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Funding could be major issue in lease question

Local control of CMH means putting up local dollars as well, forum panelists stress

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will need solid funding if it is to remain a strong healthcare facility in the future, and leasing it to Community Health Systems is a viable option if Scurry County citizens don't want to foot the bill themselves — at least that was the consensus of the majority of the panelists speaking at a public forum on the issue Monday night.

"The money has to come from somewhere... Good healthcare costs a of lot of money. Technology is very, very expensive...The question is, what does the community really want?" said Dr. Kathleen Weaver, one of eight healthcare professionals and commissioners who addressed an overflow crowd at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre.

Weaver said she would prefer the hospital to remain "not for-profit," but added that if that happens, Scurry County citizens have to understand they will pay the cost.

"I commend the commissioners for asking the public's opinion. Now it is up to Snyder to decide what they want... If the community thinks it is too much of a pain in the neck to be bothered with hospital problems... I am not against Community Health Systems if the public decides to go for-profit; I think what they offer is pretty reasonable."

Dr. Weaver voiced some concerns, such as the possibility of reduced staffing and some crossover between CHS operated hospitals — in this case, most likely Scenic Mountain in Big Spring.

Staffing ratios of nurses to patients was a concern of several of the panelists, including Lisa Cross, RN. Though she said she got positive feedback about CHS from talking to employees at other hospitals, she is still concerned that the "bottom line" for for-profit corporations is dollars.

She noted that Cogdell staffing levels are one nurse to four-to-six patients, while several CHS-run hospitals had staffing ratios much higher.

The first speaker, Dr. Marcia Odal, an emergency room physician who has moved her parents to Snyder, said she once worked for Columbia, a for-profit firm, and has bitter memories of that.

She said that in site visits to Big Spring and Deming, N.M., she found that Community Health Systems kept its promises, upgraded facilities and attracted physicians to the community.

If Scurry County does decide to lease the hospital then "CHS is probably the least obnoxious company," she said. She cautioned that a for-profit company will likely rearrange staffing, charge as much as possible for patient care and be more aggressive in billing. She said that Cogdell will likely lose its mission as a county hospital.

The most vocal supporter of Community Health Systems was Dr. Gary Nussey, chief of staff at Cogdell and moderator of the forum.

"One of the issues has been local control," he said. "Community Health Systems emphazises having local physicians on the board. They would like to have three. The people I spoke with seemed to feel control was very local."

Nussey visited CHS operated hospitals in Hillsboro, Granbury and Deming.

"They are pro local growth. They bring in new services, try to increase services as a way to try and bring more patients back into the local hospital," he said.

Nussey, too, spoke of the need for funding at the hospital.

He cited a need for more tax money, more renovations, saying Cogdell is in need of a new operating room, a new gynecological room, renovations to the emergency room and changes in the physical therapy area.

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County hires firm to monitor asbestos at Cogdell Hospital

Conflicting reports from two asbestos consulting firms have prompted Scurry County Commissioners Court to hire a firm to monitor the air quality at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A statement by an asbestos consultant with North American Analytical Labs of Abilene last Friday that asbestos problems identified at Cogdell Memorial Hospital posed no health threat apparently conflicts with a report made by the same firm in 1996.

As a result, the court voted unanimously Monday afternoon to hire King Consultants of Lubbock to monitor the hospital's air quality.

Henry King, president of the firm, said King Consultants places filters in various locations of a building and uses a small air pump to pull the air through a special filter. The filter is then analyzed as to its contents.

King has had the contract with Snyder Independent School District for the past several years for its asbestos abatement program and has also performed work for the City of Snyder.

Jeff Reecer, Cogdell CEO, was out of town today and unavailable for comment on the court's action. Jay Wesson, head of maintenance at CMH, said this morning he was not aware that the court had hired King Consultants.

The question of asbestos surfaced last week when a report from Veritech Environmental Services said that there are problems that needed "immediate attention."

Gene Walker of North American Analytical Labs was brought in by Cogdell administrators later in the week, and after studying the situation, said, "I don't really see that we have a health risk in the hospital due to asbestos."

However, a report by that firm dated Jan. 12, 1996, was more strongly worded and described several options to deal with asbestos found in the hospital.

Option one was described as the least costly as far as initial outlay of money, but would not address some materials that are rather aged and come in close contact with maintenance personnel on a regular basis, the report read.

The report continued by saying that "the option is to have the flex connectors in the air handler room replaced. This is due to the deteriorated state of the material, the potential for fiber release and the large content of the material being asbestos. In addition, the surfacing material on the ceiling in the original building corridor by the hospital lab should be contained and removed."

The report continued by stating,"This is due to the already damaged state of this material. This combined with the friable state of the material is posing a health hazard for building occupants, patients and visitors."

County Judge Ricky Fritz said Monday that while the report cited a health hazard, he does not think the repairs will be time consuming

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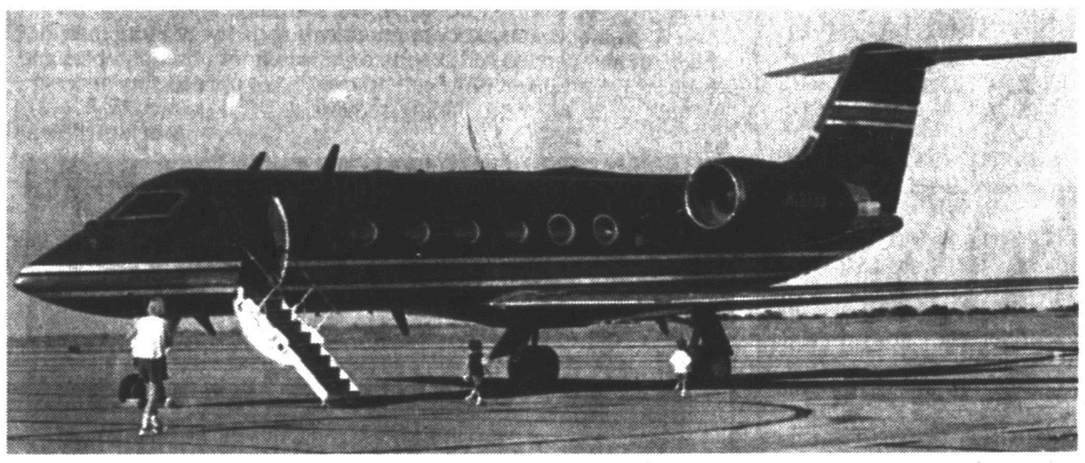

PENNZOIL AIRCRAFT — Steven and Todd Hagist run ahead of their mother, Evie Hagist, as they fathom the size of the Gulfstream IV that brought Steve Cheesbro, president of Pennzoil Exploration and Production, to Snyder. The aircraft, one of the largest ever to land at Winston Field, according to airport manager Rodger Sullenger, requires a 5,000-foot minimum runway to land. Cheesbro was looking over Pennzoil's SACROC operations. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Council opts for more vehicles; plans no increase in fees or taxes

Public safety and the reliability of police vehicles dominated Snyder City Council's third budget workshop Monday night as the council agreed to purchase twice as many new vehicles for the police department than was originally requested for the coming year.

And while the proposed $8.1 million budget, up some $200,000 from last year, won't be formally approved until later, the council also agreed to keep utility rates and the tax rate at current levels. The council also agreed that city employees should get a pay increase, but rejected a four percent across the board increase in favor of a yet-to-be-determined merit system.

Police Chief Lannie Lee told the council he originally planned to budget for three vehicles to replace those with high mileage, but because of budget constraints, had cut the request to two. A handout to the council during last week's talks indicated four vehicles in the department have more than 145,000 miles on them and are incurring high maintenance costs. One of the vehicles has incurred more than $31,400 in maintenace costs over its life, including a new engine and transmission.

Lee said while the vehicles are operational and currently being used, maintenance costs are excessive and safety has to be considered on a vehicle with that many miles.

Mayor David Holt said last week that he would rather spend money for new vehicles that are safe and dependable as opposed to repair bills for older models. At that time, he suggested the council consider purchasing more than two vehicles.

"I don't like the words hazardous, liability or dangerous when referring to police department vehicles," said Holt.

Lee said he believes the department can purchase the vehicles for $19,500 each.

The council also agreed to keep customer's utility rates the same as last year. Citizens will pay a base rate of $9.13 for a minimum of 2,000 gallons of water with a charge of $2.54 per 1,000 additional gallons. Sewer rates will be $8.21 for the base rate with a charge of $2.21 per 1,000 gallons. Private citizens will continue to pay $[illegible] the gate fee at the city's landfill. Sanitation rates will remain the same also. Residential customers will continue to pay $14.50 monthly and commercial customers will pay $28.05.

The tax rate will remain the same as this year — $0.4021 per $100 valuation. This rate, based on an estimated valuation of $225,461,730, is estimated to generate some $900,000 in revenue for the city.

A proposed four-percent across-the-board pay raise for city employees was rejected by council members in favor of implementing a merit plan.

"I think a merit system rewards those who work the hardest," said Terry Martin. "I'm certainly in favor of a merit system."

"I'd have to see a good plan first," said Vernest Tippens. "If it's a good plan that treats people fairly, well, I might be in favor of one."

"I don't want a 'buddy-buddy' deal," she added.

Holt said he is opposed to an across-the-board pay raise and would like to see a merit system put in place, also.

