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Home Of Hollie Berryhill

As filing ends, elections have one fewer candidate

Patricia Scott withdraws; no takers for city District 3

Not only was there no last-minute filing frenzy Wednesday for May's city council and school board elections, one candidate withdrew.

Patricia Scott, a LVN at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, stepped out of the race for one of two at-large positions on the Snyder ISD board of trustees.

Mrs. Scott was unavailable for comment this morning.

Her withdrawal from the race left three candidates to campaign for the two board seats. They are incumbent Luann Burleson, TDCJ Lt. Danny Bass and Windham School District deputy regional director Bill Moss.

That's one of three elections which will feature contested races in May. But one election may not have a candidate. Despite a month-long filing period, no one sought the District 3 seat on Snyder City Council. Citizens can still file as a write-in candidate until 5 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

The seat has been vacant for all but about six months of the past two years. In 1996, Kenny Gambrell was elected but moved from Snyder shortly after being sworn in. It remained vacant for a year until Kerry Bredemeyer was elected to fill out the term. However, he moved from the district last fall.

Incumbents will gain all the other seats on the council up for election because at the end of the filing period, none were opposed. They are Terry Martin, who will fill out the remaining year on an at-large seat he was appointed to last June, and Vernest Tippens, District 1; Jerry Webb, District 2; and I.E. Martin, District 4.

Western Texas College board of trustees will feature one contested race. Dr. Jay Kidd, current board president and Place 4 representative, will be challenged by local chiropractor Dr. James Hanks.

Place 5 incumbent Carolyn Barbee did not draw an opponent.

At Ira, Place 7 incumbent Doug White will get a challenge from a former school board member, Carl Smith, but Place 6 incumbent Keith Clements will take another term uncontested.

Hermleigh ISD will likely waive a May election. Incumbents David Higgins, Sherene Digby and Alan Clup drew no opposition.

State law allows entities to waive elections if none of the candidates are opposed.

Election day is May 2. Early voting runs April 15-28.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Honesty shouldn't be the best policy — it should be the only policy."

Those who happen to follow happenings in Lubbock likely have realized there is an attitude of distrust concerning public officials.

A recent letter to the editor in the Lubbock A-J may strike at the root of the problem. The letter writer had called Lubbock city hall asking for the correct spelling of names and addresses of city officials.

The writer had his secretary explain that he wanted to write city officials about a problem.

Instead of the requested list, the businessman received a fax from city hall saying that he would have to appear in person, present proper ID and fill out an open-records request to get the names of the mayor, city council members, city manager and city attorney.

The man called back to Lubbock city hall, and even with a simple request — found more stonewalling.

Public information is public information.

It's hard to understand why simple, easy-to-obtain data can't be given to a citizen without a formal request. State law does provide for formal open records requests. Sometimes it takes time and manpower to pull together the requested information, and the General Services Administration provides a reasonable-fee schedule to recover actual cost in such instances.

Failure to be open about public information only raises a red flag of doubt.

In Snyder, we have to give governmental entities good marks on open government. On rare occasions, when there have been technical violations of open meetings, adjustments in practices are made immediately.

When requested, our news staff has never been denied information from any public entity.

Lubbock officials ought to take a lesson from its small-town neighbors.

It's available, it'll just cost you mega bucks.

According to an article in the Austin paper, a person requesting the campaign contribution list of Gov. George Bush would have to shell out about $1,200.

Such information is on file with the Texas Ethics Commission. The governor's campaign staff lists only two names per page, so the complete list is more than 13,000 pages. The idea was to discourage the opposition from obtaining names of possible donors from his list.



MAJOR COLLECTIBLES — Some of the memorabilia available at Tuesday night's chamber banquet is modeled by, from left, Mary Westmoreland, Donna Fowler, Jodi Guerrera and Sandra Barboza. All of the items in the silent auction are on display at the chamber office, including rare autographed baseballs by former presidents. (SDN Staff Photo)

Silent auction added feature for annual chamber banquet

Persons attending Tuesday night's Snyder Chamber of Commerce banquet will get a double treat.

Besides getting to hear Texas' First Lady Laura Bush, those attending the banquet will have the opportunity to purchase sports memorabilia by way of a silent auction.

Items autographed by professional sports figures such as Mickey Mantle, Joe Montana, Bob Lilly, Sam Sneed, Nolan Ryan, Lou Holtz and others will be auctioned.

"These items are real treasures," said chamber executive director Donna Fowler. "Footballs, jerseys, baseballs, boxing gloves, golf cards signed by the pros, photographs — there will be something for every sports fan and collector."

Only those at the banquet with tickets will be able to participate in the auction, and the deadline for purchasing tickets is Friday at 5 p.m. at the chamber of commerce office. Adult tickets are $15, while children's tickets are $7.50.

Admission includes the meal and entertainment.

While the banquet starts at 6:30, the coliseum doors will be open at 6 for persons to view the memorabilia.

Tabloid rejected Willey story offer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A supermarket tabloid said today it pursued an interview with presidential accuser Kathleen Willey for six months and that last month her lawyer indicated she might be willing to sell her story for $300,000.

Phil Bunton, editor of Star Magazine, said his publication countered with an offer of $50,000 to Mrs. Willey's lawyer, Dan Gecker, but the idea fizzled after Mrs. Willey's interview Sunday on "60 Minutes."

"We've been trying to persuade Kathleen Willey to talk to us for about six months now, and basically some time in the last month Mr. Gecker said she might talk for $300,000," Bunton said.

"It seemed to be a number that he was really sort of fixated on and was not prepared to bend on," he said.

The tabloid's disclosure, first reported today in the New York Daily News, is the latest to suggest Mrs. Willey had a financial motive in coming forward with her allegation President Clinton made an unwanted sexual advance.

Court records indicate Mrs. Willey has six-figure debts left over from before her husband committed suicide in 1993.

Mrs. Willey, both in the "60 Minutes" interview and in a sworn deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit, has described the alleged advance she said Clinton made during a Nov. 29, 1993 meeting in the Oval Office. She met with the president to seek a paying job at the White House, where she was working as a volunteer.

In the interview, she said Clinton touched her breasts and placed her hands on his genitals but she rebuffed the advance.

On Wednesday, book publisher Michael Viner said Gecker approached him about a possible book deal for $300,000 but Viner rejected the project.

Also Wednesday, a former friend, Julie Hiatt Steele, released a sworn affidavit in which she alleged Mrs. Willey asked her to lie about the encounter with Clinton to a reporter last year.

Gecker has not returned repeated phone calls to his office and home in recent days seeking comment.

Molter named TxDOT head here

A nine-year veteran of the Texas Department of Transportation has been named the local area engineer effective May 1.

Mike Molter, 35, who is currently the assistant area engineer in Fort Stockton, has been with the department since he received his degree in civil engineering in 1989 from the University of Texas/San Antonio.

Molter said he accepted the position a week ago Friday.

He and his wife, Liffin, have two children, Nicole, five-years-old, and Joshua, 20-months old.

Molter is taking the place of Mike Taylor, who has been transferred to Amarillo.

Federal judge to hear lawyer fee arguments

TEXARKANA (AP) — The bickering over legal fees for private attorneys involved in Texas' record-breaking $15.3 billion settlement with Big Tobacco is moving back into federal court.

U.S. District Judge David Folsom was scheduled today to consider a complaint filed by Gov. George W. Bush and seven state legislators who say that a 15 percent cut of the settlement to be paid to the private attorneys is exorbitant.

For weeks the Republican governor has been demanding a full accounting on the lawyers' fees and expenses from Attorney General Dan Morales, who brokered the deal for Texas. The governor had not received the information by Wednesday.

Debbi Head, a spokeswoman for Bush, said the governor's legal council sent a letter to the Attorney General's office pointing out that "deadlines and extended deadlines have passed."

Bush had requested the accounting after he found that expenses for the lawyers had ballooned to almost $40 million, separate from the $2.3 billion in fees, during the two years of preparation for the lawsuit.

Although Morales argues that both the legal fees and expenses will be paid by the tobacco industry and not the taxpayers, Bush says he fears Texans could be stuck with part of the tab after an arbitration panel sees the numbers.

"The attorneys' fees are excessive and Gov. Bush does not want the taxpayers of Texas to be held accountable in any way shape or form," said Ms. Head.

"No one but the tobacco industry benefits from the reduction of attorney's fees," said Morales, a Democrat. "It is no wonder that these actors include politicians who have accepted political contributions from the tobacco companies and political associations which have tobacco industry representatives on their governing boards."

Weevil vote is due today

Officials with the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Program were waiting word from the Texas Department of Agriculture this morning on results of the referendum.

"We're hoping to hear something this afternoon," said Teresa Eliason, a public relations spokesperson for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in Abilene.

Cotton producers in the 19-county area began mailing their ballots in last month, indicating their choice to continue or discontinue the eradication program. Counting of the ballots was to be held today.

The original program was overwhelmingly approved by producers in 1996. This month's referendum needs only a majority vote to pass.

Producers are also voting on a person to be named to the state eradication board. Woody Anderson of Colorado City and Mike Massey of Roscoe were the Rolling Plains Central nominees.

Cleve Cleveland, district manager of the Snyder office, said business is going on as usual while they await the results. The 12 people at the local office have been making plans based on the passage of the referendum by mapping, planning trap placement and other activities.

If the referendum passes, employment at the local office is expected to increase to around 65 during the growing season.

That would translate into a payroll of almost a half-million dollars per year locally, according to Lindy Patton, state-wide executive director.

ASK US

Q—When is the deadline to register to vote in the May 2 elections?

A—April 2.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 74 degrees; low, 38; 7 a.m. Thursday, 38; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 30-35. N-NE wind 5-15 mph. Friday, sunny, warmer. High, mid 60s. E-SE wind 5-15 mph.



Adrian Sosa
Sunny

Sunset: 6:54 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:48 a.m.
Of 77 days in 1998, the sun has shone 75 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything.

William Conner Magee

Senate committee approves federal budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — After gunning down President Clinton's 1999 budget, Republicans are ready to take a $1.73 trillion fiscal blueprint to the Senate floor that offers a first peek at GOP priorities in the era of federal surpluses.

On a 12-10 party-line vote Wednesday night, the Senate Budget Committee approved a package mapping modest tax cuts and promising $147 billion in federal surpluses over the next five years. The plan, which could go to the full Senate as early as next week, ignores Clinton's proposals to build more classrooms, hire more teachers and let people aged 55-64 buy Medicare coverage.

For good measure, the committee voted 14-8 to reject a Democratic package modeled on Clinton's proposals, though some of its spending was trimmed back. Democratic Sens. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin and Ernest Hollings of South Carolina joined Republicans in that vote.

"I don't believe that's an American budget, I don't believe that's what America would vote for in a minute," budget panel Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., told Democrats.

That remark prompted shouts from Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., who said, "Let's not talk about being un-American. That's over the line."

Clinton hinted of clashes ahead.

"If the Republican budget says 'no' to new teachers and smaller classes, 'no' to modernizing our schools, 'no' to investing in higher standards for our children, the American people should say 'no' to that budget," he told union members in Las Vegas. "Give us a budget that will prepare our children for the 21st century."

Congress' budget sets ceilings on federal spending and taxes, but leaves decisions on details for later. Nonetheless, the committee's votes provided an indicator of the Senate's sentiments on several issues — notably on tobacco.

Hoping to squeeze Democrats into an uncomfortable political corner, the GOP plan siphons all money that might be raised by tobacco settlement legislation this year to Medicare, the hugely popular health-insurance program for the elderly and disabled. Republicans argued that tobacco funds should go there because the program will run out of money in a decade, and because smoking-related diseases cost Medicare more than $25 billion a year.

Six times Democrats tried amendments that instead would use tobacco money for anti-smoking, health care or other social programs — much as Clinton proposed in his budget. Democrats lost all six times by lopsided votes, and they said the GOP plan doomed tobacco legislation this year by budgeting far less than is needed for meaningful anti-smoking programs.

"This mark would essentially prohibit the Senate from considering any serious piece of tobacco legislation," said the committee's top Democrat, Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey.

Republicans savored watching Democrats vote to divert money from Medicare, after years of being portrayed as the party out to gut the politically sensitive program.

"Usually you have us in that position," Domenici told Democrats. "It's just too bad that we have you in that position."

In one test of sentiment, the committee voted 14-8 for nonbinding language supporting raising cigarette prices by $1.50 a pack without specifying how to do it. That is about what Clinton and many of the tobacco bills introduced in Congress would do.

Watching part of the proceedings was former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, who in a letter to senators urged them to use tobacco funds to expand anti-tobacco efforts.

Bacteria reduction in chicken promised

WASHINGTON (AP) — Salmonella and other harmful microbes could be reduced or eliminated from chickens by a new technique that grows harmless bacteria inside them, researchers say.

John DeLoach, who led development of the technique at the Agriculture Department and is now a top officer of the company licensed to market it, says the process "will reduce the risk of foodborne illness from salmonella from poultry."

The Food and Drug Administration last week quietly approved use of Preempt — as the product from MS Biosiences Inc. is known — and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman planned to announce the breakthrough in a speech this afternoon.

Salmonella, one of the leading causes of foodborne illnesses and a particular problem in poultry, is carried primarily in an animal's digestive track and is transmitted through feces. It and other pathogens cause some 9,000 deaths from food poisoning every year in the United States, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control.

