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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A smart person knows what to say. A wise person knows whether or not to say it."

Thanks to Wayland Walton, retired manager of Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber, we again got to visit with his brother, Dale Walton.

Dale Walton, just out of college, was a reporter for the Snyder Daily News from 1950-59, just as the News was getting started as a daily.

Back then, the paper was owned by Harte-Hanks and two of Harte's sons, Ed and Houston, were running the newspaper before going on up the corporate ladder.

Soon afterwards, Herb Feather became the publisher and Wacil McNair moved from Big Spring to become the SDN's managing editor.

Walton still gets news releases addressed to him at the Snyder News. Walton left Snyder to join the upstart Irving Daily News and he then later became managing editor of the San Angelo Standard-Times before leaving the Lone Star state.

Walton has since retired as managing editor from Gannett's Arizona Star in Tucson. The last time we met him was at Willow Park Inn as he was again visiting Wayland and family en route to a temporary assignment with USA Today.

The Walton brothers spent several hours looking up old newspapers on the SDN microfilm. Like most people looking at back editions, it's easy to get sidetracked.

In looking through newspaper files, we have been impressed with an era from 1929-49 when Willard Jones published a weekly that eventually became known as the Scurry County Times.

Walton said he knew Jones mostly by reputation — a hard-nosed newsman who deplored typographical errors. He hated it even more when readers would call them to his attention.

Finally, Jones came up with a novel idea, Walton said. He ran a contest and offered a prize for the reader who could find the most "typos" in the weekly newspaper.

"Not only did it stimulate readership," Walton grinned. "It made people think he was putting 'em in on purpose."

We also liked the story about the weekly editor in Idaho who was suffering through some hard times.

He ran a contest for the biggest potato in the county.

He said it was a lot of trouble, but by the end of the first week, the editor had enough spuds to last him 'til the end of the year.

RUN FOR THE TAPE — First grader Gabriel Acosta is about to cross the finish line first during Northeast Elementary's Play Day on Tuesday. Other runners are, from left, Robert Castaneda and Josh Pesina, and on the far right, Benjamin Gutierrez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Grant funds give kids a Head Start

Snyder Community Services, Inc., operators of the local Head Start Program, has been awarded a $263,925 grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The grant, announced by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, will fund the local program through April, 1999.

Head Start provides both health and academic services to pre-school children with the goal of enhancing their ability to learn and develop during their early school years.

Kim Fritz, comptroller with Scurry Community Services, said the money would fund three classrooms with 57 children in the program.

The money goes for teachers' salaries, administrative costs, supplies and transportation, said Fritz.

It also provides for medical services such as dental and psychological care.

Fritz said children qualify on a formula based on income, and whether a child has some form of disability, including physical, speech or hearing.

The amount of the family's income also is a factor in getting into the program.

Fritz said once a child enters the program, they can remain even though the family's income may increase.

"We feel that continuity and stability is very important," she said.

"We work with the total family. It's importatnt to get the entire family involved in the classroom."

Children in the age group 3-5 are eligible and there is no cost to the family, added Fritz.

Kid's College signup slated

Registration for Kids' College at Western Texas College will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Christian Student Center on campus.

Kids' College is a summer enrichment program for students who will be completing the first through sixth grades this spring. This year, a Pre-K program has been added for ages 3 to Pre-K.

Last year, Kids' College served 250 young students. More are expected to sign up this year.

Most classes run for one hour a day, enabling students to take several. Classes will be held from June 15 through June 25.

There are almost 50 class offerings, ranging from art, communications, computer skills, crafts, math and science, personal development and performing arts to sports.

There are classes on babysitting, reading, reptiles, card collecting, cooking, ballet and tap dancing, country and western dancing, archery, golf and origami.

Fees, which are paid to the teacher of each course, are $25 per class. Some courses require lab fees or fees for supplies.

$280 million deal...

AutoZone acquiring Chief Auto

From local, wire reports

AutoZone Inc., an auto parts retailer currently constructing a new store here, is acquiring Chief Auto Parts of Dallas in a $280 million deal.

AutoZone is already the largest auto parts business in the country.

The timing has surprised many industry observers because a month ago, Chief Auto Parts executives said they were preparing to take the company public.

"This is huge. It's not something I would have expected," John Reilly, spokesman for the Automotive Parts and Accessories Association in Bethesda, Md., said.

AutoZone employs about 27,000 people at 2,000 stores in 38 states. That doesn't include the four to five people the chain plans to employ when it opens a 3,570-square foot store here in August.

Company officials have said more employees will be hired as business picks up.

Construction got underway late last month on the store, which will be located at 3212 College Ave.

AutoZone's interest in Chief Auto heated up with the Texas company's initial public offering announcement last month, said David H. Eisenberg, Chief Auto president, chief executive and chairman. But instead of going public, Chief Auto's owner, California-based Trust Company of the West, decided to accept AutoZone's offer to pay $75 million and assume $205 million in debt.

"I think the determination came down from the owners that they wanted to get their money out of this investment and this was the best way to do it," Eisenberg said.

AutoZone had 1997 sales of almost $3 billion and has about 2,000 stores in 38 states. Chief Auto had sales last year of $464.7 million from 556 stores in Texas, California, Arizona, Nevada and Tennessee. Chief Auto's strongest state is California, where AutoZone has only 12 stores.

Chief Auto's acquisition should be completed around Labor Day, said Eisenberg, who owns a 12 percent stake in Chief with a managers' group. The Federal Trade Commission must review the deal.

Eisenberg said he believes most Chief Auto stores will remain open with the new AutoZone name. Officials said they will keep 95 percent of Chief Auto's 5,000 employees.

New accounts proposed to help farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm-state senators proposed a new type of savings account today to encourage producers to put away money during good years so they can make it through years when crops are bad or prices are low.

Farmers would be allowed to make tax-free contributions to the accounts of up to 20 percent of their annual taxable income. The money could be held in the accounts for up to five years without penalty and would be taxable on withdrawal. Money held more than five years would be subject to a 10 percent penalty.

The Farm and Ranch Risk Management (FARRM) accounts will help farmers deal with the year-to-year fluctuations in income, the sponsors said.

The "volatile nature of commodity markets can make it difficult for family farmers to survive even a normal business cycle," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. "When prices are high, farmers often pay so much of their income in taxes that they are unable to save anything."

The proposal comes at a time when wheat prices are in the doldrums and many growers in the upper Midwest are facing financial ruin because of a series of bad crops caused by disease and poor weather.

Ira ISD board will reorganize

Ira ISD board will reorganize in a meeting set for 7:30 Thursday evening.

Keith Clements, the current president, and Doug White were re-elected to the board earlier this month. Others on the board are Lance Autry, Bo Robinson, Kirby Sterling, Sid Wall and vice president Dirk Dunn.

Personnel recommendations and budget amendments are also on the agenda.

Other items include requests for equipment for the school ag farm and an exception to the senior trip guidelines by the Class of 1999.

Area sales tax rebates

City	May'98	May'97	+/-	Year'98	Year'97	+/-
Abilene	$2,312,528.29	$2,317,348.48	-0.27%	$9,989,637.54	$9,351,449.70	6.82%
Big Spring	$388,497.29	$374,360.78	3.77%	$1,578,883.78	$1,489,755.46	5.98%
Colorado City	$44,517.32	$43,004.74	3.51%	$178,973.71	$164,836.93	8.57%
Lamesa	$94,786.92	93,936.70	0.90%	$398,807.11	$361,638.60	10.27%
Lubbock	$2,371,650.63	$2,329,388.61	1.81%	$10,727,891.21	$10,380,441.24	3.34%
Post	$22,909.64	$24,554.05	-6.69%	$102,042.38	$103,236.02	-1.15%
Roby	$2,808.48	$3,228.34	-13.00%	$9,676.98	$10,929.57	-11.46%
Rotan	$14,487.20	$15,965.48	-9.25%	$52,280.06	$53,801.03	-2.82%
Snyder	$113,397.65	$141,369.97	-19.78%	$630,369.00	$633,421.17	-0.48%
Sweetwater	$209,499.05	$200,909.00	4.27%	$823,514.16	$766,736.57	7.40%

Almost 20 percent...

City sales tax rebates drop

Sales tax rebates for the City of Snyder dropped significantly this month according to the State Comptroller's office, in sharp contrast to the county.

Snyder took in $113,397.65, a 19.78 percent drop compared to May of 1997, when the city received $141,369.97.

For the year, city sales tax rebates are down about a half of a percent — 0.48. That compares the $630,369 taken in so far during 1998 to the $633,421.17 received during the first five months of 1997.

While rebates to the city were down, Scurry County stayed on the plus side. The county received $79,219.97 this month, an increase of 0.56 percent over the $78,776.13 taken in during May of 1997.

That's a marginal increase, but for the year, the county has received $413,757.72, up 25.10 percent from the $330,715.20 taken in over the same period in 1997.

In looking at other cities' rebates for May, Abilene was down 0.27 percent, Big Spring was up 3.77 percent, Colorado City saw an increase of 3.51 percent, Lamesa was up 0.90 percent, Lubbock was up 1.81 percent, Post was down 6.69 percent and Sweetwater was up 4.27 percent.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in March and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in April, and those businesses filing quarterly returns for January through March.

ASK US

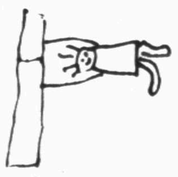
Q—What public school district has the lowest tax rate in the state?

A—Glen Rose ISD in Sommervell County has the lowest, at 73 cents per $100 valuation. It is kept low by the fact that TU Electric's nuclear generating plant is on the district's tax roll.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 98 degrees; low, 60; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 64; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing high cloudiness. Low 60-65. SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, breezy, 30% chance of storms. High, mid to upper 80s. S wind 15-25 mph.



Matthew Schoolcraft
Breezy

Sunset: 8:31 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:48 a.m.
Of 132 days in 1998, the sun has shone 130 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It is neither wealth nor splendor but tranquility and occupation which give happiness.

Thomas Jefferson

Suspects jumped into river

MIAMI (AP) — As scores of Haitians dashed for freedom all around her, Lisette Rivera couldn't help rooting for them to get away from pursuing police officers and immigration agents.