City Manager John Gayle said he and the city staff will work on a merit plan and bring it to the council by the middle of September for implementation by Oct. 1.

Holt presided Monday. All council members were in attendance.

Lease agreement still being mulled by parties

After meeting in closed session for some two hours Monday, Scurry County is "close" to a final contract with Community Health Systems on the proposed lease of Cogdell Hospital.

"We would have liked to have a final contract today, but the changes that need to be made are very minor," said County Judge Ricky Fritz.

Attorney George Scofield and County Attorney Mike Hartman met with the court, and Fritz said after the meeting, that it is basically some wording of the lease and not the terms that the county requested to be changed.

Scofield, who is with the San Antonio firm of Fulbright and Jarwoski, has been employed by the county to negotiate the county's side of the lease.

"It (the wording) just needed to be more specific to our needs in some places," said Fritz.

"If a person has a copy of the last letter of intent from CHS, well, that's basically the main terms."

Fritz added that he expects the county to have a copy of the lease to review next week.

Community Health Systems has offered to lease Cogdell Hospital for 30 years with an up-front payment of $8 million. An election on whether to lease the hospital will be Aug. 9. Early voting on the issue started Monday.

As of noon today, 161 ballots had been cast and voting was characterized as steady.

Testimony begins in assault case here

A six-man, six-woman jury was seated Monday afternoon and was hearing testimony at noon today in a 132nd District Court trial of a 20-year-old Snyder man charged with sexual assault.

Torrance Leandrew Bean of 315 32nd Street is charged with the March 1 rape of a 19-year-old woman.

Bean has been free on a $10,000 bond. District Attorney Dana Cooley is prosecuting the case, and defense attorney is Isaac Castro. District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "They're now mixing religion with science. Folks are keeping count of their blessings on a computer."

Dunn's Ken Andrews dropped off the following article. It deals with blessings — despite aches and pains. The author is unknown, but many will be able to identify with the sentiments.

Ken said it was found in his mother's files. It's entitled, "I'm Fine."

"There's nothing whatever the matter with me, I'm just as healthy as I can be. I have arthritis in both my knees, and when I talk, I talk with a wheeze. My pulse is weak and my blood is thin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

"I think my liver is out of whack, and a terrible pain is in my back. My heart is poor, my sight is dim. Most everything seems out of trim. But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

"My doctor says my days are few, and every week he finds something new. And the way I stagger sure is a crime, I'm likely to flop most any time. But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

"I have arch supports for both my feet, or I wouldn't be able to walk down the street. My fingers are ugly, stiff in the joints, and my nails impossible to keep in a point. My complexion is bad, due to dry skin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

"Sleeplessness I have, night after night, and in the morning I'm just a sight. My memory's failing, my head's in a spin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

"The moral is, as this tale we unfold, that for you and me who are growing old: Tis better to say, 'I'm fine with a grin, and I'm doing well for the shape I'm in.'"

That reminds us of the story of the wife who went to the police to report her elderly husband missing.

The sheriff asked for a description.

"Sometimes he loses his memory. Most of his hair and teeth are gone. His hearing is poor and his eyesight is failing...come to think of it, most of him was missing before he was."

ASK US

Q—When does Snyder High School begin summer band practice?

A—In-coming freshmen will begin at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 1 in the high school band hall. All other grades will begin Aug. 4, also at 8:30 a.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 96 degrees; low, 72; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 72; no precipitation; total for 1997. 19.25 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, lower 70s. Light SE wind. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High, mid 90s. Light SE wind.

Kazyal Moore
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:46 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:55 a.m.
Of 202 days in 1997, the sun has shone 190 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence, and then success is sure.

Mark Twain

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Dumb laws targeted by members of Congress

AUSTIN (AP) — It has become known as the federal toilet law.

To conserve water, Congress in 1992 approved legislation reducing the amount of water that can be used each time a toilet flushes, thus also reducing the water pressure and the ability to clear the bowl of its contents.

After complaints flooded in from people saying that they now need to flush two and three times to get enough pressure to clear the bowl — thus wasting more water than before — several U.S. House members on the Corrections Advisory Group are now attempting to flush the law, once and for all.

That group, comprised of 12 House members, is going across the country looking for other "foolish and ridiculous laws" for repeal or amendment.

On Monday, the group was represented by Reps. Sam Johnson, R-Plano, and Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, at a hearing open to the public.

Since its inception in 1995, the legislative corrections process has resulted in 23 bills being passed by Congress and 16 being signed into law.

"The public wasn't consulted about the toilet law," Johnson said. "The public has to work, so it never gets consulted about anything. Kay and I think that the people have better ideas about what's best."

"Congress passes laws and you say, 'What in the world causes this to happen?'" Ms. Granger said. "This is our chance to correct it."

The House members heard an assortment of stories Monday, mostly focusing on overburdensome regulations being administered by agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency.

Michael J. Nasi, an attorney representing the city of Frisco, just north of Dallas, said actions taken by the city regarding the discharge of effluents by a battery company had been targeted for $125,000 in fines by one arm of the EPA and cited for an award by another EPA section.

"We are optimistic that our problem will be resolved," Nasi said. "But we don't want anyone else going through this. It's ironic that an agency could be imposing penalties for something that another part of the agency wants to give an award for."

Nasi said the EPA had cited the city for allowing too much effluent, which included salt water, into its water system.

The city, rather than reroute the effluent to a larger body of water where it would be diluted according to EPA standards, tried to work with the plant responsible for discharging the salt water on a method that would eliminate the pollutants completely.

"We want to do better than the EPA standards," Nasi said. "We want to fix the problem with an innovative treatment process."

David Bary, an EPA spokesman in Dallas, said, "We are quite used to criticism of the agency.

"The enforcement actions that we do take are done to protect human health and the environment," Bary said. "That tends to be unpopular among certain groups but it is a mandate that the agency must follow."

Don Summers, a 65-year-old owner of an electric generator service business in Austin, complained about a federal law requiring him to send certain taxes withheld from employees directly to the IRS via wire.

As part of the law, businesses have the option of allowing the IRS to withdraw the money from their accounts directly or authorize their bank to wire the money.

"I would rather die than give the IRS access to my bank account," Summers said.

Johnson said he, too, was critical of a new federal push to have businesses wire tax money directly to the government. He said Social Security checks are being considered for direct wire to a recipient's bank.

"There are people who don't have bank accounts," Johnson said. "I think we stand a chance of getting that changed."

Orosco fund is established

A fund has been established at West Texas State Bank to help defray expenses for Felix Orosco Sr, a resident of Snyder since 1950.

Orosco, an employee of Patterson Drilling and other drilling companies for about 20 years, has cancer. He has had two major surgeries and is currently undergoing treatment in Abilene.

Dumb laws are listed below

By The Associated Press

Here is a sampling of laws that have been passed with the help of the congressional Corrections Advisory Group in an effort to rectify "foolish or ridiculous" legislation approved by Congress.

— Requiring the government to differentiate between petroleum oils and animal and vegetable fats, oils and greases. The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 placed prohibitive financial requirements on oil and didn't distinguish between non-toxic, biodegradable animal and vegetable oils and petroleum products.

— Prohibiting the placement of current or former drug and alcohol abusers in public housing that is designated for elderly or disabled families.

— Allowing members of employee associations to represent their views before the U.S. government. The law addressed a Department of Justice interpretation that if an employee representative expresses the views of an employee organization or association before a governmental agency, that employee is subject to prosecution.

— Reducing the statutory requirements for a list of more than 200 congressionally mandated reports on a variety of obscure topics and requiring the president to submit his own list of unnecessary or wasteful reports in his next budget request.

Newest research confirms HIV spurs own reproduction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have proved a long-expected trait of the AIDS virus: It produces a protein that stimulates cells to enhance its deadly reproduction.

The protein is called Tat, and researchers from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute will report Tuesday that it essentially provides a wake-up call that renders slumbering immune cells susceptible to HIV infection.

HIV works best in active immune cells, not quiescent ones. So for HIV to sustain its killer viral levels, it must continually replenish the active cells it kills, Dana-Farber research Chiang Li writes in Tuesday's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Tat secreted from infected cells enters resting neighbor cells and "activates" them, Li discovered in a series of test-tube studies.

Li proved an HIV pathway that scientists were so confident existed that they already had hunted drugs to attack Tat, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, an AIDS expert with the National Institutes of Health.

So far, that research "didn't work, to the point that at least one company has abandoned their endeavors for a Tat inhibitor," Fauci said. But "that doesn't mean that somebody won't now, with this more confirmatory evidence, try another approach to blocking Tat."

