback on student progress; management of student discipline, instructional strategies; professional communication; professional development; compliance with policies and operating procedures; and improvement of academic performance of all students on campus. Each of those categories have between five and 10 criteria.

The somewhat complex system scores each teacher as either exceding expectations, proficient, below expectations or unsatisfactory in each category. If a teacher receives two "below expectations" or one "unsatisfactory" he or she is declared in need of assistance and an intervention plan is formulated.

There will be 24 appraisers — four from central administration, 10 principals and 10 teachers. Those individuals will probably be trained in June, McCabe said.

The board reviewed a need for budget amendments in the maintenance and transportation budgets, due to unanticipated costs. The $142,500 maintenance budget is already over by $10,000, with four months left before the end of the school year in August. The transportation budget isn't over, but will be by August, the board was told.

A hand-out presented at the meeting indicated some of the problems in transportation. Mileage on the district's 41 buses average 120,000 miles, despite adding in two new buses. Maintenance and other vehicles average more than 121,000 miles on the speedometer, and the vehicles which transport staff and students average 98,000 miles. Repairs are constant, the board was told.

McNair told trustees that the district will be receiving $65,000 it had not been expecting from a class action suit involving asbestos. The funds come from a settlement involving North Elementary. The monies will be placed in a special fund for asbestos removal, McNair noted.

In other activity, the board:

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WEATHER WOES — The rain that fell last night and early this morning was welcomed by most, but some employees of Knight Construction might not think so as they had to bail water in order to work on new curbing on 30th Street. Pilar Plata bails while Fletch Rivera waits his turn. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lightning knocks CMH down, not out

Thunderstorms that brought tornadoes and large hail to most of West Texas spared Scurry County from damage for the most part, but a lightning strike apparently got to Cogdell Hospital's electrical system shortly before 2 a.m. during the height of one round of turbulent weather here.

Jerry Vestal, acting hospital administrator as Jeff Reecer was out of the hospital, said this morning that after the lightning strike, the auxiliary power came on line as it was supposed to, but the problem started when the hospital tried to switch to its regular power.

"About 90 percent of the building went back on normally, but some areas did not," said Vestal.

Vestal said extension cords had to be used to power some areas where refrigeration was needed.

No patients were ever in any danger, or had to be moved within the hospital, said Vestal.

It was determined this morning that lightning had struck the hospital's emergency transfer switch. The facility was operating on full power before noon today, and was expecting to receive parts to repair the damage this evening. Vestal estimated the damage at less than $10,000.

Once the parts are installed, the hospital will also have full emergency power.

The storm dumped as much as 1.3 inches of rain in parts of the county, though some areas recorded much less.

Officials with the Colorado River Municipal Water District reported that Lake J.B. Thomas got a much-needed 1.3 inches. Snyder received 1.1 inches, but residents at Ira got just a half-inch.

Residents north and east of Snyder reported from 1 to 1.2 inches of moisture.

The 1.1 inch Snyder received brings the total for the year to 7.57 inches.

ASK US

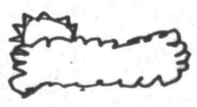
Q—How are former WTC rodeo coach Bob Doty's teams doing this year?

A—Tarleton State, as usual, is doing very well in the region. The men are in second place behind WTC in the current standings and TSU's women are in first place, ahead of Vernon Regional JC and WTC.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 60 degrees; low, 48; 7 a.m. Friday, 34; 1.10 inch of precipitation; total for 1997, 7.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 30-35. N wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. High around 50. NE wind 10-20 mph.



Calvin Nobles
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:10 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:19 a.m.
Of 100 days in 1997, the sun has shone 90 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

One cool judgment is worth a thousand hasty councils. The thing is to supply light and not heat.

--Woodrow Wilson

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Nora Linares sues embattled contractor

AUSTIN (AP) — Fired Texas Lottery director Nora Linares has sued the agency's main contractor, alleging that misdealings by GTECH Corp. caused her termination.

Ms. Linares' attorneys, Buck Wood and Charles Soechting, said Rhode Island-based GTECH intentionally hired Ms. Linares' friend, Mike Moeller, as a consultant to use him as a weapon against her.

She has said she didn't know Moeller worked for GTECH until reporters asked her about it. The lottery commission subsequently ousted Ms. Linares from her $82,687-a-year job in January.

"What we're saying is, GTECH's activities, which were in violation of statute and contract with the state of Texas, caused her to be terminated," Wood said Thursday, moments after filing the lawsuit at the Travis County Courthouse. "And that is actionable under Texas law."

GTECH spokesman Marc Palazzo countered that the petition is "rife with false and misleading allegations."

"GTECH will vigorously defend this meritless action," he said in a statement.

The lawsuit, which doesn't specify damages, contends that GTECH hired Moeller, a former state agriculture official, in October 1992 knowing he had a "personal relationship" with Ms. Linares.

At the time, Moeller was under a federal indictment accusing him of using taxpayers' money to hire consultants whose only job was to collect political campaign contributions. He later was convicted and currently is imprisoned.

"In an effort to have some potential, future leverage over Ms. Linares, (GTECH employee J. David) Smith instructed Mr. Moeller to keep his consulting agreement secret from all others, including Ms. Linares," the lawsuit reads.

GTECH officials have repeated that Smith, who himself has been convicted of federal fraud, was a "rogue" who hired Moeller without the company's knowledge or approval.

"I don't think there's anything Smith did that top GTECH management didn't know about," Wood said. "Legally, it wouldn't make any difference if they did. Anything he did, they did."

The suit goes on to accuse GTECH of a string of improprieties designed to maintain its hold on the state's lottery. The Lottery Commission has said it may rebid GTECH's contract and is seeking a consultant to assist in that process.

Ms. Linares initially sued lottery commissioners after she was fired, saying she was dismissed for political reasons. Her attorneys later dropped that lawsuit and focused on GTECH.

Thursday's action also names GTECH Texas site manager James Hosker.

"It appears to GTECH that Ms. Linares' attorneys, having been unsuccessful in an action against the Texas Lottery Commission, are now seeking unjustified financial damages from the company," Palazzo said.

Fourth handwriting sample given

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — JonBenet Ramsey's mother has agreed to give investigators a fourth handwriting sample, a family spokeswoman said Thursday.

Authorities investigating the 6-year-old beauty queen's death wouldn't say why they asked Patsy Ramsey for an additional sample.

"She has given us handwriting samples before. We have asked for additional examples," said Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter. "All along the course of the investigation there have been many requests for handwriting from a number of different people."

Ramsey family spokeswoman Rachelle Zimmer said that the request for Patsy Ramsey's handwriting "was limited in scope" and she "immediately agreed to provide" it.

Police have obtained several handwriting samples from Ramsey family members and others in an attempt to determine who wrote a ransom note Mrs. Ramsey found in the family's home Dec. 26.

The 6-year-old former Little Miss Colorado was found beaten and strangled in the basement of the home about eight hours after the note was discovered. No suspects have been named and no arrests have been made in the case.

Mrs. Ramsey provided a third sample of her handwriting last month after police decided the first two submissions were suspect because Mrs. Ramsey was taking medication, police spokeswoman Leslie Aaholm said.

Handwriting experts have concluded father John Ramsey did not write the note demanding $118,000 for his daughter.

INFANT IMMUNIZATIONS — Scurry County Health Unit/WIC promotes National infant immunizations through the month of April. Following immunizations, Luann Grice, WIC clerk, presents a Be Wise Immunize goody bag to Anthony Jaimes who is being held by his mother, Maria. (Contributed Photo)

BOY SCOUT PROJECT — Glenn Burns, Boy Scouts Troop 27, is filling the bird feeder at Deep Creek. Snyder Garden Club donated the seed. (Contributed Photo)

Loraine church sets concert

First United Methodist Church of Loraine has set a concert for 6 p.m. Sunday, featuring Richard Long and Terry Bowden.

Long is the ag-science teacher at Ira. He is a former country western singer and had a band called Prairie Fire. He now performs gospel music.

Bowden is the owner of Snyder Used Cars.

The duo has performed together for 18 months, at church functions, youth activities and Walk to Emmaus events.

