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Home Of Steve Whittenburg

Golf program also axed...

WTC basketball program benched

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

Western Texas College's women's basketball and men's golf programs became another fatality of a declining oil economy Monday night as trustees voted 4-2 to eliminate the two sports.

The decision did not come easy and followed several years of struggling financially to keep the programs alive.

Board President Dr. Jay Kidd said, in the end, the decision was a financial one.

"I hope everyone understands this is not a reflection on the coaches or on the players. That is not the issue. The issue is we ran out of money. I don't care if they had not won a game, we just flat ran out of money."

Trustees Carolyn Barbee and R.C. Patton cast the two dissenting votes.

"I voted with my heart and not my head," Barbee said. "I've just always supported the programs. I think it adds to the campus."

She said she realizes the financial aspect, but could not look into the faces of the basketball players who were present and bring herself to vote in favor of killing the athletic programs.

"I realize that the economic cost of the program couldn't be justified, but I also realize the impact that those 40-plus students have on our college. They are all goodwill ambassadors, both on and off the court and in and outside the community. I think we would have a hard time putting a price on their value to the school. I feel that they will definitely be missed."



Valery Jackson

Barbee also praised Coach Valery Jackson's efforts.

"I do feel that she has done an excellent job in light of the lack of financial support and the tight budget that she had to work under," she said. "This is the second hardest decision I've had to make as a board member, the first being to do away with the men's program."

WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek commented after the meeting, "That is certainly the most difficult board meeting I've ever attended. Some critical decisions were made. I think we all regret the necessity of the choices that had to be made."

Dr. Krenek said the golfers and basketball players would be provided scholarships next year on the same level they are receiving them now. For instance, if the players are on a full scholarship now, they would be provided that next year.

"They would not lose their scholarship. There would not be a program, but they would have scholarships on the current level."

The elimination of the two programs also eliminates the need for an athletic director. Therefore, the board voted not to renew Milton Ham's contract, who serves as athletic director and golf coach.

The current athletic budget for golf and basketball totals $243,694.

Broken down, the women's basketball budget is $106,707 and the golf budget is $64,239. The general athletic expense budget, which includes the athletic secretary's salary, games expenses and miscellaneous supplies and medical expenses, totals $24,641.

In addition, 50 percent, or $21,678, of Ham's salary and 20 percent, or $7,329, of Jackson's salary comes from the Health and Physical Education budget. Tuition and fees scholarships for golf and basketball totals $19,100.

The decision to cut the two programs will trim almost $250,000 out of the college's budget, but does not solve its financial dilemma.

Dr. Krenek presented the board with a balance sheet for the 2000-2001 budget that outlines projected revenue, projected budget additions and reductions.

The current year budget totals $7.4 million. Proposed additions to the existing budget for the 2000-2001 year include $270,000 for a salary increases and miscellaneous program costs.

The proposed salary raise is for all fulltime college employees and is similar to the one given this year — two percent across the board plus $500. The salary increase would cost $120,000.

Other proposed additions include $20,000 in expenses related to the EMS program, $50,000 as a golf course operations supplement, $50,000 for the creation of a Network Technician program and $30,000 for a half-year budget for the early child-care program.

In addition, the college will also need to find and cut $250,000 out of the budget in order to avoid going to reserves.

"Last year, in order to balance the budget, the board took $250,000 out of the reserves account and brought it forward into the current budget," Vice President Bettie McQueen said. "In order to make next years' budget, we will either have to take $250,000 out of reserves again or remove $250,000 from our expenses."

Dr. Krenek said new revenue in the form of state funding is projected to be about $72,000. He said it is anticipated that local mineral values will increase, but agriculture values will decrease. This would level out the amount of local tax dollars the college receives.

Proposed budget reductions include the elimination of the truck-driving program, that never got underway. This would cut $50,000. However, it is more of a trade-off with the proposed creation of a Network Technician program, which also would have a start-up cost of $50,000.



Milton Ham

The college is also anticipating a reduction in the salary of the Learning Resource Center director.

The board approved the resignation of LRC director L.V. Anderson. The administration anticipates a reduction of about $15,000 in salary costs with the hiring of a new director.

Crunching those figures — $72,000 in anticipated new revenue, $65,000 in anticipated reductions, $270,000 in additions and the $250,000 reserve replacement — still leaves a net amount of $383,000 needed to balance the budget.

The elimination of the athletic programs takes $243,694 off the deficit, but still leaves the dilemma of trimming another $139,306.

"This is a snapshot of the budget we see falling in place," Dr. Krenek said.

Those figures do not include an area of staff identified "critical needs" that totals some $155,000.

Adding the critical needs expenses, the deficit jumps up to $294,806.

All of these appropriations are proposed and would require board action for approval.

"The list is optional," Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services, said. "The salary increase, the list of critical needs, do not have to be done. This is just what we are looking at if we do everything on the list."

At one point in the meeting, Dr. Krenek proposed the option of eliminating the position of vice president and combine the duties with those of the president.

"Mrs. McQueen would assume that role and I would do something else, perhaps retire," Dr. Krenek said.

In response, McQueen said, "The reason the institution has made the advances it has has been because of his leadership, for him to step away would be counter-productive."



GETTING READY — Central Elementary School celebrated its 50th anniversary this morning with a special program. Fifty students, the top AR readers for the fall semester, each wore a star representing a different year. Teachers June Holcomb, kneeling, and Betty Thompson, and Jim Rosson, principal, are pictured helping Shaquita Sneed, Jaclyn DeLeon, Amy Fogleman and Dominic Cabrera, from left, get ready for the parade of years. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

City leases 'the lot'

The barricades on the city-owned lot at 37th St. and College Avenue will come down as soon as a lease contract is signed by the city and the owner of the adjacent business, the White Buffalo Café.

This action follows a split vote by the council Monday night to lease the lot for $110 a month to Joseph Shlezinger, the owner of the café.

The lot has been in the spotlight since the city erected barricades and laid down railroad ties to prevent parking on it by café patrons.

City officials cited liability issues for the action as there is a monitoring well on the premises for tracking underground petroleum products that have leaked from gasoline storage tanks over the years.

Councilman James Ashley opposed the leasing of the lot and his motion to deny the lease failed because of a lack of a second.

"By leasing the lot, we, and all other taxing entities lose property taxes of around $540 a year," said Ashley. "This leaves only $850. Take away attorney's fees of over $500 and we're down to $200 a year for the lot."

"I think we're cheating the residents of Snyder," said Ashley.

"Cheating? That's a pretty strong word," said Mayor Dayton Robertson.

"Well, we don't provide any other local business a free lot," said Ashley, who sells restaurant supplies. "A minimum of a $100...that's not fair to other businesses."

Councilman Jerry Webb said anyone could have bid on the lot.

"It was an open deal. Anyone could have submitted a bid," said Webb.

Councilman James Jenkins said he questioned why the lot became so controversial all of a sudden after the White Buffalo Café opened.

"It was the hottest thing in town," said Robertson. "It was on the front page of the paper and the subject of letters to the editor."

"I know. I got phone calls from several businesses in town telling me of lots they wanted the city to buy for them," said Ashley.

Councilman Terry Martin said with the possibility of 11 recovery wells being drilled on the property, he did not feel anyone would want to buy the lot at the present time.

"Maybe we can sell it later," said Martin.

The lot has been appraised at $25,000, but no one submitted a bid when the city offered to sell it for $20,000 earlier.

"There is a 90-day cancellation on the lease contract," said Martin. "We are not locked out of selling the property."

Ashley and Jenkins voted against leasing the property, while Martin, Webb, I.E. Martin and Vernest Tippens voted to accept the bid on the lease.

In other action items, the council approved the purchase of several different chemicals for the water treatment plant, approved the purchase of 110 sanitation boxes for $35,200, and rejected all bids for supplies to construct a metal building for servicing equipment at the landfill.

The council is expected to look at a turn-key bid on the building at a later date.

Also, the council approved an engineering service contract for constructing a filter-to-waste system at the water treatment plant for no more than $1,500, and renewed the contract with Scurry County for collecting ad valorem taxes for .3 of one percent of all taxes collected, or for about $2,400 yearly.

The council also approved the second reading of an ordinance requested by TXU Electric which provides conditions under which rate schedules may be changed, and took no action on a request by Wagon Wheel Ranch to voluntarily pay the city's occupancy tax.