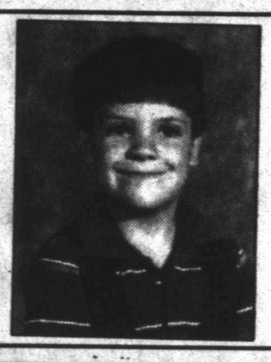
Processing plants use chlorine sprays and chilly temperatures to control the bacteria, but it frequently survives these efforts and winds up in the poultry grocery case. Consumers must cook chicken at reasonably high temperatures to be absolutely certain of safety.

Preempt is a culture of 29 other harmless bacteria isolated by researchers that can prevent salmonella from taking route inside a chicken. The FDA trials reduced salmonella contamination to zero.

"It just can't live," DeLoach said Wednesday in an interview. "It can't survive and it dies out."

The technique involves spraying newly hatched chickens with a solution containing the 29 "good" bacteria. The chicks will peck at their wet feathers and ingest the solution that way. The culture then grows inside the chicken and shuts out other microbes.

Although the FDA approval is only for control of salmonella in chicken, DeLoach said tests have indicated success against other illness-causing bacteria such as campylobacter and listeria.



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Plunge in profits latest sign Nike's swoosh has hit a wall

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — When Nike changed its slogan from "Just Do It" to "I Can," it gave the company the perfect response for bad news that marked the end of three years of phenomenal growth.

The athletic shoe and clothing juggernaut can and will come back, company officials said Wednesday after announcing that quarterly profits fell nearly 70 percent and 1,600 people will be laid off.

Chairman Phil Knight blamed the economic collapse in Asia, where Nike has pinned much of its expansion hopes. The company had cranked up production just before the financial reversal that has spread from Singapore to Tokyo, leaving Nike with a huge supply of unsold inventory.

"It's an art, not a science," Knight said. "If you miss it just a little bit, you're going to get burned."

Nike announced after the New York Stock Exchange closed Wednesday that third-quarter profits fell to $73.1 million, compared to $237.1 million a year ago. Earnings per share dropped from 80 cents to 25 cents, the second straight quarter the company has reported a decline.

The 22,000-strong Nike workforce will be trimmed by 7 percent, accounting for $30 million to $45 million of up to an estimated $175 million in restructuring costs that will be felt in the fourth quarter.

The disappointing news came after Nike has weathered persistent criticism about working conditions in factories run by Third World subcontractors.

And after years of spending millions to put its logo on sports stars such as Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods, Nike also has been lucky to dodge the various scandals in professional sports.

Nike is far from the rebellious upstart of the early 1970s, when Knight was selling his waffle running shoes out of the back of his car. Now it's a behemoth whose $9.6 billion in annual sales dominates the industry.

The company faces competition for the lucrative youth market.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, March 20, 1998

In the year ahead, you finally might get certain paybacks that are long overdue. What you receive will enhance your security both tangibly and intangibly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your financial aspects are extremely encouraging for the next few days. If you don't add to your holdings or cut loses, you'll have only yourself to blame. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you hope to impress others with your ideas today, you must express them with conviction. Enthusiasm will give a boost to what you have to offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Things will go smoother for you today if you inch back in a situation where you share a mutual interest, enabling associates to assert themselves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today has rewarding potential, provided you align yourself with people who take what they do seriously. Do not let the malingers hold you back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Significant steps can be taken today toward an objective you're anxious to achieve. It will require all your dedication and focus to pull it off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A domineering individual may try to dissuade today you from using your plans. If you think what you have to offer is better, don't yield any ground.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There are some important adjustments stirring at this time. They should be positive and have far-reaching effects for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Partnerships look promising for you today. There could be two adjustments in this area that will be worth pursuing and executing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Remuneration you deserve is not going to be denied you. Conditions are moving in ways where you'll be in position for your proper entitlements.

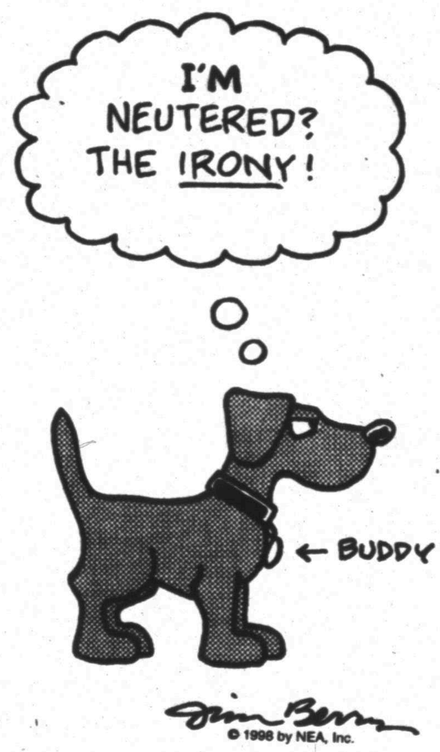
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) To the casual observer, your accomplishment might appear to be lucky, but it will be your bright mind and hard work that makes it happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will have an amazing amount of reserve upon which you can draw today if required. Do not let the size or scope of the challenge scare you off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In order to get your terms today, you may have to be a bit firmer than usual so your associates will take you seriously when you make an offer.

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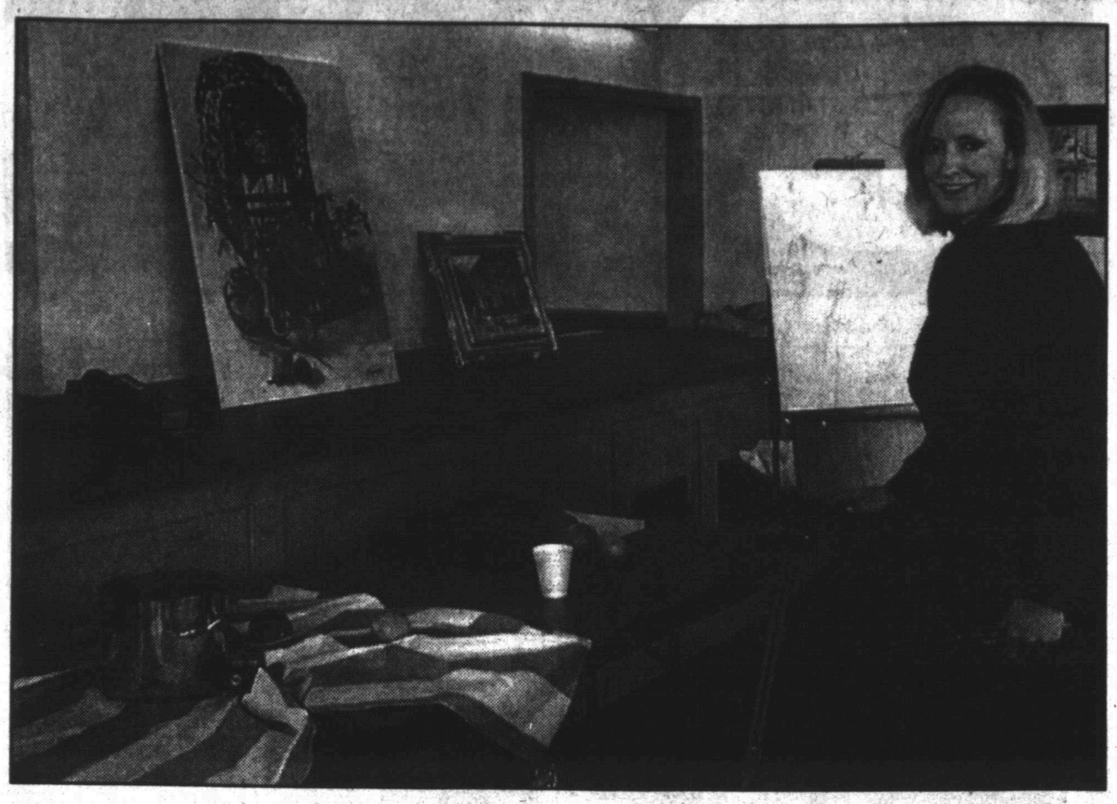
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LESSON IN OILS — Janet Bybel, artist from Levelland, gave a demonstration in oils to the Palette Club. The Palette Club meets every second and fourth Thursdays, September through May from 9 a.m until 4 p.m. Rachel Martin will give a program in watercolors at next Thursday's meeting. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Break for breakfast



Studies have shown a nutritious morning meal jump starts your day. Breakfast appears to increase concentration and creativity and helps regulate hunger, making it easier for the body to steadily burn calories throughout the day. Breakfast eaters also tend to have higher intakes of important vitamins and minerals.

Juice, ready-to-eat cereal and milk are a simple way to start the day. For a change of pace, try equally effortless *Mochaccino Breakfast*. This morning eye-opener features layers of puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal with a mixture of coffee and chocolate nonfat yogurts. Best of all, it weighs in at just 220 calories and 3 grams fat per serving.

Mochaccino Breakfast

2 servings

- 1 container (8 oz.) coffee nonfat yogurt
- 1 container (6 oz.) chocolate nonfat yogurt
- 2 cups *Quaker* puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal
- 1-1/2 tablespoons toasted sliced almonds

Combine yogurts; lightly swirl together with spoon. In two glasses or cereal bowls, alternate layers of cereal and yogurt mixture, dividing evenly. Sprinkle with almonds.

Nutrition Information (1/2 of recipe): Calories 220, Fat 3g, Cholesterol less than 5mg, Sodium 110mg, Dietary Fiber 2g, Protein 12g.

Labrador Loren makes 911 call

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — The 911 dispatcher took the call but heard only heavy breathing. It was Sophia Loren on the line, but she couldn't answer.

Police were on the way to investigate by the time Kenosha County dispatcher Diane Chromik learned the call had somehow been placed by a 6-month-old Labrador puppy with the same name as the film star.

"All I could hear was panting and the phone being moved on the floor," Chromik said.

Sophia's owner, Nancy Brady, said she had a cold and was sleeping Wednesday when the phone rang. She decided to let voice-mail answer it.

But the sound apparently intrigued the puppy, prompting her to knock the phone from the dining room table, play with the device and somehow push the emergency numbers.

That's when Chromik answered. "At first, all I could hear was heavy breathing," she said.

Brady woke up to the electronic tone of buttons on the phone, placed innocently between Sophia's paws. Chromik said she heard someone say "Bad dog!" and hang up.

Following policy, Chromik called back to make sure everyone was OK.

Chromik called off the police. "It gave everybody a nice break and a laugh," Chromik said.

Communiy Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North	03-19-98
♠ K Q J 8 7 6	
♥ K Q 4	
♦ K J 2	
♣ 2	

West	East
♠ 5 3 2	♠ 4
♥ 9 8 5	♥ J 10 7 2
♦ 6	♦ Q 9 8 7 5 3
♣ K Q 9 8 7 4	♣ J 10

South
♠ A 10 9
♥ A 6 3
♦ A 10 4
♣ A 6 5 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	7 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

The modern quandary

By Phillip Alder

I spend much time mediating — as Mrs. Malaprop might have said — over the bidding sequences I give in this column. Should I stick to methods from the 1950s because most readers probably still use them? Or should I bring everyone into the 1990s? As regular readers will know, I lean toward the latter. I hope you agree with Dr. Samuel Johnson, who pointed out, "Curiosity is one of the most permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect." And there's always something to be gleaned from the play.

This deal features three modern bids that enjoy ubiquitous use in tournament bridge. First, North uses a transfer bid, his two-heart response showing at least five spades. Then he makes a splinter bid: an unusual jump to show slam interest in spades with at most one club. After South cue-bids, North uses Roman Key Card Blackwood, the modern ace-asking convention that includes the trump king as a fifth "ace." Finally, North bids an optimistic grand slam.

Now South exhibits his declarer-play expertise. Having to find the diamond queen, he sets out on a voyage of discovery. After winning with the club ace, South ruffs a club in the dummy, plays a trump to hand, ruffs a club, crosses to hand with a trump, draws the last trump, and cashes his heart tricks. What has South learned?

He knows that West began with three spades, at least three hearts and six clubs. So, he has at most one diamond. Declarer cashes dummy's diamond king, then runs the diamond jack. Nicely played!