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Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, April 12, 1997

There are several indications in the year ahead that show improved material and social conditions. These changes might not come about immediately, but they will be consistent and noticeable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your instinct for gauging the needs and desires of others will be very accurate today. This kind of understanding will help you in dealing directly with the public. 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Mental pursuits will be the most appealing to you today. Spend time nurturing your brain, instead of trying to build a washboard stomach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Developments of a material nature should be to your advantage today. You will manage your resources effectively and be wise in shopping or selling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Assume control over developments that are important to you today. Do not let others handle that which you can manage better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if you have the most charismatic personality at social events today, your friends will like you better if you don't attempt to upstage them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Good things could happen to you socially today. Instead of waiting for friends to include you in their plans, conceive an activity which includes them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, you will be able to handle difficult situations in a commendable manner that will enhance your image and popularity among your peers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might be plagued with restlessness today if you don't do the things that gratify your broader interests. Strive to address these inclinations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you've been waiting for a situation to change of its own volition, your wait might be in vain. To be effective, you must take action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You won't necessarily enjoy being around a lot of people today; instead, focus on spending quality time with one or two valued friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, you will discover that being active and productive is much more fun for you than not getting involved.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Chance might play a critical role in your affairs today. You may not be lucky financially, but you could be fortunate in areas that are far more significant.

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Van catches fire on Indonesian road

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A van packed with 16 people bound for a wedding burst into flames on a highway in West Java, killing eight of them and injuring the others, a newspaper reported today.

Police said the axle on the 12-seat van broke before Thursday's blaze on the Cikampek toll road, but the cause of the fire was undetermined, the Jakarta Post said.

The victims included three children, one a 2-year-old.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Power of Attorney Can Relieve Stress of Family Emergency

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this letter to suggest that your readers think about giving a power of attorney to a trusted relative to be used in case of emergency. This is especially important for single adults.

The cost of having this document prepared is relatively inexpensive compared to what you will pay if someone must petition for guardianship.

I speak from experience. My father suffered a major stroke that left him totally incapacitated. Legally I could not even stop his mail without a power of attorney, let alone access his checking account to pay his bills, cancel his apartment lease or admit him to a nursing home.

I was forced to initiate guardianship proceedings that were costly, stressful and time-consuming. The cost for our simple uncontested guardianship was $3,000.

SUSAN

DEAR SUSAN: Good advice. None of us knows when an emergency may arise when we will need the help of someone to take care of our financial affairs until such time as we can resume responsibility. *Note*: Powers of attorney are not necessarily permanent. They can be revoked any time you wish.

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DEAR ABBY: As a flight attendant for a major airline for the past 16 years, I have dealt with people from all walks of life. I sincerely strive to make each passenger's flight enjoyable, and I feel compassion for those who are physically or mentally challenged, elderly, and children traveling alone.

For the past five years I have struggled with a weight problem and have been working hard to regain my self-esteem and healthy physique. My sensitive nature has been sorely challenged with comments from well-meaning individuals, due to my weight. Remarks such as, "When are you due?" "How much do you weigh?" and "How much longer do you have before you go on maternity leave?" hurt me deeply.

Abby, can you suggest an appropriate response to such comments? Regaining my self-worth has become crucial, and I must discover a way to continue my job as a flight attendant without further damage to my self-esteem.

HURTING IN CINCINNATI

DEAR HURTING: The most appropriate response to questions about your pregnancy would be, "I'm not pregnant." People who make insulting comments about your weight are cruel, but if you appear to be pregnant when you are not, take it as a wake-up call.

I urge you to seriously consider a diet and exercise program immediately. Please, make your first order of business a call to your physician, requesting a referral to a dietitian registered with the American Dietetic Association.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I are having a disagreement and hope you will settle it.

We have both been married before. For my first marriage, I wore a plain dress because we were married at the courthouse by a judge. I was told that a bride could never wear white at her wedding if she had been married before. My boyfriend says I can. What do you think?

GETTING MARRIED SOON

DEAR GETTING MARRIED: Wear whatever makes you happy. Traditionally, first-time brides wore white. But nowadays brides wear whatever they want when they walk down the aisle. Brides have been known to marry in everything from bathing suits to fur coats — to nothing at all!

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

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Government hopes to help seniors with selections of HMOs

WASHINGTON (AP) — It took Irvin Stuart, a 65-year-old from New York City, three months to get information from Medicare HMOs so he could try to decide whether to join one.

Even then, all he had to show for his effort was a stack of brochures so inconsistent it is impossible to compare plans, Stuart told a Senate hearing Thursday.

"I feel that I still have a lot of questions that remain unanswered," Stuart said.

For senior citizens thinking about joining a Medicare HMO, such stories are common, advocates testified. And the government is considering ways to help.

"Shopping for Medicare HMOs today is unnecessarily complicated," Diane S. Archer, executive director of the Medicare Rights Center, told the Senate Committee on Aging.

Archer said it took her center, which counsels seniors about Medicare choices, 8½ months, 100 phone calls and 50 faxes and mailings to get enough information to compare the 11 Medicare HMOs that serve downstate New York.

"A person on Medicare slogging through customer service voice mail would have had even more difficulty," she said.

The government wants more senior citizens to use HMOs because they are cheaper than traditional health care services, which Medicare must pay for one bill at a time. With HMOs, the government pays one monthly fee for all care needed by Medicare patients.

For seniors, however, there are pros and cons. HMOs often offer perks, such as free prescription drug coverage. But most also limit which doctors and hospitals and clinics patients can use and require authorization for specialized care.

Seniors frustrated in their efforts to find out about HMOs in their area may be giving up, said William Scanlon, director of health financing and system issues for the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm.

Those who joined HMOs and were dissatisfied often say they did not know what they were getting into, Scanlon said.

"Beneficiaries who leave an HMO within a short time are more likely to have been poorly informed," he said.

The agency that runs Medicare is trying to help by putting an HMO cost and benefit comparison database on the Internet starting this summer. It will be updated quarterly with information about every HMO open to Medicare recipients.

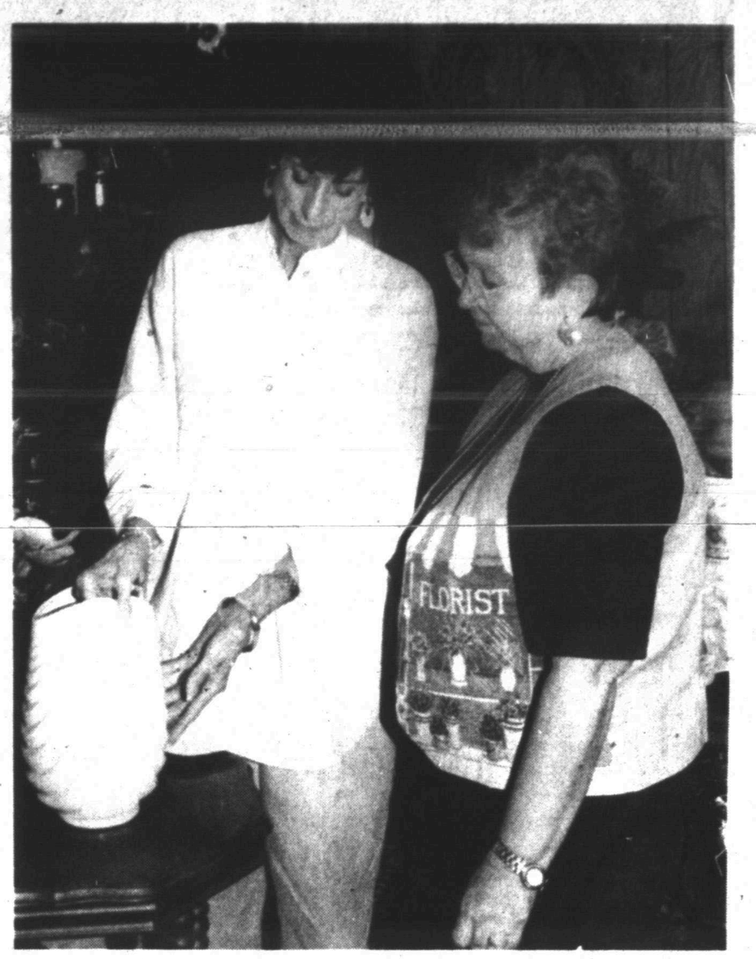
Quality ratings will be included, said Bruce M. Fried, director of Medicare's office of managed care.

Senior citizens who do not have access to the Internet can get help from local news and advocacy organizations, seniors centers or Medicare counseling agencies that do, Fried said.

Voluntary guidelines for HMOs to use to standardize their marketing materials are also due out soon.