City Attorney Dana Cooley said the city had no jurisdiction over the collection of taxes from businesses located outside the city limits.

The council also met for some 20 minutes in closed session to begin the annual evaluation of City Manager John Gayle. This process is expected to be concluded in May.

Snyder ISD trustees to meet tonight

Personnel items will dominate this evening's Snyder ISD meeting as teacher contracts will be considered for one-year extensions.

Three resignations will also be considered as SHS band director Walter Reneau, SHS coach and math teacher Brit Barnes and SJHS coach and science teacher Don Caldwell have all submitted resignations to the district.

Trustees will also consider the school calendar for 2000-2001, and ratify the local textbook committee recommendations for literature, reading and science textbooks.

The board will also consider request from the Snyder Boys and Girls Club to relinquish a tax lien on property adjacent to the club in order to expand the athletic field, and consider voting for trustees for the Region XIV Service Center.

Francene Noah is a candidate for Place 1 on the board serving Scurry and Mitchell Counties.

The board will also hear a report from Dr. Melissa Jones concerning the visit last week of a Texas Education Agency monitoring team for special education.

The meeting is at 6 p.m. in the board room.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "We may get a computer at home, so we can blame it when something goes wrong."

Murphy's Law has been around a long time: If things can go wrong, they will.

There are other laws as well. Laws such as Fingle, Fyfe, Etorre and Montgomery. They are just some of the truths that impact our lives.

—In any collection of data, the figure most obviously correct, beyond all need of checking, is the mistake. Finagle's Third Law.

—Once a job is fouled up, anything done to improve it will only make it worse. Finagle's Fourth Law.

—Chicken Little only has to be right once. Firestone's Law of Forecasting.

—Information necessitating a change of design will be conveyed to the designer after, and only after, the design is complete. Fyfe's First Law of Revision.

—It is usually impractical to worry before hand about interferences. If you have none, someone will make one for you. Fyfe's Third Law of Revision.

—The other line moves faster. Etorre's Observation.

Here are some others from a variety of "scholars."

—If an experiment works, something has gone wrong.

—Two is not equal to three – not even for very large values of two.

—Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.

—The chance of the bread falling with the butter side down is directly proportional to the value of the carpet.

—After the last of 16 mounting screws has been removed from an access cover, it will be discovered that the wrong cover has been removed.

—No amount of genius can overcome a preoccupation with detail.

—If the facts do not conform to the theory, they must be disposed of.

—Logic is a systematic method of coming to the wrong conclusion with confidence.

—The shortest distance between two points is under construction.

—It works better if you plug it in.

—The most delicate component will be dropped.

—Murphy was not an optimist.

—Variables won't, constants aren't.

—If you need four screws for the job, the first three are easy to find.

—Progress is made on alternate Fridays.

—Government expands to absorb revenue and then some.

—If you want something fouled up, let your brother-in-law do it.

ASK US

Q—Is there a Web site that tracks commerical airline flights?

A—At www.thetrip.com, you can track airplanes in flight.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 78 degrees; low, 43; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 62 degrees; no precipitation; total for 2000, 1.83 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, breezy; low, near 40; W wind 15-25 mph, gusty; Wednesday, sunny, high around 70. W wind 10-20 mph.



John Johnson
Sunny

Sunset:
6:47 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:02 a.m.

Of 66 days in 2000, the sun has shone 65 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Anyone who dares to waste one hour of life has not discovered the value of life.

—Charles Darwin

Survivors want U.S. to start compensation talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Korean survivors of an alleged mass killing by American soldiers have hired a Holocaust compensation expert to help press their demands for payment and an apology from the U.S. government.

In a Washington news conference Monday, survivors and their newly hired American lawyers said they believed the U.S. Army probe into the 1950 killings in the Korean village of No Gun Ri is going too slowly — and that they fear it may whitewash the incident.

Lawyer Robert Swift, who has helped negotiate compensation for victims of the Nazi Holocaust called on President Clinton to appoint someone to begin negotiating with survivors and their lawyers to confirm the facts of the case and negotiate compensation and an apology.

"This is not a complicated situation," said Swift.

"We know who did the shooting, and we known who was killed ... and we also know that these were unarmed civilians," he said, arguing the alleged massacre is as clear-cut a human rights case as Holocaust-era wrongs that the United States has been urging Germany, Switzerland, Austria and others to own up to.

"I think it's one thing for the United States to lecture Europeans on how to resolve Holocaust issues and another for it to step up and say it wants to resolve its own problems," said Swift.

The Associated Press reported in September that a dozen U.S. veterans said their regiment's 2nd Battalion killed a large number of civilians at No Gun Ri in July 1950, during the early days of the Korean War.

Survivors say 400 were killed, including many cowering under a railroad bridge.

They had been telling their story for years, but their accounts had been dismissed by officials in Washington and in Seoul. After the AP report, however, both the U.S. and South Korean governments began investigations.

The Army said last fall that its investigation could take a year, but officials have said since that they are hoping it might be completed by June, when Seoul and Washington plan special ceremonies to mark the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War on June 25.

"We're moving as fast as we can but don't know if we can be done by June," Army spokesman Maj. Thomas Collins said Monday, adding that the integrity of the investigation "is paramount."

The Army was ordered by Secretary of Defense William Cohen to do a "full and comprehensive determination of what happened," Collin said.

"This is an extremely complex issue and one that is going to take time," he said.

Survivors said they feel that five months after the investigators started, investigators still haven't spent much time collecting their side of the story.

"American soldiers committed a cruel massacre in South Korea," Chung Eun-yong said through a translator, recounting how he lost five family members, including a 2-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son.

He said investigators so far have only spent about 2 hours in two separate meetings with survivors, never giving them "sufficient time to explain all the things we wanted to."

On the Net: http://saig-web3.ignet.army.mil/nogunri/index.htm

Three NYC officers convicted in one torture incident

NEW YORK (AP) — Three white officers wept and cursed in disbelief after a racially mixed jury found them guilty of trying to cover up the sodomy torture of a Haitian immigrant in a police precinct bathroom.

Ex-patrolman Charles Schwarz, 34, and officers Thomas Wiese, 36, and Thomas Bruder, 33, were convicted Monday of trying to conceal Schwarz's role in the 1997 attack on Abner Louima. A jury had found Schwarz guilty last year of holding down the handcuffed Louima while another officer, Justin Volpe, sodomized him with a broken broom stick.

The three defendants face up to five years in prison for obstruction of justice. Schwarz also is awaiting a possible life sentence in the assault case and is being held in federal custody. No sentencing date was set.

As he was led out of the courtroom, Schwarz could be heard loudly cursing and screaming. His lawyer, Ronald Fischetti, said he has requested a 24-hour suicide watch for Schwarz.

Wiese and Bruder, who are free on $100,000 bail, both wept. "You tell the truth and this is what happens," Bruder said.

The verdict only a few days after four white police officers were acquitted of all charges in the 1999 shooting death of a Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant.

The outcome of that trial, which was moved to Albany due to pretrial publicity, sparked angry protests in New York City and further heightened tensions between minorities and police.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

There is a strong likelihood in the year ahead that conditions will take a turn for the better in ways that could enhance your financial situation. You'll make hay while the Sun shines.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) To your surprise, something constructive will be done today concerning an old obligation that is owed you. The debtor will work with you to find a way to repay you. Pisces, 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It should not come as any surprise to you if you are approached to take a leadership role in a group in which you're involved. They have faith in you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could feel that you have some extra reserve upon which to draw today that others lack, and you'd be right. You may even relish a little competition to prove yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Experience is the best teacher and, in your instance, this will surely be true. You'll show the world that you're not likely to repeat old mistakes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your adversaries could be in for a rude awakening today should they attempt to push or shove you around. They won't be prepared for how much they underrated you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though you're quite capable of making a hard bargain, should you feel the need to do so, chances are that the course you'll follow today will be one that assures parity for all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Offer your services today on a purely businesslike basis. Don't give any cause for those who solicit your skills to think you're going to give them a freebie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) People you encounter today, especially in a social setting, will be highly attracted to you. Chances are it will be members of the opposite gender who display this the most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Instead of wasting your time with those who don't appreciate the real you, share your day with those who truly love you and want to be with you. Time is too precious to squander.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Business and pleasure should mix well today if you put enjoyment first and cutting a deal second. Everything will happen naturally when everyone is in a relaxed mood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is an excellent day for getting involved in something that could make or save you money. Your financial aspects are very encouraging, so give these types of projects maximum attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Lay all your cards out on the table today without hesitation. Associates will appreciate you all the more for your candor and knowing where you stand.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Triple "L" Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

Canycn Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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 appointment, call 573-9742.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank Community Room; cost $30, no reservations necessary, for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.



