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Ask Us

Q—Who can be a poll watcher during an election?

A—Poll watchers must first fill out an application. Forms are available in the county clerk's office.

Local

Boosters

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school student center.

AARP

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at the Senior Center. Members are to bring a covered dish.

The speaker will be John Gayle, city manager.

United Way

Scurry County United Way board of directors will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the chamber of commerce board room.

4-H Shooting

Any youngster from the third grade through age 19 who is interested in participating in the 4-H Shooting Sports project may sign up Tuesday at the County Extension Office beginning at 6 p.m.

A parent must be present.

Candidates

Roy Emerson Falls of Granbury and Don Schmidt Jr. of Stephenville, Republican candidates for District 17 U.S. Representative, will speak at a United We Stand, America meeting set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Towle Park Barn.

The public is invited.

VFW 8231

Dan Dever, County Service Officer, will hold an informal meeting at 7 this evening at the VFW Post 8231. He will speak on veteran's benefits and related subjects.

All veterans and ladies auxiliary members are urged to attend. A board meeting will follow.

Playoffs

Snyder will be the site for a pair of high school basketball playoff games this week.

Tuesday, Muleshoe, 22-9, will battle Graham, 26-4, in a Class 3A girls Area round contest, set for 7:30 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

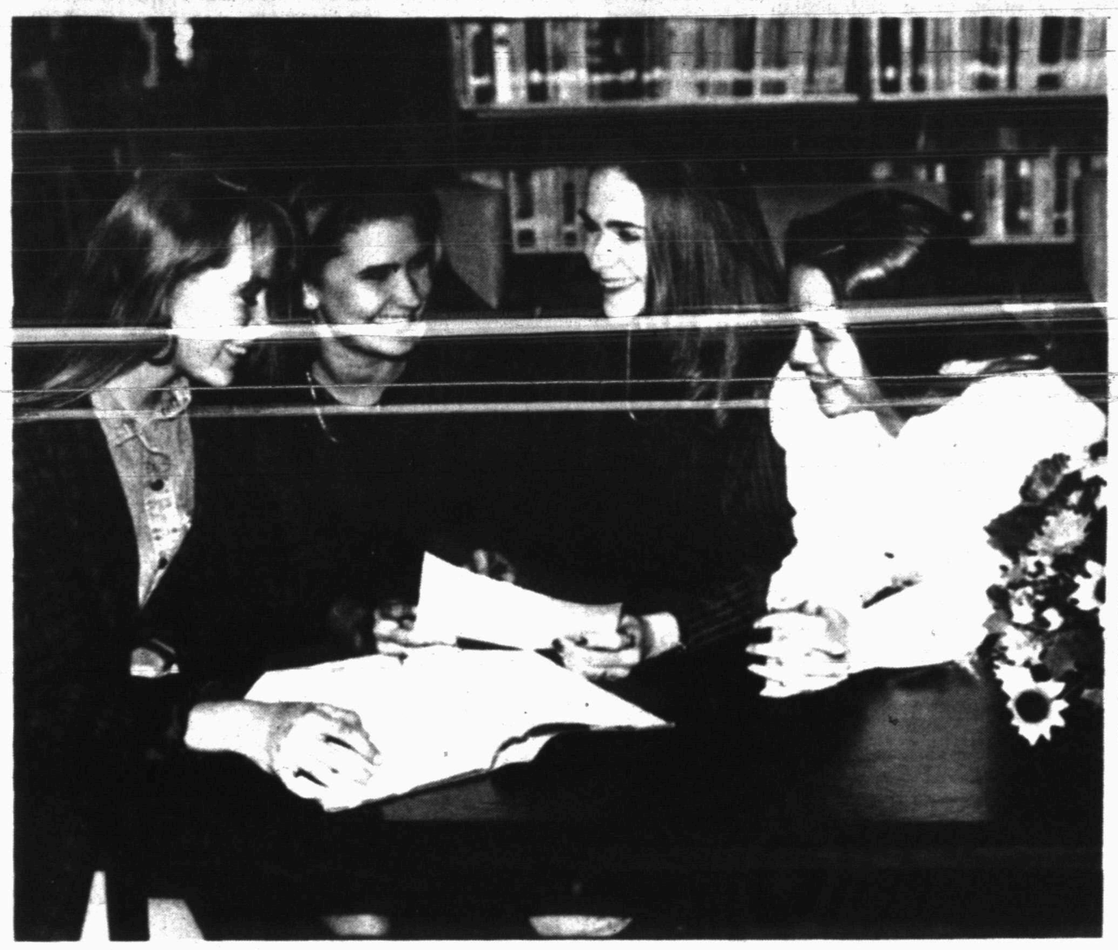
Highland, 16-7, will meet Robert Lee, 18-4, in a boys' Class A bi-district tilt Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Snyder High School.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 64 degrees; low, 38 degrees; .18 of an inch precipitation; high Sunday, 68 degrees; low, 35 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 35 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, .76 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: showers and thunderstorms; some storms possibly severe in the evening. Low in the upper 30s. Chance of rain 80 percent. Tuesday: becoming mostly sunny. High in the mid 50s. Northwest wind 10-20 mph and gusty.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:36. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:18. Of 51 days in 1994, the sun has shone 47 days in Snyder.



GRADUATION PLANS — Snyder High School senior class officers make plans for graduation activities to be discussed with senior parents at a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS Student Center. Left to right are Annie Ragland, Amy McDaniel, Amy Holmes and Brandi Doyle. (SDN Staff Photo)

Candidate filing period opens for May 7 elections

A Windham School teacher today became the first candidate to file for a seat on Snyder City Council.

Kenneth Gibson II, who has taught English as a second language for four years at the Price Daniel Unit, filed for District 3 on the council.

Today is the first day to file for the May board and city council elections. There are 14 positions up for election, including 10 scattered among Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools and Western Texas College, and four for Snyder City Council.

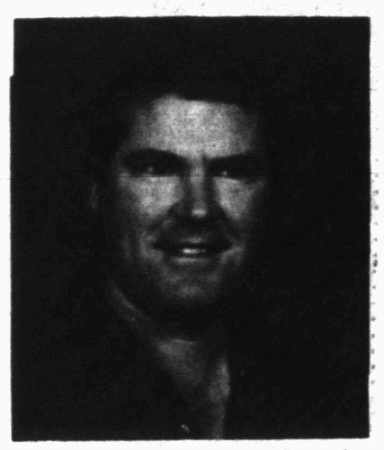
District 3 on the council is currently held by Mike Post.

"I am politically very conservative and believe in as little government as possible," said Gibson. "I also believe that when you live in a city, you have a responsibility to be involved in what goes on in that community. I'm not bringing with me any personal agenda. I'm just interested in doing what's best for the city."

Also up for election on the council are District 1, held by Vernest Tippens; District 2, held by Jack Denman; and District 4, held by I.E. Martin.

Gibson, 38, began teaching in the Windham School System four years ago after teaching for six years at Snyder Junior High — one year as an English and reading instructor, and the next five as a science teacher.

He graduated from Sidney High School in Sidney, Texas, and from Texas A&M University. He taught for two years at Fort Stockton and three years at Pecos before moving to Snyder.



KENNETH GIBSON II

Gibson is a deacon at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, is involved in Snyder Neighbors Sharing and is an Eagle Scout.

His wife, Shelley, is working on her teaching degree at Angelo State. The Gibsons have one son, Trey, a fifth grader at Northeast Elementary.

Filing runs through March 23. The election is set for May 7.

Candidates wishing to file must do so during normal weekday business hours at the office of the particular entity which they want to serve. For the schools, those are Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh ISD business offices; for WTC trustee, the college business administration office; for city council, at City Hall.

Up for election on the Snyder board of trustees are Place 2, held by Geraldine Parker, and Place 3, held by Terry Martin.

Places up for election on the

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President promises to work for lasting peace in Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the threat of air strikes keeping Serb artillery silent near Sarajevo, President Clinton today promised American involvement in efforts to forge a "lasting and workable peace" in Bosnia.

Saying the Serbs were in "effective compliance" with a NATO ultimatum, Clinton warned that renewed aggression "will bring a certain and swift reponse from the United Nations and NATO."

Clinton said the United States and its allies were concerned that Serb weapons might be transferred from Sarajevo to other areas of Bosnia. He said previous NATO resolutions give the U.N. ground commander authority "to call in" NATO close air support if peacekeepers are under attack.

Speaking to reporters in a hastily arranged news conference at the White House briefing room, Clinton tried to capitalize on his first limited foreign policy success in the troubled region. He commended U.S. troops, NATO allies, the UN and Russia, who urged their allied Serbs to heed the ultimatum.

The NATO decree opened the Serbs to air strikes if their artillery was not withdrawn from the snowy hills of Sarajevo or given to the UN by Sunday evening. Clinton said all but "a couple of sites" were under UN control this afternoon.

Coliseum on court agenda

Scurry County Commissioners Court has only four items on its agenda when it convenes at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Two items are coliseum-related. In addition, there is a request for partial funding for a Children's Protective Services specialist.

The Children's Protective Services request is listed under old businesss. Last month, the department sought funding for an additional case worker due to the heavy load in Scurry County.

The court will also review the ground maintenance contract at Scurry County Coliseum, an item tabled recently when it was learned that inmate labor may be available.

Also, the court will discuss the coliseum arena and emergency lighting at the facility. A fourth item is a budget amendment.

Trial for sexual assault to begin

James Thomas Mayse, a 37-year-old inmate at the Price Daniel Unit, goes on trial Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Mayse is charged with aggravated sexual assault of another inmate. Mayse was serving a sentence for robbery in Ector County when the alledged assault occurred last Sept. 6.

Jury selection begins at 9 a.m. Tuesday, and District Judge Gene Dulaney will preside.

Lotto sales expected brisk as jackpot hits $40 million

From local, wire reports

With an estimated $40 million jackpot looming for Wednesday's drawing, Snyder lotto merchants are expecting a brisk business.

"I've probably sold $350 in tickets this morning," said Kelly Spill, manager of Wes-T-Go Conoco on College Avenue. "Once the pot gets over $8 million, lotto business really starts to pick up pretty good."

Spill said he sold $5,000 on Saturday and expects to sell $6,000 to $7,000 in tickets on Wednesday.

The mid-week jackpot will be the third largest since the twice-weekly lottery began in late 1992. Twice, on May 1 and July 7 of last year, the lottery got to about $50 million before it was won.

Stores statewide reported a quick increase in sales beginning Sunday, after it was learned that no one had picked all six numbers right for Saturday's drawing.

Allsup's manager Connie Way didn't notice an increase Sunday, but is anticipating sales to pick up quickly. "Lotto sales usually start to pick up on Tuesday and I expect Wednesday to be real heavy," she said. "On Wednesday evening, I expect my clerks will stand right

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Wall students capture first at Brock tourney

Wall High School won sweepstakes at the annual Brock Memorial Speech Tournament, held Saturday at Western Texas College.

Wall accumulated 132 points to outpace runner-up Snyder High School, which scored 92.

Approximately 125 students from 14 schools participated in the day-long tournament.

Snyder student Kurtis McCathern won first place in both persuasive speaking and Lincoln-Douglas Debate. SHS's Jennifer Early placed first in informative speaking while Heather Ward was first in prose and Amanda Carter and Lisa Boren were first in duet acting.

Snyder's Craig Row took second in persuasive speaking and third in poetry.

A list of winners follows:

News Writing: Danna Duncan, Wall; Stephanie Wilson, Stanton; Jennifer Cowan, Wall.

Feature Writing: Holli Burns, Stanton; Brandi Ford, Hamlin; Dana Duncan, Wall.

Editorial Writing: Josh Atchison, Wall; Dana Duncan, Wall; Holli Burns, Stanton.

Headline Writing: Holli Burns, Stanton; Jennifer Cowan, Wall; Josh Atchison, Wall.

Persuasive Speaking: Kurtis McCathern, Snyder; Craig Row, Snyder; Jon Aubrey, Brownfield.

Informative Speaking: Jennifer Early, Snyder; Ronnie Miller, Monahans; Lance Hill, Monahans.

Prose Reading: Heather Ward, Snyder; Andrea Martin, Wall; Janet Riney, Stanton.

