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Tigers capture Class 4A golf championship

AUSTIN — All year, the Snyder High School varsity girls golf team has set standards which they had to beat.

After capturing the Class 4A state golf championship Tuesday in Austin, the new standards to break will be their own.

Having raised the bar at region two weeks ago, the Lady Tigers fired a sizzling 309 Tuesday, setting a new state record for 18 holes, erasing the old mark by seven strokes.

Coach Matt Glenn's team had set their sights on shooting 640 for 36 holes, one shot under the 641 shot by Andrews in 1996 when the Tigers finished third.

Instead of a 640, the Tigers carded a team total of 634, combining Tuesday's record round of 309 with Monday's 325.

"That's a big accomplishment right there," said Glenn. "The secret to our kids was they were just flat determined they were not going to lose. They weren't going to get beat.

"When you have five of them thinking that way, you've got an excellent chance to win a state championship. They are a very special bunch."

Leading by five strokes after the first round at the Roy Kizer links course, good scores proved necessary on Tuesday as runnerup Dallas Highland Park shot an impressive 311. The Tigers, however, still finished out front by seven strokes to win their medals.

Junior Daysha Weaver, after a disappointing 83 on Monday, rebounded with a 71 Tuesday. The 12-stroke improvement gave her the lowest round in the state meet and a fifth place in the medalist standings with a 36-hole total of 154. Weaver's previous best score was a 75.

McKenzie Gibson of Highland Park shot 73 both days for a 146 to capture the medalist honors. Dani Mallon of Justin Northwest was second with a 147.

Weaver's even par round included four birdies. She snaked 15-footers on No. 6 and No. 8. Weaver was only three feet away on No. 14 and she ran in an eight-footer on the final hole.

Again it was teamwork that made the difference for the Tigers. Senior Alissa Wells' steady play

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Grants will aid WTC, business

Western Texas College and Snyder area industry have been awarded grants totaling almost $700,000 for job skills training.

Formal announcement will be made by Senator Tom Haywood at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the WTC Student Center. Brenda Arnette, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce, and Diane Rath, commissioner of the Texas Workforce Commission, will present the grants.

The public is invited.

The funds are made available through the the Smart Jobs Fund and the Skills Development Fund. Both are designed to help community colleges like WTC finance customized job skills training for local businesses.

A major focus of the training programs will be assisting Lorber Industries of Texas in launching a spinning and weaving plant with employment projections of approximately 160 individuals. The plant will manufacture and sell cotton fabrics for use in the garment industry.

In addition, WTC will provide Amoco and Pennzoil employees skills instruction in automation technology, fluid and gas flow technology and pump and electrical troubleshooting, as well as technical writing, time management, computer training and occupational Spanish.

Training programs administered through the funds are "employer driven," meaning the business determines what training is needed and the college works up a program to fit those needs.

Announcement of the grants is a culmination of several months of planning and collaboration by members of the WTC Business and Industry Partnership, the Development Corporation of Snyder, the Texas Department of Commerce, the Texas Workforce Commission and city and county entities.

"Central to receiving these funds has been the dedicated assistance from Senator Tom Haywood and his staff," said John Gibson, director of workforce technology for Western Texas. "Since August, Senator Haywood and his district coordinator, Bruce Schneider, have worked diligently with WTC and state agencies in pursuing grant monies for training Snyder business and industry."

The senator's office was equally successful this past year in helping Vernon Regional Junior College receive training funds in excess of $600,000.

"By participating in the Smart Jobs and Skills Development Funds, WTC has the opportunity to play a vital role in promoting the health and growth of the local area business community and assisting the state in carrying out economic development plans," said Gibson. "Furthermore, involvement in these grant programs positions WTC as an active player in economic development and has opened the door for continued workforce training opportunities and involvement in area economic expansion."

Renovation will begin this summer to transform the auto/diesel area on campus into a workforce training center.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Dependability will make up for a lot of inability."

Last week was a strange one, but we guess it could have been worse. It certainly was in some places.

While Americans were busy taking their daughters to work, a guy in the Netherlands took his four-year-old son with him.

His job was robbing houses. The dad had broken a window and was trying to steal stereo speakers when neighbors notified police. The kid was taking it all in.

A guy in Fort Worth believes in the family eating together.

A computer specialist for the FFA became enraged to find that his family had started supper without him.

He reportedly yelled, "You pushed me to the limits," and then stabbed his wife to death.

And then there are those two dingbat families in New Mexico who are in court over a playground thing.

It seems that a pair of fifth graders in Farmington are now in domestic violence court.

It all started when the 10-year-old boy and 11-year-old girl were "married" on the playground. After a few months of marital bliss, the two signed sets of divorce papers. They then punched each other in the face.

Because of the "extended relationship," the case ended in an adult domestic violence court.

Hong Kong had the right idea. Use of the cane would take care of a lot of problems in America...and its use could be extended to deliquent parents, too.

But there was one bit of good news. A guy in Pennsylvania didn't win the lottery, but the losing tickets saved his life.

The man had $40 worth of losing tickets in his shirt pocket when he was hit in the chest by a stray bullet from a teen gang shooting.

The bullet pierced a lighter, a credit card, shaved the edges off some lottery tickets and put holes in others.

"I was lucky," the man said. "Those tickets saved me."

FINAL PERFORMANCE — The final hometown appearance of "The Tempest" will be presented at 8:45 tonight at Worsham Auditorium. Cast and crew members are, from left, front row, Kade Kubena, Jay Don Griffin, Clark Church, Joey Steakley; second row, Lone Pedersen, Joanie Wemken, Melanie Gibson, Emily Zeck; third row, Mark Rodriguez, Kate McGuire, Mary Higby, Andy Parker, Chris Post, Jared Dennis, Ryan Landes, Shala Gilliland, Jessica Mills, Christina Bullard; and fourth row, Reid Johnson, Kevin Taylor, Jack Hedges, Mac McCraw, Eldon Scott, Anna Hannan, Scott Love and Chris Halbert. (Contributed Photo)

Pace gets 50 years in prison

ODESSA — James Paul Pace, found guilty of sexually assaulting and beating a Snyder woman last October, was sentenced to two 50-year prison terms Tuesday.

Ector County District Attorney John Smith had asked the jury to sentence the 30-year-old Pace to life in prison.

Instead, jurors set the terms concurrently and directed that Pace pay $20,000. He will be eligible for parole after serving 25 years.

It took the jury less than an hour Monday afternoon to find Pace guilty on two counts of aggravated sexual assault.

Testimony alleged that Pace sexually assaulted his victim in a motel parking lot. The 39-year-old woman, who was severely beaten during the attack, has had to undergo several reconstructive facial surgeries.

Defense attorney David Zavoda said the case will probably be appealed.

Peace officer roundup set Thursday

CLAIREMONT — Law enforcement personnel from throughout the area will relax a little and take aim at some prizes here Thursday.

It's time for the annual Caprock Peace Officers Association Rattlesnake Rodeo.

Activities are held in the Clairemont 4-H Barn on Highway 380 in Kent County. Registration is at 9 a.m. and includes a $7 membership and meal fee.

There are a variety of events, including riot gun trap shooting, pistol shooting, horseshoe pitching and PPC jackpot shoots. Officers can be TCLEOSE qualified with handgun and shotgun while attending the rodeo.

Those entering the shooting competition will be placed in a class, ranging from game warden to preachers and guests. Trophies will be awarded to the winners.

Lunch will be served at noon by Jerry Baird and his chuckwagon gang. Tommy Stanaland, Kent County judge, will be the master of ceremonies.

The Caprock Peace Officers Association was organized in May, 1949, by six men meeting at the Wood Ranch, 20 miles south of Spur.

Current president is Kenneth Brendle, sheriff of Dickens County. Other officers are Ronnie Vandiver, game warden, vice president; Joe Cheyne, CSII TDCJ Daniel Unit, secretary treasurer; Johnnie Holbrooks, White River Lake ranger, assistant secretary; and Stanaland, program director.

This year's event is dedicated to Vandiver, special game warden and wildlife hunting division manager of the Matador Ranch.

Walls is sold to Dallas firm

Walls Industries has been sold to Haas Wheat & Partners but no changes are expected at the garment manufacturing plant.

"At this time everything is the same, we just have different ownership," said David Wittie, plant manager.

Haas Wheat & Partners, a Dallas-based investment firm, purchased Walls from Butler Capital Corporation for an estimated $140 million plus assumption of debts.

Walls was founded in the 1930s by George Walls and currently employs 1,700 workers at 11 plants and eight distribution sites.

The local plant, which manufactures insulated coveralls, employs 100 people.

No layoffs or closings are planned with the sale, said Walls president Albert Archer.

Charges depend on autopsy

COLORADO CITY — The Mitchell County Sheriff is waiting for an autopsy before deciding whether to file charges in connection with the death of a former Snyder man.

Sheriff Patrick Toombs said he has talked with district attorney Dan Edwards concerning the laws on criminal negligence.

"We're waiting to hear back on the autopsy," Toombs said.

The body of former Snyder resident Douglas Roy Vernon Sr. of Odessa was found along Interstate 20 last Thursday evening by peace officers after a Loraine resident said she had heard truckers talking about it on their CB radios.

Abilene police arrested two men who were in Vernon's pickup Friday morning in Abilene on unrelated charges. The men, Marion Oscar Davis Jr., 52, of Abilene and Clifton Green, 50, of Odessa said that Vernon had been in the back of the pickup and must have fallen out without them knowing about it.

Both men appeared to have been drinking heavily, Toombs said.

Davis was arrested for driving with a suspended license and Green was charged with public intoxication.

Mitchell County deputy Mike Redwine and DPS trooper Russell Conklin have interviewed the two as part of the investigation, the sheriff said.

Toombs said the case may be presented to the grand jury later this month.

Vernon, 55, was a 1960 graduate of Snyder High School.

Kids' College signup today

Children who are completing the first through the sixth grade are invited to register for Kid's College today at Western Texas College.

The college begins June 16 and runs through June 26. On Friday, June 27, a special afternoon will be planned for Kids' College participants.

There are 46 different classes in eight categories: art, communications, computer skills, crafts, math/science, personal development, performing arts and sports.

Class periods are from 12:40-2 p.m., 2:10-3:30 and 3:40-5 o'clock Monday through Thursday. Students can take up to three classes a day, or as few as one.

Cost is $25 per class.

Registration will be held from 2 until 7 p.m. in the Christian Student Center.

ASK US

Q—How much money was raised by the participants in Saturday's American Heart Walk?

A—A final determination won't be made until after May 14 — the final date the walkers have to turn in the money pledged to them.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 86 degrees; low, 59; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 67; no precipitation; total for 1997, 10.63 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 30% chance of storms. Low around 60. SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy; 30% chance of storms. High 70-75.

Sirena Medrano

Chance of storms

Sunset: 8:27 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:53 a.m.
Of 126 days in 1997, the sun has shone 114 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Whoever in prayer can say, "Our Father," acknowledges and should feel the brotherhood of the whole race of mankind.

-Tyron Edwards

Graduation ceremony conducted

Nancy Patton, board member of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, gave the commencement address at the graduation ceremony for four graduating students at the Price Daniel Unit and one from the Wallace Unit.

Following the invocation by Chris Kutin, chaplain of the Price Daniel Unit, special music was performed by William King, Inmate.

The welcome was given by Sharrylon Vestal, principal, and Bob Evans, director of continuing education Windham School District, introduced the speaker.

T.J. Medart, senior warden of Price Daniel Unit, gave the response, Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction at Western Texas College, presented the candidates and Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, conferred and awarded the degrees.

King presented additional music and Kutin gave the benediction.

A reception followed the presentation in the chapel.