HUMMINGBIRD FACTS — Bebe Boren, member of the Snyder Garden Club, gave information about the tiny, brightly colored bird that comes to this area during the spring and remains until fall. She gave a list of plants that hummingbirds feed on and other ways to attract them to the garden. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Finders keepers? maybe not

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Finders keepers, right? What if the finder is a cop?

Police officers should be allowed to keep whatever they find while on duty as a reward for putting their "lives on the line," attorney D.C. Nokes Jr. said Monday.

Nokes said Conemaugh Township Officer William Richards should be able to keep $20,000 in $1,000 bills that he found in the snow while questioning a motorist on Feb. 15, 1996.

"I don't think Richards should be out 20,000 bucks because he is a police officer. Lost property should go to the finder," Nokes told the state Supreme Court.

The motorist, Michael Shreckengost, later claimed the money belonged to him. He said he accidentally threw it out of his truck along with beer cans as police approached to ask him why his vehicle was parked on the side of a road, facing the wrong direction.

Commonwealth Court ruled last year that the money should go to the state treasury instead of either Shreckengost or Richards. Both men appealed.

"What disturbs me is this is really an issue of public policy," Justice Stephen Zappala said. "Should there be a difference whether he's in or out of uniform?"

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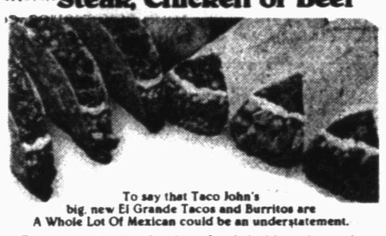
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North 03-07-00
♠ J 7 6 4
♥ Q
♦ A K
♣ A K 9 7 4 2

West
♠ A Q 2
♥ 9 8 7 4 2
♦ 10 6 5
♣ J 8

East
♠ K 10 9 8 5
♥ 10 6 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ Q 10

South
♠ 3
♥ A K J 5
♦ Q J 7 4 2
♣ 6 5 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

When the dummy appeared, Yvonne claimed 11 tricks: four hearts, five diamonds and two clubs. Eddie, the dummy, wondered what to do if neither opponent noticed the blocked suits and entry problems. He didn't need to worry, because both Judy and Roy were there. So, play had to continue.

After winning with dummy's heart queen, Yvonne cashed the ace-king of clubs, noting the lucky 2-2 split. (If they are 3-1, you should unblock the diamond honors, then exit with a club, hoping that the opponents cannot — or do not — take four spade tricks.) Then Yvonne cashed one top diamond before crossing to hand with a club for those three heart winners. Back to dummy with a diamond, Yvonne finished the clubs and had 12 tricks: four hearts, two diamonds and six clubs.

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The book, autographed on request, is available for $16 postpaid from Kantar at 2700 Nielson Way, #334, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

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Classic comedy from Kantar

Eddie Kantar has penned many humorous bridge articles. Now he has put his best together in one volume, "Classic Kantar" (Master Point Press).

Kantar often cleverly — and with apparent modesty — decries his own play. Yet at the same time he leaves the reader in no doubt that what he did was technically correct; he was just unlucky.

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Births

Sarah and Joseph Cutrona of Arlington, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Benning Cutrona, on Feb. 25 in Dallas Presbyterian Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, seven ounces.

Maternal grandparents are John and Martha Fagin and paternal grandparents are Joseph and Vera Cutrona of Wyomissing, Pa.

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Maine is the 23rd state.

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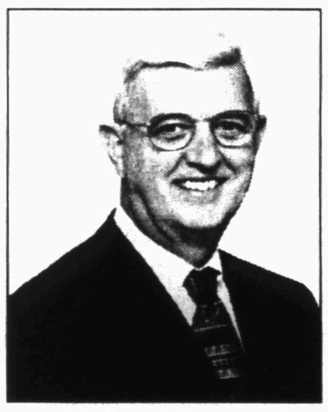
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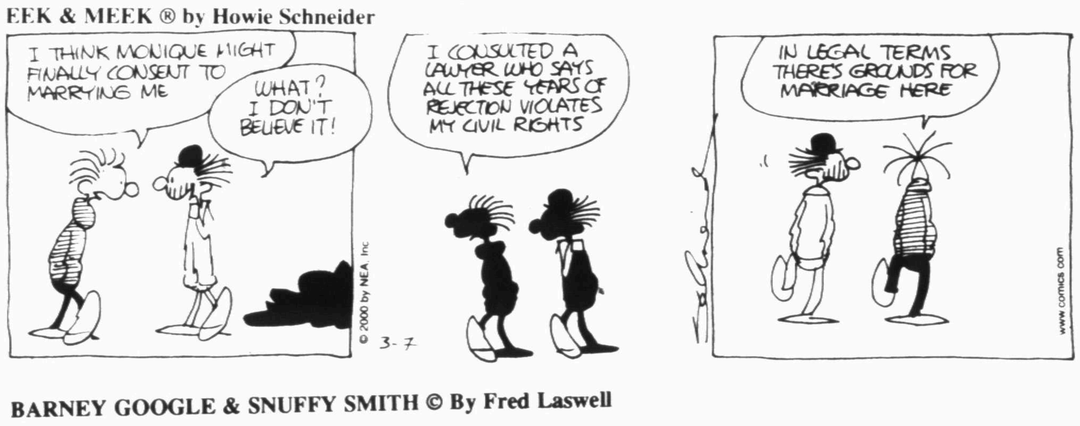
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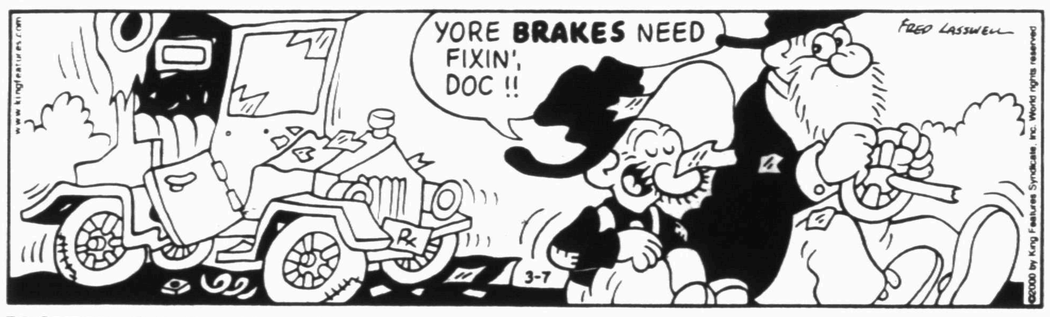
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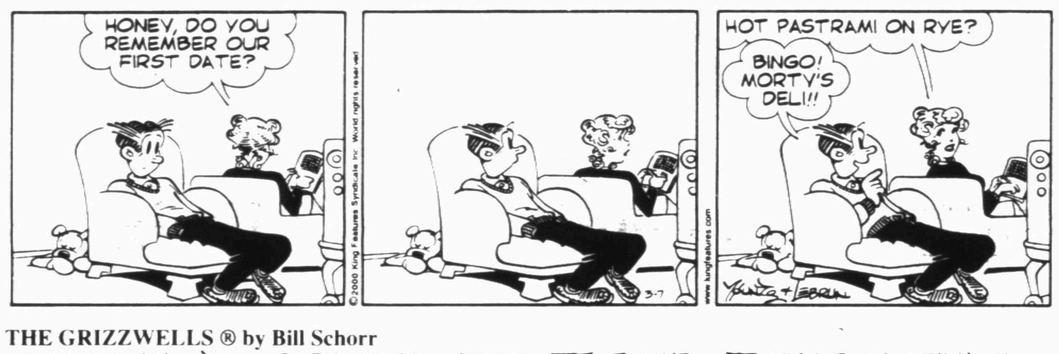