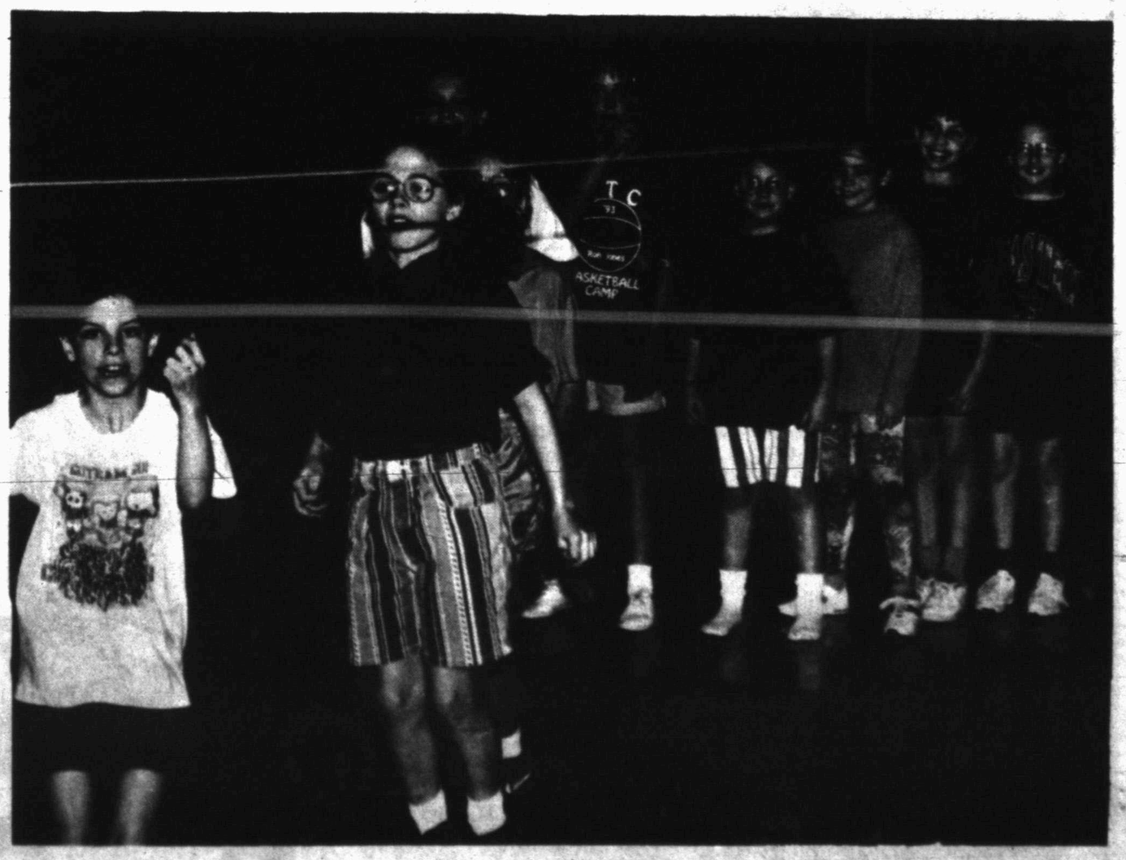
Poetry Reading: Amber Little, Post; Kevin Aljandro, Snyder; 3. Craig Row, Snyder.

Duet Acting: Amanda Carter & Lisa Boren, Snyder; Mason & Little, Post.

Cross Examination Debate: Curry & Kulry, Wall; Murphy & Scherz, Wall.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Kurtis McCathern, Snyder; Ronnie Miller, Monahans; Lance Hill, Monahans; Cahill, Post.

Reading Writing: Brandi Lee, Hamlin; Sandie Bundas, Stanton; Chris Brown, Hamlin; Brandi Ford, Hamlin; Jennifer Higgins, Hamlin; Kelly Younger, Colorado H.S.



JUMPERS — Snyder elementary students came to jump rope at the high school gym Saturday to help support the Jump Rope For Heart campaign. Left to right are Debra Johnston, Cameron Mackey, Natalie Alexander, Brooke Williams, Jennifer Newman, Lori Chesser, Whitney Graham, Latisha Thamez and Lisa Hall. (SDN Staff Photo)



DONATION — Gale Titus, Snyder Lions Club president, presented a monetary gift to the Scurry County Museum, accepted by director Shirley Leftwich, during a recent meeting in Wesley Hall of First United Methodist Church. (SDN Staff Photo)

'Charter school' concept gaining popularity in state

AUSTIN (AP) — A Houston company that wants to assist educators in setting up alternative classrooms has yet to land a contract, but that hasn't slowed its plans.

Performing Schools is one of several companies that have sprung up nationwide to assist campuses or districts that want to set up "charter schools."

Such institutions essentially allow anyone with a good educational idea access to public education funding as long as they can attract students. An entrepreneur can start his own school, or parents and staff of an existing public school may apply as a charter school.

John Pirvett, president of Performing Schools Corp., said he hopes the Legislature will pass a law so the idea can be pursued in Texas.

"The underlying belief of charter schools is that every school has unique needs," Pirvett said.

State and national officials, including Gov. Ann Richards and President Clinton, are pushing charter schools as a radical new educational idea.

"We have to free up our schools and create an atmosphere where the local schools feel free to do whatever is necessary to help their students succeed," Richards said last week.

Eight states — but not Texas — have laws establishing charter schools. They are California, Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico and Wisconsin.

Charter schools usually sign contracts with school districts that spell out specific performance objectives. The schools follow federal laws and are eligible to get waivers from state and local regulations.

Such schools hire their own staffs and employ their own teaching methods. They enjoy freedom from local school boards because they are managed at the campus level.

But critics charge charter schools could cut teachers unions out of the loop because charter schools can be exempted from state mandates for salaries, class size and other regulations.

Critics also say charter schools can have contracts that restrict enrollment to students who meet certain academic standards.

Charter schools are too new for evaluation, said John O'Sullivan, secretary of the Texas State Teachers Association and chairman of the TSTA committee on private school vouchers.

"We can't tell you if we're for or against them because no one has given us a uniform description of them," O'Sullivan said.

The charter school concept is winning support partly because of a growing belief among officials that public schools have failed children and parents and are incapable of making necessary reforms.

"The public education problem has reached critical mass," Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, said. "What we have doesn't work."

He introduced a bill during the past legislative session that would have established "free schools" with public tax dollars. They would operate similar to charter schools but wouldn't need approval from local school boards.

The proposal also called for a voucher program for disadvantaged students. Under the pilot, parents could use public tax dollars to pay tuition at a free, public or private school.

Pick 3

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

2-7-2

(two, seven, two)



Fisher County

Conoco Inc. has completed the No. 193 Palo Pinto unit in the Round Top field, nine miles west of Hamlin. The well was finaled to produce 40 barrels of 40.1 gravity oil and 307 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 200-1 with perforations from 4,834-893 feet. Location is in Section 80, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Conoco has completed the No. 194 Palo Pinto unit in the Round Top field, nine miles west of Hamlin. The venture was completed to produce 34 barrels of 40.1 gravity oil and 647 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 176-1 with perforations from 4,806-862 feet. Location is in Section 80, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Kent County

EP Operating will drill the No. 1-84 Spires Ranch, a 7,800-foot wildcat located eight miles west of Clairemont. Location is in Section 84, Block G, W&NW survey.

Garza County

United Oil and Minerals Inc. has completed the No. 1 Sims in the East Teas field, 10 miles southeast of Post. The well produced 140 barrels of 38.8 gravity oil and 30 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 364-1 with perforations from 7,976-984 feet. Location is in Section 875, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Clear Fork Inc. will drill the No. 10-50 C.E. Boyd, a 5,700-foot wildcat located four miles northwest of Nolan. Location is in Section 59, Block X, T&P survey.

Violence growing at work

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — The state labor commissioner of Oklahoma says business, working with government, must address the growing problem of violence in the workplace.

"...I'd hate to see the day when a kid working in a fast-food place has to put on a bulletproof vest like he's an (police) officer," Labor Commissioner Dave Renfro told the Tulsa World for a story in Sunday's editions.

Renfro spoke after a man walked through a Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers restaurant in Tulsa on Tuesday and shot and wounded six people.

The gunman was angry, officials allege, because he had been spurned by a female co-worker in whom he was romantically interested.

The story parallels other violent acts in the workplace in Oklahoma, where more people died in 1992 than those killed in fires and accidents, and across the nation.

In 1986, a disgruntled postal worker killed 14 Edmond Post Office employees before killing himself.

Just 11/2 years before the Wendy's shooting, a former employee at Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken in Tulsa was involved in the deaths of four workers, who were shot during a robbery as they were closing for the night.

A 1993 study by Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. showed 2 million Americans were attacked at work, 6 million were threatened on the job and 16 million were harassed.

"I'd say it's the most significant problem at the job," Renfro said. "And the problem just keeps growing."

A 1992 Oklahoma study found that eight of the 72 occupational deaths in the state came from violent acts.

"Though we're below the national average, that's still more deaths than were caused by fires, falls and electrocutions," Renfro said.

Any business is susceptible to such acts, but those working in the service sector have been the most frequent victims, Renfro said.

Women tend to be disproportionately more vulnerable to such violence than men, he said.

"More than 40 percent of women who die at the workplace do so at the hands of a murderer," Renfro said. "With men it's only 10 percent."

Violent acts have been commonplace on the job for years, but only recently has government and business gotten serious about it, said David Kent of the Workplace Violence Research Institute in Newport Beach, Calif.

"No one has done anything up until this presidential administration," Kent said. "Businesses are now facing tremendous (legal) liabilities if they don't address it."

Random acts of violence, such as a gunman holding up a convenience store are unavoidable, experts say, but employers can take steps to cut down the risk of employees causing problems.

Berry's World



Dr. Gott — By Peter Gott, M.D.

When to use supplemental oxygen

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I would like all the information you have on polycythemia. My mother is on oxygen 18 hours a day because of the condition, and she's having trouble adjusting to such a sedentary lifestyle.

DEAR READER: Polycythemia (too many red blood corpuscles) is often caused by other diseases, such as emphysema, certain tumors, cigarette smoking, or any condition that deprives tissues of oxygen.

For example, a harmless, adaptive form of polycythemia affects virtually anyone who lives at a high altitude, where the air is "thin" and lacks the oxygen content of sea level air. There is also a primary form of polycythemia (polycythemia vera), the cause of which is unknown.

Because your mother must breathe supplemental oxygen, I suspect that she has a form of secondary polycythemia, perhaps due to a lung disorder. In this case, it's the lung problem, rather than the polycythemia itself, which is probably causing her handicap. Patients with severe emphysema often need oxygen supplements, and such people understandably experience marked restriction in physical activity.

Of course, I'm guessing at your mother's condition, based on the limited information you supply. Consequently, I encourage you to clarify this issue with her physician. If she has emphysema, special breathing exercises, in conjunction with bronchodilator medication, might help her be less sedentary.

Intolerance to exercise is not characteristic of polycythemia. Your mother should ask her doctor about this and, if necessary, see a lung specialist.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Blood — Donations and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 3488, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

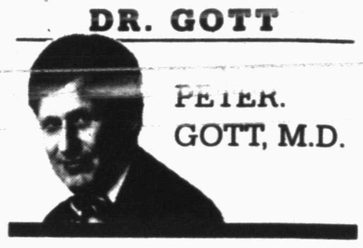
DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother has been diagnosed with cardiomyopathy. She was told there wasn't anything that could be done because of her age (she's 65). Then I read your article on co-enzyme Q10, and it appears there's hope after all. My family would appreciate any information or leads you can supply.

DEAR READER: Cardiomyopathy simply means that the heart muscle is severely damaged and cannot function normally, leading to shortness of breath and inability to exercise. Co-enzyme Q10, an enzyme that supposedly strengthens heart muscle, is a non-traditional treatment for cardiomyopathy and can only be obtained, I'm told, through major teaching hospitals. Therefore, you should query your mother's cardiologist to discover convenient sources of the substance, which cannot be purchased in pharmacies and other retail outlets.

In the meantime, your mother might be helped by prescription ACE inhibitors, drugs used to reduce the work of the heart.

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DR. GOTT



PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Veterans practice their World War II Normandy invasion

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A group of World War II veterans spent the weekend parachuting out of airplanes and reliving their most glorious mission: the D-Day invasion of Nazi-occupied France a half-century ago.

The wartime paratroopers, now in their late 60s to mid-80s, would like to go back to France and parachute into Normandy all over again to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the June 6, 1944, invasion.

But the U.S. government isn't thrilled about the idea. The Pentagon's World War II Commemorative Office is coordinating an anniversary ceremony, which will include current members of the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions.

For liability reasons, the Pentagon is reluctant to have the aging vets join them, and it made some demands: practice, practice, practice.

So that's what they did Saturday and Sunday. After some intensive retraining, 33 veterans suited up and, one by one, vaulted out of a plane at 3,000 feet and landed in a muddy field.

Aside from a few scrapes, there were no injuries.

"If I jumped when they were shooting at me, why can't I do it now?" asked 74-year-old Oscar Mendoza, a corporal during the war and now a grandfather of 11 children.

Richard Falvey, 73, whooped and hollered while falling. When he landed, he immediately stood up, raised his arms above his head and cheered. He was wearing the same boots he had during the war as a staff sergeant.

"Absolutely fantastic," he said. "How did my buddies make out?"

Falvey spotted his wife, Leona, 72, and said: "No fool like an old fool." She hugged him.

Saturday's plunge was a far cry from the D-Day jump, which was made in the middle of the night, Falvey said.

"We didn't know how high we were," he said. "You couldn't see the ground, you just hit it."

One thing was the same: the French were waiting for them below. Several citizens of France heard about their jump and traveled to see them land once again.

They included 87-year-old Robert Boissieres who told a harrowing tale of how he sent his wife and two daughters into hiding when the Germans seized his Normandy home.

He said he came to see the veterans parachute to remember how they liberated his people.

"Every one of these men is a hero," he said in French through a translator.

The veterans acknowledge the government still may not let them jump this summer in France, even though they proved they still can. After all, there are certain dangers in allowing a veteran to hurl his now-brittle body out of a plane.

Although the bones are arthritic and the hair gray, these men say they are still soldiers. They want to show the world what valiant men they were and are.

As they toasted each other on the night before their jump, they cheered: "Airborne! Airborne! Airborne all the way! All the way to Normandy!"

PM Major invited to visit Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — John Major has baseball and steel in his blood, not just cricket and crumpets.

The British prime minister plans a Feb. 28 visit to Pittsburgh, where his grandfather toiled in steel mills and his father played amateur baseball.