Ms. Rivera, who was serving lunch to customers Tuesday at a restaurant on the Miami River near the edge of downtown, watched as the suspected illegal immigrants jumped into the murky river.

Some hid under docks or scurried along the street and jumped into waiting cars. Police rounded up 86 of the Haitians who arrived in the Rose-Marie Express, a rickety, wooden freighter.

"I felt so bad for them — they're only trying to make a better life," Ms. Rivera said.

"I saw about 10 of them jump into a little Honda — it was crazy," she said. "And the Honda just drove away."

Twenty-four of the 86 in custody were minors, and an unknown number of the Haitians probably managed to escape, the Immigration and Naturalization Service said.

The first officer to the scene was a U.S. Customs agent who raced to the dock after receiving a call that a ship might be carrying drugs, said Mark Bastan, U.S. Customs assistant special agent in charge.

"He described it as absolute bedlam. People were running everywhere — jumping into the river. Some were jumping into cars," Bastan said.

FIRST MUSICAL SINCE 1991 — Snyder High School's choral department will present its first musical since 1991 at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. The cast and crew of "Oklahoma" created a float Monday and drove around town advertising the performances. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Jazzy song helps Miss Trinidad win Miss Universe title

HONOLULU (AP) — Wendy Fitzwilliam was all set to talk during interviews at the Miss Universe pageant. It's a good thing she was ready to sing, too.

The 25-year-old beauty from Trinidad and Tobago became the 47th Miss Universe on Tuesday night, helped by her silky rendition of the old jazz standard "Them There Eyes."

"I heard it on my Ella Fitzgerald greatest hits CD," Fitzwilliam said of the tune. While she can sing, Fitzwilliam didn't think she would be asked.

"There were so many other things we had to talk about during rehearsals ... no one was ever asked to sing," she said. "I said to myself I'm safe. And then this just came at me, wham!

"So I just cleared my throat and did it."

Fitzwilliam beat out 80 other contestants. Miss Venezuela, Veruska Ramirez, 18, finished second and Miss Puerto Rico, Joyce Giraud, 23, was third.

"I pride myself on my sincerity. I think that comes through," Fitzwilliam said. "I think my calm, my ability to stand here now and talk to all of you — I hope my sincerity is what they saw, what made me stand out."

Fitzwilliam, a pre-law student who wants to become a professional model before going to law school, burst into tears as the crown was placed on her head at the University of Hawaii's Stan Sheriff Center before a crowd of about 4,000.

During preliminary competitions last week, Fitzwilliam earned the Best National Costume Award for an outfit featuring a headpiece with 6-foot-long feathers. She also wore a two-piece floral print bathing suit and a white, floor-length dress during the pageant.

Though she idolized fellow countrywoman Jannelle Penny Commissiong, who was Miss Universe in 1977, it took a hairstylist to persuade Fitzwilliam to enter the Miss Trinidad and Tobago pageant.

"I named everything after Penny ... my puppy, my dolls, my bed, my favorite shoes, but I never saw myself in the competition," she said.

Outgoing Miss Universe Brook Mahealani Lee became the first woman in pageant history to pass on the crown in her hometown.

Fitzwilliam will receive more than $200,000 in cash and prizes, including a $40,000 salary, $20,000 in Planet Hollywood stock, a $10,000 scholarship and $10,000 in telephone calling cards.

The rest of the 10 finalists were: Michella Marchi of Brazil; Silvia Fernanda Ortiz of Colombia; Lymaraina D'Souza of India; Andrea Roche of Ireland; Anna Malova of Russia; Kerishnie Naiker of South Africa; and Miss USA, Shawnae Jebbia of Massachusetts.

The show, co-owned by Donald Trump and CBS, was broadcast to 75 countries.

GOP tobacco bill now under full assault

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key conservative senator is joining the movement to kill Congress' leading tobacco bill because, he says, it contradicts the conservative principles on which the GOP won control of Congress.

"This bill is nothing more than a big government boondoggle cloaked in the language of 'protecting children,'" Sen. John Ashcroft, D-Mo., said in a statement Tuesday.

Ashcroft's announcement, expected today, was the latest in a series of increasing attacks on the bill, which passed the Senate Commerce Committee 19-1 on April 1. Sponsored by Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., the measure would charge the tobacco industry $516 billion and approve vast new power to the Food and Drug Administration.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott plans to bring the issue to the Senate floor on Monday.

Many conservative Republicans say the bill simply means higher taxes and bigger government bureaucracy, anathema to the GOP message as the party defends its majority in this election year.

"It amounts to the biggest tax increase in this nation's history," said one of the conservatives, Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho.

Spearheading the effort to kill the bill were Craig, Assistant Majority Leader Don Nickles of Oklahoma and Sen. Paul Coverdell of Georgia.

The Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday asked Lott to allow the panel to consider changes to the measure just six days before it goes to the floor for a vote. The action could kill the measure and hurt the Senate's chances to pass tobacco legislation this year.

But McCain said opponents of the bill were acting out of desperation.

"One could surmise that they don't have the votes to defeat it," on the floor, McCain told reporters Tuesday night.

McCain's bill is under assault on virtually every issue, and Republican leaders still have no consensus on everything from how to spend the $500 billion it would raise to whether to give tobacco companies protection from lawsuits.

How to spend at least $500 billion raised by McCain's bill remains a significant stumbling block, because the measure leaves those issues to be worked out on the floor.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said a new analysis by his committee shows McCain's bill would cost tobacco companies as much as $840 billion over 25 years, but does not guarantee that the money be collected before it is spent.

"It's like giving a credit card to a teen-ager," said his spokesman, Bob Stevenson. "You don't know if there's enough money in the account to cover what's spent on the card."

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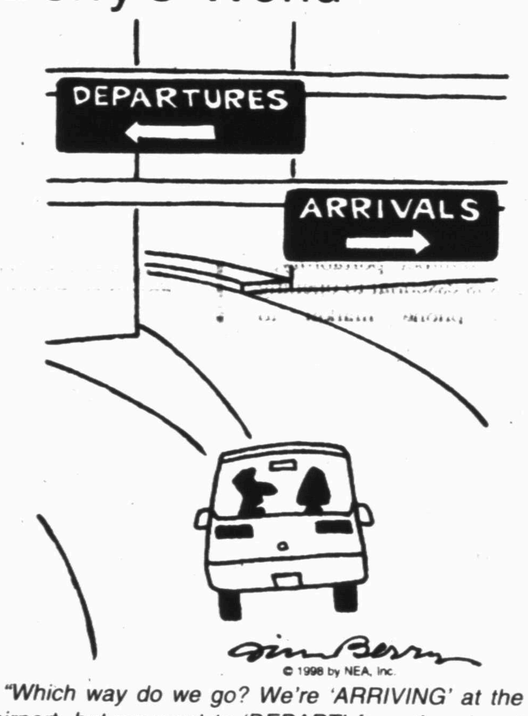

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Datebook

May 13, 1998

Today is the 133rd day of 1998 and the 55th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1639, Cardinal Richelieu of France invented the table knife.

On this day in 1917, three children reported a vision of the Virgin Mary near Fatima, Portugal.

On this day in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900), composer; Joe Louis (1914-1981), boxer; Dusty Rhodes (1927-), baseball player, is 71.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1991, Nolan Ryan pitched his seventh no-hitter in a 3-0 win over Toronto, striking out 16 batters.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I do not know any reading more easy, more fascinating, more delightful than a catalog." — Anatole France

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1894, a record late and heavy snowstorm deposited 2 to 8 inches of snow over parts of central and eastern Kentucky.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (May 11) and last quarter (May 19).

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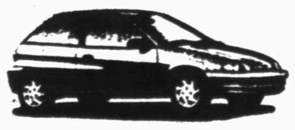
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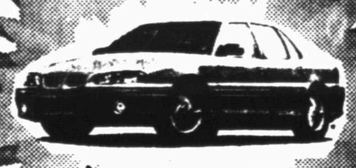
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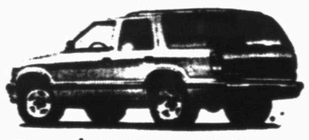
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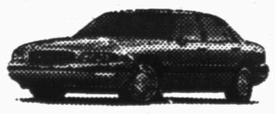
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Estrogen alternative may offer heart, bone benefits

CHICAGO (AP) — A new alternative to estrogen may offer older women many of the hormone's heart and bone protections without its most worrisome side effect — an increased risk of breast cancer.

However, experts warned it is too soon to say whether the drug, raloxifene, is a "magic bullet," with estrogen's strengths and not its drawbacks.

Millions of women take estrogen to counter the effects of menopause, including thinning bones. But many refuse to take it because of its potential to increase the risk of breast cancer, and scientists have been searching for a substitute.

Raloxifene already is approved by the Food and Drug Administration to prevent osteoporosis in postmenopausal women, and research indicates it reduces the risk of breast cancer as well.

Now a study has found that raloxifene, like estrogen, might also protect the heart, researchers reported in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

"It potentially has promise to be a pathway to go beyond the estrogen dilemma," said the lead author, Dr. Brian W. Walsh, director of the Menopause Center at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

The study found raloxifene lowered levels of "bad" cholesterol, or LDL cholesterol, by 12 percent in postmenopausal women, compared with 14 percent for estrogen. Raloxifene failed to improve the women's levels of "good" cholesterol, or HDL, an important protector against heart disease. The drug also had much less of a favorable effect than estrogen does on a blood fat called lipoprotein-a.

The drug did, however, lower levels of a clotting protein called fibrinogen, another risk factor for heart disease, while estrogen did not.

The study involved 390 healthy, postmenopausal women at eight medical centers nationwide. Some were given standard hormone replacement therapy that included estrogen; some were given dummy pills; and some received raloxifene. The maker of raloxifene, Eli Lilly & Co., helped pay for the study.

Walsh said it is too soon to tell if raloxifene, marketed as Evista, will become an alternative to estrogen, the most commonly prescribed drug in America.

He said more study is needed to test whether raloxifene really does prevent heart disease, which kills almost seven times as many women as breast cancer in the 55-and-over age group.