COMMENCEMENT HELD — During Western Texas College's and Price Daniel/John Wallace Units' graduation, five students received associate in arts degrees. The ceremony was held in the Price Daniel Unit Chapel. From left are Javier Hernandez, Glenn McCarty, Kevin Roeseler and David Pugh, who is not pictured. At right is Joel Collazo from the Wallace Unit. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Timbers of old ship uncovered

LONDON (AP) — Divers say they have found what may be 6,000-year-old ship timbers off the south coast of England — and perhaps the oldest boat uncovered anywhere in the world.

"Hopefully it is a ship. If it is, we have the oldest ship in the world. The earliest recorded at the moment is 4,000 years old," diving team head Don Bullivant said Tuesday.

The team sent samples of the timbers to Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to check their age through carbon dating. Researches also are trying to identify the type of wood.

"We don't really know what we have got," Bullivant said. "It could be a clump of trees, which we think is unlikely, or it could be a building, it could be a ship. We are hoping very much for it to be a ship."

Electronic soundings of the site show what could be the shape of a ship, Bullivant said.

The timbers were found 20 feet below the surface in The Solent, the shallow, five-mile-wide stretch of water between the mainland and the Isle of Wight.

They were found by members of the same diving team that located King Henry VIII's 16th-century flagship Mary Rose. The Mary Rose sank in the Solent in 1545, was found intact on the seabed in 1971 and raised to the surface in 1982 amid worldwide publicity.

Drunken driver receives life in prison sentence, no parole

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — A driver who killed two college students with his car after drinking and taking drugs was sentenced to life in prison without parole Tuesday by a jury that rejected a prosecutor's plea for the death penalty.

Thomas Richard Jones, 39, was convicted of murder Friday in the deaths of two young women who were passengers in a car hit by his pickup truck Sept. 4. Four others in the car were injured.

Jurors deliberated about 70 minutes before sentencing Jones to two life sentences. Prosecutors had sought the death penalty, but said the verdict would still send a strong message to people who drink and drive.

"Driving while impaired, reckless driving, cuts across all social lines and you have very responsible people from all walks of life who go to bars and drink after work," prosecutor Vincent Rabil said. "This will seriously make everyone stop after the first drink or the second one."

Under North Carolina state law, anyone who kills another while committing a separate dangerous felony can be prosecuted for first-degree murder, punishable by the death penalty, whether the death was intentional or not.

Prosecutors said Jones committed two felonies — reckless driving while impaired and assault with a deadly weapon, his car — and deserved to die.

It was apparently the first case in the nation in which prosecutors have pushed for the death penalty in a driving-while-impaired case. Prosecutors won murder convictions in similar trials in Washington state in 1996 and California in 1995, but declined to seek the death penalty.

In addition to the life sentences, the judge also sentenced Jones to 120 days in jail for misdemeanor assault with a deadly weapon and 90 days for driving while impaired. The defense said it would appeal.

Jones' lawyer, Carol Teeter, had blamed alcohol and drugs for his client's troubles, while Jones blamed the government. On the stand, Jones, who is an Army veteran, testified his addiction was worsened by Veterans Affairs doctors who gave him drugs when he sought help last August and never warned him against taking his painkillers with alcohol.

"Satan forced him to do it. Beelzebub. Alcohol ... in every bottle of liquor, the devil lurks. In these pain pills he was taking, the devil lurks," Teeter told the jury Tuesday.

During his testimony Monday, Jones wept as he described how his pickup crossed the median and struck the students' car while he was trying to insert a country music tape into his stereo.

Jones said he had been battling problems with prescription drugs and alcohol since 1980, when his left leg was amputated after an accident on a riding lawn mower.

On the day of the accident, he said, he took drugs and drank two quarts of beer, then went to two bars and drank more beer.

"If I hadn't been drinking and taking prescription medicine together, they'd still be here today," he said of the two women.

The victims were Maia Witzl, 19, of Arlington, Texas, and Julie Hansen, 19, of Rockville, Md. Both attended Wake Forest University, which is in Winston-Salem.

Ms. Hansen's father, Michael R. Hansen, said he didn't believe Jones' words of regret. "You can't make me believe he is sorry, period. You don't abuse yourself for the past 25 years and say you're sorry," Hansen said.

Before the jury returned its verdict, Ms. Witzl's parents said they favored a sentence of life in prison.

"An eye for an eye, that's not what Maia was about," Joy Witzl said. "My wife and I are in sort of a prison and will be for the rest of our natural lives, and we feel Mr. Jones should be, too," Bob Witzl said.

Jones had two prior convictions for driving while impaired and had a third charge pending at the time of the fatal wreck.

He also had other run-ins with the law, including several other traffic accidents and charges of assaulting his wife and his mother, soliciting an undercover vice officer for sex, shoplifting and stealing prescription pads.

Drill sergeant gets 25-year prison term

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. (AP) — The 25-year prison sentence given to an Army drill sergeant convicted of rape has rekindled debate over what the military requires as proof of the crime: intimidation, not force.

Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson faced up to life in prison for each of 18 rape convictions in the most notorious case yet to come out of a U.S. military investigation into sexual misconduct at its posts worldwide.

But jurors on Tuesday gave Simpson the lesser prison term for raping six of his female trainees and for 34 other offenses, including sexual misconduct. He will be dishonorably discharged as a private.

A key issue in the case was "constructive force," a military doctrine that says physical force isn't required to prove rape; threats or intimidation is sufficient. Prosecutors said the 6-foot-4 Simpson used his size, rank and near-absolute authority to force his victims to submit.

Abe Dash, a military justice professor at the University of Maryland, said he believes constructive force weighed heavily in the jury's decision.

Some of the victims testified that Simpson forced them to have sex, but one said he did not. She also said she may have led him to believe she wanted to have sex with him.

"A number of these counts may have satisfied the requirements for rape but some of them looked a little spongy, it seems to me, and I think the jury must have taken that into account," said Eugene Fidell, lawyer and president of the National Institute of Military Justice in Washington.

Fidell called the sentence "harsh." Women's advocates disagreed.

"If he were a civilian, he would not be sentenced to 25 years. He would be considered a serial rapist and would receive life in prison," said retired Air Force Lt. Col. Karen Johnson, vice president of the National Organization for Women.

Simpson's defense team blamed the verdict on false claims by the trainees — saying the sex was consensual — and undue influence by top Army commanders. They also suggested racial bias played a role, although race was barely mentioned during the court-martial.

Simpson is black and most of his accusers are white.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Kindness of Strangers Makes Family Tragedy More Bearable

DEAR ABBY: May I add to your examples of acts of kindness?

On Oct. 23, 1996, I received a phone call at 10:30 p.m. from a hospital in Texas informing me that my sister Cindy and her family had been in a car accident that included fatalities. She was being transferred to another hospital for immediate surgery, her 11-year-old son was in surgery in critical condition, and her husband was being held for X-rays. They would give me no word on the condition of Cindy's 8- and 9-year-old sons.

A short time later, a nurse from the hospital to which Cindy had been transferred called to update me on her status. Her injuries were severe; she was stable but critical and heading into surgery. Breaking all the rules, the nurse told me that my nephews, Jacob and Travis, had died instantly in the crash.

I had called ahead to Houston to reserve a rental car. But when I arrived, they refused to rent me one because I didn't have a current driver's license. My purse had been stolen the week before, and I had not yet gone to get a replacement. All I had with me was an expired card I was using for picture ID, but was told that was unacceptable. I was devastated. I was still two hours from the hospital where Cindy was.

I stood outside the rental office in the rain, ready to burst into tears, when two men who had been ahead of me in line at the counter approached and asked me why the agency wouldn't rent me a car. I explained about my sister, her family, the stolen purse and the missing driver's license. They listened sympathetically, then told me not to worry, they would get me there.

They were John and June James, a father and son who live in Houston. They took me to John's home so I could call my family and let them know I was all right. Then June drove me 120 miles (one way) to the hospital where my sister and surviving nephew were. I don't know how I could have gotten to her side without their help. June's sister rode along, talking with me and keeping me calm the whole trip.

June drove 240 miles, round trip, for a stranger — and I pray that God blesses them for their generous and caring natures. I don't judge people by their color, but I know many ignorant people who do. Thankfully, the James family doesn't either, for you see, I am white and the Jameses are black. They saw a person in desperate need, and I saw a loving family.

My sister and nephew are still recovering from their injuries. Her husband sustained minor injuries, but like Cindy, he's dealing with the grief of losing two sons.

BONNIE BURGETT,
WILLMAR, MINN.

DEAR BONNIE: I'm gratified to know that your sister, brother-in-law and one of your nephews survived the tragedy. Please accept my condolences on the loss of the younger children, and thank you for sharing this act of kindness with me and my readers.

All too often, the media reflect only violence and tragedy because sensationalism is what sells. But there are generous, caring people who reach out to others every day. And as obvious as it may seem, it bears repeating.

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DEAR ABBY: Your response to the New York woman who was uncomfortable with her husband's sexy dance moves with other women made my blood boil. Advising her to take dancing lessons so she'd be a more appealing partner harkens back to the 1950s when women were made to accept all the responsibility for relationships.

Wake up and smell the coffee! This is *not* about her skills on the dance floor. It's about his selfish desire to have it all — the stimulation and ego-gratification that comes with dancing with other women, and the safety and security of marriage and home once the party ends. If he truly loved her, as he claims, he would not persist in a behavior that he knows makes her unhappy and uncomfortable.

She doesn't need dance lessons. He needs psychotherapy to find out why he continues this subtly sadistic, passive-aggressive behavior toward a woman who obviously loves him.

SIOUX CITY READER

DEAR SIOUX CITY: You're not the only reader who thought I let the husband off the hook too easily. However, my impression was that the husband simply loved to dance, and his wife was reading more into his dance style than was warranted.

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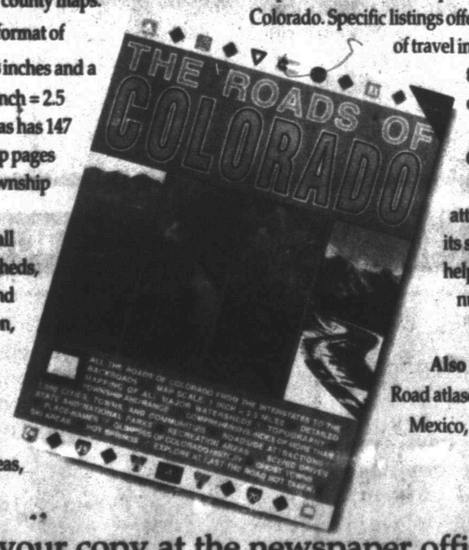

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QUILTS — Handmade quilts drew special attention Saturday during the annual May Day fundraiser for the Senior Citizens Center. Shown looking at quilts are (top photo) Marie Aaram and Evelyn Perser and (bottom photo) Elnora Clark and Ima Emerson. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Washington executed for 1987 murder

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A man described by prosecutors as "pure violence" has been executed for fatally stabbing his boss 85 times during a 1987 restaurant robbery in College Station.

His attorney described Terry Washington, who was mentally retarded, as childlike and called the execution, the ninth this year in the state, was a "sad day for Texas justice."

Washington, 33, was pronounced dead at 6:18 p.m. CDT Tuesday, seven minutes after a lethal dose of drugs was released into his arms.

When a warden asked if he had a final statement, Washington said, "No, sir." After the drugs were started, he exhaled deeply twice and his lips fluttering noisily as if he were cold.

Washington was convicted in the January 1987 murder of Beatrice Huling, the 29-year-old night manager at the restaurant where he worked as a dishwasher.

Washington's attorneys argued he should not be executed because of his mental retardation. They compared his intellect to that of a 6- to 8-year-old.

"He's like a child in that he doesn't seem to understand that this is it, his life will be over," said attorney Dina Hellerstein, who visited him last week. "He maintains his innocence and always has."

Prosecutors, however, described Washington as borderline or mildly retarded. They said he was able to hold down a job and plan the crime.

