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**Home Of K'Ana Garcia**

*Gorman is valedictorian, Kerr salutatorian...*

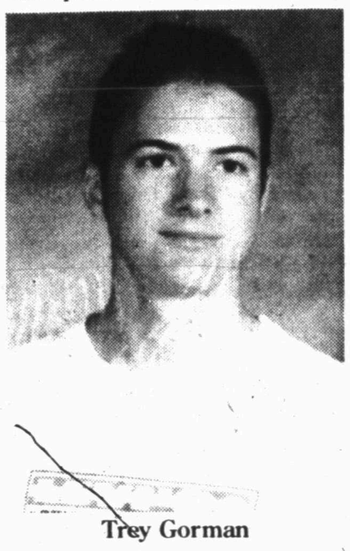
# Top graduates named at SHS

Trey Gorman and Trevor Kerr are the top two graduating seniors at Snyder High School for the class of 2000.

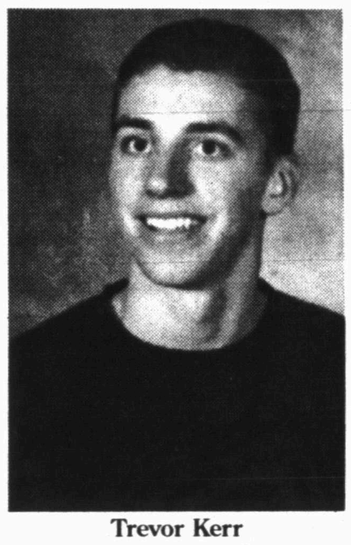
Gorman is valedictorian with a grade point average of 98.92, and 5.286 points on the six-point grading scale.

He is the son of Jack and Kim Gorman.

Kerr is the salutatorian with a grade point average of 98.40, and 5.111 points on the six-point grading scale.



Trey Gorman



Trevor Kerr

He is the son of Dr. Thomas and Carol Kerr.

Gorman was recently named a National Merit scholarship recipient – one of only 278 Texas students to receive the honor this year.

He has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years, and has been ranked in the top 10 percent of his class all four years in high school.

While at SHS, Gorman was a member of the band for four years, was an officer this school year and recipient of the John Philip Sousa Award. He was also a member of the SUN Club and was named the club's sweetheart this year.

He competed in UIL competition the past two years, bringing home two second place finishes in computer science and in science.

He also was a member of the academic decathlon team, and was a class favorite nominee for three years.

He also was a varsity basketball letterman his junior year, He played basketball from the ninth grade through the eleventh grade.

Kerr was also a member of the National Honor Society his junior and senior years, plus a member of the academic decathlon team as well.

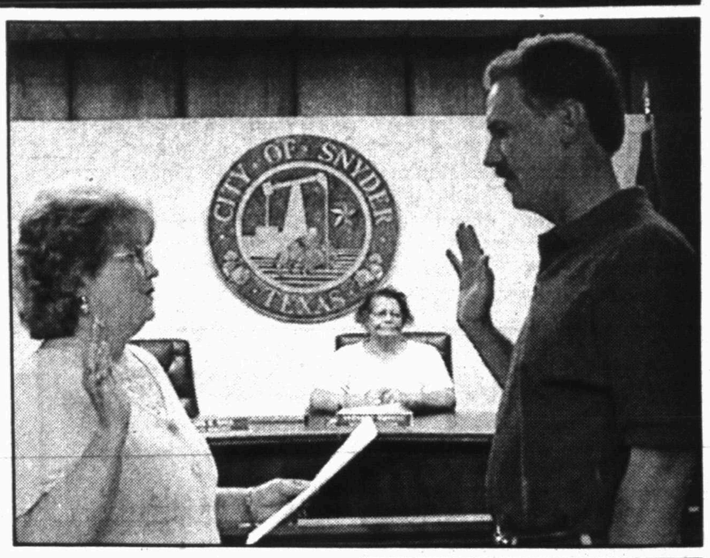
He competed in UIL competition in science and current events from the ninth grade until he was a junior, and competed in UIL accounting his senior year.

Kerr was a member of the top 10 in his class every year.

Kerr lettered in basketball this year, a sport he played throughout his high school career.

He also played baseball his freshman and sophomore years, and football in the ninth grade. He was a member of the SHS student council his junior and senior years.

Gorman, Kerr and fellow classmates will graduate at 8 p.m. Friday at Scurry County Coliseum.



**NEW COUNCILMAN — David Harrell took the oath of office for the Snyder city council Tuesday evening. City Secretary Jeannie Johnson administered the oath to Harrell, and fellow council members Vernest Tippens and I.E. Martin. Tippens is shown in the background. A reception followed the swearing-in ceremony at City Hall. (SDN Staff Photo)**

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "In golf it's not what counts, but rather what you don't count."**

There are two reasons we know it's a true story, but first the story.

Don Sealy, retired hospital business manager, gave his wife, Gwen, a nice Mother's Day present.

He got out of the house, out of her way, and spent the afternoon at Snyder Country Club.

The golf course was practically empty, as most of the guys had not been as thoughtful as Don, giving his mate plenty of space on Mother's Day.

He did find Marshall Erwin, Ted Crenwelge and Jack Whitworth ready to tee up.

Sealy describes himself as a below-average duffer, but on that particular Sunday, he may have accomplished a feat that would even astound Tiger Woods.

We can't say it hasn't happened before in golf, but we can say it's not supposed to happen. But Sealy says it did – and it occurred with three reliable witnesses.

Sealy got two birdies on one hole. Such a feat is not listed in the Guinness Book of World Records, nor is it supposed to be.

Sealy, despite being just an about average golfer, does have five career holes-in-one, but birdies are rare. And two birdies on the same hole, well…

It occurred on the back nine, the five-par number 10. In describing the unique event, Sealy said a darn good tee shot was followed by a pretty fair second shot – leaving him a seven-iron approach to the green.

Sealy really connected on that third shot. It was solid contact, likely headed for the number 11 tee box. Then just like Sealy had planned, one of those out-of-season doves came flying across the fairway.

The ball struck the dove, causing Sealy's ball to drop right behind the pin for a tap-in four for the second birdie on that hole.

It's not the first time that Sealy has been the recipient of help from birds for a birdie.

About 50 years ago, while playing in Anson, Sealy recalls a bird incident on number seven, a hole with a creek that runs across the fairway, requiring most golfers to layup and then chip on.

Sealy recalls that his layup shot was just about in perfect position, but a crow improved his lie. The crow swooped down, picked up his ball, carried it across the creek and dropped it right next to the pin where Sealy got another gimme birdie.

We said there are two reasons that the golf tale is believable. One is that Sealy started his working career at the Snyder Daily News – and all news people are dedicated to the truth.

The second reason is because of his playing partners that Sunday. We asked Sealy if they were men of veracity. "Yeah, and they're golfers, too."

*For Precinct 1...*

# GOP seeking candidate to run for commissioner

The Scurry County Republican Party has filed an administrative declaration of ineligibility, declaring Carl Burleson an ineligible candidate for Precinct 1 Commissioner.

The action was taken because Burleson voted in the Democratic Primary, according to chairman Drew Bullard.

Bullard said the state election code requires the action.

He also said the party is seeking a replacement for Burleson as the Republican nominee on November's general election ballot.

"We are going to try to find a candidate we can replace him with on the Republican ticket," Bullard said.

Burleson publicly withdrew from the commissioner race prior to the March 14 Primary, but was too late to officially withdraw. Therefore, his name remained on the ballot and he officially became the Republican nominee.

However, Burleson voted in the Democratic Primary, disqualifying himself as a candidate because he associated himself with both parties.

Bullard also said the Republican Party is "not in a rush" to locate a candidate.

"We are in the process of talking to people. We want to make sure we get a candidate who can handle the job and represent Republican principles."

The party has not called any official meeting.

"We are just in the preliminary stages," Bullard said. "We want to take our time to find somebody that we think will be good. We don't have too much time, but we do have some time."

A Republican candidate would oppose Democrat Ralph Trevey on the November ballot for the commissioners post.

## School almost out

All Snyder schools were to release at 2 p.m. today while Snyder High School will release at 11:35 a.m. Thursday. Snyder Junior High and elementary schools will release at noon Thursday.

Friday is a workday for teachers.

## WTC begins registration for summer

The first day of summer registration at Western Texas College is Thursday.

The college also has registration scheduled for May 30-31.

Classes toward an associate's degree in a variety of liberal arts and pre-professional fields will be offered, along with vocational classes in computerized business technology and early childhood education.

Non-credit classes will also be offered, including ceramics, SCUBA diving, public speaking, introduction to business and computers, or advanced golf.

## Hermleigh to graduate 18 in Friday ceremony

Hermleigh School's commencement for the 1999-2000 school year is set for 8 p.m. Friday in the auditorium. Eighteen seniors and eight eighth graders will graduate.

Beth McDaniel, sixth grade teacher at Hermleigh, will be the guest speaker, and will be introduced by Supt. Jerry Church.

High school and junior high school honor students will each speak. Randi K. Herrington will give the high school valedictory address and Jared Higgins will give the salutatory.

The eighth grade honor students are twins. Dustin Williamson is the valedictorian and Justin is the salutatorian.

Randi K. is the daughter of Mike and Lavon Herrington. Jared's parents are David and Nancy Higgins.

Dustin and Justin are the sons of Kelly and Joel Murphy of Hermleigh, and James and Donita Williamson of Stanton.

Principal Clarence Spieker will present awards and Church and Tim Dacus, school board president, will hand out diplomas.

Juan Rios will conduct the tassel ceremony and seniors will conduct their traditional red rose ceremony.

Crystal Jackson will give the invocation and Tony Molina will give the benediction.

Alison McCarter will play the processional and the junior high recessional.

Ushers will be Shannon Barnes, Danni Webb, Alfonso Rangel, Johnathan McClure.

Graduating seniors are Angel Vasquez, Rocky Gill, Tracy Luna, Rebecca Digby, Chris Doggett, Joey Garza, Brandy Wood, Tiffani Moore, Tony Molina, Andy Luna, Crystal Jackson, Janna Hinz, Jared Higgins, Randi K. Herrington, April Digby, Nick Free, Caleb Callaway, Kendra Dacus.

Graduating eighth graders will include Billy Duck, Krystal Beasley, Toni Jackson, Brittainy Milota, Isaac Rangel, Valerie West, Dustin Williamson and Justin Williamson.

## Band students to UIL event

Snyder High School's band will be well represented at Monday's UIL state solo and ensemble contest to be held in Austin.

Soloists who will compete are Kara Babcock, clarinet; and Audra Reneau, French horn.

Four ensembles will compete. Ashley Baremore, Amanda Greenwood and Erin Cooley make up the flute trio.

Members of the clarinet choir are Jeremee Lester, Trent Boyd, Anna Williams, Melina Campos, Dustin Whitson and Ryan McAnally.

The brass quintet will include Zach Allred, Isaac Nakamura, Audra Reneau, Lynn Fogleman and Eric DeLeon.

Making up the brass quintet will be Kyla Connel, Tyler Neves, Carcie Posey, Danny Early and Ryan Burk.

# Country club golf course will become public links in June

Effective June 1, the Scurry County Golf Association Inc., formerly Snyder Country Club golf course, will become a public golf course under new ownership and management.

The Scurry County Golf Association has purchased the nine-hole course from Snyder Country Club and the association's steering committee is soliciting memberships.

Effective next month, the golf course will be operated separately from the clubhouse and swimming pool. Former Snyder Country Club members may be a member of either the golf association, the clubhouse or both.

Members who choose to be a member of both will be billed separately, said Cloyce Talbott, chairman of the golf association committee. The club grounds will be surveyed and conveyed to the appropriate entity with the clubhouse situated on about five acres.

A golf association membership is $65 per month for a family membership and $175 a month for corporate members for up to three individuals. Each person thereafter is $50.

Cart shed rental is $25 per month and there will be a $10 per day trail fee for golfers who do not rent golf sheds.

Cart rentals will also be available from Rick Mammolite in the pro shop for a fee of $7.50 for nine holes and $15 for an 18-hole round.

The golf course also is now open to green-fee players. Weekday fees are $7.50 for nine holes and $15 for 18 holes. Weekend green fees are $10 for nine holes and $20 for 18 holes.

There is no initiation fee for membership. If a person drops the membership, there will be a one-year waiting period to rejoin to avoid a $200 reinstatement fee.

Membership applications are available from Larry Anderson, golf association secretary, or from the pro shop.

Talbott said Tuesday that separation of the golf course from the clubhouse is the first step in putting the course on solid financial footing.

The long-term plan is to combine operations of the country club course with the nine-hole course at Western Texas College in an effort to achieve operating efficiencies.

Talbott said there have been informal talks with representatives of the city, county, college and school district with regard to ensuring that the community continues to have 18 holes available to its citizens.