"Where I think the drug will find it's place is for women after they've gone through the menopause symptoms, when they're older, and they're more at risk for breast cancer, heart disease and osteoporosis," Walsh said. "Raloxifene could protect them against those three conditions."

Dr. Basil M. Rifkind, a senior adviser at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, said he is not convinced. A recent study found raloxifene did not protect postmenopausal monkeys from developing heart disease, he noted. Estrogen did protect them.

No rigorous study has been done to measure whether raloxifene or even estrogen prevents heart disease in humans, although there is a lot of data to strongly suggest estrogen works, Rifkind said.

In the meantime, researchers said, women and their doctors will have to weigh the findings to date and the woman's individual risks and concerns.

Raloxifene's few side effects can include hot flashes or leg cramps. Estrogen is good at relieving hot flashes but also causes menstrual periods to resume in most women.

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Angry at mayor, New York's cabbies are not feeling so well

NEW YORK (AP) — Be civil or be slapped with a $150 fine? New York City's taxi drivers said the mayor's new crackdown on niceness makes them sick.

That could make it harder to hail a cab, whether you're an old pro at flagging one down in the rain or a tourist bent on getting the ride of your life.

Cabbies are so fed up that some pledged not to go to work today.

Angry over tougher rules proposed as part of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's efforts to make the city more civil, the 800-member Taxi Workers Alliance planned a work boycott with the idea of enticing most of the city's more than 12,000 yellow cab drivers to follow suit.

City officials were optimistic the sickout call wouldn't cause many problems, though drivers admitted that a widespread strike would be hardest on the disabled, airport travelers and visitors.

The Taxi and Limousine Commission's taxi driver reform package proposed April 27 includes drug tests for drivers, a ban on smoking and blaring music, and fines of up to $150 for ignoring or cursing at customers.

Other fines would triple or quadruple, some escalating to license revocation. The commission is to vote on the rules May 28.

Bhairavi Desai, a spokeswoman for the drivers, said cabbies hoped a strike would encourage the city to meet with their representatives. At any rate, some said they were willing to lose a day's fares to make their point.

"We would like to enter into negotiations with the mayor's office over our list of demands," Desai said.

Taxi drivers aren't unionized in New York, and most drivers operate as independent contractors.

An angry Giuliani said he wasn't worried about today's plan but would crack down hard on cabbies who take part in a May 21 bumper-to-bumper protest to City Hall.

"We not only will arrest them, we will take away their medallions and their licenses, because taxi drivers who close down a city are not qualified to be taxi drivers and not responsible enough to take the lives of other people in their hands," Giuliani said Tuesday.

The number of crashes involving taxi- and livery-related accidents increased by about 40 percent between 1990 and 1996 to nearly 21,000 a year, with 30 annual fatalities, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

In the last three months, drivers have careened onto sidewalks and injured at least eight people.

Many New Yorkers — even regular riders — had little sympathy for the cabbies' position.

"I've never been on a taxi ride that wasn't a helter-skelter roller coaster," said Asim Mustafa, who works in Manhattan. "When my cabbie's racing ambulances, I wonder if it's worth the risk. If they go on strike, I'll gladly walk all day."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. on W. 37th Street; paint out; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Ministerial Alliance; First Presbyterian Church; 10 a.m.

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Three support groups; Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief and Caring for Aging Parents; First Baptist Church, enter east side; everyone welcome, child care provided; for more information call 573-2631.

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

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

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

Switching may become more expensive now

WASHINGTON (AP) — Local phone companies that let customers keep their phone numbers after they have switched to a new provider would have the option of charging customers a monthly fee for the service, federal regulators said.

A 1996 telecommunications law requires local phone companies to provide the service, which is called "number portability," saying this is essential to opening the local phone market to competition.

Long-distance customers already can switch carriers without changing their phone numbers.

"Incumbent local telephone companies are permitted, but not required to recover costs directly related to providing long-term number portability through a monthly end-user charge that would be subject to review by the commission," the Federal Communications Commission said in a release Tuesday.

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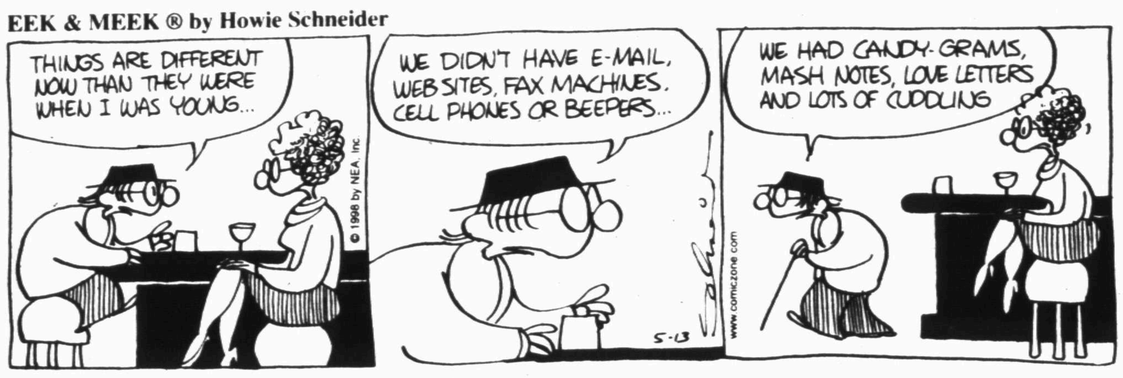

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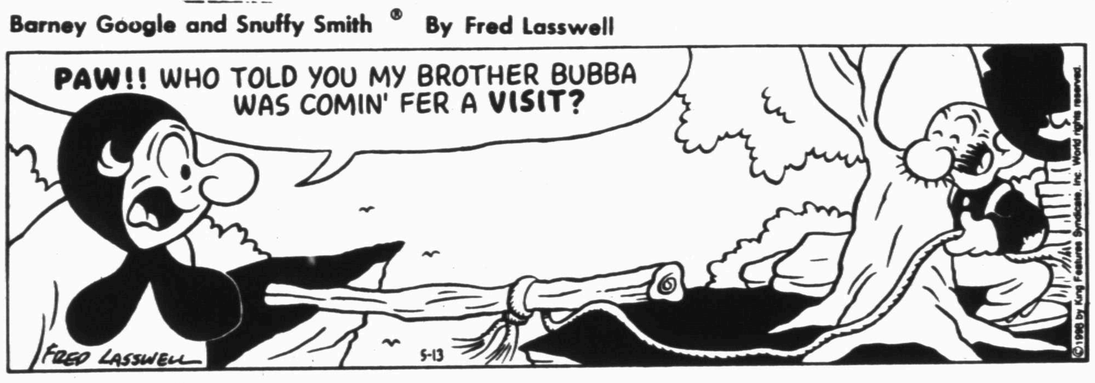

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24 Medicinal amount
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27 Refuse to notice
29 Sounds of surprise
31 Ape
32 Sunshine unit
33 Entertainer
Sumac
34 Chaperon
37 Singer Adams
40 Charged particles
41 Medical suffix
43 — and ends
45 Mother of Mlle.
46 Wooden pin
47 Self
48 Zodiac sign
51 Star in Aquila
54 Put into a secret language
55 Seesaw
56 Lets go
57 Diner

DOWN

1 — Runyon
2 Distant planet
3 Prayer
4 Builder's unit
5 Language suffix
6 Family car
7 Boldly
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9 Fleur-de- —
10 Certain reader
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12 Fred Astaire's sister
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30 Abstracts
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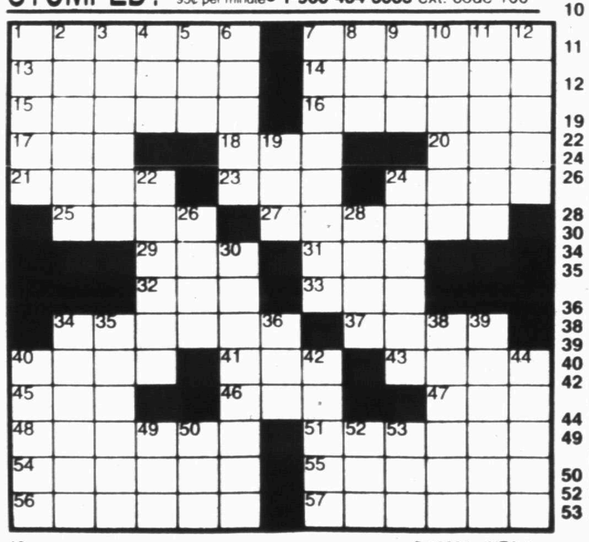

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SPORTS

Lady Scots nab title...

SHS girls fall short

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — Trailing by 20 strokes heading into Tuesday's final round of the state golf tournament, it looked as if the Lady Tigers would need a Herculean effort to reel in Dallas Highland Park.

As it turned out, they would have needed a miracle.

The Lady Scots shattered Snyder's 1997 tourney record by 11 strokes, firing a second round 314 for a 623 two-day total to claim the title at Roy Kizer Golf Course.

The Lady Tigers shaved five shots off their opening round, carding a 324 Tuesday to nab the runner-up spot at 653. Pampa captured third with a 341-335—676.

"Highland Park did a super job," Snyder coach Matt Glenn said. "They hadn't broke 330 all year, but they stepped it up down here. Our girls played hard today, but when you spot anybody 20 shots, especially on a course this tough, it's going to be hard to make up."

The Lady Tigers trimmed seven strokes off the Highland Park lead through nine holes Tuesday, led once again by Keisha Gafford's 1-over par 37 and Lacey Kidd's 39. Gafford paced Snyder in the opening round, firing a 79 which she followed up with a 78.

But the Lady Scots didn't crack under the pressure or the heat on the back nine. Highland Park carded a 152 to match their nine-hole total from Monday.

"I think we started out good today," Glenn remarked. "Our preparation and mind set were a whole lot better and it showed by us making up seven shots on the front.

"But you have to hand it to Highland Park, they shot 152 again and I don't care how good you are, that makes it hard to make up strokes."

Sophomore Lacey Kidd posted an 80 Tuesday, while Daysha Weaver carded an 81. Randi Reed turned in an 85, with Sally Barham shooting an 88.