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THE PINK FLAMINGO: "Depression Glassware: identification book" reg. $19.95 now...$14.95. White Chicken casserole dish with gold trim reg. $38.00 now... $30.00

SALTBOX ANTIQUES: Ceramic Cookie Jars - reg. $20.00 now...$16.95; Early American Rocking Chair - was $60.00 - now $47.95; Amber, rolled edge, early Fenton glass dish was $24.00 now...$20.00

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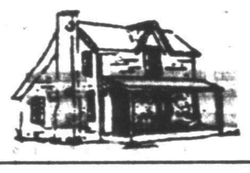

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Major changes could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Some will be self-induced, others will be determined by outside factors. Both are capable of producing ultimate benefits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may find the assistance you've been seeking today that will finally help you rid yourself of some burdens you have been putting off for quite some time. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though you're likely to be in a sociable mood today, you'll still be very selective regarding the companions you'll choose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is a good day to spend some time cleaning out your home and office by getting rid of things you know you'll never use again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conversation partners will immediately sense you're not given to making idle remarks. When you voice an opinion, you'll truly have something to say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are now in a favorable growth pattern, so be alert for two or more opportunities that have long-range possibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Both today and tomorrow, conditions will be more receptive than usual for advancing certain self-interests about which you feel strongly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Heed to any hunches you get today relating to career or financial moves. Your intuition can supply you with insights your logic can't perceive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) One of your affiliations might ask you to take on new responsibilities today. Do so willingly, because it could offer unique benefits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Challenges will stimulate your abilities and feelings of self-worth today. You may volunteer to tackle something that intimidates others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It is important today you have faith in the final outcome of events. If you do not waver and continue to think win, the results could be significant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might have an opportunity to transform something that is presently outmoded. You will know how to make things functional once again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A present involvement may be destined to play a more significant role in your future affairs. This person possesses a strong, positive personality.

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COIN SAVERS BENEFIT — Lynn Maldonado, representing the Snyder Youth Bowlers, accepted $1,040.16 from IGA 100 manager Bud Pinkerton. The red coin saver project by IGA will help 25 bowlers, 5 to 18 years old, go to the July 26-27 state tournament in Killeen. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Merritt reunion at BSU

The 37th annual H.H. Merritt reunion was held July 13 in the BSU building at Western Texas College.

Forty-two members enjoyed activities and visiting. Nora Woody of Midland was recognized for being the oldest family member attending, and the youngest was Lauren Farris of Richardson.

Five branches of the family were represented. Those from the Joe Merritt family included Bud Merritt of Pecos; Bill and Debbie Merritt of Plano; Snook and Mildred Merritt, Gilbert and Delores Merritt, and J.J. Merritt, all of Snyder; Maude Beard of Mesquite, Chloie J. Van Meter and Brandon L. Stevens of Abilene and Jimmie Merritt of Balch Springs.

Attending from the family of John Merritt were Hoss and Nell Clayton Florine Merritt, Alvis Minton, all of Snyder; Judy Dawson of Brownfield, Buddy and Billie Burris of Morton, Pauline Merritt, Jeanette and Allan Crouse of Merkel, Doug and Shirley Merritt of Georgetown, Garvin Burris of Saginton, Robert and Raymond Merritt of Austin.

The Will Merritt family included Tess and Sharon Mauldin of Lafayette, La., Lauren Farris of Richardson, Jimmie Cummings, Tom and Mary Farris of Snyder.

The Wallace Merritt family was represented by Pat and Pattie Merritt, Nora Woody, Ima Collins of Midland, Barney Merritt and Jan McErwin of Odessa.

Homer Merritt's family was represented by Ruby Lee of Colorado City.

Guests included Rudi Martinez of Austin and Marie Walton of Snyder.

Another reunion is planned for July 11, 1998 at WTC.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day, Luncheon; lunch is served at 11:30 and games of choice will follow; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

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

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall o. First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m., for more information call Ima Emerson at 573-6534.

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

The state tree of Indiana is the yellow poplar.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

Write from knowledge

By Phillip Alder

It is standard advice to a novelist: Write about subjects you know. This applies to cartoonists as well. If you have read Peanuts for any length of time, you know the interests of Charles Schulz: golf, religion, baseball, football, hockey and — surprise, surprise! — bridge.

Many years ago, Woodstock and his friends were playing bridge in Snoopy's house. (One cannot really call Snoopy's house a kennel, as it contains many things, including a pool table.) And suddenly from May 6 to 9, instead of working as mechanics on Snoopy's Sopwith Camel, the birds were back playing bridge. The first two days, there were six-card end positions. In the fourth, no diagram, just Snoopy answering a bidding query. And Thursday, there was this deal. Let's speculate how the bidding and play might have gone.

It looks normal for North-South to reach four spades. In this auction, North's cue-bid shows a maximum pass with spade support.

West would probably lead the club 10.

As West is marked with the heart ace, it looks as though South must find the diamond queen to get home. One possible line is to draw three rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, then to call for the club queen. When East plays low, declarer discards a low heart. West wins and returns a club.

Now South knows West must have led from club length. As West is also known to have started with three spades and at least five hearts, clearly he is short in diamonds. After ruffing, South plays a diamond to dummy's ace and finesses through East to make the contract.

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Kennedy fireworks result in burn treatment

BOSTON (AP) — No more fireworks for Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II.

A son of the congressman was slightly burned on his arm by a "spark emitting device" this weekend at the family compound on Cape Cod, a Kennedy spokesman said Monday.

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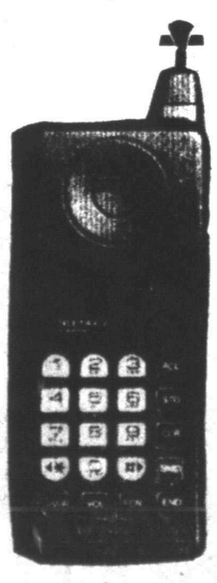

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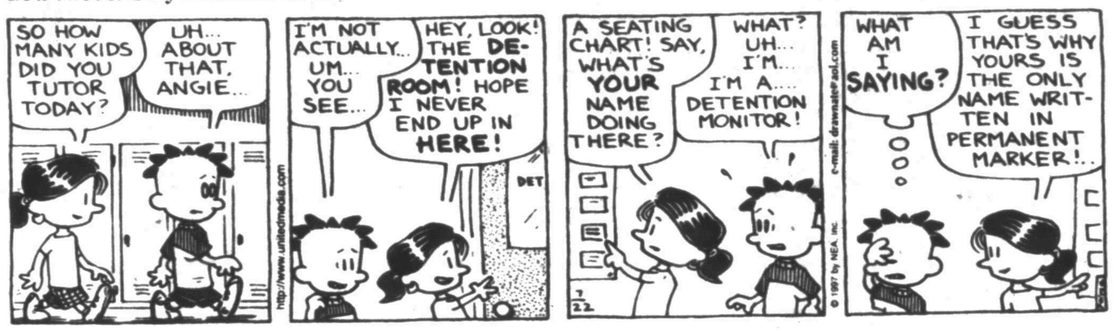

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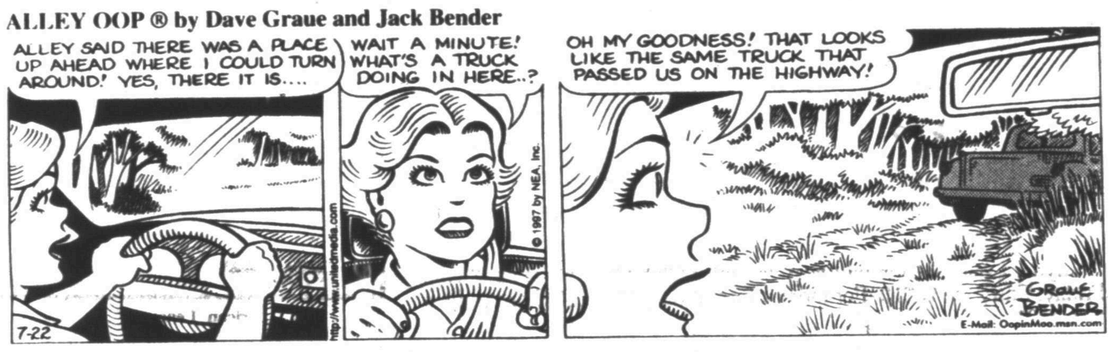

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ACROSS

1 Actor Montand
5 Noel
9 Unit of light
12 Drying kiln
13 Type of test
14 Wide shoe size
15 Non-profit org.
16 Hooklike parts
17 Snaky letter
18 Painting style (2 wds.)
20 Dry, as wine
21 Collar shape
22 Future LL.Bs.' exam
24 I.e., in full
26 Kentucky blue grass
28 Women's clothing size
31 Coarse hair
33 Seed covering
34 Gush
38 Irritated
39 House wing
40 — La Douce
41 Small hole
44 Long time
45 Solo
48 Moved in water
50 Communion vessel
51 ABA member
54 Water willow
57 Jackie's 2nd mate
58 Pita-bread sandwich
60 Finnish first name
61 Disencumber
62 Cupid
63 — Major (constellation)
64 Expert flyer
65 Took the bus
66 Equal

DOWN

1 Child's toy
2 Shoe part
3 Increase
4 Headliners
5 — and me
6 Vases
7 Decorative trim
8 Draw out
9 Pet —
10 Affirmations
11 Change the clock
19 Type of dance
23 Cone-shaped shelter
25 Bandleader Arnaz
26 Greek letter
27 Above (poet.)
29 Type of road
30 Runs an engine in neutral
32 Gulf between Africa and Arabia
35 First performance
36 Comedian Philips
37 Pallid
42 Aviation hero Chuck —
43 Pair
45 Armadillo
46 Kind of poetry
47 Zinc —
49 Consume totally (2 wds.)
52 Rookie
53 Walked
55 Scottish-Gaelic
56 Emulate a lion
59 Gravel ridge