This fall, the government will conduct an experimental six-week public education campaign in Denver, including seminars and a toll-free help line, to answer questions about Medicare HMOs.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who chairs the aging committee, said he was preparing legislation requiring a standard format and vocabulary for brochures and making paper cost-benefit charts directly available to seniors who do not have access to a computer.



PLAN WEEKEND EVENT — Carol Miller and Jo Ann Prince observe the shape of a vase, a possible container for a centerpiece, to be used for a table setting Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club's Tablescapes and Luncheon. Tickets are $10 and reservations are due by 5 p.m. today by calling 573-3427. Several clubs and individuals are setting tables in various themes and they can be seen from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Serving will begin at 11:30. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

McDonald's to offer Teenie Beanies with Happy meals

CHICAGO (AP) — Beanie Babies are the hottest toy around, and McDonald's Corp. is jumping on the bandwagon in hopes of latching on to big profits.

Beginning today, the fast-food chain will give away miniature Beanie Babies with their Happy Meals.

"This is going to be a hot item," Chicago McDonald's restaurant manager Jennifer Salinaz said in today's edition of The Wall Street Journal. She said she has received 30 calls a day from parents wanting to know when the promotion will start -- even though it wasn't advertised in advance.

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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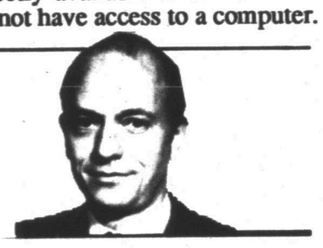

By Phillip Alder

North 04-11-97
♠ 9 4
♥ Q J 6 5
♦ A K 6 3
♣ A Q 3

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

East
♠ J 10 3 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 9 5
♣ J 9 8 5

South
♠ A K Q
♥ A K 3
♦ J 8 7 2
♣ K 7 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	7 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

The antennae were well tuned

By Phillip Alder

Experts gain many points by being adept at drawing the right conclusions from the bids and plays made by their opponents. In today's deal, one of Britain's best players, Andy Robson, brought home a grand slam that looked destined to fail.

The auction is a tie for the third-shortest route to seven no-trump. (I am assuming someone has opened seven no-trump as dealer, or as second hand following a pass.) However, the grand slam is against the odds, apparently needing an opponent to have a singleton or doubleton diamond queen. *A priori*, this is a 33 percent chance. However, declarer gave himself an extra edge.

Robson started by cashing his four heart tricks. The last furnished East with a delicate discarding decision. Eventually, he concluded it was too dangerous to throw from either of his four-card suits. Instead, he released the diamond five.

The significance wasn't wasted on Robson. If East had five cards in either black suit, he would have discarded from that suit. Apparently, East had started with exactly two diamonds in a 4-3-2-4 shape. Robson felt that if East had begun with queen-doubleton of diamonds, he wouldn't have left her majesty unescorted. So, Robson assumed East had begun with the 9- or 10-doubleton.

Crossing to hand with a spade, declarer led the diamond jack: queen, king, nine. Back to hand with another spade, Robson led the diamond eight, playing low from the dummy when West contributed the four. Now declarer tried to claim an overtrick!

True, Robson was given a big assist by East, but he still had to find the winning play.

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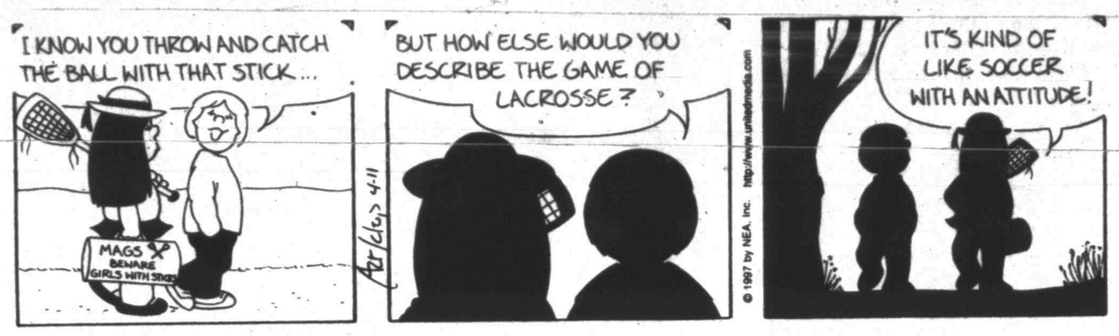

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ACROSS

1 Fable writer
6 Musical direction
11 Stabbed
13 Actress Diane —
14 Away from the shore
15 Mistakes
16 — culpa
17 Chemical suffix
19 Pigeon shelter
20 Paper container
21 Craving
22 Seaweed product
23 Playwright Clifford —
26 Most nervous
28 Alias (abbr.)
30 Use a chair
31 Relatives
32 Prefix for cycle
33 — stone
37 Musical group
41 Australian birds
42 Back
44 Actress Gardner
45 Poland's Walesa
46 Actor Gulager
47 Rooster's mate
48 Acid neutralizer
50 Spiking the punch
53 Barked
54 A Barrymore
55 Horse
56 Watered silk

DOWN

1 With hands on hips
2 Group of nine
3 Fodder
4 One — — kind
5 Corral
6 — Lingus
7 Like some taunters
8 Moe or Curly
9 Large arteries
10 Newspaper supplement
12 1944 invasion date
13 Sharpest
18 Tennis equipment
24 Become formed (2 wds.)
25 Revue part
27 Actor Robert De —
29 Drugstore purchase
33 Passes along
34 Egg dish
35 Nurse (a baby)
36 CIO partner
38 Sesame paste
39 Smoother
40 Hair problem
43 Jethro —
49 Guided
51 Goal
52 Bill and — (airline)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	T	Y		A	O	N	E		A	C	R	E
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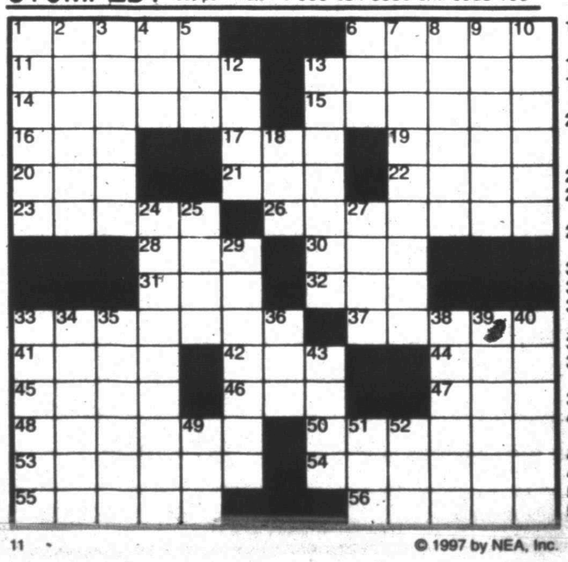

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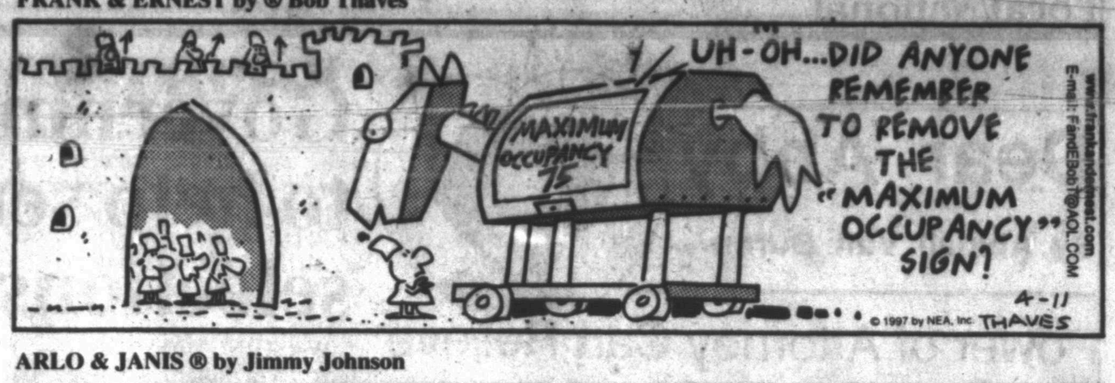