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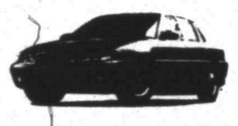
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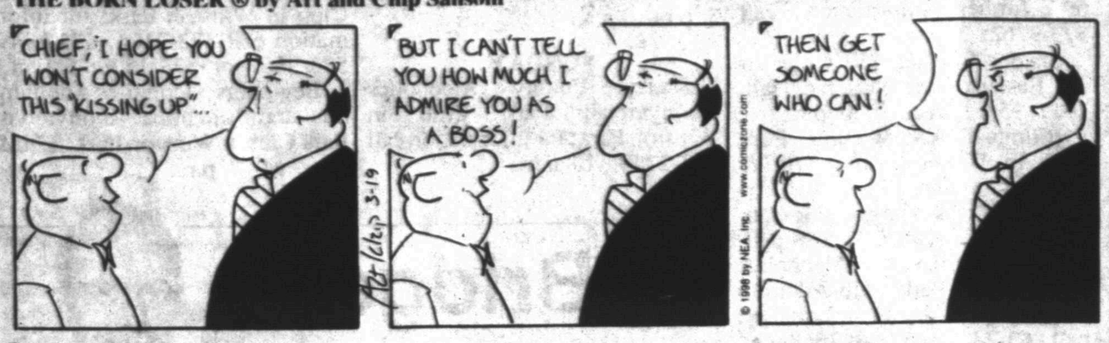
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6 Acting award
10 Not awake
12 Fashion photographer Richard —
14 — d' (restaurant employee)
15 Father or mother
16 Sched. abbr.
17 Burst
19 Impulsive
20 Museum object
23 Takes a jet
26 Singing syllable
27 Mao — -tung
30 Auto safety device (2 wds.)
32 Regal fur
34 Dried grape
35 One of the Barrymores
36 CIA's predecessor
37 Joyful exclamation
39 Snoops
40 TV's Maria —
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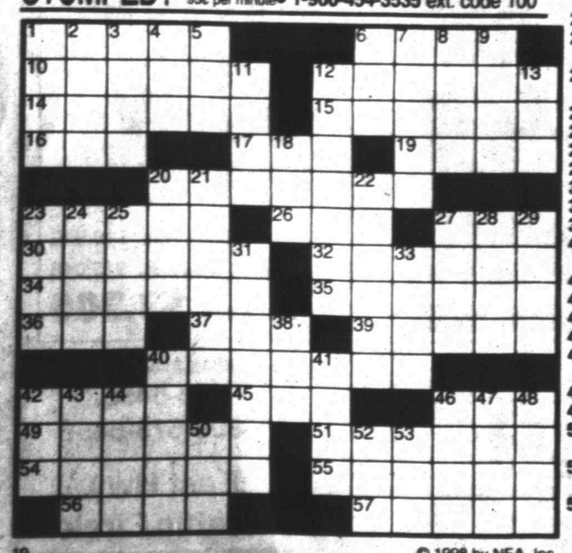
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13 — degree
18 Meal scrap
20 Young socialites
21 Hebrew prophet
22 Leatherneck
23 Gambling game
24 Geological division
25 Eye part
27 Cans
28 Old dagger
29 Skinny fishes
31 Knotty
33 Anchor
38 Move quickly
40 Rhode Island, for one
41 Electrical unit
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53 Carnival city

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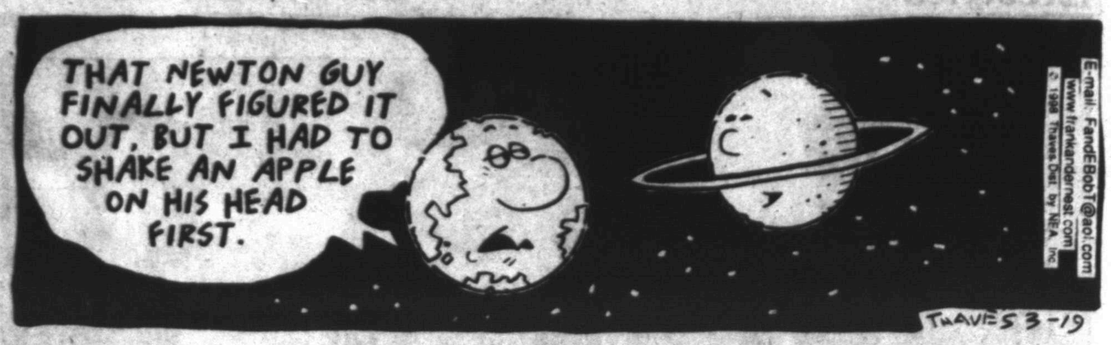
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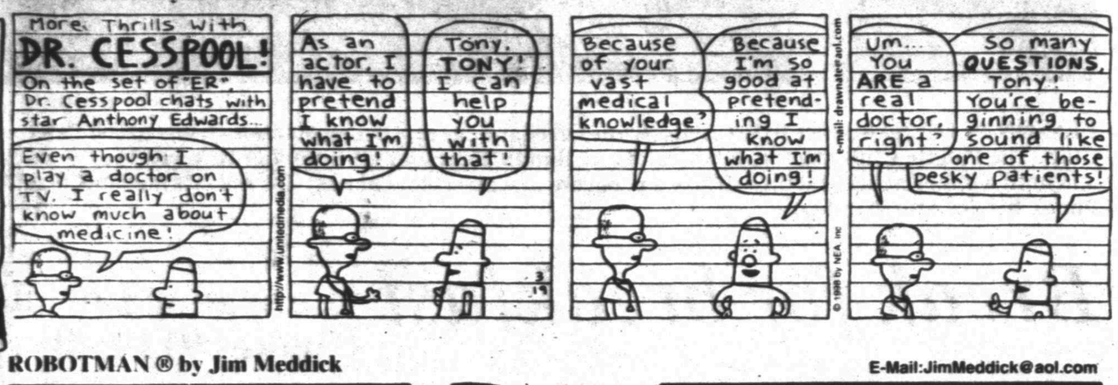
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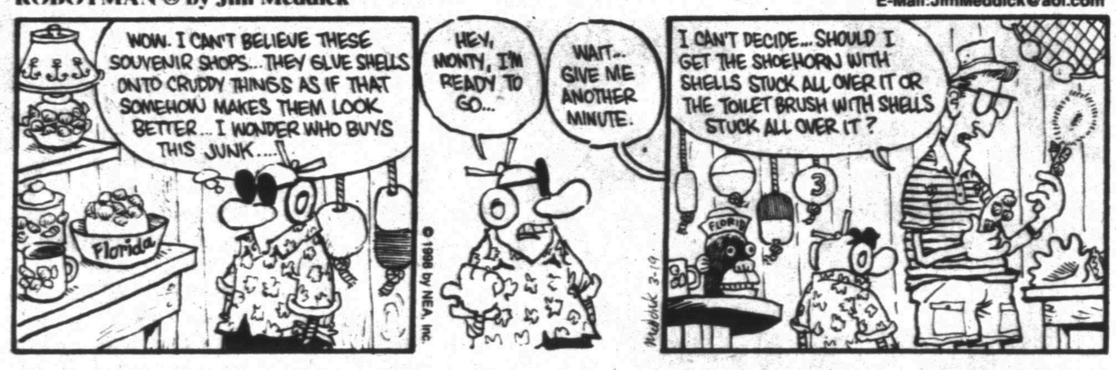
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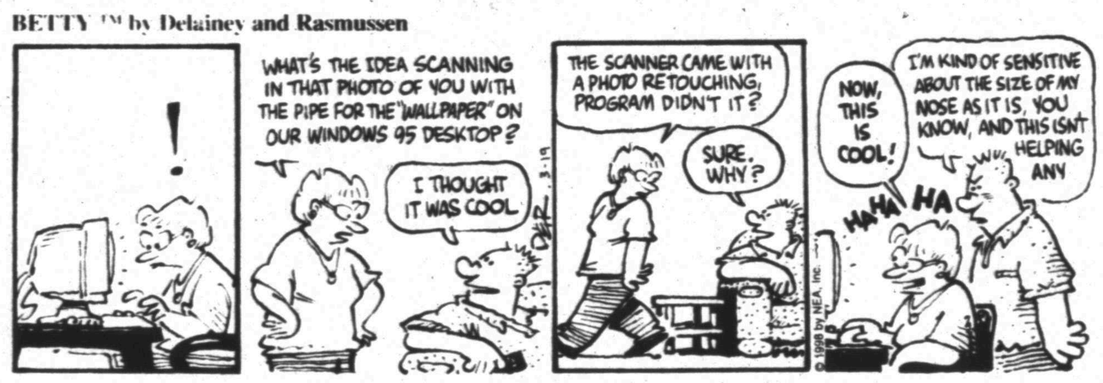
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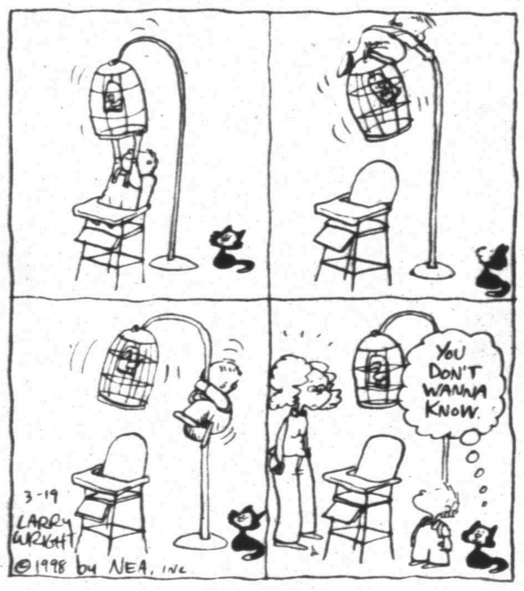
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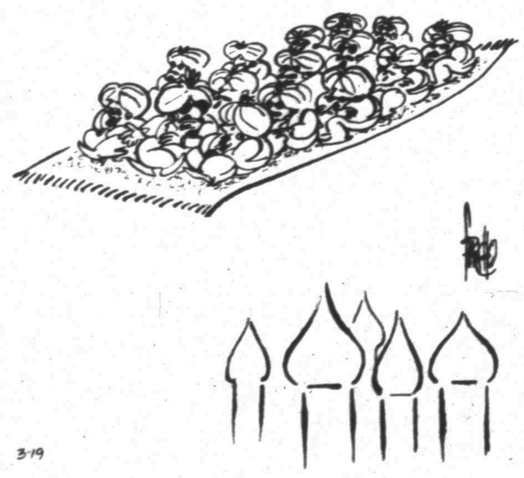
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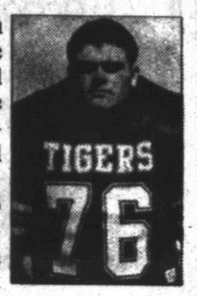
"What happened! Did I touch a nerve?"



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SPORTS

Tiger tackle signs with Greyhounds



When Dustin Fish finishes the Tiger baseball season, it will be time to concentrate on football again.

Fish, a 6-6 255-pound senior, has signed a letter of intent with Eastern New Mexico University.

Other schools showed interest in the 2-4A first-team all-district selection, but the Greyhounds made the best offer.

"UTEP wanted me to walk on, but I really wanted a scholarship," Fish said. "Eastern New Mexico offered me practically a full ride and the UTEP coaches said they would keep an eye one me. In a couple of years I wouldn't mind transferring to a Division I school."

ENMU will likely use Fish as an offensive tackle.

The Tiger senior is currently first baseman on Snyder's 12-2 baseball team, a sport he enjoys as much as football.

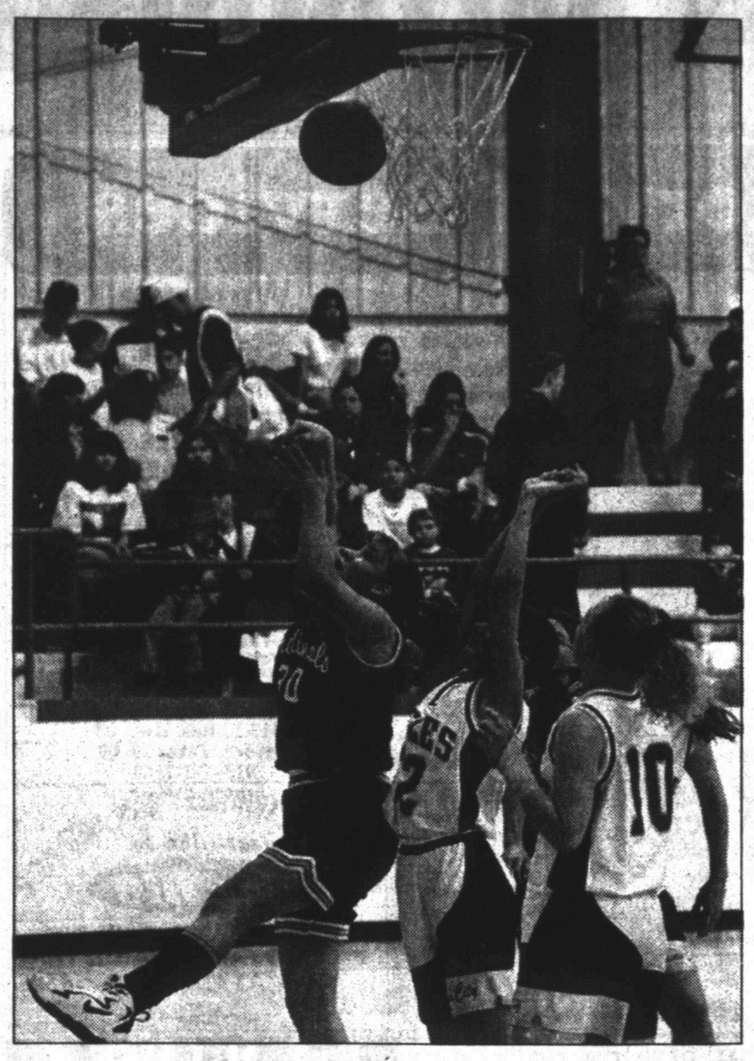
"I would like to walk on in baseball, but I don't know if I'll be able to," Fish remarked. "I really enjoy baseball and I don't want to give it up."

