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Home Of Diane Arnold

Computer problems still bugging county offices

It has been a long week for some at the Scurry County Courthouse.

With a flickering of the lights last Wednesday morning, the courthouse's IBM computer went down — and was still partially down this morning, with a few bugs left to work out.

"We're almost back up and going. They should be finished and everyone back online by today," said County Treasurer Charlie Bell.

"It has been a long week, but we got out our pencils and paper and tried to do the best we could."

Although the computer problems did not completely shut the courthouse down, it created its share of problems.

"We had to postpone the whole criminal docket until February," District Clerk Trina Rodgers said.

The docket included the criminal trial of Joel Wynn Pulattie who is charged with aggravated robbery in the April 1998 robbery of the Allsup's convenience store in Hermleigh.

The trial was set to begin Tuesday, but the office was unable to send out jury summons.

Bell said the computer incident was good training.

"It was a good learning experience if this is a preview of Y2K. You can survive."

Tax Assessor Rona Sikes said her office survived the one way they knew how.

"Well, in our office we stacked up the mail and made people wait."

The same was true for the district clerk's office.

"We've been stacking a lot of things real tall," Rodgers said. "But we should be back together real soon."

Rodgers said the office has been calling the people they know to pick up child support checks, since they cannot send out notices.

"We don't have addresses — they are in the computer."

The Software Group, the Dallas-based software company that handles the courthouse's computers, had a representative at the courthouse early Monday morning.

"He was here Monday morning and will be here through 5 o'clock today. We should be back to full speed by today," County Judge Ricky Fritz said.

Fritz said his office was untouched by the computers being down.

"We've done fine. Our two computers stand alone."

Jailer Jeanette Claxton said the computers being down has created a lot of work for the sheriff's office.

"Right now we are trying to catch up and enter everything that we had to take down manually this week. It is real time-consuming. But we survived it."

Claxton said the office is still unable to take any money for inmate accounts because the printers are still down, therefore receipts cannot be printed.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "In this business, it's impossible to get away from the paperwork."

If you live in Texas — particularly West Texas — it's hard not to think about sinking oil prices.

Scott Burns, a business writer for the dallas morning news, recently had some interesting comments on crude prices.

"Here we are standing at the gas pump, smiling. At the local Texaco station I can get gassed up and the car washed for less than it cost to fill the tank only a year ago.

"Gas for the 1,260-mile round trip from dallas to Santa Fe costs $20 less. It's difficult to get any sense that the sinking price of oil is anything other than good news.

"It feels particularly good if you remember the winter of 1973. Living in Brookline, Mass., I cut tree branches and watched every fallen branch disappear from a nearby park as we all scrambled to keep our houses heated during the oil embargo.

"In a matter of weeks, the smooth comfort of everyday life disappeared, large cars could not be sold, every builders' supply store was out of insulation, and lowered ceilings became popular.

"Today, it's hard to argue with money in your pocket. Lower oil prices put downward pressure on interest rates and airfares, just to name the obvious.

"But it also puts pressure on the price of all petroleum-based products... Worked through the entire economy we're talking about hundred of dollars in savings per household — the equivalent of a nice tax-free raise for millions of American.

"So why worry?

"Simple. Oil is too cheap. You can get some idea of how cheap it is by taking at look at the exchange rate between oil and stock prices and how it has fluctuated since 1970. Measured against common stock, oil has lost 94 percent of its value since 1980,

"More important, while consumer prices have risen 433 percent since 1970, oil prices have risen only 351 percent. While energy prices appeared to be the source of inflation in the '70s and early '80s, they are now a moderating force.

"How cheap is $11 a barrel? It costs more than $11 a barrel to get some oil out of the ground... Once wells are shut down, wells can't simply be turned on again.

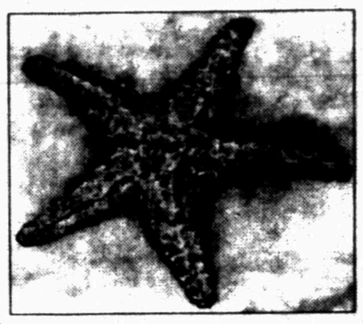
"It's more difficult to imagine, but oil, once a major source of government revenue, could be a source of government expense...

"This could be a problem everywhere in the world, with one notable exception, the Middle East.

"In addition to accounting for as much as 80 percent of global reserves, Middle East nations have the lowest-cost wells in the world...and those nations once again could be in the catbird seat, creating the circumstances for another surge in oil prices.

"Bottom line: If you believe in 'buy low, sell high,' oil is the biggest bargain in the world."

'Poster parent for denial' set to speak tonight at Snyder High



1970 SHS graduate

A graduate of Snyder High School will deliver a talk tonight that will openly describe her 20-year-old son's battle with heroin addiction.

The founder and executive director of the Starfish Foundation in Plano, Belita McCravey Nelson, will conduct the meeting at 8:30 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium.

The 45-minute to an hour program will focus on the problem of denial that parents have about their children using drugs.

Nelson will be available to answer questions following her talk, and she will address Snyder High students on Thursday.

The Starfish Foundation is a non-profit organization focusing on prevention and intervention of adolescent drug abuse. The foundation is actively involved with proactive campaigns for families, educators, media, law enforcement and the U.S. Congress.

Part of the foundation's mission is to change the perception, education and the current laws on drug usage.

The other is to provide a clearing house of information for families in the midst of a drug crisis.

The board of directors of the organization is made up of parents who have personally been affected by the dreadful heroin crisis in Plano.

Mrs. Nelson's efforts are inspired by experiences she has had with her own 20-year-old son who is a recovering heroin addict and who is currently serving time in a state drug offender's program.

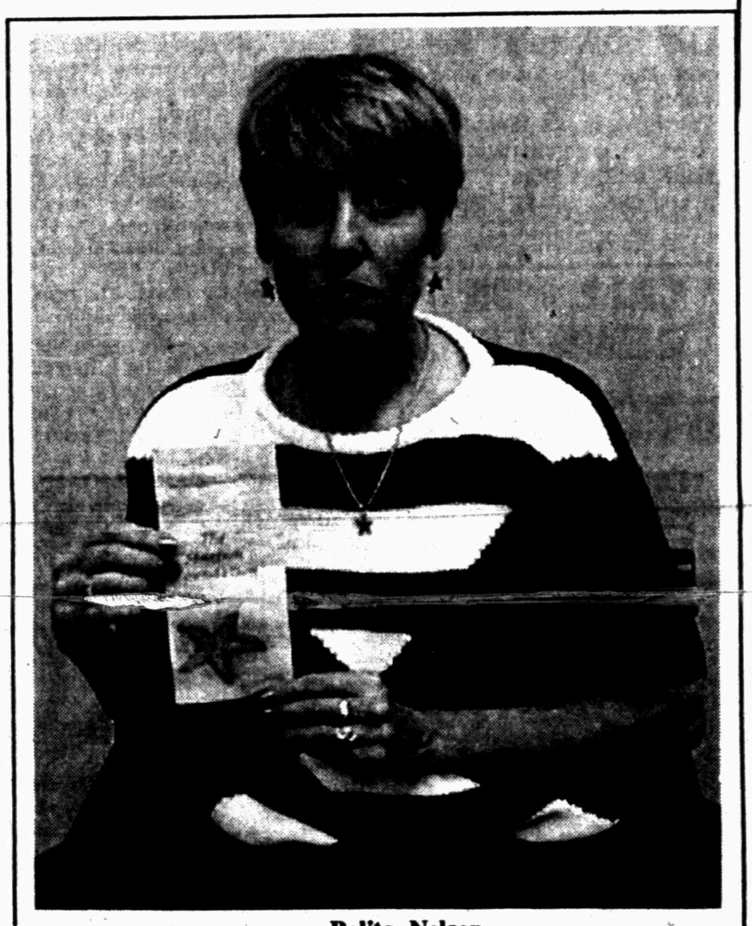
An admitted "Poster Parent for Denial," she talks openly about the heroin epidemic in general, and what needs to be done to prevent other communities from experiencing the same devastation.

Mrs. Nelson is a former award-winning speech and debate coach at Plano East High School. While at Snyder High School, she won state in debate under the guidance of Jerry Worsham.

She has appeared on ABC Nightline, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and numerous other state and local news programs.

She was also a featured speaker at the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency's Focus on Heroin Summit, and is a co-host of Real Life on KRLD Newsradio 1080.

This program is the first-ever talk show in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area on substance abuse prevention.



Belita Nelson

WTC chosen to develop TDCJ distance learning

Windham School District has accepted a proposal from Western Texas College to provide a distance learning pilot program in two Texas Department of Criminal Justice units in Colorado City — making WTC the only college in the state to have such a program.

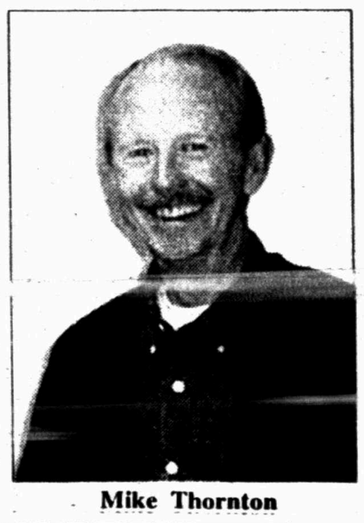
"The potential of this program is limitless," Mike Thornton, WTC dean of continuing education, said.

Thornton said Windham sent out a request for proposals from colleges that currently contract for prison instruction to provide distance learning at one or more sites.

WTC sent in a proposal and it was accepted. Thornton and Britt Canada, WTC director of technology, were in Huntsville last week to meet with TDCJ officials.

"Right now the tentative plan is to transmit courses from our campus to the Wallace and/or Ware Units in Colorado City," Thornton said.

The pilot program should begin in the spring or summer.



Mike Thornton

"Based upon that program, it may be expanded to all the units we serve or even potentially beyond our service area. That is where it gets limitless."

Thornton said everyone involved is really positive.

"It is really exciting. We are the only college approved. It is a great opportunity and an enormous responsibility. We're up and positive that we'll deliver a quality program just as WTC has done in the past."

The distance learning technology could open many doors.

"We will play with all types of possibilities. The technology could be used for in-service training, conferences or meetings. It is really up to TDCJ and Windham as to how far they want to take it," Thornton said. "WTC will be an active player in this new idea and new program."

Ira, Hermleigh boards to meet

Ira and Hermleigh school boards will meet Thursday and the superintendents of each school will be the subjects of executive sessions by their respective boards.

Ira trustees will meet in closed session to consider the salary and contract of Supt. Rick Howard, while Hermleigh will close their meeting to conclude the evaluation of Supt. Jerry Church.

At Ira's 7:30 a.m. meeting, the board will also consider amendments to the district improvement plan and hear the financial report.

Hermleigh meets at 7:30 p.m. and it will also consider the monthly financial statements and hear a report on school activities.

County gets tobacco dollars

Scurry County has $329,094 more in its coffers today than it had Monday, thanks to the county's share of the settlement from the tobacco companies.

County Treasurer Charlie Bell received the check from the state Monday afternoon.

Bell said the money would be deposited into the county's general fund.

The money is part of $300 million that the state comptroller has distributed to counties, cities and hospital districts to help recoup past costs associated with providing health care to indigent patients with tobacco-related illnesses.

County Auditor Eddie McHaney said this check was based upon an estimate of past expenses, while all future checks would be based upon actual expenditures.

Future money will come from a settlement amount of $1.85 billion over the next four years.

This money will be placed in a permanent trust account, and funds will be distributed to counties, cities and hospital districts for unreimbursed indigent health care.

"All future money will be based on what the county actually spends for indigent care," said McHaney.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said the money amounted to "found money" for those entities receiving it because of a clause in the Texas tobacco settlement increasing payments from the tobacco companies as a result of the "most favored nation" provision.