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ACROSS

1 Hit the ball
7 Violinist Stern
12 Trinket
13 — of London
14 Fold
15 Most ancient
16 Tear
17 Actress Merkel
18 "Hail, Caesar"
21 Uncanny
23 Actress Gardner
26 Guns an engine
28 Promontory
29 Wooden pin
30 Small wild ox
31 Abhor
33 Faiths
36 Outside (comb. form)
37 "My Name is Asher —"
38 Name for Athena
40 South African Dutch
41 ". . . — I saw Elba"
42 Paper measures
44 Atty.'s deg.
45 One (Scot.)
46 Mil. address
48 Part of a sonnet
51 Stringed instrument
55 Pressure
56 Ineffective
57 Meager
58 Snuggle

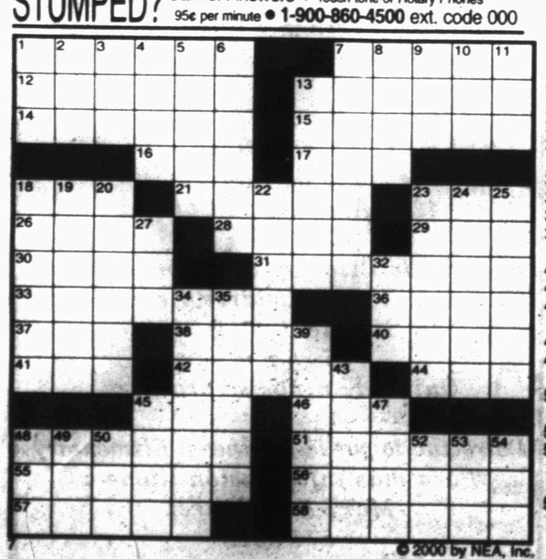
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1 UK media co.
2 Swiss river
3 Cal. box
4 Construction beam
5 Bovine name
6 Become more profound
7 Malady
8 Coke or Pepsi
9 "Yes, Captain!"
10 Commercials
11 Iowa hrs.
13 Actress Lasser
18 Suitable for farming
19 Facade
20 Unfold
22 African-Arabian waters (2 wds.)
23 At the tip
24 Chaste
25 Ancient
27 Capuchin monkey
32 Darling
34 Sincere
35 Armadas
39 Female warrior
43 Malice
45 Solar disk
47 Elevator inventor
48 Draft org.
49 And so on (abbr.)
50 Mrs. in Madrid
52 Sultry
53 Foreign-student's study (abbr.)
54 Female sandpiper

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Tigers outlast SA Central, 2-1

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

This one could have lasted all night.

Both teams struggled to manufacture runs, before Snyder finally broke a 1-1 deadlock when Duane Allred scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the eighth to give the Tigers a 2-1 victory Monday night over San Angelo Central at Moffett Field.

The Tigers, who improve to 5-3 on the year heading into Thursday's opening round of the Snyder tournament, failed to capitalize on several scoring opportunities, but kept the game close thanks to solid defense and the pitching of junior Ralph Ramon.

"We haven't hit the ball well this season with guys in scoring position," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "But we've been getting good pitching, and playing good defense. We made the plays when we had to."

After surrendering one run and two hits through the first two innings, Ramon gave up only two hits over the final six frames. The junior right-hander finished with seven strikeouts and only three walks.

Snyder trailed 1-0, before Sonny Cumbie singled to left to drive in Collin Jones in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Bobcats threatened in their half of the eighth, getting men to second and third on a pair of walks and a wild pitch.

But Allred killed the threat when he scooped up a ground ball and threw out Murray Carson to end the inning.

In the bottom of the stanza, Allred drew a one-out walk, and Matthew Grimmett slapped a single to left field.

The runners moved to second and third on a fielder's choice, and Allred charged home when the next pitch bounced wide of the plate.

The Tigers out hit the Bobcats, 7-4, but left eight men stranded.

Snyder's first missed opportunity came in the opening frame, when the Tigers' failed to score with the bases loaded.

Leadoff singles in the third and fourth innings were erased on double plays, and Josh Ward stood on second base with only one out in the sixth, only to see the next two Tigers retired.

Grimmett and Central's Jamie Burke knocked two singles apiece to lead their squads, with neither team registering a hit for extra bases.

The Tigers begin their defense of the Snyder tourney title Thursday at 2 p.m. when they take on Perryton.

A victory would put the Tigers back on the diamond Thursday night for a 7 o'clock match-up with Childress.

Central	ab	r	h	bi
Burke cf	3	0	2	0
Mohr ss	4	0	0	0
Wells 1b	3	0	0	0
Carson rf	4	0	0	0
Anderson 3b	2	1	0	0
Werner lf	3	0	1	0
Morgan c	3	0	1	1
Yancy 2b	3	0	0	0
Reed dh	2	0	0	0
Totals	**27**	**1**	**4**	**1**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ramon p	4	0	1	0
Jones lf	3	1	1	0
Cumbie c	3	0	1	1
Beck 1b	2	0	0	0
Hernandez 3b	2	0	0	0
Allred 3b	1	1	0	0
Grimmett cf	4	0	2	0
Ward ss	4	0	1	0
Gordon rf	2	0	0	0
Ortegon 2b	3	0	1	0
Totals	**28**	**2**	**7**	**1**

Central	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0—	1 4 0
Snyder	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1—	2 7 1

Two out when winning run scored.
DP - Central 2. LOB - Central 6, Snyder 6.

Central	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Owen	7 2/3	7	2	2	6	8
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Ramon	8	4	1	1	3	7

Lady Dusters' coach not surprised by vote

Western Texas College said goodbye to its basketball and golf programs Thursday night, when the college board voted, by a 4-2 margin, to drop the two sports.

While the decision sent ripples through the community, the outcome of the vote came as no surprise to WTC basketball coach Valery Jackson.



Jackson

"I'm not surprised. I knew coming into the season that there was a lot of pressure to have a decent year," said Jackson, who spent three seasons on the Lady Dusters' sideline. "We had a playoff-caliber team this year, but we were ravaged by injuries. I think if we wouldn't have had the injuries, we could have made the regional playoffs, and then this would be a whole different story."

The Lady Dusters, who posted only three winning seasons in the past 10 years, have struggled in conference play, due in part to recruiting limitations, according to Jackson.

"Howard College has a recruiting budget of almost $30,000, and Midland's and South Plains' are both over $25,000, compared to $13,000 for us," said Jackson. When you're competing to get the best players available, it all comes to down to your win-loss record at the time, and money.

"It's not that I didn't recruit the top players in the state. I did. They just didn't choose us."

Jackson, a USA Today All-American at Morton High School, did choose WTC for her first two years of college ball, playing on 1988-89 regional championship team that finished sixth in the nation.

But Jackson remembers how things were different, back then.

"The biggest difference between now and then is administrative support," the former Lady Duster remarked. "And I know part of that goes back to the win-loss record. But when you're trying to rebuild something, like we've been doing the last few years after things got so bad, it takes a little something extra from the administration to get a little something more in return from the program. But ever since I got here, I never got anything."

With the programs now killed, the next task for Jackson is finding a place for her sophomore and freshman players to continue their careers.

"My top priority is finding a place for my players to play, then I'll concentrate on myself," said Jackson. "And I'll be okay, I'll get another coaching job. But first I'll take care of my kids."

Frosh fall to Chiefs, 7-3

SAN ANGELO — Snyder got into the swing of things in the final two innings, but Lake View had already done its damage.

Snyder scored three runs in the final two frames, but fell to the Chiefs, 7-3, Monday in freshman baseball action.

Josh Gutierrez, Tyler Pollard, Chance Greenwood and Adrian Perez all slapped singles for the Tigers.

Billy Pena went the first four innings on the mound, surrendering six runs, with only two of them earned. Pena never walked a batter and struck out six.

Gutierrez pitched the final two innings, allowing one run and striking out two.

Snyder will be in action again Monday when it visits Rotan at 3 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Track volunteers needed

Snyder High School needs volunteers for Saturday's Canyon Reef Relays.

Anyone interested should contact Tommy Doyle at 574-6039.

Softball umps needed

Snyder Girls' Softball Association needs umpires for the upcoming fast-pitch softball season. No previous experience is necessary. Training and certification will be provided by the league.

For more information, call Dave or LaDonna Hanes at 573-3127.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Teen activities scheduled

The Smart Moves Spring Teen Basketball League, for ages 14-19 will be taking entries through Friday. Registration fee is $10 per player, and includes a new mesh jersey. The league will be limited to eight teams.

For more information on either event, call the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Softball tourney approaching

The Martinez Plumbing March Madness softball tournament will be Saturday and Sunday at Winston Field. Entry fee is $115 and registration deadline is Thursday.