When he reports for two-a-days in August, Fish is well aware of the work he'll have to put in.

"The talent level of my opponents will be much higher in college," he stated. "I need to put on some weight and get quicker between now and August. But once I get there, the most important thing is making my grades."

Fish is yet undecided on a major. He is considering communications, as ENMU is considered to have one of the top Mass Communications departments in the area.

Dustin is the son of David and Dawn Fish.



Jennifer Roemisch

Roemisch leads area six-man hoop honors

Hermleigh's Jennifer Roemisch leads a group of area basketball players receiving honors this year.

Roemisch, a junior on the Lady Cardinals' bi-district playoff squad, was named the District 25-A Most Valuable Player and was a first-team selection to the Six-Man Coaches Association all-state team.

Larry Lambaren, the Cardinals' senior guard, was also named as his district's MVP.

Ira High School placed two underclassmen on the 27-A Girls All-District team. Junior Terri Robinson and freshman Morgan Clements nabbed honors for the Lady Bulldogs. Sophomore Jamee Goolsby received honorable mention.

For the Bulldogs, sophomore Jerek Brown made the 27-A squad, with classmates Drew Wall and Logan Daves taking honorable mention.

Joining Roemisch on the 25-A girls team were senior Melissa Brasuel and sophomores Kendra Dacus and Brandy Wood.

For the Cards, seniors Jason Hernandez and Johnny Garza were selected along with sophomore Caleb Callaway.

Surprising Mountaineers look to shock Runnin' Utes

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — West Virginia's Mountaineers have surprised just about everyone with their two NCAA tournament victories — except themselves.

"We deserve to be here," said Jarrod West, whose 3-point bank shot in the final seconds gave the 10th-seeded Mountaineers a 75-74 victory over second-seeded Cincinnati in a second-round game last Saturday.

West Virginia is one of three teams seeded 10th or higher to reach the final 16, along with Valparaiso, seeded 13th in the Midwest, and Washington, 11th in the East.

"Three weeks ago, we were ranked 15th in the country, then we had a little slippage," West said. "Once you get into the tournament, seeding doesn't matter."

Temple and Cincinnati can attest to that. The Mountaineers, who lost their last three regular-season games and five of their last eight, overpowered the seventh-seeded Owls 82-52 before disposing of the highly regarded Bearcats.

Now, West Virginia (24-8) takes on third-seeded Utah (27-3) tonight at the Anaheim Arena in a West Regional semifinal matchup.

The winner will play the winner of the second game, between Arizona and Maryland, on Saturday for a berth in the Final Four.

West Virginia's late-season problems started with a back injury to Damian Owens, its top scorer and second-leading rebounder.

"Our best player got hurt when we were 19-3," West Virginia coach Gale Catlett said. "We were not the same team at that time. Plus, we played nine of our last 12 games on the road.

"If Owens wouldn't have gotten hurt, we would have been, at worst, a five or six seed. In a way, though, it's not too bad the way it worked out."

West Virginia's pressing, high-speed style of play is diametrically opposed to Utah's halfcourt game.

The last thing Utah coach Rick Majerus wants is an up-tempo pace, something that wouldn't have been so bad last year with All-American Keith Van Horn, now with the New Jersey Nets, leading the way.

"This year's team and last year's are dramatically different," Majerus said. "We lost our three best athletes. This team is not as athletic.

"If this becomes a dunkarama," he said, his voice trailing off, "if I had my druthers, I'd rather have last year's team back, and I don't mean that disparagingly."

Majerus said this year's team has done a terrific job on defense and on the boards.

"They are committed to defending and helping each other," he said.

The Utes reached the West Regional finals last year before losing to Kentucky 72-59. Kentucky went on to lose to Arizona in the championship game.

West Virginia, on the other hand, is in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1992, and has reached the final 16 for the first time since 1959, when Hall of Famer Jerry West led the Mountaineers to the title game against California.

"You're better off having been here (the final 16)," Majerus said. "These guys are ready. We're not going to lose because of a lack of focus."

The experience of facing pressing teams in San Francisco and Arkansas should help Utah tonight. And the presence of point guard Andre Miller won't hurt, either.

"He's good enough to demand two guys running at him and creating 4-on-3s," teammate Drew Hansen said. "When we have 4-on-3s, I like our odds."

Catlett said his team will do its best to play at a fast tempo, while Utah generally prefers a slower pace.

"You can't change what you do," Catlett said.

Springers tumble into meet victory

Snyder Springers captured first place at the Snyder Invitational District II—Division I Meet recently at the SHS gymnasium.

The Springers' score of 32.65 edged the Tumble T's of Brownfield which posted a 31.21. Third place went to Texas Tornadoes of Comanche.

The Springers will be in action again April 4 in Midland at the District Meet. The state-wide competition will be held May 2 in Amarillo.

SNYDER MEET RESULTS

Tumbling: first-place finishers

Emma Coonrod, Courtney Ward, Savannah Valdez, Darian Clayton, Sarah Cearley, Kelsi Fulford, Jaclyn DeLeon, Halie Merket, Tana Sullenger, Terryn Autry, Katie Wall, Heather Polk, Katie Neves and Jade Taggart.

Tumbling: other finishers

2. Tyson Sullenger, Shelbie Talavera and Brandi Russell; 3. Melanie Kariainen; 4. Laramie Gilbert; 5. Teryn Sullenger; 8. Jessica DeLeon.

Trampoline

1. Tyson Sullenger, Courtney Ward, Sarah Cearley, Jessica DeLeon, Heather Polk, Katie Neves and Jade Taggart; 2. Darian Clayton, Shelbie Talavera, Melanie Kariainen and Jaclyn DeLeon, 3. Emma Coonrod, Laramie Gilbert, Kelsi Fulford and Brandi Russell; 5. Savannah Valdez, Teryn Sullenger, Terryn Autry and Katie Wall; 6. Halie Merket and Tana Sullenger; 7. Megan Kariainen.

NCAA Basketball Championships

EAST REGIONAL
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 19
North Carolina (32-3) vs. Michigan State (22-7), 7:39 p.m.
Connecticut (31-4) vs. Washington (20-9), 9:59 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 21
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
At Tropicana Field
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 20
Duke (31-3) vs. Syracuse (26-8), 7:39 p.m.
Kentucky (31-4) vs. UCLA (24-8), 9:59 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 22
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
At The Kiel Center
St. Louis
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 20
Purdue (28-7) vs. Stanford (28-4), 8:05 p.m.
Rhode Island (24-8) vs. Valparaiso (23-9), 10:25 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 22
Semifinal winners, 2:40 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 19
West Virginia (24-8) vs. Utah (27-3), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (29-4) vs. Maryland (21-10), 10:25 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 21
Semifinal winners, 3:40 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 28
First game starts at 5:42 p.m.
East champion vs. West champion
South champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
Monday, March 30
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

Second inning powers Ranger win

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Tom Goodwin's two-run single led to a four-run second inning for Texas against struggling Jason Schmidt and the Rangers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-3 Wednesday.

Rick Helling pitched three-hit ball over six innings as Texas improved its major league-leading spring record to 15-6.

The Rangers opened a 5-0 lead in the second against Schmidt, who allowed seven runs on eight hits over five innings. Rusty Greer was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Juan Gonzalez had a sacrifice fly and an RBI single.

Schmidt, whose ERA rodse to 8.25, has labored all spring to throw an effective breaking ball and find a rhythm.

"When do I get mad? I was mad three games ago," said Schmidt, Pittsburgh's No. 2 starter. "Whatever it is, I've got to get it out of my system."

Texas has won three in a row, five of six and eight of 10.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates chose right-hander John Burkett as the opening day starter March 31 against the White Sox, then left the team to be with his wife, Gloria, who underwent surgery in Virginia. Oates is expected to return Friday.

Bench coach Bucky Dent managed the Rangers in Oates' absence.

NY Mets down Astros, 7-2

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — Butch Huskey went 3-for-3 with two homers and five RBIs to lead the New York Mets to a 7-2 victory Wednesday over the Houston Astros.

Huskey's second and third home runs of the spring, and all his RBIs, came against loser John Halama. The Mets' right fielder raised his spring training average to .257.

New York's Bernard Gilkey hit a solo homer in the first inning, and Huskey added a two-run shot to give the Mets a 3-0 lead and make a winner of Dave Mlicki. He pitched five innings, gave up three hits, two runs, struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

Huskey added a double in the third inning and a three-run homer in the fifth. Halama allowed all seven New York on nine hits in five innings.

Houston's runs came in the fifth. Richard Hidalgo doubled, and Ricky Gutierrez singled. Then Ray Montgomery hit a run-scoring grounder and Russ Johnson a sacrifice fly.

Sports Briefs

Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its monthly tournament Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

Format will be a two-man scramble. Entry fee is $5. Anyone wishing to become a member of the MGA is welcome.

For more information contact the WTC pro shop at 573-8511 ext. 285.

All-Star tryouts

Tryouts for Little Dribblers Senior All-Stars will be held Monday at 6 p.m. in the Snyder High School gymnasium.

Two teams will be chosen. A $35 membership fee to the Boys and Girls Club must be paid by all players selected.

For more information contact the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	46	21	.687	-
NewYork	36	29	.554	9
NewJersey	34	32	.515	11½
Washington	34	32	.515	11½
Orlando	33	32	.508	12
Boston	29	36	.446	16
Philadelphia	25	40	.385	20
Central Division				
Chicago	49	17	.742	-
Indiana	45	20	.692	3½
Charlotte	42	24	.636	7
Atlanta	39	25	.609	9
Cleveland	35	30	.538	13½
Detroit	30	36	.455	19
Milwaukee	29	36	.446	19½
Toronto	14	50	.219	34
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-Utah	48	17	.738	-
x-SanAntonio	45	21	.682	3½
Houston	34	31	.523	14
Minnesota	33	33	.500	15½
Vancouver	15	50	.231	33
Dallas	15	51	.227	33½
Denver	8	59	.119	41
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	50	15	.769	-
x-L.A.Lakers	46	19	.708	4
x-Phoenix	44	22	.667	6½
Portland	36	28	.563	13½
Sacramento	26	41	.388	25
L.A.Clippers	15	51	.227	35½
GoldenState	14	51	.215	36

x-clinched playoff berth.

Tuesday's Games

Denver 90, Washington 89
Atlanta 117, Toronto 105
New York 100, Philadelphia 96
Orlando 99, Vancouver 92
Chicago 90, Indiana 84
Dallas 99, Boston 93
Houston 96, Milwaukee 91
Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80
Cleveland 96, Portland 82
L.A. Clippers 107, Golden State 102

Wednesday's Games

Miami 94, Vancouver 91
Philadelphia 104, Detroit 96
San Antonio 92, Minnesota 76
Charlotte 111, Utah 85
Seattle 99, L.A. Clippers 80
L.A. Lakers 99, Phoenix 93

Thursday's Games

Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division						
NewJersey	41	17	9	91	191	131
Philadelphia	35	20	10	80	193	148
Washington	31	25	11	73	179	172
N.Y.Rangers	22	29	17	61	169	188
N.Y.Islanders	22	34	10	54	171	188
Florida	18	36	12	48	157	203
TampaBay	15	43	9	39	129	214
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	35	19	14	84	192	158
Montreal	32	26	9	73	194	169
Boston	29	24	13	71	174	160
Buffalo	27	24	15	69	166	156
Ottawa	27	29	11	65	160	168
Carolina	26	33	7	59	160	178
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
x-Dallas	41	16	10	92	204	136
Detroit	37	19	13	87	207	163
St.Louis	36	24	8	80	202	161
Phoenix	26	29	12	64	181	189
Chicago	26	30	11	63	167	165
Toronto	24	35	8	56	157	193
Pacific Division						
Colorado	34	19	16	84	203	172
LosAngeles	31	25	11	73	194	177
Edmonton	26	33	10	62	176	196
SanJose	27	33	7	61	164	179
Vancouver	21	37	11	53	193	240
Calgary	20	34	13	53	176	205
Anaheim	21	37	9	51	158	208

x-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's Games

Chicago 5, Buffalo 3
Vancouver 4, Florida 2
Detroit 4, Edmonton 3
Dallas 4, Los Angeles 3

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Edmonton 2
Washington 1, Carolina 0
N.Y. Islanders 4, Ottawa 4, tie
N.Y. Rangers 2, Montreal 1, OT
New Jersey 3, Anaheim 0
Tampa Bay 4, Vancouver 2
Detroit 5, Toronto 2
Dallas 3, San Jose 1

Thursday's Games

Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
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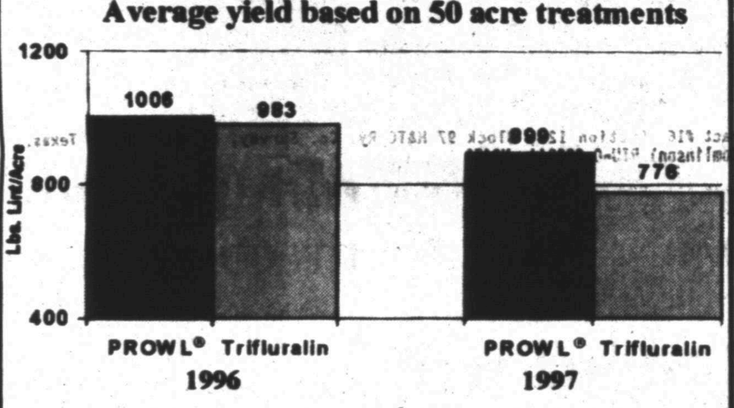
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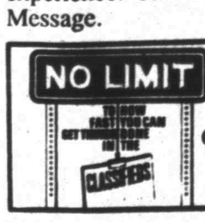
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SUIT NO. 18,047

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VS.