Major's office in London said the prime minister was "delighted" with the invitation, which came from President Clinton.

The prime minister's grandfather, Abraham Ball, came to the United States in the late 19th century and worked in mills owned by Andrew Carnegie, said British Embassy spokesman Peter Bean.

Major's father, Thomas Ball, also spent time in the United States, and was "quite a keen baseball player," Bean said.

Thomas Ball added Major to his name after joining an American circus in 1895, forming the "Drum and Major" vaudeville act with a girl named Kitty Drum, whom he later married.

The first American society for the abolition of slavery was organized in 1775 by Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Rush.

Astrograph — By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1994

In the year ahead you're likely to do better in ventures or endeavors where partners play a very limited role instead of a major one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today if a dissension arises between two friends, don't do or say anything that could put you in the middle. Let your pals resolve things for themselves. 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 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Guard against inclinations today to either change course or toss in the towel just when victory is within reach. If you hope to succeed, you must be consistent throughout.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could be asking for trouble today if you take it upon yourself to tell friends things they don't want to hear. Keep your critical comments to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your probabilities for deriving a profit through traditional methods and procedures look good today. Conversely, hoping to gain from high risks could leave your wallet gasping for air.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today if you have to deal with someone who usually gives you a bad time, it might be wise to use an intermediary to avoid a face-to-face confrontation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If your ego is inflated today, you could end up being victimized by a skillful manipulator who knows how to make you think he/she thinks you're as great as you believe you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A friend who is always inclined to gossip about other friends is not the right person in whom you should place your confidence today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Objectives you establish for yourself today must be realistic and doable. If your goals exceed your capabilities, they could turn into frustration rather than motivation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're not careful a discussion could turn into an argument today with an individual who feels as strongly about an issue as you do. Unfortunately, neither will have all the facts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be wary of joint endeavors today where the greater burdens fall on you. If there is not parity in the arrangement, its chances for success are extremely slim.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your instincts should not be ignored today if they consistently warn you about a person, place or situation. Innately you might be perceiving something your logic can't perceive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A failure to be methodical and systematic could deprive you of success today where your work is concerned. Be orderly and do things one step at a time.

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Dear Abby



Quick Wake-Up May Be Disastrous in the Nude

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Having just read the letter from Gary C. Brown, concerning sleeping in the nude, I say, "To each his own." But if everybody in Los Angeles had been sleeping in the nude on Jan. 17, the morning of the Northridge earthquake, Southern California would have seen the biggest nudist colony in the U.S.A.

I am an 84-year-old native Californian and have lived through many earthquakes. I live in Monterey Park, approximately 50-70 miles from the epicenter, and that quake literally shook me out of bed.

Perhaps those who sleep in the nude in California won't anymore.

FRANCES RIGGINS

DEAR FRANCES: As for people who are accustomed to sleeping in the nude, I have previously suggested always keeping a bathrobe handy in case of fire, or some other unscheduled circumstance that calls for a hasty getaway.

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DEAR ABBY: We work with a woman who has become a problem for everyone around her. "Betty" is in her early 40s, and has been trying, unsuccessfully, to have a child for several years now. Everyone in the office has had to listen to Betty's infertility difficulties, including the details about her ovaries, her husband's sperm, etc. And when her depression became so severe that she missed several weeks of work, we offered sympathy, and made up the slack at work.

The newest problem: Betty has asked that the rest of us please refrain from discussing our new grandchildren, babies and pregnancies within her hearing.

She has become so obsessed that she refuses to attend baby showers, or even express joy for others. She will not consider adoption, or much needed therapy to help her deal with this baby obsession.

Abby, do you or any of your readers have any suggestions for Betty? Her behavior is affecting her work and her friendships.

BETTY'S FRIENDS

DEAR FRIENDS: My recommendation would have been therapy, but you say that she has already rejected that idea. It's possible that Betty needs to realize that not everyone is lucky enough to have everything he or she wants in life, but we all should learn to roll with the punches.

Perhaps a group such as RESOLVE, which offers emotional support, peer counseling, medical referrals and education for people with infertility problems, would be helpful. Interested readers, please send a stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope to: RESOLVE, 1310 Broadway, Department DA, Somerville, Mass. 02144.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from the mother who was in the habit of telling her 44-year-old son to "be careful" every time she said goodbye to him reminded me of the following:

A successful doctor picked up his mother in his new Mercedes, took her to a fashionable place for dinner, and then to the theater, where they had orchestra seats.

During intermission, she turned to him and asked, "Do you have to go to the bathroom, dear?"

FAITHFUL FAN, COCONUT CREEK, FLA.

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DEAR ABBY: To the 44-year-old man who was angry because every time he left the house his mother reminded him to "be careful": It will be very, very quiet when you leave the house one day and your mother is no longer there.

DAVE ELLIS, RENO, NEV.

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Indian group fights new battle near the historic Alamo

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Native Americans challenging descendants of Texas patriots over a grave site near the Alamo say they are pleased that one group has decided to protect the site.

Members of the Inter-Tribal Council of American Indians, which wants the street in front of the shrine closed, have succeeded in getting the Fiesta San Antonio Commission to avoid the site in this year's parades.

The year-old Indian group's leaders consider Friday's decision a victory in the first skirmish of a longer battle to protect the site where historians believe as many as 2,000 Indians and others may be buried.

"I am surprised and elated. ... Like I always said, I think good people will make right decisions," Gary Gabehart, president of the Inter-Tribal Council of American Indians Inc., told the San Antonio Express-News.

"This shows the sensitivity of the commission toward all ethnic groups and the community," Gabehart said. "This is a community thing, not a Native American thing. The Inter-Tribal Council was merely the catalyst."

However, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas have balked at closing the street next to the shrine, where Col. William Barret Travis and his band of patriots fought Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna's army in 1836.

The head of the daughters' Alamo Committee Saturday blamed a council member for allowing the fiesta commission to be "intimidated" into deciding that the 103-year-old Battle of Flowers and the Fiesta Flambeau Night parades won't pass in front of the Alamo this year.

"This is a reflection on the Fiesta Commission when the entire idea of Fiesta was to celebrate Texas independence. This is an insult to the memory of the people (Alamo defenders) who died there," said Anna Hartman, chairwoman of the daughters' Alamo Committee.

But the Indian council, founded last March in a city with few documented or organized political efforts by American Indians, says the grave site is sacred ground.

Gabehart said he first became concerned about disturbing buried remains when he heard about an excavation effort to dig up the Alamo well to look for battle relics.

After that project was postponed, Gabehart and the organization's members, through former county archivist John Leal, learned of the possible burial sites located in Alamo Plaza East.

"I have family buried in Alamo Plaza," Gabehart said.

He said he was unsuccessful in enlisting City Council members' support until winning an ally in Councilman Bill Thornton.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 2-21-94
♠ J 4 3
♥ K 10 2
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ 6 5 3

WEST
♠ A 9 6
♥ Q 7 4
♦ 7 4
♣ J 10 9 8 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 7
♥ 9 8 6 5
♦ 6 5 2
♣ K 7

SOUTH
♠ K 5 2
♥ A J 3
♦ A Q J 9
♣ A Q 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

Call upon thine enemies

By Phillip Alder

William Blake wrote to his patron, William Hayley, "Thy friendship oft has made my heart ache: Do be my enemy — for friendship's sake."

There are bridge deals like this, in which you enlist an enemy — an opponent — to help your cause. Of course, he isn't going to do it willingly, but with careful planning you may leave him with no option.

Playing in three no-trump, you receive the club-jack lead from West. After East puts up the king — in case his partner has led from a suit headed by the A-J-10 — how should you continue?

As always, start by counting those top tricks. There are eight: two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs. The hunt is on for number nine. There are two obvious chances. You could play a spade to the king, hoping East has the ace. Or you could guess who has the heart queen. (It would be normal to assume East, because West seems to have extra length in clubs.) But experts hate to guess; they prefer sure things. And here you have a chance at a sure thing.

After winning with the club ace, play off *three* rounds of diamonds. Then lead a club to the queen. When East follows, exit with your last club.

While West cashes three winners in the suit, discard two spades from the dummy, and a spade and a diamond from your hand. (This is why you couldn't cash all four diamond tricks earlier. Your hand would be squeezed.) Then West must lead a major, furnishing your ninth trick.

When West realizes what you have done to him, don't expect his friendship to gush like the blushful Hippocrene.

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Former DA disputes reports that he tried to take his own life

EASTLAND (AP) — A former district attorney's search for the truth is a real-life version of "The Fugitive" star Dr. Richard Kimble.

Emory Walton contends that someone tried to kill him more than 21/2 years ago.

But the Eastland County sheriff's department believes that Walton, despondent over losing an election and his approaching divorce, tried to commit suicide.

In the popular 1960s television series and 1993 movie, the wrongly accused Kimble clears his name by finding the one-armed bandit who killed his wife.

But Walton's quest may not have the perfect ending. He insists he was not depressed or angry about losing in the March 1990 Democratic primary or about his divorce.

But he knows he doesn't have much of a chance to prove that someone tried to kill him. "I don't have any evidence I can solidly back up," said Walton.

His story began on May 2, 1991. The sheriff's department was notified at 8:30 p.m. about a possible assault at a residence outside the city limits.

Officers found a large pool of dried blood, the victim's glasses and a .38-caliber handgun in the kitchen, according to the offense report.

"The victim had apparently attempted suicide in the kitchen and had regained consciousness after some time period," the report stated.

Walton apparently walked to the bedroom, where he slept overnight after the shooting. He was found the next night by a neighbor who saw him trying to get into his pickup parked in front of the house, according to the report.

Even though no suicide note was found, the sheriff's department has concluded the case was an attempted suicide.

Walton was told he was shot twice, with both bullets entering underneath his chin on the right side and exiting above his left temple.

But Sheriff Ronnie White disputes the story, saying only one shot was fired from the gun.

"Had he been shot twice, it would have been a whole different ball game," said White.

Walton says the attack is related to an incident that occurred about a month before the shooting.

He returned home one night to find a dark-haired man, about 45 years old, and a woman weighing between 120 and 130 pounds, he said. He said he believes a third person was also in the house but doesn't recall clearly.

"They hit me or knocked me out or they did something to me," he said. "I have no recollection."

But Walton did not report the incident to authorities or go to a doctor. He said he believes the people he saw in his house are responsible for his shooting. "How much they were paid and by whom, I'm not sure," he said.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

American Cancer Society Board; Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room; all members are urged to attend; 5 p.m.

The AARP Chapter 2063; Senior Center; members are to bring a covered dish; speaker, John Gayle, city manager; 5:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 6 p.m.

Stargazers FCEC; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 862-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

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

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh in and meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

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

Beta Delta Phi; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M, 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101 573-1141 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Salad Luncheon/Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427— $6 per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m., games follow.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961.

THURSDAY

Palette Club; airport terminal building on W. 37th Steet; program, Donna Holt; hostess, Myrtle Joiner; 9:30 to 4.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-1141, 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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

Campaign may target tree planters

HOUSTON (AP) — Houstonians might soon be discouraged from planting certain trees to cut down on the hydrocarbons they contribute to smoggy city air.

Mary Ellen Whitworth, Mayor Bob Lanier's environmental liaison, said a public relations drive might be launched to encourage civic groups, schools and businesses to avoid planting such air polluters as willow trees and oaks.

Instead, they'll be asked to grow other flora, including persimmon, hickory and grapefruit, said James H. Smith, an air quality planner who has studied biogenic pollution.

Willow and oak, especially live oak and post oak, are among the heavy emitters of hydrocarbons, a key contributor to smog. Among the moderate emitters are pine and pecan.

Experts agree that all trees help keep the environment healthy. But scientific studies conclude that trees, in their natural breathing process, contribute 22 percent of Houston's hydrocarbons, according to The Houston Post.

According to a study by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Houston has the highest amount of tree-related hydrocarbons among Texas cities with air that fails federal standards.

Beaumont-Port Arthur is second, with 21 percent of its hydrocarbon total linked to trees. Dallas-Fort Worth is third at 16 percent, and trees cause 12 percent of the problem in El Paso.

Only industrial facilities contribute more hydrocarbons in Houston, according to the state study.

Local officials must reduce hydrocarbons, also known as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), by 3 percent per year through 2007 to meet Clean Air Act standards.