The runner-up finish ends a remarkable streak for the Lady Tigers. Going into play at Austin, Snyder had captured every 4A event it had entered over a two-year span, including the 1997 state tourney.

"Our girls had a fantastic year," Glenn stated. "This group of kids did everything I asked of them and they worked extremely hard."

In the 4A boys event, Austin Anderson fired a 285 Tuesday to capture the title with a two-round total of even-par 568. Highland Park took second place, while McKinney was third.

Andrews, the Region I winner and a member of Snyder's district beginning next year, finished fourth.

Class 4A State Golf Championship at Roy Kizer Golf Course — Austin

GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Dallas Highland Park 309-314--623; 2. Snyder 329-324--653; 3. Pampa 341-335--676; 4. El Campo 342-337--679; 5. Montgomery 340-346--686; 6. Gregory-Portland 354-337--691; 7. Grapevine Colleyville Heritage 351-355--706; 8. Austin Anderson 381-374--755.

Individual results

1. Maiko Senda, Dallas Highland Park 71-77--148
2. Angela Olivarri, San Antonio Burbank 77-72--149
3. Nicole Johnson, Montgomery 77-73--150
11. Keisha Gafford, Snyder 79-78--157
20. Daysha Weaver, Snyder 81-81--162
21. Lacey Kidd, Snyder 84-80--164
26. Randi Reed, Snyder 85-85--170
28. Sally Barham, Snyder 87-88--175

BOYS

Team standings: 1. Austin Anderson 283-285--568; 2. Dallas Highland Park 291-297--588; 3. McKinney 297-292--589; 4. Andrews 304-301--605; 5. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 297-310--607; 6. Granbury 302-316--618; 7. Bastrop 306-316--622; 8. Rosenberg Lamar 317-314--631.

Individual results

1. Troy Matteson, Austin Anderson 67-68--135
2. x-Hunter Mahan, McKinney 69-72--141
3. Chris Cureton, McKinney 73-68--141

x-won playoff on first hole

SAND BLAST — Snyder senior Daysha Weaver hits from a greenside bunker during state golf tournament action at Roy Kizer Gold Course in Austin. Weaver carded back-to-back 81s as the Lady Tigers captured the runner-up spot. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

DEVISING THE PLAN — Snyder coach Matt Glenn talks with Keisha Gafford as they walk off the ninth green during the state tourney in Austin. Gafford led the Lady Tigers, firing a 79-78—157 to finish 11th in the medalist race. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Lakers advance, Spurs eliminated

SEATTLE (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers are so hot they'd like to be playing the Utah Jazz right now instead of Saturday.

"We definitely can feel it," Nick Van Exel said. "We're kind of upset, because we have so many days off. We don't want to relax and let up."

After beating the Seattle SuperSonics for the fourth straight time, 110-95 Tuesday night, the Lakers are back in the Western Conference finals for the first time in seven years.

The Eastern Conference semifinals resume tonight with New York at Indiana and Charlotte at Chicago. Both home teams hold 3-1 series leads.

How hot are the Lakers? In one word: sizzling.

In the last three games against the Sonics, a team that allowed 93 points a game during the regular season, the Lakers averaged 114 points, shot 56 percent from the field and 48 percent from 3-point range.

O'Neal missed 22 regular-season games because of injuries. With 31 points, nine rebounds, eight blocked shots and four assists in the series finale, he injured the Sonics' psyche.

The Lakers will play the Jazz in Salt Lake City in the first two playoff games. No problem, the Lakers said.

During the regular season, they beat Utah three of four. Utah, which won the West last season, beat San Antonio 4-1, wrapping up the series Tuesday night with an 87-77 victory at home.

Los Angeles had the league's best regular-season road record at 28-13 and the Lakers are 3-2 on the road in the playoffs.

"We're a great road team," Van Exel said. "We've got a lot of confidence in ourselves."

Jazz 87, Spurs 77

Karl Malone had 24 points and 13 rebounds and the Jazz came up with an impressive defensive effort as they advanced to the conference finals for the third straight year and fourth time in five years.

Utah held San Antonio's Triple Towers frontcourt of David Robinson, Tim Duncan and Will Perdue to just 35 points and 31 rebounds Tuesday, their lowest totals of the five-game series.

Jeff Hornacek had 19 points for the Jazz, while Bryon Russell added 15.

Robinson led San Antonio with 21 points and 13 rebounds, but 11 of the points came in the fourth quarter after Utah had a comfortable lead. Duncan added 14 points and 11 rebounds, while Vinny Del Negro had 17 points.

Jo Sterling gets SCC hole-in-one

Jo Sterling, playing in Women's Golf Association play-day Tuesday at Snyder Country Club, scored a hole-in-one on No. 14.

Sterling used a 5-wood on the 126-yard par 3. Witnesses were Anita Talbott and Martha Fagin.

Rangers end home stand with 6-3 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — With five straight victories, the Texas Rangers salvaged what could have been an awful eight-game homestand that started with three consecutive losses.

Now the Rangers leave on a five-game road trip with stops in New York and Cleveland. If the Rangers are to remain in command in the AL West, they want to maintain their momentum against the Yankees and Indians, two of the league's best clubs.

The road trip begins tonight in New York.

Texas completed a two-game sweep of the Boston Red Sox, another of the AL's elite, with Tuesday's 6-3 victory.

"We can build on this," said Texas' Tom Goodwin, whose two-run homer highlighted a six-run second. "It was great to get the momentum going, especially going to New York, which is a tough place to play."

On Tuesday, Rangers starter Aaron Sele beat the Red Sox for the first time and Boston gave Sele an assist by leaving 13 on base.

"My pitches were an F," said Sele. "It was one of those days when I had to battle and compete. I was able to pitch out of some jams and we made some good defensive plays."

Sele (6-2) lost his last two starts, including a 5-3 defeat to the Red Sox in Boston on May 1, and was in trouble throughout his 5 2-3 inning outing on Tuesday.

The Red Sox stranded seven runners over the first four innings, but Sele worked out of the jams, leaving runners on third in the first and fourth.

Sele received a second-inning cushion when the Rangers scored six times.

"He struggled with his command," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said of Sele, acquired from the Red Sox in an offseason trade and the winner of his first five starts for the Rangers.

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

Pumpjack Partnership

Snyder Country Club will host the annual Pumpjack Partnership Saturday and Sunday.

Format is a two-man scramble and entry fee is $150 per team. For more information contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

'98 softball classic

Spring '98 Softball Classic will be held Saturday and Sunday at Winston Field. There will be both a men's and women's division and entry fee is $100 per team.

For more information, call Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 or at night 573-4332.

Ira basketball camp

Ira ISD will host a week-long basketball camp from 8 a.m. until noon starting June 1. Cost is $40. Contact Jason Weese at 573-2647.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	28	11	.718	-
NewYork	18	15	.545	7
Philadelphia	19	17	.528	7½
Montreal	13	23	.361	13½
Florida	13	26	.333	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	24	13	.649	-
Chicago	21	17	.553	3½
Milwaukee	19	17	.528	4½
St.Louis	19	17	.528	4½
Cincinnati	18	20	.474	6½
Pittsburgh	18	20	.474	6½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	24	13	.649	-
SanFrancisco	21	17	.553	3½
LosAngeles	18	20	.474	6½
Colorado	17	22	.436	8
Arizona	8	30	.211	16½

Monday's Games

Atlanta 8, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 2
St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 0
Houston 5, Florida 2
San Diego 2, N.Y. Mets 1

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 6, Colorado 0
Atlanta 5, Cincinnati 1
Houston 4, Florida 2
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 5, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 7, Arizona 6
Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 3
N.Y. Mets at San Diego, ppd., rain
Montreal at San Francisco, ppd., rain

Wednesday's Games

Montreal (Perez 1-3) at San Francisco (Gardner 2-1), 3:35 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 2-1) at Cincinnati (Tomko 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lieber 1-4) at Houston (Hampton 5-1), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 4-2) at St. Louis (Politte 2-2), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 3-1) at Colorado (Astacio 3-4), 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Juden 4-1) at Arizona (Blair 0-6), 10:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	25	7	.781	-
Boston	24	13	.649	3½
Baltimore	19	18	.514	8½
Toronto	17	20	.459	10½
TampaBay	16	20	.444	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	20	17	.541	-
Chicago	15	20	.429	4
Minnesota	15	22	.405	5
KansasCity	14	23	.378	6
Detroit	10	23	.303	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	24	13	.649	-
Anaheim	19	17	.528	4½
Seattle	19	18	.514	5
Oakland	15	21	.417	8½

Monday's Games

Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain
Tampa Bay 4, Cleveland 2
Baltimore 4, Minnesota 0
Texas 8, Boston 2
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Texas 6, Boston 3
Seattle 4, Detroit 2
Toronto 4, Oakland 3, 10 innings
Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 5, 14 innings
N.Y. Yankees 3, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 7, Baltimore 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Anaheim 2

Wednesday's Games

Seattle (Cloude 3-1) at Detroit (Moehler 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Haynes 1-1) at Toronto (Clemens 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rapp 2-3) at Tampa Bay (Saunders 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Ogea 1-1) at Baltimore (Drabek 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 6-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 4-1), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Saberhagen 5-0) at Minnesota (Radke 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Watson 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 5-2), 8:05 p.m.

SNYDER YOUTH LEAGUES

10 and Under

Blue Lightnin' 18, Twisters 17

Blue Lightnin': Christina Martinez, grand slam homer; Chelsey Drummond, grand slam homer, double and single; Briannia Bernal, double and two singles; Kate Wall, double; Jessica Taylor and Amber Mildreth, single. WP: Valerie Lopez.

Twisters: Amber Lueke, home run and single; Shaela Thompson, home run and single; Lindsey Morin, two doubles; Ashley Lueke, double; Kayla Hartzog, Rachel Herrera and Carolyn Shaw, singles. LP: Lindsey Morin.

14 and Under

No Fear 12, Blue Sox 7

No Fear: Jade Taggart and Shelley Fisk, triples; Chaelyn Robinson, double and single; Valerie Hernandez, double; Lilli Valdez, single. WP: Shelley Fisk.