USSSA rules will govern play, with unlimited home runs. Team trophies and T-shirts will be awarded.

For more information, call Joe Martinez at 573-6173, Ramon Valadez at 573-0855, or Johnny Pena at 721-6137.

Cincinnati tops poll again

(AP) — Cincinnati moved back to the top of the AP college basketball poll, the Bearcats' third stint at No. 1 this season.

Cincinnati (28-2) received 66 first-place votes and 1,743 points from the national media panel. Stanford, No. 1 the last two weeks, received two first-place votes and 1,634 points.

Duke moved up one to third, while Ohio State, which received the other two first-place votes, and Michigan State each moved up two spots to fourth and fifth.

Temple dropped one to sixth and Iowa State moved from No. 10 to seventh.

Tennessee moved up three spots to eighth, while Arizona fell from third to ninth. LSU moved up two to No. 10.

Florida led the Second Ten, followed by Syracuse, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Oklahoma State, Indiana, St. John's and Maryland.

Connecticut, Purdue, Miami, Kansas and Illinois completed the Top 25.

Auburn, 19th last week, dropped out.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Golf: WTC at Galveston tourney

Softball: Snyder JV and varsity at Lake View, 4 and 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity vs. Perryton, at Snyder tourney, 2 p.m.

Baseball: Snyder JV at Frenship tourney

FRIDAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Snyder tourney

Baseball: Snyder JV at Frenship tourney

Softball: Andrews at Snyder JV and varsity, 6 and 8 p.m.

Golf: Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational

Golf: Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational

SATURDAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Snyder tourney

Baseball: Snyder JV at Frenship tourney

Golf: Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational

Golf: Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational

JV golfers keep pace with strong competition

ANDREWS — Despite being the only junior varsity team in the field, the Snyder Lady Tigers wrapped up sixth place at the Midland Invitational.

Snyder carded rounds of 369 and 370, while Andrews won the event with a 337-321—658. Fort Stockton was second at 346-328—674.

Katie Kerley finished ninth in the individual standings to pace Snyder's five freshmen. Kerley fired an 82 at Greentree Country Club, before closing with an 87 at Hogan Park.

Kellie Dodson posted a 92-96—188, with Hailey Putnam registering a 97-91—188. Christan Curry tallied a 98-96—194, and Lauren Day came in with a 109-97—206.

Tigers' junior varsity mauls Merkel Badgers

MERKEL — After one inning of play, Snyder trailed by a run, but the Tigers soon rectified the problem.

Snyder scored 10 runs in the second inning Monday night to fuel a 14-5 rout of the Merkel Badgers in junior varsity action.

Shay Franks picked up the win for Snyder, with Patrick Vantine notching the save after coming on in the fourth.

The Tigers belted five hits for extra bases, including a solo home run by Franks in the top of the fifth.

Brooks Nunley, Stephen Ortegon, Riki Dorsett and Vantine all slapped doubles.

Snyder will be in action again Thursday at the Frenship tournament.

Snyder 14, Merkel 5

Snyder: Franks, home run and single; Nuniey and Vantine, double and single; Ortegon and Dorsett, double; Heaton, Doolittle, Conner and Boyd, single.

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New York	35	23	.603	1
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Orlando	28	32	.467	9
Boston	24	35	.407	12½
New Jersey	24	36	.400	13
Washington	18	42	.300	19
Central Division				
Indiana	40	19	.678	—
Toronto	34	25	.576	6
Charlotte	32	27	.542	8
Milwaukee	29	31	.483	11½
Detroit	28	30	.483	11½
Cleveland	25	34	.424	15
Atlanta	23	35	.397	16½
Chicago	12	46	.207	27½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	38	20	.655	—
San Antonio	38	22	.633	1
Minnesota	35	24	.593	3½
Denver	26	32	.448	12
Dallas	24	35	.407	14½
Houston	24	35	.407	14½
Vancouver	18	41	.305	20½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	50	11	.820	—
Portland	46	13	.780	3
Phoenix	38	21	.644	11
Seattle	36	25	.590	14
Sacramento	34	25	.576	15
Golden State	16	42	.276	32½
L.A. Clippers	12	48	.200	37½

Monday's Games

Orlando 87, Washington 85
Phoenix 100, Miami 92
Milwaukee 111, Atlanta 78
San Antonio 106, New Jersey 104
L.A. Lakers 123, L.A. Clippers 103
Sacramento 130, Dallas 109
Toronto 109, Portland 90

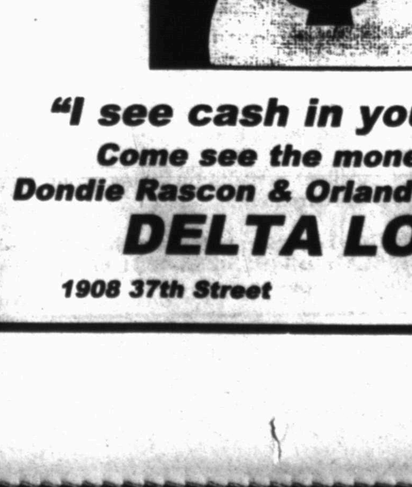
Tuesday's Games

Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
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Cleveland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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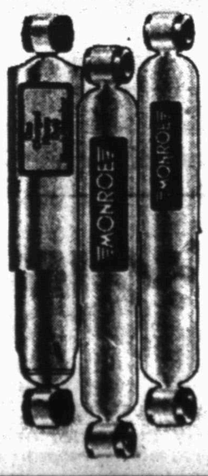
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Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Portland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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Checking ban advocated in youth hockey

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About 200,000 youngsters play hockey in the United States, and another 200,000 play in Canada, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. It recommended a ban on checking in all organized games with players under 15.

"We didn't feel like there was a different way to do checking or a safer way to do checking," said Dr. Steven Anderson, chairman of the AAP committee that issued the policy statement Monday.

He said the AAP suggested 15 because participation in youth sports starts to drop at that age and because children 13 to 15 have the most discrepancy in size.

Some coaches and hockey officials rejected the idea of a ban on blocking, bumping or ramming opponents. They say checking is part of the game and players need to start early to learn safe techniques for giving and taking checks.

"It's better to have the kids learn or be introduced to checking when the kids are 80 or 90 pounds as opposed to when they are 150 pounds and more mature," said Tim Hawkinson, director of Metro Hockey in St. Louis Park, Minn.

USA Hockey, which sets checking guidelines for most youth hockey leagues, prohibits checking before age 12.

"At that age, they are in a lesser position to be able to hurt each other," spokesman Chuck Menke said.

On The Net: American Academy of Pediatrics at http://www.aap.org
Ontario Hockey Federation's checking study: http://kin.lakeheadu.ca

Man enters plea

MIAMI (AP) — A U.S. immigration official accused of spying for the Cuban government pleaded innocent Monday to federal charges of communicating national defense secrets.

Mariano Faget, 54, a Cuban-born supervisor in the Miami office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, stood silently during the brief arraignment hearing.

"He is adamant that he is not guilty of these charges," said lawyer Diane Ward, standing in for Faget's lawyer. "He is adamant that he did not do anything to betray his country."

Faget was indicted Friday on charges he relayed U.S. secrets to a Cuban citizen and lied about contacts with Cuban government officials over a 14-month period.