## ASK US

**Q—Will Keith Collier have to pay a $600 filing fee?**

**A—No. He is not a write-in candidate. Write-in candidates must pay the $600.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Tuesday, 105 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 76; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.97 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, fair. High near 104. SW wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, not as hot. High upper 90s. S wind 10-20 mph.

Daniela Allen
Not as Hot

**Sunset:**
**8:39 p.m.**
**Sunrise:**
**6:42 a.m.**
**Of 144 days in 2000, the sun has shone 141 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**Challenge yourself all the days of your life.**

MAY 24 2000

# Donations up in '99

NEW YORK (AP) — Charitable donations jumped $15.8 billion in 1999, marking the fourth straight year of growth, a philanthropy tracking group reported Wednesday.

Total giving surged from $174.3 billion in 1998 to $190.1 billion last year, representing a 9.1 percent increase, the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel said. When adjusted for inflation, the increase was 6.7 percent.

"It is likely that this is not merely a momentary windfall for the nonprofit sector, but rather, we might say it signals the beginning of a new age of philanthropy," said Russell Weigand, chair of the organization.

Individuals gave 7.2 percent more in 1999, bequests increased 14.6 percent, foundations jumped 16.5 percent and donations from corporations were up 14.3 percent, the counsel said.

Last year, philanthropy represented 2.1 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product, a figure last reached in 1971. Personal giving represented 1.8 percent of personal income in 1999, the same percentage as 1989.

The report said the overall increases were due partly to the nation's economic boom. People have more money and so are more ready to give it away, and foundation endowments that are invested have been growing more rapidly.

On the Net:
American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel: http://www.aafrc.org


## 2000 Summer Sessions

1st Summer Session May 30-July 6 (Day Classes)
Classes meet Monday through Thursday

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| **ACADEMIC** | | | | |
| ARTS 2346 | 0100 | CERAMICS | 9:45-11:25 | Christensen, S |
| BUSI 1301 | 0180 | INTRO TO BUS | 1:15-2:55 (ITV) | Snider, S |
| GOVT 2305 | 0225 | US/ST/LOC GOVT | 8:00-9:40 | Smith, N |
| GOVT 2306 | 0226 | US/ST/LOC GOVT | 9:45-11:25 (ITV) | Smith, K |
| HIST 1301 | 0231 | US HIST TO 1865 | 8:00-9:40 | Adams, R |
| HIST 1302 | 0232 | US HIST 1865- | 9:45-11:25 | Adams, R |
| MATH 1314 | 0183 | COLLEGE ALG | 8:00-9:40 | Russell, A |
| MATH 1316 | 0184 | TRIGONOMETRY | 9:45-11:25 | Russell, A |
| MATH 1324 | 0185 | MTH/BUS/ECO I | 8:00-9:40 | Ducheneaux, S |
| MATH 1332 | 0186 | MATH CONCEPT I | 1:15-2:55 | Russell, A |
| MATH 1442 | 0187 | STATISTICS | 9:45-11:25 | Ducheneaux, S |
| MATH 2313 | 0188 | CALCULUS I | 11:30-1:10 | Ducheneaux, S |
| PSYC 2301 | 0237 | GEN PSYC (ITV) | 11:30-1:10 | Smith, K |
| **COLLEGE PREPARATORY** | | | | |
| DMT 011 | 0189 | MATH SKILLS LAB | 5:00-6:00 | Russell, A |
| DMT 031 | 0190 | FUND/MATH | 8:00-9:40 | Beard, J |
| DMT 032 | 0191 | BASIC ALGEBRA | 9:45-11:25 | Beard, J |
| DMT 033 | 0192 | INTER ALGEBRA | 11:30-1:10 | Russell, A |
| DRE 011 | 0300 | READING SK LAB | TBA | Corkran, G |
| DRE 032 | 0301 | READING SK II | 9:45-11:25 | Corkran, G |
| DRE 033 | 0302 | READING SK III | 11:30-1:10 | Corkran, G |
| **VOCATIONAL** | | | | |
| BUSI 1301 | 0182 | INTRO TO BUS | 1:15-2:55 (ITV) | Snider, S |
| **EVENING CLASSES** | | | | |
| BIOL 1306 | 0025 | PRIN OF BIOL I | 6:00-8:50 | Lilly, T |
| BIOL 1106 | 0026 | BIOL LAB | 6:00-8:50 | Lilly, T |

9 Week Session May 30 - July 25 (Night Classes)
Classes meet from 6:00 pm. to 10:10 pm.

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| **ACADEMIC** | | | | |
| ARTS 2346 | 0101 | CERAMICS | TTH | Christensen, S |
| BUSI 1301 | 0181 | INTRO TO BUS | T | Snider, S |
| COSC 1300 | 0194 | INTRO/COMP | M | Halkowitz, D |
| COSC 1301 | 0193 | INTRO/COMP | TBA (INT) | Canada/Racher |
| ECON 2301 | 0242 | PRIN/ECON | TH | Smith, N |
| ENGL 1301 | 0306 | COMPOSITION I | T | Winter, M |
| ENGL 1302 | 0307 | COMPOSITION II | W | Winter, M |
| ENGL 2326 | 0308 | AMERICAN LIT | TH | Ratliff, W |
| GOVT 2305 | 0227 | US/ST/LOC GOVT | TH (ITV) | Smith, K |
| GOVT 2306 | 0228 | US/ST/LOC GOVT | M | Hartman, M |
| HIST 1301 | 0233 | US HIST TO 1865 | W | Hamby, D |
| HIST 1302 | 0234 | US HIST 1865- | M | Ratliff, W |
| MATH 1314 | 0195 | COLLEGE ALG | T | Russell, A |
| MATH 1314 | 0196 | COLLEGE ALG | W (ITV) | Ducheneaux, S |
| PHED 1101 | 0400 | ADV GOLF | TH | Staff |
| PHED 1151 | 0401 | SCUBA DIVING | M | Lucas, K |
| PHED 1152 | 0402 | ADV. SCUBA | T | Lucas, K |
| PSYC 2301 | 0238 | GEN PSYC | T | Smith, K |
| SPCH 1315 | 0104 | FUND/PUB/SP | W | Staff |
| SPCH 1321 | 0105 | BUS/PROF SPEAK | W | Staff |
| **COLLEGE PREPARATORY** | | | | |
| DEN 011 | 0303 | ENGLISH SK LAB | M | Staff |
| DMT 032 | 0197 | BASIC ALGEBRA | TH | Beard, J |
| DMT 033 | 0198 | INTER ALGEBRA | T | Beard, J |
| **VOCATIONAL** | | | | |
| BUSI 1301 | 0182 | INTRO TO BUS | TTH | Snider, S |
| CDEC 1357 | 0501 | MATH/SCI/EC (CLASS MEETS JULY 10 - AUG. 17) | MTH | Wilburn, J |
| CDEC 2326 | 0500 | ADM/ PROG/ CH (CLASS MEETS MAY 30 - JULY 6. | MTH | Wilburn, J |

(ONE ADDITIONAL CLASS SESSION WILL BE REQUIRED. TBA, AT THE FIRST OF THE TERM.)

2nd Summer Session July 10-August 17 (Day Classes)
Classes meet Monday through Thursday

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| **ACADEMIC** | | | | |
| MATH 1314 | 0199 | COLLEGE ALG | 9:45-11:25 | Ducheneaux, S |
| MATH 1325 | 0200 | MTH/BUS/ECO II | 8:00-9:40 | Ducheneaux, S |
| MATH 2313 | 0201 | CALCULUS I | 11:30-1:10 | Ducheneaux, S |
| MATH 2314 | 0202 | CALCULUS II | 1:15-2:55 | Ducheneaux, S |
| PSYC 2314 | 0239 | LIFESPAN | 9:45-11:25 (ITV) | Smith, K |
| **COLLEGE PREPARATORY** | | | | |
| DMT 011 | 0203 | MATH SK LAB | 3:00-4:00 | Ducheneaux, S |
| DMT 032 | 0204 | BASIC ALGEBRA | 8:00-9:40 | Beard, J |
| DMT 033 | 0205 | INTER ALGEBRA | 9:45-11:25 | Beard, J |

### Summer Session Calendar

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|---|---|
| Thursday, May 25 | Registration for 6 & 9 wk sessions |
| Monday, May 29 | Memorial Day, campus closed |
| Tuesday, May 30 | Registration for 6 & 9 wk sessions |
| Tuesday, May 30 | 6 & 9 wk sessions begin |
| Wednesday, May 31 | Last day to reg., add or change/1st |
| Thursday, June 29 | Last day to withdraw/6 wk session |
| Tuesday, July 4 | Independence Day, campus closed |
| Thursday, July 6 | Finals for 6 wk session / End of session |
| Monday, July 10 | Registration for 2nd session |
| Monday, July 10 | 2nd session classes begin |
| Tuesday, July 11 | Registration for 2nd session |
| Wednesday, July 12 | Last day to reg., add or change/2nd |
| Wednesday, July 19 | Finals for 9 wk session |
| Thursday, July 20 | Last day to withdraw/9 wk session |
| Tuesday, July 25 | End of 9 wk session |
| Thursday, August 10 | Last day to withdraw/2nd session |
| Thursday, August 17 | Finals for 2nd session/End of session |

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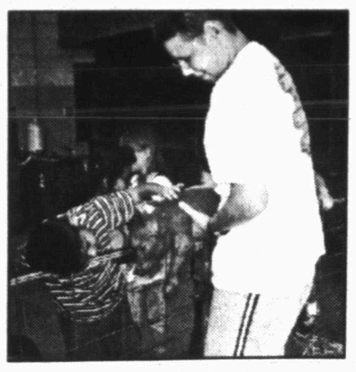
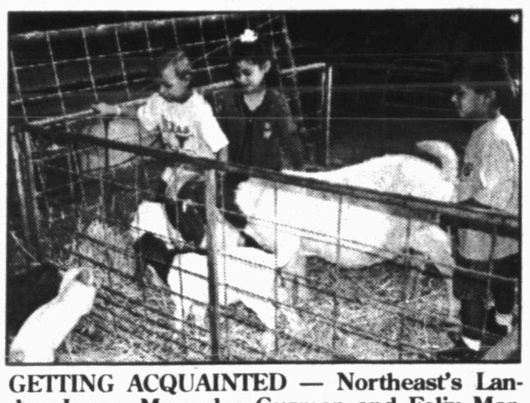
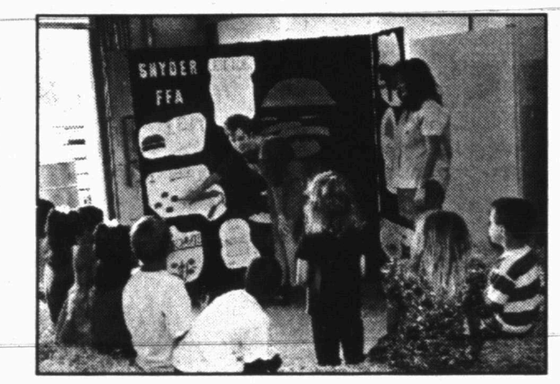




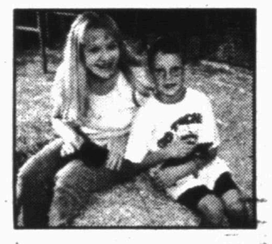
GETTING ACQUAINTED — Northeast's Landon Jones, Mercedes Guzman and Felix Martinez, from left, pet the goats while the baby pigs in the adjoining pen wonder what's going on.

## *Petting zoo!*

# Snyder FFA has annual animal day




FUN TIME — In the above photo, Northeast students listen to Jessica Bradshaw, left and Rebecca West talk to them about food. In the photo at right, Julie Ann Dooley helps Paden Kinney make friends with the kittens. In the photo below, a rabbit adopts a kitten.



PETTING ZOO — Northeast students recently visited the petting zoo. In the top left photo, Eric Courtney, right, lets Joseph Martinez pet a small pig. In the middle left photo, Bradley Bynum, left, and Paden Kinney say hello to the sheep. In the bottom left photo, Jessica Pineda snuggles with a baby kitten.

SDN Staff Photos
By Shirley A. Gorman

# Nightclub warned, firm says

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The owner of a nightclub operating on a pier was warned that the structure was unstable the day before it collapsed, according to the president of a company hired to inspect cracks in the pier.

Three people were killed and several dozen injured when Pier 34 — which supported the new nightclub Heat — crashed into the Delaware River on May 18.

A day earlier, "we gave them a written report stating that the foundation was slanting toward the river and there were twisted metal supports," Commerce Construction Corp. president Terry Zettle said Tuesday.

"Let me put it this way, we were amazed that they had people on that pier after we told them of what we found," he said. "We surely didn't think they were going to have people on that pier."