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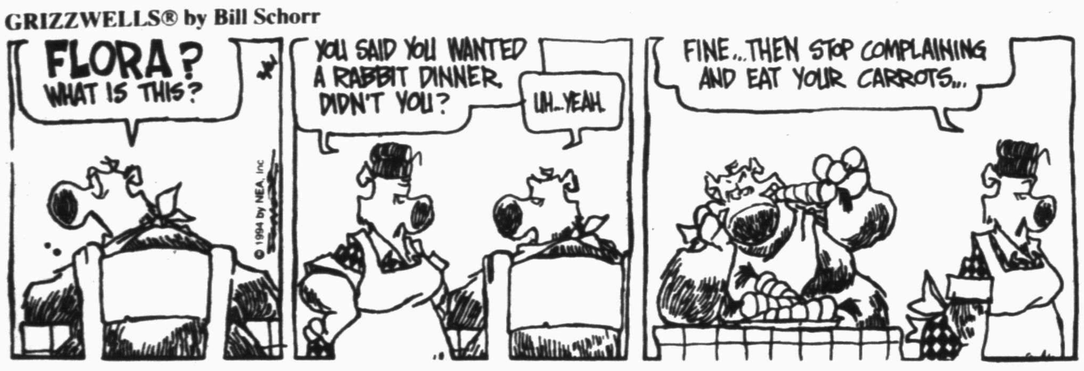
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21 Musician's job (sl.)
22 Group of rooms
24 Novelty
26 Pigpen
27 Vacuum tube
28 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
31 Numero —
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34 Underground workers
37 Comedian — Philips
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41 Religious poem
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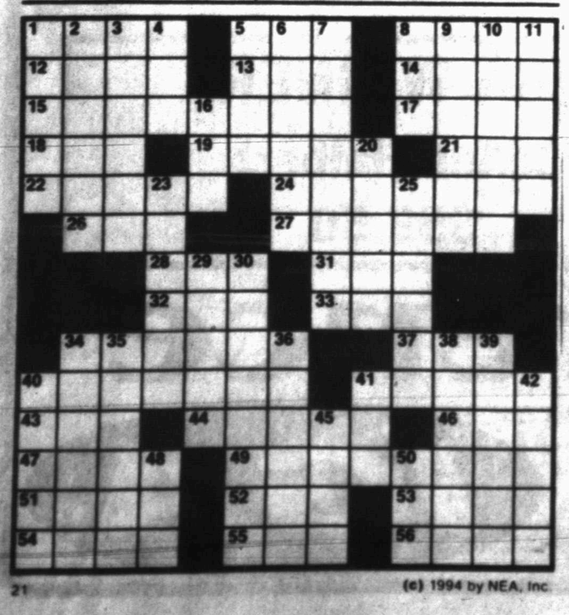
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42 Customs and value systems
45 Arrow poison
48 Bitter vetch
50 DC legislator

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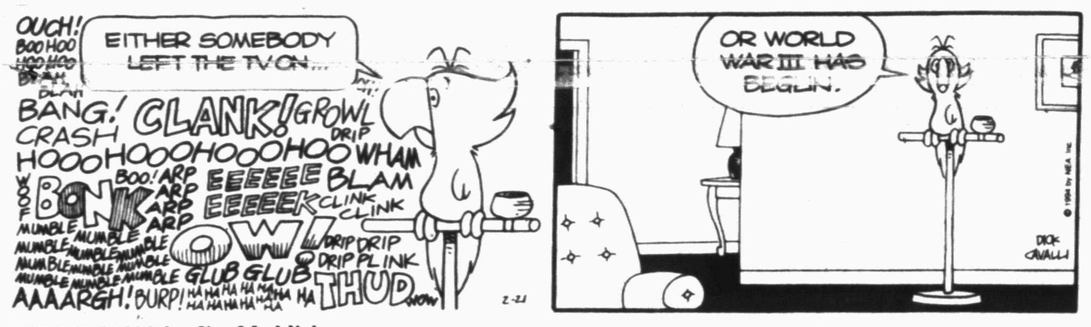
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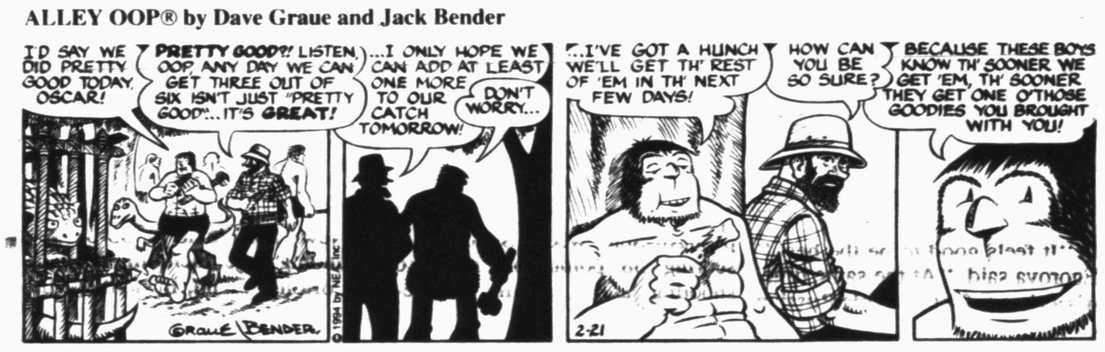
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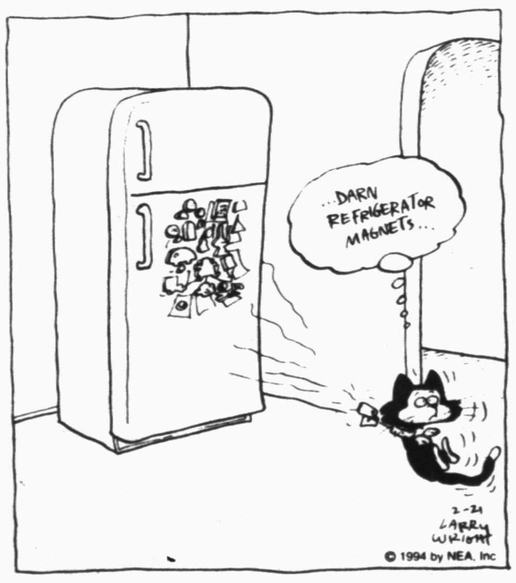
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SHS visits Central to open campaign

The Snyder Tigers will open their 1994 baseball campaign today at San Angelo Central.

The Tigers spent Saturday in San Angelo, as well, playing scrimmage host Lake View to a 2-2 tie in five innings, then thumping Early, 10-0, in their final preseason tuneup.

"The kids did a real good job in both games," said SHS coach Albert Lewis. "Our hitting will come around. Our pitching and our defense have been pretty good.

"We've seen some real good pitchers, so far. At this stage of the season, pitching is way ahead of hitting."

Curt Pinehart tossed a 2-hitter in the Lake View practice game Saturday, striking out three and walking only two in five innings.

Gabriel Castillon pitched three innings and Jeremy House threw two frames, combining for a no-hitter against Early.

Jimmy Henry, in his first game out of basketball for the Tigers, had two hits in four plate appearances Saturday, including a 2-RBI single in the Early contest. Craig Lang also chipped in a pair of runs batted in versus the Longhorns.

Junior Lee Idom will get the start against the 5A Wildcats today.

The Tigers will be keeping the road between Snyder and San Angelo hot the next week. Following today's season opener, SHS will compete in the Thursday-through-Saturday Best of the West Classic, hosted by Central and Lake View.

Snyder's home opener is slated for March 1 when Sweetwater visits.

Tech nips UT in double-OT

LUBBOCK (AP) — The first triple-double in Texas Tech history came in the highest-scoring game ever played by any two Southwest Conference teams. And it took a freshman to win it.

Gionet Cooper did just that by scoring four points in the final 38 seconds of double overtime Sunday, giving Tech a 128-125 victory over Texas in the Red Raiders' highest-scoring game ever.

The accolades came at the expense of the Longhorns, who were hoping to extend a 10-game winning streak and move into the national top 25 for the first time this year.

"Our guys knew we could play with Texas," Tech coach James Dickey said. "Tonight, both teams played well, and I was most impressed with the way both teams battled back."

UT (17-7, 9-2 SWC) appeared headed to victory when Roderick Anderson made a layup and added a free throw for a 123-120 lead with 1:47 to play in the second OT. It was Texas' biggest lead since 7-4.

Two free throws by Jason Sasser and a tip-in by Lance Hughes gave the Red Raiders a 124-123 lead with 1:05 to play, then a B.J. Tyler basket with 49 seconds left put UT back in the lead, 125-124.

Cooper hit a hook shot with 38 seconds left to give Tech the lead for good. The Longhorns missed three chances to go ahead in the final seconds, then Davis got a rebound and fed Cooper for a dunk with 6.3 seconds that capped the scoring.

Anderson tried a desperation shot at the buzzer, but it missed as did his running scoop shot at the end of the first OT.

The loss sends the Longhorns into second-place in the SWC behind Texas A&M (16-6, 9-1). Tech (12-10, 7-4) is third in the league.

"Texas Tech should be complimented," Texas coach Tom Penders said. "They played awfully well. It was a tough one to lose, but you have to go through that."

The Red Raiders were carried by Mark Davis, who got a triple-double with 28 points, 17 rebounds and 11 assists.

He had a chance to win the game when he was fouled with 4.7 seconds left in the first overtime. But he missed the first free throw. He missed the second shot, too, but a lane violation on Texas gave him another chance and he made that one.

Tech had opened a 108-102 advantage with 1:42 left in the first OT, but a Longhorn comeback ended with Tyler hitting an off-balance, one-handed shot with eight seconds remaining to give the Longhorns a 111-110 lead.

The Red Raiders also squandered a 59-47 lead with 17:34 to play, allowing Texas to get within 61-59 with 14:41 left.

Neither team led by more than six the rest of the second half, and Terrence Rencher forced overtime with a four-footer with 2.9 seconds left.

The highest combined score in an SWC game previously was 240, set in 1972 when Arkansas beat Baylor 131-109.

The Longhorns scored the most points of any losing team in conference history and the Red Raiders were second only to Arkansas' 1972 performance for points scored by one team in a league game.

Sasser had a career-high 34 points and 10 rebounds and Darvin Ham had a career-high 18 points. Cooper had 13 points.

Tyler led Texas with 33 points and 10 assists, and Albert Burditt had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

WTC tries to halt skid with road trip to FPC

The Western Texas College Lady Dusters will try to end a 4-game losing skid against Western Junior College Athletic Conference teams when they travel to Borger today to battle Frank Phillips College in their regular-season basketball finale.

The Dusters held a share of first place with a 4-1 WJCAC mark to open the month before losing to Odessa and South Plains at home and falling in road tilts at New Mexico JC and Howard.

The Lady Dusters' last outing was a 69-66 loss to South Plains on Thursday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Western Texas, now 17-12 overall and 4-5 in WJCAC action, held an 8-point lead in the second half, but could only ring up five points in the last eight minutes as the Lady Texans rallied for the victory.

The Dusters were led in Thursday's outing by sophomore post Paulita Murrell, who scored 18 points, freshman Carri Moss, who added 16, including four 3-pointers, and Christy Cates, who was good for 14.

Frank Phillips, 12-10 on the season and 1-7 in conference games, is trying to rebound from a 67-63 loss to Odessa on Saturday.

Today's contest in Borger will be the final regular-season battle for second-year WTC coach Ron Jones, who has accepted an offer to coach Midland College's new women's team beginning in the fall.

In today's other WJCAC contest, Howard, which has already clinched the league crown, will take on a streaking Odessa team.

Odessa, 4-4 in WJCAC games, is battling South Plains and NMJC, each at 5-4, and WTC for a berth at the NJCAA Region V tournament.

WJCAC basketball

Women

Team	Season		League	
Howard	27	2	7	2
NMJC	16	10	5	4
South Plains	18	8	5	4
Odessa	17	9	4	4
Western Texas	17	12	4	5
Frank Phillips	12	10	1	7

Thursday's games
South Plains 69, WTC 66
Odessa 72, NMJC 67
Howard 84, Frank Phillips 77
Saturday's game
Odessa 67, Frank Phillips 63
Monday's games
Howard at Odessa, 6 p.m.
WTC at Frank Phillips Colege, 7:30 p.m.

SWC glance

by The Associated Press

Men

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Texas A&M	9	1	0.900	16	6	.727
Texas	9	2	.818	17	7	.708
Texas Tech	7	4	.636	12	10	.545
Rice	5	5	.500	13	10	.565
Baylor	5	6	.455	14	9	.609
TCU	3	8	.273	6	16	.273
Houston	3	8	.273	5	17	.227
SMU	2	9	.182	4	18	.182

Sunday's game
Texas Tech 128, Texas 125 (2 OT)
Monday's games
Lamar at Texas, 7:35 p.m.

Women

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Texas Tech	9	2	.818	21	3	.875
Texas A&M	8	2	.800	17	5	.773
Texas	7	4	.636	15	8	.652
SMU	6	5	.545	15	6	.714
Houston	5	6	.455	10	11	.476
Baylor	4	7	.364	13	10	.565
Rice	3	7	.300	11	11	.500
TCU	1	10	.091	5	16	.238

Wednesday's games
Baylor at Rice, 7 p.m.
SMU at Houston, 7 p.m.
TCU at Texas A&M, 7 p.m.

College hoops

By The Associated Press

EAST
Boston U. 74, Delaware 61
Drexel 71, Northeastern 64
Massachusetts 74, West Virginia 67
SOUTH
California 89, Cincinnati 80
Duke 85, N. Carolina St. 58
Florida Atlantic 78, Georgia St. 76
Temple 68, Louisville 53
MIDWEST
DePaul 73, Notre Dame 63
Marquette 84, Dayton 62
Missouri 81, Kansas 74
Toledo 79, Miami, Ohio 74
SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 128, Texas 125, 2OT
FAR WEST
St. Mary's, Cal. 67, Santa Clara 65, OT

The New York Giants defeated the Chicago Bears, 30-13, in the 1934 NFL title game, wearing sneakers in the second half.

Cross-country gold medal...

Egorova leads Russian rally

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — She may not have Koss' charisma or Blair's boosters, but once again Lyubov Egorova is the Olympics' biggest winner.

One of the greatest women cross-country skiers ever, Egorova today won her third gold medal of the Lillehammer Games and the record-tying sixth of her career by skiing Russia to a come-from-behind victory in the 20-kilometer relay.

Those figures dwarf the more-ballyhooed gold hauls of speedskaters Johann Olav Koss and Bonnie Blair and match that of Norway's cross-country hero Bjorn Dahlie, yet Egorova gets far less attention.