"When the state of Minnesota and the tobacco industry reached an agreement, the clause kicked in extra revenue for Texas," Rylander said.

Rylander said although the signature on the checks is hers, House Speaker Pete Laney, Rep. Rob Junell and Sen. Bill Ratliff and the Attorney General's office deserve the credit for negotiating the agreement that brought the money to Texas.

Altogether, more than 300 checks were mailed out to cities, counties and hospital districts across Texas.

State budget writers file $19.7 billion for spending

AUSTIN (AP) — State budget writers today said they have filed a $91.7 billion proposed spending bill for the next two years, with three-fourths of the new money directed at education.

The spending total in the measure introduced by Sen. Bill Junell, the House Appropriations Committee chairman, echoed the caution of other state leaders.

"We will ask our colleagues to use discipline and restraint in any additional spending," he said.

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ASK US

Q—When is the boys state basketball tournament.
A—March 11-13.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 71 degrees; low, 37; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 37; no precipitation.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, mid 20s. Light N wind. Thursday, partly cloudy. High, mid 50s. NE-E wind 5-10 mph.

Becky Juarez
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 6:01 p.m.
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Of 12 days in 1999, the sun has shone 12 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Failure is impossible."

Susan B. Anthony

FDA panel OKs implant to correct eyesight

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Some 20 million nearsighted Americans may soon be able to get tiny, transparent rings implanted onto their corneas to help them see better, maybe perfectly, without glasses or contact lenses.

The government is considering whether to let KeraVision Inc.'s Intacs sell as an alternative to highly popular eye surgery. The key difference: While eye surgery is permanent, the implants' effects seem reversible in most cases because they don't destroy the eye tissue.

"There's no eraser at the end of a laser," noted Dr. Marian Macsai, an ophthalmologist at West Virginia University. "This is removable — take it out" if there's a problem.

Macsai and fellow advisers to the Food and Drug Administration voted unanimously Tuesday that Intacs — transparent crescents about as thick as contact lenses that form a ring around the edge of the cornea — should be sold.

But they stressed that patients must be warned that removing the implants usually, but not always, helps if patients suffer side effects or are dissatisfied with their resulting vision.

"It's largely reversible," said panel chairman Dr. James McCulley of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. But "it's not an absolute certainty."

The FDA is not bound by its advisers' recommendations but typically follows them.

If approved, Intacs would cost about the same as laser surgery for nearsightedness, $2,200 per eye. Made of the same material as lenses implanted during cataract surgery, Intacs would come in three thicknesses, for different degrees of mild to moderate nearsightedness.

Nearsightedness — poor distance vision — occurs when a person's cornea is too steeply curved. Flattening the cornea, the membrane that covers the front of the eye, helps correct nearsightedness. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have sought radial keratotomy, where surgeons slice the cornea with a knife, or laser surgery, which shaves the cornea to flatten it.

But those surgeries can be risky, sometimes causing problems with night vision, glare, seeing halos or blurry vision. Patients occasionally cannot see as well after surgery as before. Thus, most patients who choose these operations do so because they are severely nearsighted.

With Intacs, the implants' slight weight flattens the cornea.

KeraVision will target some 20 million mildly to moderately nearsighted Americans — whose vision ranges from 20/40, where it's OK to drive but a movie is blurry without glasses, to 20/200, where patients can barely see the big "E" at the top of eye charts.

In a yearlong study of 449 eyes, 97 percent had 20/40 vision or better without glasses or contact lenses after the implant. About 74 percent had 20/20 or better vision without glasses, and 53 percent could see 20/16 — the sharper vision that chief investigator Dr. David Schanzlin of the University of California, San Diego, said is required of combat pilots.

Most patients achieved good vision a day after surgery.

Intacs aren't risk-free: Some 7 percent to 17 percent of patients suffered side effects similar to laser surgery, including glare, halos and problems with night vision.

About 5 percent of patients had their implants removed. That included 14 patients dissatisfied with their vision correction and 16 who had visual side effects; some were in both categories. Removing the implant corrected more than 80 percent of those side effects, the company said.

But if patients don't see well enough, can they trade one set of Intacs for a thicker, better size? The FDA panel said KeraVision hasn't yet proved that. The company is studying thicker sizes for more severely nearsighted patients.

The operation itself is "very easy to master," said Schanzlin.

Patients get anesthetic eye drops to numb the eye, but remain awake. The doctor clamps the eyelid open, cuts a tiny pocket into the cornea and uses a special device to slip the crescents onto the cornea. The implants are made of the same material as the lenses implanted into cataract surgery patients. A single stitch closes the wound.

It takes about 15 minutes. About 15 percent of patients report some pain. As with any surgery, infection also is a risk.

Three men arrested in shooting of wild horses

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Party chatter overheard by the granddaughter of a sheriff's employee helped nab two Marines and a third man now accused of slaughtering 34 wild horses, the sheriff says.

Police arrested a Reno construction worker Tuesday and planned to charge two Marines in California, accusing them of killing the free-roaming mustangs with high-powered rifles.

"We had one lead that was a little better than the others that actually started with an employee of the sheriff's office's granddaughter who was at a party who heard a certain thing being said," Washoe County Sheriff Richard Kirkland said Tuesday.

Anthony Merlino, 21, was held on charges of grand larceny, grand theft and maiming, poisoning or killing another person's animal.

Arrest warrants on the same charges — which carry combined maximum penalties of more than 10 years in prison — have been issued for the two Marines being held at bases in California.

Lance Cpl. Scott Brendle, 22, was being held at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Lance Cpl. Darien Brock, 21, was being held at Twentynine Palms east of Los Angeles, Storey County District Attorney Janet Hess said Tuesday night.

"It's sad but true," said Major Lenny Ryan of Camp Pendleton.

Both are members of the 1st Marine Division. Both were residents of the Reno area home on holiday leave when the horses were shot Dec. 27, Storey County Sheriff Pat Whitten said.

Hess said it was not clear if some form of extradition would be necessary, but that prosecutors intended to return the soldiers to Nevada to face the charges.

Law officers said they did not believe military weapons were used in the shooting.

Detectives have been investigating the case since the mustangs were shot about 5 miles east of the Reno-Sparks area.

Some of the horses were maimed and at least one was blasted with a chemical fire extinguisher.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Taking blood pressure accurately

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: When someone takes your blood pressure, does it matter if the cuff is placed over a sleeve? Is it all right for the patient to talk while the pressure is being taken?

DEAR READER: Blood pressure is obtained most accurately when the cuff is applied to a bare arm. The pressure can be satisfactorily determined through a thin garment, such as silk or cotton, but the heavier the sleeve, the less accurate the reading. For example, a blood pressure taken through a wool sweater would be invalid, because in order to compress the area sufficiently to get a blood pressure reading, the cuff would have to compress the sweater as well. The resulting reading would be artificially high.

Talking during a blood-pressure determination does not affect the reading, but remember that the doctor should be concentrating on obtaining an accurate value, rather than carrying on a conversation. Also, he can't hear too well with that thingamajig stuck in his ears.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." 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: How accurate are the tests that detect blood in the stool? What does blood in the stool look like?

DEAR READER: Modern tests for fecal blood are highly sensitive. They can detect small quantities of blood. In fact, they are so sensitive that they can show a positive reaction in some people who have eaten red meat the day before the stool analysis was obtained.

Bleeding from the upper intestine, including the stomach, often colors the stools black. Doctors refer to this as "tarry stool," and the description is accurate. The blood turns black because it is digested before it is expelled.

Bleeding from the lower intestine is often red. Bright-red rectal bleeding can be seen in diseases of the colon and rectum, including hemorrhoids.

Sometimes the blood is a mid-range color. This is called "port-wine stool" and may reflect bleeding from the small intestine or upper colon.

Small amounts of blood are invisible to the naked eye. Tiny quantities of blood, leaking from polyps or small cancers, may become diluted by and mixed with the stool so that no discoloration is noticeable. In such cases, the chemical fecal-blood analysis becomes extremely useful. For this reason, physicians now urge patients over 50 to have regular screening tests for blood in the stool. The tests are cheap, reliable, safe and easy.

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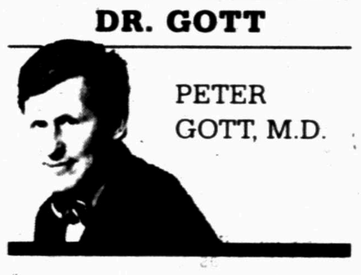

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Kasich getting in; Bradley takes next step

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. John Kasich, the boyish-looking House Budget Committee chairman from Ohio, will take the first step this week toward seeking the Republican presidential nomination, The Associated Press has learned.

Kasich, 46, a ninth-term House member, will form an exploratory committee with the Federal Election Commission on Wednesday, allowing him to raise and spend money while he tests the waters, an official involved with the effort said Tuesday. He will announce this step Feb. 15 in Ohio, the official said.

Kasich confidants say the lawmaker is almost certain to become a full-fledged candidate, but that announcement probably would come in the spring.

Another likely Republican candidate, former Vice President Dan Quayle, said Tuesday that national security should be a critical issue in the 2000 campaign.

"No presidential candidate should be taken seriously unless he or she understands the importance of foreign policy," Quayle told the conservative Heritage Foundation in Washington.

Quayle, who plans to announce his intentions soon, refused Tuesday to critique potential rivals. But when asked about the foreign policy experience of a likely rival, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Quayle said: "Clearly experience helps. I don't need on-the-job training."

On the Democratic side of the 2000 equation, former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey formally became a presidential candidate Tuesday. Bradley, who formed an exploratory committee in December, quietly established the Bill Bradley for President Campaign with the FEC.

"We're encouraged by the campaign's first efforts in fund raising," Bradley spokesman Eric Hauser said. His boss will soon visit early primary states New Hampshire and Iowa for the first time since his decision to explore the race.

Bradley plans to formally announce his challenge to Vice President Al Gore in the spring. Gore, who formed his campaign Jan. 1, hopes to benefit from President Clinton's support.

So far, it's a two-man Democratic field.

Sens. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and Paul Wellstone of Minnesota bypassed uphill challenges to Gore.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt is tempted to remain in the House and help Democrats try to capture the chamber in 2000, but he has not made a final decision. The Missouri Democrat, who would pose a severe threat to Gore, could announce his intentions as early as next week.

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts and civil rights activist Jesse Jackson are determining whether to run. Kerry met with advisers in Boston on Tuesday to discuss a possible candidacy.

Gore's staff is busy with the nuts and bolts of campaign organizing — looking for office space and sifting through resumes. Their boss' busy travel schedule will take him to New Jersey, New York, Florida, Colorado, California and New Hampshire in the coming weeks.

On Tuesday, Gore named Johnny Hayes, a director of the Tennessee Valley Authority, to be the finance director of his campaign. Hayes held the same post in Gore's 1988 bid for the Democratic nomination.

The Republican presidential field will be more crowded.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, who failed to win the nomination in 1996, formed an exploratory committee Friday and plans to run again. Sen. John McCain of Arizona and Bob Smith of New Hampshire had already declared themselves candidates with the FEC.

Several other Republicans are almost certain to get into the race, including Quayle, millionaire Steve Forbes and conservative activist Gary Bauer. Bush is likely to run, but confidants caution that his candidacy is not certain.

Leading Republicans are streaming to Austin, Texas, to pay homage to the early favorite, asking him to help raise money in their states and promising their support if he runs.

Some supporters are telling potential donors in Washington that Bush may not accept federal matching money, which would free him of spending caps. However, Bush advisers say those decisions have not been made.

In his speech, Quayle said the Clinton administration "frittered away" opportunities left by his boss, former President Bush. Clinton has stumbled with regard to policies in China, Cuba, Iraq, North Korea and Russia, Quayle said, adding he has also fumbled on issues like terrorism and strategic defense initiatives and in his duties to support troops and defense technology.