PAUL HARRIS, ET AL.

Tract #1: .031250 RI, J. L. McMillan Lease, H & TC Survey, Section 100, Block 3, Operator-Cockrell Production Co., Scurry County, Texas. (05-R55050-2215-160)

Tract #2: .0104147 RI, J. L. McMillan Lease, H & TC Survey, Section 100, Block 3, Operator-Cockrell Production Co., Scurry County, Texas. (05-R55050-2215-70)

Date of Judgment: June 8, 1994

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

SUIT NO. 18,740

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

JOE RODRIGUEZ, ET AL.

A tract of land out of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 73, Block 3, H & GN Railway Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 284, page 527, Deed Records, Scurry County, Texas. (R7390)

Date of Judgment: December 7, 1994

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

SUIT NO. 18,969

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

ARLIE THOMAS EICKE, ET AL.

Tract #1: All of Lot 14, Block 2 of the Morningside Addition to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 315, page 709, Deed Records of said County. (R12641)

Tract #3: 0.003069 RI in Sacroc Unit Tract 268- South 162.92 acres of West 320.93 acres of Section No. 209, Block 97, H & TC Ry Co. Survey (MPCO.-A-B. Eicke Lease), Scurry County, Texas. (N1575, N37235)

Tract #4: .005208 and .041666 RI in Sacroc Unit Tract 198-being 37.975 acres out of the upper part of Tract 41, the North boundary of which is along the South right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 180, all in the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands containing in all 100.970 acres, Scurry County, Texas. (N17529)

Tract #5: .005208 RI in Sacroc Unit Ract 198-A being part of Tract 42 and Tract 43, North of the North right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 180 containing 3.597 acres and all of U.S. 180 across said Tract 42 and Tract 43, containing 9.484 acres, containing in all 13.081 acres, in Scurry County, Texas. (N26304, N33618, N39188, N41296)

Tract #6: .007813 RI in Sacroc Unit Tract 288-being the South 1/2 (S/2) of the East 3/4 (E3/4) and the East 1/2 (E/2) of the Northeast 1/4 (NE/4) of the Northeast 1/4 (NE/4) of Section 205, Block 97, H & TC Ry Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas, containing 80 acres of land, more or less. (N28114).

Date of Judgment: May 15, 1997

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,004

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

LORINZO GARCIA, ET AL.

Tract #2: Lot 3, Block 3, Erwin Heights Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in Volume 325, page 725 of the Deed Records, Scurry County, Texas. (R4313)

Tract #3: North one-half of Lot 1, Block 33, Original Townsite of the City of Snyder, as described in Volume 371, page 393 of the Deed Records, Scurry County, Texas. (R5943)

Tract #4: Lot 1, Block 1, Helm Heights Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in Volume 345, page 471 of the Deed Records, Scurry County, Texas. (R7217)

Tract #5: Lot 2, Block 1, Helm Heights Addition to the City of Snyder, as described in Volume 322, page 813 of the Deed Records, Scurry County, Texas. (R7219)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,359

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

L. E. MCCOLLUM, ET AL.

Lot 7, Creswell Subdivision of Block 1, Marshall's Survey in Scarborough Addition, as described in Volume 96, page 63 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R4028)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,419

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

VALERIANO OZUNA, ET AL.

Tract #1: All of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 10, in Block 6 of the D.N. Price Subdivision of Block No. 11 of the Cody Addition to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as the same appears on the map or plat of said Subdivision which is of record in the office of the County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas. (R5044)

Tract #2: Being a 140' x 100' tract of land out of the Southwest corner of Block 6 of the D. N. Price Subdivision of Block 11, of the Cody Addition to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as the same appears on the map or plat of said Subdivision which is of record in the office of the County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas. (R5048)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,471

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

JOHN PAUL SUTHERLAND, ET AL.

Tract #1 Tract 3 of the N/456 acres of Section 98, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.002426 (Robinson) N1156

Tract #2 W/3 of the E/2 of the N3/4 of Section 98, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.002426 (Robinson) N1163

Tract #3 E/76 acres of N/456 acres of Section 98, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.203125 (Waldrip) N2819

Tract #4 N/36 acres of Lot 6 in NW/4 of Section 98, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000547 (Ira Unit Tract 66) N3971

Tract #5 N/36 acres of Lot 6 in NW/4 of Section 98, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.004122 (Ira Unit Tract 66) N3974

Tract #6 Tracts 4 and 5 of N/456 acres of Section 98, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.001850 (Ira Unit Tract 67) N3987

Tract #7 S/40 acres of Lot 6, Section 98, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.004183 (Ira Unit Tract 68) N3999

Tract #8 NW/4 of Section 99, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.001660 (UN Tract 9) N2278

Tract #9 W/2 of SW/4 of NW/4 of Section 99, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.002734 (Hardee). N6717

Tract #10 Section 103, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000911(Thomas). N2298

Tract #11 N 1/4 of SE/4, Section 103, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000911 (Thomas-A-). N2350

Tract #12 E/2 of NE/4 and NE/4 of NW/4 of NE/4 of Section 103, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000912 (Ira Unit Tract 58). N3939

Tract #13 E/2 of NE/4 and NW/4 of NE/4 of Section 103, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000912 (Willard). N55071

Tract #14 N/2 of SE/4 of Section 114, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000521 (Ira Unit Tract 55). N3826

Tract #15 N/2 of SE/4 of Section 114, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000781 (Ira Unit Tract 55) N3828

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Tract #19 N\2 of SW\4 of Section 179, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000022 (Sacroc Unit Tract 19-A). N2156

Tract #20 SW/4 of Section 179, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000022 (McLaughlin). N7279

Tract #21 SE/4 of Section 179, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-NONE LISTED (McLaughlin-B-). N7292

Tract #22 Section 181, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000195 (Diamond-M-Unit Tract 8). N3374

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Tract #25 E/120 acres of SW.4 of Section 249, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County Texas. RIU-0.002604 (Sacroc Unit Tract 217). N1269

Tract #26 W/2 of W/2 of Section 252. Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000223 (Sacroc Unit Tract 171). N6971

Tract #27 E/2 of W.2 of Section 252, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000223 (Sacroc Unit Tract 172). N7014

Tract #28 W10 acres of NW/4 of Section 251 and E284 acres of Section 252, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-000934 (Sacroc Unit Tract 173). N7092

Tract #29, NE/4 of Section 251, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000391 (Sacroc Unit Tract 176). N7245

Tract #30 SW/4 of Section 394, Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.0001516 (Sacroc Unit Tract 25). N4590

Tract #31 E/160 ac. of the N/240 ac. of Section 177, Block 3 H&GN Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000156 (Sacroc Unit Tract 129). N6415

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Tract #35 E/2 of Tract 12, Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Section 20, Block 1 J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000147391 (Sacroc Unit Tract 53). N5071

Tract #36 E/2 of Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000078 (Sacroc Unit Tract 75). N5408

Tract #37 NE/4 of Section 16, and SE/4 of Section 17, Block 1, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000391 (Sacroc Unit Tract 138). N6493

Tract #38 NW/4 of Section 16, Block 1, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000391 (Sacroc Unit Tract 141). N6514

Tract #39 S/pt of Section 40, and the N/pt. of Section 39, Kirkland & Fields Survey, Scurry County Texas. RIU-0.000391 (Sacroc Unit Tract 143). N6532

Tract #40 Tract 31, Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Section 39, Kirkland & Fields Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-000388(Sacroc Unit Tract 203). N7417

Tract #41 W/pt of Section 120, Block 97 H&TC Ry.Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Southland Royalty Co). N2032

Tract #42 Tracts 6, 18, 19, 22, and 32 in Sections 164, 179, 180, and 183 of Block 97 H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. RIU-0.000022 (Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit). N2042

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

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SUIT NO. 19,547

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

VIRGINIA ESCARENO, ET AL.

The North 100' of Lot 5 and the North 100' of the West 7' of Lot 6, Block 51, Wilmeth Addition, City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as decribed in Volume 399, page 705, Deed Records of said County. (R7056)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,723

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

BOBBY HERNANDEZ, ET AL.

Lot 5, Block 5, Eastland Subdivision, Scurry County, Texas, as decribed in Volume 366, page 873, Deed Records of said County. (R8305)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,726

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

ROY MALDONADO, ET AL.

The North 75' of the East 75' of Lot 4, Block 38, Original Town of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as decribed in Volume 402, page 831, Deed Records of said County. (R6079)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,752

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

YOLANDA PEDROZA, ET AL.

Lot 5, Block 49, of the Wilmeth Addition to the City of Snyder, being more particularly described in Volume 359, page 457, Official Records of Scurry County, Texas. (R7015)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

SUIT NO. 19,825

SCURRY COUNTY

VS.

EDGAR L. WILLIAMS, ET AL.

A 12.7865 acre tract of land, being Lot 13, Round Top Acres Subdivision Sections 185 & 186, Block 3, H & GN RR Co. Surveys, except the Southwest 6.3933 acres thereof, as described in Volume 346, page 173, Deed Records of said County. (R11253)

Date of Judgment: September 3, 1997

Date of Levy: March 3, 1998

Listed in the caption above are delinquent tax suits in which Judgments of Foreclosure have been rendered and Orders of Sale have been issued. The listing for each suit sets out: (1) the Cause Number; (2) the Plaintiff Tax Unit; (3) the Defendants; (4) the date of the Judgment; (5) the date of Levy; and (6) the Property Description.

Under the Order of Sale issued pursuant to each Judgment above listed, I did at the time specified for each suit levy upon each Property in such suit as described above as the property of the Defendants named or designated in such suit. On the sale date specified above, which is the first Tuesday of said month, I will offer and sell at public auction, for cash, each property described above, and all the right, title, interest and estate in and to each such property owned or claimed by the Defendants named in connection with each such property; PROVIDED, however, that no property shall be sold directly or indirectly to anyone other than a Tax Unit which is a party to that specific suit for less than the total amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs due against that particular property or any adjudged value decreed, whichever is lower.

The Foreclosure Sales under this Notice will be held on the first Tuesday of said month, at the Courthouse door of said County, at the time set out above, by and through the LAW OFFICE OF HENRY GATES STEEN, JR., P.C., 3001 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 306, Austin, Texas 78705, Telephone (512) 476-4688 and Telecopier (512) 476-0325, my authorized representative. The sale of each property shall be subject to the rights of the Defendants named in connection with each particular property, and any successors in title, to redeem such specified property in the time and manner provided by law; and subject also to the rights of any defendants to have each particular property owned or claimed by such defendants divided and sold in less divisions than the whole as provided by law. The sale as to each property is to be made to satisfy the Judgment rendered against that particular property and the Defendants named in connection with that particular property. The proceeds of the Sale of each property are to be applied to the satisfaction of the Judgment against that particular property, and the remainder of the sale proceeds, if any, are to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Snyder, Texas on this the 4 day of March, 1998.

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Darren Jackson, Sheriff

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Tuberculosis epidemic out of control

LONDON (AP) — A tuberculosis epidemic is out of control in many countries and unless action is taken nearly 1 billion more people will become infected and 70 million will die in the next two decades, the World Health Organization says.

At a three-day meeting in London that ends Thursday, public health and tuberculosis experts have been assessing whether 22 countries which account for 80 percent of the world's TB cases are making progress towards controlling the infectious disease.

"The TB epidemic is now increasing in many countries, with devastating consequences," WHO said in a statement summarizing a report to be released Thursday. "This year, more people will die of TB than in any other year in history."

Tuberculosis, which attacks mainly the lungs, intestines, skin and brain, is a bigger killer than malaria and AIDS combined, and kills more women than all the combined causes of maternal mortality. Every year, between 2 and 3 million people die from TB, including 100,000 children, the Geneva-based U.N. agency said.

In 1993, WHO took an unprecedented step and declared tuberculosis a global emergency. Between 1993 and 1996, TB cases increased 13 percent worldwide.

Experts on the Ad Hoc Commission on the Global Tuberculosis Epidemic have been examining new data to see how well the 22 worst-affected countries are meeting WHO's global targets of detecting 70 percent of infectious TB cases and curing 85 percent of those by the year 2000.

The countries are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda and Vietnam.

One-third of the world's population is infected with the TB bacillus, and between 5 and 10 percent will become sick with pulmonary TB during their lifetime, the WHO said. Only those who are sick are infectious, and they can transmit the disease by coughing, talking or spitting.

"It is estimated that between now and 2020, nearly 1 billion more people will be newly infected, 200 million people will get sick, and 70 million will die from TB — if control is not strengthened," the group said.

According to the WHO, there are nearly 3 million new TB cases in southeast Asia every year and nearly 2 million new cases in sub-Saharan Africa.