"They're essentially describing him as being a teddy-bear type of mentality, and that is simply not accurate," Deena McConnell, a Brazos County assistant district attorney, said earlier Tuesday. "Mental retardation does not mean violence, and he is pure violence."

Third match is draw

NEW YORK (AP) — Although he predicts victory over IBM's Deep Blue, world chess champion Garry Kasparov said his computer opponent is much tougher than the last time they faced each other.

"I definitely understand, better than anybody else, the difference between Deep Blue and any other computer," Kasparov said Tuesday after playing to a draw in the third of a six-game match.

"I didn't play well, but the computer was a computer and eventually it knew enough not to lose the game," he said.

Kasparov won the first game and Deep Blue the second. The draw leaves them tied at 1½ games apiece. Game 4 was scheduled for this afternoon.

Kasparov predicted as he has before that he would prevail, but said he was shaken by the new version of the IBM supercomputer which can analyze 200 million positions per second — twice as many as when the two faced each other in 1996. Kasparov won that contest 4-2.

Speaking publicly for the first time since his Sunday loss to the computer, Kasparov said he believes Deep Blue showed signs of artificial intelligence in its Game 2 win.

"I still believe (Sunday's) game will be studied by all computer specialists because I think something truly unbelievable happened," Kasparov said.

IBM scientist C.J. Tan surmised that Deep Blue was only calculating, Kasparov said.

On Sunday, however, "it showed a sign of intelligence," he said.

"I don't know how it happened. I think that this machine understands it's time to think," he said. "Game 2 shaked my belief in what Deep Blue could do."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; to meet at Jay Huckabee's to view watercolor paintings; Evelyn Mebane, hostess; 10 a.m.

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

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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.

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; cost $30; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservation necessary; call 573-2850 for more information.

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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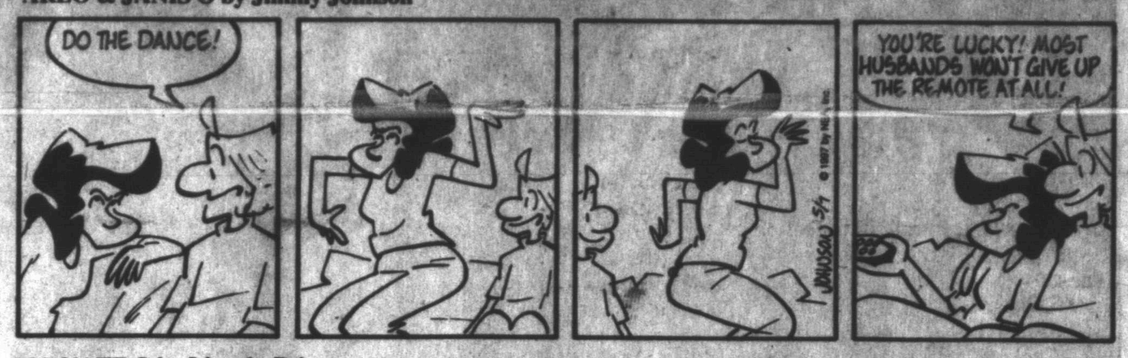

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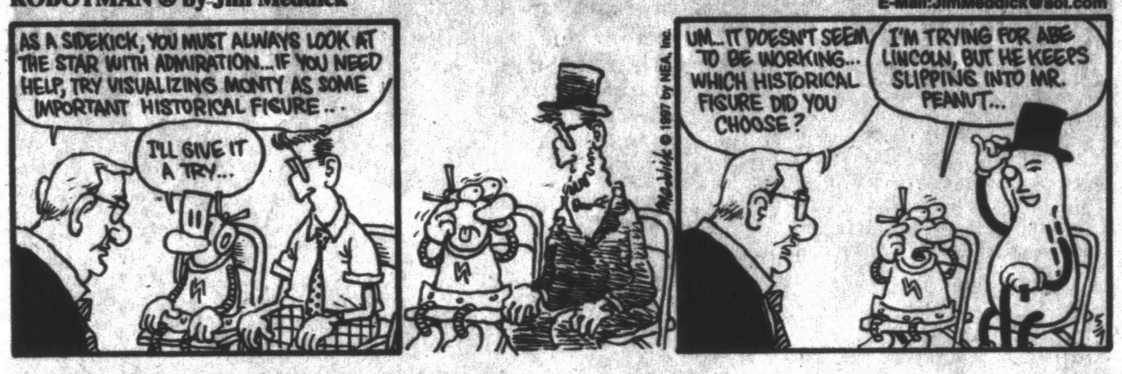

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12 Wide shoe size
13 Sign on a door
14 Birthmarks
15 Important time period
16 Without purpose
17 Do a laundry job
18 Gives
20 Piano key
21 Future bks.
22 Before (poet.)
23 Bitter nut
26 Rudely
30 Chemical suffix
31 Cow
33 Language suffix
34 Poetic time of day
35 — — Grows in Brooklyn
36 Have lunch
37 Chatter
39 One opposed
40 — Haw
41 Marsh
43 Did a cooking chore
46 Tank
50 Puts to work
51 Pub missile
52 Service charge
53 Hepburn, for short
54 Two words of understanding
55 Explosive (abbr.)
56 Views
57 Loch — monster
58 Mayday!

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2 Finnish first name
3 Singer Martin
4 Small points of land
5 Unclothed persons
6 House wings
7 Bridge expert Culbertson
8 Cutting tools
9 Roman emperor
10 Actor Novello
11 Small
19 Physicians' assn.
20 Furious
22 Sea eagle
23 Maintain
24 Unique person
25 Singer Horne
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27 Looked at
28 Future attys.' exam
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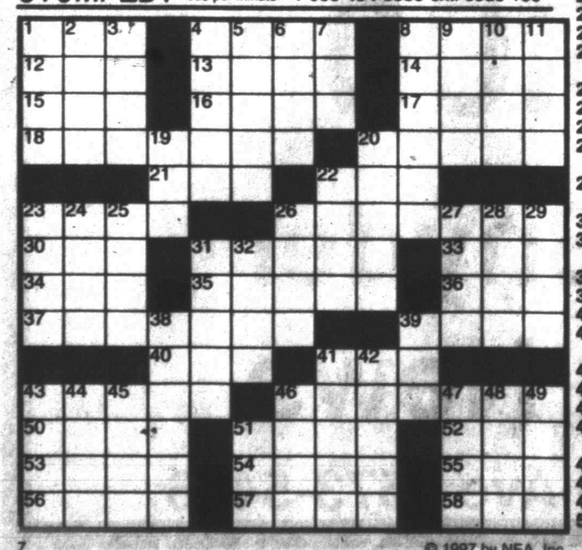

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SPORTS

Cleveland's depth sinks Rangers, 5-4

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians looked pretty powerful for a team that's only one game above .500.

The Indians haven't exactly blown anyone away in the early part of their quest for a third straight AL Central title. But in beating the Texas Rangers 5-4 Tuesday night, Cleveland unveiled an arsenal that included two things the 1995 World Series team lacked — depth and defense.

With Matt Williams out with the flu, manager Mike Hargrove sent Kevin Seitzer — bad knees and all — out to play third base. Result: Seitzer was 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles and a stellar defensive play.

Hargrove also had to find a cleanup hitter. Hmmm, let's see. Manny Ramirez? David Justice? Jim Thome? Hargrove chose Julio Franco. Result: Franco hit a three-run homer, his second this season.

"I'm pretty smart, aren't I?" Hargrove joked afterward.

Still, the Indians are only 15-14, good for a first-place tie with the Kansas City Royals in the AL Central.

Cleveland's pitching, still ranked last in the league, showed more signs of improvement. Orel Hershiser (3-0) pitched seven strong innings and recovered from Juan Gonzalez's first homer of the season.

The trouble started once Hargrove went to the bullpen.

Eric Plunk relieved in the eighth and hit Ivan Rodriguez. Rusty Greer doubled, and Gonzalez drove in Rodriguez with a sacrifice fly to cut the Indians' lead to 5-3.

Then Will Clark hit Paul Assenmacher's only pitch for a single through the left side to score Greer and make it 5-4.

Finally, Mike Jackson demonstrated what a closer is supposed to do. He struck out Dean Palmer and got Warren Newson to ground out before retiring Damon Buford, pinch-hitter Lee Stevens and Mark McLemore in the ninth.

"Everybody knows Jose Mesa's the guy here," said Jackson.

WGA awards for April presented

April awards were presented Tuesday by the Women's Golf Association at Snyder Country Club.

For April 1, Cynthia Jackson and Peggy Hardin tied for the most one putts on the front nine with five each. Jackson was low putter with 14.

Blind hole play on April 8 saw a three-way tie for first. Shooting a 35 were Stacy Reed, Norma Thompson and Delores Jones. Jackson was again low putter with 26.

On April 15, queen of the hill play saw Becky Knipe win low gross with a 94. Low net winner was Doris Gard with a 72 while Jo Sterling was low putter with 27.

On April 22, Becky Knipe and Suzy Reed was the low net twosome with a 148. Peggy Hardin was low putter with 29.

On April 29, guess your score winners were Sterling (98), Donna Stehley (100) and Gard (102). Low putter was Esther Guelker with 25. Recognized for chip-ins were Stacy Reed, Suzy Reed and Norman Thompson.

Couples results

Two teams tied for first in two couples low ball net play held Friday at Snyder Country Club.

John and Suzy Reed teamed up with Rex and Marsha Robinson to tie with the teams of Mackey Green-Peggy Hardin and Bill and Finnie Seale.

Other scores were:

123--Gary and Vivian Norwood, Don and Gwen Sealey. 125--Bill and Judy Moss, John and Martha Fagin; 126--Alton Patterson and Donna Stehley, Freddie Everton and Winnie Putman; 130--Cloyce and Anita Talbott, Mike Tyrrell and Norma Thompson.

Chip-ins--Mike Tyrrell, Don Sealy.

Astros bow to Phillies

HOUSTON (AP) — Scott Rolen enjoys playing third and now batting third in Philadelphia's order as well.

The rookie third baseman went 3-for-4 with a double and run scored to help the Phillies beat the Houston Astros 5-1 Tuesday night and end a three-game losing streak.

Last week, Rolen was moved into the No. 3 spot in the lineup and he has responded in a big way, going 10-for-20 since.

"I'm comfortable there," Rolen said. "I batted there in the minors and it feels good to me. I like it."

He especially likes it with Darren Daulton hitting cleanup.

"With Darren hitting behind me and facing a right-handed pitcher," Rolen said, "they would much rather throw to me than to Darren. And I'm glad they would."

Curt Schilling (4-3) allowed one run, seven hits and two walks in seven innings.

"When you're going through games like we've gone through you just want to go out and prove to the team that we can win when you're on the mound," said Schilling, who struck out seven to increase his league-leading total to 56. "I take a lot of pride in the fact I think these guys feel that we have a good chance to win when I pitch."

Daysha Weaver

Alissa Wells

Julie Doolittle

Keisha Gafford

Randi Reed

Class 4A UIL Girl's State Golf Tournament

Team Totals: 1. Snyder 325-309--634; 2. Dallas Highland Park 330-311--641; 3. Bastrop 334-332--665 (won playoff); 4. Fort Stockton 333-332--665; 5. Austin Anderson 347-334--681; 5. Little Cypress Mauriceville 371-353--724; 7. Colleyville Heritage 393-349--742; 8. Montgomery 383-367--750.

Snyder Individual: Daysha Weaver 83-71--154, Alissa Wells 81-77--158, Keisha Gafford 81-77--160; Julie Doolittle 80-88--168; Randi Reed 92-82--174.

Individual medalists: 1.McKenzie Gibson, Dallas Highland Park 73-73--146; 2. Dani [illegible] Austin Northwest 77-70--147 (playoffs) [illegible] Sands, Jacksonville 77-76--153; Pia [illegible]ki, Colleyville 77-76--153; 5. Daysha Weaver, Snyder 83-71--154.