A lawyer for real estate developer Michael Asbell, the pier's owner, declined comment Tuesday. Telephone calls to Robert Lane, a lawyer for nightclub owner Eli Karetny, went unanswered early today.

Commerce Construction was hired May 15 by Karetny to look into cracks in the pier's concrete surface, Zettle said.

The Bridgeport, N.J., company sent two divers and a supervisor on May 16 to examine the pier and reported its findings to the nightclub management the following day.

A copy of Commerce's report to Karetny has been given to investigators.

Urban Engineers Inc., the company investigating the collapse for the city, has sent divers into the water to map debris and examine the condition of pilings supporting Pier 34, city spokeswoman Barbara Grant said.

"We will have a preliminary assessment, I would think, by the end of the week or the beginning of next week," Grant said. A full report will not be finished for at least three weeks, she said.

The work will not be completed easily, officials said.

"The water is murky," said Ed McLaughlin, commissioner of the city's Department of Licenses and Inspections.


****ATTENTION****
Do you need a college biology course???
If so, don't miss this one!!!

For many years WTC has been unable to offer a science class during the summer session. This summer, Troy Lilly, a Western Texas College adjunct faculty instructor, will be teaching:

B10L 1306 0025 Principles of Biology
B10L 1106 0026 Principles of Biology Lab

The course will include basic principles of biochemistry, genetics, plants and animals. The class and lab are scheduled for Monday - Thursday nights from 6:00 - 8:50 p.m. The class will be taught during the first 6-week session only. May 30 - July 6. Since the possibility of offering summer science courses in the future is unknown, students needing to take a science course during the summer should plan on registering for this course.

For More information call 573-8511

WTC WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE


## Officer sentenced

HOUSTON (AP) — A former police officer, accused of coercing a woman to perform oral sex on him during a traffic stop, has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Adrian Haywood, 29, was fired by the Houston Police Department after his conviction.

Visiting state District Judge Woody Denson this week found Haywood guilty of aggravated sexual assault and official oppression in the Dec. 13 attack on the woman, then 23.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## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

### Your Birthday

**THURSDAY, May 25, 2000**
Much can be accomplished in the year ahead to further your aims and ambitions. The key to your success will lie in how well you outline your projects and carry out your plans.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A failure to ride hard on your objectives or an important endeavor could lead to your downfall today. Don't take anything for granted and make sure things are going as you outlined. 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.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Usually you assess critical situations in a logical fashion, however, today you could allow your desires to override your common sense and be prone to impractical rationalizations.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Loss of respect for you from friends could occur today should you give the appearance that you're cuddling up to someone because of this person's material worth. You'll lose more than you'll get.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Decisions based upon pure emotion today are likely to fall prey to predators who could take advantage of you. To be safe, it's best that you lead with your head instead of your heart.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Delegating assignments that call for an artistic touch to someone who is untested could be a big mistake. Use special talent for special tasks.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Being unduly possessive today of someone you love is the first step toward losing this individual's companionship. Let go of your stronghold and you'll strengthen the relationship.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Sincerity is the only thing that will fly today in dealings with your mate or special someone. Flattery for self-serving purposes could be interpreted as duplicity.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Be careful what you say today in a fit of the moment to someone who is supposed to be important to you. Hurtful words will not be easily forgotten or forgiven.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** What you waste now on a fanciful item may come back to haunt you later when you want something really important. Impulses that courage you to fritter your resources away must be subdued.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Don't be a whiner or pouter today. Surliness will have a bad reflection on your social graces in dealing with others and will have the opposite effect from that which you hope to achieve.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** If you wear your heart on your sleeve today, you're opening yourself up to being extremely vulnerable to being wounded. Try to balance your emotions with reality.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Spending money today you've yet to receive is placing yourself in a financial deficit. Should the funds not come in or be late in getting to you, you might suffer a setback.

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# Bridge

**By Phillip Alder**

North 05-24-00
♠ 6 4 3
♥ A K Q 9
♦ Q 9 8
♣ 7 6 2

West
♠ 10
♥ J 10 6 2
♦ K 7 6 4 2
♣ A K Q

East
♠ J 9 8 7 5
♥ - - -
♦ J 10 5 3
♣ 9 8 5 4

South
♠ A K Q 2
♥ 8 7 5 4 3
♦ A
♣ J 10 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 3 ♥ | Pass |
| 4 ♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♣ A

## More on the swing theme

**By Phillip Alder**

Here is another deal in which timing is important to the success of the contract. Yet this one, I think, is much harder than yesterday's because players don't train themselves to assume the worst.

How would you play in four hearts? West cashes three club tricks, then exits with the spade 10.

Three hearts is a limit raise, promising 10-12 support points with at least four-card trump support. True, the 4-3-3-3 distribution is unappealing, but those trumps make the hand too strong for a single raise. (If you still use the forcing three-heart raise, what would you respond with that North hand?)

The contract is certain if trumps are 2-2 or 3-1 because you can eventually ruff the spade two in the dummy. A 4-0 heart break is the only danger. If East has all four hearts, you are down — ignore that possibility. Mentally place West with all four trumps. You can pick them up without loss, but your 10 tricks (unless spades are 3-3) will have to be three spades, four hearts, one diamond and two diamond ruffs in hand. Yet to get those diamond ruffs, you must cash the diamond ace at trick five.

You play a trump to dummy's queen, getting the bad news. However, you calmly continue with a diamond ruff, a trump (capturing West's 10 with dummy's king), another diamond ruff, a trump to dummy's nine, and the heart ace, on which you discard the losing spade two. It is a pretty dummy reversal.

Finally, note that West missed a chance to disrupt the timing by leading a trump at any of the first four tricks.

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## Unit locked down following stabbing

HOUSTON (AP) — The Clemens Prison Unit was locked down today following the fatal stabbing of an inmate and injuries to another prisoner, along with later disturbances involving rival gangs.

Haison Nguyen, 18, was stabbed repeatedly with a sharpened 8-inch metal rod at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the dining hall of the Brazoria County facility. It was the Texas prison system's third fatal stabbing in the past three weeks.

Nguyen, who was serving an eight-year sentence for aggravated robbery and deadly conduct convictions in Harris County, died about 12 hours after the attack at the prison hospital in Galveston.

An inmate with him also was stabbed once in the chest, but lived.

Prison officials told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions the suspects are six men affiliated with the "Mexicles" prison clique, made up of Mexican nationals. A clique is an offshoot of a gang, with members from the same geographical area, said prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald.

# Drive to save newborns spreads

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Barbara Knott was abandoned as a newborn, left in a basement in New York City by a mother who couldn't care for her and had already given away other children.

Knott's story took a happier turn: She ended up far away from Manhattan, a child of adoptive parents in Mobile.

Now 38 and with two teen-aged sons of her own, Knott fully supports a movement that started in Mobile and has spread across the country to allow mothers to anonymously give up their newborns at hospitals.

"I would love to meet them, so they don't feel guilty," Knott says of what are often troubled and confused young mothers.

At least 28 states have either adopted or are considering "safe abandonment" legislation this year alone, according to the National Conferen e of State Legislatures.

The drive started in Mobile after the 1995 death of a newborn boy who was drowned in a toilet by a young, unwed mother. Local television reporter Jodi Brooks, who covered the 1998 murder trial and the abandonment of other newborns along the Gulf Coast, became outraged.

She got together officials from area hospitals, welfare offices and the district attorney, who agreed not to prosecute women abandoning their infants. The result was a policy allowing mothers to drop off newborns at Mobile-area hospitals within 72 hours of birth, no questions asked. That proposal was later adopted by prosecutors across the state — and emulated across the country.

"Relinquishing a newborn in the safe environment of an emergency room is not child abuse or child neglect," says chief assistant prosecutor George Ward in Wayne County, Mich., where the program is in place.

However, some child welfare advocates say it has drawbacks, including encouraging mothers to abandon their children.

Dr. Charles Shubin, head of pediatrics for Mercy FamilyCare Community Health Center in Baltimore, Md., also says anonymous abandonment leaves the child without knowledge of possibly important genetic issues, and if the mother is already granted immunity there's no reason for her to remain nameless. Plus, he adds, it "doesn't get the mom any help."

Other critics have questioned how emergency workers would determine an infant's age or the role the mother's family or father plays.

It's unclear how many newborns are abandoned every year.

Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, says there were media reports of 105 infants abandoned in "public places" in 1998, including 33 who were dead. In 1991, the only other recent year for which figures were compiled, there were 65 infants abandoned in public places — eight of them dead.

Because the figures are based on media reports and are not compiled regularly, it's unknown whether the numbers reflect an increase over time, Kharfen says.

According to the NCSL, states that have approved or considered infant abandonment legislation this year include some of the most populous: California, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania.

Texas passed a law last year providing a favorable defense for a parent who voluntarily delivers a child 30 days old or younger to a licensed emergency medical services provider. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, has also proposed legislation that would create a federal database on abandoned babies.

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The primary purpose of this proceeding is to establish tariffs that will set the nonbypassable rates retail electric providers will be charged for delivery of electricity from the retail electric provider to the customer. The rates currently paid by the majority of customers will not change as a result of this proceeding prior to January 1, 2002. This proceeding may also establish other nonbypassable fees.

Affected persons potentially include all customers and classes of customers of TXU Electric and TXU SESCO Company ("TXU SESCO").

On September 1, 1999, amendments to the Texas Utilities Code went into effect which are designed to open the electric industry to competition. To facilitate this transition to competition, the Texas Utilities Code requires that traditional integrated electric utility companies separate their business activities into various component parts. After January 1, 2002, TXU Electric's and TXU SESCO's current customers will generally receive electricity and bills for electricity from a retail electric provider instead of TXU Electric and TXU SESCO.

TXU Electric is specifically seeking to recover, after January 1, 2002, its costs, which include nuclear decommissioning costs, system benefit fees, stranded costs, energy efficiency expenses, restructuring expenses, annual municipal gross receipts taxes, and other costs and a surcharge to recover the costs incurred in connection with regulatory proceedings involving business separation and transmission and distribution utility tariffs.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this matter may contact Chris Schein at TXU Electric, 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, 214-812-5338 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the non-confidential portions of TXU Electric's filing may be viewed at 1601 Bryan Street, 32nd Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Persons who wish to participate formally in this proceeding, or wish to express their comments concerning this proceeding, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The deadline to intervene in this proceeding is July 10, 2000. A request to intervene or a request for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512)936-7120 or toll-free at (888)782-8477. Hearing and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) (800)735-2989.

Este anuncio se trata de la aplicación de TXU Electric para aprobación de las tarifas propuestas que entrarán en vigor enero 1, 2000 para sus propuestos servicios públicos de transmisión y distribución. Personas con preguntas o que quieren más información sobre este asunto, pueden ponerse en contacto con Ray Granado en TXU Electric 214/812-4087 ó 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, TX 75201 durante horas normales de negocio.

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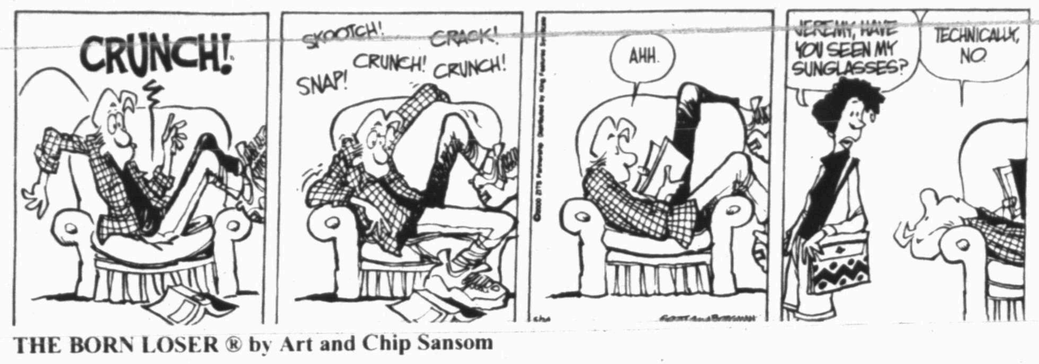


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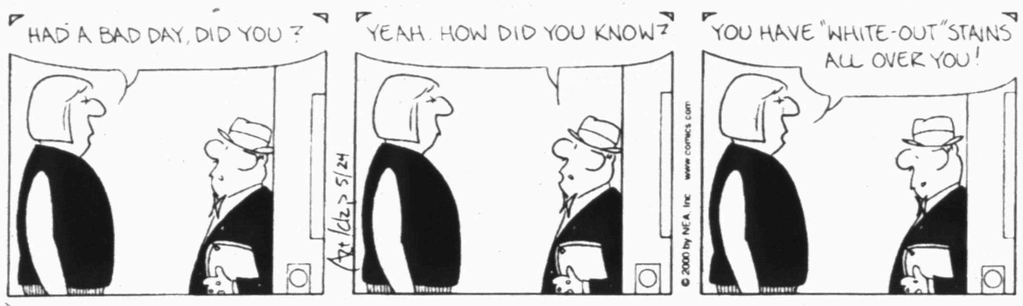


