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Ask Us

Q—What age children will be allowed to participate in the chamber of commerce Easter egg hunt?

A—Children age 1 through 12 may participate in the hunt, which will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday on the grounds of Scurry County Coliseum.

Local

Stanfield

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria.

United Way

Scurry County United Way board will meet at 5:30 this evening in the chamber of commerce board room.

Council

Snyder Health Care Center Family Council will meet at 7 this evening. Families of all residents are encouraged to attend.

B&G Club

The Boys & Girls Club board will meet at 7 a.m. Tuesday at the club building, 1500 28th St.

Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will meet at noon Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. There will be no meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club that day.

8th grade

A high school registration orientation will be held for parents of eighth graders at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium.

HISD board

Health insurance bids and consideration of grounds improvement are among the items to be presented to the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees, which meets at 7:30 this evening.

Forum

United We Stand, America will host a public forum for candidates in the May 6 municipal and school board races at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Towle Park Barn. The public is invited.

'Key' series

"When Miracles Stopped," the next tape in the Key to the Kingdom series, will air at 7 this evening on Snyder Cablevision Channel 2. Immediately following will be a 20-minute tape, Smyrna, Thyatira and Philadelphia, the second of a four-part series on The Seven Churches of Asia.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 91 degrees; low, 55 degrees; high Sunday, 91 degrees; low, 52 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 52 degrees; no precipitation, total precipitation for 1995 to date, 2.71 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy and cooler. Low near 40. North to northeast wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 60s. Northwest wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:09. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:21. Of 99 days in 1995, the sun has shone 88 days in Snyder.

City to consider industrial park annexation

Board appointments also on council's list

Industrial development matters are among the agenda items facing Snyder City Council when it meets at 6:30 this evening at City Hall.

Development Corporation of Snyder executive director Doug Hutchinson will request the council to consider annexing property for a proposed industrial park.

The proposed 313-acre site is located adjacent to the Rip Griffin complex at the intersection of Highways 84 and 180.

Hutchinson has met with the council previously and said the industrial park could develop into a major tax base for the city if it is within the city limits.

Hutchinson will also ask the council to approve a resolution for the city to participate in tax abatement in a reinvestment zone which would be created in the industrial park. The guidelines and criteria for granting tax abatements will also be considered by the council.

The council will also consider a request from the DCOS to establish an enterprise zone in the industrial park.

The council is also expected to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation between the city and Southwestern Bell.

The city has been operating since January of 1993 without a franchise agreement with the telephone company because Southwestern Bell wanted to put a hold-harmless clause in the new agreement which would release it from any liability for accounting errors or miscalculation of franchise fees since the franchise was originally granted in 1943.

The city objected to this and Southwestern Bell offered the city a sum of money in lieu of the hold-harmless clause. Council members are expected to consider accepting this money or continuing with the lawsuit.

Council members will also consider making appointments to several boards including reap-

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NEW AMBULANCE VIEWED — County officials look over the new type-three ambulance prior to start of commissioners court today. The 1995 unit was purchased primarily for long-distance runs and is equipped to provide mobile intensive care, cardiac monitoring and pacemaker abilities. Shown from left are commissioners Ralph Trevey, C.D. Gray, Roy Idom, and EMS Director Perry Westmoreland. (SDN Staff Photo)

Holy Week services are scheduled daily

Persons of all denominational and congregational affiliation are invited to attend Holy Week services this week, sponsored by Scurry County Ministerial Alliance.

Noon services are being held through Thursday in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary, located at 28th Street and Avenue R. A homemade lunch will be served following worship. Both worship and the meal will be concluded within the noon hour.

For those who cannot negotiate the front stairs at First Presbyterian, an elevator is available at the left of the building.

On Tuesday, the Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will give the message. Colonial Hill Baptist Church will prepare the meal.

Wednesday, the speaker will be Rev. Mark Smith, Price Daniel Unit chaplain. Trinity United Methodist Church will provide the meal.

On Thursday, Father Reynaldo Reyes, priest at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, will give the message. St. Elizabeth will also provide the meal that day.

On Good Friday, the Ministerial Alliance will host worship at 7 a.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, located at 27th Street and College Avenue. Breakfast will follow the service.

Rev. Ernest McGaughey, pastor of First United Methodist Church, will give the message.

A free will offering taken at each day's meal will support the Ministerial Alliance's ongoing ministries of food, shelter and emergency assistance to those in need.

Welfare bill gets past House

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House today gave final approval to a bill aimed at overhauling the state's welfare system and establishing alimony.

The House approved the measure with a voice vote and sent it to the Senate, which is writing its own version of welfare reform, a key priority of Gov. George W. Bush.

The House plan would cap cash benefits paid under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, impose time limits on receiving those benefits and require welfare recipients to work.

The measure includes a last-minute amendment that would establish alimony, a payment from one divorced spouse to another.

A court could order payments to either spouse in a divorce case if the spouses were married at least 10 years and the spouse seeking alimony lacked sufficient property to provide for minimum needs.

Payments could be made for a maximum of three years and could not exceed 20 percent of the income of the person paying the alimony.

Opponents of the measure say the bill degrades welfare recipients and provides no incentive for them to work.

The bill would cap cash benefits to parents who already have at least two children and have more children while on welfare. Excluded children still could get Medicaid and other social services.

'Deadbeat' parents legislation approved

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate today passed legislation that would allow for the suspension of state driver's and professional licenses of people delinquent in paying child support.

The bills by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, passed without objection and go to the House for consideration.

Similar provisions were passed in the House today as part of a sweeping welfare reform bill. That bill would give the attorney general's office the authority to suspend professional, occupational, motor vehicle, hunting or fishing licenses of deadbeat parents.

The Senate bill doesn't call for the suspension of hunting and fishing licenses.

Harris said his legislation is meant to give officials another tool in enforcing child support orders.

Treasurer says...

County in better financial shape

County Treasurer Charlie Bell told Scurry County Commissioners' Court this morning that the county is in better financial shape than the same period one year ago.

In presenting the first quarter's treasurer's report, Bell said that ending fund balances in March totaled $5,432,952 — an increase of $193,000 more than last year.

Bell added that interest income had increased some $24,000 from the reporting period in 1994.

Three items — the possible purchase of a used motorized compactor, the sale of a surplus grid roller and a dishwasher at Scurry County Senior Center — were tabled by the court.

Commissioners were hoping the sale of surplus equipment would make a sizeable payment on the purchase of the compactor but only two bids were received. One bid was for $8,500 for the used grid roller and another was for $200 for a 1978 pickup.

The bid for the pickup was refused by commissioners, who tabled action on the grid roller.

The court tabled action on a request for a new dishwasher at at the Senior Center pending additional information. Norma Laywell, acting director at the center, said she had received verbal quotes on three different dishwashers and the price, plus installation, totalled approximatley $7,500.

She also said the chamber of commerce might be interested in purchasing the present unit to be used at Scurry County Coliseum.

During the discussion of the dishwasher, commissioner Ralph Trevey asked where the money for the unit would be coming from and if the center had the funds in the current budget.

County Auditor Eddie McHaney replied that the center did not and commissioner Jerry Gannaway suggested that the purchase wait until it could be put in next year's budget.

In other action, the court approved the hiring of a full-time female jailer at Scurry County Jail to replace a person who had quit, and approved a line-item transfer for Precinct 3 in the amount of $500 from road material to equipment purchases.

County bills were approved and the court recessed until 7 a.m. Tuesday when it will meet at the Senior Center to hear extension agent reports.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided. Commissioners present included Trevey, Gannaway, C. D. Gray Jr., and Roy Idom.

Personnel contracts on WTC list

Contract renewal for professional personnel is one of only a handful of items of business to be considered by Western Texas College board of trustees, which meets at 7 this evening in the college board room.

Other items include approval of the March financial information report and previous board minutes. Prior to the meeting, the board will visit the Fine Arts Theatre for a demonstration of the new lighting system.

The board will consider 75 personnel contracts. All of the personnel being considered are presently under contract. The only change is a request that Norma Laywell be appointed director of Scurry County Senior Center rather than interim director. All contracts reflect the same salary as current contracts.

Informational items include a proposed state funding bill, an Americans with Disabilities Act progress report, 1995-96 institutional goals and the impact of federal budget reductions.

Third Democrat switches parties

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Rep. Nathan Deal today became the third Democrat in Congress to switch to the Republican Party since the fall election.

Noting that he has often supported Republican positions, Deal said he finally decided he must switch to "get away from the schizophrenia I've had to deal with." Deal, 53, serving his second term, has been among the most conservative Democrats in the House.

"During the last 100 days, I have observed my party at the national level simply not be willing to admit that they are out of touch with mainstream America," Deal said at a news conference.

He said the last straw came last week when Democrats refused to consider amendments to the Clean Water Act intended to combat what Republicans consider economically crippling overregulation.

The switch changes the makeup of Georgia's House delegation to eight Republicans and three Democrats. A year ago, there were seven Democrats and four Republicans.

Deal said he had spoken this morning with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, architect of the Republican takeover in last fall's election, whose district abuts Deal's. He said Gingrich welcomed him to the party.

A day after the GOP November election landslide, Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama became a Republican. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado switched to the Republicans the day after Democrats helped defeat the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

Deal, who served in the Georgia Senate from 1980-92, said he told Democratic Gov. Zell Miller that his decision reflected dissatisfaction with the national party, not fellow Georgians.

Possible cause of Gulf War Syndrome surfaces in study

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Mysterious illnesses afflicting Gulf War veterans may be caused by a chemical cocktail of anti-nerve gas pills and insecticides given to soldiers during the war, researchers say.

Researchers exposed chickens to the same combination of chemicals that soldiers were given, then compared their blood to samples taken from about a dozen Gulf War veterans. In every case, the chickens suffered nervous system damage like that suffered by veterans.

No undisputed link has been established between the combination of chemicals and the ailments unofficially known as Gulf War syndrome, but that's where the preliminary findings point, said Mohamed Abou-Donia, deputy director of Duke University Medical Center's toxicology program.

"I'm confident we have more than a hypothesis," he said. "We have very solid data to demonstrate we have a plausible scenario of what could have happened in the Gulf War."

The $150,000 study, funded by longtime veteran supporter Ross Perot, has not been peer-reviewed or published. And another toxicologist said the Duke team's research will be hard to prove.

"It's a kind of scenario that is fairly easy to construct but difficult to prove," said Ernest Hodgson, head of the toxicology department at North Carolina State University. He isn't involved in the study.

Of the 697,000 troops who served in the war, about 6 percent — some 43,000 — still complain of muscle pain, memory loss and respiratory and heart problems.

Pick 3

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

5-1-4

(five, one, four)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth $18 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 9, 17, 27, 31, 36 and 50.

There were 192 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,548. There were 10,687 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $100. And there were 206,414 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $28 million.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 11, 1995

In the year ahead, you might have a very important involvement that brings you before the public in some manner. This can be a constructive development if you keep working on your image.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Objectives that are significant to you might have only a nominal appeal to your companions today. You shouldn't let them pressure you into altering your goals. 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 4465, New York, NY 10163.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is a possibility that you might leave too much up to chance today. If you fail to control your destiny, other factors might do so for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Usually, you're the type of person who tries to help others. Today, however, you might pretend to be unavailable to someone who needs you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An old issue that previously generated friction between you and a pal might surface again today. Try to treat it more tactfully this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This might not be a good day for going on a shopping spree. You might not be able to assess the true worth of products.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Disagreements between you and your mate should be resolved privately today. Avoid bringing in-laws or friends into the picture with their destructive comments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you don't have anything nice to say about others today, keep your comments to yourself. What you say will be both distorted and recorded.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Actions motivated by spite or revenge could backfire today and leave you worse off than you were before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Upon occasion, your better judgment sometimes deserts you and you're inclined to reward the wrong people. This could be one of those days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today there's a strong chance that you might spend too much time on goals that won't gratify you once you achieve them. Double check your targets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Friends might find you difficult to understand today due to your reluctance to express what is disturbing you. This is no time to nurture secrets.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It will be important today to screen your associates carefully. Avoid being closely identified with someone who is always stirring up trouble.