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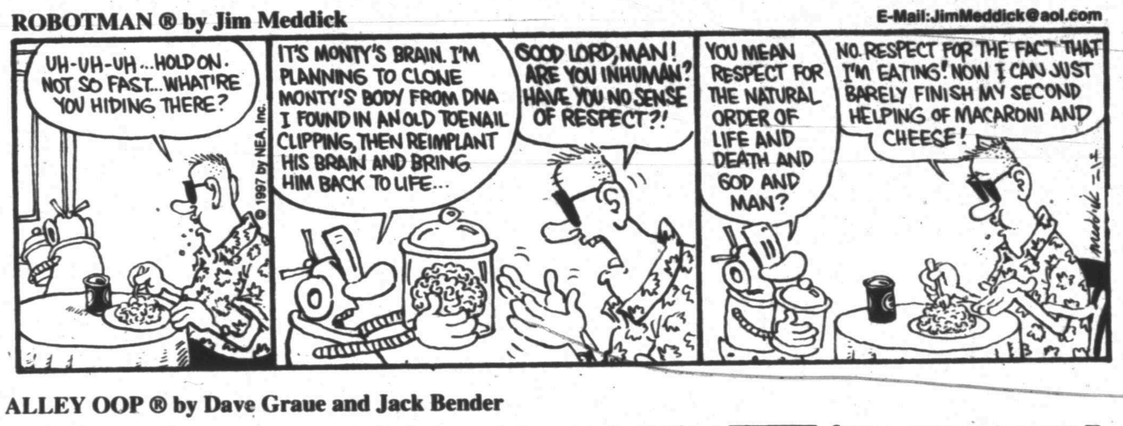

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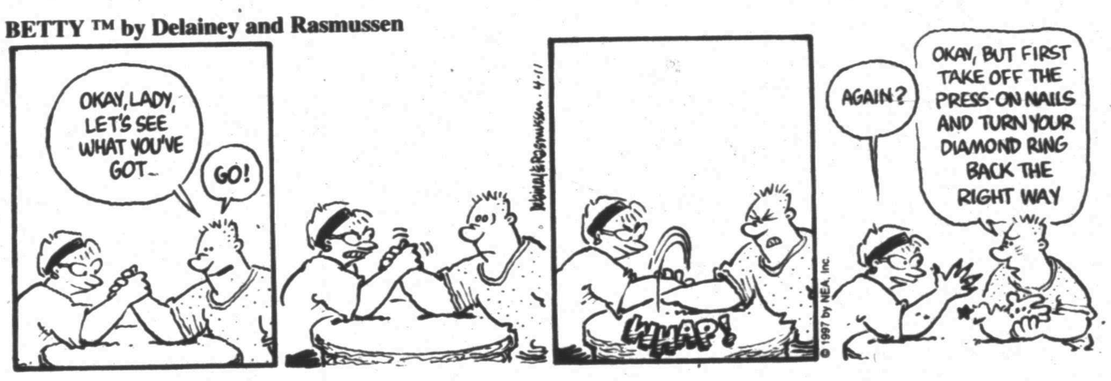

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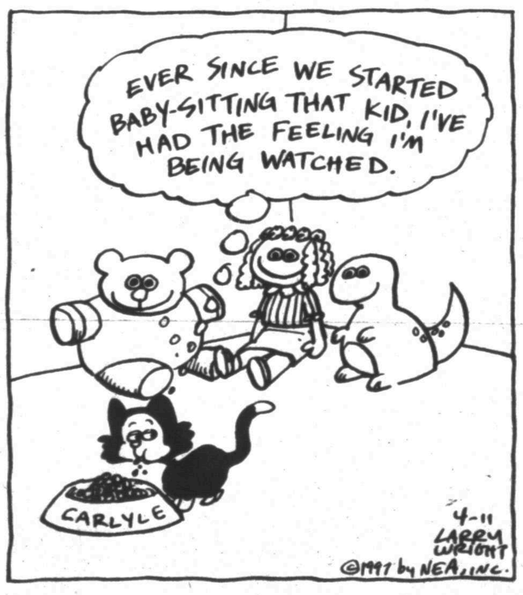

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SPORTS

WTC finishes first night of rodeo holding several top spots

After one night of bucking and riding at the Western Texas College Rodeo in Scurry County Coliseum, the WTC rodeo squad is holding on to several top finishes.

The long-go will continue tonight at 7:30 with the top 10 individuals in each event moving on to Saturday's short-go or finals.

Tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for children at the gate.

Local residents are invited to participate in a cowboy prayer meeting at 6 p.m. today in the coliseum.

After Jana McCloy of Gruver, Texas was crowned rodeo queen, WTC wasted no time in taking the hometown advantage.

The WTC men started off in the bareback event. Kyle Bowers rode to a second place finish with 67 points. Heath Kenney is holding third in the long-go with a 65. Chad Meynard is in fourth with 64 points.

Former WTC rodeo coach Bob Doty, who now coaches at Tarleton State, saw his Jody Wiggins grab the lead with a 73.

Next up was calf roping, and WTC continued to finish at the top.

Kevin Johnson of Elkhorn, Neb., set the pace with a time of 12.2 seconds. Joe Moody is holding second with 13.5. Cole Schaffer is in fourth with a time of 15.9 and Jay Ross Bryant is in fifth with a time of 16.4.

The ladies made their first appearance of the night in breakaway roping and quickly made it clear that they were there to win.

San Angelo's Jaime Stewart rode to a first place finish with a time of 2.9 seconds. Paige Burlesmith was close behind in second with a 3.2. Odessa College's Sadie Dove was third with a time of 3.7.

The men tangled with the horses again in the saddle bronc event, which WTC has dominated all season long. Last night was no different.

Pete Ellis posted a second place 67 and Jeff Decker is in third with 65 points. Shane Faulkner is holding fourth with a 64.

Kenan Ivy of Howard College is in first with a 69.

The men were finished trying to tame the broncs, but then they had to wrestle the steers.

Ryan Weaver pulled out in front with a time of 4.4 seconds. Kyle Bowers wrestled his way to fourth place with a 9.1.

The women were up next in the goat tying with WTC taking the top four spots.

Amanda Wallin's time of 7.2 seconds is first and Paige Burlesmith is second with an 8.5. Chasity Rickman and Shanna Ferguson are tied for third with a time of 9.0.

Sahala McCloy was fourth with a 9.4 and the only other woman not from WTC in the top five was Texas Tech's Shanna Owens with a 9.6.

The fan favorite and self-declared "most dangerous sport in the world" was up next — bull riding.

In the first section, the only WTC rider to go the distance and ride for eight seconds was Bryant, who was rewarded by the judges with a 60.

The bulls took a break, but the WTC men didn't, taking the top three spots in team roping.

Cole Schaffer of North Platte, Neb. and Joe Moody of Roswell, N.M. roped their way into first with a time of 6.7 seconds. Cody Springer and Clete Schmidt are second with a 7.3 and Bryant and Moody are third with an 11.3.

The women took over the arena for the barrel racing event, and once again took control of the top spots.

Hereford, Texas' Rickman is sitting in first place with a 13.57-second run. Stewart is tied with Vernon College's Shada Norris for second with a 13.73.

Tona Wright is in third with a 13.95 and Kelly Smith is in fifth with a 14.80.

The first night ended with the men taking one last shot at the bulls.

Odessa College's Ben Duggar had the high score with a 76 to easily hold down first. Faulkner was fourth with a 64.

A dance will be held this evening and Saturday evening at the Scurry County Rodeo Association grounds on Gary Brewer Road.

ROUND THE BARREL — WTC's Chasity Rickman rounds a barrel en route to a first place finish at the WTC Rodeo Thursday night. Rickman is in first with a time of 13.57. (SDN Staff Photo By Jamie Sharp)

SHS rodeo squads garner top honors

Region II Snyder High School rodeo participants Terra Bynum and Shelley York rode their way to top finishes at the Andrews and Del Rio Rodeos this past weekend.

Bynum continued her stellar season at Andrews March 22-23, taking fourth in barrels, third in pole bending and second in goat tying.

York placed fourth in breakaway roping.

On Sunday, Bynum continued to place well, winning first in pole bending, third in goat tying and fourth in barrels. Bynum also spilt sixth and seventh in breakaway roping.

In Del Rio April 5-6, Bynum was her usual self, bringing home first in barrels, third in goat tying, sixth in breakaway roping and ninth in pole bending.

Sunday, Bynum received another first with a win in goat tying and finishing eighth in breakaway roping.

The other half of the rodeo team that competes in Region X also finished up two weekends of competition.