She doesn't mind. The quiet, 27-year-old native of Siberia doesn't like to attract attention or talk to journalists. But it's getting harder to avoid both — she now has nine medals in nine Olympic races.

"It feels good to be the best," Egorova said. "At the same time, it's a victory for the whole Russian team."

The Russians' gold and Norway's silver in the relay left the two countries deadlocked atop the medals chart with eight golds and 16 overall. Italy finished third and has 14 medals, then it's Germany 11 and the United States seven.

Sweden is no longer tied with Fiji in medals at zero, as a Norwegian newspaper had joked of its Scandinavian neighbor. Pernilla Wiberg won the women's Alpine combined today, Vreni Schneider of Switzerland was second and Alenka Dovzan took Slovenia's first-ever medal with the bronze.

The race ended the U.S. skiers' streak of medaling in every race. Picabo Street, second after Sunday's downhill portion, finished 10th.

Russia was poised to retake the lead later today with two medals likely in ice dancing. Two Russian couples were set to duel for the gold with Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean in the free dance after the British legends climbed into a first-place tie with a passionate rhumba on Sunday.

Medals race

By The Associated Press
Through 3 of 4 medals, Monday, Feb. 21

	G	S	B	Tot
Russia	8	6	3	17
Norway	8	6	2	16
Italy	3	3	8	14
Germany	4	2	6	12
United States	4	3	0	7
Canada	2	2	2	6
Austria	1	2	2	5
Netherlands	0	1	3	4
Switzerland	1	2	0	3
France	0	1	2	3
Kazakhstan	0	2	0	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Finland	0	0	2	2
Sweden	1	0	0	1
Belarus	0	1	0	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1

O'Neal shines in win; Pippen still slumping

by The Associated Press

Shaquille O'Neal's All-Star embarrassment seems to have inspired him.

Scottie Pippen's All-Star MVP coronation seems to have slowed him.

O'Neal completed an awesome post-All-Star week Sunday by scoring 38 points on 18-of-26 shooting and grabbing 14 rebounds in the Orlando Magic's 109-104 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

In his two other games this week — both victories — O'Neal had 38 points (16-of-19 shooting) and 20 rebounds against Seattle and 36 points (14-of-27) and 24 rebounds against Boston.

O'Neal was held to eight points on 2-of-12 shooting at the All-Star game, drawing double- and triple-coverage from players seemingly miffed at his superstar status and off-the-court commercialism at the young age of 21.

O'Neal made a soft shot from in close with just over a minute left to wrap up the Magic's fourth straight victory and give them a 30-20 record — the best in franchise history.

Pippen, meanwhile, missed 14 of 23 shots in the Chicago Bulls' 86-68 loss at New York. In two other games last week — also losses — Pippen missed 14 of 19 shots against Denver and 17 of 24 against Miami.

"I was poked in the eye at the beginning of the game and it took me out of my game," Pippen said Sunday.

He finished with 25 points, but the Knicks shut him down early in taking a 22-point halftime lead that never got below 13 in the second half.

"Point blank, Scottie was crying all game long," said Charles Smith, who defended Pippen along with Anthony Mason. "He was crying to the refs about me bumping him, about me pushing him, all game long."

New York held a 53-31 rebounding edge, including 20-6 on the offensive end, in holding the Bulls to their lowest point total of the season.

In other games, Indiana edged Seattle 101-95, Denver beat Atlanta 97-92, New Jersey downed Washington 122-101, Portland defeated Boston 102-93, the Los Angeles Lakers defeated Philadelphia 107-95 and Cleveland beat Charlotte 105-101 in overtime.

Nuggets 97, Hawks 92

At Denver, the Hawks led 89-83 before the Nuggets tied it with six free throws. Atlanta then took a one-point lead, but the Hawks missed their next six shots to let it get away.

Nets 122, Bullets 101

At East Rutherford, N.J., the Nets won their fifth straight to match their longest winning streak of the season.

Cavaliers 105, Hornets 101 (OT)

At Charlotte, N.C., Bobby Phills scored a career-high 23 points and Mark Price had 22, including two free throws with 1:02 left in overtime and a jumper in the closing seconds.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	36	15	.706	—
Orlando	30	20	.600	5½
New Jersey	26	24	.520	9½
Miami	25	25	.500	10½
Boston	20	31	.392	16
Philadelphia	20	31	.392	16
Washington	16	35	.314	20

Central Division

Atlanta	35	16	.686	—
Chicago	34	16	.680	½
Cleveland	27	24	.529	8
Indiana	25	24	.510	9
Charlotte	23	27	.460	11½
Milwaukee	15	37	.288	20½
Detroit	13	38	.255	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

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Houston	36	13	.735	½
San Antonio	38	14	.731	—
Utah	33	19	.635	5
Denver	25	26	.490	12
Minnesota	15	34	.306	21½
Dallas	6	45	.118	31

Pacific Division

Seattle	36	13	.735	—
Phoenix	33	16	.673	3
Golden State	30	20	.600	6½
Portland	30	21	.588	7
LA Lakers	19	31	.380	17½
LA Clippers	17	32	.347	19
Sacramento	17	33	.340	19½

Saturday's Games
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Houston 106, Phoenix 88
San Antonio 100, Miami 96
Utah 100, L.A. Clippers 93
Golden State 101, Boston 90
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Denver 97, Atlanta 92
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Charlotte at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Utah, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Saturday improvement lifts golfers to fourth

PLAINVIEW — Snyder's boys' golf team shaved nine shots off its first-round total to lift the Tigers to a fourth-place 653 at the weekend Plainview Invitational Golf Tournament.

In addition, Snyder's B team improved by 13 shots in Saturday's final round for a 36-hole 721.

The Tigers shot a 331 on Friday, then returned for a 322 on Saturday. The SHS B team fired a 354 on Saturday after an opening-round 367.

"I was real proud of both teams for improving their scores the second day," said SHS coach Bob O'Day. "We just need to be more consistent. We're a young team and that will come with experience."

Host Plainview High School fired a two-day 603 to win the tourney, followed by Amarillo High, which posted a tournament-best 294 on Saturday for a 613 total, and Andrews, which finished with a 621.

Amarillo's Ty Cox fired twin 72s for a combined 144 and medalist honors at Plainview Country Club. Bobby Edwards of PHS was second with a 72-75--147.

Snyder was led by senior Jeff Armstrong's 76-85--161. Junior Bryan Word followed with a 165, trailed by a 166 by sophomore James Pligrim, sophomore Matt Parker's 167 and a 168 from Carl Strelecki, also a sophomore.

Snyder B's top score, an 82-79--161, came from senior Chris Beatty. Sophomore Shane Robinson contributed a 181, sophomore Banyon Winkler was good for a 187, freshman Troy Allen shot a 196 and sophomore Marcos Byram registered a 199.

The Tigers' next outing will be the upcoming Midland Invitational, set for Friday and Saturday.

Plainview Invitational
Plainview Country Club
Final results, 36 holes

Team scores: 1. Plainview 303-300--603; 2. Amarillo 319-294--613; Andrews 313-308--621; 4. Snyder 331-322--653; 5. Palo Duro 320-338--658; 6. Tascosa 339-331--670; 7. Plainview B 356-343--699; 8. Perryton 354-347--701; 9. Muleshoe 371-339--710; 10. Frenship 362-349--711; 11. Snyder B 367-354--721.

Medalists: 1. Ty Cox, Amarillo, 72-72--144; 2. Bobby Edwards, Plainview, 72-75--147.

Snyder scores: Jeff Armstrong 76-85--161; Bryan Word 82-83--165; James Pilgrim 87-79--166; Matt Parker 86-81--167; Carl Strelecki 89-79--168.

Snyder B scores: Chris Beatty 82-79--161; Shane Robinson 96-85--181; Banyon Winkler 88-99--187; Troy Allen 104-92--196; Marcos Byram 101-98--199.

Lowrance paces SHS at Big Spring tourney

BIG SPRING — Tournament medalist Brooke Lowrance scored a 36-hole 163 to lead the Snyder Lady Tigers to a second-place finish at the weekend Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament.

Lowrance registered a 90 during Friday's opening round at Big Spring Country Club, then shaved 17 shots for a 73 at Comanche Trails Golf Course on Saturday.

Snyder finished the non-district event with a 404-339--743, trailing just Andrews' 395-324--719 in the final standings.

Fort Stockton carded a 36-hole 782 for third place, followed by host Big Spring's 783.

Lowrance's nearest competitor in the medalist standings was Dumas standout Jamie McInturff, who wound up with a 167. Andrews' Tori Hester was third in the individual race with a 168.

Other Snyder scores include Kelli Lacik's 182, a 192 from Kayla Drain, a 209 by Paige Bell, and Brooke Kubena's 210.

The Lady Tigers will battle Sundown, there, in a dual match Saturday.

Big Spring Invitational
Big Spring CC, Comanche Trails GC
Final standings

Team scores: 1. Andrews 395-324--719; 2. Snyder 404-339--743; 3. Fort Stockton 420-362--782; 4. Big Spring 410-373--783; 5. Tascosa 411-390--801; 6. Abilene 437-375--812; 7. Pampa 433-388--821; 8. San Angelo Lake View 415-407--822; 9. Monahans 437-393--843; 10. Dumas 429-405--834; 11. Pecos 450-393--843; 12. Amarillo 467-394--861; 13. Midland 436-429--865; 14. (tie) Lamesa 462-410--872; Abilene B 469-403--872; 16. Midland Lee JV 479-400--879; 17. Coahoma 582-501--1083.

Medalists: 1. Brooke Lowrance, Snyder, 90-73--163; 2. Jamie McInturff, Dumas, 87-80--167; 3. Tori Hester, Andrews, 90-78--168.

Other Snyder scores: Kelli Lacik 99-83--182; Kayla Drain 105-87--192; Paige Bell 113-96--209; Brooke Kubena 110-100--210.

Marlin snags Daytona win

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Faith, luck and just enough gas helped Sterling Marlin to the biggest — and only — win of his Winston Cup career.

Marlin, squeezing every drop out of the 22-gallon fuel cell in his Chevrolet Lumina, held off a closing rush by Ernie Irvan to win the Daytona 500 Sunday.

It had taken 279 starts for Marlin to reach Victory Lane in NASCAR's premier series, and it came as no surprise to the 36-year-old, second-generation driver.

"I believed in myself that I could do it," Marlin said. "All you can do every Sunday is come there and give 100 percent. If something breaks on the car or it doesn't handle good, you can't worry about it. You can't give up."

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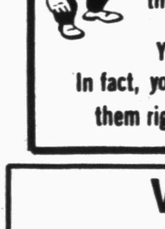
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Researchers studying secrets of long life

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — People who slow down after retirement may speed up their slide toward the grave, say doctors studying what keeps people healthy and alert into their 70s, 80s and beyond.

People may coast into their sixth and seventh decades on the strength of genes, but lifestyle changes usually help carry them even further, doctors say.

"Just as you can become a physical couch potato, you can also become a mental couch potato," said Dr. K. Warner Schaie of Pennsylvania State University, one of several researchers who presented their work to the American Association for the Advancement of Science over the weekend.

"It's use it or lose it. If you don't engage in intellectual activities you can lose the ability," he said.

Schaie said he encourages older patients to take on intellectual challenges and has seen people who were in mental decline actually regain abilities they thought were gone. He said his studies show it is a myth that a decline in mental alertness is inevitable with aging.

"Just being 70 years old doesn't mean that your I.Q. can't go up," he said.

Challenging games can improve mental ability, he said, while others don't help.

"Bingo kills the mind," Schaie said. "It would be much better to play bridge. It is good for you to do crossword puzzles. The worst thing that could be done is to sit and watch the television."

One study, that of a long-lived population in Hawaii, showed three key elements common to people active into their 80s and beyond, said Dr. Robert Schmidt of the California Pacific Medical Center at San Francisco State University.

The first element was meaningful physical activity, such as gardening. The second was good nutrition, and the third was living at home instead of an institution such as a rest home.

In another study of 129 elderly patients in Sun City, Ariz., doctors found that elderly patients given medical charts and explanations of how lifestyle changes could help were more apt to improve than those given traditional examinations, Schmidt said.

Half of the patients in the study were given baseline examinations that included laboratory tests. The results were then given to them in charts that showed their cholesterol counts, blood pressure, weight and other measures.

Doctors then would give one or two suggestions that could improve values shown on the charts.

"Usually it is just a simple thing, like we might tell them to walk to and from the store instead of driving," Schmidt said.

These patients returned every two months and when the same tests were run many showed improvements.

The other half of the patients were given the traditional examination and prescriptions, with advice for improvement.

Among patients shown the charts of their progress, there was a 92 percent compliance with the medical treatment, said Schmidt. Among patients treated in the traditional way, compliance was only 35 percent.

Choreographer's birthday bash set

NEW YORK (AP) — The answer: Merce Cunningham's 75th birthday.

The question: What do Giorgio Armani, Gene Kelly, Roy Lichtenstein, Bette Midler, Yoko Ono, Robert Rauschenberg, Robert Redford, Joan Rivers and Tommy Tune have in common?

They are some of the luminaries making birthday cards for Cunningham. The choreographer's birthday is April 16.

The cards, which will be displayed at the Cartier store on Fifth Avenue, will be auctioned to raise money for the Cunningham Dance Foundation.