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DATE BOOK

April 10, 1995

Today is the 100th day of 1995 and the 22nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1992, raucous comedian Sam Kinison died in an automobile accident as he drove to three sold-out shows in Nevada.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Matthew C. Perry (1794-1858), U.S. Navy commodore; William Booth (1829-1912), social reformer; Joseph Pulitzer (1847-1911), newspaper publisher; Clare Boothe Luce (1903-1987), writer; Harry Morgan (1915-), actor, is 80; Omar Sharif (1932-), actor, is 63; Paul Theroux (1941-), writer, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1989, Ken Griffey Jr. hit the first pitch of his major league career for a home run.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Every compulsion is put upon writers to become safe, polite, obedient and sterile. In protest, I declined election to the National Institute of Arts and Letters some years ago, and now I must decline the Pulitzer Prize." — Sinclair Lewis

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1935, dust storms raged across the Plains. In Tulsa, Okla., a Texas League baseball game was called in the eighth inning because of dust.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 8) and full moon (April 15).

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CENTRAL PROGRAM — Central third graders in Paula Bowden's and June Holcomb's classes presented a western program recently. "We Salute Texas." Students in Holcomb's class shown in the top photo are from left, top row, Tony Medrano, Keisi Johnson, Lee Poluchowicz, Elizabeth Campbell, Kenny Alcala; third row, Emily Long, Justin Boyd, Felisha Thomas, Romana Escobedo; second row, Brittainy Milota, Corey Longorio, Matthew Vasquez, David Arellano, Melissa McGough; and bottom row, Josh Proctor, Desiree Braziel, Gabriel Carrizales, Feather Lujan, Adam Carter and Joshua Tate. Bowden's students shown in the bottom photo are from left, top row, Casey Jones, Laura Arellano, Ruben Delorea, Adrienne Garcia, Isidro Gutierrez; third row, Melissa Jerome, Kyle Bryan, Marci Kelley, Mario Rivera and Rosanna Gonzales; second row, Marcus Medrano, Kevin Fenner, Stacy Perkins, Marshall Johnson and Tass Baze; bottom row, Brooke Peterson, Brad English, Ashley Gunset and Christopher Luna. Temeka Wells is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photos)

Stern boycott leaders claim success in deleting some ads

HOUSTON (AP) — A boycott designed to cut advertising revenue from "shock jock" Howard Stern's radio show following his remarks about murdered singing sensation Selena and her Tejano music style is working, a local Hispanic leader says.

"I think Howard Stern thought he was biting on a taco," Johnny Mata, head of Houston's League of United Latin American Citizens, said Sunday. "Instead he bit on a time bomb."

Mata says he will work to inform Hispanics throughout the United States that LULAC considers Stern a bigoted, prejudiced broadcaster with a lack of sensitivity about minority concerns.

Just a few days after Selena was shot to death March 31 in Corpus Christi, Stern described the Tejano music as boring and drab. The radio program featured mock gunfire against the background of her music.

That quickly brought on the demonstrations nationwide and boycott efforts by LULAC and criticism by Hispanic congressional leaders.

Stern is heard in 20 markets across the nation, including El Paso and Dallas. Despite his apology, in Spanish, many of the protesters are after product manufacturers who advertise on his program and plan to assail the Federal Communications Commission about his license to broadcast.

Mata released a list of businesses that he claims have promised not to advertise on Stern's show. They included Sears, McDonald's, Quaker Oats, Snapple and Slick 50. He also said that the H.E.B. grocery chain has removed Stern advertisers' products from its shelves.

Boycott sponsors have not heard from several other companies that advertise on the show, Mata said.

"Hispanics represent $7 billion to $8 billion annually in consumer spending power in the Houston area," Mata said. "We plan to use that power to stop this racist show."

Mata said LULAC will also attempt to get Warner Cable to drop Stern's TV show from their cable system in Houston.

Houston City Councilman Ben Reyes said council members will be asked next week to approve a resolution asking Warner Cable to drop Stern from its slate of programs.

"We believe children in our community shouldn't be exposed to this kind of hatred and racism," explained Reyes, saying Stern has a notorious history for controversial comments about women and minority groups.

The founder of Selena's fan club, Yolanda Saldivar, faces a murder indictment in the slaying of 23-year-old Selena Quintanilla-Perez, who captivated audiences with her lively music and youthful charm.

King Henry VIII of England divorced his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, in 1540.

Berry's World

"OK — I give up! WHO are you: Rush Limbaugh or Bill Clinton?"

Scurry County

Halvey Energy Co. will drill the No. 1 Echols in the Mirage field, two miles east of Dunn. Planned for a depth of 7,700 feet, location is in Section 65, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Hat Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 1 Aruba unit in the Diamond M field, six miles west of Snyder. Contracted for 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 193, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Simmons Energy Inc. will drill the No. 2 Clarence in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned depth for the re-entry project is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 283, Block D, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Texaco Exploration has completed the No. 7214 Jo Mill unit in the Jo Mill field, 17 miles southwest of Gail. The venture was finaled to produce 20 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 150 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,415-474 feet, and location is in Section 40, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

RUWCO Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 1 Conrad, a 7,100-foot wildcat located 16 miles southeast of Gail. Drill site is in Section 56, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Parker and Parsley Development Co. has completed the No. 309-W Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was completed to produce 22 barrels of 30.2 gravity oil and 20 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,481-3,275, and location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Merit Energy Corp. will drill the No. 43 V.T. McCabe in the Jameson north field, four miles north of Silver. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 7,285 feet, and location is in Section 224, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Baytech Inc. will drill the No. 16-1 Nail, a 7,400-foot wildcat located eight miles northwest of Silver. Location is in Section 16, Block 12, J.D. Bell survey.

Garza County

Primrose Operating Co. will drill the No. 177 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, nine miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned depth is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 111, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 179 Fuller in the Dorward field, nine miles southeast of Justiceburg. Also planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 111, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 180 Fuller in the Dorward field, nine miles southeast of Justiceburg. Also set for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 111, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating Co. will drill the No. 183 Fuller in the Dorward field, nine miles southeast of Justiceburg. Contracted for 4,000 feet, location is in Section 111, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Costilla Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 1-45 Kilpatrick in the Talbot field, nine miles north of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, drill site is in Section 45, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Baytech Inc. will drill the No. 1 Cemetery, a 10,400-foot wildcat located 1.5 miles southwest of Knott. Drill site is in Section 212, Block 34, T2N, T&P survey.

Chevron USA has completed the No. 3 Bell in the Iatan field, seven miles southeast of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 17 barrels of 31 gravity oil and 216 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,914,2,134 feet, and location is in Section 12, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. has completed the No. 31-2 in the Adams 31 field, five miles north of Knott. The venture was completed to produce 172 barrels of 42 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 9,114-118 feet, and location is in Section 31, Block 33, T3N, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Durango Operating Co. Inc. has completed the No. 6024Y6 in the Judy Gail field, two miles northwest of Hamlin. The well was finaled to produce 94 barrels of oil and 23 barrels of water. Perforations were from 4,516-568 feet, and location is in the W.E. Kaye survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; Snyder Chamber of Commerce; visitors welcome; 6-7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club,forinformation call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M.; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Plainview TFCEC; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; community room of Snyder National Bank; 7 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for inofrmation call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Christian Women's Club luncheon; Snyder Country Club; 11:30 a.m to 1 p.m.; $7.50 for lunch, reservations by noon Tuesday by calling 573-7125 or 573-3996.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; Boys—Girls Club; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; prayer meeting at 9:30, regular meeting at 10.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Casualties of old war: kids killing kids

FORT WORTH (AP) — The impact of the deadly combination of kids and guns is being felt nationwide.

Teresa Garcia, 17, was fatally shot in the back at the fast-food restaurant where she worked, allegedly by a 15-year-old ex-boyfriend upset that she began dating someone else.

Jesus Gonzales, who was certified to stand trial as an adult on a murder charge, told police he didn't want to shoot Miss Garcia last December. But, "Teresa knew this would make me very mad and would hurt my feelings and brought me to do what I did," he said.

Last year, 19 children and youths were killed in Tarrant County because someone squeezed the trigger of a gun.

The county's battlefield also includes statistics showing that between October 1993 and the end of 1994, shootings sent 114 youths to JPS Hospital. And in Fort Worth alone during the past two years, 51 youngsters were named as suspects in homicides. During the same period, 32 juveniles were fatally shot.

Youths have been killing each other at an alarming rate, and Tarrant County District Attorney Tim Curry said he is still shocked by the cases that cross his desk detailing serious youth crimes.

"We've just stopped calling them kids around here," Curry is quoted as saying in Sunday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, which conducted a five-month study of the effect of guns on society's younger members. "I think kids with guns is one of the biggest problems we've got in this community and in the country."

Since the mid-80s, authorities nationwide began to see a marked increase in gun-related juvenile crime. It appeared to peak in the early 1990s and then leveled out. Now, it appears to have eased somewhat.

Fort Worth police last week reported a 22 percent drop in gang-related crimes for the first three months of the year, though they cautioned that crime usually peaks during the summer.

Louise McIntosh, a critical-care nurse in John Peter Smith Hospital's intensive-care unit, says casualties in the emergency rooms are getting younger and are coming in more often than a decade ago.

"Ten years ago we were seeing 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds," Ms. McIntosh said. "Now, we're getting 13-, 14- and 15-year-olds. We're still getting the older ones, but the young are overtaking them."

The attitude is also different, said Dr. Charles Webber Jr., vice chairman of JPS's surgery department and president of the Tarrant County Hospital District.

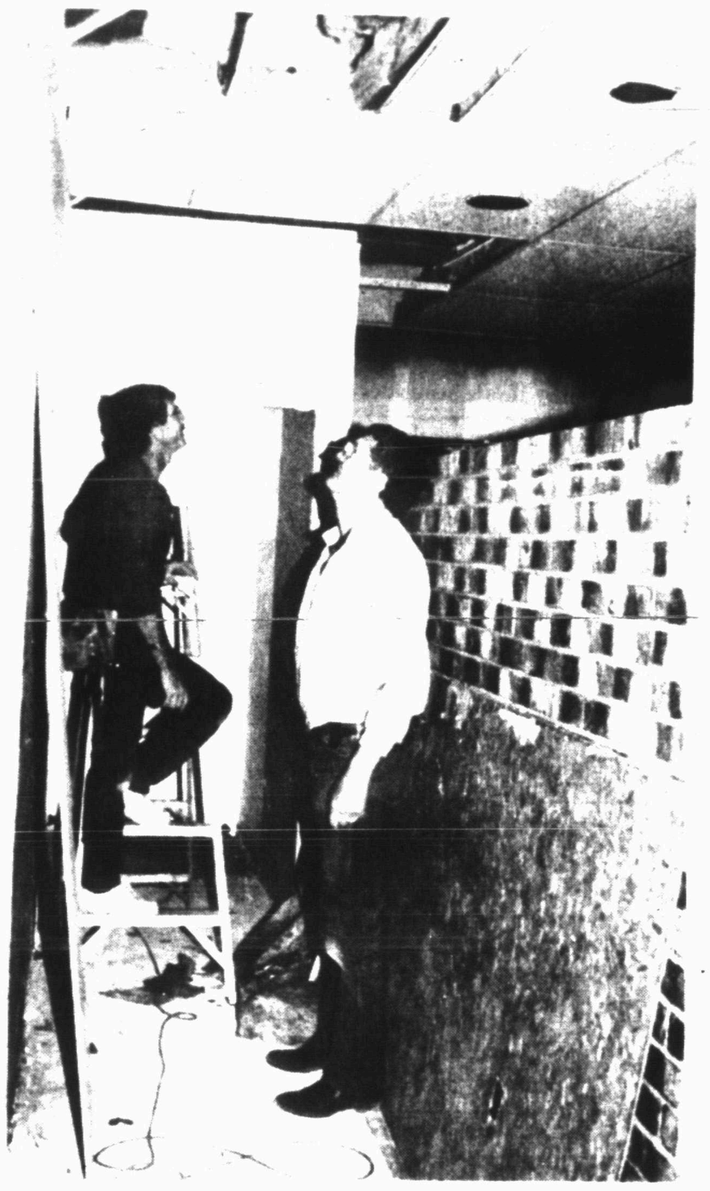
"They're not lying there going, 'Oh, please, save my life!'" Webber said. They say, "Well, I'm going to get (their attacker) when I get out."