"Major issues are being ignored, standards are lowered," Quayle said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mom's Ready to Short-Sheet Son's Unsupervised Sleepover

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DEAR ABBY: I need help with a family problem. My 14-year-old son and his friends enjoy sleeping over at one another's homes. Recently he spent the night at a new friend's apartment. I just discovered that the other boy's mother works all night. She left about 10 p.m., and the two boys were left on their own.

I was horrified when I found out and informed my son that he may have his friend over at our home, or he can sleep at his friend's home on the condition that I speak first to a parent to be certain that an adult will be present.

My son says I'm being unreasonable, and my husband sees nothing wrong with two 14-year-old boys being left alone for the night. I seem to be alone in my opinion that this is potentially dangerous. What do you think? Should I back down?

WORRIED MOM IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR WORRIED: Do not back down. It's difficult to be Mom the Enforcer when your husband doesn't support you; however, I agree there should always be an adult on the premises to make responsible decisions should an emergency occur. Dad seems to have forgotten how immature 14-year-old boys can be. Remind him.

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DEAR ABBY: With reference to "Dad, the Morning Rooster," who has to haul his 18-year-old son out of bed to go to work: There's another side to the question of slow-to-rise adults. Some body clocks cannot be adjusted.

My husband has this problem. When he was single, he paid the janitor of his building to see that he was up and sitting on the side of the bed each morning before leaving him.

After we were married and both working and sharing transportation, his problem caused me a lot of stress. After I quit working, I thought he could and should change, get a loud alarm clock, suffer the consequences of oversleeping, etc. Nothing worked. I continued to get angry, and he continued to apologize and tell me how much he appreciated my getting him up.

I finally accepted the fact that he is a night person and a very sound sleeper. (He could respond to an emergency in the middle of the night and have no recollection of it the next morning.) I, on the other hand, am a morning person, waking up early and hungry.

My husband worked long, hard hours at a job where he was not in danger of being fired, but certainly didn't get the day off to a good start when he overslept. I finally solved the problem by sending the children, as soon as they were old enough, to wake Daddy. They loved it, and not even he could continue to sleep with a couple of preschoolers climbing all over him.

If possible, night people would do well to follow a career that calls for working afternoons and evenings (such as operating a movie theater). A true night person and a true morning person living together will have to understand and compromise. To people like us, I offer this consolation: It gets better as you grow older. Sound sleepers sleep less soundly, and early risers don't leap quite as eagerly out of bed in the morning. Eventually you meet on middle ground.

RETIRED MORNING PERSON

DEAR RETIRED: It's true that people have different biological rhythms. However, it's not always possible for an 18-year-old to work nights and sleep in — particularly if he or she must balance a work schedule with school.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 14, 1999

Luck could play a big role in your affairs in the year ahead, especially where your status and earnings are concerned. There could be a definite upswing in these areas for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have the happy faculty for knowing how to make bad things good today. Leadership, initiative and sound judgment will be the reasons for this great talent. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It might disturb you at first to discover that things are stirring behind the scenes of which you were not apprised. When they surface, however, you'll find that they were working on your behalf.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today is the time to make your presentation if you have something worthy to promote. Dealings you have with large corporations or groups should work out to your satisfaction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you perceive yourself as a victor rather than a loser and not let challenges intimidate you, your will to win shall be aroused today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should you need to convince a group in which their members' opinions are quite diverse, isolate and impress the person with the most clout. He or she will do the selling for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a chance you could be included in a promising joint venture today. Bring it to the attention of the person in charge of your special talents and abilities to contribute to the project.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) While hard business alliances might be testy today, any other partnership arrangements that are not of a commercial nature could produce some delightful benefits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have the tenacity to see endeavors through to completion today. No matter how problematic they might be, you will finish what you start. You are a natural fighter!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You possess the great ability of making others take their minds off problems today. For that reason alone, companions will find your company very desirable and satisfying.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today's conditions are more favorable for you to conclude something that you've been unable to finalize to your satisfaction. It might be well that you waited.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Flow with events today if you sense you're on a winning streak. Developments you won't deliberately seek, even those that have elements of chance, should be trending in your favor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial or material gains look rather hopeful and your probabilities for accumulation are good today. There's even a chance of profiting from something initiated by a friend.

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Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial customers in Snyder effective January 25, 1999 and to eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools and Commercial Contract Public School Rate. The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 4.63 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in Snyder. A Statement of Intent has been filed with the city. If you desire to comment concerning this change of rates, you may contact the City Secretary.

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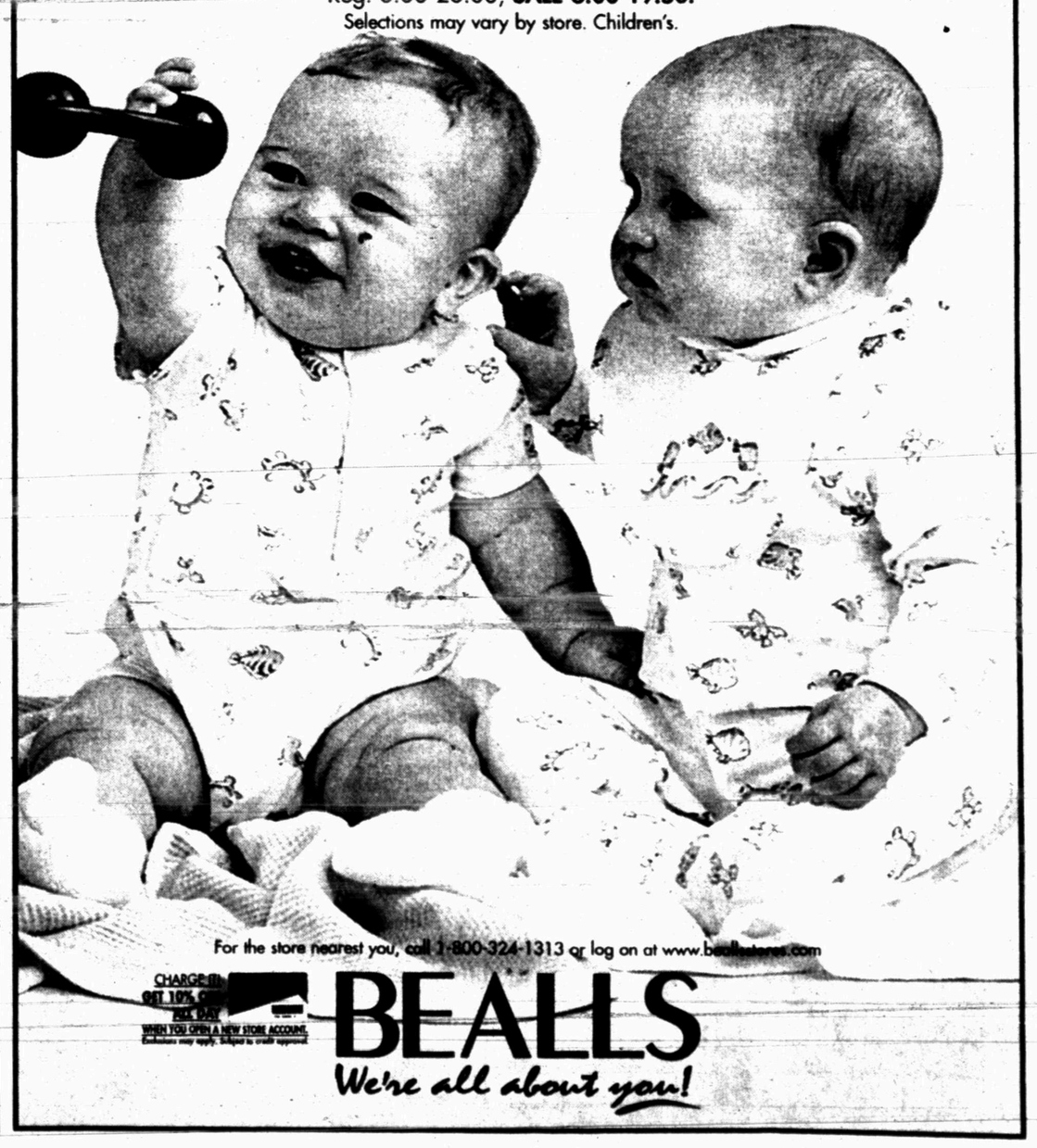

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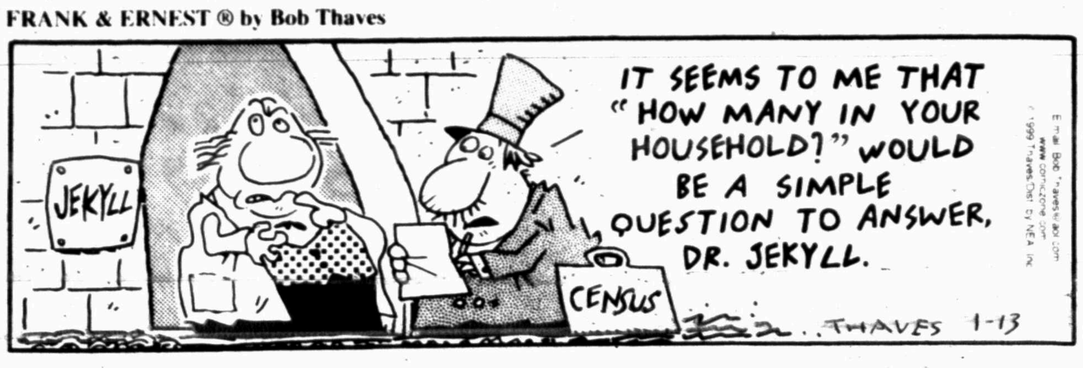

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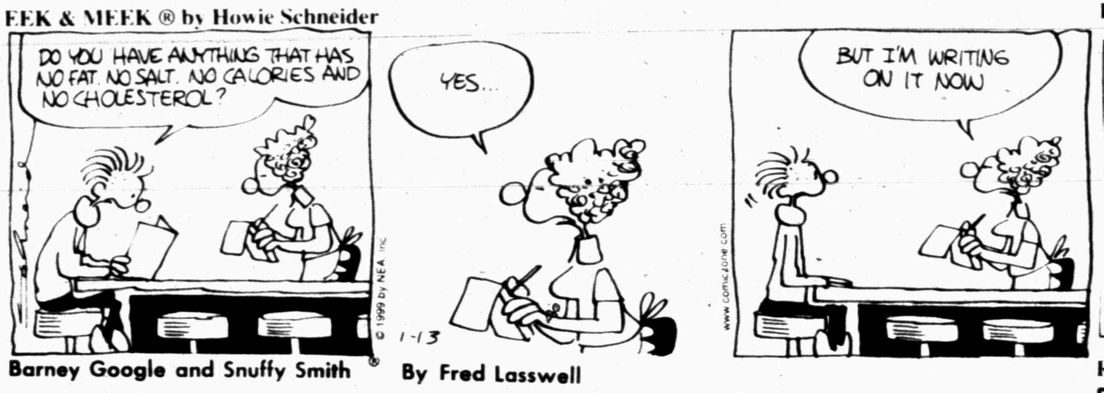

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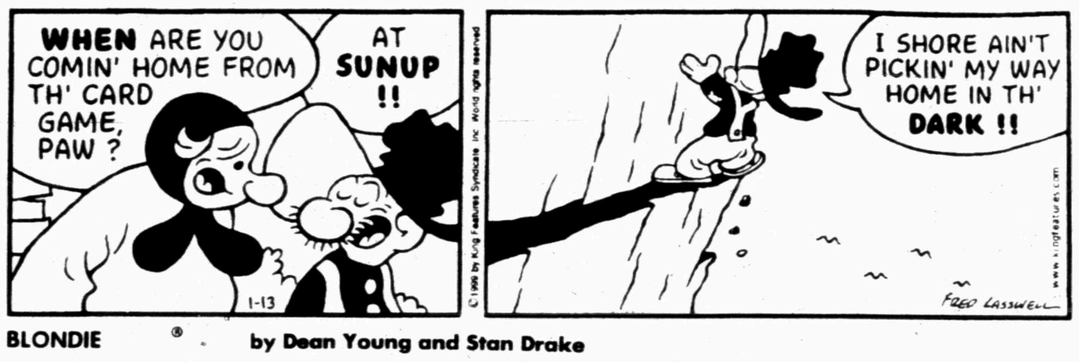