March 21 in McGregor, Snyder had a consistent showing from all of its athletes.

Stoni Riggan was second in goat tying, third in barrels, fourth in pole bending and eighth in breakaway roping.

Russell Riggan took fourth in team roping and eighth in calf roping.

Darla Blackwell won third in goat tying and fifth in breakaway roping.

April 6 in Hamilton, the Snyder rodeo squad continued to place at the top.

Stoni Riggan was fifth in pole bending, eighth in barrels and tenth in goat tying.

Russell Riggan took eighth in team roping.

Darla Blackwell won second in breakaway roping and Shawn Purcell returned from knee surgery to place seventh in goat tying.

Next up for the Region II team is the Crane Rodeo Friday and Saturday. The Region X squad journeys to Gatesville Saturday.

Tigers tangle with Tors tonight

The Snyder Tiger varsity baseball squad journeys to Lamesa tonight at 5:30 in search of its second District 2-4A win.

The Tigers earned their first win loop win Monday with an 8-4 defeat of the Estacado Matadors, but couldn't keep their momentum going, falling 7-0 to Plainview Tuesday.

Snyder is 1-2-1 in district play and 11-8 for the season.

Lamesa is coming off a 22-4 thumping at the hands of Frenship Tuesday. The Tornadoes are 2-3 in loop action and 7-12 for the season.

Coach Roland Herrera will send Clay Berryman to the mound to face Lamesa. Berryman is 5-4 for the season and he owns a 1.24 ERA.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
y-Miami	59	18	.766	—
x-NewYork	53	24	.688	6
Orlando	43	34	.558	16
Washington	39	37	.513	19½
NewJersey	24	52	.316	34½
Philadelphia	21	55	.276	37½
Boston	13	64	.169	46
Central Division				
z-Chicago	68	10	.872	—
x-Atlanta	52	24	.684	15
x-Detroit	51	25	.671	16
x-Charlotte	50	26	.658	17
Cleveland	39	37	.513	28
Indiana	37	39	.486	30
Milwaukee	29	47	.382	38
Toronto	28	49	.364	39½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
z-Utah	59	17	.776	—
x-Houston	53	24	.688	6½
x-Minnesota	38	39	.494	21½
Dallas	23	54	.299	36½
Denver	20	57	.260	39½
SanAntonio	20	57	.260	39½
Vancouver	12	67	.152	48½
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	53	24	.688	—
x-L.A.Lakers	52	25	.675	1
x-Portland	46	33	.582	8
x-Phoenix	38	39	.494	15
L.A.Clippers	34	43	.442	19
Sacramento	31	46	.403	22
GoldenState	29	48	.377	24

z-clinched conference title
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x-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games

Orlando 105, Toronto 69
Chicago 105, New York 103
New Jersey 93, Milwaukee 88
Miami 93, Detroit 83
Seattle 90, Dallas 82
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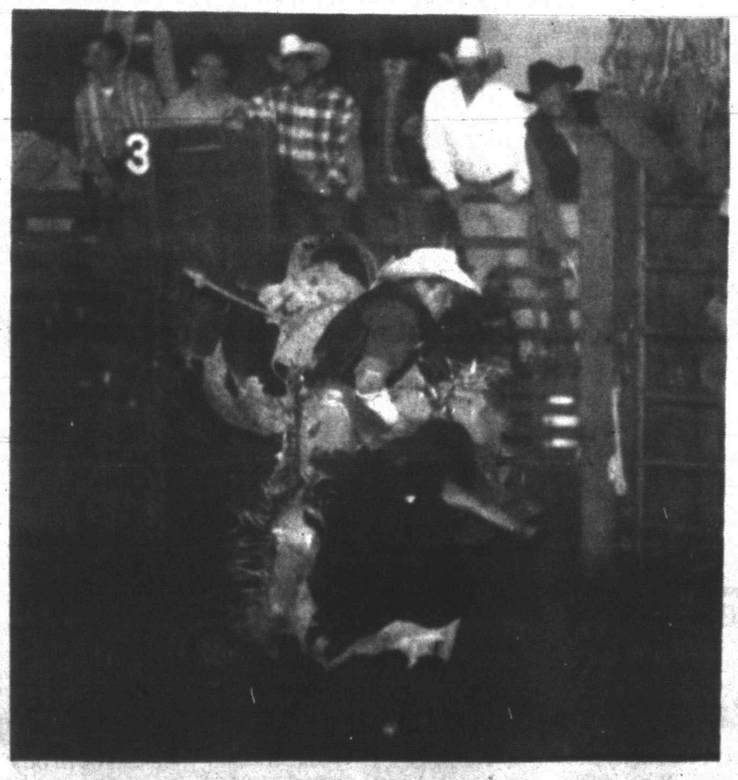


RIDE 'EM COWBOY — WTC's Heath Kenney rides Lurch in the bull riding event at Thursday's rodeo. Kenney was unable to go the full eight seconds, receiving no score. (SDN Staff Photo By Jamie Sharp)

Bogeys reign at Augusta with speedy greens in first round

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The tee shot flew through the pine branches and settled near the adjacent fairway, which didn't concern John Huston. Trouble at Augusta National doesn't begin until the putter comes out of the bag.

Huston took care of that problem with a 5-iron that hopped over a mound at the 18th green and rolled dead into the cup for an eagle, giving him a 5-under-par 67 and a 1-stroke lead after the first round.

"There was quite an adrenaline rush," said Huston, the first player to make eagle on No. 18 in 23 years.

"There's also a relief that you don't have to putt."

The rest of the players in the field would have killed to know that pleasure Thursday.

Hardly anyone believed the Masters official who said the greens were "substantially the same" as previous years, which didn't keep jaws from dropping when balls slid off the greens almost as quickly as they arrived.

Paul Stankowski, who shot a 68, took one of his two bogeys from the bunker on the par-3 fourth hole.

"When I first made my bunker shot, I thought it was 3 feet short of the hole, but it went about 12 feet past," he said. "It looked good at one time, but then it was bad again. But that's the Masters."

Paul Azinger only three-putted once, from 60 feet after reaching the par-5 13th hole in two, and finished with a 69, his best start ever at the Masters.

Tiger Woods made five birdies and an eagle on the back nine to shoot 70, one stroke ahead of an international trio consisting of Nick Price, Jose Maria Olazabal and Costantino Rocca.

The group at 72 included Fred Couples, Bernhard Langer and Davis Love III.

"It was a tough day, but I got through it," said Woods, playing in the Masters for the first time as a professional and outdoing his playing partner, defending champion Nick Faldo.

Faldo only three-putted once over 72 holes last year. He had five three-putts by the time he got to the 10th hole.

Greg Norman, in his first competitive round since last year's disastrous 78, had a 6-foot putt for par at No. 2 that crept past the hole, leaving him a 66-foot putt coming back. He made double bogey and finished at 77.

Brooke Lowrance making an impact at Texas Tech

Former Snyder High School golf standout, Brooke Lowrance, is building on the success of her freshman year on the links at Texas Tech University.

Lowrance has competed in a total of 17 tournaments for Tech.

She finished eighth at the Chip'N Club Invitational, firing rounds of 78-79-76 for a 236, leading Tech to its first tournament win of the season.

Lowrance has been Tech's top finisher in four of its six tournaments this year.

She tied for 11th at the Pioneer Electric Bruin Classic and finished 15th at the Big 12 Fall Preview in College Station.

Lowrance's coach, Jeff Mitchell, has hailed Lowrance as "a consistent top 50 performer in the nation."

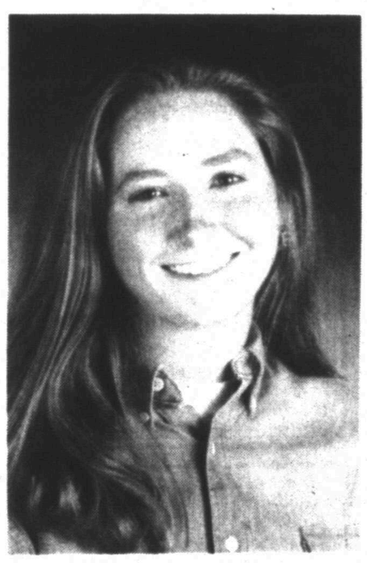
As a freshman, Lowrance made an immediate impact.

She played in all 11 tournaments, one of only three underclassmen to do so. She had a solid spring, finishing in a tie for eighth at the LSU Fairwood Invitational, a tie for fourth at the Rainbow Wahine and a tie for first in the Susie Maxwell Berning Classic.