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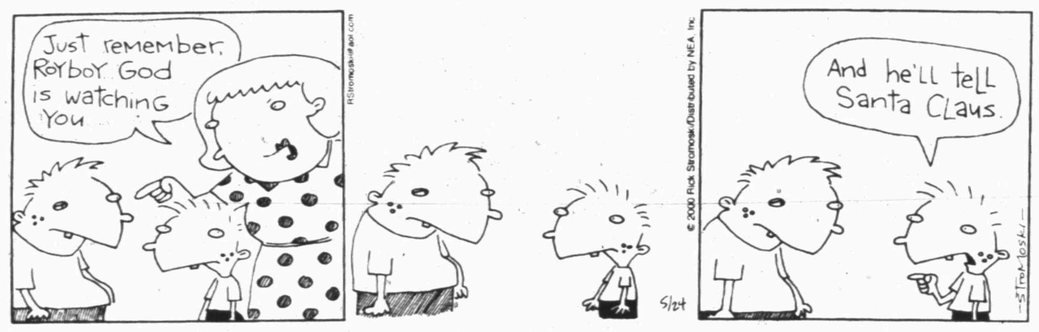


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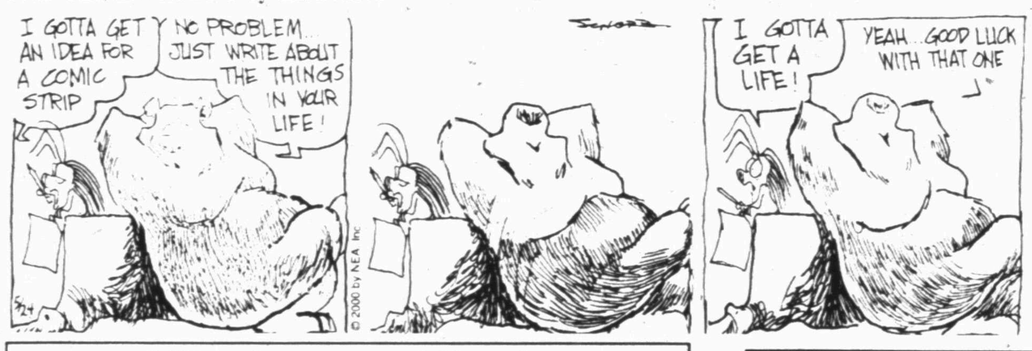


## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Gooselike bird
7 River in India
13 Sufficient
14 — Brothers (singers)
15 "People" employee
16 Vocation
17 Negatives
18 Cricket positions
20 Roman 56
21 Author Jean M. —
23 Newt
24 Name for Athena
25 Former Russian leader
27 Triangular sail
29 Be a panhandler
31 Crag
32 Rower's need
33 JFK info
34 Building beam
37 Type of earring
40 Plant containers
41 Atty.'s org.
43 Goofs
45 Offer
46 Waiter's reward
47 Baseball club
48 Actor Peter —
51 Capital of Canada
54 Makes amends
55 Actor Mickey —
56 Absolute ruler
57 High buildings

**DOWN**

1 Actress Davis
2 Down — — (broke)
3 Sounds
4 Filbert, e.g.
5 Self-esteem
6 Pang
7 Idaho's nickname (2 wds.)
8 St. crosser
9 Openwork fabric
10 Iron grating
11 Football team
12 Middle Eastern nation
19 Steelers' org.
22 Toils
24 Make fizzy
26 Frequent the library
28 Kids
30 Most important
34 Nitty- —
35 Not alfresco
36 Baseball stat
38 Smoothly courteous
39 Part of a dresser
40 German submarine
42 To a ship's left side
44 Remains
49 "— — Clear Day"
50 Bernstein, for short
52 Also
53 Pull a car

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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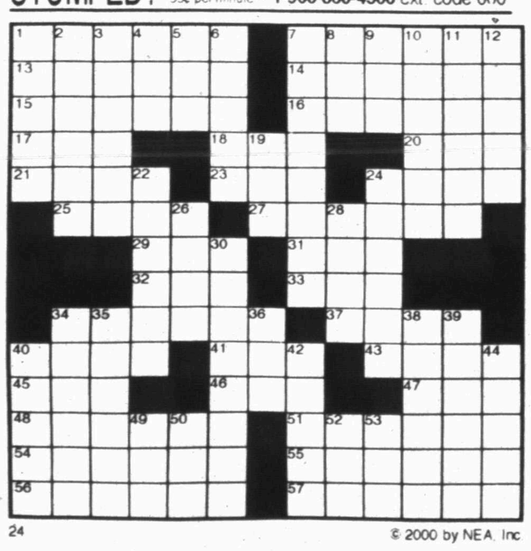

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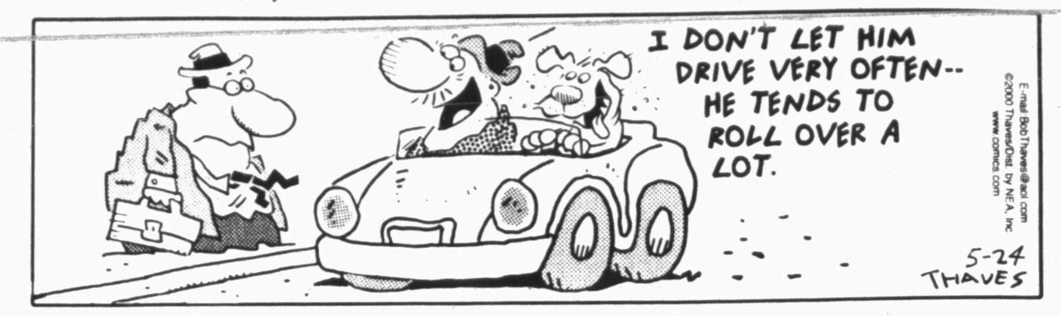


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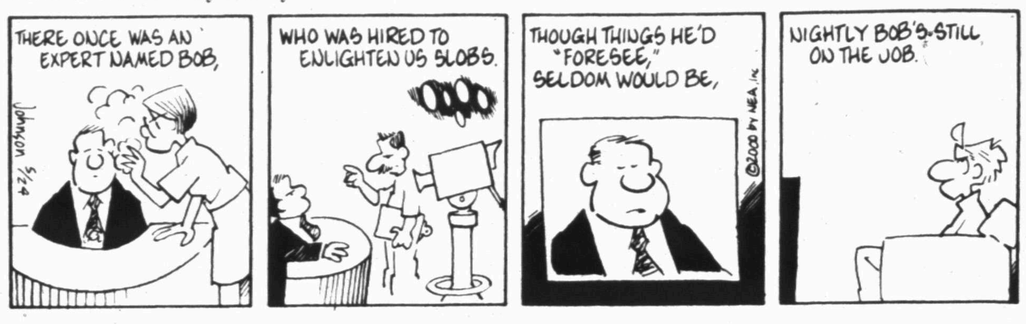


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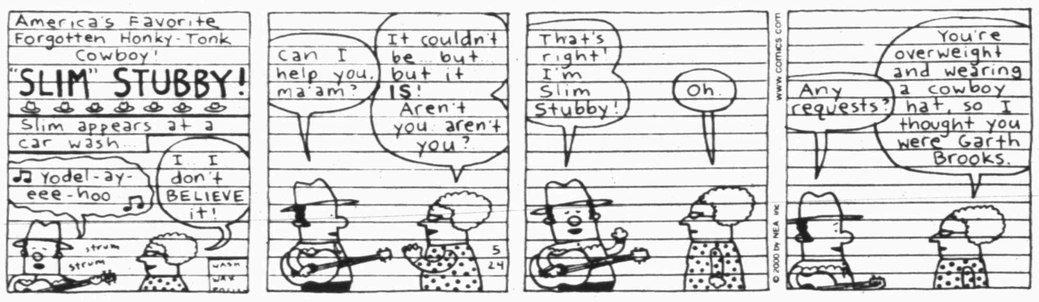


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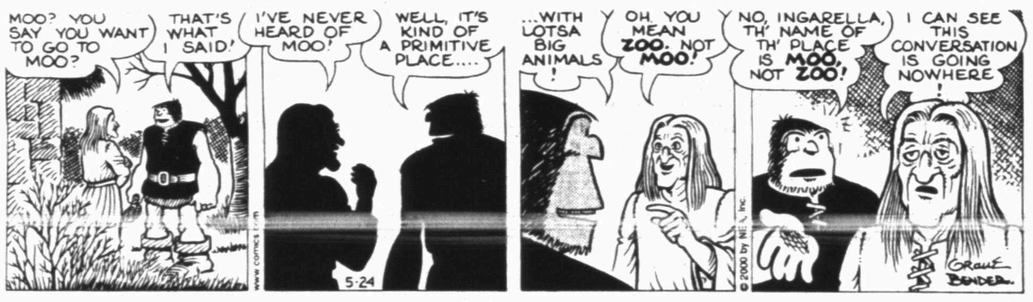


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"What sort of dog eats carrots?"

# Snyder Daily News Comics

**DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham**

"DON'T EVER ASK A BUNCH OF DUMB QUESTIONS WHILE MR. WILSON'S WATERIN' HIS GARDEN."

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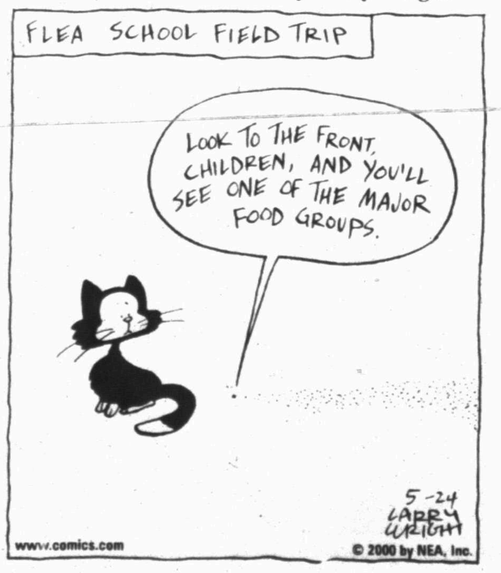


# SPORTS

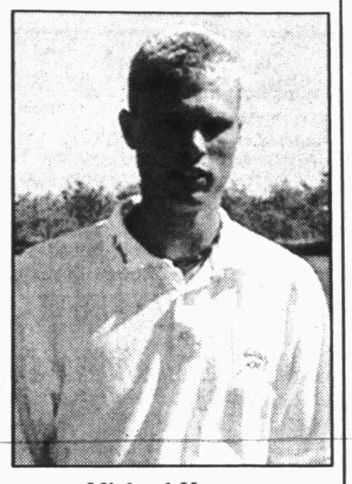
## *At national tourney...*

# *Westerners steady in opening round*

DOTHAN, ALA. — Highland Oaks Golf Course, site of the Men's NJCAA National Golf Championship, lived up to its tough reputation in Tuesday's opening round.

Second-ranked Midland College carded a 17-over-par 305 to take the early lead in the 72-hole event, which didn't see a single player break par on Tuesday. The second round was to have begun this morning.

Western Texas College, making its first appearance at the national tourney since 1992, fired a 326 to sit 10th among the 22 teams competing.



Michael Hansen

The Westerners were paced by the play of Michael Hansen who posted a 6-over-par 78.

Scott McLauchlan came in with an 82, while Jason McGrath and James Higdon turned in rounds of 83, and Martin Gustafson finished with a 90.

The Westerners were in a three-way tie for 10th place, eight strokes behind a pair of squads tied for ninth.

WTC, coached by Milton Ham, qualified for the national tournament by rallying to take second place at the regional tourney.

# Late goal gives Stars series lead

DALLAS (AP) — Joe Nieuwendyk re-directed a long blast from Richard Matvichuk 12:10 into overtime Tuesday night, giving the Dallas Stars a 3-2 victory over the Colorado Avalanche and putting the Stanley Cup champions a win away from returning to the finals.

Dallas holds a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference finals. Game 6 will be Thursday night in Denver.

This was the first overtime game of the series, which is surprising considering four of the five regular-season meetings went beyond the third period. Colorado won three and there was a tie.

This also was the first overtime game this postseason for Dallas, which last summer had eight, including two triple-overtime games.

It was fitting that Nieuwendyk settled this one, after getting two of his record-tying six game-winning goals in overtime last year.

This one was set up by Matvichuk firing the puck from outside the left faceoff circle. Nieuwendyk swooped in from the left of goalie Patrick Roy and got just enough of the puck to sneak it into the net.

Colorado, which tied the game in the third period after blowing a 1-0 lead, lost consecutive games for the first time in 22 games. The Avalanche will have to win the last two games if they are to return to the finals for the first time in five years.