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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	55 11-16	54⅛	54⅛—	1⅞
AT&T Corp s	53¾	53	53¼—	⅛
Albertsons	24¾	24 5-16	24⅜—	9-16
Alltel	60	58 1-16	58½—	½
AmerOnline s	58½	56 5-16	56¾ +	⅛
AndarkPtr	31⅜	30 9-16	31 3-16 +	15-16
AtlRichfld	75¼	73⅜	74⅞ +	1 5-16
ATMOS Egy	15 15-16	15⅜	15⅜—	⅝
Aviall	8 7-16	8¼	8⅜ +	¼
BP Amoco s	48⅝	47⅜	48½ +	1 5-16
BakerHughes	28 5-16	27¼	28 3-16 +	13-16
Bank of Amer	45 3-16	44½	44⅝—	⅜
BellAtl	57¾	56 5-16	57⅜ +	⅜
BellSouth	44⅞	44⅛	44⅝—	3-16
Beth Steel	5⅞	5 11-16	5¾ +	1-16
BurlNoSFe	20	19 7-16	19½—	⅝
CBS Corp	57¾	56 13-16	57⅝—	13-16
Caterpillar	36½	34	34 9-16—	2⅛
CenSoWst	15 11-16	15 5-16	15 9-16 +	5-16
Chevron	77 7-16	74½	77 7-16 +	3 7-16
Citigroup s	52⅞	51⅝	52 —	3-16
Coastal	46 3-16	45 7-16	45½—	11-16
CocaCola	49	45 13-16	46 3-16—	2 13-16
ColgatePal s	49⅛	45¾	48 5-16—	4½
ComclMetals	25⅞	25¾	25¾—	⅝
Cooperin	31⅝	30¾	31⅛ +	⅛
DaimlrChry	61 11-16	60⅝	60¾—	1⅜
DallSemicn s	49	46¾	47 3-16 +	2⅞
DeltaAirl	45¾	43 13-16	43 15-16—	1 13-16
Dillards Inc	16 5-16	15⅛	15⅝—	15-16
DowChem	102⅜	98⅝	99⅞—	4 5-16
DuPont	48⅞	47⅜	47 9-16—	2 3-16
EastmanChem	36	35 1-16	35¼—	¾
EstKodak	57⅛	55 5-16	55 15-16—	1 15-16
EDS Corp	63⅜	60	60½—	2⅞
Entergy	17 11-16	17¼	17 9-16 +	⅞
ExxonMobil	75	72	74⅞ +	1 15-16
Flowers	12¾	12⅜	12 7-16—	3-16
FordMotor	42 7-16	41⅜	41⅜—	9-16
GTE Cp	68⅜	67	68 +	1
GenDynam	37 9-16	36¼	36 15-16—	⅞
GenElec	137⅜	132⅛	133½—3	15-16
GenMills s	32	31¼	31¼—	½
GenMotors	77⅜	75 15-16	76 11-16 +	⅜
GaPacGP s	34⅜	32¾	32⅞—	1¾
GlobalMar	25⅜	24⅞	25⅜ +	¾
Goodrich	26 5-16	25 9-16	25 13-16—	⅝
Goodyear s	21 9-16	21⅛	21 5-16—	¼
GtAtlPac	22¼	21 3-16	21 3-16—	15-16
Halliburtn	43⅛	41 5-16	43 1-16 +	1 13-16
Hanson ADS	30 7-16	30	30⅜ +	5-16
HarteHanks	20 13-16	20½	20 9-16—	⅝
HomeDepot s	55	51 15-16	52⅜—1	7-16
Honeywellintl	43¼	42 15-16	42 15-16—	1⅜
IBM s	106	103⅝	104 9-16 +	1 5-16
IntlPaper	34⅝	33 1-16	33 3-16—	1¾
JohnsonJn	70½	67⅜	68 1-16—	2 7-16
K mart	8 15-16	8⅛	8 11-16—	1-16
Kroger Co s	14 15-16	14 9-16	14 11-16—	¼
Litton	28⅞	28 3-16	28 5-16—	3-16
LockheedM	18	17¾	17¾—	¼
Lowes Cos	45 9-16	42⅜	42⅛—	2⅜
Lubys	10½	10⅜	10⅜ +	⅛
LucentTech	73 5-16	68½	70¼—	3⅛
MayDeptStr	24 15-16	24 5-16	24⅜—	9-16
MediaOne	78½	77⅜	77 15-16—	53-128
Medtronic s	50½	49 1-16	49½	
Monsanto	37 9-16	36 11-16	36 11-16 +	7-16
MorganJP	111¼	108 9-16	108¾—	1 7-16
Motorola	184	177	180 —	⅝
NCR Corp	38¼	37 7-16	38¼ +	1 3-16
Navistar	33 11-16	32 13-16	32 13-16—	15-16
Penney JC	14⅜	13 13-16	14⅛—	5-16
PepBoys	6 1-16	5 13-16	5 15-16	
PepsiCo	31 1-16	29 13-16	29⅞—	1⅛
PhelpDodge	46 9-16	46 1-16	46⅛—	7-16
PhilipPet	39¼	38¼	39 1-16 +	9-16
PilgrmPrd B	7 7-16	7¼	7 7-16 +	3-16
Polaroid	25¼	24 7-16	24 7-16—	15-16
Praxair	33¾	32¾	32¾—	1⅛
ProctGamb	63½	57¼	61¾—2	5 11-16
PubS NwMx	15½	15¼	15 7-16 +	5-16
ReliantEngy	20 7-16	20⅛	20⅛	
RoyalDut	54 3-16	52 15-16	54⅛ +	1 9-16
SBC Comm	44⅜	42⅞	44⅛ +	¾
SaraLee	14⅛	13 9-16	13⅝—	5-16
Scripps EW	43 3-16	42 15-16	43⅛ +	3-16
SearsRoeb	27 5-16	26⅞	26⅞—	½
SherwinW	19 5-16	18 15-16	19 5-16 +	¼
SmithkldBchm	54¾	54	54 11-16 +	1⅝
SouthernCo	21⅜	21 3-16	21¼ +	1-16
SwstAirl s	17 5-16	16⅞	16 15-16—	⅝
SprintFON s	64 15-16	63½	64 7-16 +	¼
SprintPCS s	57⅜	56¼	56 9-16 +	1⅛
Sunoco Inc	27⅜	25⅝	27¼ +	1 11-16
TNP Ent	43 11-16	43¼	43¼—	3-16
Tandy s	40½	38	38 13-16—	¾
TempleInland	47¾	45½	45 13-16—	1 5-16
Texaco	47 7-16	46	47 7-16 +	13-16
TexInd	30 5-16	29 15-16	30 1-16—	5-16
TexasInst s	187 15-16	180 1-16	182 —	1 15-16
Tex Util	27½	26 15-16	27⅜ +	⅝
Textron	58	56⅜	56½—	1 3-16
TriconGlbR	27 3-16	26⅜	27 3-16—	½
TrinityInds	21⅛	20¼	20 15-16—	1-16
TritonEngy	29	27 15-16	28⅞ +	1¼
TylerTech	6⅛	6	6	
US West Inc	75⅜	72⅝	72¾—	2⅛
USX-Marathn	24½	23⅜	24 5-16 +	1 3-16
USX-USS	21 7-16	20¾	21 5-16	
UnCarbde	49⅜	47⅜	47⅞—	1⅞
UnionPacif	37½	36 1-16	36⅛—	1⅝
UnitedTech s	51¾	49 1-16	51 3-16 +	1 3-16
Unocal	28 1-16	27 7-16	27⅞ +	⅛
Venator Grp	6⅞	6⅝	6⅝—	3-16
WalMart s	49⅝	47 3-16	47 13-16—	1 11-16
WellsFargo	34 11-16	33 3-16	33 7-16—	1
WstnGasRs	16⅛	15⅜	15⅜—	⅛
WinnDixie	15 15-16	15¾	15 13-16—	5-16
Xerox Cp	21⅞	21 3-16	21¼—	¼

Local Interest
STOCKS

Patterson	27 5/16	+15/16
Dell	46 9/16	-3/16
Wal Mart	48 1/4	-2 1/4
Compac	27 5/16	-5/8
Dol. Gen.	19 5/16	-7/8
GTE	68 3/16	+1 3/16
SBC Comm.	44 3/8	+1
BJ Services	71	+5 3/16
LU	70	-3 1/2
Cisco Sys.	135 3/16	-15/16

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Summer bummer - soaring gas prices

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
Associated Press Writer

James McKenna isn't too worried that gas prices could go as high as $1.80 per gallon this summer.

That might sound odd coming from the top tourism official in Lake Placid, N.Y., a vacation spot that even he calls a "rubber-tire destination."

Yet McKenna estimates that tourists driving up from New York City would pay about $8 more in gas each way should prices increase. In today's booming economy, he said, that's still a bargain.

"You can't even get a glass of wine for eight bucks," he said.

The Energy Department on Monday predicted that gasoline prices, already averaging about $1.50 for a gallon for unleaded, would spike at $1.75 to $1.80 this summer because production isn't keeping pace with demand.

The timing couldn't be worse. The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is typically the busiest driving season of the year, with an estimated 270 million people hitting the road for vacation, according to the American Automobile Association.

AAA spokesman Geoff Sundstrom said that while many travelers won't change their plans because of a few additional bucks a tank, some could decide to stay closer to home and skip trips to more remote destinations such as national parks out West.

"If prices continue to move up and begin to reach the $2 a gallon level, psychologically Americans may not be prepared to deal with that and continue business as usual with the family budget," he said.