Snyder wins 4A golf crown

Continued From Page 1

led to a 77 on Tuesday, four strokes stronger than her 81 on Monday. Wells finished with six pars with putts within eight feet.

Keisha Gafford used her putter to help the team cause. The sophomore had eight one-putts from 15 to 18 feet, seven of them for pars. Gafford finished with a 79 Tuesday after an opening round of 81 for a two-day total of 160.

Senior Julie Doolittle led the team effort Monday with an 80, but slid to 88 to finish with a 168.

Teamwork played a key role again as freshman Randi Reed improved by 10 strokes, shooting an 82 on the final 18 holes, allowing the Tigers to discard Doolittle's 88.

"I think we've got two seniors on our crew. This has been their goal for four years. It's a great going away present for our seniors. They really deserved it.

"These days it's hard to find kids who will make something like this (golf) a priority. They have. When you get that dedicated, you deserve to be state champions and they deserve it. It's a dream come true, it is."

Tech, A&M in Big 12 meet

By The Associated Press

The South division will provide five of six participants in the Big 12 Postseason Baseball Tournament beginning May 15 in Oklahoma City.

Missouri was the only North team to qualify for the first tournament of the new conference.

Texas Tech, at 22-5 in league play, was the top Big 12 regular-season team going into a three-game series with Texas A&M.

Oklahoma State, which plays Oklahoma in a three-game set, was next with a 19-8 mark.

Oklahoma was 17-9 and holding down third place.

Texas A&M was fourth with a 17-10 ledger and could move up with a big series against the Red Raiders if the Sooners stumble against Oklahoma State.

Baylor, which has finished its regular season mark at 18-12, could move to fourth if Tech sweeps the Aggies.

Missouri was locked in sixth place at 15-14 with no regular season games left.

Texas missed qualifying for the tournament with a 12-15 record and will likely not be an at-large pick. The Longhorns, who were beaten 25-15 by Nebraska in their season finale, hadn't missed the NCAA playoffs since 1978.

NCAA regional tournaments will begin on Thursday May 22 and the Big 12 could have as many as five teams picked including the tournament champion.

May 30 is the scheduled first day of the NCAA World Series in Omaha, Neb.

The schedule this weekend includes Texas A&M at Tech for a 7 p.m. game on Friday.

On Saturday, A&M and Tech play a single game at 2 p.m, while Oklahoma and Oklahoma State meet in a single game at 7 p.m., in Tulsa.

On Sunday, Texas A&M is at Tech in another 2 p.m. tilt while Oklahoma and Oklahoma State move their second game to Oklahoma City at 3 p.m.

Oklahoma and Oklahoma State close out the regular season in Oklahoma City at 7 p.m. on Monday.

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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	22	9	.710	-
Florida	17	14	.548	5
Montreal	16	14	.533	5½
NewYork	15	17	.469	7½
Philadelphia	10	20	.333	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	18	14	.563	-
Pittsburgh	16	15	.516	1½
St.Louis	14	17	.452	3½
Cincinnati	10	21	.323	7½
Chicago	8	22	.267	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	21	9	.700	-
SanFrancisco	19	11	.633	2
LosAngeles	17	13	.567	4
SanDiego	11	18	.379	9½

Monday's Games

Florida 3, Pittsburgh 0
Houston 9, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 2, St. Louis 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Colorado 1
Los Angeles 3, Cincinnati 1
San Francisco 4, Montreal 2
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Colorado 12, N.Y. Mets 11
Pittsburgh 4, Florida 0
St. Louis 4, Atlanta 3
Philadelphia 5, Houston 1
Chicago Cubs 2, San Diego 1
Montreal 10, San Francisco 3
Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 2, 11 innings

Wednesday's Games

Montreal (Juden 2-0) at San Francisco (O.Fernandez 3-1), 3:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 3-1) at Florida (Rapp 2-2), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reynoso 1-0) at Houston (Reynolds 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Munoz 1-4) at St. Louis (Raggio 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-11 at Colorado (Ma.Thompson 3-2), 9:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Schourek 2-2) at Los Angeles (R.Martinez 2-2), 10:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Castillo 1-4) at San Diego (Bergman 1-1), 10:35 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	20	9	.690	-
NewYork	17	15	.531	4½
Toronto	15	14	.517	5
Boston	14	16	.467	6½
Detroit	12	19	.387	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	15	14	.517	-
KansasCity	15	14	.517	-
Milwaukee	14	14	.500	½
Minnesota	13	19	.406	3½
Chicago	10	19	.345	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	19	12	.613	-
Texas	16	12	.571	1½
Anaheim	14	15	.483	4
Oakland	15	17	.469	4½

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 5, Texas 4
Kansas City 7, Boston 2
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 2
Baltimore 8, Anaheim 4
Toronto 2, Detroit 1, 10 innings
Oakland 6, Milwaukee 5
Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 6

Wednesday's Games

Oakland (Karsay 0-3) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Pittsley 0-2) at Detroit (Lira 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 2-1) at Boston (Sele 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Person 0-1) at Cleveland (McDowell 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Watson 1-2) at Baltimore (Key 5-0), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 3-2), 7:35 p.m
Seattle (Johnson 4-0) at Chicago White Sox (D.Darwin 0-2), 8:05 p.m.

Hawks miss chance to upset Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — The Atlanta Hawks may never have a better chance to "steal" a victory at the United Center, where the Chicago Bulls have been nearly unbeatable the last two years. And they know it.

"This is a missed opportunity, there's no question about it. We should be upset, angry and ready for the next game," Atlanta coach Lenny Wilkens said after Tuesday night's 100-97 loss to the Chicago Bulls in the opener of their Eastern Conference semifinal.

The Bulls played poorly in the first half and the Hawks played well, building a 16-point lead early in the third quarter.

Dennis Rodman — no surprise — got ejected and even Toni Kukoc got a 'T' for arguing. The world champions were losing their composure on a floor where they have lost only four games the last two years.

Who ya gonna call?

Scottie Pippen, of course. Michael Jordan, quite naturally.

"You can't be shocked. They're going to make their run and we weren't effective to hold that run off. We should have won," said Hawks guard Mookie Blaylock, who had career playoff highs of 31 points and 12 rebounds before missing some key shots in the final minute.

Pippen hit six 3-pointers, including a game-winner with 43 seconds to play.

But just as crucial were the three he made in a row early in the third quarter when the Bulls trailed 55-39.

Jordan went on to score 20 of his 34 points in the third period as Chicago went on a 38-15 run, putting the Bulls in position to win the game in the final period.

Game 2 is Thursday night.

"You can look at it like we lucked out or whatever," said Pippen, who scored 29. "But we got back into it in the third quarter and did what we had to do to win. We're a championship team.

"They didn't have much time to prepare for us. We have to look forward to them making some adjustments. It's going to be a tough series."

Pippen, who has a reputation for playing poorly in the clutch and deferring to Jordan in important situations, also scored the clinching basket in the Bulls' first-round series sweep of Washington.

"I've never doubted him in the clutch," Jordan said. "That's something that's been overstated. I've always felt he could make big shots and he's done that for us."

NBA playoffs

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 4
Utah 93, L.A. Lakers 77

Monday, May 5
Houston 112, Seattle 102, Houston leads series 1-0

Tuesday, May 6
Chicago 100, Atlanta 97, Chicago leads series 1-0
Utah 103, L.A. Lakers 101, Utah leads series 2-0

Wednesday, May 7
New York at Miami, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8
Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 9
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10
Chicago at Atlanta, noon.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 11
Miami at New York, 11:30 a.m.
Houston at Seattle, 2 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 12
Miami at New York, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9:30 p.m., if necessary

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SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE

Braves 16, White Sox 13

WP: Chris Wilson; LP: Shay Franks.

Braves: Jerry Jamison, triple and single; R.J. Hernandez, double and single; Timothy Guiterrez, double; Davison Burnett, Wes Martin, Stephen Ortegon, David Wilson and Joe Dan Davenport, singles. White Sox: Heath Pinkerton, triple; Thomas Rinehart, four singles; Shay Franks and Colter Bedell, two singles; Greg McAnaw and Chris Shoemake, singles.

Astros 14, Mariners 12

Astros: Sonny Cumbie, two triples and double; Paul Camp, two singles; Paddy Vantine and Kevin Taylor, singles; Mariners: Patrick Dupree, triple; Jase Olvera, Randy Green and Michael Pendleton, singles.

Oilers 6, Buffs 1

Oilers: Chris McLeod double and two singles; David Sutton, two doubles; Sammy Aviles, Josh Ward and Russell Wall, singles. Buffs: Jared Hester, two singles; Ralph Ramon, Patrick McKamie and Matthew Grimmett, singles.

Jazz 103, Lakers 101

This time, the Los Angeles Lakers stayed with Utah for the full 48 minutes.

Still, when Karl Malone knocked the ball away from Nick Van Exel right before the final buzzer, the result of Game 2 was the same as it was in Game 1: A victory for the Jazz.

Antoine Carr made two foul shots with 2.1 seconds left for his only points of the game, and Utah got a break when no foul was called on the final play of a 103-101 victory Tuesday night.

It gave Utah a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 series, which resumes Thursday night at Inglewood, Calif.

Malone scored 31 points, Jeff Hornacek added 21 and John Stockton had 16 points and seven assists for the Jazz, who survived an NBA record-setting 7-for-7 3-point shooting effort by the Lakers' Robert Horry.

Shaquille O'Neal, miffed about comments made by Jazz center Greg Ostertag after Game 1, outscored his rival 25-4 and outrebounded him 12-4. Byron Scott added 24 points.

The Lakers inbounded at midcourt after Carr's two free throws, and Van Exel was turning to shoot when Malone surprised him from behind.

"I might have gotten a little piece of him," Malone admitted in a television interview immediately after the game. A replay clearly showed Malone hacking Van Exel on the right arm.

Van Exel, who was in 3-point territory and would have drawn a three-shot foul, protested loudly when no call was made, but to no avail.

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The applicant proposes to inject salt water, H2S and CO2 into the Canyon Reef formation, Salt Creek Field Unit (05254) Lease, Well No. E32AW. The proposed injection well is located 9 miles NW from Clairemont in the Salt Creek Field, in Kent County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth Interval from 6150' to 6800'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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Missing sisters found dead

SPOTSYLVANIA, Va. (AP) — Ron Lisk got no answer when he called his house about the time his two daughters were supposed to be home from school.

He left his photography studio and drove home, finding only an abandoned book bag on the front lawn and a math book open nearby. On Tuesday, five days later, his daughters were found dead under a bridge 40 miles away.

"It's scary," said Walter McWhirt, junior high principal at the school where Kati Lisk was in the sixth grade. "Parents are very concerned and many, many of them are making other arrangements for their kids this week."

Many parents commute to jobs miles away from Spotsylvania County, a rapidly growing suburban county of 70,000 some 90 minutes' drive from Washington. It could just as easily have been their children who were snatched, some say.

Kati, 12, and her 15-year-old sister, Kristin, a high school freshman, got off their separate school buses as usual at about 3 p.m. Thursday. The home's alarm system was not on and both girls apparently went inside.

The girls normally called their father at work when they arrived home. Lisk left early and drove the 20 minutes home when no one answered. After finding one daughter's belongings on the lawn, he called friends, neighbors, then police.

Officers respond to numerous calls

Scurry County dispatchers logged more than 50 calls Tuesday and early this morning, two of which resulted in arrests.

A 27-year-old male was taken into custody for driving with a suspended license at 11:34 a.m. Tuesday at 24th Street and Avenue O.

Police arrested a 28-year-old man in the 1700 block of College Avenue at 11:46 p.m. for driving while intoxicated.

Officers were informed at 1:37 p.m. Tuesday that someone had stolen gumball machines from E. L. Farmer Trucking and West Texas Tire Service. Offense reports for Class B theft were filed.