Blue Sox: Amber Alexander, two doubles; Chasity Perales, single. LP: Sabrina Terry.

Pixie

Pink Panthers 6, Rugrats 5

Pink Panthers: Kelly Martinez, Carrie Harlan, Megan Thompson and Kassidy Henderson, two singles; Derdee Foree, Megan Williamson, Jessica Floyd, Laramie Gilbert, Lorin Martin and Alex Hook, singles.

Rugrats: Evian Olvera, double and single; Erica Chaidez, Alexandria Yruegas and Katie Williamson, two singles; Jordan Wilson, Savannah Valdez, Sydney Glass, Lindsey Urias, Kaitlin Bass and Chloe Reecer, singles.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Tuesday, May 12

Utah 87, San Antonio 77, Utah wins series 4-1
L.A. Lakers 110, Seattle 95, L.A. Lakers win series 4-1

Wednesday, May 13

New York at Indiana, 7 p.m. (TNT)
Charlotte at Chicago, 9:30 p.m. (TNT)

GIRLS LITTLE DRIBBLERS

Girls Little Dribblers

Wildcats 43, Tuff Stuff 10

Wildcats: Serena Medrano 14; Morgan Bilderback 10; Kelsea Wood 6; Jana Lewis 6; Jessi Yanez 5; Ashley Hyer 2.

Tuff Stuff: Jessica Odom 4; Aryn Calley 2; Candace Chandler 2; Victoria Martinez 1; Sesalie Martinez 1.

Lady Raiders 29, Comets 27

Lady Raiders: Heather Zajicek 8; Whitney Criswell 6; Amanda Gibson 6; Megan Perkins, 4; Jodi Stewart 2; Kandra Martinez 2; Michaela Quiros 1.

Comets: Kayla Guerrero 9; Acee French 6; Heather Holmes 6; Stephanie Parmer 4; Lexie Loveall 2.

Rebels 31, Starzz 10

Rebels: Priscilla Yberra 15; Franki Briseno 10; Sara Thornhill 4; Rebecca Aguirre 2.

Starzz: Bricna Burk 4; Vanessa Espinosa 2; Danisha Akins 2; Jerrica Guiterrez 2.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Monday, May 11

Ottawa 4, Washington 3, Washington leads series 2-1
Dallas 1, Edmonton 0, OT, Dallas leads series 2-1

Tuesday, May 12

Buffalo 5, Montreal 4, 2OT, Buffalo leads series 3-0
Detroit 3, St. Louis 2, 2OT, Detroit leads series 2-1

Wednesday, May 13

Washington at Ottawa, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dallas at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

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Cogdell holds recognition reception

Cogdell Memorial Hospital service awards were presented and employees of the month received recognition at a reception Tuesday evening at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. CEO Jeff Reecer made the award presentations.

Jeff Mason, physical therapist, was named employee of the year. Beginning 19 years ago, he started with a staff of three, himself and two aides, to take care of approximately 10 patients a day. Now, there is a staff of six physical therapists, two techs and support personnel to provide care to more than 70 patients daily.

Mason recently stepped down from his department manager position in order to devote more time to patient care, his primary interest. He was named the December employee of the month.

Other employees of the month were: January — Diane Braziel, LVN, OB; February — Sheila Stanley, LVN, Med./Surg. and OB; March — Wanda Stansell, ER tech; April — Becky Powell, Respiratory Therapy tech; May — Rodney Mann, maintenance worker; June — Joann Tippens, ward clerk, Med./Surg. 3; July - the late Mildred Garrett, LVN, Price Daniel Unit; August — Maggie Pace, CNA, LTC 4; September — Dawn Fish, LVN, Home Health; October — Charla Rains, LVN, Med./Surg. 3; and November — Eva Canales, housekeeping.

Receiving their 10-year awards were Mike Grady, HIS Coordinator, and ER tech Wanda Stansell.

Five-year awards went to Sue Austin, LVN, Price Daniel Unit Clinic; Cheryl Chance, RN, nurse manager; Becky Clark, LVN, OB; Teresa Herrera, LVN, Med./Surg.; Shirley Kelly, LVN, Home Health; Leslie Luecke, RN, house supervisor; Don Snider, maintenance ; Lana Turner, LVN, Home Health; Jim Underwood, CNA, Home Health; and Melanie Wirsching, Respiratory Therapy tech II.

TOP EMPLOYEE — Cogdell Memorial Hospital physical therapist Jeff Mason, right, was named employee of the year Tuesday. CEO Jeff Reecer made the presentation. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the dangers of regularly bathing with antibacterial soaps?

DEAR READER: None whatsoever. Antibacterial soaps and detergents simply contain an additional ingredient that prevents bacterial growth. When used in the normal manner, these products are completely safe.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am under treatment for high serum cholesterol. Should I monitor my level with a home measurement device?

DEAR READER: In 1994, the Food and Drug Administration approved devices for home-monitoring of cholesterol levels. Although such kits are, for the most part, accurate, they have certain drawbacks.

The manufacturers' directions must be followed assiduously. Errors are common: too little blood on the test strips, prolonged waiting time and performance of the test in direct sunlight, to mention a few. In addition, the color change on the test strips is not always distinct. Moreover, drugs (such as Tylenol), vitamins (including vitamin C) and some diseases (notably multiple myeloma and liver disorders) may interfere with accurate readings.

Finally, home devices measure only total cholesterol; they do not distinguish between HDL (the good cholesterol) and LDL (the bad).

Most authorities do not recommend such home monitoring. While you should follow your physician's advice about cholesterol determinations, I believe that he will urge you to have your cholesterol levels periodically checked by a standard laboratory.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: You repeatedly stated that a moderate amount of caffeine is not harmful. What is moderate? What are the effects of overconsumption? I drink 20 8-ounce cups of coffee a day.

DEAR READER: A moderate intake of caffeine would be about three cups of coffee (or the equivalent in caffeine-containing soda) a day. You are clearly drinking too much. Excessive caffeine consumption will cause overstimulation. Common symptoms include insomnia, jitteriness, palpitations, rapid pulse, excessive urination, high blood pressure, and other consequences. I recommend that you limit your caffeine, as I mentioned above, and substitute decaffeinated brew.

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CENSUS: 43 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-28, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Barry and Darcy Wardwell of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Dylan Lee Wardwell, weighing five-pounds, two-ounces. He was born at 4:13 p.m. on May 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Joyce McIntire of Snyder. Paternal grandparents are Sam and Cynthia Ward of Colorado City and Dwain and Barbara Wardwell of Stamford. Maternal grandparents are Sparkie Durham of Levelland and John and Wanda Ward of Snyder.

Two in custody; thefts investigated

One person was arrested Tuesday for family violence and another was taken into custody early this morning following a fight.

A 17-year-old male was arrested at 7:41 a.m. Tuesday for causing a disturbance at his residence in the 2000 block of Avenue N. He was charged with Class C assault/family violence.

Another 17-year-old male was arrested at 2:25 this morning in the 4400 block of Avenue U. He was charged with public intoxication after officers were called to the area in reference to a fight.

Officers and deputies were kept busy Tuesday investigating reports of thefts.

An offense report for Class A theft was submitted at 4 p.m. after Deborah Beall reported the theft of some jewelry from a residence in the 4100 block of Jacksboro.

An officer was called to E.L. Farmer & Co. at 4:35 p.m. in reference to some checks being stolen from the business.

James Aaron requested a deputy at a residence on CR 2173 at 8 p.m. in reference to the theft of a gun. An offense report for theft was submitted.

Officers also responded to a report of a shoplifter at Wal-Mart at 9:41 a.m. Store employees had the person in custody. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-13-98
♠ Q 3
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 8 7 6 5 4
♣ Q 2

West
♠ 9 7 5
♥ Q 10 8 6 3
♦ 9 2
♣ 10 9 3

East
♠ J 10 6 2
♥ J 9 4
♦ A
♣ K J 8 7 5

South
♠ A K 8 4
♥ A
♦ K Q J 10 3
♣ A 6 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

Another bite from the bytes

By Phillip Alder

As I mentioned yesterday, Mike Lawrence's new computer product, "Private Bridge Lessons, Volume 1," is excellent. Let's have a look at a deal from the section on safety plays. A warning, though: Almost everyone would fail to defeat given this layout of the cards.

Against your six-diamond contract, West leads the club 10: queen, king, ace. How would you continue?

North did incredibly well to remove three no trump. If I had been Lawrence, I would have made the trump suit a major, which would have made a strong two opening by South virtually automatic.

You are faced with a loser in each minor suit. It looks so obvious to start with three rounds of spades, discarding dummy's club loser. Then you play a top trump. Here, though, disaster strikes. East wins with the diamond ace and returns his last spade, which West ruffs with the diamond nine.

True, you were very unlucky. But good players make their own luck. Here's a better plan. Cash the heart ace at trick two, cross to dummy's spade queen, and take the heart king, discarding a spade from hand. Then play off your remaining two top spades, throwing dummy's low club. See the difference? When you play a trump honor to East's ace and he returns a spade, you can ruff high and draw West's final trump.

Look out for *all* possible traps, not just the conspicuous one.

You must have Windows 3.1 or 95 on your computer. The disk is available for $37.95 postpaid from Mike Lawrence, 131 Alvarado Road, Berkeley, CA 94705.