Nieuwendyk's goal was the second this series for Dallas by someone not on the first line, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Stars goalie Eddie Belfour had another outstanding game, turning away 29 shots as the Avalanche again outshot Dallas. Colorado has taken 110 shots the last three games, Dallas 56. This game was 31-20 Avalanche.

Belfour was at his best when it mattered most. He made five stops during a power play in the final minutes of regulation, then in overtime turned away Joe Sakic on a breakaway and handled a three-shot flurry from Sakic and Dave Andreychuk. Andreychuk chopped his stick at the ice in frustration when it ended.

Roy, who had some shaky moments, made several nice saves in overtime, including turning away shots from Brett Hull, Mike Modano and Sylvain Cote.

Colorado led 1-0 midway through the first period when Jon Klemme flicked a rebound over Belfour.

Jere Lehtinen tied it early in the second period by controlling a rebound and backhanding it past Roy. Hull made it 2-1 late in the period by blasting in a one-timer on a power play. Modano assisted on both goals.

The 99th straight sellout at Reunion Arena began to lift the home team, but Milan Hejduk quieted things by scoring on a great feed from Sakic 2:19 into the third period.

The Avalanche had several more prime scoring chances on a power play later in the period, but Belfour made five stops, including one during a bizarre series where the puck was hit four times above waist-level.

Colorado's power play remained stuck in neutral. The Avalanche went 0-for-4 for the second straight game, making them 1-for-18 over the last three games.

# Bulldogs look to derail Buffs

Despite their opponent's reputation, the Ira Bulldogs feel they are the team to beat in the area round of the Class A baseball playoffs.

Ira squares off with defending state finalist Cross Plains in a three-game area series, beginning Thursday in Albany.

The Bulldogs enter the series with a record of 16-4, after sweeping Marfa in the bi-district round. Cross Plains, which eliminated Strawn last week, sports an 18-4 mark.

"We're playing with a lot of confidence right now," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "I told the kids that Cross Plains is playing on tradition, but we have the stronger defense and better bats. We're looking at it as we're the team to beat. We're not going to be intimidated by what Cross Plains accomplished last year."

After the Bulldogs' starting rotation was changed last week, due to a 13-inning affair in the opener against Marfa, Ira's pitchers are back on track for the upcoming series.

Edwards will send ace Jerek Brown to the mound in Game 1, with Jase Olvera scheduled to start Game 2.

Game 1 gets underway at 6 p.m. Thursday. The series resumes at 5 p.m. Friday, with Game 3 to follow, if necessary.

# Rangers continue win streak

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Chad Curtis and David Segui homered, and the Texas Rangers won their seventh straight game, 4-3 over Kansas City on Tuesday night.

Rick Helling (7-1) went seven-plus innings and won his fifth straight start as the Rangers moved within percentage points of first-place Seattle, a 4-2 loser in Baltimore, in the AL West. The Rangers have won 10 of 12, and their 16-5 record in May is the best in the majors.

Carlos Febles hit his first home run of the year leading off the eighth, making it 4-3 and bringing Jeff Zimmerman from the bullpen to replace Helling, who has not lost since April 25. He gave up three runs and six hits.

Zimmerman gave up a double to Mike Sweeney, but he was stranded there. Kansas City got runners to first and third with one out in the ninth, but John Wetteland got out of the jam for his 11th save.

# Local boxer set for tourney

Snyder's Anthony Vasquez begins his second bid for a national boxing title when he begins competition Friday at the Texas Regional Junior Olympic Championships in El Paso.

Vasquez, a freshman at Snyder High School, earned a spot in last year's national event in the 125-pound classification.

This year, Vasquez will compete in the 132-pound division. The Snyder fighter's first bout will be Friday evening against the defending national champion K'lonce Spencer of Houston.

The champion winner of the El Paso event will advance to the National Junior Olympic Championships in Marquette, Mich.

# Snyder High School names tennis coach

Snyder High School wasn't without a tennis coach for long.

Brad Wikse has been named head tennis coach at SHS, taking the place of Chad Redwine who resigned after six years at the post.

Wikse, who played at Odessa College, is a graduate of Odessa Permian High School and Angelo State University.

It will be Wikse's first tenure as a high school coach, after several years as a tennis instructor around the state.

"We're very pleased to have Brad at Snyder," said athletic director David Baugh. "He has some outstanding credentials, and comes highly recommended by a lot of people."

Wikse was assistant pro at Midland Racquet Club and Mission Country Club in Odessa, before spending the last two years as the junior assistant for the United States Tennis Association in Austin.

In his first duty as Snyder coach, Wikse will hold a meeting for all junior high and high school tennis players and parents at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Worsham Auditorium.

## Sports Briefs

### Memorial Day tourney on tap

Snyder Country Club's Memorial Day Scramble will be held Monday. Tee time is 10 a.m.

Players will be placed on teams for the four-person scramble format. Cost is $20.

To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

### WTC coach hosts camp

WTC coach Valery Jackson will host a girls' little dribblers basketball camp Friday and Saturday at the Snyder High School gym.

Session 1 will include incoming third through fifth graders and will meet from 9 a.m. until noon. Registration will be at 8 a.m. Friday.

Session 2 will include incoming sixth and seventh graders and will run from 2 to 5 p.m., with registration at 1 p.m.

Cost of the two-day clinic is $35 per camper.

### WTC sets junior golf clinic

The WTC Junior Golf Clinic will be held June 5-9. Ages 8-12 will meet from 8 until 10 a.m, while ages 13-17 will run from 10 a.m. until noon.

Snyder High School golf coaches Matt Glenn and Ricky Hunter will cover the full swing, short game, putting, trouble shots, rules and etiquette. Video swing analysis will also be provided.

The camp will be limited to the first 50 players to sign up. Cost is $75.

Players can register in person June 4 from 1 to 3 p.m., or by calling the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

## Major League Baseball

**National League**
**All Times EDT**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 30 | 14 | .682 | — |
| Montreal | 25 | 17 | .595 | 4 |
| New York | 25 | 21 | .543 | 6 |
| Florida | 22 | 24 | .478 | 9 |
| Philadelphia | 15 | 28 | .349 | 14½ |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 26 | 18 | .591 | — |
| Cincinnati | 25 | 20 | .556 | 1½ |
| Milwaukee | 20 | 25 | .444 | 6½ |
| Pittsburgh | 19 | 24 | .442 | 6½ |
| Chicago | 17 | 29 | .370 | 10 |
| Houston | 16 | 28 | .364 | 10 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | 28 | 16 | .636 | — |
| Los Angeles | 25 | 18 | .581 | 2½ |
| Colorado | 22 | 20 | .524 | 5 |
| San Francisco | 19 | 23 | .452 | 8 |
| San Diego | 18 | 27 | .400 | 10½ |

**Tuesday's Games**

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

**Wednesday's Games**

Atlanta (Maddux 5-1) at Milwaukee (Haynes 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 1-2) at Houston (Dotel 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Nunez 0-3) at St. Louis (Stephenson 6-0), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Valdes 1-1) at Colorado (Astacio 5-2), 9:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-3) at Arizona (Stottlemyre 7-2), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 2-6) at Los Angeles (Park 4-3), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (B.J.Jones 1-1) at San Diego (Meadows 4-3), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 1-0) at San Francisco (Estes 2-2), 10:15 p.m.

**American League**
**All Times EDT**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 25 | 16 | .610 | — |
| New York | 24 | 17 | .585 | 1 |
| Toronto | 24 | 23 | .511 | 4 |
| Baltimore | 18 | 25 | .419 | 8 |
| Tampa Bay | 15 | 28 | .349 | 11 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 26 | 18 | .591 | — |
| Cleveland | 23 | 18 | .561 | 1½ |
| Kansas City | 22 | 22 | .500 | 4 |
| Minnesota | 20 | 26 | .435 | 7 |
| Detroit | 15 | 26 | .366 | 9½ |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 23 | 19 | .548 | — |
| Texas | 24 | 20 | .545 | — |
| Anaheim | 23 | 22 | .511 | 1½ |
| Oakland | 22 | 24 | .478 | 3 |

**Tuesday's Games**

Detroit 10, Cleveland 4
Baltimore 4, Seattle 2
Toronto 3, Boston 2
Tampa Bay 6, Oakland 4
Texas 4, Kansas City 3
Anaheim 7, Minnesota 4
Chicago White Sox 8, N.Y. Yankees 2

**Wednesday's Games**

Cleveland (Drew 0-0) at Detroit (Weaver 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 5-0) at Baltimore (Ponson 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 4-5) at Boston (Fassero 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Appier 3-3) at Tampa Bay (Gooden 2-2), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 3-4) at Kansas City (Suppan 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 1-1) at Minnesota (Redman 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 3-3), 8:05 p.m.

## NBA Playoffs

**All Times EDT**
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L.A. Lakers 109, Portland 94
**Monday, May 22**
Portland 106, L.A. Lakers 77, series tied 1-1
**Tuesday, May 23**
Indiana 102, New York 88, Indiana leads series 1-0
**Thursday, May 25**
New York at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
**Friday, May 26**
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 9 p.m.
**Saturday, May 27**
Indiana at New York, 3:30 p.m.
**Sunday, May 28**
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 3:30 p.m.
**Monday, May 29**
Indiana at New York, 5:30 p.m.
**Tuesday, May 30**
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
**Wednesday, May 31**
New York at Indiana, 9 p.m., if necessary
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# Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

## *Involve parents in girl's problem*

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I teach high school in a small town. I have a 16-year-old girl in my class who is polite, well-spoken popular, smart — and slim. One of her classmates told me confidentially that the girl often vomits involuntarily, especially after exercising. I'd like to get her some help but I'm not sure how to go about this in a tactful manner.

**DEAR READER:** Because the basis of the girl's alleged vomiting is unclear, she really should have a thorough medical examination. Her vomiting could have a physical basis, such as peptic disease or a kidney disorder, or it could be the result of an emotional problem, such as bulimia. I suggest that you approach her parents and share your concerns about her health. You might urge them to seek medical attention for her.

As you point out, tact is crucial in this sort of situation, particularly since you are acting on the basis of unverified information given by one witness. Nevertheless, I am convinced that most concerned parents would welcome input such as yours, since it involves the health of their child. I think that you should explain to the parents that you have no firsthand evidence of their daughter's inappropriate vomiting, yet you care for her and want to make sure there isn't a problem that should be addressed. In this way, you will fulfill your obligation as a teacher, at the same time giving the parents the responsibility of investigating further. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." 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:** I had coronary artery bypass surgery four years ago. Recently, an angiogram showed that all three bypasses had come off. I was told that if this happens, the grafts weren't needed in the first place. Is this true?

**DEAR READER:** Although, from a technical standpoint, a bypass graft could theoretically pull loose, I have never heard of this complication. Because the graft carries a major new blood supply to a damaged organ, a graft blowout would be incompatible with life; the ensuing hemorrhage would be fatal.

The most common problem after coronary bypass grafting is reocclusion. That is, the aging process continues, and unless the patient alters his lifestyle to minimize buildup of arteriosclerotic plaque, the grafts will become plugged.

I cannot say whether or not you needed the original grafts. This was a decision best made by the doctors caring for you at the time. However, I believe that graft failure does not reflect on the necessity of the operation. Some patients who desperately needed grafts experience reocclusion; other patients, whose situations were not critical, do not reocclude. Therefore, without further information, I'd have to conclude that your present status — which is really quite unclear — does not prove that you could have avoided surgery.

I might add one point: The fact that your graft malfunctioned and you're still alive raises the possibility that your condition could be controlled with medicine or with one of the less risky procedures, such as angioplasty and stent placement. Ask your cardiologist about this.

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# Parkinson's disease may be prevented by drinking coffee

CHICAGO (AP) — Coffee, a product that makes people jittery, may prevent Parkinson's disease, a degenerative brain disorder that gives people tremors, a study published today suggests.

Outside experts said the findings, if confirmed, could lead to ways to treat Parkinson's more effectively or even prevent the disease, which afflicts 1 million Americans.

How coffee seems to block the disease is not examined in the federally funded study of 8,004 Japanese-American men in Hawaii.

The researchers said the benefits are probably due to caffeine and they suggest some theories about how it might work.

The study found that men who didn't drink coffee were five times more likely to develop Parkinson's than those who drank the most — 41/2 to 51/2 6-ounce cups a day. Non-coffee drinkers were two to three times more likely to get the disease than men who drank 4 ounces to four cups a day.

The researchers said it is uncertain whether their results would hold for other ethnic groups and women.

The study was published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association. It was led by Dr. G. Webster Ross, a neurologist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Honolulu.

Ross said it is possible that heavy coffee drinkers have a brain composition that may make them resistant to Parkinson's. Previous studies have found low rates of Parkinson's in "thrill-seeking" people who tend to engage in high-risk behavior like smoking and heavy drinking, and heavy coffee drinking also fits that personality profile, he said.