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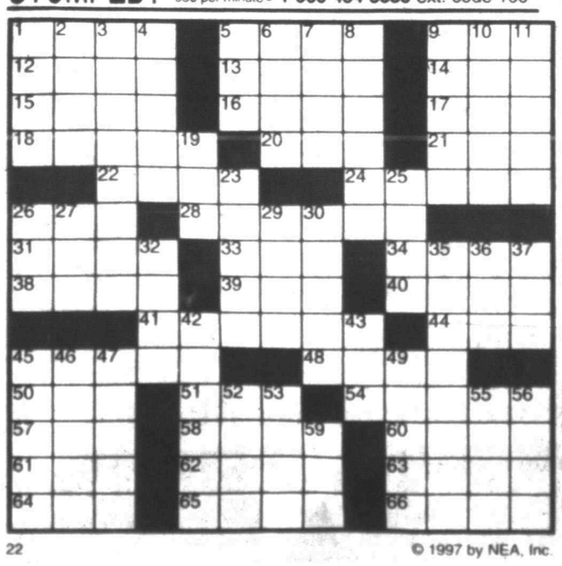

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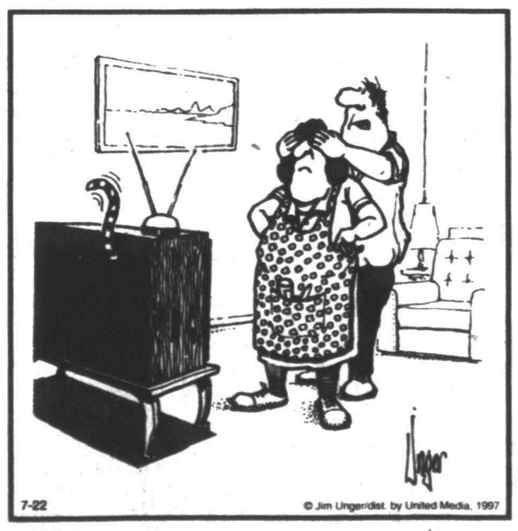

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SPORTS

Emmitt Smith is ready to run for another title

AUSTIN (AP) — Emmitt Smith played last season with a jammed neck, a bad ankle and a sprained knee and still managed 1,204 yards of rushing and 12 touchdowns.

Yet Smith was blamed by some for the Dallas Cowboys' drop to 24th in the NFL in offensive production.

It's enough to make Smith wonder what he must do to please his critics.

"Many people would say they had a successful season if they produced what I did after what I had to go through," Smith said.

"Besides being hurt I had the mental strain of all my frustrations. I think I had a hell of a season considering what happened. But some people wanted to rip me and rip the team."

Smith hurt from his ankle to the top of his head, which he landed on while diving in the season opener against the Chicago Bears.

His lips tightened as he explained the pain of last year's lost season in which his injuries, teamed with those to the offensive line, now-retired tight end Jay Novacek and Eric Bjornson, grounded the high-flying offense.

"It was a long, hard year," said Smith, who underwent surgery in January for removal of bone spurs from his right ankle. "But this one is going to be different."

Coach Barry Switzer agrees.

"Emmitt is quick and that's what we missed last year when he was injured," Switzer said. "He was a half-step slow to the hole sometimes because of his injuries, but you have to admire him for wanting to play."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said Smith has been impressive so far in camp.

"Emmitt is working hard, and as far as I'm concerned he looks as good as he's ever looked," Aikman said.

That may have something to do with his new hairdo. Smith pulled off his hat to reveal a shaved head, his good luck symbol for the new season.

"It's all part of my new attitude," Smith said. "I'm ready for boot camp. I'm ready for the best season I've ever had."

That would take some doing. In 1995, Smith rushed for 1,773 yards and scored 25 touchdowns. In seven years, he has won four NFL rushing titles and amassed 10,160 yards and a Super Bowl MVP award.

"My physical strength is as good as it has ever been, and my body fat is down," said Smith, who has never been known as a weight-lifting fiend. "I'm quicker than I've ever been.

Dallas could move camp to El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys could move their training camp to El Paso for a week in 1999 if Saturday's scrimmage with the San Diego Chargers in the Sun Bowl sells out, event organizers say.

About 16,000 tickets remain for the game in the 51,118-seat stadium. The Cowboys sold out a scrimmage last year against the then-Houston Oilers. Organizers say they expect a similar crowd this year.

"If El Paso sells out this game for us, and we have reason to think that we're going to be pretty close, we can almost promise a week of training camp," said event Chairman Larry Peterson.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones confirmed Monday that he has an interest in moving part of the camp temporarily from Austin to El Paso, which has a large concentration of Dallas fans.

Running back Emmitt Smith was not similarly enthralled.

"Players prepare to come to Austin to actually train and get mentally focused to be here for four weeks and are not really looking forward to traveling anywhere and getting readjusted," Smith said.

LEARNING THE GAME — Snyder varsity volleyball coach Patty Grimmett gives instructions during a volleyball camp Thursday at the high school. Girls in 5th-9th grades attended the camp, learning basic skills and technical aspects of the sport. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

George can run and catch

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Eddie George knows what he can do when handed the football. Now he wants to see how good he can be when Steve McNair throws it to him.

George, the 1996 NFL offensive rookie of the year for his running abilities, has been spending time after practice catching passes. He wants to improve on the 23 receptions for 182 yards he had last season.

"That's one dimension that I can be effective at once given an opportunity and experience to just keep getting better. I know I'm going to make mistakes. I know I'm going to drop balls, but it's what I do to get better for consistency," he said.

"I think it's something the coaches want to see me do. I want to be the best at it as possible."

George dropped a couple passes during warmups at Monday afternoon's practice. So he spent about 10 minutes working with third-string quarterback James Ritchey with help from offensive line-tight ends coach George Henshaw.

"He's prepared himself to improve over his rookie year, and the thing that all of us try to do is make improvements from the first year to the second year," Henshaw said.

"That's what you look for as a coach because what'll happen this year is he won't sneak up on anyone like he did last year."

George was much more effective on the ground, carrying 335 times for 1,368 yards. That performance won the 1995 Heisman Trophy champion from Ohio State honors as the league's offensive rookie last season.

With McNair set as the Oilers' new quarterback, he brings more versatility. The Oilers have added a two-back set to their offense, trying to expand both the passing and running games.

Ronnie Harmon was the top pass-catching running back for the Oilers last season with 42 receptions. Both he and Rodney Thomas have been busy catching passes in training camp.

George caught passes out of the backfield some during his senior year at Ohio State. But he wants to make catching balls more automatic.

SDN Sports Briefs

Basketball shooting camp

The Tiger Shooting Camp will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m. July 28-29 at the SHS gym. Incoming 5th-9th graders are eligible and the fee is $25.

Instructors will be Bud Birks, Ben Reed and Rick Henderson. For more information call 573-1297.

Junior Club Championship

Snyder Country Club will host its Junior Club Championship, 8 a.m. Friday. Entry fee is $10. For more information call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Parent-Child golf tournament

A parent-child golf tournament will be held at Snyder Country Club at 8 a.m. Saturday. Entry fee is $20 per team, including hamburgers for all players. Parents may play with more than one child and grandparents or other adults may be substituted. For more information call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Snyder Tiger Tennis Camp

A tennis camp for incoming 7th through 12th graders will be held July 28-Aug. 1 from 8-4 each day. For more information call 573-9064.

Junior golf clinic

WTC is hosting a junior golf clinc through Friday. Instructors are Rick Kahlich, Matt Glenn and Primo Gonzales.

WTC basketball camp

WTC will hold the Super Shooters Basketball Camp Aug. 4-7. Cost is $45 per child, including a T-shirt and awards.

Boys and girls grades 3-6 will attend from 9 a.m.-noon. Girls-only sessions in grades 9-12 will take place from 1-5 p.m.

Registration forms are available at the WTC administration building and the deadline for enrolling is Aug. 1. For more information call Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286.

Baseball tournaments

Snyder Senior Little League will host the 1st annual Old Timer's Baseball Tournament Aug. 8-10 at Moffett Field. Players must be 30 years or older and pitchers must be at least 35.

The 1st annual Young Gun's Baseball Tournament will also be held Aug. 1-3. Players must out of high school and under the age of 30.