It's a situation that worries Keela Mangum. The owner of Grand Canyon Trail Rides fears that if gas prices continue to skyrocket, the booming summer travel season she was counting on might turn out to be a bust.

"This is kind of bleak looking for us," said Mangum, whose family run business provides mule rides along the Grand Canyon's North Rim, 270 miles from the nearest major airport in Las Vegas. "We're at the end of the world as it is."

Farther west, there are similar concerns for Bob Ferguson, owner of Zephyr Whitewater Expeditions in Columbia, Calif., just north of Yosemite National Park. Ferguson said he'll have to hike ticket prices should gas prices continue to rise.

"If things got way out of hand we could add a little for the cost of gas," he said. "There's not a whole lot you can do. You just have to bite the bullet, and hope the prices will go down."

Tourism officials in the Lake Tahoe area said they don't believe higher gas prices will keep that many people away.

"We had a great Presidents Day weekend and gas prices were already on the rise then," said Carol Tanis, spokeswoman for the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority. "While gas prices are up, the economy seems to be doing well."

Tahoe-area ski resorts have followed the holiday weekend with two more big weekends, thanks primarily to a pair of large snow storms in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

"The good snow may help outweigh the higher gas prices," Tanis said.

Tourism officials in towns along the East Coast also were optimistic.

Donny Beaver, the proprietor of Paradise Outfitters, which offers getaway weekends at fly fishing resorts in Pennsylvania, said his business could actually benefit from higher gas prices.

"I think a lot of folks try to use us as a surrogate for a 10-day trip to Yellowstone," said Beaver, adding that his resorts typically draw customers from an area that stretches to Cleveland, New York and Washington, D.C.

Even in Florida, where AAA's Sundstrom said more vacationers travel by car than in any other state, tourism officials weren't concerned. Gerard Hoeppner, spokesman for Busch Gardens in Tampa, said the price surge might even persuade Floridians to vacation — in Florida.

"If people choose not to go out of state," he said, "that's good for us."

On the Net:

The automobile association: http://www.aaa.com.

The Energy Department report: http://www.eia.doe.gov

Prozac reign is ending

NEW YORK (AP) — Prozac, perhaps the most widely known prescription antidepressant of all time, is losing some of its lift.

Demand has declined as newer drugs promise greater effectiveness, fewer side effects and the ability to treat additional ailments.

In January, for the first time in years, doctors wrote more new prescriptions for a competing drug, Zoloft. While Prozac remained slightly ahead in total prescriptions, the statistics illustrate its peak is past.

"Prozac has had its day, or more accurately, had its decade," said Christine Hollidge, an analyst with Datamonitor in London.

Introduced in 1988, Prozac quickly became a metaphor for society's obsession for quick fixes to problems. The pills not only helped the depressed, but became known for simply making people feel good.

They also helped ease the stigma surrounding mental illness, proving to many that depression is a biological problem, not one caused by a weak character or poor parenting

"It changed my whole life," said Elizabeth Wurtzel, 32, author of "Prozac Nation," which described her struggle with depression and experience with Prozac and other drugs — and exposed the collective bad mood of Generation X'ers.

"I realized it was possible to not be depressed. It was like putting glasses on and seeing the world in a different way."

Laura Miller, spokeswoman for Prozac maker Eli Lilly & Co., said: "Prozac showed people there is a safe and effective treatment for depression, allowing more people to seek help."

Prozac was the first of a new generation of anti-depression drugs called SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors) that were as effective as older depression drugs, but did not have many of the nasty side effects such as constipation, memory loss or high blood pressure. SSRIs work by correcting the imbalance of serotonin in the body, a natural chemical that's believed to affect one's mood.

The chance of overdosing on Prozac was significantly less than older medications, a key benefit in treating depression.

Rescuers: It may take days to find two missing workers

RADFORD, Va. (AP) — Two women missing after an explosion ripped through an auto parts factory, killing one worker, are trapped under so much debris that it may take days to recover them.

"Our priority is to find and remove these loved ones," Radford Fire Chief Lee Simpkins said. "This is going to be a long process, it's not going to be done overnight."

Rescuers and search dogs on Monday worked their way through charred, twisted metal of the factory in hopes of finding Karen Hamilton, 35, and Debbie Sheppard, 37, who were working at New River Castings when a powerful explosion rocked the facility Sunday evening.

The dogs discovered that the women were buried under "a tremendous amount of debris" — so much that it will take days to get to them, said Dan Crumrine, a dog handler.

The body of a third worker, Curtis Grooms, 29, was found near the explosion point.

The Sunday night blast left "a hole the size of a football field in the center of the plant," where about 100 workers were on duty at the time, Simpkins said. He estimated damage at $30 million.

Investigators have not determined the cause of the explosion. Sgt. Kenny Ford of the Radford Police Department said a natural gas leak was being looked into as a possible cause.

Kerry Farmer, a local union representative for United Steelworkers of America, said a gas leak last week forced the evacuation of a part of the plant.

"It was a ticking time bomb waiting to happen," Farmer said.

But John Doddridge, president and chief executive officer of Intermet Corp., the Troy, Mich.-based parent company of the plant, denied that the plant was unsafe.

"The foundry business is a tough and hard business," he said. "Still, we do practice safety."

Intermet owns both New River Castings and Radford Foundry, employing about 1,000 people here. Radford is about 160 miles west of Richmond. The two plants, which make transmission and other iron parts for the auto industry, cover several blocks.

Six workers were hospitalized following the explosion, which threw clouds of black soot over a wide area and shot flames up to 20 feet in the air.

While rescue dogs sniffed through debris Monday to find the victims, relatives and friends of the women kept a vigil nearby.

"I'm hoping and praying ... that things will be all right, but I'm afraid not," said Marie Hamilton, the mother-in-law of Hamilton.

Willie Hall, the fiance of Sheppard, said he hoped both women were alive, "but ... time's running out.

On the Net: Intermet Corp. Web site: http://www.intermet.com

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is multiple sclerosis inherited?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My maternal grandfather, whom I resemble, developed multiple sclerosis in his forties. Despite this disease he did pretty well for more than 30 years.

I am an active and fit 42-year-old wrestling coach. Lately, I find myself occasionally bumping into tables and stumbling a bit. Should I worry?

DEAR READER: I am not aware of any studies proving that MS is inherited. In fact, the cause of this progressive neurological disease remains a mystery. Therefore, I believe that your fears of MS are probably unfounded.

Nevertheless, if you have noted a new tendency to clumsiness, I suggest that you be examined by a neurologist. Bumping into tables and stumbling could have many causes, most of which — such as the normal age-related problems with balance — are relatively inconsequential. However, there is always the remote possibility that you might be developing an affliction that needs to be addressed. The neurologist can test you and, based on his findings, advise you. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Multiple Sclerosis." 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: My husband is very ill with pancreatic cancer and requires a gastric tube for feeding and medication. We need some encouragement. He says he doesn't want to live this way. Is there any hope?

DEAR READER: Hope is as valuable as medicine and surgery in coping with serious illness. However, from your brief description, I'd have to conclude that your husband is nearing the last stage of a terminal disease.

I believe his doctors owe you both an honest and straightforward appraisal of your husband's condition, its treatment, the likelihood of recovery and methods of handling his health problems. Perhaps more can be done to preserve the quality of his life, such as radiation and chemotherapy.

On the other hand, it may be time for him to surrender and request a comfort-only approach, using appropriate drugs to reduce his discomfort and fear. Although many doctors may feel awkward with this option, our primary concern must be for the patient's welfare. In some instances, this takes the form of allowing patients with incurable diseases to take charge of what life they have left, be pain-free and die with dignity. Every experienced and compassionate physician knows this to be true.

Consequently, I urge you to work this problem through with your husband's practitioners, who should carefully listen to what he has to say and respect his wishes — even if that means that your husband gives himself permission to stop fighting the inevitable and chooses to avoid a lingering death. Remember also that your husband's spiritual life may need attention as well, so — if appropriate — involve his clergyman and any other resources to reduce the discomfort of a very sad and difficult situation.

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RESPONSIBLE FOR FAITH

Early in church history some believed that God mysteriously and miraculously made a person believe. More recently some held the view that faith was the result of conditioning or "brain washing." Neither of these views is in harmony with biblical teaching.