Police officer overlooks restaurant heist in progress

HOUSTON (AP) — A restaurant owner says a police officer walked in, ordered a sandwich and walked out, apparently failing to notice that a robber had a gun to an employee's back the entire time.

Houston police officials say they are looking into the report. However, they say they're not certain whether one of their officers was involved even though restaurant employees said they were sure.

Sandwich shop owner Joe Edge said two men robbed the restaurant about 11:20 p.m. Thursday while two employees were on duty.

One of the men took the manager into the back to open the safe, while the other stayed with the second employee to empty the cash register.

When a blue and white squad car drove up, the robber at the register put his gun in his pocket, threw some money back at the employee and walked out past the officer, Edge said.

The second robber, realizing he was trapped, warned the manager not to alert the officer to the heist. He then put a gun to her back and the two walked out and stood close together as the woman took the officer's order, Edge said.

"So she's standing there with sweat and tears running down her face," Edge said. "I mean he was glued to her the whole time.

"And there is money all over the place and this officer doesn't notice anything odd going on. He is there for between two and 21/2 minutes and they talk a little about the weather and he gets his sandwich and walks out.

"The suspect told her, 'You did real good, I'm not going to have to do you,'" he said, adding that the man then left. About $190 in cash was taken.

Edge said the employees thought the officer might have noticed the robbery and would be waiting outside for the suspect.

"But he wasn't. He had gone," Edge said.

Police arrived almost immediately after the employees called 911, but the officer who had bought the sandwich was not among them.

Houston police spokesman Alvin Wright said that if a police officer was indeed involved, "Obviously he didn't realize the store was being robbed. He's not clairvoyant."

Grass fires extinguished

Snyder Fire Department responded to two grass fires over the weekend.

The first, at 1:15 p.m. Saturday, was located along FM 1606. Firemen said the fire was started by lightning and put out by rain.

At 2:29 p.m. Sunday, firemen were called to a grass fire a half-mile west of Snyder on Highway 180. Damage was confined to grass.

Officers note 4 arrests, burglaries, assault case

Snyder area peace officers made four arrests, worked three burglaries and took a report for aggravated assault over the weekend.

At 5:08 p.m. Sunday, police were notified that a 19-year-old woman driving a 1977 Chevrolet had allegedly attempted to run over a 28-year-old woman and a 25-year-old man who were walking in the 2500 block of 21st Street. No arrest was made; however a report for aggravated assault was filed and the case will be forwarded to the district attorney.

Kelly McGaha contacted police at 10:26 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone breaking into his residence at 2501 27th St. Miscellaneous items were taken. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

At 11:47 a.m. Saturday, Bill Blankenship contacted sheriff's deputies in reference to someone damaging a gate on property north of Fluvanna. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

At 2:12 p.m. Saturday, police responded to a domestic dispute in the 2800 block of Avenue N. A report for family violence was filed.

Angie Guzman contacted police at 10:20 p.m. Saturday in reference to some items missing from her residence at 2701 Ave. E. A report for burglary of a resident was filed.

Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 3:03 Saturday morning in the 800 block of 27th Street where they arrested a 22-year-old man for Class C assault/family violence.

At 10:48 a.m. Saturday, George Alvarado reported that some compact discs had been stolen from his 1987 Chevrolet. A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

Weldon Fletcher contacted officers at 11:32 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone damaging his vehicle. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

A woman contacted police at 11:54 p.m. Sunday to complain that she had been assaulted by a man. A report for Class C assault was filed.

Snyder police received a call at 12:24 p.m. Sunday from a man who reported that he had heard a gun being discharged. Upon investigation in the 2500 block of Avenue C, officers located a juvenile who had caused a small explosion in a glass bottle. The juvenile was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room to have some glass removed from his arm. The youth was released following treatment.

At 2:03 p.m. Sunday, officers worked a hit-and-run in Don's Value King parking lot. Involved were a 1985 Oldsmobile owned by Fay Longoria of 2305 Ave. M. and an unknown vehicle which left the scene.

Snyder police arrested a 53-year-old woman and a 43-year-old man for public intoxication at 9:11 p.m. Sunday in the 2800 block of Avenue F.

At 11:57 p.m. Sunday, a DPS trooper arrested a 17-year-old man along Farm Road 2762 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 5 a.m. today, a woman reported that someone had damaged a window at the Texan Restaurant. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

Hospital Notes

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DISMISSALS: Vernon C. Cross, Arnold Velasco, Yvonne Amarillas, Dorman Beane, Corena Cole, Clarence Collins, Clemente Gamboa, W.C. Hart, Bryan Thompson, S.W. Suther.

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Handling your child's income

By George W. Smith, CPA

One of the biggest changes made by Congress in recent years was in the area of dependents. These changes now require many children who have never filed tax returns before to file returns and pay tax. Unfortunately, the filing requirements are not overly simplified.

A dependent child generally must file a tax return if he or she has:

— Earned income only, and the total is more than $3,700.

— Investment income only, and the total is more than $600.

— Both earned and investment income, and the total is more than $600.

A dependent child's standard deduction generally is the greater of $600 or the earned income. Reminder: No personal exemption is allowed on a child's return if the child can be claimed on the parents' return. Worse yet, investment income for a child under 14 may be taxed at the parents' highest tax rate.

Earned income includes salaries, wages, professional fees and other amounts received as compensation for work actually done. It also includes any part of a scholarship or fellowship grant that must be included in gross income.

Unearned or investment income is income other than salaries or wages, such as interest income, dividends and capital gains.

Dependent's personal exemption. An individual may not claim a personal exemption for himself or herself if the individual can be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return. Unfortunately, it does not matter whether the other taxpayer actually claims the exemption.

Figuring your child's tax. Although many of the rules that affect the amount of a child's tax have changed, the basic steps for figuring the tax are the same. Income tax is still figured using taxable income. You arrive at taxable income by taking your gross income minus any adjustments to income such as an IRA, then subtracting either your itemized deductions or the standard deduction, less your exemptions.

Investment income. If a child is under age 14 at the end of 1993 and has more than $1,200 of investment income for the year, his or her investment income may be taxed at the parents' highest tax rate. The child's tax will be the greater of:

1. The income tax on the child's taxable income figured at the child's rates, or

2. The total of: a. The parental tax (defined below) plus b. The income tax figured at the child's rates on the amount of the child's taxable income that remains after subtracting his or her net investment income (defined below). The child's tax will be figured on Form 8615, Computation of Tax for Children Under Age 14 Who Have Investment Income of More Than $1,200.

Investment income generally is all income other than wages, salaries, professional fees, and other amounts received as pay for work actually done.

A child's net investment income is his or her investment income such as interest, dividends, capital gains and certain trust income reduced by the sum of the following two items:

1. $600 plus

2. The greater of $600, or the child's itemized deductions that are directly connected with the production of his or her investment income.

Directly connected itemized deductions are those expenses paid to produce or collect income (or to manage, conserve or maintain properly held for producing income) that are in excess of the 2 percent floor limitation on miscellaneous itemized deductions. This would include custodial fees and service charges, service fees paid to collect interest and dividends and investment counseling fees.

If, after subtracting itemized deductions, the child's net investment income is more than the child's taxable income, the taxable income, rather than the net investment income, should be used to figure the child's income tax.

Parental tax is the difference in tax on the parents' income figured with and without the child's investment income. The parental tax is figured as follows:

1. The tax on the parents' taxable income is figured without including the child's net investment income.

2. The tax on the total of the parents' taxable income and the child's net investment income is figured at the parents' tax rate.

3. The tax in (1) is subtracted from the tax in (2). The difference is the parental tax.

Parent's election to report child's income. If you are a parent and elect to report the income of your child on your tax return, use Form 8814, Parent's Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends. Then, the child will not have to file an income tax return. You can file Form 8814 only if your child:

— Was under age 14 on Jan. 1, 1994.

— Had income only from interest and dividends (including Alaska Permanent Fund dividends).

— Had gross income for 1993 of more than $500 but less than $5,000.

— Did not make estimated tax payments.

— Did not have an overpayment of tax on their 1992 return applied to his or her 1993 return.

— Did not have federal income tax withheld from their income.

If you have two or more children, a separate Form 8814 must be filed for each child and attached to the parents' return.

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(George W. Smith is a CPA in Southfield, Mich.)

NEA TAX GUIDE

Winter storm brings more mudslides

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Homeowners who had just finished clearing basements and garages of goo from last week's mudslides faced another cleanup today after rivers of mud again slid down fire-scarred hills onto the Pacific Coast Highway.

"All I'm waiting for now is for the Martians to come," said Brian Anderson, whose house was spared thanks to a thick wooden wall. But his garage was 3 feet deep in water and the two new cars inside were damaged.

Anderson and his wife, Lisa, had just finished clearing their house of mud from a storm Feb. 9 that left 25 homes damaged.

Sunday's storm dropped more than 2 inches of rain along the coast and left mostly cloudy skies in its wake today. The forecast was good.

"We're looking at no real significant chance of rain in the next five days," said Andrew Rorke, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

An 8-mile section of scenic Pacific Coast Highway remained closed today.

Heavy snow clogged mountain highways and roads flooded by water as much as 2 feet deep made driving treacherous. At least three traffic deaths were blamed on rain-slick freeways.

Flowing mud briefly trapped a handful of Malibu residents inside their homes on Sunday, and a motorist had to be rescued after his car became mired in muck in Las Flores Canyon.

Los Angeles County lifeguards used ropes to rescue a woman and her two sons from their home in Carbon Canyon, where a river of water about 4 feet deep and 15 feet wide swept down the canyon.

Several homes were damaged by the mud, although a precise count wasn't immediately available. No evacuations were ordered and no injuries were reported.

The area was stripped of vegetation by a Nov. 2 arson fire that scorched 18,500 acres of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Abortion doctor's murder...

Prosecution trying to block insanity defense for suspect

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The trial of an activist accused of killing an abortion doctor opened today with the judge warning he would tolerate no politics in his courtroom.

Circuit Judge John Parnham ordered security officers to have spectators remove any lapel pins or other items that state a point of view after a defense attorney complained.

"The trial is not an opportunity for a protest. And this trial is not an opportunity for the lawyers to obtain exposure," Parnham told the handful of spectators in his almost empty courtroom.

Authorities erected barricades outside the courthouse because they expected activists on both sides of the national abortion debate to demonstrate. Although it was the Presidents Day holiday, only about 10 abortion-rights supporters and no anti-abortion activists appeared.

Jury selection was expected to take the first several days of the trial of Michael F. Griffin, 32, an anti-abortion activist and Christian fundamentalist.

Griffin is charged with the first-degree murder of Dr. David Gunn, 47, who was shot three times in the back as he arrived for work at Pensacola Women's Medical Services. The prosecution is seeking the death penalty.

Circuit Judge John Parnham ordered that jurors be sequestered throughout the trial. Prospective jurors' identities will be kept secret, and each will be questioned in private on matters related to abortion.

These measures are necessary because of the "escalating pattern of violence and intimidation surrounding the abortion issue," Parnham wrote.

Griffin's lawyers plan to call local anti-abortion activists to the stand to try to show that they influenced Griffin through speech and action and by giving him anti-abortion videos and literature.

The lawyers contend such exposure enraged and deluded Griffin, either driving him to temporary insanity or prompting him to kill in the heat of passion.

But prosecutors contend that Griffin should not be allowed to claim temporary insanity because he refused to let the state's psychologist examine him. Parnham said he expected to rule on that issue by Tuesday morning.

After Gunn's killing on March 10, doctors around the country donned bulletproof vests and clinics stepped up security. Five months later, Dr. George Tiller was wounded outside his abortion clinic in Wichita, Kan.

Rebels arrive for talks, vow not to lay down their arms

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Indian rebels demanding sweeping political and economic change in Mexico emerged from their jungle hideouts to meet the government in peace talks today.

The rebels arrived Sunday in the city near the Guatemalan border where their uprising started New Year's Day, and spent the night in the 16th century Roman Catholic cathedral where the talks will be held.

Rebel leaders said they will not heed government calls to lay down their arms until their demands for housing, land, food, health care and education are met.

Several thousand rebels, calling themselves the Zapatista National Liberation Army, seized San Cristobal and other towns in Mexico's southernmost state of Chiapas on Jan. 1, claiming to represent the region's impoverished and long-neglected Mayan Indians.

They withdrew into the jungle a few days later after government soldiers moved in. More than 100 people died before the government declared a cease-fire Jan. 12.

In interviews published Sunday in the weekly magazine Proceso, the newspaper El Financiero and The New York Times, rebel leader Subcomandante Marcos said the rebels did not expect quick agreement.

"What is at stake in Chiapas is no longer just Chiapas or even Mexico, but perhaps even the free trade agreement and the whole neo-liberal project in Latin America," he said, referring to the North American Free Trade Agreement and the region's market reforms of the last few years.

Marcos said the rebels want political autonomy for Chiapan Indians, the resignation of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and the establishment of a transitional government until the August presidential election.

Marcos, an automatic weapon strapped to his side, was one of 18 rebel negotiators, all wearing ski masks or bandanas, who arrived in San Cristobal's main plaza in three caravans of Red Cross vehicles on Sunday, speeding past a cordon of military police holding back tightly packed spectators.

The rebels huddled with the government's peace negotiator, Manuel Camacho Solis, and mediator Bishop Samuel Ruiz to discuss technicalities of the talks.

Marcos, who has kept his identity a secret, has fascinated Mexicans with his biting, articulate and witty communiques sent to news media.

The rebels will remain masked during the talks, Marcos said.