Each team must have a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15. Entry fee is $15 per player and the deadline is July 28 for Young Guns and Aug. 4 for Old Timers. For more information call Willie at 573-2817 or Ruben at 573-9807.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	59	37	.615	-
NewYork	56	41	.577	3½
Toronto	45	49	.479	13
Detroit	45	52	.464	14½
Boston	45	53	.459	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	51	41	.554	-
Chicago	50	47	.515	3½
Milwaukee	45	49	.479	7
Minnesota	44	52	.458	9
KansasCity	38	55	.409	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	55	43	.561	-
Anaheim	54	43	.557	½
Texas	47	50	.485	7½
Oakland	40	60	.400	16

Monday's Games

Chicago White Sox 3, Detroit 0
Boston 3, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, Milwaukee 3
Baltimore 5, Texas 1
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Oakland (Karsay 3-9) at Boston (Sele 10-7), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Darwin 4-7) at Detroit (Moehler 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 8-5) at Cleveland (Hershiser 9-5), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Springer 5-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 10-4), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 9-9) at Toronto (Hentgen 9-7), 7:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 7-6) at Minnesota (Robertson 7-7), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 11-5) at Texas (Burkett 7-8), 8:35 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 7-9) at Detroit (Blair 8-4), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Watson 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 3-3), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Olivares 5-6) at Cleveland (Colon 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Wojciechowski 0-7) at Boston (Wakefield 4-10), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 8-4) at Toronto (Clemens 15-3), 7:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Belcher 8-9) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 4-8), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 10-4) at Texas (Witt 10-5), 8:35 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	63	36	.636	-
Florida	56	41	.577	6
NewYork	56	42	.571	6½
Montreal	52	45	.536	10
Philadelphia	29	67	.302	32½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	51	48	.515	-
Pittsburgh	49	49	.500	1½
St.Louis	48	50	.490	2½
Cincinnati	42	55	.433	8
Chicago	41	57	.418	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	55	44	.556	-
LosAngeles	52	47	.525	3
SanDiego	47	52	.475	8
Colorado	45	55	.450	10½

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 5, Los Angeles 4, 10 innings
San Diego 10, Florida 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Cincinnati 3
Montreal 8, Colorado 4
St. Louis 7, San Francisco 2

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta (Maddux 13-3 and Neagle 13-2) at Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 7-2 and Mulholland 6-9), 2, 1 p.m.
Colorado (Swift 4-3) at Montreal (Perez 9-6), 7:35 p.m.
Florida (A.Leiter 8-6) at Cincinnati (Smiley 8-10), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 6-7) at St. Louis (An.Benes 6-4), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Clark 7-6) at Los Angeles (Candiotti 5-3), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-6) at San Diego (Hamilton 8-3), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Beech 0-5) at San Francisco (Gardner 10-4), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (Millwood 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (M.Leiter 5-10) at San Francisco (Estes 12-4), 3:35 p.m.
Florida (Fernandez 10-8) at Cincinnati (Morgan 3-7), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Holt 7-6) at St. Louis (Stottlemyre 9-6), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Bohanon 1-1) at Los Angeles (Reyes 1-1), 10:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lieber 6-9) at San Diego (Smith 3-1), 10:35 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Eastern Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	12	2	.857	-
Houston	8	5	.615	3½
Charlotte	6	6	.500	5
Cleveland	5	8	.385	6½

Western Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	8	3	.727	-
Sacramento	5	8	.385	4
LosAngeles	5	9	.357	4½
Utah	3	11	.214	6½

Monday's Games

Charlotte 75, Los Angeles 64
Phoenix 70, Sacramento 57

Tuesday's Games

Utah at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

New York at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SNYDER SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

Men's Slowpitch Softball

July 14: Lobos 23, Westbrook Well Service 2; Snyder Iron & Metal 10, Earnest Upholstery 3.

July 15: Texas Finance 11, Pennzoil 9; Southern Electric Cubs 15, BJ Services Bad Boyz 12; Martinez Plumbing 23, Westbrook Well Service 21; Pennzoil 20, TJ's Latinos 7.

July 16: Southern Electric Cubs 11, Westbrook Well Service 1; Lobos 23, BJ Services Bad Boyz 2; Snyder Iron & Metal 14, Pennzoil 3.

July 17: Lobos 12, Martinez Plumbing 2; BJ Services Bad Boyz 21, Westbrook Well Service 17; Earnest Upholstery 12, TJ's Latinos 10; Snyder Iron & Metal 11, Texas Finance 7.

Standings

A League: Snyder Iron & Metal, 6-0, 15-0; Texas Finance and Earnest Upholstery, 3-2, 10-4; Pennzoil, 2-4, 6-9; T.J.'s Latinos, 0-6, 6-9.

B League: Southern Electric Cubs, 4-1, 7-7; Lobos, 5-1, 7-8; BJ Services Bad Boyz, 3-3, 5-10; Martinez Plumbing, 2-4, 4-11; Westbrook Well Service, 1-6, 4-12.

Women's Slowpitch Softball

July 14: Red Hots 19, Outsiders 18; Outcast 11, 12 Gauge 9.

July 16: Outcast 31, Rookies 8.

Final League Standings

Outcast, league champions, 12-0; 12 Gauge, 7-5; Rookies, 6-6; Red Hots, 4-8; Outsiders, 1-11.

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The Texas Department of Transporation is hosting an open house and public meeting on July 31, 1997 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street, Lubbock, Texas. The open house will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm and the public meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

This will be the final public meeting for the TxDot Route Study from Lubbock to Interstate 10, and from Amarillo north to the state line. The purpose of the meeting will be to present the prioritized improvement listings within each transportation corridor and to receive comments on the study conclusions.

During the open house, exhibits and maps will be displayed and members of the study team will be available to discuss the route study with everyone having interest in the project. TxDOT representatives from the Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock, Odessa and San Angelo Districts will also be in attendance. Comment forms will be provided and a court reporter will be available to take private comments.

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Writtren comments may be submitted at the open house and public meeting, or mailed to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attn: Maribel P. Chavez, P.E., Abilene District Engineer, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas, 79604, up to 10 days following the public meeting date. Comments will be also accepted on the Route-Study Telephone Hotline by call 1-800-661-3234.

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David Deyoe, 39, was arrested after he held up the Washington Federal Savings Bank on Monday, walked outside and calmly handed fistfuls of dollars to passers-by, authorities said.

Authorities said Deyoe was unarmed when he handed a bank teller a note demanding money.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Ila Byrd, 5311 Big Spring Highway; Arel Faver, 2704 34th; Virginia Barboza, P.O. Box 261; Kody Fish, 2801 Ave. N; Laura Greenfield, 2506 29th; Shanna Jones, 3901 Ave. O #44.

DISMISSALS: Evie Farmer, Glenna Roggenstein, Travis Sawyer, Ophelia Trevey.

CENSUS: 44 (Med., Surg.-12, Long-term Care-31, CCU-1).