Marie Clark called police at 5:39 p.m. to report that someone had damaged her pickup. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Peace officers also handled complaints concerning juveniles throwing rocks in a yard, telephone harassment, someone dumping trash on another's property and items that had been sold to persons but had not been paid for. The officers worked out the disagreements between the parties and no offense reports were filed.

DPS troopers investigated an accident seven miles east of Snyder on Highway 180 at about 11 a.m. Tuesday. Loyd Pinkerton of 305 33rd St. was driving a 1997 Ford pickup which was towing a 1997 motor home and a 1989 Ranger boat. The vehicles began to sway in the road, forcing an uncontrollable situation. The boat struck a guardrail and the motor home ended up on its side.

Neither Pinkerton nor his wife suffered injuries.

Snyder Fire Department was dispatched to a large grass fire four miles south off U.S. Highway 84 on CR 465 at 1:08 p.m. Tuesday and to a smaller one at the southeast corner of the gas plant on Golf Course Road at 4:12 a.m. today.

Markets

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	93⅝	91⅝	92⅝	+1⅝
AT&T Corps	33⅝	32⅝	33	— ⅛
AirTouch	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	— ⅛
Albertsons		33	32⅝	32⅝
AlldSignal		75⅝	75	75⅝
Allstel	32⅝	32	32	— ⅛
AmerOnline	49⅝	48⅛	49⅝	+ ⅜
AmStores	48⅛	47⅛	47⅛	— ⅛
Ameritech		62⅝	61⅝	62⅝
Amoco	85⅝	84⅛	84⅝	+ ⅜
AndarkPtr	58⅝	57⅝	58⅝	+1⅛
Annooinc		3⅝	3⅝	3⅝
AtlRichfld	146⅝	143⅝	146⅝	+2⅛
ATMOS Egy		23⅝	23⅝	23⅝
Aviall	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	— ⅛
BakerHughes	36⅛	35⅞	36	+ ⅛
BellAtl	69	68⅛	68⅝	— ⅛
BellSouth	45⅝	44⅝	45	— ⅛
BethSteel	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	+ ⅛
BritPet	143⅝	143⅝	143⅝	+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe	79⅛	78⅝	78⅝	— ⅜
Caterpillar	94⅛	93⅛	94	— ⅜
CenSoWst	22⅛	21⅞	21⅞	— ⅛
Chevron	70⅛	69⅝	70	+ ⅛
Chrysler s		31⅛	30⅞	31
Coastal	49⅝	49	49⅛	— ⅛
CocaCola	66⅛	65⅝	66⅛	— ⅜
ColgatePalm	112⅝	111⅝	112⅝	+ ⅜
ComclMetals	28⅞	28⅛	28⅞	+ ⅛
Coopertn	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞	+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞	— ⅛
DellComputer	38⅛	37⅞	38⅛	— ⅛
DeltaAirl	94⅛	93⅛	94⅛	+ ⅛
DigitalEq	31⅝	30⅝	31	+ ⅛
Dillard		31⅛	31⅛	31⅛
DowChem	87⅝	86⅝	86⅝	—1
Dresserind	31	30⅝	30⅝	— ⅛
DuPont	109⅝	108⅝	109⅝	—1⅛
EastmanChem		53⅝	52⅝	53⅝
EstKodak	83⅝	82⅝	83⅝	+ ⅛
EDS Corp	37⅛	36⅝	37⅛	+ ⅜
Enserch	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	+ ⅛
Entergy	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	— ⅛
Exxon s	59	58⅝	58⅝	— ⅛
Fluorus s	17⅛	17	17⅛	+ ⅛
FordMotor	36	35⅝	35⅝	— ⅛
GTE Cp	44⅝	43⅝	43⅝	—1⅛
GenDynam	73	72⅝	72⅝	— ⅛
GenElec	117⅝	116⅝	117⅝	+ ⅛
GenElecwi	58⅝	58⅛	58⅝	+ ⅛
GenMills	63⅝	63⅛	63⅝	— ⅛
GenMotors	58⅝	58⅛	58⅝	— ⅛
GePacif	79⅝	79⅛	79⅛	— ⅛
GlobalMar	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	— ⅛
Goodrich	42⅝	42⅛	42⅝	+ ⅜
Goodyear s	54⅝	53⅝	53⅝	+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	26⅛	25⅝	25⅝	— ⅛
Halibrtn	72⅛	71⅛	72⅛	+ ⅜
Hanson ADS n	25⅝	25⅛	25⅛	—1-16
HartsHanks		28⅛	28⅛	28⅛
HomeDepot	59⅝	59	59⅝	+ ⅛
HoustonInds	23⅛	22⅝	22⅝	— ⅛
IBM	166⅝	163⅝	165⅝	+ ⅜
IntlPaper	45⅛	44⅝	44⅝	— ⅜
JohnsnJn s	61⅛	60⅝	60⅝	— ⅛
K mart	13⅝	13⅛	13	17-32—7-32
Kroger s	28⅝	28	28	— ⅜
Litton		45⅝	45⅝	45⅝
LockhdMart	92⅝	92⅝	92⅝	— ⅛
Lowes Cos	38⅝	38	38	— ⅛
Lubys		19⅝	19	19⅝
LucentTech	62⅝	61⅛	62⅝	+ ⅜
MayDptStrs	47	46⅝	46⅝	— ⅛
Medtronic	66⅝	65⅝	65⅝	—2⅛
Mobil	132⅝	131⅝	132⅝	+ ⅜
Monsanto s	45⅝	44⅛	44⅝	— ⅛
MorganJP	104⅝	104	104⅝	— ⅜
Motorola	62⅝	60⅝	62⅝	+1⅝
NCR Corp n	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	— ⅛
NationsBk s	62⅛	61⅝	61⅝	—1
Navistar	11⅝	11⅛	11⅝	— ⅛
NorsmEngy	15⅝	15⅛	15⅛	— ⅛
Norwest	52⅝	52	52⅝	+ ⅜
Nynex	52⅝	52⅝	52⅝	— ⅛
OryxEngy	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	— ⅛
PanEnergy	46⅝	46	46⅝	— ⅛
Penney JC	49⅝	49⅝	49⅝	+ ⅛
Pennzoil	51⅛	50⅝	51	+1
PepBoys		33⅝	33⅝	33⅝
PepsiCo	36⅛	36⅛	36⅛	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	78⅝	77⅝	77⅝	— ⅜
PhilipPet	41⅛	40⅝	41⅝	+ ⅜
Polaroid	49⅝	49⅛	49⅝	— ⅛
Praxair	52⅝	51⅝	51⅝	— ⅛
ProctGamble	132⅝	130⅝	130⅝	—1⅛
PubSNwMx	17⅝	17⅛	17⅛	+ ⅜
RoyalDutch	185⅝	183⅝	184	— ⅜
SBC Comm	56⅝	55⅝	56	— ⅜
SaraLee	42⅝	42⅛	42⅝	— ⅛
SearsRoeb	50⅝	50⅛	50⅝	+ ⅜
ShellWW s	31⅝	31⅛	31⅝	+ ⅜
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SouthEdCS	21⅝	21⅛	21⅝	— ⅛
SwstAirlines	27	26⅝	26⅝	— ⅛
Sprint	46⅝	45⅝	45⅝	— ⅛
SunCo	29	28⅝	28⅝	— ⅜
TNP Ent	23⅝	23	23⅝	+ ⅛
Tandy		53⅝	53⅝	53⅝
TempInl	57⅝	57⅛	57⅝	— ⅛
Tenneco	42⅝	42	42⅝	+ ⅜
Texaco	108⅝	107⅝	108⅝	+ ⅛
TexasInds	22⅝	22⅛	22⅝	— ⅛
TexasInst	95⅝	91	94⅝	+2⅝
TexUtil	36⅝	36⅛	36⅝	— ⅜
Textron	118	115	115⅝	—2⅝
Travelers s	56⅝	55⅝	56	— ⅜
TrinityInds	27⅝	26⅝	27⅝	+ ⅜
TritonEngy	38⅝	38⅛	38⅝	+ ⅛
Tyler		1⅝	1⅝	1⅝
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USWstMda	18	17⅝	17⅝	— ⅜
USX Delhi	13⅝	13⅛	13⅝	+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	28⅝	27⅝	28	+ ⅛
USX-USS	30	29⅝	29⅝	— ⅛
UnCarbide	49⅝	49⅛	49⅝	— ⅛
UnPac s	65⅝	65	65⅝	— ⅛
UnitedTech s	78⅝	77⅝	77⅝	— ⅛
Unocal	39⅝	38⅝	39⅝	— ⅛
WalMart	28 13-16	28⅛	28⅝	+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	16	15⅝	15⅝	— ⅛
WestghEl	17⅝ 17	17 1-16	—5-16	
WinnDixie	37	36⅝	36⅝	— ⅜
Woolworth	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	— ⅛
XeroxCp s	65⅝	64⅝	64⅝	+ ⅛
ZenithE	11	10⅝	11	+ ⅛

C.J. Smith wins first place in 'Slingers' event

C.J. Smith of Snyder took first place in the Class C division of the Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club open tournament last weekend.

Pitchers from Littlefield, Lubbock, McKinney and Waco participated.

Second place in the Class C division was Fay Coleman of Waco.

Class B winners were Bob Biggs of Abilene, first, and Homer Coleman of Waco, second.

Cody Johnson of Littlefield won Class A with NHPA officer David Van Citters of McKinney taking second.

The next scheduled will be the sanctioned Duncan Classic on June 21. An open tournament is set during the county fair on Sept. 20, and the sanctioned White Buffalo Classic is set for Oct. 4.

Pitching is held at 3 p.m. every Saturday at the county coliseum courts.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Your abilities could be substantially enhanced in the year ahead. As you strive to acquire more for the people you love, you'll also generate greater returns for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you must be careful you're not penny-wise and pound-foolish. You will be mindful of trivial expenses, but you may be oblivious to real extravagance. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will effectively manage rational matters today, but situations that have emotional content could mar your judgment and cause you to behave poorly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) As long as companions are in accord with your ideas today, and everything is going your way, you'll be as pleasant as pie, but woe to him or her who crosses you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think twice before asking favors from friends today. If pals think they are being used, you won't get what you want. Let suggestions come from them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Timing is the critical factor today that can spell the difference between success and failure. Take care not to push when you should pull.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not take credit today for something in which you only played a small part. Losing the respect of your peers is poor compensation for momentary glory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your curiosity might run at high-peak today. Be careful you do not probe into a friend's private affairs. Keep your questions to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not be too hasty in negotiating a serious agreement today. What looks and sounds good at first may not be so, after further study.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It might not prove wise today to tackle a mental task that demands your total concentration. If your focus wanders, errors are quite likely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A friend might seek advice from you today pertaining to a financial matter. Do not pretend to know something you do not, or big trouble may follow.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Associates might find you a bit difficult to comprehend today. This may be because of your severe mood swings, so keep them under wraps.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Responsibilities that require your attention should be taken care of as early in the day as possible. Your sense of duty lessens by midday.

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Date Book

May 7, 1997

Today is the 127th day of 1997 and the 29th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1824, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony premiered in Vienna, Austria.

On this day in 1789, the first Presidential Inaugural Ball was held, in New York City.

On this day in 1915, the British liner Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Browning (1812-1889), poet; Johannes Brahms (1833-1897), composer; Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), composer; Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), writer; Archibald MacLeish (1892-1982), poet-public official; Gary Cooper (1901-1961), actor; Teresa Brewer (1931-), singer, is 66; John Unitas (1933-), football great, is 64.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, jockey Angel Cordero Jr. retired from racing.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Music is a higher revelation than philosophy." — Ludwig van Beethoven

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, parts of the Blue Ridge Mountains in eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina received more than 3 feet of snow.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Terry J. Millican, County Extension Agent

Texas A&M recommends new tomato

Texas A&M's Coordinated Educational and Marketing Assistance Program (CEMAP) is proud to introduce the 'Merced' hybrid tomato, considered the highest quality spring tomato variety available, according to Greg Grant, Extension horticulturist in Rusk.