Many of the nation's school-age children fear for their safety because they know how easy it is to get a gun.

According to a 1993 Harris Poll, some kids reported that they could get a gun within an hour or at least within a day. One in 10 teens had been shot at or had fired a gun at someone, the survey said.

"How'd I get a gun when I was 13? Easy," said Lamont Lewis, a convicted murderer from Dallas who now resides at Giddings State Home and School. When he was 14, he and a friend killed another teen during a botched drug deal.

"Anybody step in my way, you know what I'm saying, I'd gun them down," he said. He paused and added: "Now I realize how much pain and hurt I brought into people's families."



RENOVATION IN PROGRESS — The renovation of the former K-Bob's building is progressing according to O'Neal Bloom, general contractor for the project. The building will be converted to a restaurant known as Rudy's. Bloom, left, and Donnie Lawler look over some of the work that remains to be done. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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	SOUTH ♠A 9 4 ♥A J 10 8 6 3 ♦J 9 ♣A Q	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
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3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣2

Not quite as intended

By Phillip Alder

Today's deal is taken from a book published in 1945, "Sorry, Partner" by Dr. Paul Stern and A.J. Smith. The Foreword opens with, "Another book on Bridge?" Little did the authors realize how steady the supply of bridge books would remain for the next 50 years. And the rate of flow shows no sign of easing. Not that that is a bad thing. Reading is an excellent exercise. And reading about bridge is doubly rewarding.

In "Sorry, Partner," the reader learns from the original players' mistakes. Where did South go wrong here?

Today, most experts sitting South would overcall one heart. Then, if North advances with one no-trump, South should probably bid three no-trump (a contract that makes easily with this layout).

To defeat four hearts for sure, West has to lead a spade. This is difficult, if not impossible, to find. His actual choice of a club was debatable, but worked well when it lulled South into a false sense of security. So pleased with the free trick on the lead, South immediately played a heart to dummy's king and took the heart finesse. After drawing East's last trump, South led the diamond jack. However, East, noting his partner's two, cashed both his diamond winners before exiting with a club. Now South had to lose two spade tricks: one down.

After winning the first trick, South should have attacked diamonds immediately. He establishes a winner in the dummy on which he can discard one spade loser, the heart king being the dummy entry.

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New biography calls Taylor pill-popping punching bag

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Elizabeth Taylor popped pills like candy to cope with a marathon of affairs and marriages, according to a new unauthorized biography.

The 63-year-old actress tried to get a court order to stop publication of "Liz: An Intimate Biography of Elizabeth Taylor" by C. David Heymann. He also wrote the best-seller "A Woman Named Jackie."

But the book comes out this week, cataloging drug use along with Taylor's marriages (eight) and flings (infinite), including supposed romps with Frank Sinatra, Rock Hudson and Victor Mature.

A request for comment, left early today with a receptionist at the New York office of Taylor's publicist, Chen Sam, was not immediately returned.

The book says that without her knowledge, Husband No. 3 Michael Todd taped their love-making and passed out copies to his buddies.

It also says Todd beat Taylor, once knocking her unconscious.

Husband No. 1 Nicky Hilton also punched her, the book claims, so violently that she required a doctor's treatment.

Taylor also had a fling with Sinatra, but "He dropped her the moment she brought up marriage," according to Sinatra pal Jilly Rizzo.

The new book also says Taylor fought a 10-year battle with prescription drugs, including dozens of different painkillers, tranquilizers and anti-depressants, ranging from Ativan to Xanax.

Actor sells home

CHICAGO (AP) — Did Los Angeles' hills and streets give actor Daniel Travanti the blues?

Travanti, who won fame as Capt. Frank Furillo on "Hill Street Blues," has sold his Los Angeles digs to next-door neighbor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and is moving to the affluent Chicago suburb of Lake Forest, Chicago Sun-Times gossip columnist Michael Sneed reported in a Sunday column.

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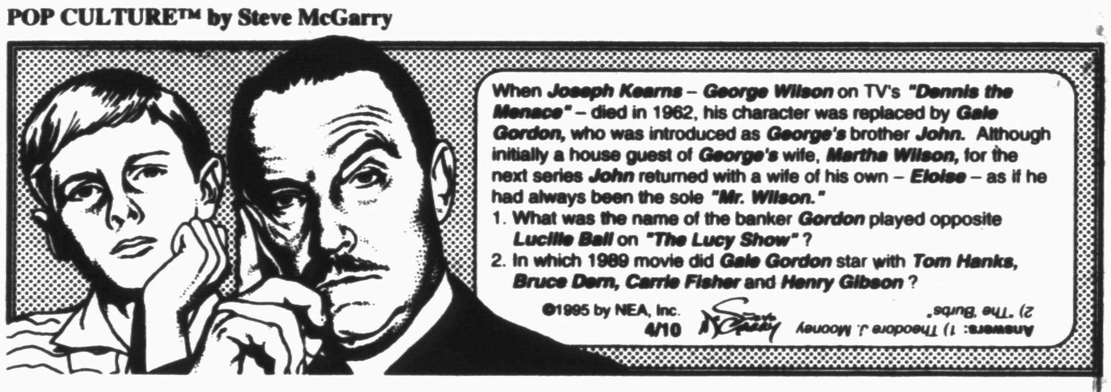

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13 — — the Mood for Love
14 Finnish first name
15 Wedding words
16 Explorer Vasco da —
17 Bridge term
18 Adhesive substance
20 Overshadow
22 Affirmative vote
24 Actor Danson
25 Coldness
29 Weird
33 Bird part
34 Urge (on)
36 A Gershwin
37 Participle ending
38 Whip
39 Edinburgh resident
40 Stir the fire
42 Countries
44 Bird's beak
46 Torrid
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51 Religious poem
55 Steer meat
56 Former head of Iran
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59 Actress Baxter
60 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
61 Navy ship pref.
62 Critic Rex —
63 Taunt
64 Unit of Siamese currency

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3 Son of Seth
4 Tropical fish
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6 Measure duration of
7 Ordain
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9 Sharp bark
10 Epochs
11 Indefinite amount
19 Large cistern
21 Sly look
23 Actual being
25 Wading bird
26 Coin
27 Character in Othello
28 Reach across
30 Puerto —
31 Press
32 Devours
35 Mormon State
38 Red veggie
39 Uses a chair
41 Stabbed
43 Formal headgear (2 wds.)
45 Stupefy
47 Construction beam (2 wds.)
48 Actor Barry
49 Hawaiian goose
50 Arab vessel
52 Bluish-green
53 Craving
54 Spar
57 Southern blackbird

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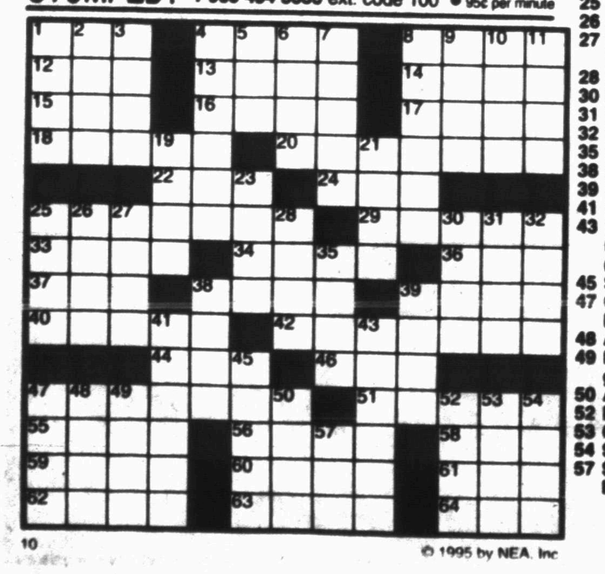

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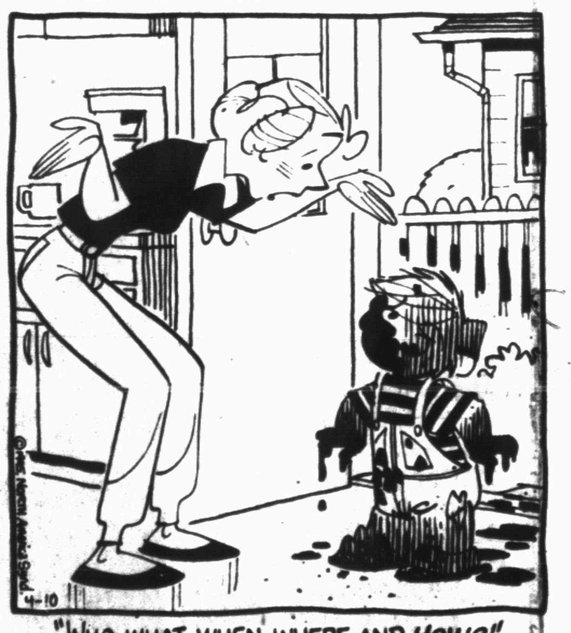

"WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND *HOW?*"

Crenshaw conquers the Masters

Memory of Penick guides former UT star to second green jacket

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — As the final putt fell making him Masters champion, Ben Crenshaw curled into a knot of emotion, holding his head and thinking thoughts of Harvey Penick, his trusted teacher who died just a week earlier.

"I let it all go," Crenshaw said. "I couldn't hold it in any longer."

Everything that Crenshaw had bottled up inside himself since Penick died last Sunday, a week after giving Crenshaw one last putting lesson, poured out on the 18th green after Crenshaw tapped in the 18-inch putt that gave him a one-stroke victory over Davis Love.

"It was like someone put their hand on my shoulder and guided me through," Crenshaw said about his final-round 68 on Sunday. "I believe in fate. Fate has decided another champion like it has so many times before."

Fate and an absolutely brilliant putting touch that tamed the slick, dangerous greens of Augusta National Golf Club. Not once over the 72 holes did Crenshaw three-putt on the steeply contoured greens groomed to table-top speed for the Masters.

His 14-under-par 274 was three better than Greg Norman and Jay Haas and five better than David Frost and Steve Elkington.

As his final putt dropped on the last green, Crenshaw bent over and clasped his head with both hands, overcome with emotion.

"I had a 15th club in the bag today and that was Harvey — Harvey Penick," Crenshaw said, the green jacket of the Masters champion looking comical over his patterned golf shirt.

"I don't know how I got through the week, I really don't know," he said. "It was an emotional week. This place charges me up like nothing."

It was a slam-bang finish after the day started with 12 players within four strokes of Crenshaw and third-round co-leader Brian Henninger.

And it all turned, as always, on the tricky back nine at Augusta.