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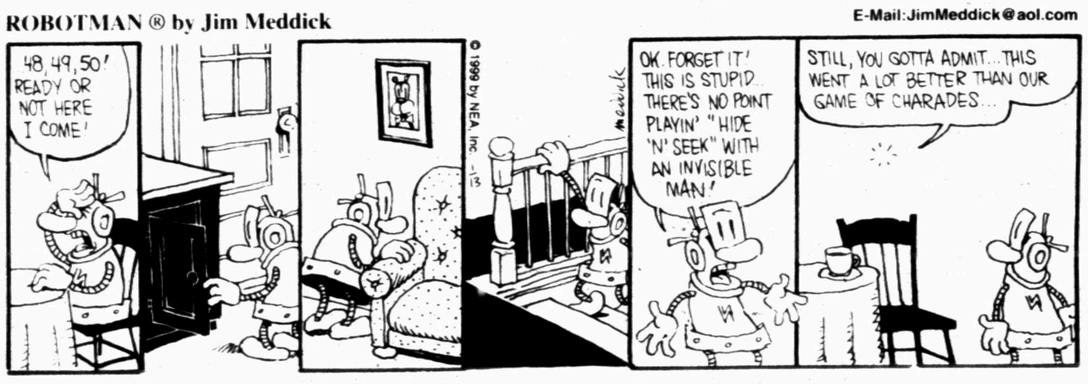

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7 Toolbox item
13 Nonmetallic element
14 Of medicine
15 Future Dr.'s course of study
16 At once
17 Watches
18 Plunge
20 Harvest
21 Distrustful one
23 Full of lather
27 Infuriates
32 Ear bone
33 Completely (2 wds.)
34 Perfume
35 Drench
36 Meeting
39 Spouse's relative
40 Salad green
42 Heavy weights
46 Bachelor's last words
47 Burial place
51 Conceive
53 Like geese or mice
55 Carter's successor
56 Small stone
57 Like some knights
58 Affirmed

DOWN

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2 Traditional knowledge
3 — fixe (obsession)
4 Directs
5 Compass pt.
6 Type of bear
7 Type of apple
8 Ape
9 Believe — — not
10 Sea eagle
11 Actress Hayworth
12 Old English bard
19 Like (suff.)
21 — fibrosis
22 Stressful event
23 Hissing sound
24 Fairy-tale beginning
25 Makes a perfect score
26 Plays on words
28 Soon
29 Celt
30 Born Free lioness
31 Large amount
37 Part of Asia
38 Comic Sparks
41 Excessively emotional
42 Wheel covering
43 River in Germany
44 Come close
45 Long story
47 Bathing places
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49 Guy
50 Suffered wounds
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54 Director Spike

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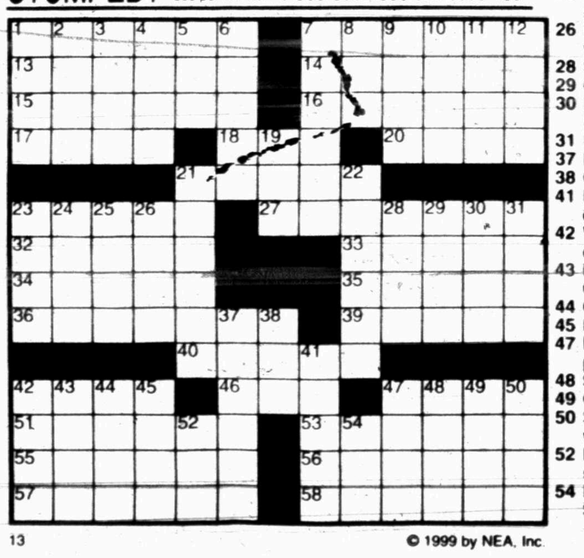

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers maintain share of 5-4A lead with 48-25 rout

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Tuesday night's match-up between the Snyder Lady Tigers and the Big Spring Lady Steers was a classic district battle — for exactly 12 minutes and 39 seconds.

Snyder broke a 13-13 tie with a 10-1 run over the final 3:21 of the first half and never looked back, dominating the remainder of the contest en route to a 48-25 District 5-4A victory at the SHS gym.

With the win, the Lady Tigers maintain a share of the league lead, with Sweetwater and San Angelo Lake View also sporting 2-0 records.

Sweetwater visits Lake View on Saturday, while Snyder takes a road trip Friday to face 0-2 Ft. Stockton. Victories by the Lady Tigers and Lady Mustangs would set up a clash of 3-0 teams when Snyder goes to Sweetwater on Tuesday.

"If we take care of business on Friday, then there's a good chance that Tuesday's game will be for sole possession of first place," Snyder coach Rick Archer said. "If we play like we did in the second half against Big Spring, then we should be in good shape on Friday."

The Lady Tigers got off to a rocky start against the Lady Steers, before taking control just before halftime.

Big Spring opened with a 6-2 spurt and held a 12-7 advantage with 2:25 left in the first quarter.

Snyder outscored the Lady Steers, 6-1, in the final two minutes of the period to knot the tally at 13-13.

Both squads struggled through much of the second quarter, before Alicia Peoples scored with just over three minutes on the clock, giving the Lady Tigers their first lead of the night and sparking a run from which Big Spring would never recover.

After scoring 13 points in the first eight minutes of the contest, the Lady Steers could muster just a single point in the second quarter and only 12 total points in the final three periods.

Snyder's defense forced 22 Big Spring turnovers on the night. The extra opportunities came in handy for the Lady Tigers during the second quarter run as they scored six of their 10 points off Big Spring miscues.

Sophomore T'Leah Eicke capped the rally with a three-pointer to end the half.

Snyder's defense remained stingy in the second half and its offense remained consistent. A 10-2 Lady Tiger streak to open the third quarter took care of any thoughts about a Big Spring rally.

The Lady Steers shot a dismal 21 percent from the field on the night and Snyder mopped up on the boards. The Lady Tigers hauled in 30 second-half rebounds, finishing with a total of 40 compared to only 27 for Big Spring.

With only eight players suited up for the contest, Snyder got the balanced scoring it needed.

Peoples and freshman Katie Voss dropped in 10 points apiece to pace the offensive effort, while four other Lady Tigers finished with at least five points.

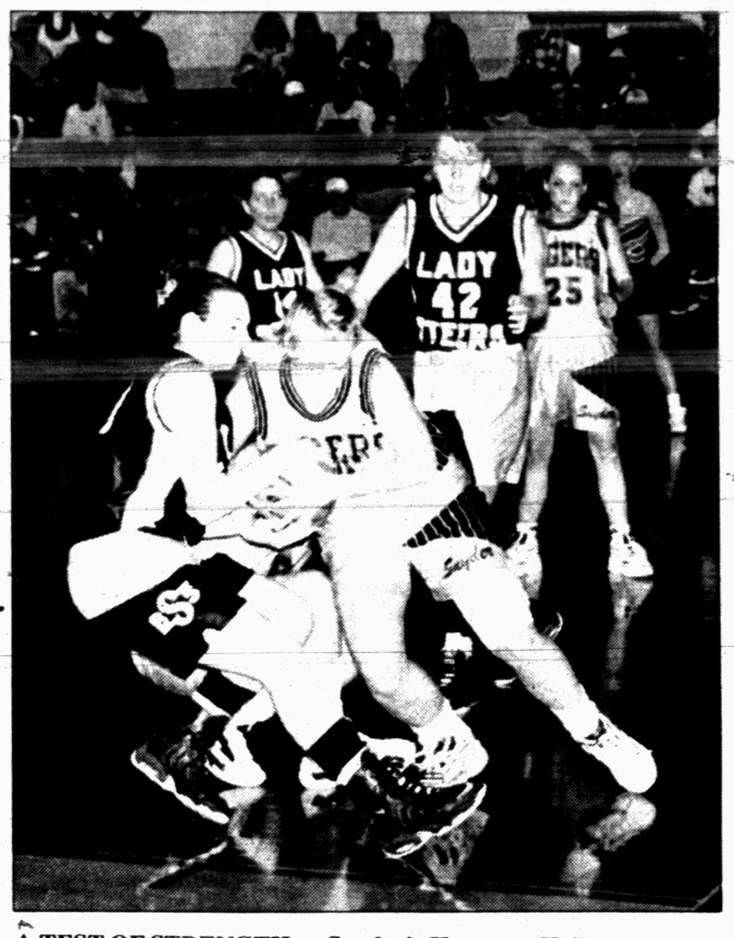
Friday's match-up with Ft. Stockton, a 74-17 loser Tuesday night to Sweetwater, will tip-off at 6 p.m..

Big Spring	13	1	5	6	— 25
Snyder	13	10	12	13	— 48

Big Spring
Forth 6 3-6 15, Jackson 2 0-0 4, McLellan 1 0-0 3, McKinney 1 0-0 2, Johnson 0 1-3 1, Casillas 0 0-2 0. **Totals 10 4-11 25.**

Snyder
Peoples 4 2-2 10, Voss 3 4-6 10, Murray 3 0-0 6, Hall 2 2-2 6, Eicke 2 0-0 5, Mackey 3 1-2 8, Beard 1 1-2 3. **Totals 18 10-14 48.**

Three-point goals: Big Spring 1 (McLellan), Snyder 2 (Eicke, Mackey). Rebounds: Big Spring 27 (Forth 8), Snyder 40 (Eicke 8). Total fouls: Big Spring 13, Snyder 13. Fouled out — none.



A TEST OF STRENGTH — Snyder's Kameron Kallemeyn wrestles for the ball with a Big Spring player Tuesday night. Hustling plays like this one allowed the Lady Tigers to remain unbeaten in district play. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira boys rip 'Cats to stay in 18-A lead

IRA — The Ira Bulldogs made short work of the Westbrook Wildcats and kept their seat atop the district standings.

Ira never allowed Westbrook to get on track Tuesday night, jumping a 21-7 first quarter lead which expanded into a 68-41 victory at Bulldog gym.

The Bulldogs (16-4) remain unscathed in District 18-A competition at 2-0, while the Wildcats fall to 0-1 in league play and 7-8 overall.

Ira dominated the action through all four quarters, scoring in the paint with Logan Daves and from the perimeter with Richard Wilkins.

Daves, a 6-7 junior post, put 26 points on the board to lead all scorers, with Wilkins pouring in 17 more.

The Bulldogs extended their early lead to 38-16 by halftime, and to 51-22 by the end of the third quarter.

Jerek Brown and Drew Wall notched eight points apiece for Ira, while Nathan Smith posted five. José Juarez chipped in four points.

The Bulldogs will be look for their third consecutive district win Friday when they host Sands at 8 p.m.

Lady Bulldogs even district mark with win

IRA — With a sparkling second half performance Tuesday night, the Ira Lady Bulldogs flattened Westbrook to stay in the hunt in District 18-A.

Ira put 38 points on the board in the final two quarters and held the Lady Wildcats to only 23 over the same span en route to a 62-43 victory.

The win levels the Lady Bulldogs' (12-7) league mark at 1-1 and keeps them in the thick of the district race.

Ira had staked a 24-20 lead at halftime, before erupting in the second half to pull away.

Paced once again by the offensive effort of Morgan Clements, the Lady 'Dogs went on a 17-9 third-quarter run to take control.

Clements poured in a game-high 29 points on the night. Ira's Kristen Harless also finished in double digits with 11.