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Albertsons	47⅞ 46¾ 47 11-16+1 11-16
AlldSignal	44 11-16 43 9-16 43 11-16- ⅜
Alltel	41 13-16 41 11-16 41¼
AmOnline	89 87⅞ 87 13-16+ 1-16
AmStoress	23⅝ 23 3-16 23 9-16+ ⅜
Ameritech	46 1-16 44⅞ 44 15-16-11-16
Amoco	43 7-16 43 43 3-16- ⅜
AndarkPtr	71 13-16 71⅛ 71 5-16+ 1-16
ArmcoInc	6⅝ 6 7-16 6⅝
AtlRichfld	80¾ 79⅝ 80 3-16+ 5-16
ATMOS Egy	30⅝ 30 5-16 30⅝
Aviall	14⅝ 14⅝ 14⅝+ 1-16
BakerHughes	38 1-16 37⅝ 37⅝- 5-16
BellAtl	93 15-16 92¾ 92 15-16-15-16
BellSouth	66 1-16 65 7-16 65⅝- 5-16
BethSteel	15 14⅞ 14 15-16- 1-16
BritPet	94⅝ 94 1-16 94 7-16+ 1
BurlNoSFe	101 11-16 100 7-16 101⅛+ 1
CBS Corp	32¼ 31⅝ 31⅞-15-16
Caterpillar	57⅝ 56¾ 57 1-16+ ⅛
CenSoWst	26 15-16 26 11-16 26 11-16- ¼
Chevron	84 11-16 84 84 7-16+ ⅛
Chrysler	51 9-16 50 9-16 50 13-16- 3-16
Coastal	74 3-16 73 15-16 74 1-16- ⅛
CocaCola	78 3-16 77⅞ 77⅞
ColgateP	88⅛ 87 15-16 87 15-16- 7-16
CooperIn	69⅝ 69⅝ 69⅝
CyprusA	17 1-16 16 15-16 16 15-16- 3-16
DallSemicn	38 37⅞ 37⅞- ⅛
DeltaAirl	114 5-16 112 13-16 112⅞+ ⅜
DigitalEq	59⅝ 59⅛ 59 9-16+ 7-16
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Trends and issues, consumer education

Increasing complexity, rapid change and global perspective are the characteristics of the world in which today's teens will live in their adult lives. Consumer education — the process of learning to manage personal resources and make decisions is essential in their challenging environment. Knowledge of economics, personal finance and consumer rights and responsibilities can help people function as more independent, productive and informed citizens.

This knowledge, critical thinking skills and informed attitudes developed through consumer education mesh well with recent educational reform and workplace preparation proposals. Competencies and personal qualities that are essential for daily life as well as the workplace, responsibility, self-management, evaluation and use of information and understanding technology.

Current trends underscore the need for secondary consumer education:

*The global economy in which people will function as workers and consumers.

*Increased use of advanced technology in everyday life — electronic banking, telemarketing/shopping, greater technical and chemical complexity of household products.

*Changing lifestyles — desire for work/family balance, fewer children, and more income.

*Environmental and social awareness and responsibility.

*Integration of academic and vocational education.

*The new level of purchasing power and marketing attention given to adolescents

English gardening style widely used in America

COLLEGE STATION — Chances are the type of gardening most Americans are familiar with stems from the English culture.

English gardening style has been widely used in every type of setting from homes to parks to cemeteries, according to Dr. Bill Welch, Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist and co-author of "The Southern Heirloom Garden."

Typically, the English home sites would include a front yard, that was more private and in the far back a produce garden.

From the English, we gain the following contributions to gardening.

*Grid-plan gardens with a central walk and secondary side walks and garden plots and intervening spaces.

*The natural-style gardens became typical in the last part of the 18th century. Straight lines were banished and the design of the gardens followed the contours of the land.

*The natural style affected the layout of residential grounds in this country

*Starting in the 1830s, the English influenced rural cemetery design in America. The natural landscape style also influenced parks.

Sweetwater cattle auction

SWEETWATER — The market at Sweetwater had a run of 811 head of cattle for the Wednesday, May 6 sale. Lightweight stocker cattle were steady. Goods quality feeder and yearlings were 1 to 2 cwt higher. Packer cows and bulls were steady.

Steers:
300-400: 100-110
400-500: 90-102
500-600: 86-92
600-700: 77-84
Heifers:
300-400: 88-97
400-500: 78-85
500-600: 72-82
600-700: 68-74

Bred cows: Good: 500-600; Older and Plainer: 400-500

Pairs: Good: 600-675; Older and Plainer 500-600.

Packer cows: Good: 35-40; Low Yielding: 28-35

Packer Bulls: Good: 48-52; Low Yielding: 45-48.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,048 head of cattle for the Saturday, May 9 sale. Feeder steers under 600 pounds were $1 to $3 lower. Steers over 600 pounds were steady. Feeder heifers were steady. Slaughter cows were $1 lower, with bulls steady. Bred cows and pairs were weak. Trade was active and demand good.

Steers:
200 to 400: 85 to 110
400 to 500: 82 to 103
500 to 600: 78.50 to 87.50
600 to 700: 70 to 83.50
Heifers:
200 to 400: 74.50 to 81.50
400 to 500: 70 to 84
500 to 600: 72 to 82
600 to 700: 65 to 72.50

Young bred cows: 520 to 610.

Medium age to older bred cows: 410 to 485

Young cows and calves: 375 to 500.

Medium age to older cows and calves: 600 to 700

Packer cows: 26.50 to 42.25

Packer bulls: 44.50 to 54

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Farmers throughout Texas are praying for rain as they watch their fields turn brown and their crop yields plummet, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

In the Coastal Bend, Extension agronomist Dr. Steve Livingston says that farmers in his area are living off of the soil moisture right now.

"If it is not a drought it is the next closest thing to it," he said.

Livingston said the crops that are being affected the most are corn and sorghum because they have been planted the longest.

The plants are deep rooted and simply cannot get enough water, he said.

Livingston said the crops look fairly normal on cool days but on hot days, they roll up when the sun is the hottest.

"That will affect the ultimate grain production," Livingston said.

He said as long as the weather is cool and overcast those crops will continue to hang on.

"We may still have a respectable crop," Livingston said.

He said there is not as much stress on the cotton crops. They are not as tall as they should be and will soon begin to need more water to continue growing.

"Little plants don't need much water, but as they start making growth strides they need as much as an inch of water per day," Livingston said.

He said the main problem is that cotton will not retain fruit if it is under water stress, but there is not a lot to do unless farmers are actively using irrigation.

"Most of us don't have irrigation and we will be in trouble," Livingston said. He said the cattle situation is looking pretty dismal for ranchers and they will be in desperate times if it does not rain. "People are watching their fields turn brown," he said. "In another couple of weeks cattle ranchers are going to be out of wheats and grass to feed and will have to resort to supplemental feeding with hay."

Joe Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde, said Southwest Texas is severely dry. Record high temperatures and windy conditions are aggravating the problem.

"It has been 70 days since our last economically significant rainfall," Pena said.

He said farmers are irrigating around the clock and this is causing increased production costs for growers. "The area is starting to look like mid-summer dormant conditions," Pena said. "Pastures and ranges are brown and the dry, dusty conditions are causing a little bit of haze."

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

PANHANDLE: soil moisture short to adequate. Range grass continues to green up. Cattle in good condition. Wheat needs rain; rated fair to poor. Some cotton and peanuts planted. Corn is rated fair to good; planting almost complete.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture very short to short. Pastures and ranges in fair condition; rainfall needed. Livestock in good condition. Corn looking good. Planting of cotton, peanuts and sorghum continues. Wheat in fair condition; needs moisture.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture very short to short. Ranges, pastures fair. Cattle conditions good; stress will appear with continued dry, hot conditions. Wheat in full head stage; signs of moisture stress. Cotton land preparation continues. Pecans good.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture short to adequate. Ranges, pastures fair. Cattle conditions good; stress will appear with continued dry, hot conditions. Wheat in full head stage; signs of moisture stress. Cotton land preparation continues. Pecans good.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture short. Pastures fair; moisture needed for growth and fertilization. Cattle conditions good; markets steady. Cotton and sorghum planted. Wheat headed. Vegetable gardens progressing; insects increasing. Peaches fair.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Ranges, pastures poor to fair and need moisture. Cattle stable; some supplemental feeding continues. Cantaloupe making good growth. Peaches look good; zinc spraying continues. Pecan trees pollinating.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Major range fire west of Menard Wednesday through Friday; more than 1,000 acres burned. Cotton producers waiting for moisture to plant. Wheat headed out but yields expected below normal. Pecans have good crop set.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture short. Ranges, pastures declining due to moisture shortage. Coastal fields have good yield potential. Small grain silage and hay being harvested; yields lower than normal. Low wheat rust.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture short. Pastures dry; some are starting to get first cut. Humidity is high and crops are in need of rain. Cotton, corn, and sorghum almost finished with planting. Rice crops look good.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. April ended as driest month since 1983. Pastures, ranges turned brown. Livestock in good condition. Corn, sorghum, cotton making slow progress under heavy irrigation. Harvesting of vegetables is almost complete.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture short to adequate. Moisture is on decline and farmers need rain for summer crops. Corn fields showing tassels and beginning to silk; wheat is being harvested. Peaches on schedule and pecans are being sprayed for casebearers.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture short. Continued hot and dry conditions. Some corn is doing well due to irrigation. Cotton, sorghum in fair to poor condition. Soybeans fair. Sugarcane needs moisture. Crops are damaged from lack of moisture.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,264 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 7 sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings were $2 to $3 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: 33 to 39; canners and low cutters: 27 to 33; slaughter bulls 45 to 52.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 90 to 112; 400 to 500; 83 to 103; 500 to 600, 80 to 91; 600 to 700, 73 to 83; 700 to 800, 68 to 75.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 80 to 92; 400 to 500, 75 to 85; 500 to 600, 70 to 80; 600 to 700, 65 to 72.50; 700 to 800, 65 to 70.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 72 to 85; 700 to 800, 64 to 70.

Cow and calf pairs, good: 650 to 900; grade, 425 to 610.

Springers: 300 to 590; baby calves: 50 to 175; doodlers: 150 to 220.

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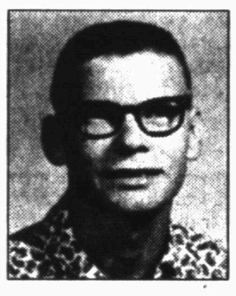
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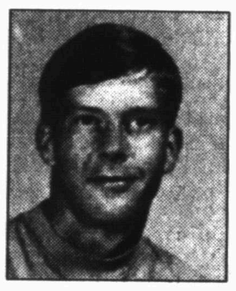
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Indian tests escalates nuclear tensions, instability

WASHINGTON (AP) — India's test blasts have suddenly thrown new uncertainty into an international nuclear balancing act that was already becoming difficult to sustain.

And the tests have raised new questions in Congress about such basic issues as the fate of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the future of U.S. technology exports to nuclear powers and even the abilities of the CIA.