The crunching blow came at No. 16 when, with Love safely in the clubhouse

> ***"I had a 15th club in the bag today and that was Harvey — Harvey Penick,"***
>
> **— Ben Crenshaw after winning his second Masters**

at 13-under, Crenshaw hit a brilliant 6-iron shot that showed great knowledge of the course, hitting well right of the hole on the par-3 and curling down the slope to within 3 feet.

He knocked it in for the birdie that put him at 14-under and rode that exceptional sequence to a 12-footer for birdie at No. 17.

"I played it like a dream," Crenshaw said about No. 17. "It was a killer 9-iron and the prettiest putt I ever hit. I'll never forget 16 and 17 as long as I live."

He played No. 18 safely and made a bogey.

"I really don't think there was any stopping Ben," said Love, who qualified for the Masters by winning in New Orleans last week. "He was driven. He was charged and obviously he is one of the greatest putters ever."

It was the second Masters title for the 43-year-old Texan, who won in 1984 and also has finished second twice and in the top 10 seven other times, certain proof he is one of the game's best putters.

Crenshaw, who went to Austin, on Wednesday for Penick's funeral, saw the famed 90-year-old teacher a week before he died.

"I had one last lesson with Harvey," Crenshaw said earlier in the tournament. "He said, 'Can you please get a putter and show me how you're stroking that ball?' And he said, 'Now, I want you to take two good practice strokes and then trust yourself and don't let that club get past your hands in the stroke."

Love had the lead alone, but followed a birdie at No. 15 with a three-putt bogey at 16.

Norman lost his chance when he hit a poor sandwedge into No. 17, pulling it well left of the hole, and three-putted.

Crenshaw proved again he is one of the best putters in the history of the game. He made an outstanding 5-foot par putt on No. 12 after blasting from the bunker and followed with a big-breaking 15-foot birdie putt on No. 13.

Love, who had never finished in the top-10 in a major championship, closed with a sensational 66. He started the day at 7-under, turned the front nine in 33 and got to 11-under par with a birdie on No. 11. At that point, Crenshaw, Love and Haas, who had just birdied No. 8, were all tied at 11-under.

OHS wins in extra inning affair, 10-8

By Todd Stanley
SDN Sports Editor

It was bound to happen.

After winning eight of their last nine softball games, the Lady Tigers lost Saturday, 10-8, to the Odessa High Bronchos in non-district play.

Snyder (12-10, 7-2) was primed and ready for a mild letdown, after clinching at least a share of the District 9-5A crown Friday.

"We may have been a little flat to start the game," Snyder head coach Billy Hicks said. "But, we were able to play better in the late innings. I think we were a little tired and may have had some other things on our minds.

"That will happen sometimes when your team is young. I know that we will come out firing on all cylinders Tuesday, as we play for the district championship."

The Lady Tigers, with their 9-3 win over Mineral Wells Friday, coupled with Granbury's 7-5 upset win over Brownwood, ensured Snyder at least second place in the district standings and a playoff berth. Snyder could clinch a share of the title with a win over Cleburne tomorrow at 5 p.m. at Cates field.

On the other hand, Odessa (8-13, 2-9), who knocked off the Lady Tigers 15-12 in Odessa earlier in the year, is currently mired in the lower echelon of the District 6-5A standings and needed a confidence-boosting win.

Snyder got on the board early, with four runs in the second inning, but Odessa High struck for six runs in the middle innings and a security run in the seventh, as the Bronchos claimed an 8-6 lead. Snyder had just one last chance to either tie or win the contest.

In the second, down 1-0, the Lady Tigers loaded the bases for third baseman Shawn Purcell and a chance to blow the game wide open. Purcell responded by slapping a triple down the first base line, clearing the bases and giving Snyder a 3-1 advantage. Jodi White then doubled in Purcell for the fourth run of the inning.

Odessa High, though, rallied back, as it capitalized on strong hitting for two runs in the third and four in the fifth.

The Lady Tigers, down 8-6 in the seventh, came up with two runs to tie the game at 8-8 and force extra innings.

With one out, Raechele Wemken, who was 2 for 3 on the day, doubled into center field then came home on a single by Amanda Huff. Huff stole second and third and scored the tying run on a sacrifice by Purcell.

Purcell was 2 for 3 with fhve runs batted in on the afternoon.

"Shawn (Purcell) had her best offensive game this season," Coach Hicks said. "She has been improving each game and her five RBIs kept us in position to win the game. I'm very proud of her efforts and hard work."

In thd top of the eighth, the Bronchos came up with two runs to take a 10-8 lead, which proved too much for the Lady Tigers to overcome.

Joanie Wemken (5-4) got the loss, while Odessa's Brandi Nemmons (4-4) came away with the win.

Wemken gave up nine hits in eight innings of work, striking out eight and walking four.

DIAMOND DANCING — Snyder's Monica Blume attempts a swipe tag, as Odessa High's Christy Beaman tries to hold her position at third base. Beaman, who was safe on the play, went on to score in the top of the seventh. The Lady Tigers' lost the non-district contest 10-8 in eight innings Saturday. (Photo By Todd Stanley)

Permian tags Snyder, 11-4

ODESSA — Odessa Permian's junior varsity baseball team came up with 14 hits and Snyder committed six errors, as the Panthers rolled to a 11-4 non-district win Saturday.

Snyder (11-4) struggled at the plate when it counted most, stranding 12 runners in seven innings, while Permian (12-3) had its biggest hits in the clutch.

The Panthers got two runs in the second, four runs in both the third and fourth innings to take a 10-1 advantage, before Snyder picked up two in the fifth and one in the sixth.

"We could've played with them," Snyder head coach Charlie Bollinger said. "We came out flat and didn't hit the ball as well as we could've, plus our defense wasn't up to par."

The Tigers made six errors in the game, as starting pitcher Clay Berryman (5-2) got the loss. John Dinger got the win for the Panthers.

"We would have two outs," Coach Bollinger said. "Then we would make an error to extend the inning and they would respond with a big hit. We had the same type of opportunities, but we didn't take advantage of it."

Two Snyder players that were up to par, at least in the batter's box, were Eric Lang, who was 2 for 3, and Matt Melton, who finished 2 for 4 with two doubles.

The Tigers are scheduled to host the Abilene High sophomore squad today at 4:30 p.m. at Moffett Field.

ODESSA PERMIAN 11, SNYDER 4

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Snyder	0 0 0 1 2 1 0 -	4	6	6
Permain	0 2 4 4 1 0 x -	11	14	0

SHS: Berryman and Sanders; PHS: Dinger, Lujan (5) and Navarette. WP — Dinger. LP — Berryman (5-2). 2B — SHS: Melton (2); PHS: Bivins, Navarette, Dinger. HR — PHS: Dinger. Records - Snyder (11-4); Odessa Permian (12-3).

ODESSA HIGH 10, SNYDER 8

		R	H	E
Odessa	0 1 2 0 4 0 1 2 -	10	11	4
Snyder	0 4 1 1 0 0 2 0 -	8	9	3

SHS: J. Wemken and R. Wemken; OHS: Nemmons and Hogan. WP — Nemmons (4-4). LP — J. Wemken (5-4). 2B — SHS: White (2), R. Wemken; OHS: Beaman, Galvan, Harlow. 3B — SHS: Purcell; OHS: Hogan. Records - Snyder (12-10, 7-2); Odessa High (8-13, 2-9 (Dist. 6-5A)).

WTC cowboys second at Howard

Men and women sit third in regional standings, host rodeo Thursday

BIG SPRING — Although the results were a bit mixed, the Western Texas College rodeo teams came away from the Howard College rodeo right where they need to be.

In their quest for second place in the regional standings, the men took second in Big Spring to come within two and a half points of West Texas A&M, while the women trail Howard by 25 points in the stamdings, after a seventh place performance Saturday.

"On the men's side, we did better than I expected," WTC head coach Todd Danley said. "We had nearly twice as many points as we did last week. The women, however, kinda had a bad weekend, they'll need to recover this week."

The bareback bronc riding competition saw Cleve Schmidt split second and third with a score of 136 on two head. Davey Shields and Shawn Minor split fourth and fifth with matching 135s. In saddle bronc, Pete Ellis took second (144) and Minor was third (137).

WTC cowboys finished second, third and fourth in the calf roping event. Todd Loesch was second with a time of 19.4, Guy Smith ended up third (20.7) and Blake Thomas was fifth (23.5).

In team roping, J.J. Kincheloe and Kevin Holt took fifth with a 25.0 and Chip Hackney and Nate Kuhn finished sixth at 27.2 seconds.

Rocky Banta was sixth in the bull riding with a score of 132 on two head.

On the women's side Chasity Rickman was fourth in the breakaway roping with a time of 8.2 seconds.

Three WTC cowgirls finished in the top 10 in the goat tying event, Rickman was seventh (22.1), Emily Schaffer took eighth (22.4) and MaryAnn Miller ended up tenth (23.3).

WTC also saw three of its barrel racers in the top 10, as Rickman took fifth (37.77), Shawna Davidson was sixth (37.89) and JoNell Cardwell finished seventh (38.08).

The Westerners will have a chance to move into second in the regional standings beginning Thursday as they host the WTC rodeo.

"I'm going to go out on a limb," Coach Danley said. "We will move into second place in both the mens and womens standings after this weekend."

NHL Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division						
Philadelphia	20	13	4	44	121	106
NewJersey	17	13	7	41	105	94
Washington	16	13	7	39	95	87
N.Y.Rangers	15	19	3	33	98	99
Florida	14	17	5	33	88	98
TampaBay	14	20	3	31	93	105
N.Y.Islanders	11	20	5	27	91	119
Northeast Division						
Quebec	25	9	4	54	155	109
Pittsburgh	23	11	2	48	141	119
Boston	19	14	3	41	110	89
Buffalo	16	14	6	38	100	89
Hartford	15	17	5	35	100	107
Montreal	14	17	5	33	95	119
Ottawa	4	26	5	13	76	128
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
Detroit	26	7	3	55	138	81
St.Louis	21	11	3	45	130	95
Chicago	19	14	3	41	126	91
Toronto	16	15	7	39	107	113
Dallas	14	17	6	34	106	96
Winnipeg	11	19	6	28	113	136
Pacific Division						
Calgary	18	14	5	41	124	106
Vancouver	13	14	9	35	113	115
LosAngeles	13	17	7	33	124	144
SanJose	14	19	2	30	95	122
Anaheim	12	20	4	28	94	129
Edmonton	12	22	3	27	99	140

Saturday's Games

Boston 5, Tampa Bay 1
Hartford 4, Buffalo 2
Florida 2, N.Y. Islanders 2, tie
Quebec 2, Ottawa 2, tie
Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 1
Toronto 4, Winnipeg 3
Philadelphia 3, Washington 1
Vancouver 4, Calgary 2

Sunday's Games

Boston 6, Buffalo 5
Detroit 4, Chicago 1
Dallas 3, St. Louis 2
New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 0
Anaheim 5, Los Angeles 1
Tampa Bay 3, Hartford 0
San Jose 5, Edmonton 2

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh at Ottawa 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Montreal 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.

NBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
x-Orlando	54	21	.720	-
x-NewYork	49	25	.662	4½
Boston	32	43	.427	22
Miami	29	46	.387	25
NewJersey	28	47	.373	26
Philadelphia	21	54	.280	33
Washington	18	57	.240	36
Central Division				
x-Indiana	49	27	.645	-
x-Charlotte	45	29	.608	3
x-Chicago	41	34	.547	7½
x-Cleveland	40	35	.533	8½
Atlanta	37	38	.493	11½
Milwaukee	30	45	.400	18½
Detroit	27	47	.365	21
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-SanAntonio	56	18	.757	-
x-Utah	53	22	.707	3½
x-Houston	44	31	.587	12½
Denver	35	39	.473	21
Dallas	33	40	.452	22½
Minnesota	20	54	.270	36
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	53	21	.716	-
x-Phoenix	53	22	.707	½
x-L.A.Lakers	47	28	.627	6½
Portland	39	35	.527	14
Sacramento	35	39	.473	18
GoldenState	23	51	.311	30
L.A.Clippers	16	59	.213	37½

x-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

New Jersey 103, Miami 93
Philadelphia 109, Orlando 99
Seattle 125, Dallas 98
New York 113, Detroit 96
San Antonio 112, Golden State 99
L.A. Clippers 112, Sacramento 105

Sunday's Games

Indiana 97, Charlotte 68
Boston 110, Washington 98
Cleveland 79, Chicago 78
Milwaukee 102, Atlanta 99
Phoenix 104, Portland 94
Houston 123, Denver 120
San Antonio 101, L.A. Lakers 87

Monday's Games

Boston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

District 5-4A Glance

BASEBALL

Team	District W	District L	District Pct	Season W	Season L	Season T	Season Pct
Snyder	3	0	1.000	12	5	1	.667
Freeship	3	0	1.000	12	8	0	.600
Lamesa	2	1	.667	13	5	0	.722
Estacado	1	2	.333	11	11	0	.500
Levelland	0	3	.000	6	12	0	.333
Sweetwater	0	3	.000	3	14	0	.176

Friday's results: Freeship 4, Lamesa 1; Snyder 8, Sweetwater 0.
Saturday's results: Estacado 16, Levelland 8.
Tuesday's games: Sweetwater at Estacado, 4:30 p.m.; Levelland at Lamesa, 4:30 p.m.; Snyder at Freeship 4:30 p.m.

District 9-5A Glance

SOFTBALL

Team	District W	District L	District Pct	Season W	Season L	Season Pct
Snyder	7	2	.778	12	10	.545
Brownwood	6	2	.750	10	8	.556
Cleburne	4	3	.571	5	8	.385
Granbury	4	4	.500	4	12	.250
MineralWells	2	4	.333	13	10	.565
Stepheaville	0	8	.000	0	16	.000

Friday's results: Granbury 6, Browawood 4; Snyder 9, Mineral Wells 3; Cleburne def. Stepheaville.
Saturday's results: Cleburne 13, Granbury 2; Odessa 10, Snyder 8.
Today's games: Granbury at Cleburne, 5 p.m.; Mineral Wells at Browawood, 6 p.m.
Tuesday's games: Cleburne at Snyder, 5 p.m.; Stepheaville at Browawood, 6 p.m.; Granbury at Mineral Wells, 7 p.m.

Masters Scoreboard

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Final scores and prize money Sunday in the Masters, played on the 6,925-yard, par-72 Augusta National Golf Club course (a-amateur):

BenCrenshaw,$396,000	70-67-69-68—274
DavisLoveIII,$237,600	69-69-71-66—275
GregNorman,$127,600	73-68-68-68—277
JayHaas,$127,600	71-64-72-70—277
DavidFrost,$83,600	66-71-71-71—279
SteveElkington,$83,600	73-67-67-72—279
PhilMickelson,$70,950	66-71-70-73—280
ScottHoch,$70,950	69-67-71-73—280
CurtisStrange,$63,800	72-71-65-73—281
FredCouples,$57,200	71-69-67-75—282
BrianHenninger,$57,200	70-68-68-76—282
KennyPerry,$48,400	73-70-71-69—283
LeeJanzen,$48,400	69-69-74-71—283
JoseMarisOlazabal,$39,600	66-74-72-72—284
TomWatson,$39,600	73-70-69-72—284
HaleIrwin,$39,600	69-72-71-72—284
IanWoosnam,$28,786	69-72-71-73—285
RaymondFloyd,$28,786	71-70-70-74—285
BradFaxon,$28,786	76-69-69-71—285
PaulAzinger,$28,786	70-72-73-70—285
ColinMontgomerie,$28,786	71-69-76-69—285
CoreyPavin,$28,786	67-71-72-75—285
JohnHuston,$28,786	70-66-72-77—285
DuffyWaldorf,$18,260	74-69-67-76—286
DavidGilford,$18,260	67-73-75-71—286
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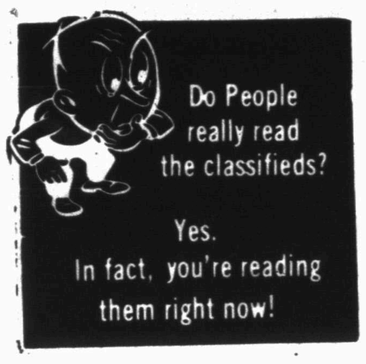

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Thousands of schools in U.S. do things right, study reveals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of American schools, every day, do things right. And it's time for other schools to learn from them, says a new study from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

At Jackson Elementary in Everett, Wash., students monitor the water quality of a nearby polluted creek, learning biology and chemistry while also prompting their city to install a new storm drain.

In San Antonio, Texas, teachers at Jackson-Keller Elementary go to nearby apartment buildings on Saturdays, luring busy parents to talk about school with "Donuts for Dads" and "Muffins for Moms" parties.

At Dann C. Byck Elementary in Louisville, Ky., a parents group mails child-care pamphlets to the mothers and fathers of new neighborhood babies, then loans out books, toys and games as the babies grow.

And at the Key School in Indianapolis, parents organize special projects for half a day each week so teachers can work together on lesson plans.

"We don't need another model project," Carnegie Foundation president Ernest L. Boyer said last week. "The examples are out there. We just need to replicate them."

The study from the Princeton, N.J., group echoes the thinking of a government-sponsored education reform summit last week in Washington, during which educators proposed moving from "a decade of research and development" to action.

The Carnegie study says elementary schools, because they often are more open to new ideas, should be the focus of that action. It says good schools must do four things:

—Agree on and teach a core of needed math, science and language knowledge, and then test to measure results. "You can't expect a nation to continue putting in billions of dollars, unless you have some way to measure results," Boyer said.

—Create a sense of community, stressing discipline and caring while reaching out to parents. "An effective school absolutely has to have parents as full partners," Boyer said.

—Provide needed health and counseling services, plus resources like books, maps, plants, computers and phone lines.

—Teach ethics along with academics. Schools are often hesitant to do so because of ideological controversies and the constitutional separation of church and state, Boyer noted.

"But the result is we're leaving students confused about what behavior and conduct is expected," he said. "And sadly, the vacuum is being filled with negative signals."

Although public schools can't teach religion, they can teach about religion's powerful influence throughout history, he noted.

As an example, he pointed to a coalition of 275 schools in St. Louis that worked with parents to develop teachable ethics, including "honesty, responsibility, cooperation and commitment."

The Carnegie study also found severe school problems nationwide — lack of money, heavy teacher workloads and societal problems such as drug addiction, poverty and abuse.

But the crucial problem is "the loss of confidence in this country, not just in school reform, but in the very idea of public education," Boyer said.

Teachers overwhelmingly believe schools would improve if parents were more involved, Boyer noted. And parents routinely say they want to be more involved. But they often are confused or unsure how to do that, and even feel rebuffed.

Copies of the study, titled "The Basic School: A Community for Learning," are available for $10 from California Princeton Fulfillment Services: 1-800-777-4726 or 1-609-883-1759.

Good schools find ways to get parents involved with their child's education

WASHINGTON (AP) — Good schools involve parents as full partners, a new study from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching says. How?

—Weber Elementary in Iowa City, Iowa, created a parents' room, "a pleasant place with new tables and chairs, books to read, a bulletin board and coffee."

—Lakewood, Ohio, started a preschool PTA of 350 families with young children to give each other educational and emotional support. School staff help parents negotiate time off from work to go to parenting classes.

—Whitcomb Elementary in Richmond, Va., sponsors a "Coffee with the Principal" for parents once a month.

—Forest Park Elementary in St. Paul, Minn., asks parents to list their child's interest and strengths and their goals for the child, then helps create a parent-teacher-student plan.

—A school-parent group at Public School 111 in New York City started English classes for Spanish-speaking parents.

—Hefferan Elementary in Chicago put a telephone in each classroom, allowing teachers to call parents on the spot.

—Dick School in Philadelphia invites parents to spend the entire first day of school with their children, meeting teachers, janitors and the principal and talking about plans for the coming year.

—Public School 88 in New York City invites parents to evening meetings to discuss their kids' science projects.

Apollo 13 commander retells failed mission of 25 years ago

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Every time Jim Lovell looks at the moon, he feels cheated.

Twenty-five years ago this week, the Apollo 13 commander was supposed to land there. Instead, he wound up zooming around it in a race for his life after an oxygen tank in the spaceship exploded 200,000 miles from Earth, four-fifths of the way to the moon.

Lovell and his crew, Fred Haise and Jack Swigert, did return safely to Earth. Lovell is grateful for that. But it was the second time he flew to the moon and didn't land.

"That is my one regret," said Lovell, 67.

Lovell first circled the moon in 1968 on Apollo 8, a dress rehearsal for the first manned lunar landing the following year. During Apollo 13, he should have become the fifth man to walk on the moon and Haise the sixth; Swigert was going to wait for them as they explored the Fra Mauro highlands.

It never happened.

"On the other hand, the mission itself and the fact that we triumphed over an almost certain catastrophe does give me a deep sense of satisfaction. Although I didn't land on the moon, the achievement that was accomplished, I thought, was well worthwhile to participate in," Lovell said recently.

Many consider Apollo 13's safe return one of NASA's finest moments, right up there with Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's stroll on the moon nine months earlier on Apollo 11.

"Looking at it in retrospect, I think it's probably one of the most amazing and incredible rescues of all history," said Gene Kranz, its lead flight director. "The performance of the crew and the operations team and the support of the whole world, they just came together in a marvelous moment of achievement."

The high drama didn't escape Hollywood: unlucky, yet ultimately lucky, Apollo 13.

Director Ron Howard's film "Apollo 13," based on Lovell's 1994 book "Lost Moon: The Perilous Voyage of Apollo 13," will be released in June. Two-time Academy Award winner Tom Hanks stars as Lovell.

The date of the tank explosion: April 13, 1970, two days after the colossal Saturn 5 rocket blasted off from Kennedy Space Center.

The time of the launch: 2:13 p.m. at Kennedy and 1:13 p.m. at Mission Control in Houston, or 13:13 in military time.

Cursed or not, it remains NASA's only in-space disaster in 99 human space flights.

The Apollo 1 spacecraft fire, which killed three astronauts in 1967, occurred at the launch pad during a countdown test. The Challenger explosion, which killed all seven aboard in 1986, occurred 73 seconds after liftoff.

NASA later concluded both those tragedies could have been avoided.

Apollo 13 also could have been prevented: a review board criticized NASA afterward for "serious oversight" in the design and testing of the oxygen tank.

For four days in April 1970, hundreds of flight controllers and engineers worked feverishly on a daring rescue plan.

Not only was oxygen spilling into space from the service module, two of Apollo 13's three fuel cells were out and one of two main power distribution panels was dead.

With Kranz calling the shots, Lovell, Haise and Swigert moved into the cramped, dark and frigid lunar lander while rationing their dwindling oxygen, water and electricity. They swung around the moon and aimed for Earth as people around the world waited and prayed.

No one panicked.

"If we didn't control our emotions, we'd still be floating around up there," Lovell said. "I mean, there was no other recourse."

The drama ended on April 17, 1970, when the command module, minus the jettisoned service module and lunar lander, parachuted down into the Pacific Ocean.

Men returned to the moon four more times and landed. But none of the Apollo 13 astronauts flew in space again.