Tara Allen notched nine points for the Lady Bulldogs, with Korby Calley and E'Lissa Goolsby racking up seven apiece.

With the defeat, Westbrook falls to 8-7 on the season and 0-1 in district play.

The Lady Bulldogs remain at home for their next league tilt when they host Sands at 6:30 Friday.

Lady Cards get stung

BLACKWELL — With a chance to remain unbeaten in district play, the Hermleigh Lady Cardinals were victimized by a pair of missed opportunities.

Two turnovers at key moments Tuesday night allowed Blackwell to escape with a 50-48 overtime victory, dropping Hermleigh to 1-1 in District 19-A play.

With the contest knotted at 41-41 in the final seconds of regulation, the Lady Cards turned the ball over while waiting to get the final shot.

In the last seconds of the extra session with the tally again tied, Hermleigh fumbled away a defensive rebound, allowing the Lady Hornets to sink the game-winner with just three ticks left on the clock.

"We were sluggish from the very start," said Hermleigh coach Rocky Clindaniel. "It was a struggle all night long, but we had some chances in the end that we didn't take advantage of."

Hermleigh's Jennifer Roemisch was held to only 14 points, well below her season average. Kendra Dacus dropped in 12 points for the Lady Cards, with Brandy Wood notching 11. Randi Herrington registered six points and Crystal Jackson finished with five.

The Lady Cardinals will try to get back on track Friday when they host Highland at 6:30.

"Luckily we don't have to wait too long before we play again, and it's a home game" said Clindaniel. "We'll come back on Friday and try to get off to a good start and play our style of game."

Jordan retires for second time

CHICAGO (AP) — The NBA's greatest player made it official today.

Michael Jordan retired from the Chicago Bulls after 13 seasons, six championships and countless high-flying dunks.

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"My life will take a change," Jordan said.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY

Basketball: WTC Lady Dusters host Howard, 7:30 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder 9th grade girls and boys at Sweetwater tournament.

Snyder 7th and 8th grade boys at Andrews tournament.

Ira Jr. High and Hermleigh Jr. High at Highland tournament.

FRIDAY

Basketball: Lady Tigers at Ft. Stockton, varsity at 6 p.m. and JV at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder Tigers at Ft. Stockton, JV at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh varsity hosts Highland, girls at 6:30 p.m. and boys at 8 p.m.

Ira varsity hosts Sands, girls at 6:30 p.m. and boys at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Basketball: Snyder 9th grade girls and boys at Sweetwater tournament.

Snyder 7th and 8th grade boys at Andrews tournament.

Ira Jr. High and Hermleigh Jr. High at Highland tournament.

Cardinals fall to Hornets

BLACKWELL — Hermleigh's Billy Lambaren recorded a double-double Tuesday night, but it was Blackwell that chalked up its first district win.

Lambaren poured in 21 points and secured 10 rebounds, while the Blackwell Hornets responded with balanced scoring from eight players to capture a 62-47 District 19-A victory.

With both squads looking for their initial league win, the Hornets jumped to a 17-7 first-quarter lead, then held off Lambaren and the Cardinals through the remaining three periods.

With the setback, Hermleigh falls to 0-2 in district play, while Blackwell pulled even at 1-1.

After their initial scoring drought, the Cards managed to post 40 points over the remainder of the contest, but couldn't reel in the consistent Hornets.

Lambaren's effort led all scorers, while teammate Joey Garza also finished in double digits with 11 points.

Andy Luna posted nine points, dished out six assists and had four steals for the Cards. Caleb Callaway finished with four points and Jared Higgins chipped in two.

Hermleigh will be looking to keep its playoff hopes alive Friday when it hosts Highland at 8 p.m.

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BID NOTICE
The City of Snyder is accepting bids for the purchase of a new 1999 ½ ton extended cab pickup for use in the street department. The bids will be accepted until Wednesday, January 20, 1999 at 3:30 p.m. The opening for this will be at the City Hall in the Accounting Department. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BID NOTICE
Western Texas College will be accepting bids on (4) four Computers and (1) one Monitor until 4:00 p.m., January 29,1999. Further information concerning the bid may be obtained by contacting the Business Office at Western Texas College, telephone 915-573-8511, Ext. 203. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formality in connection therewith.

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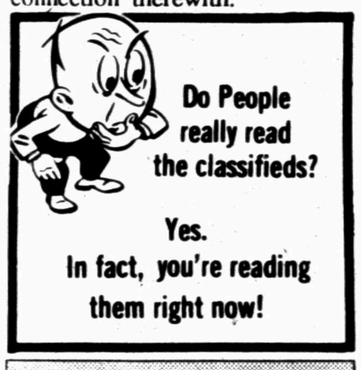

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Tax Update

By The Associated Press

More electronic options

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pay taxes by credit card. Get a refund twice as fast using a personal computer. Finish your income tax return in about 10 minutes. Use a PIN code instead of paper to "sign" your return.

All unavailable only a few years ago, electronic and telephone filing of federal taxes is growing by leaps and bounds at the Internal Revenue Service.

"We have about one in five taxpayers' filing this way going into 1999," said Bob Barr, the IRS chief of electronic filing. "We want to have four in five going into 2008. That's a pretty aggressive goal."

About 24 million taxpayers filed their returns last year electronically, many of them using such widely available personal computer software as Intuit's TurboTax or H&R Block's TaxCut, or by hiring tax preparers who filed that way. IRS projects e-filing will grow 20 percent this year, to around 30 million.

One big incentive for millions of people: electronic filing cuts in half the time it takes for a refund check to arrive. Some software companies also offer versions to prepare state tax returns.

A lot is new this year, starting with the first-ever use of credit cards to pay IRS.

Taxpayers who buy Turbotax and MacInTax software can pay taxes using any credit cards issued by Novus; Discover and Private issue are the dominant two cards.

Any taxpayer with a touch-tone telephone who wishes to use MasterCard, American Express or Discover could choose a second route by dialing a toll-free number and paying taxes that way. Visa, the largest credit card issuer, has not yet signed up for that service.

"They chose to take a wait-and-see attitude for one year," Barr said.

Aside from purchasing software, taxpayers can hire a preparer that will file returns electronically, or use Internet-based practitioners to do the same thing. Each of these is checked out by the IRS, which must approve applications before a company can offer such a service.

Also available for the first time in 1999 is payment of taxes through a direct debit from someone's bank account. The beauty of this arrangement, Barr said, is that the taxpayer can choose a convenient date for the debit as long as it's by April 15.

"It's like file now, you still pay later," he said.

Two pilot projects involving use of personal identification or PIN codes in place of paper signatures could affect people who filed electronically with the IRS last year.

The agency plans to send out PIN codes for about 12 million taxpayers, which they can use to electronically "sign" their returns. No paper would be sent to the IRS, not even the usual W-2 or 1099 forms.

Tax practitioners also will get PIN codes for certain taxpayers; that effort is slightly different in that the taxpayer will select his own PIN code to ensure the privacy of the returns.

Finally, IRS will mail booklets to millions of taxpayers who figure to have the simplest returns that will enable them to file by telephone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

A simple worksheet in the booklet will help people decide if they qualify. During a short telephone call, the return is filled out to determine whether a tax payment or a refund is due, and a customer service number in the booklet acts as a signature.

Also available is the IRS Web page on the Internet, which has a smorgasbord of forms, tax law text, advice, telephone numbers and — for the first time this year — a way to find tax practitioners using a person's zip code.

Eventually, Barr said, the IRS wants to broaden its cyberspace activities to allow contact between revenue officials and taxpayers by e-mail, including requests for back copies of tax returns and Q&A sessions.

"It's not going to be just about filing and payments, once we've solved all of they security and privacy issues," Barr said.

The IRS Web site address is: http://www.irs.ustreas.gov. The site includes links to many of the most popular tax preparation software companies.

4 die in shooting at Richardson house

RICHARDSON (AP) — Four people died this morning following a shooting at a house in this North Dallas suburb, and police found a 12-year-old boy standing in the front yard when they arrived.

"He was in the house when the incident occurred," Richardson police Sgt. Steve Upchurch said. "He heard what sounded like a gunshot. Because he was scared, he climbed out of a window."

Once inside, police found three women and one man shot, Upchurch said. An older man and woman died at the scene.

A third victim was dead at Baylor/Richardson Medical Center and a fourth was dead at Baylor Medical Center at Garland, but Baylor public relations coordinator Susan Hall would not identify them.

"I can confirm we have two victims at our hospitals," Ms. Hall said.

Upchurch said investigators don't know the relationship of the victims or what may have happened, but they are questioning the boy, who was not injured. Officers have recovered a shotgun from the red brick, two-story house.

"It's too early at the stage of this investigation right now to make any guesses about that," he said.

Neighbors said gunfire shattered their predawn peace shortly before 6 a.m.

"We heard two gunshots, loud. They sounded like they were outside," said Ben Harvey. "Then the house alarm went off and then several other gunshots after that."

The shooting happened at the end of an eight-home cul-de-sac in an upscale neighborhood. Neighbors said the family had just moved to the area from Midland.

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Toban Reed was born at 3:41 p.m., Jan. 5 in Abilene Regional Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces. His parents are Kendell and Janet McGuire of Snyder, and they have two daughters, Kendra and Jordan.

Luke Travis was born at 1:32 p.m. on Jan. 9 in Cogdell Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, two ounces and is the son of Shawn and Kristi Cowan of Snyder.

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Ag meeting set Monday in Lamesa

"A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Managment Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum and peanut production," says Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent for Scurry County.

This conference will be held Monday in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa and will begin at 8 a.m. The registration fee, which includes technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is $15 if paid by Thursday. After Thursday, the registration fee will be $20. Registration forms and fees, payable to Dawson County Ag Fund, should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn and Garza counties, will also feature information on the latest production technology for crop prduction, insect control and weed control of cotton, grain, sorghum and peanuts. Risk Management and production outlooks will also be discussed. Top quality speakers from across the state and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Four and a half Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be produced for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at the program.