Lowrance had Tech's best finish at the NCAA West Regional with a tie for fourth. Lowrance twice fired rounds of 72 at the LSU Fairwood Invitational and the Susie Maxwell Berning Classic.

While at Snyder, Lowrance finished third in the 4A state championship as a senior and fourth as a junior. She won the regional title as a junior and helped the Lady Tigers claim third in the state tournament.

Upcoming tournaments for Tech include the Susie Maxwell Berning Classic Wednesday and Thursday and the Big 12 Conference Championship April 20-23.



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Mysterious call seems to confess to a murder

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Police are still baffled by a mysterious message left on an answering machine in which the caller claims he may have killed someone.

"The cops are after me. I have no place to go," the message said. "I'm not sure but I might have killed her. I didn't mean to hurt her that bad. I just wanted to show her who was on top and who was the bigger person in this situation."

Police declined to identify the receiver of the call, who turned the tape over claiming not to know who the caller was. Investigators said it could be a prank, or a killer who dialed the wrong number.

"We can only go on what it sounds like. If there's any chance (it's real), you should take it seriously," Lt. Michael McCurdy said Thursday.

Dozens of police departments as far away as Rhode Island have inquired about the message. So far, no one can link the caller with a crime.

Police are attempting to trace the call, which was placed to an Isle of Palms home last Saturday. Based on the sound, the voice is that of a white male, 20 to 25 years old with no noticeable accent, and the person sounds as if he is under stress, McCurdy said.

While police say it could be a prank, they are not taking any chances.

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AlldSignal	69⅝	69⅛	69⅝	— ⅝
Alltel	32⅝	32⅛	32⅝	— ⅞
AmerOnline	45⅞	45⅛	45⅛	—1⅞
AmStores	44¼	43⅞	44¼	— ⅛
Ameritech	58⅝	58	58⅛	— ⅞
Amoco	83⅛	82⅝	82⅝	— ⅞
AndarkPtr	51⅝	51⅛	51⅛	+ ⅛
ArmcoInc	4		3⅞	3⅞
AtlRichfld	129¼	128¼	128⅝	— ⅝
ATMOS Egy	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	+ ⅛
Aviall		11⅛	11⅛	11⅛
BakerHughes	36	35⅛	35⅛	— ⅛
BellAtl	59⅝	59⅛	59⅝	— ½
BellSouth	41⅞	41⅛	41⅛	— ⅝
BethSteel		8⅛	7⅞	8
BritPet	134⅝	134⅛	134⅝	— ½
BurlNoSFe	73	72⅝	72⅝	—1
Caterpillar	77⅝	77⅛	77⅝	— ⅝
CenSoWst	20⅛	19⅝	19⅝	— ⅝
Chevron	64⅛	63½	63½	—1
Chrysler s	29⅝	29	29⅛	— ⅞
Coastal	45⅛	44⅝	44⅝	— ½
CocaColas	56⅛	55⅝	55⅝	—1⅛
ColgatePalm	101⅛	100⅛	100⅛	—1⅛
ComclMetals	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
CooperIn	42⅝	42½	42⅝	— ⅛
CyprusAmax	22⅝	22½	22⅝	— ⅛
DallSemicn	32	31	31⅛	+5
DeltaAird	88⅝	88	88⅛	— ⅝
DigitalEq	25⅝	25	25⅛	— ⅛
Dillard	30⅝	30	30	— ⅝
DowChem	80⅝	79⅝	80	— ⅝
DresserInd	29	28⅝	28⅝	— ½
DuPont	101⅞	101	101⅝	— ⅝
EastmanChem	51⅝	51⅛	51⅝	— ⅝
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EDS Corp	39⅝	39⅝	39⅛	— ⅛
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HoustonInds	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	— ⅛
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AF report: pilot's flight looks deliberate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Radar reports show the pilot of a missing A-10 attack jet appears to have broken off from his three-plane formation in a deliberate move, a senior Air Force official says.

"It looks deliberate. But why he may have done it, we still don't know. And we can't speculate about what was in his mind," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Air Force officials planned to hold a briefing later today, attempting to explain what is known about the mysterious disappearance of Capt. Craig Button and his A-10 Thunderbolt on April 2.

Button, 32, disappeared about 90 minutes after takeoff while flying in a three-plane formation across southern Arizona. It appears he headed into the high mountain country of Colorado, but poor weather in the region has hampered the search effort for the aircraft and its pilot.

On Thursday, the Air Force said it had found a new radar track that indicated the missing A-10 jet could be about 13 miles north of New York Mountain.

"We're more confident than ever that we're looking in the right area," said Capt. Andrew White, a spokesman for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona, where Button's plane was assigned.

The new target area is 10 to 13 miles northwest of Vail, he said.

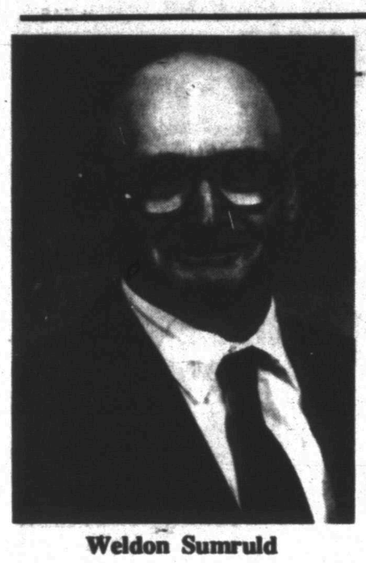
The Air Force said two flights by a U-2 surveillance plane produced little results because of the heavy cloud cover.

Another U-2, launching out of Palmdale, Calif., could provide new clues. The U-2 has a sensitive aperture radar that can see through clouds, which the other aircraft did not have, Air Force officials said.

CNN reported that Air Force officials were looking into a theory that Button deliberately flew his jet into the Rockies. CNN said Button appeared despondent after his parents visited him in March, and that his mother had recently adopted an anti-war religious faith.

Button's father has said repeatedly his son was in good health, pleased with his assignment, "well-balanced and happy."

Obituaries



Weldon Sumruld

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1913-1997

Funeral service has been set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Ave. D Baptist Church for Weldon W. Sumruld, lifetime Scurry County resident. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Sumruld, 83, died Wednesday, April 9, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Born on Aug. 21, 1913 in Scurry County, Mr. Sumruld married Bennie Juanita Stokes on Dec. 18, 1933. She died on Feb. 21, 1993. He married Margie Ryan on Jan. 31, 1994 in Snyder.

Mr. Sumruld was a retired Scurry County employee. He taught the CITA Sunday School class at First Baptist Church for a number of years, and later taught the Mens' Sunday School class at Ave. D Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Margie Sumruld of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Velesta and Red Black of Baird and Vondell and Barry Bourland of Canyon; one son and daughter-in-law, Lorell and Dee Sumruld of Pasadena, Tex.; one stepdaughter, Brenda Prince of Weatherford; one stepson, Donald Ryan of Rosenberg; three brothers, Roy Sumruld of Tulare, Calif., Charlie Sumruld of Snyder and Bill Sumruld of Farmers Branch; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Edna Curry

1913-1997

Graveside service was set for 4 p.m. Saturday in Snyder Cemetery for Edna Allene Curry, 84, who died Thursday, April 10 in Harris Methodist Nursing Home in Bedford after a lengthy illness.

The Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

She was born on Feb. 20, 1913 in Snyder.

Mrs. Curry is survived by a sister, Ruby Morton of Lewisville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Betty Barrington

1933-1997

FARWELL — Graveside service has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith Cemetery in Oakalla for Betty Jane Barrington of Farwell, mother of Debbie Davis of Snyder. Hansford B. Smith will officiate.

Mrs. Barrington, 64, died Thursday, April 10, in the Farwell Convalescent Center.

She was born on Sept. 1, 1933 in Oplin, Tex., and married Bobby Jack Barrington on Sept. 1, 1951. An LVN for 16 years, she worked 10 years at Snyder Oaks Nursing Home.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Jack Barrington of Lubbock; her mother, Mary Inman of Clyde; a son, Jackie Barrington of Newport, Tenn.; three other daughters, Daphnee Jones of Clovis, N.M., Carol Atkins of Breckenridge and Mary Peacock of Blackwell; one sister, Carlene Brocks of Clyde; two brothers, Leonard Roberson of Rosebud, Ark., and Conrad Roberson of Odessa; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephew.