'Merced' produces large red fruit that are smooth and firm with an excellent flavor," he said.

"Tested in many areas of Texas and the South, 'Merced' has proved to be one of the most productive and attractive spring-planted tomatoes," said Grant. "It has been in commercial production for several years in the Winter Garden area near San Antonio.

"Known to be a 'race horse' hybrid tomato, it needs to be treated as such. Like most highly productive hybrids, it needs a high degree of horticultural care for maximum results," said Grant.

"It's a well-known fact that hybrid tomatoes require more fertilizer and consequently produce higher yields. High fertility is required, both for increased fruit size and numbers, as well as to provide good foliage cover to prevent sunscald. The most productive 'Merced' tomatoes ever grown in the state were mulched with several inches of horse manure."

Healthy, actively growing transplants should be planted in a well-prepared garden soil to which a complete fertilizer has been added. It's imperative that they be planted in a location that receives at least 8-10 hours of full sun each day. No tomato will produce well in the shade. To get transplants off to a fast start, they should be watered in with a water soluble fertililzer high in phosphorus. To give your plants the high octain nutrition they need throughout the growing season, sidedress them with nitrogen fertilizer (21-0-0, or similar) every two to three weeks.

The 'Merced' tomato needs to be staked or caged for best results. Staked plants with the early suckers removed will produce the largest fruit. However, leave later suckers to help shade and protect the high quality fruit.

For more information on 'Merced' and maximum production of high quality tomatoes, check out Aggie Horticulture's Plant Answers web site.

(http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/PLANT answers/tomato.html)

Unlike many homegrown tomatoes with rough green shoulders and numerous cracks, 'Merced' is completely red and smooth which makes for a prettier culinary display and avoids waste," said Grant.

"Without a doubt, the tomato is the most popular garden vegetable in Texas and probably the world," he said. "There's no comparison between an imported tomato and the vine-ripened, homegrown version. Be the first in your neighborhood to produce and enjoy 'Merced,' 'the perfect tomato.'"

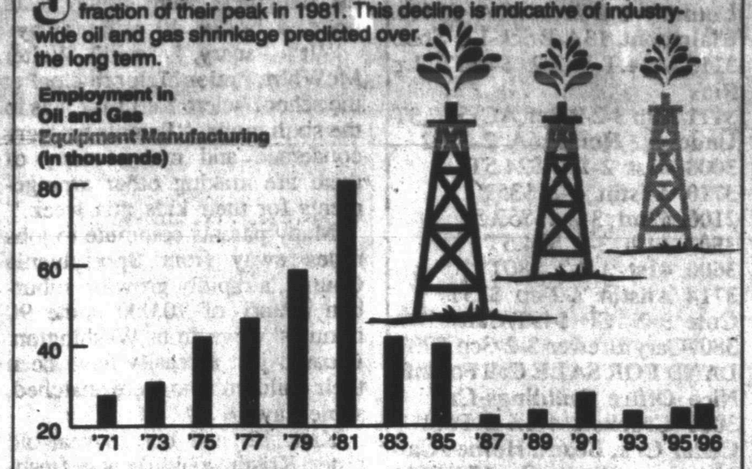
Transplants of 'Merced' are available at select nurseries, garden centers and feed stores throughout the state.

One nice thing about an election year is that the politicians are so busy ensuring their jobs that they have little time left to mess up legislation.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Oil and gas boom just a dim memory

Jobs in the oil and gas manufacturing industry amount to only a fraction of their peak in 1981. This decline is indicative of industry-wide oil and gas shrinkage predicted over the long term.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Texas Workforce Commission.

GOP shelves proposal to extend CRP program

By CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unwilling to take on a presidential veto threat, Senate Republicans have decided to shelve a bill that would grant a one-year extension of the Conservation Reserve Program to farmers in winter wheat areas.

The program pays farmers to plant grass or other cover on environmentally sensitive land and keep it idle. Normally, once the farmer begins to put the land in use, the payment is stopped.

The House had passed legislation last week that would have allowed winter wheat farmers to keep drawing payments on idle land for another year, but the Clinton administration said it was unacceptable.

"We got a very strong message that the president will veto that bill," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the measure would prevent millions of acres of environmentally sensitive land from being enrolled in the program and possibly lower national wheat stocks.

Instead, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Dick Lugar, R-Ind., Roberts and other senators from both parties are urging the Agriculture Department to take administrative steps that would permit growers of fall-planted crops to begin preparing CRP ground now for cultivation with no loss of payments.

"Producers' need to remove existing ground cover is critical [illegible] whether they plan to [illegible] CRP land to production" or keep it idle, the senators wrote Tuesday to Glickman.

"Winter crop producers throughout the country are in serious jeopardy and if they so choose, should be allowed to prepare their land for fall planting immediately," the letter added.

The action would benefit wheat, barley and oats growers who plant fall crops in places like Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Oregon. They need time to prepare land idled under CRP and buy supplies such as seed and fertilizer.

Farmers offered about 26 million acres for 10-year CRP contracts under a new sign-up period that ended in March, but most do not yet know whether their land will be accepted. They are uncertain whether to prepare for planting or keep the land idle.

The House-passed extension would allow farmers who plant crops in the fall to keep their land in CRP for another year, even if it were later rejected by USDA in the new sign-ups.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 579 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 1, Sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: 38 to 44.50; Canners and low cutters: 28 to 38; slaughter bulls 47 to 54.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 80 to 110; 400 to 500, 80 to 100; 500 to 600, 75 to 88.50; 600 to 700, 68 to 81; 700 to 800, 65 to 75.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 75 to 90; 400 to 500, 65 to 77; 500 to 600, 65 to 75; 600 to 700, 64 to 68; 700 to 800, 60 to 65.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 65 to 80; 700 to 800, 60 to 65.

Cow and calf pairs, good: 600 to 850; grade: 400 to 550.

Springers: 300 to 675; baby calves: 50 to 200; doodlers 150 to 240.

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Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Raising children: Pointers for parents

Becoming a parent is one of the most natural things in the world; being an effective parent is quite another story. Raising children to be happy, productive people is not a skill we are born with. Although we all want and try to be good parents, it takes knowledge and support from others to help us do the best job possible.

Sometimes we have unrealistic expectations of parenthood. We entertain fantasies of angelic children, loving spouses, financial security.

The differences between what we want and what we actually have can be very frustrating: when your husband is yelling at you to keep the kids quiet; when you're trying to cook dinner and they keep fighting with each other; when you're figuring out how to pay all your bills and they keep pestering you ... without thinking, we take out our anger and frustration on our kids. Some very loving parents lose control to the point of child abuse.

We lash out at our kids because we were never taught how to handle the decidedly "unloving" feelings we sometimes have towards them. No one told you that the cute little bundle you held in the hospital would scream all night, smear crayon on the walls, pick fights with siblings, or stay out past curfew. And they certainly didn't tell you what to do when they did.

We learned about dealing with children from our parents. But parenting techniques that were effective with our generation may not help with children today. And sometimes our parents didn't set the best examples. Remember vowing to do things differently than they did, but now hearing your mother's exact words come out of your mouth?

Rain slows planting, but insects are down

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Cool springtime temperatures have not been beneficial to row crops and vegetables, but the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports the temperamental weather conditions have benefited insect populations.

Row crop and vegetable planting was delayed this season due to plentiful rains, and Dr. Bart Drees of College Station, Extension entomologist, said the delayed spring planting increased insect populations.

"Late season planting often results in insect aggravations," Drees said. "And this year it was very wet, so farmers had to plant later than usual."

However, the delayed planting alone was not enough to increase insect populations. After getting off to a late planting season, below normal temperatures continued to delay the growth of warm season crops, fruits and vegetables.

Dr. James Robinson of Overton, Extension entomologist, said this added delay allowed insects to get established and damage the young, vulnerable leaves.

"The cooler weather has slowed things down a little, leaving the plants more susceptible at a young age," he said. "So this year, we have seen more pressure from insects."

Robinson said if the springtime temperatures begin to rise, the insect problems should subside.

"Insects, like aphids, tend to do better with cooler temperatures," Robinson said. "If we get some 80 to 90 degree days with 60 degree nights, we should see the insects slow down considerably."

Ron Woolley of Stephenville, district Extension director, said Central Texas is having some problems with insect infestations, but the insects are mostly limited to sorghums.

"Some yellow sugarcane aphids and greenbugs are appearing in grain sorghum fields," Woolley said.

Spring gardens seem to have been hit the hardest in the southeast region of the state. Dale Fritz of College Station, district Extension director, said insects are extremely heavy this spring in home gardens. However, despite the insects, vegetable plants are developing nicely and produce yields are expected to be good.

Forrest Mitchell of Stephenville, Extension research entomologist, said most insects are climate-induced.

"A nice lush spring will allow the insects to come out in great numbers," Mitchell said.

Robinson suggests if insects get extremely bad in crops or vegetables, spraying fields with insecticide is an option. But he said, as summer approaches, warmer temperatures should lessen the numbers.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: adequate to surplus. Ranges rated good. Grass responding to warmer temperatures. Livestock in good condition; some losses due to snow. Corn planting under way. Sugarbeets rated fair; some fields require replanting. Planting peanuts.

SOUTH PLAINS: adequate. Pastures in good condition. Cotton planting under way. Corn planting continues. Peanut planting nearing completion. Wheat heading out. Potatoes and onions making good progress.

ROLLING PLAINS: adequate. Range, pasture growing conditions excellent. Native grasses greening up. Livestock condition improving. Preparing cotton fields. Planting conditions excellent. Significant freeze damage; some wheat being baled.

NORTH TEXAS: adequate to surplus. Pastures and ranges in poor to fair condition. Corn planting completed. Baling wheat hay. Sorghum, soybean planting under way. Plowing continues on vegetables. Frozen corn being plowed up.

EAST TEXAS: adequate. Pastures poor to fair; warm season growth delayed. Cattle condition good; prices steady. Corn, cotton poor; oats fair condition. Insect pressure in early vegetables; excess moisture causing disease problems.

FAR WEST TEXAS: short to adequate. Pasture condition improving; forage looking good. Cattle benefiting from production of grasses. Oats beginning to head out. Crops in fair to good condition. Chili progress up. Freeze damage to many fruit trees.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: adequate to surplus. Pasture and range condition excellent. Livestock in fair condition. Oat stands developing. Sorghum planting nearing completion. Leaf rust continues to be a problem. Pecan nutlets forming; spraying active.

CENTRAL TEXAS: adequate. Winter grasses providing good grazing. Grain crops growing well. Some yellow sugar cane aphids and greenbugs appearing in grain sorghum fields. Cotton beginning to emerge. Leaf rust infection extremely high.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: adequate to surplus. Pastures greening up; providing adequate grazing. Cattle market strong. Rainfall delayed planting of crops. Pecan pollination and nut set looks heavy. Insects heavy in spring gardens; good fruit setting in gardens.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: adequate. Pastures and range conditions excellent. Livestock looking good. Corn and sorghum growing well. Wheat and oats being cut for hay. Few casebearers being found. Early variety peaches nearing harvest date.