He also suggested that caffeine may somehow protect against the nerve-cell destruction that causes Parkinson's.

Ross said it is too early to recommend coffee as a treatment.

"Hopefully, this will lead to more basic research on caffeine and its effect on areas of the brain affected by Parkinson's disease," Ross said.

Ross said his study was larger than similar previous research and took into account other factors that could explain the findings, such as cigarette smoking, which has also been linked to a decreased Parkinson's risk.

Paul Carvey, director of the neuropharmacology research laboratories at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, said the study is important because it traced the benefits to caffeine, showing similar results with caffeine-laden foods other than coffee.

Dr. Abraham Lieberman, medical director for the National Parkinson Foundation, called the results "very interesting and very provocative." He said that if caffeine does have benefits, it is unclear whether it can actually prevent Parkinson's or slow its progression.

## Fed inspections of hospitals spotty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal inspections of the nation's psychiatric hospitals are spotty, with some hospitals going unexamined for more than five years, according to government investigators.

"The extent to which the system of oversight is holding psychiatric hospitals accountable for patient care is questionable," Health and Human Services Inspector General June Gibbs Brown said in a report released Tuesday.

The report blamed the problems in part on declining money for the inspections, saying the budget dropped from $3 million in 1993 to $670,000 in 1998. During that period, the number of inspectors contracted by the federal government fell from 147 to 76.

Brown praised inspectors for their efforts to talk directly with patients and staff when they do visit the hospitals.

Nancy-Ann DeParle, administrator of the HHS agency that oversees the inspections, said in a letter responding to the report that the inspection budget has been rising since 1998.

# Markets

## Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

| | High | Low | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp s | 30 5-16 | 27½ | 28 9-16 | —4 1-16 |
| AT&T Corp | 35¼ | 34 11-16 | 34 15-16 | + ⅛ |
| Albertsons | 34⅝ | 34 | 34 7-16 | + ½ |
| Alltel | 61⅛ | 59 11-16 | 61 1-16 | + 1⅜ |
| AmerOnline s | 50 13-16 | 49½ | 49½ | — ¾ |
| AndarkPtr | 52⅝ | 51⅛ | 51 3-16 | — ⅜ |
| ATMOS Egy | 15 13-16 | 15½ | 15 11-16 | |
| Avail | 5⅜ | 5 3-16 | 5 3-16 | — 1-16 |
| BP Amoco s | 53¼ | 52½ | 52 11-16 | —1 5-16 |
| BakerHughes | 36⅞ | 35 9-16 | 35 9-16 | — ½ |
| Bank of Amer | 54⅞ | 53⅜ | 54⅛ | + 1 9-16 |
| BellAtl | 51¼ | 50 11-16 | 51 | + 3-16 |
| BellSouth | 47⅜ | 46⅛ | 47 3-16 | + 15-16 |
| Beth Steel | 4 1-16 | 4 | 4 | — 1-16 |
| BurlNoSFe | 26⅛ | 25⅜ | 25¾ | + ⅝ |
| Caterpillar | 40½ | 38¾ | 40 1-16 | + 9-16 |
| CenSoWst | 21¾ | 21⅛ | 21 11-16 | + ⅞ |
| Chevron | 94⅜ | 92 15-16 | 93 5-16 | + 1-16 |
| Citigroup | 63 3-16 | 61¾ | 61 13-16 | — ½ |
| Coastal | 57 13-16 | 56⅞ | 57⅜ | + 15-16 |
| CocaCola | 51 15-16 | 50 3-16 | 51 7-16 | + 1 7-16 |
| ColgatePal | 56 15-16 | 55 11-16 | 56½ | + 9-16 |
| ComclMetals | 27¾ | 27⅜ | 27 9-16 | — 5-16 |
| Cooperin | 34 5-16 | 34 1-16 | 34 5-16 | + ⅛ |
| DaimlrChry | 55⅝ | 55 5-16 | 55½ | — 3-16 |
| DallSemicn s | 37 3-16 | 35 9-16 | 36 | — 5-16 |
| DeltaAirl | 54¾ | 53 | 53 | —2 3-16 |
| Dillards Inc | 15¼ | 14⅛ | 14 3-16 | —13-16 |
| DowChem | 116 9-16 | 114⅜ | 115⅝ | + 13-16 |
| DuPont | 51¼ | 50 | 50 11-16 | — 1-16 |
| EastmanChem | 54 7-16 | 53⅝ | 54 | + ⅝ |
| EstKodak | 58 9-16 | 57½ | 58¼ | + 11-16 |
| EDS Corp | 61⅜ | 59 9-16 | 61 1-16 | + 7-16 |
| Entergy | 28 5-16 | 27½ | 28¼ | + 13-16 |
| ExxonMobil | 83¼ | 82 9-16 | 82 9-16 | — 7-16 |
| Flowers | 18 5-16 | 17 13-16 | 18 3-16 | + 7-16 |
| FordMotor | 52⅞ | 51½ | 52¾ | + 1⅜ |
| GTE Cp | 60⅞ | 60¼ | 60⅝ | + ⅜ |
| GenDynam | 58⅞ | 57⅛ | 58 13-16 | + 1⅞ |
| GenElec s | 50 15-16 | 49 | 50⅛ | + ⅝ |
| GenMills s | 40¼ | 39 11-16 | 40⅛ | + ½ |
| GenMotors | 76 | 74 13-16 | 75¾ | + 13-16 |
| GaPacGP | 34⅜ | 33 9-16 | 33¾ | — ⅜ |
| GlobalMar | 26 15-16 | 26¼ | 26 5-16 | — 5-16 |
| Goodrich | 35⅞ | 35 1-16 | 35½ | + 7-16 |
| Goodyear s | 26⅜ | 25 5-16 | 26 3-16 | + 1 |
| GtAtlPac | 18 11-16 | 18⅝ | 18 11-16 | + ¼ |
| Halliburtn | 49 11-16 | 48⅜ | 48⅜ | — ⅜ |
| Hanson ADS | 37⅜ | 37 | 37 1-16 | — 7-16 |
| HarteHanks | 24 3-16 | 24 | 24 3-16 | + ⅛ |
| HomeDepot s | 48 | 45 3-16 | 46 3-16 | — 2¾ |
| HoneywellIntl | 54 7-16 | 53⅝ | 53¾ | + ⅜ |
| IBM | 107 11-16 | 106⅜ | 106 9-16 | —13-16 |
| IntlPaper | 36 7-16 | 35¾ | 36 1-16 | —13-16 |
| JohnsonJn | 88 | 87¼ | 87¾ | + ¾ |
| K mart | 7 15-16 | 7⅝ | 7 13-16 | — ⅛ |
| Kroger Co s | 19 11-16 | 18⅞ | 19 1-16 | — ½ |
| Litton | 41⅝ | 41 1-16 | 41½ | + ⅝ |
| LockheedM | 25 5-16 | 25 | 25 3-16 | + 1-16 |
| Lowes Cos | 48 7-16 | 46¼ | 46 5-16 | — 2 |
| Lubys | 10¼ | 10 | 10 | — 5-16 |
| LucentTech | 54⅞ | 52⅞ | 52 15-16 | — 1⅝ |
| MayDeptStr | 29 11-16 | 29¼ | 29⅜ | — ¼ |
| MediaOne | 65 11-16 | 65⅛ | 65 7-16 | —27-128 |
| Medtronic s | 49 7-16 | 46 15-16 | 48 11-16 | + 13-16 |
| MorganJP | 135½ | 133 5-16 | 133¾ | + 11-16 |
| Motorola | 91¾ | 89 1-16 | 91⅜ | + 2⅝ |
| Motorola wi | 30½ | 30⅛ | 30⅜ | + ⅜ |
| NCR Corp | 37¼ | 36⅜ | 36½ | — ⅜ |
| Navistar | 34⅞ | 34¼ | 34¼ | + 3-16 |
| Penney JC | 18⅛ | 17 15-16 | 18 1-16 | |
| PepBoys | 7 3-16 | 7 1-16 | 7⅛ | — 3-16 |
| PepsiCo | 40 9-16 | 39 13-16 | 40 5-16 | + ⅞ |
| Pharmacia | 53 | 52¼ | 52¼ | — 1¼ |
| PhelpDodge | 51⅛ | 50⅛ | 50⅜ | — 3-16 |
| PhilipPet | 54⅞ | 54 3-16 | 54 7-16 | + 5-16 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 7⅞ | 7¾ | 7⅞ | |
| Polaroid | 18⅜ | 17¾ | 18⅛ | + ¼ |
| Praxair | 47⅜ | 46¾ | 46 15-16 | — 1 |
| ProctGamb | 65⅞ | 64⅜ | 65⅞ | + 1½ |
| PubS NwMx | 16⅞ | 16 9-16 | 16 13-16 | + ¼ |
| ReliantEngy | 29 5-16 | 28⅜ | 28⅞ | + ½ |
| RoyalDut | 61 13-16 | 61⅛ | 61¼ | —1 7-16 |
| SBC Comm | 42 15-16 | 42 1-16 | 42 9-16 | + ¾ |
| SaraLee | 18 7-16 | 17 13-16 | 18 5-16 | + 11-16 |
| Scripps EW | 47 1-16 | 46⅞ | 47 | + 5-16 |
| SearsRoeb | 37⅜ | 36 9-16 | 36¾ | —1 3-16 |
| SherwinW | 26½ | 25½ | 25⅝ | — 7-16 |
| SmithklBchm | 65⅝ | 64⅞ | 65 1-16 | — ⅞ |
| SouthernCo | 26½ | 25 11-16 | 26¼ | + 9-16 |
| SwstAirl s | 21¼ | 20 5-16 | 20 7-16 | + 3-16 |
| SprintFON | 55⅞ | 54 15-16 | 55 11-16 | + ½ |
| SprintPCS s | 50⅞ | 49¾ | 50 7-16 | — ¾ |
| Sunoco Inc | 33⅛ | 32 11-16 | 32 13-16 | + 3-16 |
| TXU Corp | 35⅝ | 34 13-16 | 35 7-16 | + ⅝ |
| Tandy s | 45⅝ | 43⅜ | 43 13-16 | —1 15-16 |
| TempleInland | 52 9-16 | 50¾ | 52½ | + 1 5-16 |
| Texaco | 58¼ | 57 1-16 | 57 1-16 | — 1-16 |
| TexInd | 31 11-16 | 31⅛ | 31⅛ | —11-16 |
| Texas Inst s | 66 7-16 | 63 11-16 | 64⅛ | + ⅛ |
| Textron | 64⅜ | 62 1-16 | 63 1-16 | + ¾ |
| TriconGlbR | 32¼ | 31¾ | 32⅛ | + 7-16 |
| TrinityInds | 22⅞ | 22¼ | 22 13-16 | + 7-16 |
| TritonEngy | 32 3-16 | 30⅝ | 30¾ | — 1¼ |
| TylerTech | 4 1-16 | 3⅞ | 4 | + ⅛ |
| US West Inc | 69¼ | 68 5-16 | 68⅞ | — 3-16 |
| USX-Marathn | 25 9-16 | 25 | 25½ | + 7-16 |
| USX-USS | 23 15-16 | 23 9-16 | 23 13-16 | — 1-16 |
| UnCarbde | 59 11-16 | 58¾ | 59 3-16 | + 5-16 |
| UnionPacif | 45 15-16 | 45 3-16 | 45¾ | + 9-16 |
| UnitedTech | 61⅞ | 60 | 60 | —13-16 |
| Unocal | 37⅜ | 37 | 37 | — ⅜ |
| Venator Grp | 11 | 10¾ | 10 13-16 | — 3-16 |
| WalMart | 55½ | 40 15-16 | 54⅝ | — 2½ |
| WellsFargo | 45⅝ | 44⅝ | 44 13-16 | — 1-16 |
| WstnGasRs | 21 | 20 | 20 | — 1 |
| WinnDixie | 16 9-16 | 16 | 16 3-16 | + ⅜ |
| Xerox Cp | 25 7-16 | 25 3-16 | 25 3-16 | — 7-16 |

**Local Interest**
**STOCKS**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Patterson | 23 1/2 | -1 1/4 |
| Dell | 43 3/4 | -3/16 |
| Wal Mart | 54 3/16 | -3 |
| Compac | 26 7/16 | -7/16 |
| Dol. Gen. | 16 3/16 | -3/4 |
| GTE | 60 5/8 | +3/8 |
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# Scurry County Country

## Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

**By Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist**

Until May 31, wildlife biologists with Texas Parks and Wildlife will be conducting mourning dove call count surveys throughout the state.

Federal and state wildlife agencies conduct the annual monitoring effort to determine population trends and establish harvest regulations.