Haise ended up in business. Swigert went into politics; he died of cancer in 1982 one month after being elected to Congress.

"I'm living on borrowed time," said Lovell, who retired from business a few years ago. "I could have been dead back in 1970 and so all this is gravy."

Three astronauts never returned to space again

By The Associated Press

Three Apollo 13 astronauts never returned to space after their aborted 1970 moon mission. A brief look at each:

— Commander Jim Lovell: Was his fourth space flight. Left NASA in 1973. Retired from Centel Corp. and living in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. Age 67.

— Lunar module pilot Fred Haise: Only space flight. Conducted space shuttle atmospheric tests in 1977. Left NASA in 1979. Vice president for Grumman Technical Services Inc. in Titusville, Fla. Age 61.

— Command module pilot Jack Swigert: On backup crew, but at last minute replaced an ailing Thomas "Ken" Mattingly. Only space flight. Left NASA in 1973. Elected to Congress in November 1982; died of cancer the next month at age 51.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	68⅛	67⅞	68⅛+	⅛
AT&T Corp		51⅛	51⅛	51⅛
AirTouch		26⅛	26⅛	26⅛
Albertsons	32⅛	31⅞	32	— ⅛
Alcoa	40	39⅞	39⅞	— ⅛
Allnd	29⅛	29	29⅛+	⅛
Amfibrn	25⅛	24⅞	24⅞	— ⅛
Amritech		44⅛	43⅞	44
Amoco	62⅛	62⅛	62⅛	— ⅛
AndrsPr	41⅞	41⅞	41⅞	— ⅛
Armstrng		7	6⅞	7
ATlRichfld	112⅛	111⅞	112⅛+	⅛
ATMOS Egy s	18⅛	17⅞	18	+ ⅛
Avnet	7⅛	7	7	— ⅛
Bakrhughes		20⅛	20⅛	20⅛
BnrTenn	1	1	1	— ⅛
BellAtl	54⅞	54	54⅛	— ⅛
BellSouth	61⅞	61⅛	61⅞+	⅛
Bethlhm	15⅞	15	15⅛	— ⅛
BrlPet	83⅞	83⅛	83⅛	— ⅛
Caterpillar s	55⅛	55	55⅛	— ⅛
CentlWat	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
Chevron s	45⅞	45⅞	45⅞+	⅛
Chrysler	39⅛	39	39	— ⅛
Coastal		28⅛	28⅛	28⅛
CocaCola		58⅞	58⅞	58⅞
ColgatePalm	68⅛	67⅞	68⅛	— ⅛
ComEdstn	[illegible]	25⅞	26	+ ⅛
Compaq	39⅞	39	39	— ⅛
CyprusAmax	28⅞	28	28⅛	— ⅛
DeltaSonics		17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
DeltaAirl	64⅞	64	64⅞+	⅞
Digitalsq	41⅞	40⅞	41⅞+	1
Dillard	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
DowChem	72⅞	72⅛	72⅛+	⅛
Dresserind	21⅞	21⅛	21⅛	— ⅛
DuPont	62⅞	62⅛	62⅛+	⅛
EastmanChem	57⅞	57⅛	57⅞	— ⅛
EstKodak	52	51⅞	52	+ ⅛
Eljerind		5⅞	5⅞	5⅞
Esterln		15	14⅞	14⅞
Entergy	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞	— ⅛
Exxon	66⅞	66⅛	66⅞	— ⅛
Fleetfinl		17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
FordMotor s	27	26⅞	26⅞	— ⅛
GTE Cp	34⅛	33⅞	34⅛+	⅛
GenDynam	47⅞	47⅛	47⅞	— ⅛
GenElec s	54⅞	54⅛	54⅞	— ⅛
GenMills	60⅞	59⅞	60⅞+	⅛
GenMotors	44⅛	43⅞	44	+ ⅛
GenMotors E		38⅞	38⅞	38⅞
GePacif	81⅞	80⅞	81⅞+	⅞
GlobalMar		4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
Goodrich	46⅛	45⅞	46	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	38⅛	37⅞	38	— ⅛
GtAtlPac	24⅛	24	24⅛+	⅛
Halliburts	36⅛	36⅛	36⅛	— ⅛
Hanson ADS	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞	— ⅛
Hourlind	39⅛	39⅛	39⅞	— ⅛
IBM	85⅛	84	85	+1
IntlPaper	76⅛	76	76⅛+	⅛
JohnsnJns		59⅞	58⅞	59
K mart	15⅛	14⅞	14⅞	— ⅛
Kroger	25⅞	25⅛	25⅞	— ⅛
Litton	36	35⅞	35⅞+	⅛
Lowes Cos	34⅛	33⅞	33⅞	— ⅛
Lubys	20⅞	20⅛	20⅛	— ⅛
Maxus		5⅞	5⅞	5⅞
MayDptStrs	37⅛	37	37⅛	— ⅛
Medtronic s		70	69⅞	70
Mobil	89⅞	89	89⅛	— ⅛
Monsanto	82⅞	82	82	— ⅛
Motorola	56⅛	55⅞	56⅛+	⅞
Nationsbk	52⅞	52⅛	52⅞	— ⅛
Nevistar	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛	— ⅛
NoranEngy		5⅞	5⅞	5⅞
Nynex		40⅞	40⅞	40⅞
OryxEngy	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	— ⅛
PacTelesis	30⅞	30⅞	30⅞+	⅛
PaineWb	23⅞	23⅛	23⅞	— ⅛
Penney JC	45	44⅞	44⅞	— ⅛
Pennzoil	48⅞	48⅛	48⅞	— ⅛
PepBoys	29⅞	29⅞	29⅞+	⅛
PepsiCo	40⅛	39⅞	40	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	57⅞	57⅛	57⅞	— ⅛
PhilipPet	34⅞	34⅛	34⅞	— ⅛
PilgrimPrd		8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
Polaroid	33⅞	33⅛	33⅞+	⅛
Praxair		23⅛	22⅞	23⅛
ProctGamble	68⅞	68⅛	68⅞	— ⅛
PubSNwMx	12⅞	12⅞	12⅞	— ⅛
RoyalDutch	119⅞	119⅞	119⅞	—1⅛
SFePacCp s	22⅞	22⅛	22⅞	— ⅛
SaraLee	27⅞	27⅛	27⅞	— ⅛
SearsRoeb		52⅛	52	,52⅛
SherwinW		34⅞	34⅛	34⅛
SmithBchADS	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛	— ⅛
SouthBc cpt	39⅞	39⅞	39⅞	— ⅛
SouthernCo	20⅞	20⅞	20⅞	— ⅛
SwstAirlines	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞+	⅛
SwBell	43⅞	43⅞	43⅞+	⅛
Sprint		31⅞	31⅞	31⅞
StarlingChm	12⅞	12⅞	12⅞	— ⅛
SunCo	28⅞	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
TNP Ent		15⅞	15⅞	15⅞
Tandy	49	48⅞	49	— ⅛
Templtnl	45⅞	45⅞	45⅞+	⅛
Texaco	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅛
Texaco		65	64⅞	65
Texaslnd	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞	— ⅛
Texaslnst	91⅞	90⅞	91⅞+	1⅛
TexUtil	32⅞	32⅞	32⅞+	⅛
Textron		57⅞	57⅞	57⅞
Travelers	39⅞	39⅞	39⅞+	⅛
Triskyfinds	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞+	⅛
TritonEngy	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞	— ⅛
Tyler		3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
US West	42⅞	42	42⅞+	⅛
USX Delhi		9⅞	9⅞	9⅞
USX-Marathn	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	— ⅛
USX-USS	32⅞	32⅛	32⅞	— ⅛
UnCarbide	30⅞	30	30⅛+	⅛
UnPac	54⅞	54	54⅞	— ⅛
UnitedTech	69	68⅞	68⅞	— ⅛
Unocal	28⅛	28	28	— ⅛
WalMart		25⅛	25	25⅛
WstaGasRs	22⅞	22⅛	22⅞+	⅛
WestghEl		15	14⅞	15
WinnDixie	56⅛	56⅛	56⅞	— ⅛
Woolworth		18⅞	18⅞	18⅞
XeroxCp	116⅞	116	116⅞	— ⅛
ZenithE	7⅛	7	7⅛+	⅛

Obituaries

Rhonda White

1959-1995

Services were held at 10 a.m. today in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Rhonda Lynn White, 35, of Snyder. Burial followed in Pyron Cemetery. The Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, officiated.

Mrs. White died at 6:15 a.m. Saturday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

She was born on May 27, 1959 in Sweetwater and married Bobby White in Snyder on Jan. 8, 1991 in Snyder. She was a housewife and a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. White was a former resident of Roscoe and Hermleigh area.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby White of the home; one son, Steven Paul Gordon of Kermit; her parents, A.B. and Rose Fitzgerald of Hermleigh; one sister, Pat Fitzgerald of Abilene; one stepdaughter, Brandy Bean of Abilene; and two stepsons, Stacy White of Snyder and Terry White of Hineaville, Ga.

Malcolm Casey

1910-1995

Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens for Malcolm R. Casey, 84, who died Sunday night in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth.

Officiating will be the Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born in Roscoe, Mr. Casey married Earlene Martin on July 3, 1934 in Snyder. He had lived in Fort Worth since 1941 where he worked for General Dynamics. He also owned and operated a retail meat market.

Mr. Casey was a member of the River Oaks Baptist Church of Fort Worth and a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Earlene Casey Fort Worth; two sons, Ron Casey of Fort Worth and Bill Casey of Hunington Beach, Calif.; a brother, Asberry Casey of Coleman; two sisters, Lora Ryan of Coleman and Ruby Putnam of Frankston; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Transit strike comes to end

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A transit union agreed today to end a 14-day strike that shut down most of the nation's fourth-largest public transportation system.

The executive board of Transport Workers Union Local 234 voted unanimously to support a tentative agreement reached with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

Specifics of the settlement were not disclosed. It will be presented to rank-and-file members for a vote Friday, but labor leaders said full service could resume by this afternoon.

1995 Easter Pageant

"Father, Forgive Them..."

Wednesday
7:30 p.m.

Everyone Invited...
Nursery Provided

Colonial Hill
Baptist Church
37th Street at El Paso

Democrats rebel against hurry up tactics

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic senators are making it clear they aren't going to be steamrollered by the House juggernaut on regulatory reform. Just ask Sen. Orrin Hatch, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

A grueling daylong standoff last week in the committee over a controversial regulatory risk assessment bill demonstrated how difficult it may be to enact the type of sweeping changes already passed by the House.

Hatch, R-Utah, under pressure from Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas to send the bill to the Senate floor before the spring recess, began his day last Thursday at 8 a.m. sitting with his arms crossed and waiting for nearly an hour for Democrats on the panel to show up.

The day before, the committee had spent six hours without even bringing up for a vote even one of 16 pending amendments — most of them from the Democratic side. By Thursday morning, the number had grown to 21 and the first vote was still hours away.

Unlike the House, Senate committee rules allow a free flow of debate that can't be cut short by the chairman without the support of at least one lawmaker from the minority party.

The legislation at hand is complex and far reaching, argued Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the ranking Democrat on the panel, and time should be taken to examine it in detail.

The bill, similar to one approved by the House as part of the "Contract With America," would require federal agencies, from the Environmental Protection Agency to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, to perform elaborate cost-benefit and risk reviews before promulgating regulations. Each would be subject to challenge in the courts or directly by a petition to the agency.

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., urged repeatedly that a task force be charged with examining the bill more closely and working out a bipartisan compromise. Otherwise, he warned that there would be "endless amendments and debate" when the legislation reaches the Senate floor.

But Hatch, insisting that he was trying to be reasonable, said just as often that he wanted a final vote even if it meant staying all night.