Father disappears from boat on lake

AUSTIN (AP) — A bath towel on a limestone ledge and an empty fire extinguisher are among the few clues in the disappearance of Bill Crumpacker, who vanished from his boat and left his two young sons behind.

Divers were continuing the search Wednesday for the 37-year-old Dell Computer marketing manager, said Sgt. Gordon Dye of the Travis County sheriff's department.

Crumpacker, accompanied by 6-year-old Clark and 4-year-old Aaron, anchored his 26-foot cabin cruiser in Little Devil's Hollow on Lake Travis Monday evening. All were eager to spend the night aboard the boat.

But when the boys awoke Tuesday morning, their father was gone.

"We just don't know what happened to him. All I know is, he's got some brave kids," Travis County Sheriff's Deputy Dale Boring said Tuesday.

Crumpacker, an experienced boater and swimmer, had just retrieved the boat from a repair shop, the Austin American-Statesman reported. It was anchored near shore in about 35 feet of water.

The boys told deputies that Crumpacker lit several flares on the boat, evidently to keep warm. Deputies surmise the man used a fire extinguisher to put them out when they burned too brightly.

Crumpacker called his wife at 10 p.m. and told her that he and the boys were getting ready to go to bed, said his brother-in-law, Glen George of Austin. He said the boys mentioned he planned to take a swim because he had gotten dirty and wanted to clean off.

About midnight, Crumpacker told his sons he was going swimming.

"That's the last anyone saw of him," said Sgt. Tim Gage. He said the boys fell asleep and found their father was gone in the morning. Clark used his father's cellular phone to call his mother.

"When he realized his daddy was gone, he just picked up the cell phone and dialed home. He's a sharp boy," Boring said.

A blue bath towel half-wrapped around a bush near the edge of the bank indicated that Crumpacker climbed up on the shore at some point. Deputies said both batteries on the boat were dead.

Markets — Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	142⅛	141	5-16	142⅜+ ⅛
AT&T Corp	65⅛	65	1-16	65⅛+ 3-16
AirTouch	47⅞	46⅞	46⅞—	3-16
Albertsons	54⅝	54⅛	54	3-16— 1-16
AlldSignal s		42⅛	41⅜	42 1-16
Alltel	44½	43¾	44	5-16+ 5-16
AmOnline s	62	60⅝	61	13-16—1 11-16
AmStoress		25⅛	25⅜	25 7-16
Ameritech s		47	7-16	46⅞ 47 1-16
Amoco	86¼	85	5-16	85⅛— 1-16
AndarkPtr	62	15-16	62	3-16 62¾+ 9-16
Armcolnc		5	15-16	5 13-16 5⅞
AtlRichfld s	77⅛	76	9-16	77⅛+1 3-16
ATMOS Egy		29	29	29 + 1-16
Aviall		15⅛	15	3-16 15 3-16
BakerHughes	41⅞	40⅝	40	15-16— 7-16
BellAtl	101⅛	99	9-16	101 1-16+1 1-16
BellSouth	62¼	61⅛	62	5-16+11-16
BethSteel	14⅞	14	5-16	14⅝+11-16
BritPet s	86⅞	86	7-16	86⅝+3 1-16
BurlNoSFe	103⅞	102⅝	103⅛+ ⅛	
CBS Corp	32	1-16	31⅜	31 13-16— ⅛
Caterpillar s	57⅞	57	3-16	57⅜—11-16
CenSoWst	27	3-16	27	27 1-16— 3-16
Chevron	84		83	11-16 83⅞+ ⅛
Chrysler	43⅞		43⅜	43⅝— ⅛
Coastal	65⅛	65	7-16	65½+ 5-16
CocaCola	74⅛		74¼	74½— 5-16
ColgatePalm s	86⅛	85	9-16	85 13-16— ⅛
ComclMetals	35	1-16	34⅛	35 1-16+15-16
Cooperln	59		58⅛	58 13-16+ 3-16
CyprusAmax	16½		16⅜	16 7-16— 1-16
DallSemicn	38	13-16	38	9-16 38 11-16— 1-16
DeltaAirl	121⅛		119⅝	120 11-16+ 9-16
DigitalEq	49		3-16	48⅞ 48¾+ ⅛
Dillards Inc	36¼		36	36⅛+ 1-16
DowChem	94⅛		93	11-16 94⅛+ 3-16
DresserInd	44		43	5-16 43⅜+ 7-16
DuPont s	67	15-16	67	5-16 67 9-16+ ⅛
EastmanChem	67⅛		67	67 1-16— 3-16
EstKodak	62	5-16	61	13-16 61⅞— 3-16
EDS Corp	50	5-16	49⅞	50⅛+ 5-16
Entergy	28		27⅞	27 15-16— ⅛
Exxon	64	15-16	64⅜	64⅜
Flowers s	25		24⅝	24 15-16
FordMotor	62¼		61¼	62 1-16+ 9-16
GTE Cp	56⅜		56	7-16 56⅜+ 1-16
GenDynam	91⅛	89	13-16	90 9-16+1 1-16
GenElecs	80		79	11-16 79 15-16+ ⅛
GenMills	75¼		74⅝	74 15-16
GenMotors	71⅜		71	1-16 71⅜— 3-16
GaPacGP s	67⅛		66	5-16 67 + 3-16
GlobalMar	24⅜		23⅜	23 13-16
Goodrich	51⅛		50	7-16 50⅝— ⅛
Goodyear s	71	3-16	70	13-16 71 — ⅛
GtAtlPac	31	3-16	30	15-16 31 1-16— ⅛
Halliburtn s	45⅞		45	5-16 45⅛+ 9-16
Hanson ADS	30⅛		29⅝	29⅝— ⅛
HarteHanks s	23	3-16	22⅞	22⅞— 5-16
HomeDepot s	68⅝		67⅞	68⅛— ⅛
HoustonInds	27⅛		26	13-16 27 — 1-16
IBM s	102	15-16	101	11-16 102 11-16+ 1⅛
IntlPaper	50		49⅛	49 15-16— 1-16
JohnsonJn	74	13-16	74⅛	74½— 5-16
K mart	16	11-16	16	7-16 16 7-16— ⅛
Kroger s	45		3-16	44 13-16 45
Litton	60		58⅜	59⅛+ ⅜
LockhdMart	116	15-16	114	3-16 116⅛+13-16
Lowes Cos	68⅜		67⅞	68⅛+ 3-16
Lubys	18⅛	18	1-16	18 1-16— 1-16
LucentTech	122	1-16	121	122 +1 5-16
LucentTch wi	61⅛		60⅝	61⅛+11-16
MayDeptStrs	62	15-16	62⅛	62¾— 5-16
Medtronic s	53⅜		53	53⅜+ 3-16
Mobils	75	1-16	74	1-16 74 15-16+ ⅛
Monsanto	52⅜	51	15-16	52 5-16+11-16
MorganJP	134		133	134 + 2
Motorola	55¼		54⅜	55⅛+ 9-16
NCR Corp	33¼		32⅛	33¼+ 7-16
NationsBk	71¾		71⅛	71⅛+ ⅛
Navistar	35		34⅛	34 13-16+ 9-16
Norwests	43	3-16	42⅝	42 15-16— ⅛
OryxEngy	24½		24⅛	24⅛+ 5-16
Penney JC	74⅛		73⅛	73 15-16— 3-16
Pennzoil		65⅛		64⅝ 64⅛
PepBoys	25	11-16	25⅜	25⅛+ 7-16
PepsiCo	42⅝		41⅞	42 — 9-16
PhelpDodge	66⅛	65	13-16	65 13-16— ⅛
PhilipPet	49¾	49	1-16	49 9-16+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd	13⅜	13	13-16	13 13-16
Polaroid	45½		44⅜	44⅝— 1⅛
Praxair	48		47	9-16 47 15-16+ ⅛
ProctGamb s	85	7-16	84	11-16 85 + 5-16
PubSNwMx	23		22	13-16 22⅜— 1-16
RoyalDut s		55	54	9-16 55 + 1
SBC Comm	82	15-16	81⅜	82⅛+13-16
SBC Comm wi	41⅜		41	41 7-16+ 7-16
SaraLee	59	13-16	59	9-16 59 9-16— ⅛
Scripps EW	53	15-16	53⅛	53 15-16+ 1-16
SearsRoeb	58⅛		57⅝	58⅛+ ⅛
SherwinW	34⅞		34½	34⅝+ ⅛
SmthBc ADS s	63	15-16	62⅜	62⅝+11-16
SouthernCo	27⅛		26	15-16 27 + 1-16
SwstAirl s	31		30⅜	30⅝— 7-16
Sprint	70⅜		70¼	70 7-16+ ⅛
SunCo	43		42⅝	42 11-16— 3-16
TNP Ent	32	11-16	32	9-16 32 11-16+ ⅛
Tandy s	47	3-16	46⅞	47 + ⅛
TempleInland	64	13-16	64¼	64 11-16+ ⅛
Tenneco	43	1-16	42¼	42 13-16— 3-16
Texaco s	59	13-16	59	5-16 59 5-16+ 1-16
TexInd		53	7-16	53¼ 53⅜+ ⅜
TexasInst s		55	13-16	54 15-16 55⅛
TexUtil		40	5-16	40⅜ 40⅛
Textron s		74	73	73 —15-16
Travelers s	61¼	60	9-16	60 13-16+ 3-16
TriconGlbR n		29¼	29	29 3-16
TrinityInds		53⅛	52	7-16 53 + 7-16
TritonEngy	34		32	15-16 33¾+1 1-16
Tyler		7⅞	7	9-16 7 11-16
US WestCm		54⅛	54	54⅛+ 3-16
USWstMda	35⅛		35⅛	35 9-16— 3-16
USX-Marathn	36⅞	36	5-16	36 13-16+ 7-16
USX-USS	39	13-16	39	7-16 39⅛
UnCarbde	47	46	13-16	46 15-16— 1-16
UnionPacif	53	7-16	52⅞	53¼+11-16
UnitedTech		91⅞		91⅛ 91⅛+ ⅛
Unocal	39	13-16	39	1-16 39 11-16
WalMart	50	15-16	50	1-16 50 5-16— 7-16
WstnGasRs	17⅞		17⅞	1-16
WinnDixie	59⅜		58⅜	58⅝— 3-16
Woolworth	26½		26⅜	26½— ⅛
Xerox Corp	97⅞		96½	97 3-16— ⅛
ZenithE	7	5-16	7	1-16 7¼+ ⅛

Arrests, burglary, mischief keep area peace officers busy

Two people were taken into custody Wednesday while incidents of criminal mischief and a burglary are under investigation.

Officers were called to A-1 Auto Parts at 12:42 p.m. in reference to a customer using foul language. Officers arrested the 19-year-old male on outstanding warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

A 911 call from the 4400 block of Avenue U at 11 p.m. resulted in the arrest of a 32-year-old male on public intoxication charges.

Officers were called to the 4000 block of Austin Avenue at 8:44 a.m. as a storage building had been broken into. An offense report for burglary was submitted.

Deputies were called to the 400 block of Bonham at 9:35 a.m. in reference to someone pouring sugar into a vehicle's gas tank. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Deputies were notified at 10:11 a.m. that someone had shot a BB gun at a mobile home at the Royal Trailer Park. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

A person requested an officer in the 1100 block of Avenue R shortly after 5 p.m. as he was missing some $200 from his wallet. He told officers he did not want to file a report at this time.

At 11:20 p.m., officers were called to the Park Village Apartments as someone had taken $100 from a resident there.

Deputies were called to the 2500 block of County Road 452 at 8 p.m. in reference to a report of people firing guns from a pickup. The person said the pickup was traveling west on the county road.

The fire department responded to a brush fire at 1708 28th St. at 2:41 p.m. and to a grass fire some 17 miles south of Snyder on Highway 350 at 2:59 p.m.

One person was treated and released at Cogdell Hospital early this morning as a full-size Chevrolet van struck a horse on Highway 180 near the Farmer's Co-Op Gin around 3:30 a.m.

Manuel Mendoza, 38, of Lorenzo, was a passenger in the van. He was tranported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital for treatment in the emergency room.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Ronald Morris, Billie Giles, Evangeline Mireles, Johnnie Tatom.

DISMISSALS: Mozell Hall, Helen Hardiman, Guadalupe Hernandez.

CENSUS: 44 (Med., Surg.-14, Long-term Care-27, CCU-2, OB-1).

Births

Marcus and Karen Anderson of Belton announce the birth of their daughter, BreAnna Taylor Anderson, weighing six pounds, seven ounces. She was born at 3 p.m. on March 18 in Scott and White Hospital in Temple.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson of Snyder and Mrs. John Boone of Gainesville.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

What causes colds?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle a family dispute. I believe that a cold is caused by a virus that is passed from person to person through coughing and sneezing. My husband claims that people get colds if they go out without a jacket or go to bed with wet hair. Who's right?

DEAR READER: You are.

The cold virus is spread by person-to-person contact via water droplets from infected nasal-oral secretions. Thus, you can catch a cold if you are in close proximity to an infected person who sneezes or coughs. The cold virus can also be spread by kissing and by hand-to-mouth contact. For instance, if a cold-sufferer blows his nose and then opens a door, he may leave sufficient virus residue on the doorknob for another person entering the room to get the viruses on her hand, later spread the viruses to her nose or mouth, and come down with a cold several days later.