Camacho has insisted national political changes sought by the Zapatistas would not be on the agenda of the talks. But he said he would pay attention to all proposals, and left open the possibility that any agreements on local problems could have national implications.

Lice breakout

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin Independent School District officials are calling on parents for an all-out effort of shampooing, vacuuming and laundering to get rid of a breakout of head lice among students.

"It seems to be a bigger problem this year than last," said Jan Ozias, a registered nurse and the health care coordinator for the Austin ISD.

"It was fairly stable for the last few years, until this year. It seems to be confined to the elementary schools — kindergarten to third grade, especially."

The tiny creatures commonly nest in the hair, eyebrows or nape of the neck and feed on human blood.

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Jackson show disappoints some who paid for tickets

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Fickle fans gave Michael Jackson a five-minute standing ovation when he appeared on stage at the "Jackson Family Honors" show, then booed when he didn't sing solo.

"This is a crock," said Joanne Brennan of Anaheim, Calif.

"I would pay $10,000, take out a loan, to see Michael perform," said Carla Davenport of Pacifica, Calif. "But we wanted to see him perform. They billed it as a Michael Jackson concert."

Advertising promoted Saturday's event as a Jackson family concert that would include Michael.

The first two hours of the show consisted of half a dozen Michael Jackson videos and live performances by some of the Jackson Five, Janet Jackson and other members of the clan. Estranged sister LaToya did not attend.

Michael was on stage for 25 minutes, singing only when he joined his family in the finale, "If You Only Believe."

Fans shouted and stomped when Jackson appeared, then booed when Elizabeth Taylor said he would not perform solo. The 12,000 members of the audience paid up to $1,000 per ticket.

Jackson waved, saying "Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your loyalty. Thank you for your love and your friendship."

It was Jackson's first stage appearance since he cut short his world tour last year amid allegations that he sexually molested a teen-age boy. He settled the youth's lawsuit for $15 million last month. Police continue their investigation. No charges have been filed.

Jackson also presented lifetime achievement awards from the family to Motown record mogul Berry Gordy and Miss Taylor.

"I believed in you when you were 9; I believe in you now, and I will never stop believing in you," Gordy told Jackson.

Honoring Miss Taylor for her work fighting AIDS, Jackson said, "In the midst of our recent trials and tribulations, Elizabeth has stood by my side."

Miss Taylor praised Jackson in turn. "We acknowledge the suffering you have endured because we have suffered with you. We knew you would emerge through this dark hour, bruised but untouched by the tongues of the world."

The show was televised live in 28 countries and will be shown in the United States on Tuesday on NBC.

Lotto

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here at the counter and sell lotto tickets."

Skinny's No. 25 manager Glenda Allen wasn't paying much attention to sales Sunday — she had just won a $2,500 Hot Cash scratch-off herself.

"I couldn't believe it when I won. I was so excited," she said.

But she knows sales will begin picking up this evening, and continue through Wednesday.

"When it was $50 million last time, one person came in and bought as much as $350 worth of tickets," she said.

Although no one correctly picked the six numbers 2-8-16-17-38-40 to claim Saturday's jackpot, 274 players matched five numbers and will get $1,663 each, according to lottery officials.

Some 16,051 people matched four numbers to garner $102 each.

Matching 3 numbers is an automatic $3. There were 308,449 of those Saturday.

Filing

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Western Texas College board are Place 5, held by John Fagin; Place 6, held by R.C. Patton; and Place 7, held by John Gayle.

Ira board seats coming before voters on May 7 are Place 4, held by Bo Robinson, and Place 5, held by Sid Wall.

There are three board seats up for election at Hermleigh ISD. Those seats are held by Jimmy Hudgins, Juluis Roemisch and Tony Lambaren.

Obituaries

Neil T. Lee

1926-1994

Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Neil T. Lee, 67, of Snyder. The Rev. Jim Mosely and the Rev. Norman Burgess will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Lee died Saturday at 4:52 p.m. in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Born on Nov. 6, 1926, in Rotan, he married Ettie Fikes on Dec. 16, 1945, in Snyder. Mr. Lee, a lifetime Scurry County resident, was a cement contractor and brick mason for over 25 years. He served in the U.S. Army, and was a member of the Union Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ettie Lee of the home; one son, Roy Lee of Fort Worth; one daughter, Tammy Lee of Plano; five brothers, Charles A. Lee Jr. of Tulia, James Lee of Weatherford; Claud Lee, Dewey Lee and Charles Ray Lee, all of Snyder; and four sisters, Dorothy Beatty of Odessa, Betty Kincheloe of Snyder, Mary Isbell of Snyder and Doris Hammit of Laredo; and two grandsons, Jeffery Lee of Plano and Bryan Lee of Fort Worth.

Kevin Milton

1954-1994

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home for Kevin Milton, 40, of Oklahoma City. Burial will follow in the Resthaven Cemetery.

Mr. Milton died Sunday in an Oklahoma City hospital after suffering an apparent stroke while playing golf Saturday afternoon.

He was the son of Herman and Eunice Milton of Snyder.

Born on Feb. 11, 1954, in Oklahoma City, he was a sales manager for a food service company.

Also surviving are his wife, Danielle Milton of the home; one son, Eric Milton of the home; one brother, Krieg Milton of Snyder; and two aunts, Thelma Odorizzi and Velma Lunsford, both of Snyder.

Merle Wilton

1921-1994

JACKSBORO — Services were set for 2 p.m. today in the Southwest Baptist Church for Merle Modell Wilton, 72, who died Sunday in a Jacksboro nursing home. Burial was to follow in the Winn Hill Cemetery.

She was the sister of Rex Nall of Snyder.

Born in Loving, Mrs. Milton was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Anthony Wilton of Jacksboro; two daughters, Treva Davis of Quanah and Toni Talhouk of Euless; a son, Curtis Wilton of Jacksboro; another brother, Ralph Nall of Loving; two sisters, Madge Boyd of Wichita Falls and Myrna Robinson of Iowa Park; five granchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jack Hayes

1908-1994

PLAINS — Services were set for 2:30 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church for Jack Hayes, 85, who died Saturday at his home in Plains. Burial was to follow in the Plains Cemetery.

He was the brother of Billy Frank Hayes of Snyder.

Born in Barstow, he served as postmaster there for 16 years. He moved to Plains in 1957 and served as postmaster there from 1960 until his retirement in 1974.

A member of the First Baptist Church, he was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was a charter member of the Denver City O.E.S. and a member of the Lions Club.

He married Florene Beane on Dec. 27, 1932, in Las Cruces, N.M.

Survivors include his wife, Florene of the home; a daughter, Virginia Armstrong of Marvell, Ark.; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Billy Morris

1938-1994

ABILENE — Graveside services were set for 1 p.m. today at the Cedar Hill Cemetery for Billy Wayne Morris, 55, who died Saturday in an Abilene hospital.

The Rev. Devin Kennedy was to officiate and services were under the direction of North's Funeral Home.

Born in Brown County, Mr. Morris grew up in Snyder where he worked as a route man for the Borden Company for many years. In 1972, he moved to Abilene with the company. He later worked for the cable TV company, the Rex Carlile Construction Co. and in the oilfields.

Survivors include a son, Jesse Morris of Abilene; three daughters, Connie Allison of Abilene, Vickie Toellner of Shattuck, Okla., and Charlotte Vistine of Alamogordo, N.M.; his mother, Susie Morris of Snyder; five brothers, Alfred Morris, Ronnie Morris, Doug Morris and Eugene Morris, all of Snyder, and Roy Morris of Odessa; five sisters, Maxine Whittenburg of Athens, Doris Wright of California, Sue Hart of Abilene, Margaret Rylander and Debbie Murphey, both of Snyder; and a close friend, Pam Richardson of Abilene.

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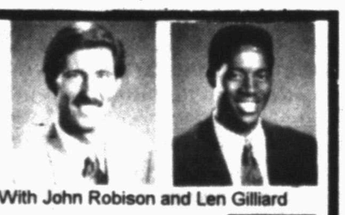


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Who's afraid of big, bad press? Very few

By Harry F. Rosenthal
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a wonderful alibi and many people believe it, but it's mostly myth. There is no solid evidence that media scrutiny keeps people from seeking or accepting top jobs in Washington.

The days are long past when it took a "congressional candidate wanted" ad to get a Richard Nixon interested in running. The waiting list for good positions inside the Beltway stretches across the country. There is no shortage of people willing to serve.

The issue comes up because of retired Adm. Bobby Ray Inman. He got out of the kitchen, citing the heat. He accused the press of making him the victim of "modern McCarthyism," even though most neutral observers thought most of the press had done a swoon when President Clinton picked him to run the Pentagon.

Inman got caught in the swirl of Nannygate, which had its roots earlier in the Clinton epoch when Zoe Baird took herself out of the running for attorney general because she hadn't paid Social Security taxes for household help.

The idea of a press that will smear to sell gets daily reinforcement on talk shows, on entertainment programs and, strangely enough, in seemingly self-hating media.

No wonder that a poll earlier this month by the Times Mirror Center for People of the Press found that by a 2-to-1 margin the public feels press coverage these days "discourages qualified people from serving in public life."

It ain't necessarily so.

A few potential appointees to high-flown government jobs were asked whether press scrutiny scared them off. In every case, there were other reasons.

Since the start of 1993, 19 Democrats and 16 Republicans in Congress announced that they were retiring or seeking other office. Undoubtedly there will be many more by the time the November election comes around.

Have they frothed and seethed about their treatment in the press? Only one so far.

Rep. Alex McMillan, a five-term Republican from North Carolina — blames "an increasingly voyeuristic media that seeks to shock and infuriate rather than inform the public ... with emphasis on scandal and expose ... reducing complex issues of the day to a headline or a sound bite."

That is balanced by Rep. Al Swift, a Washington state Democrat leaving after eight terms. "In the 16 years I've been around, I have personally little to complain about on news coverage," he said in an interview. Swift is leaving because he promised to in 1991 in order to make himself less suspect in his opposition to term limits.

C. Boydon Gray, whose job as the president's counsel included approving every nomination coming from the White House, said a lot more than press scrutiny goes into a decision not to serve.

"It's having to deal with conflicts of interest, forcing divestiture, having to take a financial penalty up front when you go into public service," he says.

"It's inconvenient to do this. Setting up a blind trust is expensive. You fear losing control of what you have, whether it's large or small. And then to have the FBI calling all over your neighborhood, checking your background, interrogating friends and neighbors."

First 'three strikes' law has its snags

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Larry Fisher is charged with stealing $151 from a sandwich store. If convicted, he would get life in prison with no chance for parole or time off for good behavior.

The possible sentence is the result of the nation's first three-strikes-you're-out law involving a broad range of crimes. It was passed by 76 percent of voters in November.

They may not have envisioned Fisher's case.

In two earlier robberies, he stole $390 from his grandfather and less than $100 from a pizza shop. The sandwich-store robbery, in which police say Fisher pretended to have a gun, would be his third strike if he is convicted next month. No one was hurt during the robberies.

The second-degree robbery charge against the 35-year-old Fisher of Bellingham is on a list of more than 40 violent and nonviolent crimes that qualify under the law.

Illinois has a similar law, but it doesn't cover nonviolent crime. Since 1978, the state has mandated a life sentence without parole for people convicted of their third so-called "class X" felony. Fewer than 100 people are serving sentences under the 1978 law.

Snohomish County Prosecutor Seth Dawson said he supports the Washington law even though it goes against his best instincts in some cases, including Fisher's.

"No one made me king," Dawson said. "The public has overwhelmingly said he should do life if he's convicted, and we're not going to go around that."

As nationwide anxiety rises over crime, three strikes laws embrace a simple concept with popular appeal.

But possible life sentences for petty criminals are not what many supporters wanted. Opponents also warn that criminals could be reluctant to plead guilty in plea bargaining if a life term hung over their heads, increasing the number of trials — and the cost. Others say already overcrowded prisons don't have the space for more lifers.

The concerns could shape similar proposals in other states and on the federal level.

"We don't want to turn the prisons into geriatric wards long after the individual has ceased to be a danger to the community at large," said House Speaker Thomas Foley. "We ought to be cracking down hard on violent crime."

The Democrat hopes Congress addresses such concerns as it considers whether to keep a federal three strikes provision in a Senate anti-crime package. President Clinton backs the measure but has warned against making it too broad.

Debates aside, the three strikes concept is gaining momentum.

"I would venture to say in all probability they (states) will all start looking at three strikes laws," said Newman Flanagan, executive director of the Alexandria, Va.-based National District Attorneys Association.

"It's the 'in' thing to do. The public is fed up with the criminals."

His lawyer, John Troberg, plans to argue at an April 6 sentencing hearing that Johnson shouldn't fall under the three strikes law, primarily because he was a juvenile when convicted of rape and Montana and Washington have different legal standards.

Troberg also argues that the law violates the U.S. Constitution because it doesn't allow judges to consider circumstances meriting a lighter sentence. Only the governor can do that by granting clemency.

Stevens County Prosecutor Jerry Wetle, who is handling Johnson's case, contends the law has sufficient checks and balances.

"Why not make it two strikes?," he asked.

"I think people are getting a little bit disenchanted with the revolving door some of the criminals have been going through," he said. "If it is unfair, then the governor can do what he has to do."

TV program over? Maybe it's time to touch that dial

NEW YORK (AP) — You're watching "Six To One," your favorite show.

Next comes "Half-Dozen to Another," which you don't really like.