"There's a lot of pressure on me to get it out." Hatch said, not mentioning anyone by name. Others knew that Dole, who had been a cosponsor of the bill, was wielding the pressure.

When Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., went on at length on a proposed amendment that would exempt OSHA from parts of the bill, Hatch cut him short and ordered a vote. "I can't remember when we've had this kind of morass. ... It makes this committee look like a laughingstock of Capitol Hill," Kennedy exclaimed, his voice rising.

The amendment was killed, 10-7, again along party lines.

An angry Kennedy told Hatch he had no right to cut off debate, that he was "being jammed," contrary to Senate rules, and vowed to resubmit the same amendment again and again. Hatch recessed briefly to cool the air.

"It's apparent there's a filibuster going on here," he asserted, somewhat bedraggled and frustrated. "I can't remember in 19 years on the committee, that happening. I'm not going to give up on this."

Hatch had the votes to get the bill out, but he couldn't cut off debate. Finally, he agreed to put off the final vote until April 26.

Nearly 12 hours had passed since Hatch and six other GOP senators had begun the day by waiting for their Democratic colleagues to arrive.

But the Democrats had won the round. And senators from both parties predicted more of the same when the bill finally gets to the Senate floor, unless a less sweeping measure emerges.

After all, said Simon, "everyone here wants regulatory reform."

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Dole bid for '96 launched

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Offering himself as "tempered by adversity, seasoned by experience," Sen. Bob Dole launched his third presidential campaign today vowing to cut taxes, balance the budget and "lead America back to her place in the sun."

Dole, the Senate majority leader and early GOP front-runner, broke with his longtime tradition of returning home to Russell and instead formally declared his candidacy in Topeka, the Kansas capital, as a symbol of his pledge to shift authority over schools, welfare and a host of other issues back to the states.

"My mandate as president would be to rein in the federal government in order to set free the spirit of the American people; to reconnect our government in Washington with the common sense values of our citizens; and to reassert America's interest wherever and whenever they are challenged around the world," Dole said, speaking at a rally moved indoors because of cold and rain.

Only three times in history have sitting senators won the White House. And Dole, now 71, will be 73 by the time the 1996 election rolls around, an age at which only Ronald Reagan has been elected president, in his case to a second term. Dole opened his campaign with an optimistic spirit.

"My friends, I have the experience," Dole said. "I've been tested, tested in many ways. I am not afraid to lead and I know the way."

From Topeka, Dole was heading today to New Hampshire and New York, beginning a weeklong, cross-country announcement tour designed to cement him as the clear front-runner for the 1996 Republican nomination.

As part of that effort, Dole sought to dispel any doubts that the new House GOP agenda would be derailed in the Senate. He eagerly embraced the agenda that helped Republicans to their stunning success in last year's elections: a balanced budget amendment, a line-item veto and welfare reform, all under the umbrella of dramatically shrinking Washington's power and restoring more authority to states and communities.

Dole never mentioned his Republican rivals, but heaped scorn on the man he hopes to evict from the White House. After being elected on a promise of bold change in 1992, Dole said President Clinton now was fighting at every turn to block the bolder change voters demanded last year when they gave Republicans control of Congress for the first time in four decades.

New York restaurants must comply with smoking rules

NEW YORK (AP) — In a city known for haute cuisine and power lunches, restaurants today began to grapple with one of the nation's strictest anti-smoking laws, banning smoking in dining areas with more than 35 people.

Smokers will also find tighter restrictions from Yankee Stadium to movie theaters to office buildings, although those areas will have longer to comply because of expenses involved, the city says.

At Yankee Stadium, for example, smoking will be prohibited in all 57,500 seats, except for luxury suites and bars.

In restaurant bars, smoking will continue to be permitted if the dining room is at least six feet away or separated by a floor-to-ceiling partition.

Stand-alone bars and restaurants with 35 or fewer seats will be exempt from the law, which strengthens a 1988 law that required restaurants to set aside 50 percent of their seating for non-smokers.

Only 4,000 of the city's approximately 15,000 restaurants have fewer than 35 seats, according to the New York Restaurant Association.

Some restaurant owners spent thousands of dollars installing separate bars and dining areas before the law went into effect today. Others said they expect to lose customers.

As for enforcement, the city expects non-smokers to report violations.

Tax help

Free tax help to low or moderate income taxpayers age 60 and older is available Thursdays from 9-12 and 1-2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M, through April 15.

Open house

Scurry County Mental Health Clinic, 1911 40th St., will have an open house from 1-5 p.m. Friday, April 21. The public is invited.

HISD boosters

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library. The scholarship committee will be appointed and plans will be made for the all-activities event and end-of-school activities. All members are encouraged to attend.

Borden ACS

Borden County Cancer Society will be having its 24th annual "Barn Dance" at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the county show barn in Gail. Music will be provided by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

Admission is by donation to the Borden County Cancer Society. For additional information, call Lisa Ludecke at 806 872-6248 or 806 756-4463.

Ira ISD

Ira ISD board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Agenda items include transfer request, adoption of a 1995-96 school calendar and appointment of budget and personnel committees.

Retirement

Northeast Elementary will host a retirement party for Barbara Bigham from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Rita's.

Class of '85

Snyder High School Class of 1985 will have a reunion meeting at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Snyder Savings & Loan building.

Five arrested in weekend activity

Five people were booked into the Scurry County Jail over the weekend on several different charges.

A 20-year-old male was arrested at 4:43 p.m. Saturday in Towle Park for outstanding city warrants including failure to yield right-of-way in a controlled intersection and failure to maintain financial responsibility - no insurance.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male at 1:28 a.m. Sunday in the 3100 block of College on a Lubbock County warrant for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Following a disturbance call at 1:02 a.m. this morning, three people were arrested in the 1100 block of 24th Street.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old female at 2:30 this morning on an outstanding city traffic warrant and for resisting arrest.

Also arrested was a 27-year-old female for public intoxication.

In the same incident, a 31-year-old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

In other activities over the weekend, an offense report for family violence was submitted in reference to a report of a disturbance at 8:48 a.m. Saturday from the 800 block of 34th Street.

A report of criminal mischief was filed at 10:06 a.m. Saturday in reference to damage done to a vehicle at Valentine Exterminators.

Officers were called to the 800 block of Harlan at 10:51 Saturday morning in reference to two juveniles breaking out windows in a vacant building.

Two bicycles were reported taken from the Wal-Mart parking lot at 2:07 p.m. Saturday while the owners were inside the store.

A person came to the police department at 3:48 p.m. Saturday and turned in a purse he had found. The purse was later returned to its owner.

Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., a person requested an officer in reference to finding a billfold. The owner was later notified and the billfold returned to him.

A fight was reported at 8:20 p.m. Sunday in the 3100 block of 39th Street. One juvenile was transported to the sheriff's office where he was later released to his parents. An offense report for Class A family violence was submitted.

A person came to the police department at 10:34 p.m. Sunday and reported a burglary had occurred at the Pal-O-Mar Flea Market.

Hospital Notes

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CENSUS: (Med.-13, Long-term Care-30, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Donald and Margot Deere of Snyder announce the birth of their son born at 12:33 a.m. on April 4 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces.

Commodities will not be distributed during April

There will be no commodity distribution this month, according to Pamela Fenton, activity director at the Senior Citizens Center where commodities are distributed.

Due to the reduction in the excess of commodities, the future of the program is unsure, she added. She said information would be made available through local media as it becomes known.

Council

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pointing Rod Waller and Russell Yorgesen to the Colorado River Municipal Water Board and James Jones, Gary Landes and Travis Bunch to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Also, the council will consider reappointing Joe Sentell and James L. Northcutt to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and reappointing Mike Rodriquez to the Builders Board of Appeals.

EXXON GIFT — Roy Baze, former senior vice-president of the Exxon Corp., presents a $1,000 check to Shirley Leftwich, Scurry County Museum director. The money is from the Exxon Involvement Fund and will be used for the renovation and expansion of the petroleum exhibit at the museum. (SDN Staff Photo)

SS plan includes changes

Clinton seeks to streamline it

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is considering streamlining Social Security by staggering the mailing of millions of retirement and disability checks now sent at the beginning of the month.

The proposed reforms are part of the president's push to "reinvent government." The changes, which could save as much as $1 billion over five years, are to be announced Wednesday.

"The purpose of these proposals is to provide better public service at less cost to the taxpayer," said spokesman Phil Gambino.

Some critics say the blueprint overlooks Social Security's most pressing problem: looming insolvency for the national retirement system. Others say turning over a small piece of Social Security's work to private business, which is also being considered, poses a privacy risk.

According to documents obtained by The Associated Press, the Social Security Administration is considering letting large employers file a retiring worker's claims for benefits directly with the agency, by computer. An employee of a participating company could still choose to file for benefits directly with Social Security.

The agency acknowledges, however, that several privacy issues must first be resolved, although the move would reduce its workload.

Social Security keeps records on the earnings of almost 140 million working Americans, and the information is coveted by collection agencies, private investigators and information brokers.

H&R Block Tax Services Inc., the nation's largest income tax return preparation service, is already trying to get in on the action.

Social Security has promised to consider using the company and others like it to assist people with filing for all types of benefits, according to correspondence between H&R Block and the agency. The discussions, however, are unrelated to the streamlining efforts now under way.

Another proposed change involves staggering the sending of checks to retired and disabled recipients. The change would apply to future retirees, and those who volunteer to switch payment dates.

Checks now go out on the third of each month to 49 million Americans, prompting more than 2 million calls during the first week of the month to the agency's toll-free phone number. The crush of callers ties up the lines and keeps some people from getting through with questions about their benefits.

Staggering the distribution of checks could even out the impact on financial institutions as well as Social Security's workload, particularly as the number of recipients grows to 76 million by 2020.

Under Social Security's proposal, three more payment dates could be added, such as the second, third, and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

The later dates would cost some recipients a little interest on their benefits — less than 25 cents a month by Social Security's estimates.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Prognosis varies with lupus diagnosis

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please provide information on lupus.

DEAR READER: Lupus, an inflammatory disorder of unknown cause, affects many organs, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, and skin. Most patients initially experience fever, malaise and joint pains. A rash may be present and the lymph glands are often enlarged.

As the disease progresses, it can cause the blood to clot too rapidly (causing stroke and other manifestations of thrombosis); in addition, the lung inflammation may lead to pleurisy (painful breathing). Heart irritation and serious renal malfunction can also result.

Lupus is diagnosed by blood tests and biopsy. Some medications, notably procainamide and beta blockers (used for hypertension and heart disorders), may cause a lupus-like syndrome that disappears when the drugs are discontinued.

Lupus is usually treated with anti-inflammatory drugs (such as aspirin), anti-malarial medicine (such as chloroquine) and cortisone. Associated infection requires antibiotics; anti-coagulants (such as Coumadin) may be necessary to prevent damage from blood clots.

The prognosis varies. Most cases are relatively mild and rarely worsen when treated; other types of lupus may be relentlessly progressive and cause severe health problems, even death.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 46 and have hemorrhoids. I underwent a rubber band treatment three times and feel that I'm constantly bleeding. How can I overcome the condition once and for all?

DEAR READER: Bleeding hemorrhoids usually require surgery. The "rubber-band" treatment that you had is standard therapy for hemorrhoids near the anal opening. Under local anesthesia, the surgeon applies small rubber ligatures to your hemorrhoids. Over time, the hemorrhoids (deprived of their blood supply) wither and drop off.

Because you continue to have problems, I suggest that you consider more traditional operations for your hemorrhoids, such as surgical removal or laser therapy which uses lasers to cut away the inflamed hemorrhoids. Ask your doctor about this option.