Congress being Congress, it didn't waste time in reacting to India's conduct of three underground tests, echoing widespread international scorn.

"What India did will live in infamy," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., called failure to anticipate Monday's blasts "a colossal failure of our intelligence gathering."

And Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said the test ban treaty "probably has been set aside" as a result.

A Senate Foreign Relations Committee session was scheduled for today. Other hearings were expected to follow within days.

But in the midst of the near unanimous condemnation, one former senator contends that India's testing shouldn't really come as a surprise — not to the CIA, not to other nuclear powers and certainly not to the Senate.

"I think this testing is exactly what I predicted," said former Sen. Larry Pressler, a South Dakota Republican who was the author of 1985 legislation that aimed sanctions at Pakistan, then widely reported to be developing a nuclear program.

The Pressler legislation preconditioned U.S. foreign aid to Pakistan on a presidential certification that it did not have nuclear devices.

Presidents went along until 1990, when then-President George Bush, a onetime CIA director, refused to sign the certification. As a result, aid to Pakistan was cut severely. Even today, a fleet of more than two dozen undelivered F-16 fighter jets that Pakistan bought remains undelivered, parked in an Arizona desert.

In 1996, Congress watered down the Pressler law, allowing economic — but not military — assistance to again flow to Pakistan. That, Pressler said in an interview, may have been the final straw for India. "At the time, I made a speech on the Senate floor. I said that lifting the restrictions on Pakistan will force India to test."

"India really had no choice," sandwiched between China and Pakistan, than to end the years of ambiguity by openly declaring its nuclear capacity, Pressler said.

"Now, we have a real mess on our hands," said Pressler, now a lawyer and consultant.

Not many current members of Congress have such a charitable view of India's actions. But few would disagree with Pressler characterization of a "mess."

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, the creator of "Frankenstein," was born in London in 1797.

Satellite TV merger could raise cable rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — With cable television rates rising sharply, the government moved to block a merger that it contends could make the situation worse.

The deal being challenged by the Justice Department would combine two satellite TV companies: one called Primestar Inc., owned by big cable companies, the other owned by media mogul Rupert Murdoch.

The nation's top antitrust regulator, Assistant Attorney General Joel Klein, said the merger would crimp competition and could lead to higher cable TV rates.

"As most Americans know, cable is one of the most powerful and durable monopolies in this country," Klein said Tuesday in announcing the suit. "We have a choice, usually, of one cable company and as a result, we are seeing constantly increasing prices that have to be paid in our monthly bills."

The $1.1 billion deal would have given the nation's five largest cable TV companies, which together own Primestar, a major share of the emerging business that beams TV programs from satellites directly to pizza-sized dishes in people's homes.

The deal was opposed by consumer groups led by Consumers Union and by rival direct broadcast satellite, or DBS, companies, DirecTV and EchoStar Communications Corp.

The Justice Department's lawsuit would block Primestar from acquiring the DBS assets of Murdoch's News Corp. Ltd. and MCI Communications Corp. MCI has paid the government $682.5 million for the DBS license, which it won at an auction in 1996, a spokeswoman said.

The DBS business poses the greatest direct threat yet to cable television because it can provide a multitude of channels and crystal-clear picture and sound quality.

Together, the five cable companies that back Primestar serve 60 percent of the nation's 67 million cable TV customers, the Justice Department said. In contrast, DirecTV and EchoStar collectively have just over 5 million customers, most of them former cable TV subscribers.

Cable TV prices rose 7.9 percent in the accounting year that ended March 31, according to the government's most recent figures. Inflation overall was just 1.4 percent during the same period.

The average monthly cable rate, including a remote control and converter, was $28.83 as of July 1, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

Importantly, the deal also would have given Primestar the last of only three national licenses to provide DBS service in the United States.

"It would be preferable to have EchoStar or DirecTV have access to these assets than to leave them in the hands of Primestar," Klein said, referring to the last DBS license.

Primestar President Dan O'Brien said neither Primestar nor Murdoch intends to abandon the deal. MCI, which holds the license with Murdoch, also doesn't plan on pulling out, an MCI official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

O'Brien said his company had been negotiating with Justice to alter the deal and did not expect the government to sue to block it. "It was absolutely a surprise and a shock," he said. He accused the department of not acting in good faith.

The FCC also is reviewing the merger.

"We absolutely look forward to proving our case in court," O'Brien said. "We absolutely intend to continue to discuss this with the Justice Department. It is possible that they believe that politically this is what they needed to do."

The five cable companies that control Primestar "have no economic incentive to use this valuable DBS satellite capacity to steal their own cable subscribers and thus cannot be expected to do so," said the Justice Department's civil suit, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court here.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Wedding Gifts Left Stranded After Couple Sputter and Stall

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have read your column for many years, and we have learned a lot from you. Never did I think I would have to write to you for advice.

Abby, my 28-year-old son, a medical student and a very bright young man, met a young woman about a year ago. Both of our daughters like this young woman, and so do we. I mention this because of the many women our son has brought home who failed to hit it off well with our daughters.

Our son and this girl decided to get married in late March. Invitations were mailed, plans were finalized, and everything seemed to be OK. Seventy-two hours before the ceremony was supposed to take place, we were notified by our son that the wedding was canceled. Despite this cancellation, we drove to see them in the city where the marriage was to take place. Our son was distraught, as was his bride.

He wanted to get married and then get counseling. (The counseling condition was made by her.) She insisted they get counseling first and then get married, if that was still feasible. She had her reasons — he had his.

Our problem is, the wedding gifts from her friends, and our friends, had arrived. We expected that those gifts would be returned promptly, but neither she nor our son has shown any urgency. Personally, we don't care what she does with the gifts from her side of the family. But we are from the old school and cannot condone this behavior. Both our daughters are telling us to stay out of it. As things stand, there is a possibility that they might marry later.

What do you suggest? How do we act toward our friends? Please help us clear up this mess and please don't print our name or location.

RED-FACED PARENTS

DEAR RED-FACED: Your daughters have the right idea. Cross your fingers and pray that your son and his fiancee work out their problems in counseling.

As for your friends, if any of them should ask, tell them the truth — the wedding has been postponed, and if there's anything further to report you'll be delighted to tell them. If they're your friends, they'll be understanding.

The proper thing for your son and his fiancee to do would be to acknowledge the gifts with a short note, explaining that due to unforeseen circumstances the wedding has been postponed. And if it is canceled, of course, the gifts should be returned.

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DEAR ABBY: "Lost in North Carolina" wrote, "Please help me..." because she was left with a 3-year-old, no money and herpes when Harry moved out. She felt that no one else would ever want her.

Please reassure her that it is not true. For 10 happy years I have been married to a lady who was in the same situation as "Lost." In the very early stages of our courtship she told me, "A long time ago in a faraway place, someone gave me a gift I am not happy with but can do nothing about." It was herpes. It mattered not to me who, when or where, as I saw a wonderful person who was willing to share her life with me.

During our years of intimacy, I have avoided catching the disease by avoiding intercourse during her outbreaks, and by the grace of God. Every day I find this wonderful woman more caring, loving and exciting.

I would have missed many years of happiness had I turned away after hearing her "story"!

CAUGHT THE BRASS RING

DEAR CAUGHT: You sound like an intelligent and discerning man who married his match. I wish you both many more years of happiness together.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, May 14, 1998

Substantial material security is a strong probability for you in the year ahead. Your gifts and talents will be utilized effectively, and a labor of love might help fatten your wallet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Following your hunches today might prove to be advantageous. These perceptions could provide you with valuable insights on ways to handle paramount issues. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not be reluctant to participate in group endeavors today. Someone with whom you may come in contact might have a proposal that is tailored to your present needs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Major achievements are possible today. Don't be afraid to go after several goals simultaneously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The way you'll handle matters today will serve to enhance your image. You'll back up your words with actions, and will be appreciated by your coworkers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Several situations in which you have vital interests might undergo changes today that could prove to your liking. Some will be visible; others may not.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) What you cannot accomplish singlehandedly at this time can be achieved in tandem with effective partners. Link up with individuals who share your interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Focus your efforts today on developments that are meaningful to you materially. You're lucky now at improving your lot in life in worldly ways.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though you may not be aware of it, you'll project a charisma today that will make you more attractive than usual to members of the opposite gender.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Trends are moving in your favor at this time, especially those that are commercial or financial. Don't start making changes simply for the sake of change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Dealings you have with friends today should turn out to be favorable experiences for everyone concerned. If a pal tries to inject something materialistic, however, turn off the switch.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Opportunities for personal gain are prevalent in your chart today. Several people with whom you have arrangements could turn out to be generators of good fortune.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If your hopes and aspirations start running a bit high today, don't restrict them or hold them in check. Conditions look hopeful in general, so flow with the tide.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Small pickups don't rate well in crashes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the rugged image of pickup trucks, none of the five small pickups tested by an insurance institute received a good rating on safety.

The Dodge Dakota and Nissan Frontier rated "poor" in 40 mph crash tests by the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety. The Chevrolet S-10 received a "mediocre" rating, the institute said Tuesday.

The best rating for the five trucks — "acceptable" — was given to the Toyota Tacoma and the Ford Ranger.

"We're always disappointed when no vehicle in a class earns a good evaluation," said Brian O'Neill, the institute's president. "There aren't any pickups with good crashworthiness performance, and three of the five we tested are marginal or poor overall."

Chrysler and General Motors said the tests were not an accurate reflection of the safety of their pickups.

The institute's evaluations are based primarily on a crash test in which half of the front of the vehicle strikes a barrier head-on at 40 mph.

O'Neill said the crash test results called into question the effectiveness of the energy-absorbing front-end of the pickups, the so-called crumple zone.

The crashes pushed the front part of the vehicle into the passenger compartments of the vehicles. In the case of the Dakota and Frontier, the front of the vehicle was pushed back too much into the footwell, where the passengers' legs can be injured, the institute said.

"Plus the floor buckled extensively under the Dakota's driver seat," the institute said.