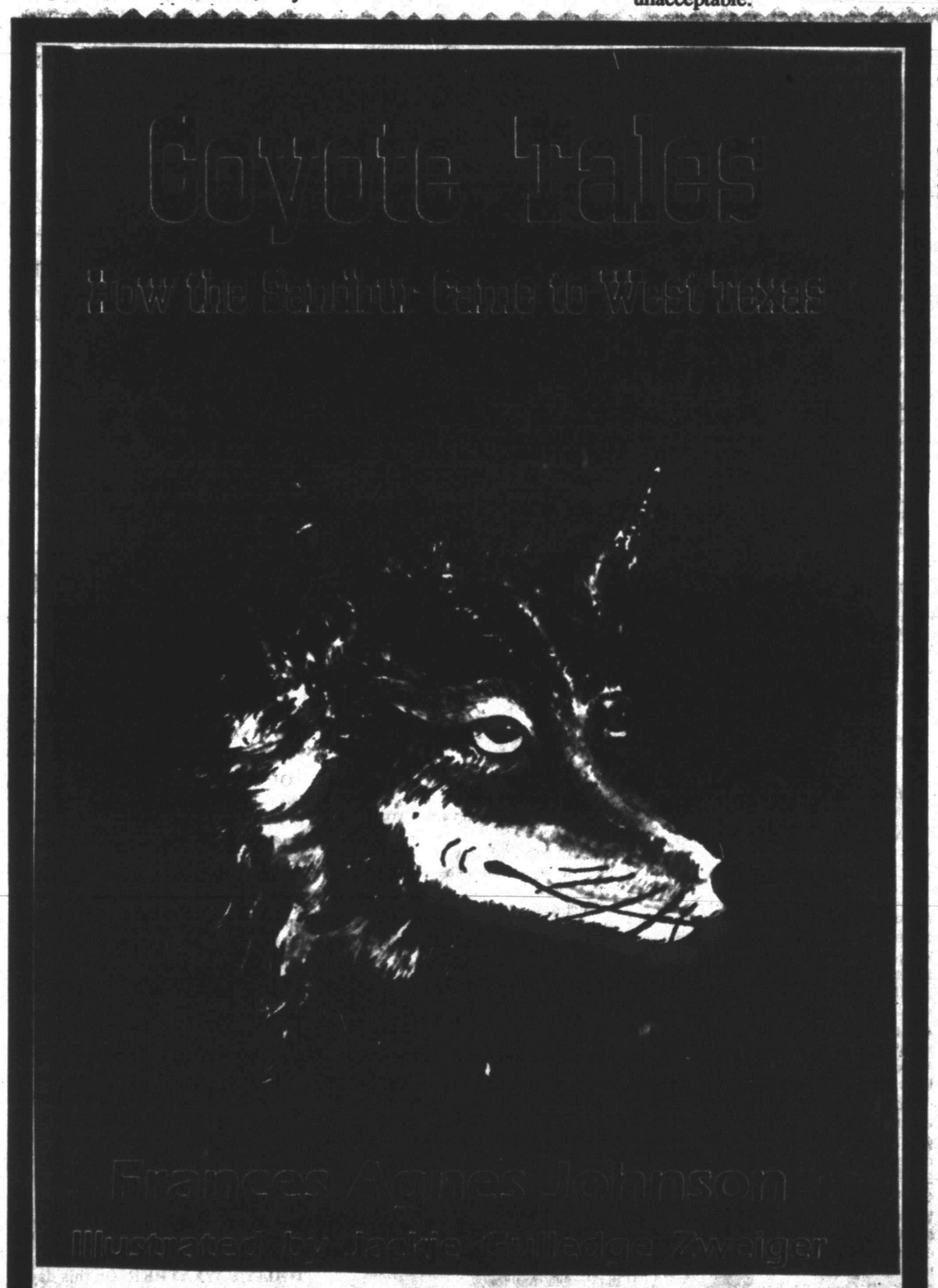
COASTAL BEND: adequate. Weed infestations heavy on overgrazed pastures. Cattle condition improving. Planting sorghum or soybeans instead of corn due to planting delay. Peaches developing nicely. Pecan casebearer scouting continues.

SOUTH TEXAS: adequate. Pasture conditions improving. Livestock supplemental feeding continues. Field work resuming after rain delays. Cotton in fair condition. Corn in fair to good condition. Onion and cabbage harvesting continues.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a 981 run Saturday, May 5. Feeder steers and heifers were steady, with steers over 700 lbs. $1 to $3 higher. Slaughter cows were steady, bulls $2 higher. Bred cows $25 per head lower, pairs were $35 to $50 higher. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder heifers:
300 to 500, 85 to 109.50
400 to 600, 81.50 to 88
600 to 800, 73.50 to 77.
800 to 900 68.50 to 72.50
Feeder steers:
300 to 400, 74 to 91
400 to 500, 74 to 78.50
500 to 600, 69 to 76
600 to 800, 63.50 to 69
Young bred cows: 550 to 650
Medium age to older bred cows: 420 to 540.
Young cows and calves: 67: to 790.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 540 to 660.
Packer cows: 28 to 42.50.
Packer bulls: 52.25 to 57.50.



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Family, friends remember fugitive as loner

ST. MARYS, Kan. (AP) — Friends and family of Richard Keyes III, the last Republic of Texas fugitive being sought in the Davis Mountains, remember him as an impressionable loner.

Authorities expected thirst, hunger and wild animals to force Keyes, 21, out of hiding in the mountains, but scaled back the search Tuesday, saying it wouldn't be resumed today.

Keyes is wanted on state charges stemming from the brief hostage-taking of a neighborhood couple that began the Republic of Texas standoff with law officers April 27.

Keyes and another Republic of Texas member had fled into the mountainside from their makeshift headquarters in remote West Texas, shortly before leader Richard McLaren and three followers ended their weeklong standoff on Saturday.

One of the fugitives, Mike Matson, 48, was killed in a shoot-out with authorities on Monday.

Some residents of Keyes' hometown of St. Mary's, Kan. — population 1,900 — said he was a Catholic altar boy who used to get good grades, but was withdrawn, had few friends and was too impressionable.

"You hand him some literature with any kind of slant, and, because he's so naive, he'll say, 'Oh yeah, I agree with that. They make a good point,'" said Jim Rizzo, who has known the Keyes family since the early 1980s.

"He first showed me pamphlets on what the Republic of Texas was all about last summer. I laughed him off at first, and he laughed with me," Rizzo said. "But then he got real serious and started explaining events back to 1845 and how Texas was improperly annexed because all the votes weren't there."

Keyes was among several people holed up with the Republic of Texas group, which believes Texas, formerly an independent republic, was illegally absorbed by the United States in the 1840s. They are seeking independence for Texas.

McLaren's group believes the republic also includes parts of New Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Keyes' mother, Judy, said her husband went to Texas to help authorities bring their son out alive. She also said her husband would be meeting with Texas reporters to make a public plea for their son's safe return.

"I just hope he's OK," Judy Keyes said, declining further comment.

Keyes is the oldest of seven children. His mother is organizing a home-schooling co-operative, and his father works for Southwestern Bell, Rizzo said.

The family's former pastor at Assumption Cathedral on the campus of St. Mary's College said the Keyeses were among 20 families that joined a break-away church group, which he described as militant.

"The Freemen types, all that militant mentality was floating around this town and in that group," the Rev. Ramon Angles said. "It is total nuts, the conspiracies, the militias, the too much government and too much taxes. I tried from the pulpit to bring sanity to all this nonsense. It's harmful, it's anti-Christian and it's not wanted.

"But (the Keyes family) was antagonistic toward what I was doing. First they pulled their children out of school, then they left the church," Angles said.

Rizzo and Angles said Keyes was a good student who kept to himself.

"He's the kind of guy that if you walked past him on the street, you wouldn't hesitate to turn around and stare at him," Rizzo said. "He stood out, his posture, his clothes."

Angles recalled Keyes' freshman year — his last — at St. Mary's Academy and said that he never saw Keyes running around with friends or playing sports.

Neighbors described the family as quiet and private.

Preserves recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New York company recalled five types of Sarabeth brand preserves Tuesday because the jars do not warn that they contain an ingredient dangerous to certain allergy sufferers.

SBK Preserves Inc. recalled Sarabeth brand Peace Apricot, Orange Apricot and Apricadabra preserves, Lemon Pear Butter and Blood Orange Marmalade.

The peace apricot preserves contain enough sulfites to cause serious or life-threatening reactions in people allergic to sulfites, SBK said after consultation with the Food and Drug Administration. The other brands also contain sulfites that SBK said could pose a "moderate" allergic reaction.

The products were manufactured before December and were sold in 9- and 18-ounce sizes. Stores or consumers who already bought the preserves can identify the at-risk jars because they do not contain the "Nutrition Facts" label that tells how many calories and nutrients a food contains.

Products manufactured after December are properly labeled, SBK said.

Consumers may return the recalled preserves to the place of purchase for a full refund, or call SBK at 1-800-PRESERV, the company said.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is Coumadin therapy advisable?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have atrial fibrillation and read in your recent column about the advisability of taking Coumadin, an anticoagulant. I'm on Lanoxin. Isn't this enough?

DEAR READER: No, it isn't.

People with atrial fibrillation (uneven heartbeat) tend to form blood clots within the heart chambers. When pieces of these clots break free, they may be carried to the brain and cause stroke. Therefore, most authorities now urge patients with fibrillation to take Coumadin regularly.

Lanoxin (digoxin), on the other hand, does not affect blood clotting. Among its many effects, the drug slows the pulse rate and, therefore, is useful in preventing an overly rapid pulse, which is often a complication of fibrillation.

In the view of most cardiologists, atrial fibrillation should be treated with Coumadin. The use of Lanoxin and other drugs is an individual matter, best judged on a case-by-case basis by the doctor.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Every morning I wake up with swollen lips and itchy swellings on my face. This annoyance lasts several hours. I assume it is an allergic reaction but, despite the fact that I have moderated my diet, I still have the problem. Taking antihistamines helps, but I'd like to get to the bottom of this.

DEAR READER: You do, indeed, appear to be having an allergic reaction, but to what?

The human body can become sensitive to an extraordinary number of compounds in our environment. Most people are aware of allergies to pollen, dust, animal dander, and insect bites. Yet few realize that almost anything can cause a release of histamine in the skin, with resulting swelling and itching.

Various foods, as you mention, may cause such reactions. However, so can detergent residues, cosmetics, commercial coloring agents, medications — even toothpaste.

I suggest that you make an appointment with an allergist. Through an involved process of skin and blood testing, the specialist should be able to determine what it is you're reacting to. Perhaps it's something as simple as the detergent used to wash your pillow cases, in which case you may obtain relief by simply changing cleaning products.

On the other hand, there may be an unusual, unsuspected culprit that you cannot avoid and against which you may need to take desensitization injections.

Although most allergic reactions are — like yours — harmless nuisances, some can progress to cause asthma and other serious consequences. Therefore, an allergist would be your best resource.

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By Phillip Alder

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Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
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4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Tipping your top hat

By Phillip Alder

Ron Klinger, the Australian bridge maven, has written a third book of "tips." This one, "50 More Winning Bridge Tips" (Gollancz), is more advanced than the previous two. You will benefit from taking Klinger's advice, but some of it will be tough to put into practice. For example: "If the defence is clear to you but may not be clear to partner, try to find a way to make it impossible for partner to go wrong." That's *much* easier typed than done.

My favorite tip is number 44, which is exhibited in today's deal. To test yourself, look only at the North and East hands. You are defending against four spades after your partner has opened one heart. West leads the heart queen: two, ace, king. What now?

As West is known to have five hearts from his opening bid, South must have dropped the singleton king. Any spade tricks due to your side won't run away. Clearly, the defense cannot get a diamond trick. If declarer needs to take a diamond finesse, it will work. So, if you are to defeat the contract, it looks as though you'll need to cash three club tricks now.

This points to the winning defense: Switch to the club *jack*. Luckily partner has the necessary club holding, and declarer is left to shake his head ruefully.

Tip 44 reads: "When switching to a suit such as J-x-x or Q-x-x when dummy on your right holds low cards, lead low if you need only two tricks, but lead the honor if you need three or more tricks from the suit."

The book is available from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies (800-274-2221) for $14.95, including shipping and handling.

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Senate committee to vote on tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A Senate committee working on a plan to cut local school property taxes was scheduled to vote today on its nearly $2.5 billion plan.

The committee on Tuesday lowered a proposal to expand the state franchise tax to business partnerships.