Going outside on a winter day without a coat (or to bed with wet hair) does not cause colds. However, whether we develop symptoms of a cold often depends on the strength of our immune systems. Becoming chilled or overtired can weaken our immune systems and thus make us susceptible to a variety of virus infections. Therefore, your husband is on the right track, although he is technically incorrect.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of severe asthma, I have been prescribed prednisone for many years. I am now 72. Should I have a bone density test?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt.

Although prednisone, a steroid drug, is a remarkably effective remedy for many diseases (including asthma), it does have serious side effects when taken for extended periods. Such side effects include cataracts, diabetes, changes in mood, weakness, reduction in immunity and osteoporosis. Having taken prednisone for years, you are a prime candidate for some or all of these complications.

A bone density test will indicate how much calcium your bones have lost and whether aggressive anti-osteoporosis therapy is indicated. As you know, osteoporosis is marked by weak and brittle bones that break easily. Therefore, it's important for you to discover how much the prednisone has accelerated this condition. Your doctor can order the test, interpret the results and advise you about the need for therapy.

Also, while you're discussing this situation with your physician, ask him if inhaled steroids might be a better option than prednisone pills. There are several types of cortisone spray, and all are effective in treating asthma without the risks inherent in oral steroids.

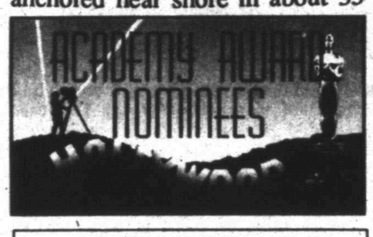
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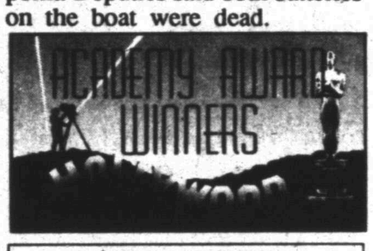
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- ☐ "The Full Monty"
- ☐ "Good Will Hunting"
- ☐ "L.A. Confidential"
- ☐ "Titanic"

BEST ACTOR
- ☐ Matt Damon, "Good Will Hunting"
- ☐ Robert Duvall, "The Apostle"
- ☐ Peter Fonda, "Ulee's Gold"
- ☐ Dustin Hoffman, "Wag the Dog"
- ☐ Jack Nicholson, "As Good As It Gets"

BEST ACTRESS
- ☐ Helena Bonham Carter, "The Wings of the Dove"
- ☐ Julie Christie, "Afterglow"
- ☐ Judi Dench, "(Her Majesty) Mrs. Brown"
- ☐ Helen Hunt, "As Good As It Gets"
- ☐ Kate Winslet, "Titanic"

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR
- ☐ Robert Forster, "Jackie Brown"
- ☐ Anthony Hopkins, "Amistad"
- ☐ Greg Kinnear, "As Good As It Gets"
- ☐ Burt Reynolds, "Boogie Nights"
- ☐ Robin Williams, "Good Will Hunting"

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS
- ☐ Kim Basinger, "L.A. Confidential"
- ☐ Joan Cusack, "In and Out"
- ☐ Minnie Driver, "Good Will Hunting"
- ☐ Julianne Moore, "Boogie Nights"
- ☐ Gloria Stuart, "Titanic"

BEST DIRECTOR
- ☐ Peter Cattaneo, "The Full Monty"
- ☐ Gus Van Sant, "Good Will Hunting"
- ☐ Curtis Hanson, "L.A. Confidential"
- ☐ Atom Egoyan, "The Sweet Hereafter"
- ☐ James Cameron, "Titanic"

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1982 "Gandhi"
1983 "Terms of Endearment"
1984 "Amadeus"
1985 "Out of Africa"
1986 "Platoon"
1987 "The Last Emperor"
1988 "Rain Man"
1989 "Driving Miss Daisy"
1990 "Dances With Wolves"
1991 "The Silence of the Lambs"
1992 "Unforgiven"
1993 "Schindler's List"
1994 "Forrest Gump"
1995 "Braveheart"
1996 "The English Patient"

BEST ACTOR
1982 Ben Kingsley, "Gandhi"
1983 Robert Duvall, "Tender Mercies"
1984 F. Murray Abraham, "Amadeus"
1985 William Hurt, "Kiss of the Spider Woman"
1986 Paul Newman, "The Color of Money"
1987 Michael Douglas, "Wall Street"
1988 Dustin Hoffman, "Rain Man"
1989 Daniel Day-Lewis, "My Left Foot"
1990 Jeremy Irons, "Reversal of Fortune"
1991 Anthony Hopkins, "The Silence of the Lambs"
1992 Al Pacino, "Scent of a Woman"
1993 Tom Hanks, "Philadelphia"
1994 Tom Hanks, "Forrest Gump"
1995 Nicolas Cage, "Leaving Las Vegas"
1996 Geoffrey Rush, "Shine"

BEST ACTRESS
1982 Meryl Streep, "Sophie's Choice"
1983 Shirley MacLaine, "Terms of Endearment"
1984 Sally Field, "Places in the Heart"
1985 Geraldine Page, "The Trip to Bountiful"
1986 Marlee Matlin, "Children of a Lesser God"
1987 Cher, "Moonstruck"
1988 Jodie Foster, "The Accused"
1989 Jessica Tandy, "Driving Miss Daisy"
1990 Kathy Bates, "Misery"
1991 Jodie Foster, "The Silence of the Lambs"
1992 Emma Thompson, "Howards End"
1993 Holly Hunter, "The Piano"
1994 Jessica Lange, "Blue Sky"
1995 Susan Sarandon, "Dead Man Walking"
1996 Frances McDormand, "Fargo"

Lawmakers eye how Pentagon spends money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers want to know how a new Pentagon purchasing system designed to save money could pay $76 for an aircraft screw.

Two audits by the Pentagon inspector general obtained by The Associated Press show how an effort to institute commercial buying practices within the Pentagon's multibillion-dollar purchasing system produced contracts with sharply higher spare-parts prices than the Pentagon paid under the old system.

The audits examined spare-parts contracts with Seattle-based Boeing Co., and Sundstrand Corp. of Rockford, Ill. While it found no illegal activity by either firm, it concluded that contracts from 1994 through 1996 yielded parts prices many times what they had been, including a $76 screw previously priced at 57 cents and a $714 electrical bell that had sold for $47.

"There's nothing illegal going on here, but there's something wrong going on here," said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who chaired a Senate Armed Services acquisition subcommittee hearing on the audits Wednesday.

Inspector General Eleanor Hill attributed the problems not to contractor greed but to poor performance by the Defense Logistics Agency, which handles much of the military's spare-parts purchasing. Hill said Pentagon buyers failed to use their considerable leverage to demand lower prices, approved sole-source contracts when competing suppliers were available and bought large quantities of parts without getting bulk discounts.

"When you're dealing with a sole-source contractor, you're not dealing with the commercial market; you're dealing with a negotiating situation," Hill said. "What we're saying is that when you're in that situation, the government needs to be a hard bargainer."

Hill credited the Pentagon with making "considerable progress" in streamlining its purchasing system, buying items "off the shelf" instead of from specialized suppliers, using buying cards for small purchases and compressing development schedules of some weapons. But Hill voiced concern that while these improvements are being made, the Pentagon is also sharply reducing its acquisition and auditing work force, which could make it harder to uncover contract abuses or overcharges.

"We have serious concerns about the cuts," Hill said. "As personnel reductions in the acquisition work force have occurred, we have also seen reductions in programs for fraud prevention, detection and reporting."

Since 1995, the number of fraud referrals on defense purchasing contracts has dropped by 47 percent, according to Hill. The two audits she described to the committee came to the IG's attention because of calls to a fraud hot line.

The Boeing audit focused on 179 delivery orders totaling $12 million for structural panels, fittings, supports, washers, nuts and bolts for a variety of aircraft. Most were parts for military and commercial versions of the Boeing 707.

On three contracts, the Pentagon paid Boeing $5 million for parts that the inspector general said should have cost $2.8 million.

The Sundstrand audit concerned $23 million in purchases of aircraft spare parts, including pistons, gearshifts, gears, bearing bolts and springs.

In one contract, the Pentagon paid $6.1 million for commercial parts that should have cost $1.6 million under the Pentagon's "fair and reasonable" pricing standard, the audit said.

"This is 'deja voodoo' pricing by defense contractors," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa. Defense purchasing reforms have failed, Grassley said, "because the defense industry is constantly successful in watering down the reforms."

Danielle Brian of the Project on Government Oversight, a group that has sharply criticized Pentagon buying practices, said the audits "confirm our worst fears — that acquisition reform was really a deal for defense contractors and not for taxpayers."

Sundstrand spokesman Patrick Winn said the audit made "apples-to-oranges comparisons which do not recognize or reflect the significant administrative and cost savings inherent" in the Pentagon's new purchasing system.

Boeing spokesman Dick Dalton said the lower prices cited by the audits date back 15 to 20 years and were based on a completely different supply system in which the Pentagon bought large quantities at cheaper prices and then bore the storage costs.

Under the new system, Boeing delivers parts in small quantities on short notice as needed. Such a system entails extra costs that show up in the price, but it saves the buyer huge inventory expenses, Dalton said.

The Pentagon's mistake, according to the audit, was to continue to buy large quantities for its inventories under this new system. The Pentagon should have either purchased small amounts — only what it needed immediately — or negotiated a different kind of contract for a large purchase.

Jacques Gansler, the Pentagon's acquisition chief, said the audits represented "isolated cases" and that "in the overwhelming majority of cases, using commercial practices and buying commercial items has paid huge dividends."

Officials warn of farm export risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is telling farmers and their congressional backers that export markets could be lost without strong U.S. leadership in resolving the Asian financial crisis.

The backdrop for increasing farmers' interest in Asia's financial troubles is the big increase in foreign markets as a destination for American-grown products.

Rice farmers in Arkansas, California and Louisiana have found new customers in Japan and South Korea. So have beef and pork producers in Midwest and Western states.

Poultry farmers in the South have increased sales to Poland and the Philippines. Mexico has become Texas' largest cotton export market.

For American farmers and ranchers, administration officials told Congress Wednesday, trade has become an essential part of their livelihood as government subsidy payments are phased out.

In 1997, U.S. agricultural exports totaled more than $57 billion and the agricultural trade surplus approached $22 billion. Forty percent of America's agricultural exports go to Asia, 23 percent to Canada and Mexico.

"Market by market our farmers and ranchers are reaping real benefits," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, told the House Agriculture Committee. "There are new opportunities that are measured in the only way that counts —— dollars coming home to American producers."

Peter L. Scher, the U.S. special trade negotiator for agriculture, warned the United States cannot turn its back on the financial crisis in Asia, where agricultural exports will be lower in 1998 and 1999.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Card-Carrying Lost Kids Can Return Home Safely

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to pass on a simple idea that could save a lot of grief and heartache.

Like all parents, I make an extra effort to keep a close watch on our children whenever we are shopping or among crowds. However, even the most diligent among us has had an occasion when a child wandered off or got lost. There are no words to describe the panic a parent feels when this occurs. It is particularly true with preschool children who may be unable to articulate their parents' names, addresses or phone number — especially under stressful conditions.

To minimize this trauma, I have begun putting my business card in our children's pockets before we go out. Each of them is instructed that it contains my name and to give it to a police officer or another responsible adult. I also explain that it will help the person find me sooner. Because they understand this, having the card helps them feel safer.

This does not substitute for careful observation of our children at all times, but if they do become lost, it provides additional information to ensure their swift and safe return.

CONCERNED DAD
IN BENICIA, CALIF.

DEAR CONCERNED DAD: An excellent idea and one that many parents would be wise to consider. However, it might be a good idea to put your home number on the card as well. Thanks for writing.

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DEAR ABBY: I cannot let the letter from the hockey coach's wife go without a stronger reply than you gave — and one in direct contradiction to your answer. You suggested that she and Al agree on the number of hours he would devote to his work with youngsters.

Abby, dear, have you read the recent statistics on the problems with kids today? (Of course you have.) They have little adult leadership and fewer role models who really give a darn. They *need* men and women who will give of their time and their hearts, and spouses who support and encourage them.

My husband died seven years ago. He had been a Boy Scout leader. For more than 20 years, he was Scoutmaster to dozens of boys, most long after our four sons had served their time as Scouts. Later he worked with adult training, helping other leaders to better serve the youth of our area. In all those years, he spent thousands of hours away from home, often on weekends at some faraway campground. He always returned renewed and happy, as was I to know that he was contributing to the future of our nation.

Today, all four of our sons continue their father's love of children. Each works with the Boy Scouts in the area in which he resides. I am proud of all five — my sons and their dad.

More than 200 men he had helped train as kids and adults attended his funeral. My brother's comment afterward was, "At my funeral, I just want to be remembered as Frank Egan's brother-in-law." What a tribute!

Hockey wife should encourage her husband, not begrudge the time he gives to tomorrow's men. You may use my name.

MARY V. EGAN, DALLAS

DEAR MARY: Your husband sounds like a wonderfully generous man whose legacy lives long after him. It's also clear that the relationship the two of you had was devoted and committed.