While winged dove will be included in these surveys due to expansion of their range. The inclusion of white winged dove in the surveys began in 1999. The observer drives a 20-mile survey route, stopping every mile and listens for cooing dove for three minutes exactly. All dove heard and observed while stopped and all dove observed while driving are recorded. Since fluctuations in survey data from year to year are normal, long term population trends based on several years of information are analyzed when making decisions regarding mourning dove harvest regulations. Thus, increases or decreases in one year's survey results would not justify a change in bag limit, unless it was consistent with a long-term trend.

Mourning doves arrive at nesting areas beginning in February or March and continue into May. A breeding pair of mourning dove will remain paired throughout the nesting season, with both male and female participating in nest building, egg incubation and the feeding of hatchlings.

According to "Mourning Doves in Texas," a Texas Parks and Wildlife information bulletin by Ron George, "both parents feed their young a secretion from their crops known as 'pigeon milk.' This substance is very similar in chemical composition to milk produced by female mammals. After about seven days, the pigeon milk is gradually replaced by a diet of regurgitated seeds."

Although mourning doves normally nest in trees or shrubs, ground nesting does occur. Normal clutch size is 2 eggs, however, clutch size of 1, 3 or 4 eggs normally occurs approximately two weeks after hatching with the young becoming independent of the parents about 30 days after hatching. A nesting cycle is completed in approximately 32 days. Afterwards nesting may be attempted several more times. Important food items for mourning dove include sunflower, crotons, ragweed and agricultural crops such as wheat, sorghum, corn and peanuts. Technical assistance concerning wildlife management is available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's private lands enhancement program. To request technical assistance in the Snyder are, contact Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist at 863-2755. For technical assistance in the Panhandle, contact Danny Swepston, district wildlife biologist at 806-655-3782 for the wildlife biologist in your area.

# Broadcasting is one way to control fire ants

A study done by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service revealed that the key to controlling fire ants is strength in numbers. As a result, neighbors in fire ant areas are throwing fire ant block parties, essentially to "bite 'em back."

The key to a successful block party is broadcasting, the process of applying bait, like AMDRO fire ant bait, across yards versus treating individual mounds. Broadcasting has been shown to significantly reduce the number of fire ants and generally costs less than treating individual mounds. It's easy and inexpensive, just a few dollars for a typical yard.

When all of your neighbors apply bait at the same time, better long-term fire ant control is achieved.

The ants eat the bait and die, but not before spreading it throughout the colony, including to the queen ant which is the only one capable of reproducing. The entire colony perishes and because the queen dies, no more ants will be reproduced. When the fire ants in a whole community are wiped out, reinfestation is less likely.

When planning a block party, find out your neighbors' availability, then choose a date and alert everyone to the time of the party. Remember to establish a rain date also (fire ants, won't take soggy bait). Correct timing is also important. Fire ants usually forage for food around the middle to late morning or later afternoon to evening.

"The residents of our community have been very pleased with the results of our block party," commented Melanie Duck, a Texas homeowner. "It has allowed us and our children to enjoy our yards again."

Experts recommend that community-wide applications of a broadcast bait be made twice a year — once in the spring and once in the fall. Afterward, celebrate with your neighbors at a central party location. Have everyone bring refreshments, strike up the music and party on.

To order a "Bite 'Em Back" Block Party Planner or learn more about fighting fire ants, visit the AMDRO Web site at www.AMDRO.com.

# Diversified

**By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent**

A small insect, Lecanium scale, can pose a big threat to live oaks and now is the time to apply a pesticide to infested trees, says Scurry County Extension Agent Greg Gruben.

Lecanium scales are most prominent on twigs and small branches during the spring and early summer. A single infested twig may have more than 100 scales on it, although fewer scales are more commonly present.

These scales are hemispherical in shape and dark brown in color. They are about one eight to one-fourth inch in diameter.

Lecanium scales damage trees by reducing vitality and causing dieback of infested branches. Heavily infested tees produce a sticky honeydew in late April which falls to the ground. While they are most damaging to live oaks, they also occur on red oaks.

Eggs are produced underneath the hard-shelled female during the late spring and hatch in May. The immature insects then feed on the underside of leaves during the summer. They migrate to twigs in the fall and overwinter there. There is only one generation a year.

Eggs are hatching now on the South Plains. Scale insects are most susceptible to control at this time, Greg said, and insecticide treatments will be most effective if applied now. Heavily infested trees may require two applications two weeks apart.

Insecticide recommended for control include: cyfluthrin, orthene, dursban, sevin, malathion, and diazinon. Thorough coverage will improve effectiveness of sprays. Always read and follow insecticide label instructions carefully, Greg cautioned.

# Lubbock Stockyards cattle auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 715 head of cattle for the Thursday, May18, sale. Cows were $2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were $2 to $4 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 37-41.50
Canner and low cutters: 28-36.50
Slaughter bulls: 43-52
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-120
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 80-95
600-700: 80-86
700-800: 75-81
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 95-105
400-500: 80-100
500-600: 77.50-88.50
600-700: 73.50-80
700-800: 70-77.50
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 80-90
700-800: 65-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-77.50
Grade: 525-650
Springers: 400-640
Baby calves: 50-175
Doodlers: 150-235

# USDA will enroll about 2.5 million acres in CRP program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) will enroll approximately 2.5 million acres of environmentally sensitive farmland into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), according to Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

The CRP is a voluntary program designed to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality. Under this program, producers receive 10 to 15 year contracts that provide them with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance.

"CRP allows farmers and ranchers more options to protect their lands, without sacrificing farm income," said Stenholm, "Our farmers and ranchers are the first stewards of the land, and participation in the CRP results in cleaner water, wildlife habitat, and a cleaner environment. This is a win-win situation for everyone."

The announcement by USDA increases the total CRP enrollment to approximately 33.5 million acres, as of October 2000. The current CRP enrollment cap is 36.4 million acres.

Counties in the 17th Congressional District with their acreage offered and acreage accepted include:

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# House supporters of normalizing trade relations with China garner crucial vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — House supporters of a measure to normalize trade relations with China won a crucial test vote today and appeared headed toward victory for a measure that would end 20 years of annual congressional reviews of China's trade status with the United States.

The House voted 294-136 against an effort by opponents to keep the measure from coming to a final vote later in the day.

Looking to House passage of the measure to grant China permanent normal trade status with the United States, Republicans said they had obtained at least 150 votes for the pact, the goal they had set for themselves, according to GOP sources speaking on condition of anonymity. And Democratic opponents of the measure conceded privately that they expected to lose at least 69 of their members. If those totals hold, it would assure passage in the 435-member House.

Even as he closed in on victory, President Clinton was leaving nothing to chance, clearing his schedule to make a flurry of last-minute calls to wavering lawmakers, presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart told reporters.

The House began discussing a critical test vote to set the terms of debate for the legislation that would grant China permanent normal trade relations, ending two decades of annual congressional reviews.

"I think we're going to make this PNTR vote for China," Clinton told reporters late Tuesday night after a day in which supporters had picked up a number of undecided votes.

Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., who is chairman of the House Rules Committee, said negotiators had cleared away the last hurdles to a floor vote today with the inclusion of language sought by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., to specifically list human rights protections that a watchdog commission would examine each year.

"We are going to win tomorrow. I am convinced we are on track for victory," Dreier said.

The bill would extend permanent normal trade relations to China, guaranteeing China the same low-tariff access to U.S. markets that nearly every other country in the world has.

For the past 20 years, China has received this benefit, but only after an annual congressional vote, which gave opponents a platform to attack China's record on a host of issues from human rights to religious freedom.

In return for U.S. support for China's bid to join the World Trade Organization, China has offered to lower high trade barriers that American manufacturers and farmers have complained are costing them billions of dollars in lost sales annually.

American corporations have spent millions of dollars lobbying on behalf of the China trade bill but they faced determined opposition from organized labor, which believes normalizing trade relations will result in the movement of more high-paying U.S. manufacturing jobs to China.

In a last-ditch effort to sidetrack the legislation, opponents were considering offering an amendment to tie the trade benefits to Taiwan's security as a way to gain conservative GOP votes.

Supporters claimed momentum was on their side following the pickup of a number of fence-sitters Tuesday as the Clinton administration conducted its own version of "Lets Make a Deal" to offer inducements to wavering lawmakers.

## Codgell Hospital board sets meeting

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will meet Thursday morning at 8 o'clock for its regular monthly meeting.

The board will hear the hospital's yearly audit report, and consider the purchase of mammography equipment.

Dr. Bid Cooper, chief of staff, will give the medical staff report, while the board will also consider the approval of monthly financial statements.

The meeting will be held in the hospital's boardroom.

# Obituaries

## Lynda Robinson

**1949-2000**

Funeral service for Lynda Robinson is set for 1 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church Chapel. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate.

Cremation is planned and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Robinson, 50, died Monday, May 22, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a sudden illness.

Born Aug. 9, 1949 in Snyder, Mrs. Robinson was a homemaker and had worked as a waitress.

Survivors include her parents, Charles and Johnnie Taylor of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Carroll and Wade Spencer of Snyder; a sister, Judy Taylor of Tennessee; three granddaughters, Somer Powell, Elizabeth Powell and Aaren Walker, all of Snyder; and two nieces, Pamela Hogan of Tennessee and Amber Bowlin of Florida.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 2209 N. Big Spring, Suite J, in Midland, 79701.

## Ila Mae Byrd

**1912-2000**

Ila Mae Byrd, a resident of Snyder since 1994, died Tuesday, May 23, in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Byrd, 87, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Bend Methodist Cemetery near San Saba. The Rev. Jim Sellers, Baptist minister from Tyler, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 25, 1912 in Brown County, she married Sherman T. Byrd on April 5, 1932 in Lometa. He died on Dec. 25, 1969.

A homemaker, she was a longtime resident of Odessa and at one time had worked at Texas Instruments in Odessa. She was a member of the Midessa Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Doris and J.C. Harrison of Snyder and Sarah and T.O. Williams of Fayetteville, Ark.; a son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Elaine Byrd of Joshua; eight grandchildren, Susan Hickman of Lubbock, Clif Harrison of Snyder, Rex Williams and Jim Bob Williams, both of Fayetteville, Eugene Byrd, Mickey Byrd and Debbie Maxey, all of Joshua, and Ronnie Byrd of Corpus Christi; and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends are contributing to the Snyder Healthcare Family Council, 5311 Big Spring Hwy, or to the Vista Care Family Hospice, 3210 East 11th Place in Big Spring, 79720.

## Sam Tarter

**1914-2000**

COLORADO CITY – Sam Tarter, the brother of Rosa Lee Salling of Snyder, died Sunday, May 21, in an Irving hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Tarter, 86, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Mike Foster will officiate, and burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Born March 15, 1914, Mr. Tarter married Chrystal Payne in 1940 in Colorado City. She preceded him in death.

A resident of Colorado City from 1923-1969, he was a former employee of the Texas Highway Department and a member of the First Assembly of God.

Survivors also include one son, Kenneth Tarter of Fort Worth; a daughter, Dorothy Allsup of Phoenix; a brother, Clarence Garrett of Colorado City; a nephew, David Hines of Snyder; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

## Joseph Gelski

**1942-2000**

WOLFFORTH – Joseph Virgil Gelski, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, May 19.

A memorial service for Mr. Gelski, 58, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wolfforth Church of Christ. Alva Conklin will officiate.

Born Jan. 2, 1942 in Flagstaff, Ariz., he had lived in Holbrook, Ariz., until 1962 when he moved to Texas, serving in the State Guard and earning the Texas Medal of Merit in 1971.

In Snyder, Mr. Gelski worked for American Magnesium and later was employed by Chevron USA in Midland. He worked for O&A Texas-Pack in Lubbock for 18 years.

A member of the Wolfforth and Greenlawn Churches of Christ, he married Lynn O'Neil on Oct. 14, 1978.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Melvin Gelski.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn Gelski of Lubbock; a son, Christopher Gelski of New Orleans; a daughter, Stephanie Gelski of Lubbock; and two brothers, Duane Gelski and John Gelski, both of Holbrook.

# Deputies investigating two burglaries at Fluvanna store

Deputies are investigating burglaries that apparently occurred at The Store in Fluvanna Tuesday morning, and again this morning.

Dee Wemken notified deputies at 6:28 a.m. Tuesday, and again at 6:15 a.m. today that someone had broken into the business.

The items reported taken Tuesday include an undetermined amount of currency and change, candy and cigarettes.

This morning soft drinks and candy were reported missing.

Deputy Bill West said the thief gained entry by forcing a door open.

City officers also filed a number of offense reports Tuesday.

At 7 a.m., Linley Rinehart reported money stolen from her residence at 2609 W. 23rd Street. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Officers were called to Patterson's Used Cars at 7:55 a.m. in reference to damage to a door at the business. A report was taken for Class B criminal mischief.

Johnny Ervin notified officers at 5:10 p.m. of the theft of a bicycle from 126 20th Place. A report for Class B theft was filed.