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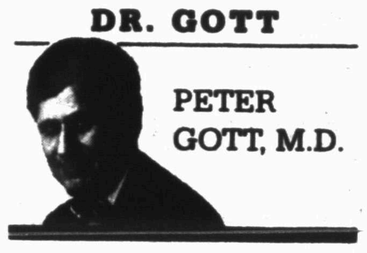

PETER GOTT, M.D.

Train robberies concern BP

EL PASO (AP) — Dozens of bandits stopped a freight train in the shadow of Mount Cristo Rey, near the junction of the Texas, New Mexico and Mexico border. Like a scene out of an old western movie, proceeded to rob it.

Instead of gold, these modern-day train robbers got TVs and jackets.

"There's a whole drama that unfolds right in the belly of the metropolitan area of El Paso and most people don't even understand or realize it," Border Patrol Chief Sylvestre Reyes told the El Paso Times.

Officials with the Southern Pacific Railroad say that 700 incidents were reported in the area along that border last year.

On Friday, the thieves grabbed the goods, then exchanged fire with authorities during their escape attempt.

The mountainous terrain and numerous hiding places created an ideal spot near Sunland Park on the U.S. side of the border for the train robbery.

But at least 12 people were taken into custody on the Mexican side of the border.

Although the suspects won't be extradited, Reyes said U.S. and Mexican authorities will work together so the men are charged with the crime, even though it happened in U.S. territory.

The problem area, where the Border Patrol has proposed building a 1.3-mile "fence" to keep out intruders, is between Anapra in Mexico and Sunland Park.

Last year's incidents range from shooting attempts to burglary and robbery. Six hundred burglaries were reported, but the figure is misleading because railroad officials count each boxcar entered as a burglary.

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Man Helping Lost Girl Could Have Found Himself Sued

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago, I stopped in a convenience store to pick up some snacks. Inside the store, a little girl — crying and apparently lost — grabbed my trousers and said, "Daddy!" I looked around the store and didn't see anyone who looked daddy-like, so I picked her up, put her on my shoulder and told her we would find her daddy. I took her to the checkout stand, where the assistant manager picked up his microphone and announced that he had found a little girl named "Adrianne" whose daddy was lost. Adrianne's mother showed up and took the little girl away.

When I got home and told my wife (a retired schoolteacher) about it, she told me I never should have touched the child; I could have been sued, jailed, or both.

Who was wrong? The grandfather who rescued a crying child, or the "mother" who left her crying between the canned peaches and the bread shelf? I know that men have as much concern for children as women, and sometimes more. But I guess the law says we should just leave the little ones to cry, if we are not "mommies."

DON RANSDELL,
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DEAR DON: Since all of your contact with the child took place in a well-lighted market in the presence of customers, clerks and management, your actions should not have been suspect.

However, it's a sad commentary that any male who tries to comfort a lost child while trying to locate her daddy risks potential legal liability. But given today's atrocities that make headlines, it seems to be a reality of the '90s. Pity!

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DEAR ABBY: This is baffling. On dozens of occasions, I have given my sister a gift, carefully chosen and beautifully wrapped, but on receiving it, she says something like, "Oh ... you really shouldn't have." Then a few days later, she gives it back to me and absolutely insists that I take it.

Is this passive-aggressive behavior? Or am I a lousy shopper?

What should I do with a collection of rejected gifts? They include clothes, jewelry, decorative objects, brandy, etc. And what should I do in the future?

SISTER SUE

DEAR (SWEET) SUE: Your sister is obviously very insensitive. Stop giving her "things." Give her a check, a gift certificate, or make a contribution to her favorite charity. Or simply give her a card.

You may do whatever you wish with the collection of gifts, including giving them to someone you know will appreciate them.

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DEAR ABBY: Several of my female co-workers and I like to unwind at lunch by engaging in "girl talk." Our problem is that a male co-worker joins us every day and ruins our fun. We'd like to get rid of him, but are reluctant to tell him straight out for fear of hurting his feelings. He has no guy pals because they can't stand him either. Heavy hints — like hiding — haven't worked. We can't leave the premises for lunch, so we are easy to find in the small building in which we work. Any suggestions? Sign me ...

GUTLESS

DEAR GUTLESS: Yes. Be kind and don't exclude him. Engage in your "girl talk" without censoring the conversation. He might lend a male perspective that gives you "girls" valuable insight.

Should he repeat anything said in confidence, you can justifiably tell him he's no longer welcome because he gossips. And it's possible, after he gets an uncensored earful, he may no longer *want* to join you.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO JEANNE: Happy Birthday, my dearest firstborn!

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Did not need nanny

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — As a kid, Fran Drescher didn't need a nanny like the one she plays on TV to keep her in stitches. She had her mom.

The star of the CBS comedy "The Nanny" remembers riding down a street in her native Queens, N.Y., one day when she asked, 'Mom, is there going to be a Main Street in heaven?'

'Fran, I don't know. Am I dead?'" Drescher quips in an interview in the April 15th issue of TV Guide.

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Assistant director seen by some as a hero for the earth

DALLAS (AP) — The assistant to the director of the Environmental Protection Agency's hazardous site control division is taking on a new fight: Sewage sludge that he says is poisoning Texas.

During the 24 years since he joined the agency at its inception, Hugh B. Kaufman has taken on companies, politicians and even fellow EPA officials.

Nobody is safe from the 52-year-old EPA engineer's dogged determination to rectify the issues that bother him — not even administrator Carol Browner.

What bothers Kaufman now is an agreement that has allowed a New York company to spread sewage sludge on an arid ranch land in far West Texas since 1992.

Kaufman's involvement has resulted in lawsuits between Kaufman and the company, feuding between Kaufman and his EPA superiors, and demands by Kaufman that Ms. Browner and other EPA leaders be investigated for obstructing justice.

Kaufman decided to begin examining the sludge operation, Merco Joint Venture, last spring after he was approached by Hudspeth County Attorney Tom Chellis and a Sierra Blanca environmental activist.

Since then, he has amassed enough material on Merco to fill a large suitcase.

"The people of Texas are being poisoned," he said of the operation on a nationally televised news program.

Critics and admirers alike say Kaufman's role in a two-decade career at EPA has been that of an inside agitator.

"Even my enemies will tell you I'm like getting chewing gum on the bottom of your shoe. I won't let go," Kaufman said.

He's worn that description well since setting his sights on Sierra Blanca, a small town 100 miles east of El Paso.

Kaufman alleges that Merco received an illegal permit to disperse the sewage in Texas. He says it's a health hazard, has violated New York contracting laws and has ties to organized crime.

Merco officials say his charges are groundless. The company also has filed a federal libel lawsuit against him. Kaufman has countersued, contending he can prove his claims.

Meanwhile, Kaufman has sent an eight-page memo to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno demanding an independent prosecutor to investigate his EPA superiors, including Ms. Browner.

EDUCATIONAL GAMES — Brenda Logan's eighth grade students in Hermleigh recently made educational games concerning nouns and verbs. Prizes were awarded to the best entries. From left, back row, are first place recipients, Eric Arellano, Andrea Rodriguez and Joe Romero. In front are second place winners, Kenny Hancock, Thad Baldwin and Katie Woodworth. (SDN Staff Photo)

1994 said good year for 'Rock'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Rock reigned in 1994, with country and pop finishing second and third in record sales for the year.

Overall it was a very good year for records, thanks in large measure to "The Lion King" soundtrack and albums by Boys II Men and the Beatles.

Industry figures show more than $12 billion worth of records were sold last year in the United States — up 20 percent from $10 billion a year earlier.

According to the Recording Industry Association of America, rock 'n' roll accounted for 35 percent. Country music was second at 16 percent and pop third at 10 percent.

"It was a big year," said Jay Berman, chairman of the Washington-based recording association. "There were three major releases in December (Garth Brooks, the Beatles and Pearl Jam) and this accounted for a big amount."

Compact discs accounted for 58 percent of sales, with cassettes next at 32 percent.

Brooks' "The Hits" has sold 5 million and the Beatles' "Live at the BBC" and Pearl Jam's "Vitalogy" have sold 4 million each.

Some other big sellers in 1994:

"The Lion King" soundtrack, 7 million; "II" by Boys II Men, 7 million; "The Sign" by Ace of Base, 7 million; "August and Everything After" by Counting Crows, 5 million; "Doggystyle" by Snoop Doggy Dogg, 4 million; "Hell Freezes Over" by the Eagles, 4 million; "Tuesday Night Music Club" by Cheryl Crow, 4 million.

Also "Unplugged in New

Some other big country sellers in 1994 were Tim McGraw's "Not a Moment Too Soon" (3 million), Alan Jackson's "Who I Am" (2 million) and Reba McEntire's "Read My Mind" (2 million).

Panhandle DA takes his own life

AMARILLO (AP) — District Attorney Danny E. Hill was killed Sunday night in a shooting at the home of his former wife and children, a justice of the peace said.

The wound to the chest apparently was self-inflicted, Justice of the Peace Haven Dysert told reporters on the scene.

The incident occurred around 10 p.m. Sunday after police received a call from the home in central Amarillo, officials said.

An autopsy is scheduled for Monday, Dysert said.

Hill was the head prosecutor for the 47th Judicial District of Texas, which includes Potter, Randall and Armstrong counties.

No other details were immediately available.

Gingrich urges Perot backers not to organize a third party

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich urged Ross Perot supporters Sunday to abandon plans to form a third party for the 1996 elections, saying such a move could hand victory to President Clinton.

It's a bad idea, the Georgia Republican said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "The only person helped by a third party is President Clinton and the liberal Democrats."

If voters who want to cut federal spending and the size of government stick together, the GOP will win a "smashing" victory in 1996, Gingrich predicted.

But, he said, "if we split into two factions, then you could imagine a circumstance where President Clinton could get reelected and the Democrats might do even fairly well in the congressional races."

"I urge all of the Perot folks to stick together and in '96 I think we can move this country a long way down the road."

Hard-core followers of Perot are holding community meetings across the country to explore the possibility of forming a third party for next year's elections.

Perot, the billionaire businessman from Texas, won almost 20 percent of the vote when he ran as an independent in the 1992 presidential election.

Gingrich also said he hoped former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell would offer himself as a vice presidential candidate in 1996.

"He may well decide to run for president. He would certainly be very formidable in either slot," Gingrich said.

The popular former general has made no public statements about his political future — or even which party he supports — but has left open the possibility he could be a candidate next year. He has been actively courted by Republican presidential hopefuls such as Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who said he is interested in Powell as a running mate.

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Steven Seagal gets permission to paint rocks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rock climbers who thought actor Steven Seagal was trying to stay "Above the Law" were "Out for Justice" and had "Marked for Death" his plans to paint the rocks of a cliff for a new movie.

But they found it "Hard to Kill" the intentions of his movie crew, which was granted permission to paint boulders at Stoney Point Park for Seagal's new movie, "Under Siege 2: Dark Territory."

The rock climbers said the paint would cause problems when they tried to grip the rocks.

But city officials contended that no permanent harm was done to the rocks, and that the local film industry had to be accommodated.

Best actors work in films and TV

KADNOR, Pa. (AP) — The (blue) sky's the limit for Oscar winner Jessica Lange, but the film star says that doesn't mean she's too good for TV.

"Some of the most interesting work is being done for TV," Lange, who won the Oscar for Best Actress for her role in "Blue Sky," says in an interview in the April 15th issue of TV Guide magazine.

"There used to be this thing that a film actor couldn't do television; now the best actors work in both," Lange said. "TV has allowed me to do several great literary pieces that wouldn't have been done as films."

For example, Lange just wrapped up her role as Blanche DuBois in a CBS version of the Tennessee Williams' play, "A Streetcar Named Desire."

Lange also played the part on Broadway in 1992.

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