The tax plan, aimed at lowering local school property taxes, would increase some state taxes and expand the state business tax to pay for the cuts.

It was expected to be voted on by the committee Tuesday but was delayed because of amendments.

None of the changes were expected to change the plan for most Texans.

One amendment would prohibit school districts from granting business property tax abatements for property not worth more than $1 billion.

Even then, only the amount above $1 billion could be written off the taxable property rolls. Schools would have to assume those costs.

Another change would reduce the proposed business tax on partnerships by about $177 million every two years. Currently, only corporations pay the tax. The proposal would expand it to all companies except sole proprietorships.

Under a House plan already approved, partnerships with 35 or fewer partners would get up to a $100,000 deduction per partner in the calculation of their business taxes. That already applies to corporations with fewer than 35 stockholders.

Lawyers, accountants and doctors, many of whom work in partnerships, told the Senate committee the franchise tax would hit partnerships harder than corporations making the same amount of money.

"We're not asking for sympathy," said Joe B. Allen, of the Houston-based Vinson and Elkins law firm. "We're asking to be treated like everyone else."

The committee adopted a change to give all corporations and partnerships up to $100,000 in deductions from their business tax calculation for each of the 35 top-paid partners.

Former Heaven's gate cult member kills himself; 1 fails

ENCINITAS, Calif. (AP) — Two former Heaven's Gate cult members sent "exit statements," packed bags, arranged purple shrouds and wore dark outfits and running shoes before trying to kill themselves. One survived.

Sheriff's deputies found the body of Wayne Cooke of Las Vegas and an unconscious Chuck Humphrey of Denver after receiving a call from CBS correspondent Lesley Stahl, who had spoken with Cooke's daughter, police said.

Humphrey, 56, was taken to a hospital, where he was in critical condition today.

Like the 39 cult members found in a Rancho Santa Fe mansion on March 26, Cooke and Humphrey left messages saying they expected to be taken to "another level beyond human" aboard a spaceship trailing Comet Hale-Bopp.

"They did have a note similar to the one that was found at Heaven's Gate, suggesting they were going to meet with their leader on the other side of the comet and suggesting suicide," sheriff's Sgt. Don Crist said.

The two men wore clothes similar to those worn in the mass suicide. Crist said each had a $5 bill and three quarters in his pockets — just like the other cult members who reportedly carried the bills after one was accused by police of vagrancy.

Humphrey had phenobarbital in his system, suggesting he and Cooke may have used the same concoction of alcohol and barbiturates as the other members, Crist said. Both also used plastic bags to hasten the end.

They had mailed suicide videos to various news organizations and friends.

"I would like everyone to understand that I simply cannot stay here any longer and I am leaving because it is time for me to leave," Cooke said in a letter sent with a video to CNN. "I'd rather gamble on missing the bus this time than staying on this planet and risk losing my soul."

Cooke was married to Suzanne Sylvia Cooke, who committed suicide with the other members. In an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes" after the suicide, he said he wished he could join the group.

"I wish I had the strength to have stuck it out and gotten stronger and continued to be a part of that crew," he had said.

Last month, Humphrey told reporters he left the group after growing impatient with the leaders' unmet promises.

The latest suicides were discovered after Cooke's daughter, Kelly, received a package stating her father and a friend were in the San Diego area planning to commit suicide.

Ms. Cooke called Stahl, who then contacted sheriff's deputies.

Deputies found both men at a hotel about four miles from the Rancho Santa Fe mansion.

Wary banks reject worthless documents, others taken in

DALLAS (AP) — An routine audit of new accounts stopped workers at a BankOne last December from processing $2.5 million in phony checklike documents submitted by two Republic of Texas members.

The checks were as worthless as Monopoly money.

But when Fort Worth print shop owner Roger Downs printed 5,000 light-blue Republic of Texas "passports" for Richard McLaren in November, he accepted a warrant for $4,569 from Evelyn McLaren.

"It looked like a real check," Downs said Tuesday, a day after federal bank fraud indictments against the McLarens and five other people were unsealed in Dallas. "Down at the bottom it said it was backed by silver or something."

Downs, who believed the gold-sealed passports were to be sold as novelty souvenirs, said his bank thought the warrant would prove valid, but placed a 10-day hold on it just in case. He's still waiting for his money and doesn't even have the passports anymore — the Internal Revenue Service seized them as evidence.

Although the McLarens and their unnamed co-defendants are accused of issuing more than $1.8 billion in fake documents, only a handful of small businesses and financial institutions actually lost money to their schemes, federal prosecutors say.

None of the banks did, because sophisticated processes and regulations sifted out the phony documents. But others, like Downs, lost out because they provided goods and services before they got paid.

The Republic of Texas movement does not recognize Texas law and claims Texas is a sovereign nation illegally annexed by the United States in 1845. Members claim the right to issue warrants backed by national assets.

Federal prosecutors said eight U.S. companies received worthless documents totaling more than $3.4 million: BankOne Texas, OmniAmerican Federal Credit Union, Downs' Print & Sign Designs, American Express, Kelly's Jewelry in Austin, NationsBank Texas, VISA and First Class American Credit Union in Fort Worth.

Charge-card giant American Express got taken for more than $100,000, spokewoman Gail Wasserman said from her New York office.

She said the losses occurred in accounts of "several cardmembers who had been in good standing for some time before this stuff happened," but added that confidentiality rules barred her from giving details.

The federal indictments said airline tickets to Puerto Rico had been charged to one American Express account.

Obituaries

Dorothy Ratliff

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1914-1997

Dorothy Ratliff, a longtime Snyder resident, died at 4:30 a.m. today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Services for Mrs. Ratliff, 82, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 22, 1914 in Smithville, she married Donald Kirk Ratliff in Fort Worth. Dr. Ratliff died on June 10, 1980.

Mrs. Ratliff worked for many years as a secretary for the Snyder public schools. She also worked at Snyder High School in the special education department. Mrs. Ratliff was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy C. Jeffries of Oklahoma City; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Gladys Penn

1909-1997

BROWNWOOD — Gladys Penn, the mother of Johnnie Penn of Snyder, died Monday, May 5, in Seguin.

Funeral service for Mrs. Penn, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel. Paul McClung will officiate and burial will follow in the Greenleaf Cemetery.

Born in Brown County, she married Calbert A. Penn Sr. in 1928 in Brooksmith. He preceded her in death.

A homemaker, Mrs. Penn was a member of the Fourth and Stewart Church of Christ.

Survivors include another son, Calbert A. Penn Jr. of Sweetwater; two daughters, Emma Jean Neal of Kingsbury and Yvonne Taylor of Brownwood; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and newphew.

Starr told to appear at McDougal hearing

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr must explain to a federal judge why Susan McDougal — jailed for refusing to appear before the Whitewater grand jury — remains in solitary confinement in a Los Angeles County jail.

On Tuesday, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Paul Flynn ordered Starr to appear in his courtroom May 22, the same day Mrs. McDougal faces embezzlement charges unrelated to Whitewater.

"Officially, we have no comment," said Deborah Gershman, spokeswoman for the Office of Independent Counsel in Little Rock, Ark.

Mrs. McDougal, 42, has been jailed since September for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury investigating the failed Arkansas real estate development called Whitewater. Mrs. McDougal, her then-husband, Jim McDougal, and then-Gov. Bill Clinton and wife Hillary were equal partners in the deal.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos said he wants to put Starr on the witness stand "to get a straight answer" about his client's incarceration.

Geragos claims Starr and the local prosecutor are conspiring to make Mrs. McDougal as uncomfortable as possible while she refuses to testify before the Whitewater grand jury.

Mrs. McDougal was brought here in December for a pretrial hearing.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Margie Borrego, 503 34th St.; D.N. Buchanan, 2216 41st St.; Ila Byrd, 5311 Big Spring Hwy.; Eleuteria Fieiro, P.O. Box 713; Edward Foree, 2209 43rd St.; Margarita Fuentes, 220 31st St.; Rebecca Gray, 3111 El Paso; Durwood Hopper, Colorado City; Dora Woellert, 1902 29th St.

DISMISSALS: Rebecca Dominguez and baby boy, Rufus Hart, Evelyn Piker, Tina Gordon.

CENSUS: LTC 35; Med. 3, 13; OB 1; NS 1; ICU 3; TOTAL: 53.

Births

Israel and Michael Borrego announce the arrival of their nephew, Enrique Moreno Borrego, born to their sister Margie A. Borrego. He was born Tuesday, May 6, 1997 at Cogdell Hospital and weighed 8 pounds 1½ ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Alice M. Borrego and the late Enrique (Henry) Borrego.

Paid Announcement

What's Up?

'The Tempest' on stage here

Snyder High School drama department will present its one-act play, "The Tempest" at 8:45 p.m. today at Worsham Auditorium. Admission is $2 per person. The play lasts about 45 minutes.

Cogdell board to meet

Cogdell Hospital board of managers will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday. Agenda items include the 1996 year-end report, approval of care plans, the 1996 safety appraisal and amendments to medical staff bylaws.

Agricultural valuation

Scurry County Appraisal District will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday to consider the agricultural valuation for 1997.

Rabies vaccination day

Residents can have their dogs and cats vaccinated from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Towle Park Barn. Cost is $7.50. City tags are free.

Pancake supper planned

Parents of Snyder High School seniors are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat pancake supper from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at McDonald's. All proceeds will go toward the alcohol-free Graduation '97 event. Tickets are $2 and must be purchased in advance from parents or through Caron Perkins by calling 573-5401.

Balloon bouquets for mom

Lighthouse Assembly of God is selling balloon bouquets for Mother's Day. Prices range from $10-$12. Delivery is available for $2.50 on each bouquet. Call 573-6670 or 573-0581 and leave a message. No orders will be taken after 9 a.m. Saturday.

SNS workday Saturday

The Snyder Neighbors Sharing workday, postponed earlier, is set for Saturday.

Snyder Springers fund-raiser

Snyder Springers will hold a garage sale all day Saturday at 2803 47th St.

Area reunions scheduled

Barronview, Busby and Center reunions will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Fisher County Courthouse annex. Refreshments will be served.

Blood pressure clinic

Interim Health Care will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Eckerd Drug.

Men's spiritual retreat

The first annual Snyder Christian Men's Retreat will be held May 16-17 at Willow Park Inn. The theme is "A Call to Holiness." Those attending will be taught the principles of transparency and accountability. For information, contact Donnie Burk at 573-5629.

Dermott school reunion

The Dermott school reunion will be June 7 at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Notices have been sent to all out of town residents. Schedules and activities will be announced later. For questions or information, call Sonny Greenfield at 573-6866.

Class of '87 reunion

Snyder High School Class of 1987 has set its 10-year reunion for Aug. 2. For more information, contact Elaine Gomez at 806 792-6572 or Leann Bell at 573-7742.

Adult education classes

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

Senior Swimnastics

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

8th grade end of year party

The 8th grade end of year party will be held May 23 at the armory. Organizers are in need of donations from parents of 8th graders to cover expenses. Anyone wishing to help should make a check to: Class of 2001, Melissa Alexander, P.O. Box 768 in Snyder.

Rummage items requested

Scurry County Museum is looking for donations to put in its annual rummage sale. Donations will be accepted May 12-16 and are tax deductible. This is the fourth year the museum has held this fund-raiser.

Quilt objects sought

Scurry County Museum is looking for items made from old or new quilts. Examples would include jackets, pillows, Christmas stockings, doll blankets, hats and toys. The museum wishes to display the items from June 9 through Aug. 22. Individual quilt blocks are also needed for the display.

Help is also needed in presenting the history of quilting and its importance. Call 573-6107 if you can assist the museum with any aspect of this display project.

Cash 5

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

10-12-14-15-31

(ten, twelve, fourteen, fifteen, thirty-one)

Pick 3

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

1-8-9

(one, eight, nine)