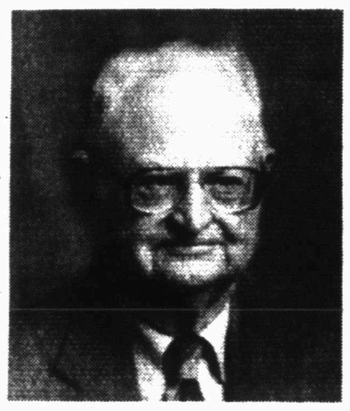
In the Chevrolet S-10 crash, the instrument panel thrust back enough into the passenger compartment to "contribute to the possibility of leg and knee injury."

Chrysler spokeswoman Jodi Armstrong said the crash test results for the Dakota were not consistent with Chrysler's test experience with the vehicle.

"We don't agree with the rating," she said.

General Motors spokesman Kyle Johnson said that when the front of the vehicle pushes into the passenger compartment, that is "not necessarily related to injuries." He said the Chevy S-10 test results showed that on all injury measures, particularly those that were life-threatening, the risk of serious injury was low.

Obituaries



Arnold Reynolds

Arnold Reynolds

1914-1998

H. Arnold Reynolds, a resident of Snyder since 1992, died Tuesday, May 12, in Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Reynolds, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Homer Anderson, minister of 37th Street Church of Christ where Mr. Reynolds was a member, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Oct. 22, 1914 in Crosbyton, he married Polly Proctor on Sept. 16, 1933 in Crosbyton. Mr. Reynolds was a retired civil service employee and had moved to Snyder from Lytle, Tex.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Polly Reynolds of Snyder; two daughters, Sue Lyon of Snyder and Betty Starr of Abilene; a son, Jerry Reynolds of Smyrna, Ga.; a brother Basil Reynolds of Athens, Ala.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Ollie Richardson

1905-1998

Ollie Richardson, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, May 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He was 93.

Funeral service for Mr. Richardson is set for 4 p.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist. The Revs. Jessie Day, James Merrell and Bob Green will officiate. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Mr. Richardson, a Dunn area farmer and stockman, was born on April 24, 1905 in Dunn to G.N. and Sudie Amy Dunn Richardson. The Dunn family came to Scurry County in the late 1800s and gave the land for the townsite of Dunn.

The Richardson family farm was homesteaded by G.N. Richardson in 1889 and has been owned and farmed by the Richardson family for 100 years. It will be recognized this year as a Texas Centennial Farm.

He married Maurine Grimes on Sept. 3, 1933 in Dunn. She died on Aug. 2, 1992. Mr. Richardson served on both the Dunn and Snyder school boards.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include three daughters, Anne von Roeder of Snyder, Mary Alice Dunn of Houston and Judy Gebben of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one son, John Richardson of Dunn; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and special caregivers, Evelyn Ware and Marie Durst.

'Pete' Reed

1933-1998

Homer Lynn "Pete" Reed, a resident of Snyder for the past two years, died Monday, May 11, at his home at 2902 42nd St. after a lengthy illness.

A military graveside service for Mr. Reed, 65, is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso. Wally Chapman, minister of the Park Hill Church of Christ in El Paso, will officiate. Bell-Cypert-Seale is in charge of arrangements.

Born July 19, 1933, he married Betty J. McCook who died in 1986. He retired in the mid 1970s as a master sergeant after 20 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Reed moved to Snyder from El Paso, and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his mother, Lorna Reed of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Debbie Reed of El Paso; a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and James Simmons of El Paso; a sister, Mavis Brumbelow of Snyder; and two grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his father, Homer Reed.

James Pilgrim

James Pilgrim

1977-1998

Funeral service for James Shane Pilgrim is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Craig Curry, pastor, will officiate.

Graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. Friday in Woodland Park Cemetery in Mineral Wells. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Pilgrim, 20, died Tuesday, May 12, in Lubbock's University Medical Center from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident Monday night south of Snyder.

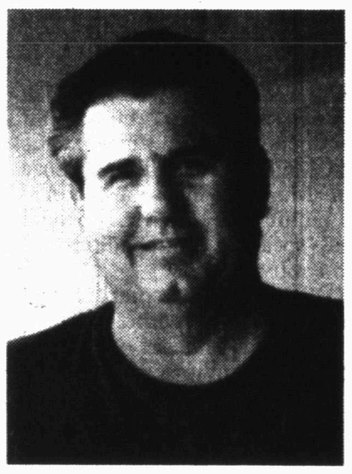
Born May 16, 1977 in Mineral Wells, Mr. Pilgrim was a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School and was a member of the Tigers' golf team and Future Farmers of America. He had also been named an all-American scholar in high school.

Mr. Pilgrim was named most outstanding student in the golf/landscape technology program at Western Texas College. He had worked in the WTC pro shop and at Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters.

A resident of Snyder for the past six years, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Mike and Sherry Pilgrim of Snyder; a sister, Sarah Pilgrim of Snyder; a brother, Cody Pilgrim of Fresno, Calif.; and his grandparents, Reva and Del Glover and Kathy and Ben Kirkpatrick, all of Mineral Wells.

Pallbearers will be Rick Kahlich, Bob O'Day, Reese Martin, Banyon Winkler, Kevin Parks, Cody Parks, Rod Waller and David Holt.



Jerry Don Grant

Jerry Grant

1953-1998

Service is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel for Jerry Don Grant, a former resident of Snyder. Fr. Jerry Leatham, pastor of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Grant died Sunday, May 10, at his home in Indianapolis, Ind., of an apparent heart attack. An autopsy was ordered.

Born Dec. 26, 1953 in Big Spring, Mr. Grant, 44, was a registered nurse.

Survivors include a daughter, Megan Grant of Crawfordsville, Ind.; a son, Ethan Grant of Crawfordsville; his parents, Don and Margo Grant of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Pat and David Wittie of Snyder; a brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Belinda Grant of Snyder; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Cogdell Memorial Hospital Foundation designated for the speciality clinic.

Hazel Boucher

1909-1998

DUBLIN — Hazel Marguerite "Big Ma" Boucher, the mother of James Lester Boucher of Snyder, died Tuesday, May 12, in Golden Age Manor Nursing Home in Dublin.

Funeral service for Mrs. Boucher, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church in Gustine. Burial will follow in the Union Cemetery in Gustine under the direction of Harrell Funeral Home.

Born June 30, 1909 in Erath County, she married William Oscar "B" Boucher there. He died in 1952. She was also preceded in death by two children.

Mrs. Boucher had lived in Dublin for 18 years, moving from Comanche County. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Gustine.

Survivors include three other sons, William Doyle Boucher of Austin, Guy Eddie Boucher of Coleman and Tommy Gail Boucher of Sundown; four daughters, Jo Nell Blechl of Austin, Judy Craig of Everman, Patsy May Hughes of Dublin and Loyce Jeanne Crews of Davis, Okla.; a sister, Jessie Collins of Winnie; 20 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

AAA pushes to restrict teen drivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A national campaign to limit teen driving is working, according to a survey released today that found nearly half the states in the country have tightened laws for young drivers.

The progress report issued by the American Automobile Association measured the number of states that have adopted a graduated licensing system, which increases driving privileges as experience grows.

AAA reported that eight states have enacted such programs, 13 have adopted partial graduated laws and three others have increased restrictions on teen drivers. Seven states rejected legislation to implement the program and four others have yet to vote on it.

In 1996, the last year for which figures are available, about 6,300 drivers ages 15 to 20 were killed in car crashes in the United States, AAA reported. An additional 600,000 teens were injured in accidents.

People ages 15 to 20 account for just 7 percent of all drivers, but they are involved in 14 percent of fatal crashes and 20 percent of all accidents, the association reported.

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ONGOINGS

Chamber members party

Five o'clock today is the deadline to RSVP for Friday's chamber members party. The event will be held at the Billy Huddleston residence, a quarter-mile south of Halliburton on 1611 at 6:30 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Washington, D.C. trip

A meeting for those planning to attend the Washington, D.C. and New York trip will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in the junior high auditorium. All parents and students need to attend.

Anderson reception set

A reception honoring Charles Anderson, out-going member of the Snyder ISD board of trustees, will be held from 5-6 p.m. Thursday in the administration board room.

'Oklahoma' set for the stage

Snyder High School choral department will present Roger and Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma" Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium. Reserved tickets are on sale now for $7 each. General admission is $4. Call Katie Necessary at the high school, 573-6301, for tickets or more information.

Snyder Healthcare open house

Snyder Healthcare will hold an open house from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday for volunteer recognition day and Nursing Home Week. Everyone is invited.

Class of 1983

Snyder High School Class of 1983 will meet at 7 p.m. Friday at the Cypert residence, 2701 30th St., to plan a reunion. For more information, call 573-5714 or 573-3204.

Hermleigh kindergarten

Parents of Hermleigh children who will be 5 by Sept. 1 are asked to register them for kindergarten Friday or Monday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please bring a birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization record.

Museum rummage sale

Scurry County Museum needs items for its rummage sale, to be held starting Friday. The museum needs to raise $21,000 in order to continue operating at its present level. If you have items to donate, call 573-6107.

Senior Class car wash

Hermleigh Senior Class will have a car wash from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Long John Silver's. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds are for the senior class trip. For information, call 863-2722.

SHS Classes of 1952 and 1953

Snyder High School Classes of 1952 & 1953 will host a reception from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch Party Barn. All classmates, friends, families and teachers are invited.

Flapjack Frenzy

Colonial Hill Baptist Church youth will hold a Flapjack Frenzy, all the pancakes you can eat for $5, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall.

NHS inductions scheduled

Snyder High School National Honor Society induction ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday in Worsham Auditorium.

Barry Tubb to be profiled

Barry Tubb, local actor, writer and director, will be profiled in "Split Screen," which will air at 7:30 p.m. Monday on the Independent Movie Channel. Producers of the program were in Snyder several weeks ago to film segments, which will include Tubb's movie, "Blood Trail."

Manic/depressive support group

A manic/depressive (bipolar) support group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Family Life Community Church, located at 904 26th Street. For information, call Debbie at 573-1154.

Schools supplies

The deadline for ordering school supplies for next year has been extended until Monday. Contact the elementary school offices for order forms. Orders must be prepaid.

Teacher retirement tea

A teacher retirement tea for Molly Kattes will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at WTC for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

Pick 3

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