Briggs-Gamel-Wilcox Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Emmett Medlock

1918-1997

POST — Funeral service for Emmett Elmo Medlock of Post was set for 5 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Bob Green of Snyder was to officiate and the Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of the church, was to assist. Burial was to follow in Terrace Cemetery.

Mr. Medlock, 79, died Thursday, April 10, in Golden Plains Care Center.

Born Feb. 23, 1918 in Tom Green County, he married Helen Thompson on Dec. 14, 1945 in San Angelo. She died March 27, 1996.

He moved to Post from Bryan in 1988 and was a veteran of World War II. He was a Methodist. Mr. Medlock worked in the butane business.

Survivors include a son, T.P. Medlock of Hamilton; a daughter, Alexa Collier of Post; a sister, Lucille Van Zandt of San Angelo; and five grandchildren.

Chandra Wolfe

1958-1997

ABILENE — Chandra Lee Wilkerson-Wolfe, sister of Bill Wilkerson of Snyder, died Wednesday, April 9, in a Lake Charles, La., hospital after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene. Earnest Kight will officiate and North's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Wolfe, 38, was born in Abilene and graduated from Cooper High School in 1978. She moved to Louisiana in 1988 and worked as a horse trainer and racer until becoming ill. She married Ronnie Wolfe in 1995 in Louisiana. He survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, April Anderson and Jennifer Anderson, both of Ragley, La.; her mother, Ida Wilkerson of San Angelo; one sister, Cheri Marderosian of Abilene; and two nieces and two nephews.

Minnesota flooding claims mom, daughter

KENT, Minn. (AP) — Pamela Jean Wagner and her 3-year-old daughter managed to escape from their car after it was swept away in a half-frozen creek. Now they were alone and soaking wet in the freezing dark.

Her cellular telephone drenched and useless, Pamela and Victoria stumbled toward the light of a farmhouse a mile away. It was 8 degrees.

Three hours later, their path blocked by another branch of flooded Whiskey Creek, they collapsed and died, frozen and exhausted, just 200 yards away from the farm owned by family friends.

"To make it as far as she did, she's a very strong woman," said a sobbing Jennifer Tschakert, who owns a bar where Mrs. Wagner worked part time.

Searchers in helicopters spotted the bodies after the silver Chevrolet Celebrity was found in the creek, along with footprints leading out of it. At least eight people have died in Minnesota and North Dakota because of the cold and flooding in the past week.

The girl and Mrs. Wagner, 29 and three months pregnant, were found in clothes that had frozen solid.

"They were lying in the field huddled together," said Lt. Cmdr. Doug Menders, who spotted the bodies from a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter. "It's not how we like our rescues to end."

Here in Kent, along the Red River near North Dakota, many roads are covered with ice or blocked by snow from severe flooding that began last month and a blizzard that hit over the weekend. Like other motorists, Mrs. Wagner had taken a detour home Tuesday because major roads were impassable.

She had already made it 40 miles from Fargo, N.D., where she worked as a secretary, had picked up her daughter from day care and gone grocery shopping. Next, she stopped at the Barley Bin bar in Wolverton on her way home so Victoria could go to the bathroom.

"I was the last one to give Tori a hug before they walked out the door," Ms. Tschakert said.

After leaving the bar, she got to within about a mile of home when her Chevrolet Celebrity hit a patch of ice from the flooded creek as she drove up a hill. The ice broke and carried the car away.

The Wagners escaped through a car window. But as they tried to walk to help, mother and daughter found their path blocked by a different portion of the normally placid creek.

Matejka said the woman apparently carried Victoria some of the way. "'She just walked and fell to the ground, couldn't make it anymore."

When the two didn't show up at home, Mrs. Wagner's husband, Ron, called police to report them missing. Sheriff's deputies searched through the night without finding a trace.

The Rev. Stan Wieser, out searching with Ron on Wednesday afternoon, spotted something glinting in the sun. It was the silver roof of the car, buried in snow and ice.

Trustees

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—approved bids for athletic equipment;

—was notified of a policy change in administering medication on campus which will be approved next month;

—approved payment of bills and previous minutes;

—and was informed by John Zalman that ZTV intends to begin videotaping trustee meetings to air on TCA Cable TV.

All board members were present, to include Parker, Chambers, Janet Stribling, Luann Burleson, Mark McCormick, Glenn Clarady and president Charles Anderson.

4 people taken into custody by Snyder area peace officers

Four people were arrested Thursday including one on felony DWI charges.

Deputies arrested 57-year-old Terry Jim Nachlinger of 8515 CR 4124, at 11:47 Thursday in the 1700 block of 26th Street for felony driving while intoxicated.

Following a report shortly after 1 p.m. of a disturbance in the 5300 block of Trinity Boulevard, officers arrested a 26-year-old male for assault/family violence.

A 34-year-old female was arrested at 5:30 p.m. on three warrants from Scurry County for the issuance of bad checks and several warrants from Nolan County for the issuance of bad checks and misdemeanor theft.

Officers arrested a 34-year-old male at 7:06 p.m. in the 1500 block of 25th Street for driving while license suspended.

In other activity, Michael Peterson requested to speak to an officer at 9:14 a.m. in reference to a tool box being stolen from the back of his pickup while it was parked at Wal-Mart. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Angela Gomez requested to speak to officers at 9:50 p.m. in reference to the theft of a billfold from her home at 1911 Ave. G. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

DPS troopers investigated a one-vehicle accident at 6:14 p.m. just south of Dunn on Highway 208. Involved was a 1992 Chevrolet driven by Rebecca Boyd of 2603 Westridge. The vehicle was southbound when the driver apparently lost control and the vehicle rolled over. She was tranported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where she refused treatment, according to LPS reports.

What's Up?

Texas Special Olympics

The Area 14 Texas Special Olympics Spring Games will be held today and Saturday in Abilene. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7 this evening at Indian Stadium.

'Nunsense' on stage at Ritz

"Nunsense," a popular Dan Groggin comedy, is on stage now at the Ritz Theatre. The show runs through the weekend, and April 17-20. Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances start at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees will begin at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $7. Call 573-4035 between 2 and 5 p.m. for reservations.

First UNC youth fund-raiser

The youth of First United Methodist Church will have a fund-raising sale beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at the old Lone Star Gas building, 1712 27th St.

Senior bake sale and car wash

Snyder High School seniors are holding a bake sale and car wash from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. All procees will benefit the drug free, alcohol free graduation event. Parents and seniors are reminded of their obligation to help.

Parents of junior students

All parents of junior students are encouraged to help decorate at the armory Sunday afternoon and from 5-9 p.m. all next week. Help is needed and appreciated. For questions, call Patti Grimmett at 573-9416.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Center. Cost is $6 per plate, including carry-outs. Children under six eat free.

WTC Booster Club

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at Rudy's at noon Monday. Lunch is dutch treat and everyone is welcome. It will be the final meeting until fall.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The seventh Bible tape, "Overcoming Hardship," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "The Forever Marriage."

HISD board to convene

Hermleigh ISD trustees will meet at 8 p.m. Monday. Agenda items including cancellation of the May election, options for health insurance and hiring a firm for the outside audit.

Parents of seniors to meet

Parents of 1997 Snyder High School seniors will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday to plan graduation activities. The meeting will be held in the high school student center.

SNS needs financial help

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

Adult education classes

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

Senior Swimnastics

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

TASP review slated

Western Texas College instructors are offering a TASP review for students who will be taking the TASP test on April 19. Students may come to either the 1-2 p.m. or 5-6 p.m. session on April 17 in the 7D Building, Room 101. Call 573-8511, ext. 296, for more information.

Wildflower tours available

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

Morningside revival

Morningside Baptist Church, 119 36th St., will have a revival April 16-20. Services will be at 7 p.m., except for Sunday, when they will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. There will be a followship following each service. Everyone is invited to help make the revival effort a successful one.

Wastella reunion

The Wastella reunion will be held Saturday, April 19, at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Please call 863-2437 and make reservations if you have not already sent in money for the meal.

Pick 3

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

9-8-2

(nine, eight, two)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-16-28-34.

Number matching five of five: six.

Prize per winner: $25,797.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Bertram, Odessa, Deer Park, Fort Worth, Etoile, Corsicana.

Matching four of five: 425. Prize: $546.