The coach's wife said that she felt her husband was using his work with the youngsters as a way of avoiding dealing with what is wrong in their marriage. Yes, I agree that donating time to better the community is important. But it's also important that the coach work out the couple's marital problems and not sacrifice his wife and family, who are his primary responsibility.

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Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Date Book

March 19, 1998

Today is the 78th day of 1998 and the 89th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1953, the Academy Awards were televised for the first time.

On this day in 1957, Elvis Presley bought the Graceland Estate in Memphis, Tenn.

On this day in 1976, Buckingham Palace announced the separation of Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: David Livingstone (1813-1873), explorer and physician; Richard F. Burton (1821-1890), scholar and explorer; Wyatt Earp (1848-1929), lawman; William Jennings Bryan (1860-1925), U.S. politician; Earl Warren (1891-1974), Supreme Court justice; Richie Ashburn (1927-97), baseball great; Philip Roth (1933-), writer, is 65; Glenn Close (1947-), actress, is 51; Bruce Willis (1955-), actor, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1938, the Toronto Maple Leafs scored eight goals against New York in less than five minutes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is better to be looked over than overlooked." — Mae West

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1971, high winds in Kansas caused $2 million in damage.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 12) and last quarter (March 21).

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Diplomats for inspection teams named

GENEVA (AP) — The United Nations today named 20 diplomats to accompany U.N. weapons teams on the first round of inspections of sensitive Iraqi sites.

The so-called "Special Group" is composed of one diplomat each from the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and 15 other countries.

The group was established as part of an agreement last month between U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Iraq to avert a threatened U.S. military strike. Iraq agreed to open its presidential palaces and other sensitive sites to inspections as long as U.N. weapons teams were accompanied by diplomats.

Ryan Crocker, the former U.S. ambassador to Kuwait, was chosen as the American representative. The list also includes Simon Collis, a British diplomat based in Amman, Jordan; retired French diplomat Marcel Laugel; China's deputy U.N. ambassador Cui Tiankai, and Russian diplomat A. Kalugin. Antonio Monteiro, the U.N. ambassador from Portugal who chairs the U.N. committee that overseas sanctions against Iraq, was also on the list.

The diplomats are expected to travel to Bahrain this weekend and then on to Baghdad, the U.N. official organizing the effort, Jayantha Dhanapala, told a news conference.

The 20 diplomats were chosen from a pool of 56 candidates. The remaining 36 will be available for future inspections, Dhanapala said.

The diplomats will not receive technical training, but will simply observe that the procedures agreed to by Iraq are "being implemented in good faith," he said.

"It is my intention to have (each inspection team) accompanied in every case by a diplomat," Dhanapala said. But "we won't be millstones around anybody's neck."

Not all adults get enough vitamin D

BOSTON (AP) — New guidelines that encourage older people to double and even triple their daily intake of vitamin D may not go far enough in preventing broken bones and other ills.

A new study finds that vitamin D deficiency is extremely common among American adults, especially older people in poor health. This could contribute to fractures, a major health hazard of old age.

The body makes vitamin D naturally from exposure to sunlight. But people who stay inside a lot, especially in the winter, may not produce enough of the vitamin to keep their bones healthy.

The study found that more than half of the patients admitted to one Boston hospital were vitamin D deficient, a level that was a surprise even in the Northeast where winters can be long.

"Vitamin D deficiency is much more common that most people had anticipated," said Dr. Joel Finkelstein, a co-author of the report.

The principal way of making up for too little sunlight is to take multivitamins and to use milk and cereal that are fortified with vitamin D. However, the researchers were surprised to find that one-third of those who said they consumed the recommended amounts for their age were still vitamin D deficient.

They said their findings suggest that people should be routinely screened for vitamin D deficiency, and vitamin D supplements should be more widely used. Stand-alone vitamin D pills are not widely available.

The study, which was directed by Dr. Melissa Thomas at Massachusetts General Hospital, was published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Robert Utiger, a journal deputy editor, said the findings "support the conclusion that many people do not take the recommended amount, however defined, and that this amount is too low anyway."

Recently, the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine, which sets the recommended daily allowances of important nutrients, increased the amount of vitamin D it said adults should be getting.

Arkansas trooper contradicts Jones' version of incident

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Arkansas trooper who is a co-defendant in the Paula Jones lawsuit testified that she initiated a meeting with then-Gov. Bill Clinton in a hotel suite after remarking at a conference that he was "good-looking" and had "sexy hair."

Trooper Danny Ferguson, in a deposition in the Jones case, contradicted Mrs. Jones in describing how events unfolded before he escorted her to Clinton's suite on May 8, 1991.

Mrs. Jones contends that Clinton and Ferguson conspired to get her to the room, where she said Clinton made a crude and uninvited sexual advance. She said she rejected Clinton and eventually was denied advancement and proper raises in her job at the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission.

She also maintains that Ferguson initiated the encounter by handing her a slip of paper with Clinton's room number and telling her, "The governor would like to meet you." The state worker, who was at the state conference registration desk, says that if Clinton merely wanted to meet her, he could have done so in the hotel lobby.

In Clinton's Jan. 17 deposition, he said he didn't recall ever meeting Mrs. Jones, let alone making an unwanted sexual advance, and has denied doing anything to stunt her job advancement.

The credibility of another Clinton accuser, Kathleen Willey, was challenged by a former friend, Julie Hiatt Steele. In a sworn affidavit made public Wednesday, Ms. Steele said Mrs. Willey asked her to lie about a 1993 incident in which Mrs. Willey alleged Clinton made an unwelcome sexual advance.

Ms. Steele's affidavit said she had never heard of the 1993 encounter when Mrs. Willey called her in 1997 and asked her to tell a reporter that Mrs. Willey had confided the entire episode to her right after it happened.

"Mrs. Willey also asked me to describe her demeanor at the time as 'upset, humiliated, disappointed and harassed,'" Ms. Steele said in the affidavit.

The House was struggling with what, if anything, it would do about Clinton allegations now being investigated by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas said that if Starr refers Clinton allegations to the House, the Judiciary Committee should handle it, while Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia has broached the possibility of establishing a special committee for the job.

The Washington Post reported that Gingrich and Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., agreed Wednesday to have a small group of House members, primarily from Hyde's committee, conduct the initial examination of Starr's evidence.

Two senior House Republican aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Gingrich and Hyde were close to an agreement.

William Ginsburg, the lawyer for White House intern Monica Lewinsky, said he will be more cautious about talking to the media.

JFK memorabilia auctioned after seller, Kennedys agree

NEW YORK (AP) — Aside from the $5.9 million sale of President Kennedy's yacht the Honey Fitz, it was the smaller bits of Camelot — such as notes he scribbled on legal paper — that attracted the most interest as a two-day auction of JFK memorabilia opened.

One surprise Wednesday was a 1961 speech package that included a photocopy of Kennedy's handwritten draft of his inaugural address — best known for the line, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." It sold for $40,250.

Along with the draft, the speech package, which was valued at $4,000 to $6,000 in presale estimates, included a single sheet of yellow legal paper on which Kennedy scribbled this line from the address: "An inaugural is a beginning and an end."

Bidders also got some bargains, as many Kennedy-linked trinkets sold far below their presale estimates. Others were removed from the sale when bids failed to reach a minimum price.

"I got some good deals," said Frank Harvey of Houston, who paid $1,100 for two telegrams sent by Kennedy, $1,600 for photos of Kennedy when he was a senator and $2,500 for a signed lithograph of Kennedy by Norman Rockwell.

The Guernsey's auction got under way after the Maryland collector who consigned most of the items reached a last-minute agreement to return "intensely personal" items to the slain president's children, Caroline Kennedy and John F. Kennedy Jr.

Robert L. White agreed to turn over two of Kennedy's handwritten journals and a clock the president kept in the Oval Office.

For their part, the Kennedy children surrendered all claims to other auction items, including the Cartier watch Kennedy was wearing on the day he was assassinated and his favorite briefcase — a black alligator Hermes model he had with him that day. His children had wanted both.

The briefcase sold for $772,500 including commission. White had wanted $1 million.

The watch, which White said he traded to someone else, did not sell after the highest bid stopped at $750,000 — $100,000 short of the owner's minimum price.

The Honey Fitz, an 88-ton motorized yacht built in 1931, was named by Kennedy for his maternal grandfather and used during his administration as the presidential yacht. The Honey Fitz was purchased by an unidentified company.

Obituaries

Dollie Grant

1917-1998

Funeral service for Dollie Elizabeth Grant is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Northside Baptist Church. The Rev. Gary Hyer, interim pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Grant, 80, died Tuesday, March 17, at her home in Snyder.

Born Oct. 22, 1917 in Eunice, N.M., she married W.H. Grant on Jan. 9, 1946 in Carlsbad, N.M. He died in 1990.

Mrs. Grant had worked for Hill Truck Lines in Carlsbad for a number of years. A resident of Snyder since 1946, she and her husband worked in theatres owned by N.R. Clements. She was a member of the Northside Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Elna Smith on March 31, 1996; and a son, Wayne Grant on Feb. 18.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Jayne and Mike Clark of Bellaire and Barbara and George Stock of Houston; a sister, Helen Cozzens of Milan, N.M.; five grandchildren, Cindie Young of Washington, D.C., Amanda Smith of Dallas, Jaclyn Smith, Stephen Stock and Ryan Stock, all of Houston, and Jessica Grant of Needles, Calif.; a step-granddaughter, Sabrina Graham of Reno, Nev.; and several nieces and nephews, including Ann Chasteen of Snyder and Bailey Cozzens of California.

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Barron Blair

1920-1998

PLAINS — Funeral service for Barron Blair, 77, of Plains was set for 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church. Burial was to follow in the Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Blair died Monday, March 16, in Brownfield Regional Medical Center.

Born in Hermleigh, he married Minnie S. Blair on March 16, 1944 in Sagerton. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was a farmer and rancher.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie Blair of Plains; a son, Royce Blair of Plains; two daughters, Brenda Canada of Plains and Linda Stanford of Waco; and seven grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

DCOS board to convene

The Development Corporation of Snyder board will meet at 4 p.m. today at American State Bank.

Horseshoe, washer tournaments

Horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments will be held Saturday at the coliseum courts. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. All ages are welcome.

Autograph party

Historic Scurry County will host an autograph party for Jean Everett from 1:30-3:30 Sunday at the Dermott School. Meet the author and have her sign a copy of her book, "Pioneer Profiles." Refreshments will be served. A portion of the proceeds from books sold will be donated to Historic Scurry County, Inc.

'Always, Patsy Cline' reservations

The Ritz Theatre box office is taking reservations for the musical "Always, Patsy Cline" from 2-5 p.m. weekdays. The musical opens Friday, March 27, and plays March 28-29 and again April 3-5. Tickets are $7. Group rates are available. Call 573-8880 for reservations or information.

No Lodge 706 meeting Sunday

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will not have a meeting Sunday as had been previously reported.

Ira book fair, play performance

Ira schools will be having a troll book fair all next week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the library. Open house will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. with a one-act play performance to follow at 8:30.

SHS parents of Seniors '98'

Tuesday is the deadline to submit three pictures of graduates to Kathye Parker at SHS. Photos will be projected during the senior steak supper. So picture can be returned, write the student's name and address on the back of each pose and enclose them in a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Princess Di Ty Beanie raffle

Snyder Lions Club is selling $1 chances for a Princess Di Ty Beanie Baby to be given away Tuesday. Tickets are available at various Snyder merchants and from Lions Club members.

Debt-free workshop slated

A workshop titled "Debt-free and Prosperous Living" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Western Texas College. Tuition is $29 and a $5 workbook is free with the purchase of the suggested $39 textbook. Reservations are required. Call 573-8511.

Choir needs sheets and lumber

Snyder High School choir is in need of white sheets and lumber to help with the production of "Oklahoma." Anyone willing to donate these items is asked to call 573-2830.

Diabetics meeting set

Diabetics are invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. next Thursday in the new rehab services building at 5301 Trinity Blvd.

Planetarium show

A planetarium show, "Through The Eyes of Hubble," will debut next Thursday on the WTC campus with shows at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Shows will follow at 2 p.m. each Sunday through April. Special showings for school classes (best suited for grade 4 and above) can be arranged for any Friday in April by calling the science department secretary at WTC. There is no admission charge.

Economic development meet

Texas Department of Economic Development will unveil a major agribusiness initiative that includes Scurry County at a public meeting to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. next Thursday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Nursing home financial planning

Snyder Oaks Care Center and Senior Information Services of America are co-sponsoring "Nursing Home Financial Planning," a workshop dealing with financing the cost of long-term care, at 7 p.m. April 2. The workshop will be held at Snyder Oaks, 210 E. 37th Street. RSVP by calling Tracey Williamson at 573-9377.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Fish Fry will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Snyder Senior Center. Tickets are $6, and children under age 6 eat free. Carryout plates are available.

Outsiders basketball tourney

The Hermleigh Senior Class is sponsoring a 5-on-5 outsiders basketball tournament April 10-11. Entry fee is $100 per team with a maximum of 10 to a team. Entry deadline is March 28. Call 863-2766 or 766-2364.

Pick 3

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

8-8-0

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for a $4 million Lotto Texas jackpot, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 20-28-32-45-46-50.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $8 million.