So what do you do? Well, the odds are as great as four-in-five that you will do exactly nothing. That you will stay put on that same channel come what may, if only because you're already there.

What is this, television or flypaper?

Even in the age of the VCR, which allows you to watch what you want when you want it, with cable choices by the dozens and a remote control that lets you channel-surf without budging from your La-Z-Boy ... even now, the trusty principle of audience carryover still holds you in thrall.

Leave it to psychologists to ponder why you're willing to sit in suspended animation, nailed by your own inertia to a certain channel while a program you may hate proceeds before your glassy eyes.

Meanwhile, here are some hard figures.

The average prime-time network show gets a Nielsen rating of 12.5, according to David Poltrack, CBS' chief numbers cruncher. But he notes that ABC's "Home Improvement," one of TV's biggest hits, recently beat that average by 11.1 to capture a 23.6 rating.

The carryover rule suggests that the ABC program following "Home Improvement" should have inherited a hefty portion of its 11.1-point premium. Bingo. "Grace Under Fire" got a 19.2 rating, or 6.7 points above the norm.

But did "Grace Under Fire" rank ninth for the week because viewers love Brett Butler and her single-mother misadventures? Or is her show dependent on Tim Allen's "Home Improvement" for more power?

"Even the worst show is going to hold at least six of those extra rating points from its lead-in show," Poltrack says.

Since one ratings point represents 942,000 TV homes, at least 5.6 million households would seem to be neglecting their remote controls just when the need is greatest: between programs. Call this condition "clicker qualms."

And it's not just in prime time.

With CBS' winning weekday lineup, "there is a pronounced feeling of audience flow from show to show to show," says Lucy Johnson, CBS vice president for daytime. "Roughly 80 percent of the audience that tunes in to 'The Young and the Restless' stays through the end of 'Guiding Light.' "

That's four daytime dramas, three and a half hours. Are we talking soap or Superglue?

On the flip side of the schedule, "Late Show with David Letterman" makes its own savvy use of audience flow.

Dave's guests are selected, in part, on the basis of who is watching CBS in late prime-time, and thus are candidates to stay put for the CBS affiliate's news, then stick around for Letterman after that.

"We take a look at which guests are right for what night, based on what CBS is airing before we come on," says executive producer Robert Morton. If CBS is showing the action film "Die Hard" for its Tuesday movie, he explains, later Dave might welcome heavyweight champ Evander Holyfield. But "Northern Exposure" on a Monday night might logically pave the way for a "Late Show" guest who appeals to female viewers.

"I don't think our competition uses this strategy," says Morton. "Don't tell them."

'Star Trek' exhibit teaches science to planet-bound fans

SAN FRANCISCO — The planet of Kutta faces destruction from a rogue asteroid. Red alert sirens wail, muffled thuds echo through the room. At the helm of the U.S.S. Enterprise, 8-year-old Travis Buck positions a reverse tractor beam that will deflect the asteroid and save the planet.

A schematic on his screen gives the position of the beam and the projected path of the asteroid. He presses the blinking "fire" button. Slowly the asteroid curves to the right, out of the path of the planet.

"You are a true warrior," Lt. Worf congratulates him.

Travis has saved the inhabitants of Kutta — and learned a few elements of basic physics, too.

Even on Wednesday morning, the Star Trek: Federation Science exhibit at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park is full of fans beaming down to planets, helping Lt. Gordi LaForge realign the Enterprise's navigational computers and zeroing in on a distress signal from a shuttle craft with a breached warp core.

Or, for the science teachers in the audience, they're learning about virtual reality, triangulation and how waveforms affect the signal-to-noise ratio of radio transmissions.

Either way, everyone's having a lot of fun. Travis is here for a special birthday present. He's a major Star Trek fan, something that seems to run in the family. His uncle has flown in all the way from Montana just to spend the day at the exhibit with Travis and his parents.

"They're both big fans, they collect everything to do with Star Trek," says his mother, Kristen Wells. The family drove for more than an hour to spend the day at the museum.

His mother says Star Trek is a good influence on Travis, who wants to grow up and invent warp drive.

"He uses words and concepts that really surprise me. He's a complete science buff because of the show," she says.

The exhibit, built around concepts from the Star Trek phenomenon, flows seamlessly into intriguing science lessons. Pressurized air-powered rockets illustrate the physics concepts of action and reaction.

Clustered around a model of an invading virus, Jason, Zachary and Joshua Killmaier fight against time to fit antibodies into the receptor sites at the virus' edge. Over them, Dr. Beverly Crusher lectures on the biology of disease.

It looks like a game of air hockey, but when the brothers have vanquished the virus, 10-year-old Jason pauses to cogently explain the biological basis for their fight.

"They're all into science," says Joe, their father. "They all watch Star Trek."

All across the exhibit, children stare in rapt attention at their screens, moving effortlessly between 20th- and 24th-century science.

Not so their adult counterparts. Michael Gaylord of San Francisco failed in his attempt to save the planet Travis so ably defended.

"You are relieved of duty!" Lt. Worf barks from the screen.

Mutters Gaylord, "I don't know how to use these computers."

In the Away Team section, families line up to enter the transporter room, where they're beamed down to an idyllic planet. On a screen, they see their images projected into a green world where crystalline entities buz nd bop around them like soap bubbles.

Visitors get an anti-xenophobia lesson at booths which let them see themselves as alien. In a kind of inter-species political training, they peer at busts of familiar Star Trek aliens, including Ferengis and Klingons, and manipulate light levels until their features merge with the alien. Voila — instant cross-species understanding.

Not everyone present pretends that they're there to educate their children. Simon and Ginger Bate have saved a few planets of their own over the course of the morning, but 13-month-old Julian seems unimpressed.

"I certainly appreciate all the science things here, but I came for the Star Trek," says Simon. "We never miss an episode."

"It's good though," Ginger says, looking approvingly around at the children clustered around each exhibit station. "We have to make sure there are script writers in the next generation."

The education exhibit, which was designed by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, opened there in January 1992. Two identical traveling Star Trek exhibits will tour throughout this country and Canada.

Visits Amerindians

SANTA MISSION, Guyana (AP) — Despite her exhaustive worldwide travels, Queen Elizabeth II still hasn't seen it all.

For the first time Sunday she met Amerindians, the indigenous people of Guyana, a former British colony in South America.

She spent several hours with 300 Amerindians on their reservation.

"This is the first time the queen has actually met Amerindians. She has met indigenous people in other countries but never before Amerindians," a Buckingham Palace spokesman told The Associated Press.

The queen's husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, read from the Book of John during a mass at the Santa Mission Chapel.

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Today is PRESIDENTS DAY. It is the 52nd day of 1994 and the 63rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated in Washington, D.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Anais Nin (1903-1977), diarist; W.H. Auden (1907-1973), poet; Erma Bombeck (1927-), humorist, is 67; Hubert de Givenchy (1927-), fashion designer, is 67; Nina Simone (1933-), singer, is 61; Barbara Jordan (1936-), U.S. politician, is 58; Rue McClanahan (1936-), actress, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, Niagara College defeated Siena College, 88-81, in a six-overtime basketball game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The final greatness of the presidency lies in the truth that it is not just an office of incredible power but a breeding ground of indestructible myth." — Clinton Rossiter

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1971, a series of tornadoes leveled Inverness, Miss., destroying 125 homes and 40 buildings.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 18) and full moon (Feb. 25).

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'Snowbird' business said better in 'Valley'

HARLINGEN (AP) — Winter Texans are pumping money into South Texas' economy in even greater numbers this year, say merchants who are reporting higher sales.

Some of the so-called "snowbirds" said the scare caused by slayings and muggings of tourists in Florida caused them to change their destinations this winter to the lower Rio Grande Valley.

But others indicated higher prices in Florida and elsewhere prompted the move. And some winter Texans were staying longer in the Lone Star State because of harsh weather back home.

"I came to the Valley because it seemed Florida was out-pricing itself," said Minnesotan Wayne Matthews, while shopping at Harlingen's Wal-Mart. "But, I admit there also was concern when I saw about those foreign tourists who were killed in Florida."

Retail businesses, including Wal-Mart and Kmart stores, told the Valley Morning Star their winter business increased, at least partly because of more tourists in the area.

Many restaurants also reported heavy business increases, with large numbers of winter Texans as customers.

"We've been just about full all the time this year," Jan Campbell, manager of Harlingen's Park Place Estates RV Park, told the newspaper.

Campbell said many people who reported they previously spent the winter in Florida came to the Valley this winter.



MIDWEST CONTEST WINNERS — Hermleigh fifth grade students whose posters placed in Midwest Electric's Poster Contest are from left, **Shannon Barnes, first place; Samantha Smith, second place; Lori Martinez, third place; and Lisa Sanchez, fourth place. (SDN Staff Photo)**

Small towns adopting big-city transit plans

DALLAS (AP) — Rural Texas residents are on the road again after many communities, abandoned by conventional transit systems, turned to self-help to fight their isolation.

Some small towns have started their own public bus systems, while others have succeeded in retaining private service and even taken over railroad tracks.

A patchwork of public and private transit systems enabled Texas to become one of only four states in the nation to certify in 1992 that rural transportation needs were being met.

The Texas system, funded by about $21.5 million in state and federal money, is not the most extensive in the country but is "well thought of," said Brian Cudahy, the Federal Transit Administration's acting director of public affairs.

In the past decade, many Texas communities had been left without transit service as corporate cutbacks and federal deregulation of the transportation industry allowed many providers to pull out of small towns.

The southeast Texas town of Weimar lost its private bus service 10 years ago. A total of about 300 Texas cities have lost intercity bus service since 1982.

The absence of intercity bus service can make small-town life difficult at times, especially for the elderly and those without transportation.

Weimar City Manager Francis Parks told The Dallas Morning News that losing service was a "big issue."

Now, residents must drive nine miles west of town to catch a bus or pick up a shipment. It's an "inconvenience," Parks said, but "it hasn't been a death knell."

A soon-to-be-released report by the Texas Transportation Institute shows about 75 percent of counties in the state are served by some type of transit plan.

"We're not leading the country," said Bill Strawn, Texas Department of Transportation program manager for rural public transportation, but "we're not dragging."

In Somervell County, the Transit System's 10-person staff operates everything from mini-vans to station wagons on regular routes in the Glen Rose area.

In spite of transit cutbacks, only 21 Texas towns with populations over 5,000 are more than 10 miles from intercity bus service, with 13 served by public transit, the transportation institute said.

When Greyhound — the only nationwide bus carrier — threatened to discontinue service to Stratford eight years ago, residents of the Panhandle community had other ideas.

"People rose up in arms and said, 'You can't do that to a small town,'" said Joyce Ann Lasley, the Stratford Chamber of Commerce manager and secretary.

After a letter-writing campaign and public hearings, service was cut — but not eliminated. Buses now stop twice a day instead of six times.

Train travel options have also decreased in Texas, with major railroads selling or abandoning about 1,700 miles of track since 1980. When a Santa Fe track near San Angelo was to close, Tom Green and 10 other counties formed a rural rail transportation district.

Combining a $3 million state grant with $2.5 million from three private investors, the group purchased the South Orient line, which runs from near Santa Anna — 75 miles away — to Presidio on the Texas-Mexico border.

Proposed fee for public records criticized

AUSTIN (AP) — Open government advocates and the Texas attorney general are criticizing proposed state fees for public records that take more than 15 minutes to locate.

"Cost should not and cannot be a barrier to access to public information," Attorney General Dan Morales said in a letter to the state General Services Commission.

"Indeed, there is little reason to promote laws that guarantee the public right to information about government if the cost of obtaining that information is prohibitively high," wrote Morales.

The proposal before the General Services Commission could be used as a guideline by local and state government entities across the state to charge for access to public records.

The governmental body, under the proposal, could charge personnel costs of $15 per hour and overhead costs of 20 percent of the personnel charge if the information takes longer than 15 minutes to find.

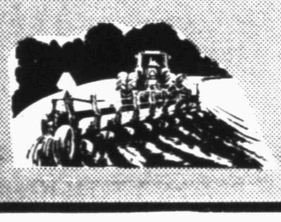
Most requests for information under the Texas Open Records Act require more than 15 minutes, Morales said. Under the new proposal, he said, "The public will pay a much greater price for virtually all information."

For example, a request for information that takes 30 minutes to find and totals 20 pages currently costs $2, based on a 10-cent-per-page copy charge, Morales said.

But he said the same request under the new proposal would cost $11 — $7.50 for personnel charges, $1.50 for overhead and $2 for copies.

The 15-minute rule may provide an incentive for the record keeper to take longer than necessary to find the requested information, said Suzy Woodford, executive director of Common Cause of Texas.

"Current law prohibits charging if all you want to do is look at a document," Ms. Woodford said.



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Houston decries negative publicity

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Whitney Houston says she and Michael Jackson are victims of media racism.

"I see white folks do a lot of things — a lot of things that I wouldn't even think about doing — and nobody cares," Houston says in the Feb. 26 edition of TV Guide.

"I think a lot of emphasis is placed on black people because there are not many who are able to succeed. So when one does, it's like, 'Uh-oh'."

Houston said she first recognized the problem last year when tabloids reported — falsely — that she had been hospitalized for an addiction to diet pills.

Her awareness grew during the media frenzy over allegations that Jackson sexually molested a young boy.

"You do not convict someone of a crime that you have no idea they committed," Houston said. "I hate the media for doing it to him."

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