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	98 11-16	97¾	98 5-16+ 13-16
AT&T Corps	35 3-16	34¾	35 1-16+13-16
AirTouch	28¼	27¾	28¼+ ½
Albertsons	38¾	38	38 + ¼
AlldSignal	90¾	89¾	90 — ¼
Alltel	32¼	31 15-16	31 15-16— ¼
AmerOnline	66 13-16	64¾	66⅛+ 1¼
AmStoress	26 3-16	25 15-16	26⅛+ 1-16
Ameritech	66¾	65 15-16	66 11-16+ 1
Amoco	89¾	88 5-16	89 5-16+1 1-16
AndarkPtr	64⅞	64 1-16	64 7-16+ 5-16
Armcolnc	5 3-16	5 1-16	5 3-16+ 3-16
AtlRichfld s	69⅝	68¾	69 5-16+ ½
ATMOS Egy	24¾	24¼	24¾+ ¼
Aviall	16¼	15¾	15¾— ¼
BakerHughes	46 1-16	45¾	45 15-16— ¾
BellAtl	72¼	71 13-16	72⅛+ ¾
BellSouth	46¾	46¼	46¾+ 1
BethSteel	10 1-16	9¾	10 + 1-16
BritPet s	81¼	81⅛	81⅛+ 7-16
BurlNoSFe	93 9-16	93	93 +1 7-16
Caterpillar s	57 3-16	54¾	56¼— ½
CenSoWst	20⅝	20 1-16	20⅝+ ⅛
Chevron	76¼	75	76⅛+ 1¼
Chrysler	35 3-16	34¾	35 1-16+ ¼
Coastal	55⅛	55¼	55⅝+ ¼
CocaCola	70¼	69⅞	69⅝+1 5-16
ColgatePalm s	73¾	72	73⅛+ 1⅛
ComclMetals	31	31	31
Cooperln	50¼	49¾	50 1-16+ 9-16
CyprusAmax	25 3-16	24 15-16	25 1-16+ 5-16
DallSemicn	33¼	32¾	33⅛+11-16
DeltaAirl	87⅛	86¾	86⅝+ 1
DigitalEq	38 3-16	37	38 +13-16
Dillards Inc	35	34 11-16	35 + 3-16
DowChem	90	5-16	89⅛ 89⅝
DresserInd	40 1-16	39¾	39¾— 1-16
DuPont s	64 13-16	62¾	64¼+1 11-16
EastmanChem 6	59⅛	57¾	57 13-16—15-1
EstKodak	69¾	68¾	68 9-16+1 1-16
EDS Corp	45¾	44 11-16	44 15-16+11-16
Enserch	21⅛	21 3-16	21⅛+ 3-16
Entergy	26¾	26¼	26⅞+ 1-16
Exxon s	63 1-16	62⅛	62⅞+1 9-16
FstBksAm		12¼	12¼ 12¼
Flowers s	17 5-16	17⅛	17¼— 3-16
FordMotor	40	39¾	39 15-16+ 3-16
GTE Cp	47 1-16	46¾	47 + ¼
GenDynam	81	80¾	80 11-16— 1-16
GenElecs	71¾	70 9-16	71 7-16+13-16
GenMills	67	15-16	67 7-16 67¾
GenMotors	56 15-16	55¾	56⅛+ ⅜
GaPacif	94¾	93¼	94¼+ 1¼
GlobalMar	28	27 11-16	27¾— 1-16
Goodrich	45¼	45 1-16	45⅛+ ½
Goodyear s		63¼	62¾ 63 1-16
GtAtlPac	27¼	26¾	27 + 3-16
Halliburtn s	44 15-16	44	44⅛+ ¼
Hanson ADS n 6	24¼	24 1-16	24⅛+ 3-1
HarteHanks	30⅛	30¼	30⅛+ ¼
HomeDepot s	46 3-16	45¾	45 15-16— 3-16
HoustonInds	20 13-16	20 11-16	20⅝+ 1-16
IBM s	102¼	99¾	102⅛— 1¼
IntlPaper	57 15-16	57 7-16	57⅝+ 3-16
JohnsonJn	62¼	61¼	61 15-16+ 1¼
K mart	10⅛	10 5-16	10⅛— ¼
Kroger s	30 7-16	30	30⅛+ ¼
Litton	53¼	52¾	52 15-16+ ⅜
LockhdMart	101¼	101 1-16	101¼— ¼
Lowes Cos	35 9-16	35¾	35¼+ 1-16
Lubys	19⅝	19¼	19¼— 1-16
LucentTech	83⅛	82	83 1-16+1 3-16
MayDeptStrs	52 3-16	51¼	52 1-16+ ¼
Medtronic	89 15-16	88 13-16	89⅝+ 1
Mobils	73¾	72¼	73 9-16+ 1⅛
Monsanto	50 1-16	49⅝	49⅝—11-16
MorganJP	107	106 7-16	107 + ⅛
Motorola	80 3-16	79¼	79⅝+ 1
NCR Corp n	27 15-16	27 5-16	27⅛+ 7-16
NationsBk s	67	66 7-16	66 13-16— 3-16
Navistar	20¼	20 1-16	20⅛+ 5-16
NoramEngy	15 7-16	15 5-16	15⅜+ 1-16
Norwest	61 1-16	60¼	60 15-16— 7-16
Nynex	55 3-16	54 11-16	55 +11-16
OryxEngy	24⅛	23 11-16	23 11-16— ¾
Penney JC	56	11-16	56¼ 56⅛
Penzoil	76⅛	75¾	76 — ¼
PepBoys		33⅛	33¼ 33¼
PepsiCo	37¼	37 3-16	37 13-16+ 2¼
PhelpDodge	84 7-16	83¾	84 7-16+ 7-16
PhilipPet	44 9-16	44¼	44 9-16+ ⅛
Polaroid	59 5-16	58	59 1-16+1 1-16
Praxair	57¾	56¼	56 5-16— 1¼
ProctGamble	151¾	149¾	150⅞+ 1¼
PubSNwMx	18 3-16	18¼	18 3-16+ 3-16
RoyalDut s	55	54¾	54 9-16+ 9-16
SBC Comm	57 7-16	56¾	57 7-16+ ¼
SaraLee	44 5-16	44	44 3-16+ 5-16
SearsRoeb	58¾	57¾	58¼+15-16
SherwinW s	31¼	31⅛	31 13-16+ 3-16
SmthBc ADS	102¾	101¼	102 1-16+3 11-16
SoutheruCo	21 11-16	21⅛	21⅜+ ¼
SwstAirlines	27 1-16	26¼	26⅞+11-16
SwestPSvc	39¾	38 11-16	38 11-16— ¾
Sprint	46¾	45 3-16	46⅜+ 1⅜
SunCo	31 5-16	30 15-16	31 — ¼
TNP Ent		23 7-16	23¾ 23¾
Tandy	55¾	54 9-16	54 9-16+ ¼
TempleInland	63 13-16	63¾	63 13-16+ 3-16
Tenneco	47¼	46¾	47 +1 9-16
Texaco	112¾	111¼	112 1-16+1 7-16
TexasInds	29 11-16	28¾	29 9-16+11-16
TexasInst	111	109	110¾+ 1¼
TexUtil	34¾	34¼	34 3-16+ ⅛
Textron s	67¼	66 13-16	67⅛+ 7-16
Travelers s	66¾	65¾	66 + ¼
TrinityInds	36 13-16	36 9-16	36¾— 1-16
TritonEngy	42¾	40¾	41⅛— ⅛
Tyler	2¼	2¼	2¼+ 1-16
US WestCm	38⅛	38	38 1-16+ ¼
USWstMda	21¼	21	21 1-16+ ¼
USX Delhi	12 9-16	12¼	12 9-16+ 1-16
USX-Marathn	30¼	29 15-16	30 3-16+ 9-16
USX-USS	34 9-16	34 5-16	34⅛+ 3-16
UnCarbde	52⅛	51¾	51⅞— ⅛
UnPac s	70	69⅛	70 + ⅛
UnitedTech s	85¾	85¼	85¼+ 7-16
Unocal	39¼	38¾	39 1-16+ 5-16
WalMart	35¼	35 7-16	35¼— ¼
WstnGasRs	17¾	17¼	17⅜+ ¼
WestghEl	24 7-16	24	24 3-16+ 5-16
WianDixie	37¼	37¼	37 11-16+ 3-16
Woolworth	27¾	27¼	27 7-16+ 3-16
Xerox Corp	79⅛	78 15-16	79 + ¼
ZenithE	11 11-16	11¼	11¼— 1-16

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New bill would promote unapproved drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is about to consider letting drug sales people promote uses for medicines that the government has not approved — and critics are using a scare over unapproved diet drugs to argue the bill is dangerous.

The legislation comes as the Food and Drug Administration investigates 16 more people whose heart valves may have been damaged by the diet drug combination fen/phen.

Although doctors haven't proved fen/phen is to blame, the new patients bring to 49 the total cases of heart damage linked to the diet drugs. Ten patients needed open-heart surgery. The FDA has never approved taking both diet drugs fenfluramine and phentermine together.

While drug companies may not advertise unapproved uses of drugs, doctors may legally prescribe medicines in any way they choose; and an estimated 6 million Americans tried fen/phen last year before doctors spotted the possible heart side effect.

But Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., says doc.ors can't always keep up with the latest information on new uses for old drugs — so he is preparing legislation to let drug sales representatives give doctors studies that promote so-called off-label uses of medicines.

A drug goes on sale only after the FDA determines it is safe and effective against a particular disease. But doctors then can prescribe that drug for any disease, and some 40 percent to 60 percent of all prescriptions are for these off-label uses.

Doctors "should have the ability to receive credible scientific information from reputable sources in order to make informed treatment decisions," Mack wrote senators last week.

But FDA allies say fen/phen shows off-label drug promotion is dangerous, arguing that more Americans would be at risk for the heart damage had drug companies spurred even wider sales.

"Fen/phen is a prime example of the potential danger from off-label drug use," said Jim Manley, spokesman for Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who is leading opposition to Mack's bill. "Problems like this would only be amplified by passage of this amendment."

The bill "can most accurately be described as the killer fen/phen amendment," Dr. Sidney Wolfe of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen wrote senators.

Doctors learn about new uses for old drugs from medical meetings or scientific journals. Some new uses prove lifesaving — drug-makers, for example, knew aspirin could help prevent heart attacks before the FDA did — while others have killed. But the idea was that doctors are supposed to keep up with the latest science, not be swayed by a drug representatives.

Mack's bill, to be introduced later this week, is considered the most disputed element of a plan to revamp the FDA. It would let sales people hand doctors copies of studies from what are considered the best medical journals.

The companies would have to disclose whether they paid for the study, and provide a list of all related research so doctors could look up further information.

The FDA cites concerns:

—Time-pressed doctors are unlikely to read further studies to ensure the company didn't push only positive research. However, the bill would give the FDA 30 days to decide whether to force a company to balance its promotion with a full copy of a negative study about that drug.

—A study on, say, 20 patients might be published in a top journal, but be too small to catch side effects or prove how well the drug works in large-scale use.

—The bill would remove a company's incentive to do the more thorough research FDA demands for approval of the new use.

That worry is especially acute for children's drugs, says the American Academy of Pediatrics, which opposes letting companies offer off-label information that encourages using an adult drug on children. Only 20 percent of today's drugs have been adequately tested for a child's use, the academy said.

Miners' truck overturns, 17 killed

CHILPANCINGO, Mexico (AP) — Seventeen people were killed and four others were injured Monday when a truck carrying off-duty miners to a nearby town skidded on a rain-slicked rural road in southern Mexico.

Guerrero state Police Chief Francisco Vargas Najera said the truck's brakes apparently failed and it plunged down a 150-foot embankment early Monday afternoon.

Vargas said the workers were employed by the Nukay silver and zinc mine, located about 50 miles north of this state capital. They were on their way to the town of Zumpango.

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July 22, 1997

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On this day in 1982, the biggest mass wedding in history — 2,000 couples — was performed by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

On this day in 1991, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was arrested in Milwaukee.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gregor Mendel (1822-1884), geneticist-monk; Emma Lazarus (1849-1887), poet; Edward Hopper (1882-1967), painter; Alexander Calder (1898-1976), sculptor; Robert Dole (1923-), U.S. senator, is 74; Margaret Whiting (1924-), singer, is 73; George Clinton (1940-), musician, is 57; Albert Brooks (1947-), actor-director, is 50; Danny Glover (1947-), actor, is 50; Don Henley (1947-), musician, is 50; Willem Dafoe (1955-), actor, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, American Bob Richards won the gold medal in the pole vault at the Helsinki Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Would you be known by everybody? Then you know nobody." — Publilius Syrus

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1918, sheep huddled together in an open field in Utah were killed by a bolt of lightning.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 19) and last quarter (July 26).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Does home remedy for arthritis work?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been eating gin-soaked raisins for four years and have no arthritis pain. I believe that this works, and I object to your saying that it doesn't.