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Exxon	71⅛ 69⅝ 70⅝— ⅛
FstBksAm	19⅝ 19 9-16 19⅝
Flowers	22 13-16 22¼ 22 9-16— ⅛
FordMotor s	61 7-16 60¼ 61 1-16—1 13-16
GTE Cp	63¼ 61⅛ 62⅝— 3-16
GenDynam s	56 15-16 55 55⅛—1 1-16
GenElec	96 15-16 94 1-16 96 9-16—1 3-16
GenMills	80⅝ 79 3-16 80 11-16— 1-16
GenMotors	81¼ 80⅛ 81⅛— 1⅛
GaPacGP	64¾ 6464⅝— 3⅛
GlobalMar	9⅝ 9¼ 9 9-16— 3-16
Goodrich	35 3-16 34¾ 35 1-16— 9-16
Goodyear s	52⅛ 50⅞ 51 3-16— 1⅛
GtAtlPac	29⅝ 2929⅛— 3-16
Halliburtn	32¼ 31 31 15-16—1 5-16
Hanson ADS	38¼ 37 15-16 38 3-16+11-16
HarteHanks s	26¼ 24¾ 25 15-16+1 7-16
HomeDepot	53¼ 51⅞ 53¼— 1
HoustonInds	30¼ 30⅛ 30⅝— 3-16
IBM	183 3-16 179½ 182⅝—2 5-16
IntlPaper	4543¼ 44 3-16—2 5-16
JohnsonJn	79⅛ 77⅞— 15-16
K mart	15¼ 14 5-16 15 1-16— ⅜
Kroger Co	57 1-16 56⅝ 56 7-16—13-16
Litton	61 15-16 60 15-16 61 9-16+ 5-16
LockheedM s	39½ 38 5-16 39 3-16— ⅛
Lowes Cos s	52 3-16 51 3-16 51 15-16—1 3-16
Lubys	14 9-16 14⅜ 14 9-16— ⅛
LucentTech s	108 13 102 — 5⅞
MayDeptStrs	61 7-16 61 1-16 61⅛— 5-16
MediaOne	49 47 13-16 48⅝— ⅛
Medtronic	69⅝ 67 11-16 69⅝— ½
Mobil	86⅛ 84½ 85½— ¼
Monsanto	43½ 40 5-16 43¼+1 5-16
MorganJP	108⅝ 106¼ 107 1-16— 4⅜
Motorola	67½ 65¼ 66¼— ⅜
NCR Corp	45⅝ 43¼ 45⅜— 1-16
Navistar	29¾ 2929⅝— 1
OryxEngy	14¼ 13 15-16 14¼— 1-16
Penney JC	41¼ 40 7-16 41¼— 1-16
PennzEnergy s	15 15-16 15⅝ 15⅞— 7-16
PepBoys	14¾ 14¼ 14¾— 3-16
PepsiCo	39 11-16 38⅝ 39½— ½
PhelpDodge	53⅜ 52 3-16 52 15-16—1 7-16
PhilipPet	41½ 41 1-16 41½— ⅛
PilgrmPrd B	22⅝ 22¼ 22⅜— ⅛
Polaroid	19⅝ 18 7-16 19 — 7-16
Praxair	36¼ 35 13-16 35⅞— 1⅜
ProctGamb	87¼ 85⅝ 86 13-16— 1⅜
PubSNwMx	20⅛ 19⅞ 20¼+ 3-16
RoyalDut	45¼ 44 7-16 45
SBC Comm s	55 5-16 52 15-16 55 5-16+1 9-16
SaraLee s	26 5-16 25¼ 26 1-16+ 1-16
Scripps EW	49¾ 47¼ 48 — 1⅞
SearsRoeb	43 3-16 42 9-16 42 15-16—13-16
SherwinW	29 28½ 28 15-16— ⅛
SnapOnTools	69¾ 68 1-16 68¾— 5-16
SouthernCo	28 15-16 28¼ 28 13-16+11-16
SwstAirl s	25¾ 24¼ 25⅜— 7-16
SprintFON n	76 9-16 7576⅝— 1⅜
SprintPCS n	25⅝ 24 25 5-16—11-16
Sunoco Inc	35¾ 35 1-16 35¼— ¼
TNP Ent	35 7-16 35¼ 35¼— ⅛
Tandy	44¼ 4343⅝— 1⅜
TempleInland	60 5-16 59⅝ 60⅛— 5-16
Tenneco	34 13-16 34 1-16 34⅜— ⅜
Texaco	52⅝ 50½ 51 13-16—1 3-16
TexInd	27½ 2727⅛— ⅜
TexasInst	93¼ 89 9-16 92 13-16+ 9-16
TexUtil	46¼ 45¼ 45⅜+ 5-16
Textron	71 70 1-16 71 — 1⅜
TriconGlbR	49 48 7-16 48⅝— 1
TrinityInds	38 37 5-16 37⅞— ¼
TritonEngy	8 1-16 7⅝ 7 15-16— 3-16
Tyler	5 1-16 4 13-16 5 — ⅛
US West Inc	64⅝ 62⅝ 64⅛+ 1⅜
USX-Marathn	29 9-16 29⅛ 29 7-16— 5-16
USX-USS	26⅛ 25 9-16 25⅞— ⅜
UnCarbde	44¼ 42 15-16 43⅜—1 3-16
UnionPacif	47⅛ 46¼ 47⅛+ ⅜
UnitedTech	109 7-16 106⅞ 108½— 3
Unocal	32⅝ 3232⅛— 3-16
Venator Grp	6⅝ 6¼ 6¼— 1-16
WalMart	80⅝ 77 5-16 80⅛— ¼
WellsFargo	36 7-16 35⅝ 36⅛—1 1-16
WstnGasRs	6 1-16 5⅞ 6 — 1-16
WinnDixie	44 11-16 43½ 44 1-16— ⅜
Xerox Corp	112 9-16 108 9-16 111⅛— 5⅜

SHS band student competes at area

Sophomore Kara Babcock, Snyder High School band student, competed in the 4-A area clarinet audition Saturday in Odessa.

She is the daughter of David and Kristi Babcock.

Felony charges send one to jail

One subject was booked into jail Tuesday after having his probation revoked.

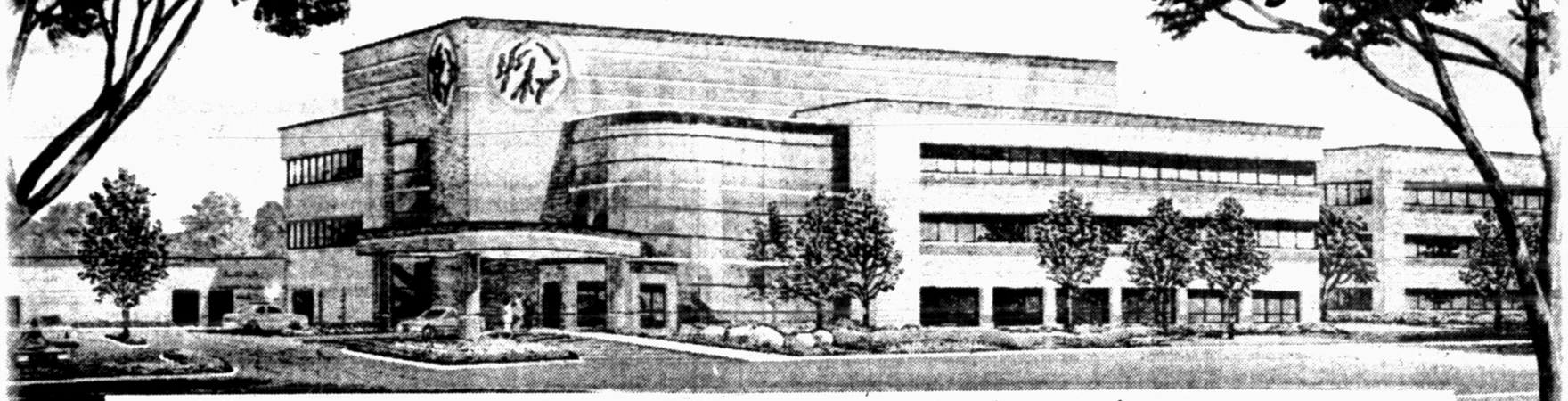
At 9:34 a.m., deputies transferred 35-year-old Michael McKeins of 204 Mahael Street in Colorado City to the Scurry County Sheriff's Office from the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office on a warrant for felony revocation of probation.

In other activity, officers were called to the 1400 block of Avenue I at 3:38 p.m. in reference to the theft of money from Lupe Garza. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

A report of possible gunshots in the 2400 block of O'Neil was also investigated Tuesday. After checking the area, officers advised the sound was possibly from a tire blowout on a tractor trailer on U.S. Hwy. 84.

Officers also handled reports of loud music, a noise disturbance and assisted motorists in unlocking their vehicles.

How can we best serve you?



Our commitment was intensified with the groundbreaking of Your Women's Center, a $15.6 million building project scheduled for completion in July 1999.

And ARMC's commitment also includes offering you the healthcare services and educational classes that you, and other women in our community, want, need, and expect.

So please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey...let us know how we can best serve you.

Please return your completed survey by 2-7-99 to enter the drawing for a $250 gift certificate to the Mall of Abilene. Mail your survey to ARMC, Community Relations Department, 6250 Hwy. 83-84 at Antilley Rd., Abilene, TX 79606. The first 100 completed surveys returned will also receive a free gift!

SURVEY SECTION 1

WOMEN'S SERVICES

✔ HERE IF IT'S IMPORTANT to the Community's Health / to my Health

- ❑ ❑ 1. A specialty boutique for women's healthcare products
- ❑ ❑ 2. Mammography
- ❑ ❑ 3. Grief & loss support group
- ❑ ❑ 4. Female Urinary Incontinence Clinic
- ❑ ❑ 5. Maternal-Fetal Genetic Screening for birth defects
- ❑ ❑ 6. Infertility support group
- ❑ ❑ 7. Women's Resource Library
- ❑ ❑ 8. Ultrasound
- ❑ ❑ 9. All-in-One-Room Birthing Suites
- ❑ ❑ 10. Women & Heart Disease
- ❑ ❑ 11. Single Mothers' support group
- ❑ ❑ 12. Women's Counseling
- ❑ ❑ 13. Plastic Surgery Clinic
- ❑ ❑ 14. Preemies Support Group
- ❑ ❑ 15. Varicose & Spider Veins Clinic
- ❑ ❑ 16. Fertility Clinic
- ❑ ❑ 17. Cradle Club - free childbirth & education classes
- ❑ ❑ 18. Down Syndrome support group
- ❑ ❑ 19. Multiple Births support group
- ❑ ❑ 20. Neonatal Special Care Nursery
- ❑ ❑ 21. Newborn hearing test
- ❑ ❑ 22. Ask-a-Nurse - free call center
- ❑ ❑ 23. Stereotactic breast biopsy
- ❑ ❑ 24. Cardiac Rehabilitation
- ❑ ❑ 25. Heart & Sole Mall Walking Club
- ❑ ❑ 26. Heart-to-Heart Cardiac support group
- ❑ ❑ 27. Senior Partners program for adults 50 years +
- ❑ ❑ 28. Health Risk Assessments
- ❑ ❑ 29. Therapeutic facials
- ❑ ❑ 30. Stretch & Flex exercise class
- ❑ ❑ 31. Handicapped Children support group
- ❑ ❑ 32. Low-Impact aerobics
- ❑ ❑ 33. Migraine Management
- ❑ ❑ 34. Widow support group
- ❑ ❑ 35. Cataract, Glaucoma & Vision clinic
- ❑ ❑ 36. Osteoporosis screening & prevention
- ❑ ❑ 37. Family Planning Clinic
- ❑ ❑ 38. Skin Care clinic
- ❑ ❑ 39. Diabetes Management
- ❑ ❑ 40. Smoking Cessation
- ❑ ❑ 41. Violence Against Women support group
- ❑ ❑ 42. Teen mothers support group
- ❑ ❑ 43. Pap Smear Screening Clinic
- ❑ ❑ 44. Alzheimer's Disease Clinic
- ❑ ❑ 45. Comprehensive Breast Health Center
- ❑ ❑ 46. Sexual Assault support group
- ❑ ❑ 47. Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy
- ❑ ❑ 48. Depression Screening
- ❑ ❑ 49. Immunologic & Autoimmune Disease Clinic
- ❑ ❑ 50. Substance Abuse Clinic
- ❑ ❑ 51. Women, Infant & Children (WIC) food program
- ❑ ❑ 52. Massage Therapy
- ❑ ❑ 53. Well Newborn – home healthcare visits
- ❑ ❑ 54. Asthma Management
- ❑ ❑ 55. Reach to Recovery for breast cancer survivors
- ❑ ❑ 56. Weight Problems & Eating Disorders
- ❑ ❑ 57. Pregnagym body conditioning program for expectant and new mothers
- ❑ ❑ 58. Women's Wellness Profile, including body composition, blood pressure/pulse, cholesterol, flexibility, grip strength, blood sugar, lung function, balance, hearing profile, & bone density
- ❑ ❑ 59. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic

I. What services do you expect to find in a Women's Center?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

II. What five women's services are the most important to you?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

III. Which women's services do you need that you can't find in the Abilene area?

1. _____
2. _____
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SURVEY SECTION 2

WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

✔ HERE IF IT'S IMPORTANT to the Community's Health / to my Health

- ❑ ❑ 1. Supporting First Time Parents
- ❑ ❑ 2. Menopause & Hormone replacement therapy
- ❑ ❑ 3. Prepared Childbirth
- ❑ ❑ 4. Teen Pregnancy
- ❑ ❑ 5. Self-Breast Exam
- ❑ ❑ 6. Women & Heart Disease
- ❑ ❑ 7. Pre-Natal Nutrition
- ❑ ❑ 8. Domestic Abuse-Awareness & Intervention
- ❑ ❑ 9. Pre-Teen Menarche
- ❑ ❑ 10. Diabetes
- ❑ ❑ 11. Osteoporosis
- ❑ ❑ 12. Vaginal Birth after Caesarean Delivery
- ❑ ❑ 13. Surviving Divorce
- ❑ ❑ 14. Parenting Skill for teen mothers
- ❑ ❑ 15. Babysitter Skills
- ❑ ❑ 16. Infant Massage
- ❑ ❑ 17. Infant CPR
- ❑ ❑ 18. Enhancing Mother-Daughter Relationships
- ❑ ❑ 19. Stress Reduction
- ❑ ❑ 20. Reading Food Labels
- ❑ ❑ 21. Modifying recipes to low-fat
- ❑ ❑ 22. Caring for the Caregiver
- ❑ ❑ 23. Grandparenting Skills
- ❑ ❑ 24. Female Urinary Incontinence
- ❑ ❑ 25. Grief & Loss Survival Skills
- ❑ ❑ 26. Sexually active young adults
- ❑ ❑ 27. Parenting a Grandchild
- ❑ ❑ 28. Stress reduction
- ❑ ❑ 29. Cardiovascular Risk Reduction
- ❑ ❑ 30. Breast Health
- ❑ ❑ 31. CPR Training
- ❑ ❑ 32. Sexual Assault support group
- ❑ ❑ 33. Smoking Cessation
- ❑ ❑ 34. Taking Control of Your Health
- ❑ ❑ 35. Developing Healthy Relationships
- ❑ ❑ 36. Woman & Heart Program
- ❑ ❑ 37. Medicare Supplement insurance
- ❑ ❑ 38. Medicaid eligibility criteria
- ❑ ❑ 39. Sexual Harassment
- ❑ ❑ 40. Preventive Health Care for Women
- ❑ ❑ 41. Alcohol & Blood Pressure
- ❑ ❑ 42. Smart Choices sexual abstinence program
- ❑ ❑ 43. Weight Problems
- ❑ ❑ 44. Depression-Diagnosis & Treatment Options
- ❑ ❑ 45. Women's Resource Library
- ❑ ❑ 46. Perimenopause Counseling
- ❑ ❑ 47. Migraines & Headaches
- ❑ ❑ 48. Weight Problems & Eating Disorders
- ❑ ❑ 49. HIV in Women & Children
- ❑ ❑ 50. Breast Self Care
- ❑ ❑ 51. Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- ❑ ❑ 52. Smoking Cessation
- ❑ ❑ 53. Substance & Alcohol Abuse
- ❑ ❑ 54. First Aid & Basic Prevention
- ❑ ❑ 55. Violence Prevention
- ❑ ❑ 56. Cardiovascular Disease Prevention
- ❑ ❑ 57. Lactation Counseling
- ❑ ❑ 58. Endometriosis
- ❑ ❑ 59. Surviving the "Supermom/Wife/Parent/Caregiver" Syndrome
- ❑ ❑ 60. A specialty boutique for [illegible] products
- ❑ ❑ 61. The Senior Woman - Dealing with Change

I. Would you be interested in:

____ Serving on a Women's Health Advisory Board

____ Serving as a volunteer in Your Women's Center

II. Please share any other thoughts you'd like us to consider

_____

Please attach additional pages if you wish.

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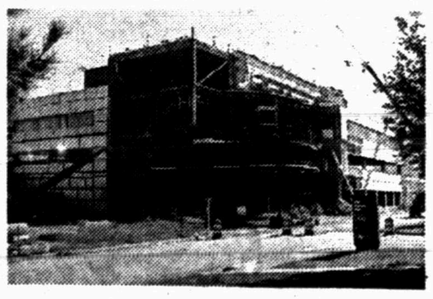

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Warplanes attack missile installations

Iraqi forces fire surface-to-air missile at U.S. planes

WASHINGTON (AP) — American warplanes patrolling the "no-fly" zone over northern Iraq attacked several surface-to-air missile installations today after being targeted by Iraqi radar, U.S. officials said. Initial reports said at least one Iraqi missile was fired but missed the U.S. planes.

The U.S. Air Force F-15 and F-16 attack planes encountered Iraqi radar at five or more air-defense sites at about the same time. They fired high-speed anti-radiation missiles and AGM-130 precision guided munitions in response, and early indications were that two AGM-130s scored direct hits, U.S. officials said.

The incidents underscored an increasingly aggressive Iraqi challenge to the "no-fly" zones enforced by American and British planes in northern and southern Iraq. President Saddam Hussein has nearly doubled the number of surface-to-air missile batteries in the restricted flight zones and has been using them with increasing frequency to threaten allied pilots, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

Details of today's incident were sketchy but officials in Washington and at U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, said the U.S. planes returned safely to their base in Turkey. They are under European Command control.

The official Iraqi News Agency carried a government report that one of the U.S. planes was hit by a missile. "The enemy formations dropped four missiles on civilian poositions, including one house," the report asserted.

The incidents happened at about 3 a.m. EST.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Army Col. Richard Bridges said there also were two Iraqi incursions into the no-fly zone over southern Iraq today. He said no U.S. planes were in the area at the time.

At the White House, spokesman David Leavy said Iraq's provocations would not go unanswered.

"As the president has made clear, we will take appropriate actions to enforce the no-fly zones and to protect the safety of our air crews," Leavy said. "Today's incident is consistent with both."

The increased threat, combined with a rash of Iraqi violations of the no-fly zones in southern and northern Iraq, has created a "very highly charged environment" for allied pilots wary of being drawn into a trap, Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Mike Doubleday said Tuesday.

President will not spend too much time on impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the eve of opening arguments in his trial, President Clinton said today he intends "to spend as little time thinking about" his impeachment as possible and focus instead on issues facing Americans. "I trust that the right thing will be done," he said.

Clinton's lawyers told senators in a legal brief that they had an "obligation to turn away an unwise and unwarranted" House impeachment.

"The vote the American people rendered ... is hanging in the balance," the presidential lawyers said in their trial brief, arguing that there are no legal, constitutional or factual grounds for removal of the president.

"There is strong agreement among constitutional and legal scholars and historians that the substance of the articles does not amount to impeachable offenses," the attorneys wrote. They said the allegations "do not begin to satisfy the stringent showing required by our Founding Fathers to remove a duly elected president from office, either as a matter of fact or law."

Clinton spoke for the first time about the crisis since his impeachment last month: "I think the Senate has to deal with that. We filed our brief today that makes our case. The important thing for me is to spend as little time thinking about that as possible and as much time working on the issues we're here to discuss.

"They have their job to do in the Senate and I have mine and I intend to do it," he said.

The president indicated he has no plans to address the impeachment matter in his State of the Union speech Jan. 19. "I think the American people have heard about that quite extensively and my instinct is I should do their business," he said.

The 130-page brief offered a preview of the case that Clinton's attorneys will present in defending him against perjury and obstruction of justice charges in the Senate impeachment trial.

House officials are suggesting the impeachment case will be prosecuted like a conspiracy, alleging that the president schemed to keep Monica Lewinsky from revealing their extramarital affair and ultimately plotted to ruin her reputation.

The efforts will move from written pages to the Senate chamber Thursday when the House opens its presentation. There, television cameras will show Americans their first live presidential impeachment trial and record the proceedings for history.

"The Senate has an obligation to turn away an unwise and unwarranted misuse of the awesome power of impeachment," the president's lawyers said in their brief today. "If the Senate removes this president for a wrongful relationship he hoped to keep private, for what will the House ask the Senate to remove the next president and the next?"

The brief said that removing Clinton on the basis of the allegations facing him would "substantially alter the delicate constitutional balance" of power among the branches of government and "move us closer to a quasi-parliamentary system in which the president is elected to office by the choice of the people but continues in office only at the pleasure of Congress."

Obituaries

Mrs. Huddleston

1909-1998

Virgina Layne Huddleston, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Bronte Nursing Home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Huddleston, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Born July 31, 1909 in Glen Rose, she married Homer Walker Huddleston on Dec. 22, 1928 in Snyder. Several years later the Huddlestons moved to Post where they farmed until Mr. Huddleston's death in 1970.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Josie Layne; a son, Kenneth Rae Huddleston in 1978; a grandson, Richard Keith Huddleston in 1995; and two brothers, Henry and Buck Layne.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Ruth Huddleston of San Angelo; a daughter-in-law, Minnie Huddleston Buchanan of Snyder; four sisters, Thelma Ford and Mattie Hobbs of Snyder, Lou Looney and Anna Bell Stewart of Gloveton; three grandsons, Mike Huddleston of Snyder, Doug Huddleston of Monahans and Gary Huddleston of Bronte; a granddaughter, Debbie Farr of Merkel; and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers will be all of her nephews.

Lola Sharp

1934-1999

RULE — Lola Mae Sharp, the mother of Gary Sharp of Snyder, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Sharp, 64, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Rule Church of Christ with John Greeson officiating. Burial will follow in the Rochester Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Born July 31, 1934 in Rule, she married Melvin Sharp on July 12, 1951 in Rochester.

Mrs. Sharp worked at the Rochester school cafeteria from 1969-74 and was manager of the Rule school cafeteria from 1975-96. She was a member of the Rule Church of Christ and a Sunday School teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin Sharp of Rule; another son, Randy Sharp of Abilene; a daughter, Karen McCure of Lubbock; three brothers, Duyane Hindsley of Corpus Christi, Donald Hindsley of San Angelo and Leo Hindsley of Murray, Ky.; and seven grandchildren.

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Capitol Briefs

Bivins new Senate president pro tem

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, was praised for his integrity, hard work and love of the state as his colleagues elected him Senate president pro tempore on the Legislature's opening day.

Bivins follows in the post Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

"Senator Bivins and I came to the Texas Senate together in the class of 1989. ... He and I are the survivors," Ratliff said in nominating him Tuesday.

Ratliff, who preceded Bivins as Senate Education Committee chairman, called him talented, dedicated, thoughtful and said, "Most of all, he is committed to doing that which is best for this great state."

Bullock scholarship to be endowed

AUSTIN (AP) — What becomes a Texas legend most?

When it comes to outgoing Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, state senators decided the most fitting tribute would be endowing a scholarship in his name to Baylor University, where he received his law degree.

"The question was, what in the world do you give Bob Bullock?" Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said after senators passed a resolution honoring the Democrat and announcing the Bob Bullock Scholarship Fund.

"I think the things he loves most that I've been able to determine is education and his alma mater, and we felt like that would be great way that you could honor him with, as they say, a gift that keeps on giving," said Bivins, newly elected president pro tem of the Senate.

Bullock, although suffering from pneumonia, presided Tuesday over his last opening day of the Legislature as the Senate's presiding officer.

Accolades came from leaders including Republican Gov. George W. Bush, who said, "We're going to miss him. What a great man, what a great man, Bob Bullock is."

Laney wins fourth term as speaker

AUSTIN (AP) — Pete Laney, kicking off his fourth term as speaker of the Texas House, says his colleagues should approach the state's budget surplus with past financial problems in mind.

"We began the 1990s struggling to emerge from the depths of an economic recession and with a continuing fiscal crisis in state government," said Laney, D-Hale Center.

The House convened in 1991 with a $3 billion deficit, a stark contrast to the $5.6 billion surplus legislators have coming into this session, he said.

Remember that the state climbed out of its budget deficit with fiscal responsibility and economic growth, Laney told 149 House members who gathered for the first day of the session.

"The worst mistake we could make is to view this budget surplus simply as a pie, a pie to be divided up and parceled out among many competing interests," Laney said after being unanimously re-elected House leader.