A report for a stolen bicycle was also filed at 6:54 p.m. from the 3000 block of 39th Street. Matthew Marquez reported the theft.

Officers took a report for assault/family violence at 7:57 p.m.

Two subjects were taken into custody in the past 24 hours.

Deputies arrested 41-year-old William Earl Jackson at 8:08 a.m. in the 4400 block of Avenue U on a warrant for parole violation.

A 22-year-old man was taken into custody at 2:52 a.m. in the 400 block of 32nd. The subject was charged with evading arrest and failure to identify. He also had an outstanding Tom Green County warrant for probation violation.

An accident report was taken at 3:54 p.m. in the Covenant Healthcare parking lot. Involved were a parked, unoccupied 1989 Mercury Grand Marquis owned by Dee Wallace of Colorado City and a 1994 Chevrolet 1500 pickup driven by Coy Edmund Rhodes, 73, of 3220 West Hwy. 180.

# Hospital

ADMISSIONS: May 23 — Loretta Rios, William Pearson, Lida Rhoades and Ennis Powell.

DISMISSALS: Flores girl, Marilla Flores, Mildred Streety, Margaret Weaver, Nell Hammitt, Sherry Merritt and Casey Row.

CENSUS: 39 (Med./Surg.-12, Long-term Care-24, ICU-1, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

# Births

Chelsea and Danielle Lambaren announce the birth of their sister, Mallory Cerise Alexander. She was born at 6:21 a.m. on May 19 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Banks and Kelly Alexander of Snyder. Mallory weighed eight pounds, five ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Craig and Melissa Alexander of Snyder and James and Andrea Peters of Tyler. Maternal grandparents are Ishmael and Connie Gonzalez of Hermleigh.

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Loretta Rios announces the birth of her son weighing eight pounds, five ounces. He was born at 4:09 a.m. on May 24 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

## Verta Hardegree is named to council

COLORADO CITY – Verta Hardegree, a retired employee of Western Texas College, has been appointed to the city council in Colorado City.

She was named to the District 3 position after Birdie Kidd was elected to that position May 6, but died of a stroke two days later.

Mrs. Hardegree retired from WTC in 1996 where she served as administrative secretary. She is the mother of Sid Hardegree, vice president at Snyder National Bank.

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Anyone interested in making donations of cash or merchandise for Project Graduation for the SHS class of 2000 may call 574-6080 for additional information.

### GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday in the testing center at WTC. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 573-0284 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

### FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

### Ira School reception

Ira School will host an informal come-and-go reception from 1-2 p.m. Saturday in the school cafeteria, honoring employees who will leave the district.

### SHS Class of '50 reunion

The 1950 graduating class of Snyder High School will have a reunion Friday and Saturday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch party barn. Members of other classes, relatives and friends are invited to visit from 3-5 p.m. Saturday. For more information call Max von Roeder at 753-7485 or Elois Pruitt at 573-6603.

### Kids College late registration

Late registration for Kids College will continue at the Continuing Education office at Western Texas College from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday through June 7. Registration forms and a check may also be mailed to WTC at 6200 College Avenue, Snyder 79549. Kids College starts June 12 and continues through June 22. For more information, contact Liffin Molter at 573-8511, ext. 223.

### Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are " The Names of Jesus," followed by "Depression, the Dark Night of the Soul."

### Miller Bros. Ranch centennial

The Miller Bros. will celebrate 100 years of ranching in Borden County beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at the Gail arena and show barn. There will be bronc riding, roping, cutting, barrel racing and more. Special guest is Bob Tallman.

### Vacation Bible School

"Son Zone Discovery Center" is the theme of Vacation Bible School set from 9 to 11 a.m. June 5-7 at the 37th Street Church of Christ.

### Good News Ocean Odyssey

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will host an ocean theme Vacation Bible School June 5-9. Children ages five-years-old through this year's sixth grade are welcome. Times will be 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to pre-register call the church office at 573-8596.

### First Presbyterian VBS

"The Fisherman's Story" is the theme of Vacation Bible School set for 9 a.m. until noon June 5-9 at First Presbyterian Church. Designed for kindergarten through sixth grades, additional information may be obtained from the church office, 573-6195.

### Weigh Down Workshop Seminar

Orientation and registration for the Weigh Down Workshop seminar will be at 7 p.m. June 5 at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Men and women are invited to learn this new way of dieting. Coordinator is Donna Nehring, 573-7471.

### Dermott School reunion

The Dermott School reunion will be June 10 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Dermott School on the grounds of the coliseum.

### Biker Sunday

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will sponsor a Biker Sunday, June 11. Services begin at 10:45 a.m. Bike rodeo games will follow. Door prizes will be given away. Free food and live entertainment will be provided, and there is no admission charged. The Christian Motorcyclists Association, a national organization, will operate the bike rodeo games.

### Vacation Bible School

"Son Zone Discovery Center" Vacation Bible School will be held for grades K through 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 12-16 at North College Ave. Baptist Church. For more information call 573-7527 or 573-9540.

### LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

### Computer courses

A variety of computer courses will be offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

### WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon during May and June. Night classes in May only are Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L. and refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

### Pick 3

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

4-5-0

### Cash Five

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

6-16-33-35-36

# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

## Two dates are too many for teen attending prom

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a problem. I am 18 years old, and somehow got myself into the awkward situation of having two dates to the prom!

A few weeks ago, I was asked by a sophomore boy whom I am sort of friends with. I waited awhile before accepting because I really wanted to go with this cute guy who's in college, but I was too afraid to ask him.

Well, last night I got up the courage to talk to my college friend, and he said he would really like to go to the prom with me!

Now I am in a predicament. I would much rather go to the prom with the college guy, but I don't want to hurt the sophomore boy's feelings. What should I do? — **SENIOR IN A PANIC**

**DEAR SENIOR:** If you break the prom date after having accepted the invitation, you will cause hurt feelings — and it's very late for him to ask someone else.

Act like the adult you are. Honor your commitment to the young man whose invitation you accepted. It's the proper and considerate thing to do.

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**DEAR ABBY:** "Hurting Heart" said she was upset that her husband told her he would evaluate the situation before committing to jump into the ocean to save her from drowning. Well, I agree with her husband.

I was trained as a lifeguard, and the husband's response made a great deal of sense to me. One of the key points stressed in lifesaving is the importance of evaluating the situation carefully before attempting a rescue.

A drowning person becomes a very different and dangerous individual. While in a state of panic and confusion, people have been known to drown the lifesaver! It is dangerous for even a well-trained lifeguard to attempt a rescue, which is why the training course is so rigorous.

Should the wife drown her rescuing husband, their four children would be orphaned — which would truly be a senseless tragedy. That wife should borrow a little of her husband's common sense, instead of thinking only of herself. — **S.J.B. IN TORONTO**

**DEAR S.J.B.:** The wife should have exercised some common sense and not asked the "what if" question — and the husband should have used common sense by softening his honest, but tactless, answer. In the interest of water safety, whenever families are playing near water, there should always be a life preserver to toss for just such emergencies.

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**DEAR ABBY:** If you are entertaining guests and the telephone rings, should you answer it, politely tell the caller that you have guests, and ask if you can call back at a more convenient time? — **WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING**

**DEAR WANT:** Yes. It is impolite to carry on a telephone conversation while guests are waiting. Some people resolve this question by letting their answering machine take calls while they're entertaining.

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**Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)**

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# Date Book

**Wednesday, May 24, 2000**
Today is the 145th day of 2000 and the 66th day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, which connects Manhattan and Brooklyn, was officially opened.

On this day in 1962, astronaut Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the earth.

On this day in 1988, John Moschitta set a world record by talking at a rate of 586 words per minute.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Victoria (1819-1901), British queen; Benjamin N. Cardozo (1870-1938), Supreme Court justice; Samuel Newhouse (1895-1979), publisher; Lilli Palmer (1914-1986), actress; Joseph Brodsky (1940-1996), poet; Bob Dylan (1941-), singer-songwriter, is 59; Priscilla Presley (1945-), actress, is 55; Paul Weller (1958-), musician, is 42; Joe Dumars (1963-), basketball player, is 37.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1936, the Yankees defeated Philadelphia 25-2.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "For a writer only one form of patriotism exists: his attitude toward language." — Joseph Brodsky

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between full moon (May 18) and last quarter (May 26).

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# Demos offer plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic negotiators offered several proposals to address GOP concerns about a House-passed patient protection bill that would expand patients' ability to sue health plans.

Democrats proposed Tuesday that the bill clarify that employers couldn't be sued unless they are involved in making medical decisions carried out by health plans.

They also said they would consider language that would give deference to state laws that are more protective of patient rights than federal law.

.Senate GOP lawmakers oppose expanding lawsuits.

# Confederate flag to come down

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — With the stroke of a pen, Gov. Jim Hodges started a countdown to July 1, when the Confederate flag will be lowered from atop the state Capitol.

"This debate is over," Hodges said after signing legislation Tuesday that removes the flag from above the Statehouse along with Confederate banners now hanging in the House and Senate chambers.

"Let us move forward together and united."

That may take time.

Though the flags will come down — they will be moved to a museum — a square battle flag will rise on a 30-foot bronze pole at the Confederate Soldier Monument outside the Statehouse.

That's still too prominent for critics who contend the flag is a racist symbol.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People vows to continue and expand the tourism boycott of the state that it began Jan. 1. The civil rights group says the monument, where the flag will fly, is still too prominent.

"In our opinion there really is no resolution," state NAACP president James Gallman said after watching the bill signing ceremony.

South Carolina alone flies the flag above the Statehouse, where it was raised in 1962 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. Supporters say it represents the state's heritage. Opponents say it was put up in symbolic defiance of the civil rights movement.

Hodges noted struggles of slaves and Confederates alike in his speech as he signed the bill.

"Today, we bring this debate to an honorable end. Today, the descendants of slaves and the descendants of Confederate soldiers join together in the spirit of mutual respect," Hodges said in one of the most politically important speeches of his first term in office.

Sen. Darrell Jackson, a black Democrat, tried to support the NAACP's position. In the end, he parted with the NAACP and gathered with about 20 lawmakers in Hodges' office for the signing. He said he was satisfied that he delivered on a promise to his sons to remove the flag. "I can say to them, with the help of my colleagues in the General Assembly, 'We did it.' And now, I think it's time for the healing to begin."

The bill went to Hodges' desk after Republican House Speaker David Wilkins and Lt. Gov. Bob Peeler, who presides over the Senate, met Tuesday morning to put their signatures on the bill. "It's big. It's historical and it felt good," Wilkins said.

Hodges was elected in 1998 to a four-year-term with the help of Confederate flag supporters who said he violated a promise that he wouldn't take a leadership role in the flag debate.

The political importance of the speech was evident as Hodges practiced his remarks earlier in the day with a television camera accidentally piping the signal into the Statehouse press room. At one point, Hodges said to advisers that he wanted to "distance myself as much from the debate" as he could. "I know I can't do it entirely," he said.

Spokesman Morton Brilliant said Hodges was trying to emphasize that he did not want to be seen as the center of the solution.

# National Council of Church could disappear

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Council of Churches wants to help form a new organization that would for the first time include all major branches of U.S. Christianity.

Though much is uncertain about the plan approved by the council's board Tuesday, one possibility is that the organization itself would go out of business.

The council is made up of mainline Protestant, black Protestant and Orthodox denominations. The majority of U.S. Christians are outside the council, in the Roman Catholic Church, Southern Baptist Convention, and Evangelical and Pentecostal groups.

"I find this extremely helpful and hopeful," said the chief executive of one key council member, the Rev. Clifton Kirkpatrick of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The board did not discuss the future existence of the council. But chief executive Robert Edgar said in an interview it's an open question whether the council would continue on alongside the new body, or disappear.

"Sometimes an organizational structure has to be willing to die. We have to be willing to entertain that," said the Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, chief executive of the Reformed Church in America.

Edgar and Granberg-Michaelson are members of a small task force that will hold preliminary talks with Christian groups outside the council, invite them to join the process and propose next steps to the council's national assembly in November.

The project faces numerous obstacles, both ideological and practical.

Conservative Protestants — Evangelicals, Pentecostals and Southern Baptists — have been indifferent or hostile toward the council, often accusing it of theological liberalism and promoting political causes to the neglect of spiritual ones.

The U.S. Catholic Church decided a generation ago not to enter the council, partly because Roman Catholics in this country alone exceed the 50 million members in the council's 35 denominations.

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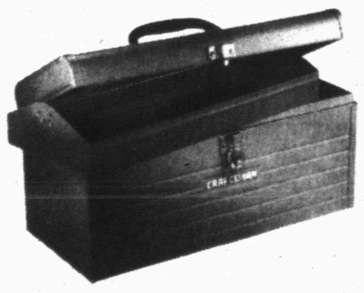

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