DEAR READER: Enough of this gin-and-raisins obsession. While I appreciate the testimonials I have received, there is no scientific evidence that this home remedy relieves the pain of arthritis.

Bear with me for a moment. I enjoy a glass of orange juice every morning with breakfast. I don't have arthritis. Is it fair to say that the juice prevents arthritis pain? I don't think so. But I can name a hundred people who will testify that they drink orange juice and don't have arthritis, so there must be something to this. Right?

Wrong. The two factors may be totally unrelated.

The only way to test this hypothesis is to take 200 people with arthritis, give half of them orange juice and the other half plain, flavored water, and then see if the juice group has less arthritis pain.

Here's the outcome I predict. Ten people in the water group will experience improvement (a placebo effect), while 20 people in the juice group will feel better.

OK. Subtracting the 10 percent placebo cures from each group leaves 10 juicers who may have been helped. Here is where the problems begin. Is 10 percent a significant number, or could it be the result of chance selection alone? In short, is the difference between the groups statistically valid? Maybe.

Or maybe not. Perhaps the juice group was younger, or used low-dose aspirin to prevent stroke, or were more (or less) active — or also ate gin-soaked raisins.

This kind of analysis is what drives scientists crazy and makes some medical studies so difficult to interpret. Suppose the 10 juicers who improved were later found, on reanalysis of the data, to be overweight. They loved their large breakfasts with orange juice and decided to sit at home and not exercise regularly during the study; hence, their pains diminished. Goodbye orange juice as a cure for arthritis.

This scenario is silly, isn't it? But it does document the tremendous pitfalls inherent in any study, and also shows that mere testimonials are not valid reasons to use or not to use a particular product.

Enjoy your gin-soaked raisins, but — as far as I'm concerned — the issue is closed... until someone does a controlled, scientific study of 200 arthritis patients who...

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman Is Close to Leaving Man Who's Grown Distant

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married for three years and love my husband dearly; however, I'm very close to leaving him. Why? Because I feel invisible. I'm a good wife and do everything within my power to make him happy, but when he comes home from work, he greets me with a "hi" — then he greets our three dogs with petting and words of love. This infuriates me! It's so painful I have to leave the room.

As of three months ago, my husband decided he sleeps better without me, so we've been sleeping apart. I know he works hard at his job, and it's important for him to get a good night's sleep, but that's no excuse for his behavior toward me. Our sex life has practically come to a halt. I expressed my feelings to him, only to be ignored. When I get affectionate with him, he pushes me away saying, "Not now, honey, I'm too tired."

Abby, I don't claim to be the perfect wife, but the house is always immaculate and the laundry is never piled up. I make hot meals daily and our pets are well-groomed and cared for. I am not drop-dead gorgeous, but I get my share of looks and remarks. I will not seek what I need from other men, but I won't spend the rest of my life in a marriage that consists of domestic duties and nothing more.

My husband never misses your column. Hopefully, he'll see my letter, realize how hurt I am, and change his ways. Sign me ...

DESPERATE FOR ADVICE
IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR DESPERATE: For the sake of your marriage, it is imperative that you find out exactly what happened three months ago that changed the dynamics of your relationship with your husband. He is behaving like a selfish, insensitive clod. Before you walk out, tell him how you feel and offer him the option of marriage counseling.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Law enforcement officers and their actions have been and always will be targets for criticism, skepticism and controversy. Two of the most newsworthy topics involving law officers are the use of physical force and deadly force on criminals. It is easy for the general public or the media to second-guess what was right or wrong. They have hours or days to do it — while an officer has only seconds. The stakes are high on the street. Hesitation or a wrong decision may very well cost an officer his/her life. This brings me to a recent letter you published:

"Wayne in Santa Rosa, Calif." said he thinks cops should carry tranquilizer guns instead of firearms. Well, Wayne, in our "Wild Kingdom," the animals — a.k.a. carjackers, armed robbers and drug dealers — carry guns. *Real* guns. And they do not hesitate to use them on innocent people, as well as on cops. The animals you see on "Wild Kingdom" are potentially dangerous because they are instinctively trying to protect their lives or the lives of their offspring. The "animals" we deal with are predators — preying on innocent, honest citizens, and they are dangerous because they choose to be.

Abby, it's obvious that Wayne is ignorant of how violent these people can be, and how quickly a situation can turn on an officer in any given situation. I can only suggest that he get a job in law enforcement, because I'm sure his outlook on tranquilizer guns would change.

Law enforcement can always use good advice on how to improve. Most of us and our bosses welcome good advice. But tranquilizer guns? I'm 30 years old, have been a cop for eight years, and I thought I'd heard it all.

CPL. DONALD PALLISER, ST.
TAMMANY PARISH SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, COVINGTON, LA.

DEAR CPL. PALLISER: Be patient. By the time you're ready to hang up your firearm, you'll have heard more.

* * *

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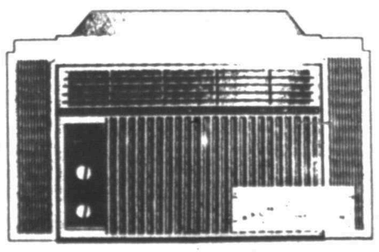
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Canadian fishermen end ferry blockade

PRINCE RUPERT, British Columbia (AP) — To some Canadian fishermen, the end of a blockade of an Alaska ferry is just the beginning of a fight for a fair haul of the millions of Pacific salmon roaming between Alaska and Canada.

A wall of fishing boats that had ringed the ferry Malaspina at its Prince Rupert dock for two days — holding up hundreds of passengers bound for Alaska — broke up late Monday.

The British Columbia fishermen moved off after being assured their federal government would try to settle a dispute over the salmon netted by oceangoing U.S. boats as the fish swim to spawning streams inside Canada.

"The people who did this did it out of desperation because their fish, their livelihood, is being stolen by our neighbors to the north," said John Cummins, a fisherman and member of the federal parliament from the Vancouver suburb of Delta.

With three long blasts of its horn, the Malaspina pulled away with 135 passengers and 88 vehicles under a steady rain and quickly vanished in dense fog.

It arrived in Ketchikan, Alaska, about four hours later, where passengers and crew were told to rest aboard the ferry, said Brenda Markey, a port services manager with the Alaska Marine Highway System at Juneau.

"They were not going to offload," Markey said. "The vessel will have to be cleaned and reprovisioned. We'll know later on if it will be able to get on with its schedule."

The ferry was surrounded Saturday morning and as many as 300 vessels joined in at the height of the protest, which was ordered disbanded by a court injunction won by Alaska attorneys.

The last of the boats pulled out after local fishing leaders met with Canadian Fisheries Minister David Anderson, who said pressure would be stepped up on the United States to reopen negotiations over a 1985 treaty on Pacific salmon.

Forum notes pros, cons of CHS

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"These kinds of renovations are going to cost more money. It's got to come from taxpayers, some generous person — another Mr. Cogdell, perhaps — or...Community Health Systems.

He stressed that local physicians have agreed to work with the the present system or with Community Health Systems, a comment which drew applause from the audience.

"I feel comfortable with either choice; where I feel uncomfortable, is with the amount of money available," said Nussey.

"The money has to come from somewhere, and I don't see it (coming from taxpayers) and that's why the lease seems good to me."

Nussey said he was particularly pleased with CHS' efforts in recruiting physicians — which he said Snyder needs.

"I am tired of people calling me, and I don't have any openings to help them. We need more primary-care physicians here."

He noted that he came to Snyder six years ago, and was the last primary care physician to be recruited here.

"I have come from being abundantly opposed to the idea (of leasing the hospital) to being receptive to the idea," he said.

Nussey also stressed that Cogdell is "not in a cash crisis. The hospital is not about to close. We are anticipating a problem, not responding to a crisis."

Others speaking were Laurie Stark, RN, Dr. Bid Cooper and commissioners Jerry Gannaway and Ralph Trevey.

Members of the audience asked a number of questions, but most prominent was the issue of the lease itself. Community Health Systems has offered an $8 million up-front payment, plus $3 million in improvements over the first four years, in exchange for a 30-year lease. However, a contract has not been finalized.

Some in attendance said they are uncomfortable voting for a lease which they know little about.

"What you are voting for is to give commissioners court the authority to negotiate the lease," said Gannaway.

"If we can't reach an agreement that is in the best interest, the absolute best interest of the citizens of this county, then we won't approve it," added Trevey.

Asbestos monitoring firm hired

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or costly.

"Probably two or three days, and $4,000 to $8,000," said Fritz.

Commissioner Jerry Gannaway said he was surprised by what he read in the 1996 report and Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer asked if the court had been informed of the report in 1996.

Fritz said they had not, and that the first he knew of any problem was when he got a report from Veritech last Thursday. The company had conducted a survey at the hospital at the request of Community Health Systems which is proposing to lease the hospital.

"I thought I read in the paper that the asbestos problem was no big deal," said Gannaway. "This report in 1996 said it required immediate attention and presents a health hazard."

Ralph Trevey, Precinct 1 commissioner, said the fact there has been no apparent follow-up on the report concerns him greatly.