Matching three of five: 14,916. Prize: $26.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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Inmate hangs himself in jail

TEXARKANA (AP) — A man convicted of murdering his wife hung himself with a jail bedsheet Thursday, four hours before he was to have been sentenced for the crime, officials said.

A fellow inmate at the Bi-State Justice Building jail noticed Onem Jackson hanging from the ceiling of his cell at 5 a.m. Thursday, said Lt. Duke Schofield of the Bowie County Sheriff's Office.

Jackson, 37, had faced up to 99 years in prison for the June 15, 1996, shooting death of his wife, 24-year-old Marvel Jackson. He had been convicted of the killing Wednesday.

Jail officials said Jackson left a handwritten suicide note on a table in his cell.

"The note said it was his decision to die and nobody is responsible," a police report said.

Police nonetheless said they were investigating Jackson's death.

Schofield said police sent Jackson's body to Dallas for an autopsy.

Last June, Jackson drove behind his estranged wife's car, shooting at her as he chased her.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently diagnosed with Epstein-Barr virus infection as a cause for my chronic fatigue. What can I do about this? My mother was weak a lot and I don't want to be like her.

DEAR READER: Epstein-Barr virus is the cause of mononucleosis. Usually a disease of adolescents that is marked by sore throat, swollen glands and fatigue, mono can — infrequently — cause a syndrome marked by exhaustion, recurring sore throats and malaise.

Although I am certain that in rare cases patients suffer from chronic mono (EBV infection), most authorities doubt that the syndrome exists. Therefore, patients with chronic-fatigue syndrome should be thoroughly tested to discover other causes for their symptoms. In any case, there is no treatment for EBV infection and, eventually, you should return to normal. Such infections are diagnosed with a blood test.

Be patient, obtain plenty of rest, and take good care of yourself. Within a matter of months, you should feel better. There is no cure for chronic EBV infection.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you mentioned the use of vitamin B-12 for treating peripheral neuropathy. What is the dose? I want to try it.

DEAR READER: This uncomfortable neurological condition, marked by burning, numbness and tingling in the hands or feet, is caused by a variety of medical disorders leading to nerve injury. Such disorders include trauma, Lyme disease, diabetes, virus infections, lupus, drug reactions, certain cancers, and pernicious anemia (vitamin B-12 deficiency).

I was quite explicit in explaining that the therapy for peripheral neuropathy depends on the cause; that is, the underlying condition must be addressed in order to treat the nerve affliction. Vitamin B-12 injections (1,000 micrograms once a month) is the standard therapy for pernicious anemia; it is not appropriate for other causes of neuropathy.

Therefore, if you have nerve injury from pernicious anemia, you could be helped by B-12 shots. However, if your neuropathy is caused by diabetes or Lyme disease, the B-12 will not relieve your symptoms. I suggest that you return to your doctor for testing to determine the cause of your nerve problem.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have about 12 old fillings in my teeth. With all the talk about mercury, should I be tested or have the fillings removed?

DEAR READER: Some practitioners believe that the small amounts of mercury used in silver amalgam fillings may cause health problems, such as fatigue, immune malfunction and many other, non-specific symptoms.

My consultants reassure me that this relation has not been proved by any valid scientific studies. Therefore, I do not believe that you need to have the fillings replaced with material that doesn't contain mercury.

Should you wish to have proof that mercury "poisoning" is not a health hazard for you, I suggest that you have blood or urine tests (called "a heavy metal toxic screen") to detect the presence of unwanted mercury in your system. At the present time, the relation between mercury-containing dental fillings and ill health appears to be purely speculative.

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Austin Briefs

Longer probation sentences eyed

AUSTIN (AP) — State judges could add 10 years onto the probation sentences of violent criminals and those who commit sex offenses under a bill pending in the House.

Rep. Allen Place, D-Gatesville, on Thursday said lawmakers have gotten tough on sex offenders and violent criminals who go to prison. But he said some still are getting probation and need to face stiff punishment.

Under current law, some sex offenders and violent criminals can get probation for up to 10 years. Place's bill would allow judges to extend to up to 20 years the probation period for such offenders if they didn't show "a commitment to avoid future criminal behavior," according to an analysis.

The House tentatively approved the bill on a voice vote Thursday. It needs a final vote before going to the Senate.

The probation bill is HB2918.

Deregulation testimony underway

AUSTIN (AP) — Some municipalities are warning that they won't be able to pay off their capital investments if Texas' utilities are deregulated and utility customers are allowed to shop around.

State senators took up the thorny issue of deregulation Thursday, with interested parties airing their concerns to the Economic Development Committee.

A bill filed months ago by Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, is being negotiated by representatives from all sides, including the investor-owned utilities, municipally-owned utilities, cooperatives, and power marketers.

"We've got an agreed starting point, that's all," Patterson said.

Patterson's prime concerns are reducing rates and making sure the deregulation benefits all consumers.

Public Utility Commissioner Judy Walsh said deregulation, in theory, would cut excess costs.

Mauro wants to keep oil spill work

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's oil spill program is better off under the General Land Office's control rather than the Railroad Commission's, Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro testified to a Senate committee.

Mauro on Thursday blasted a bill that would transfer his office's spill responsibility to the Railroad Commission.

The Land Office handles upland spills and coastal spills of 240 barrels or more. It also is responsible for smaller spills on Texas waters and spills at refineries and petrochemical plants.

The Railroad Commission covers coastal spills up to 240 barrels from drilling rigs, production facilities and pipelines it regulates.

"Oil spills in the marine environment are far different from their upland counterparts," Mauro told the Natural Resources Committee.

Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews has said the state could save $4.3 million if his agency handled all spills. Mauro said the savings include the deletion of valuable support and training programs.

The oil spill bill is SB1711.

Diverse college admissions bill OK'd

AUSTIN (AP) — Race-neutral factors such as economic status and family background would be emphasized in college admissions under a bill approved by the Texas Senate.

The bill by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, attempts to address a court ruling that has resulted in the elimination of race as a consideration in admissions and financial aid policies in Texas.

The measure was approved by the Senate 23-7 on Thursday and sent to the House for consideration.

The ruling in a case known as Hopwood has become a lightning rod of controversy after Texas Attorney General Dan Morales interpreted the ruling to apply to all schools.

Assistant U.S. Secretary of Education Norma Cantu has said the ruling should apply only to the University of Texas law school, which was successfully sued by four white students who argued the school's admissions policy unfairly favored minorities.

Several lawmakers pointed to declining minority enrollments at Texas colleges in the wake of Hopwood while arguing in favor of West's bill.

Curriculum gets preliminary OK

AUSTIN (AP) — While State Board of Education members wrangled over rewriting requirements for vocational courses, Deborah Gwathmey of Brownwood talked about what worked for her child.

Ms. Gwathmey testified before the board Thursday that a marketing course helped her eldest daughter, an honor student, get back on track when she fell into depression following a friend's suicide.

Involvement in a marketing-related student group and participation in leadership conferences "allowed her to put her past where it belonged and challenged her to embrace something brighter and more promising," Ms. Gwathmey said.

"Marketing did not restore Crystal. God did. However, marketing played a major part in helping her get back up with purpose, vision, self-worth and confidence," she said, testifying in support of the curriculum rewrite.

The State Board of Education gave preliminary approval Thursday to the so-called enrichment curriculum, including career and technology courses, fine arts and foreign languages. The vote was 9-5, with one member abstaining. A final vote was planned Friday.

Board members backed by religious conservatives, who didn't vote for the rewrite, contend the rewrite is tied to a federal school-to-work program and is meant to water down academics.

Bill won't change regressive tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed overhaul of the state tax system won't change the fact that it depends largely on levies paid more by poor and middle-class Texans, according to the head of a House committee writing the changes.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, is chairman of the committee trying to find a way to lower local school property taxes by increasing the state's share of the cost of educating Texas children.

To pay for the property tax cuts, about $3 billion a year, the committee is considering a plan to expand the state business tax to all companies except sole proprietorships. It also would raise some taxes and increase the number of goods and services subject to the sales tax.

Sadler on Thursday said the changes would make the tax system more fair for residential property owners. But he said it will do little to balance the tax burden more evenly between wealthy Texans and everyone else.

"I don't think you should expect Texas to all of a sudden have a progressive tax system when we haven't changed the nature of our system," Sadler said.

The chairman said property and sales taxes are regressive and until the state moves away from taxes based on consumption, the tax system will remain regressive.

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