"It should be used to set our course for a secure and prosperous future for all Texans."

State budget

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Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, doesn't include funds the state is getting from settling its lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

That money is expected to total about $1.8 billion, and a statement issued by the lawmakers said the funds would go toward health care programs and health education institutions. Texas sued tobacco companies seeking to recover costs for treating tobacco-related illnesses.

"We believe that the first priority for any additional spending in Texas is and should be education," said Ratliff, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee.

"The fact that 75 percent of all new spending in this appropriations bill is directed toward education is confirmation of this priority," he added.

Lawmakers over the next 20 weeks will write a spending plan for the 2000-2001 budget years.

The state's current two-year budget totals about $87.1 billion, according to the Legislative Budget Board.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has projected that lawmakers will have an additional $5.6 billion in revenue for the coming two years.

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ONGOINGS

Ira booster club

The Ira Booster Club will meet at 8:15 tonight in the school cafeteria. The business meeting will include plans for the sports banquet.

Cancer Society board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Persons interested in helping organize the Relay for Life are invited.

School board reception

A reception to honor the Snyder ISD board of trustees will be held from 5-5:30 p.m. Thursday in the junior high library. January is school board appreciation month in Texas.

Support groups

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

Clogging lessons

Deep Creek Cloggers will start beginner lessons at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion. For more information, call after 5 p.m. to 573-3315 or 573-0807.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the lodge hall to work in the EA Degree.

Gold Coat luncheon

The Snyder Gold Coat luncheon will be held at noon Friday at the Spanish Inn.

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 "The Two Elements of Coming to Christ," followed by "Giving Your Child Roots and Wings."

Parkinson's Disease support group

The Parkinson's Disease community support group will meet Tuesday from 10 until 11:30 a.m. at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room. Guest speaker will be Loretta Lee, speech/language pathologist.

Weigh Down Workshop

A new weight-loss class with a spiritual emphasis will be over 12 weeks in the 37th Street Church of Christ Family Center. The class will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each Monday starting Jan. 25. For more information call 573-9688 or 573-5774.

Ira Bulldog annual

Ira's 1999 Bulldog annuals are on sale until Jan. 26, the last time they will be offered this school year. The cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact Becky Hudgins at the school. Only a few are left.

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.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

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.

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

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Senate negotiating 'black pit' without map

WASHINGTON (AP) — The principal players in the unfolding Senate impeachment trial drama are feeling their way through a process that has few landmarks or road signs. Precedents are being set at every awkward turn.

And every time one question is answered, more seem to be raised.

For instance, if senators are considered as jurors and commanded to silence on the Senate floor "on pain of imprisonment," should they be holding news conferences on the side or making the rounds of TV interview shows?

And what about reading newspapers and following broadcast news? Jurors in major trials are usually sequestered and kept away from news reports that might influence them.

And should they deliberate privately, as juries do normally; or publicly, as the Senate does when it considers legislation, treaties and nominations?

And what about that "pain of imprisonment" thing? Would a senator really be locked up for speaking out during the trial?

"This is a strange process, one that we are not familiar with, in terms of making a case," says House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., President Clinton's chief prosecutor in the first presidential impeachment trial in 131 years.

Even Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who decided to wear a distinctive gold-stripe robe of his own design to preside, seems a bit uncertain.

Taking the gavel Friday after the two parties reached accord on rules for the trial, Rehnquist moved quickly to order a vote on the resolution embodying those rules, presented by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Too quickly, it seemed.

No sooner had Rehnquist ordered up "the yeas and nays," than Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va. — a master of process and stickler for procedure — was on his feet.

"Could the clerk read the resolution for the edification of the Senate at this time?" Byrd asked, gently guiding Rehnquist. The chief justice told the clerk to read.

Byrd himself has warned that the Senate is "teetering on the brink" of "the black pit of partisan self-indulgence," one he suggests has already swallowed the House. Proceed cautiously, Byrd warns.

As to senators-as-jurors, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, says "nonsense": "I have gone to great pains over the last weeks to try to inform and advise people that we are not a jury sitting in a criminal case or civil case in a court of law."

Harkin and Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., want to require that all deliberations be public. "In short, a debate that affects every single person in this country may be cloaked in secrecy," Harkin said.

If the Senate were really a jury, "we wouldn't be here talking with you," Wellstone said at a news conference. "This is a judicial process but it's also a political process."

The Senate is known more for its convolution of rules, ones that allow individual senators to put anonymous death-grip "holds" on presidential nominees and small minorities to hamstring all activity.

"We have very good and clever lawyers. I'm sure they could have come up with 15 or 20 constitutional arguments that could have tied this process up for weeks and months," said Clinton spokesman Joe Lockhart. "But we think that this should move forward expeditiously."

From the chief justice down, everyone is taking the process very seriously.

"This building is a hallowed place, a temple to the rule of law," Lott said in a GOP radio address. "Believe me, to sit in judgment here is to feel a responsibility far heavier than any other political concern."

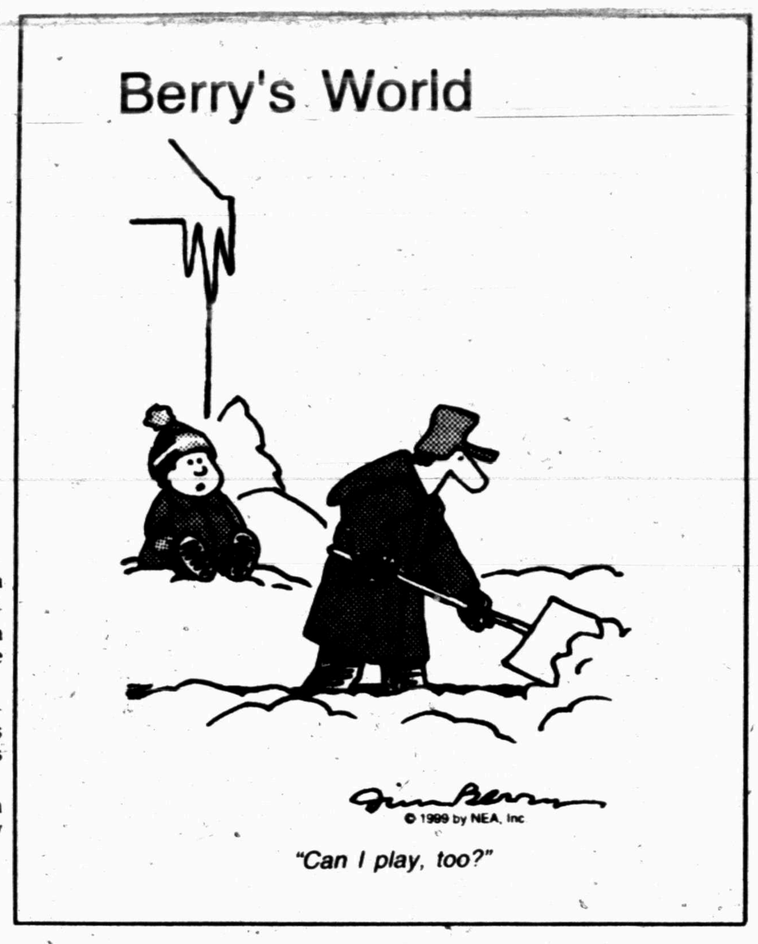
Then there's the issue of witnesses — a subject the Senate won't decide for another few weeks.

In the real world, Clinton would "be looking at some 55 years in federal prison for what he's charged with, with perjury and obstruction," claimed Rep. James Rogan, R-Calif. "If he really is innocent, he should come down to the Senate, he should testify, he should present his case, and he should bring his friends and his buddies and his employees down to do the very same thing."

Which brings up another question for which there is no precedent.

If Clinton is acquitted by the Senate, but later tried as a citizen by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, convicted and sent to federal prison — would his Secret Service detail have to go to jail with him?

"The Constitution gives the Senate this solemn duty. However, it does not give us a clear roadmap on how to proceed," summed up Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt.



"Can I play, too?"

Date Book

Jan. 13, 1999

Today is the 13th day of 1999 and the 24th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1957, the first Frisbee was created by Wham-O.

On this day in 1966, Robert Weaver was appointed secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development by President Lyndon Johnson. He was the first African-American to serve in the Cabinet.

On this day in 1985, Otto Bucher, 99 years old, scored a 130-yard hole-in-one at a Spanish golf course.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Salmon P. Chase (1808-1873), Supreme Court chief justice; Sophie Tucker (1884-1966), singer; Robert Stack (1919-), actor, is 80; Gwen Verdon (1925-), dancer-actress, is 74; Charles Nelson Reilly (1931-), actor-director, is 68; Frank Gallo (1933-), artist, is 66; Jay McInerny (1955-), writer, is 44; Julia Louis Dreyfus (1960-), actress, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Hank Aaron was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Such truth as opposeth no man's profit nor pleasure is to all men welcome." — Thomas Hobbes

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 9) and new moon (Jan. 17).

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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North
♠ A 8 5 4
♥ J 3
♦ A 6 3 2
♣ Q 9 2

West
♠ K Q
♥ K Q
♦ Q J 8 4
♣ K 8 6 5 3

East
♠ 10 9 3 2
♥ A 9 6 4 2
♦ 7 5
♣ J 10

South
♠ J 7 6
♥ 10 8 7 5
♦ K 10 9
♣ A 7 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♠ K

An echo from the past

By Phillip Alder

In August 1979, I attended the European Bridge League Junior Camp in Ghent, Belgium, giving lectures and partnering some of the youngsters. It was a great week. There were also sports events, and I was lucky to draw Louk Verhees, from the Netherlands, in the tennis tournament. He won the trophy single-handedly. I thought he was a pro in the making, but perhaps the regimen necessary for success on the circuit didn't appeal to him. Now he has returned to bridge, comfortably winning the Dutch Individual title last year.

Verhees scored a top on this deal, which highlights pairs bidding for the 21st century.

East's sequence, Stayman followed by two hearts over two diamonds, showed a weak hand with five hearts and four or five spades. Now North made an aggressive balancing double. Verhees, South, might have gambled a pass, but bid two spades despite knowing he would be in a 4-3 fit. East went for the throat.

West led the spade king. After winning with dummy's ace, Verhees played a heart to his eight. West won with the queen and took his other two major-suit winners, but was now endplayed. Perhaps he should have tried a deceptive diamond jack, but he selected a low club. Verhees won with dummy's queen, played a club to his ace, ruffed a heart in the dummy, cashed his two diamond winners ending in hand, and ruffed his last heart. That was seven tricks in, and he still had the spade jack to come. Smashing!

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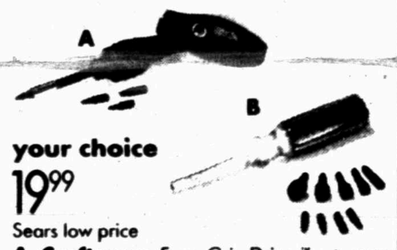

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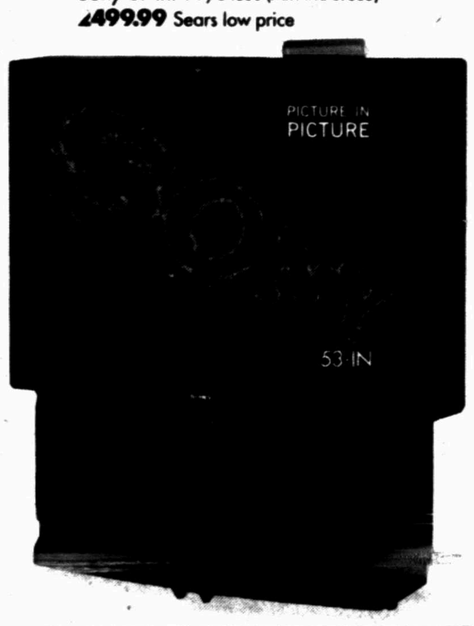

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