"If they are not going to do their job to take care of it, we have to. Apparently the hospital is not going to take care of it. We'll (the county) do it ourselves," he said.

Trevey later made a motion to hire King Consultants.

"We have to do what is necessary to take the liability issue off of the county and the hospital," added Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom.

Fritz presided at the meeting, which began at 10 a.m. and included more than two hours in executive session discussing the possible lease of the hospital.

All the commissioners were in attendance.

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Obituaries

Dildy Smith

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1906-1997

Dildy Dean Smith, a long-time farmer and rancher in the Dunn area, died at 9:35 a.m. Monday, July 21, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Smith, 90, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Roy Rosson, minister of the Dunn Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Born Sept. 14, 1906 in Nashville, Ark., he moved to Scurry County in a covered wagon in 1907 at the age of 18 months. Mr. Smith married Opal Rachel Murdock on Sept. 15, 1965 in Carlsbad, N.M. She died in 1995.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Dunn Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Katrina Wemken of Dunn; two step daughters, Jeanie Jackson of Snyder and LaNell Fitzgerald of Dunn; a step son, Hadden Jones of Andrews; two brothers, Graham Smith of Dunn and Olton Smith of Morenci, Ariz.; a half sister, Rellie Hammond of Ralls; five grandchildren, W.D. Wemken, Forrest Wemken, Willie Wemken, Dorman Wemken and Sherrill Wemken.

Derald Lambert

1929-1997

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Derald Lambert, 68, who died this morning at his home on West 37th Street.

Peace Justice Charlie Reynolds pronounced Mr. Lambert dead of natural causes about 8:30 a.m.

A long-time resident of Scurry County, Mr. Lambert was a long-time drilling superintendent for The Monsanto Co., and he retired from the company as production foreman. He later worked for BHP.

Mr. Lambert came to Snyder from Arkansas in 1954 with Lion Oil Co. He moved to Midland in 1963 and returned to Snyder in 1969.

Born April 14, 1929 in Norphlet, Ark., he married Elouise Carroum on Dec. 1, 1950 in Smackover, Ark. He was a 1951 graduate of the University of Arkansas.

A member and deacon of the First Baptist Church, he was active in the Church Builders Association and a member the Renegade Sunday School Class.

He was preceded in death by one son, Derald Mark Lambert, on Aug. 11, 1972.

Survivors include his wife, Elouise of the home; a daughter, Karen Pinkerton of Snyder; two sons, Tod Lambert of Brentwood, Tenn. and Jeff Lambert of Conroe; his mother, Pauline Chambers of Smackover; a brother, Donald Lambert of Smackover; and 10 grandchildren.

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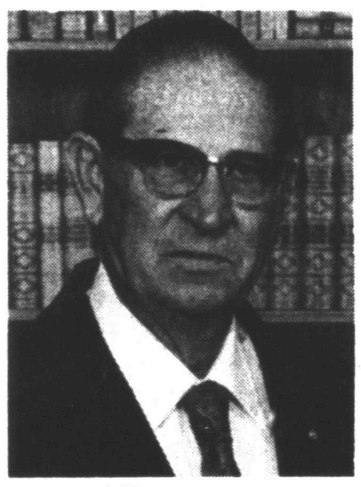

Charles Scott

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1917-1997

Funeral service for Charles Lee Scott is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Glen Cove Cemetery in Coleman County. The Rev. Paul Smith, pastor of Coleman Community Baptist Church, will officiate.

Mr. Scott, 80, died Sunday, July 20, in Abilene Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born April 3, 1917 in White Chapel, he married Wilma Laws on Oct. 31, 1941 in Coleman. Mr. Scott was a World War II Army veteran, serving from November of 1940 until August, 1945.

Mr. Scott moved to Snyder in 1971 and was a retired project engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was a a member of Victory Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Wilma Scott of Snyder; one daughter, Charlene Gilliam of Houston; three sons, Gary Scott of Snyder, Russell Scott of Houston and Wade Scott of North Richland Hills; one sister, Nelda Scott of Wichita Falls; a brother, Loys F. Scott of Greenville; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

What's Up?

Annual watermelon spitting

Scurry County Library will hold its annual watermelon seed spitting contest for children Pre-K through the 6th grade at 10 a.m. Wednesday. A dress-up contest will be held and games will be played. Door prizes will be given.

Board of County Development

Scurry Board of County Development will consider the 1998 budget, funding a sprinkler system at Winston Field airport and hear a presentation on the distance learning program at Western Texas College in a meeting set for noon Wednesday in the Development Corporation of Snyder board room.

Reception set for ex-AFS student

Martine Strubbe of Belgium, an AFS student who lived with the D.V. Merritt family in 1965-1966, will visit in Snyder this week. A reception for her and her family is planned from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch Rusty Spur Cafe. Friends and former classmates are invited. For more information call 573-5301.

Vacation Bible School

Hermleigh Central Baptist
This week through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, grades K-5. Call Alan Lee, 863-2305, for information.

Calvary Baptist Church
Bible Camp Day on Thursday for 4-6th grade from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is $5 for lunch and a game of bowling. Theme is "In Living Color." For information on transportation or the camps call 573-2191 or 573-2950.

37th St. Church of Christ
July 28-30, 7 o'clock nightly, all ages, including adults. "Take a Ride Through the Bible With Us" is the theme. Call 573-0143 to enroll.

Reception to honor Hickman

A reception in honor of Gay Hickman, vice president for finance at Western Texas College, will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. next Tuesday in the WTC board room. Hickman has resigned to accept a similar position with Midland College.

Snyder Bowhunters raffle

Snyder Bowhunters are holding a raffle for a new 4-wheel drive Honda four-wheeler to be given away Aug. 3. Tickets are $10 each. To purchase tickets, contact Steve Hand at (915) 556-3313 or 573-0257; Dale Putnam at (915) 634-9589 or 572-2420; or Woody Wooddell at 573-8566.

Lord's Acre garage sale

First United Methodist Church will hold a Lord's Acre garage sale at 1712 27th St. on Aug. 2, beginning at 8 a.m. Funds will benefit the youth.

Church building fund

Garage sale items are being accepted by the Lighthouse Assembly of God for their church building fund. Call 573-5124 for more information.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-8-5
(six, eight, five)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 18-25-29-34-38.
Number matching five of five: none.
Matching four of five: 287. Prize: $1,125.
Matching three of five: 10,238. Prize: $32.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Car theft, possible suicide attempt worked by officers

Just after midnight this morning, dispatchers received a 911 call from a woman who said a relative had slashed his wrist and was passed out on the front porch in the 2200 block of Gilmore.

The 20-year-old male was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where he was admitted. Hospital officials declined to provide a condition report, citing patient confidentiality.

Police filed a report for attempted suicide.

At 5:59 a.m. today, Gary McWilliams reported that a 1995 white Ford F250 extended cab pickup was stolen from 121 34th Street.

At 6:25 p.m. Monday, Pauline Alaniz requested to speak to a deputy at 1489 Ave. Q in reference to a stereo and a puppy missing from her son's residence. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

Roy Rosson requested police at 4507 El Paso at 9:40 a.m. in reference to tires being slashed on his vehicle. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

Reports for Class B theft and Class C theft were taken after Sue Bogard contacted police at 1:38 p.m. in reference to a problem at Video I.

Police were contacted at 7:15 p.m. by Evalia Ortegon, who reported a possible forgery. A report for forgery was filed.

A Cogdell employee requested an officer at 8:24 p.m. Monday in reference to an assault victim. The subject at first told officers he did not wish to file charges, then at 9:14 p.m. said he might. He was advised to come to the police department today if he wishes to file charges.

The subject was admitted and is in fair condition this morning.

Michael Carrisalez contacted police at 10:49 p.m. Monday in reference to some family members damaging some property at 4400 Ave. U. Reports for Class B criminal mischief were filed and the subjects were served with criminal trespass warnings.

Police arrested a 14-year-old male in the 900 block of 27th Street at 1:35 a.m. today for probation violation. He was later released to his mother.

Nina Soto Lara, 27, of 1200 19th Street was treated at Cogdell emergency room for minor injuries and released following an accident at 2:43 p.m. Monday at 1900 Ave. R. She was the driver of a 1994 Chevrolet pickup which was involved in an accident with a 1993 Dodge driven by Virginia Canales Barbosa of 1209 13th St.

At 3:23 p.m. Monday, officers investigated an accident in the 2300 block of 29th Street. Involved was a 1995 Ford Escort driven by Samantha Dawn Keller of 2707 Ave. W which struck a parked, unoccupied 1995 Ford pickup owned by B&F Well Servicing.

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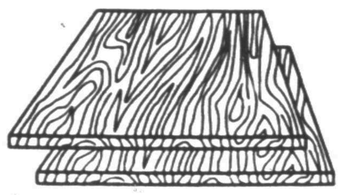

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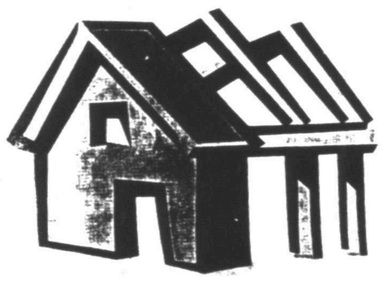

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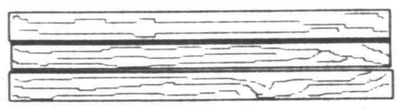

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