The Spirit inspired word makes us responsible for our faith. "Take heed, brethren, lest there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God" **(Hebrews 3:12)**. The same writer then admonishes us, "Let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith...Let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not" **(Hebrews 10:22-23)**. Experience shows that when one acts upon the little faith one has, it begins to grow.

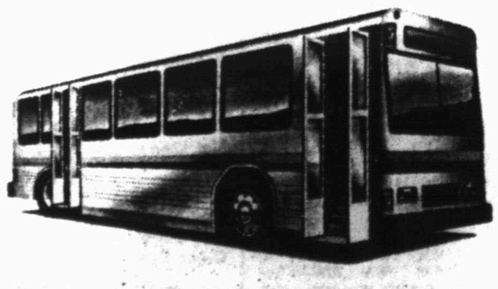


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Music, nostalgia mark Rock Hall inductions

NEW YORK (AP) — It was as rock and roll should be, as rock and roll by definition must be: an evening of mongrel music.

Motown, folk, jazz, rockabilly, gospel, rap, even ragtime — all claimed berths both overt and subtle at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductions Monday night. And when Ray Charles dubbed it the "Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame," you could argue that it wasn't a mistake at all.

"You can't really call it one thing. 'Rock and roll' is too slim for what's going on tonight," Paul McCartney said as he honored James Taylor, one of 14 musicians and groups tapped for the hall's 15th annual inductions, a paean to memories and changing times.

The hall is about genealogy more than anything else — isolating a diaspora of sounds and inspirations and innovations, tracing them to their sources, then stitching them together into a feel-good tapestry of the age.

It keeps track of a far-flung, sometimes rebellious family of different hues and persuasions and prejudices — and brings its generations together.

It is the family of the Moonglows, whose silky harmonizing was pushed from R&B into the mainstream by rock pioneer Alan Freed and whose song, "Sincerely," inspired a young Paul Simon in 1955. "I want to know why it took so long," lead singer Harvey Fuqua said.

It is the family of Bonnie Raitt, who traces 30 years of blues-cum-rock to a desire to be the "female Muddy Waters" and early emulation of Junior Wells and Mississippi Fred McDowell, among others.

"I'm proud," she said, "to be a bridge between blues and rock."

It is the family of Earth, Wind and Fire, the preeminent 1970s R&B band that made, in the words of rapper Lil' Kim, "music that everybody needs."

"We experienced pure magic together," original member Philip Bailey said, flanked by band leader Maurice White, who recently revealed he is suffering from Parkinson's disease.

It is the family of Eric Clapton, already inducted as a member of the Yardbirds and Cream, now entering on solo merits. "Eric's always been faithful to the blues," said guitarist Robbie Robertson of The Band.

Said Clapton: "For me, it's about the music. I'm just the messenger."

It is the family of Lovin' Spoonful, whose 1966 hit "Summer in the City" offered a 14-year-old boy named John Mellencamp an anthem. "The footnote to my heart and my brain and my soul was that song," Mellencamp said before the group performed the ragtime-influenced "Did You Ever Have to Make Up Your Mind?"

It is also the family of Billie Holiday and Nat King Cole, who inspired countless singers who followed — like Diana Ross, who inducted Holiday, and Charles, who inducted Cole. "He was my beginning," Charles said. "You study mathematics, I studied Nat Cole."

Finally, it is the family of five side men inducted for behind-the-headliner contributions.

You've heard these "session men," though you may not know it: Scotty Moore, whose guitar riffs shaped Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Hound Dog." King Curtis, whose sax brought punch and life to The Coasters' "Yakety Yak!" Hal Blaine, who drummed on numerous doo-wop tracks and Beach Boys hits. James Jamerson, the first and last word in Motown bass guitar. Earl Palmer, whose drums ignited Little Richard's "Lucille."

Inducted, too, was embattled record executive Clive Davis, who founded Arista Records, helped Carlos Santana win eight Grammy Awards last month and is now fighting to keep his job. Davis credited the musicians he's encouraged with "inflaming a passion that I never knew existed."

It's strange to do what they did Monday night: take a form of music that has always defined the moment and reflect upon it as part of yesterday. To see the sinewy members of Lovin' Spoonful matured into respectable middle-aged men, to see a clean-shaven Eric Clapton suited up like a stockbroker at a formal dinner, is jarring. It just seems too well-mannered.

"This isn't for young people," Taylor quipped after his induction.

"What makes us feel old," said Earth, Wind and Fire member Andrew Woolfolk, "is when somebody comes up to us and says, 'My Mama got all your records.'"

But times change. Fuqua, of the Moonglows, knew that when he offered, half-kidding, a bit of information far removed from the era when the group was struggling against a world reluctant to embrace its music.

"My Web site," he announced, "is harveyfuqua.com."

On the Net: http://www.rockhall.com

Faster chip hits speeded-up marketplace

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The whiz-bang computer age just got even faster.

The first gigahertz processor hits the market today, crunching information at 1,000 megahertz, or 1 billion bits of information per second — a speed many engineers thought impossible just a decade ago.

Advanced Micro Devices Inc. says its new Athlon chip will make computers 10 times faster than just six years ago, paving the way for speedier software and games.

"Just as the achievement of Chuck Yeager signaled the beginning of a new era in aviation, the one gigahertz processor ushers in a new era of information technology," AMD chief executive Jerry Sanders said Monday.

AMD's Athlon chip comes a day before the six-year anniversary of rival Intel Corp.'s breaking the 100 megahertz barrier with its Pentium chip, and ahead of that company's expected announcement that it, too, will ship its own gigahertz chip.

Intel's processors provide the brainpower for nearly 90 percent of the world's computers, but it has been locked in a race with Sunnyvale-based AMD to market a chip with more computing power than any other.

Analysts say consumers in coming years will feel the need for speed as the computer shifts from its current role as a device used mainly for word processing, surfing the Internet and playing games into a central hub that connects various devices in the home to each other.

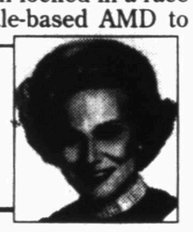
But some analysts questioned whether speedy chips will catch on quickly with consumers, particularly since the Athlon chip pushes a computer's pricetag up by $1,300. The new chip will be sold initially in Compaq and Gateway computers.

Most consumers have computers that run at less than 500 megahertz, according to U.S. shipment data for 1998-1999 from research firm Dataquest, a unit of Gartner Group.

"We definitely believe that consumers will need (faster processing speeds), but the question is a matter of when," said analyst Charles Galvin at CS First Boston.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife fears husband in sales is buying secretary's pitch

DEAR ABBY: My husband is national sales manager for a company that participates in frequent out-of-town trade shows. These events are held in luxurious hotels and involve entertaining clients in posh restaurants.

Lately, he has been inviting his secretary, who is half his age (and mine), to these shows — even though she is not in sales and has no role there other than being agreeable to customers. That was formerly my role, but I seem to have been replaced.

Although she has women friends in the company, she regularly has lunch with my husband unless he is otherwise engaged. They share a small office where they chat about much besides business, including our personal life. Opinions I have confided in him get back to me through her other acquaintances.

I think that the relationship has passed from professional into intimate, but my husband says I'm crazy. He thinks only a sexual relationship is "intimate," but I think emotional intimacy often evolves into a sexual relationship, and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Do you think I'm wrong? — **FEELING REPLACED IN ATLANTA**

DEAR FEELING REPLACED: I think you are 100 percent right, and if your husband's secretary is accompanying him on business trips and assuming the role you once played, it may already have crossed the line. I have often said that the most erotic organ in the human body is the human ear — and if he's filling hers with intimate details about your marriage, that in itself is a betrayal.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing my letter about having been thanked for my service in the war, and for your supportive comments. It was reassuring to read them, for I was a bit concerned after writing to you — it was such an impulsive act.

I had intended to send the letter to my local newspaper, but then I thought that if this gesture of thanks meant so much to me, it might be of comfort to veterans nationwide. The same day that the letter appeared in your column, I received two telephone calls from the East Coast!

Several letters and calls of thanks have been received since. The thought that many other persons may have read the letter and then taken the time to thank a veteran has been most rewarding.

I intend to respond to everyone who has contacted me. Abby, I believe that you and I have touched the heart and conscience of this nation. On behalf of those veterans whose services have been recognized, I thank you again. — **OSCAR ORTIZ, SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR OSCAR: I, too, believe your letter touched the heart and conscience of this nation. Since your letter appeared in my column, I have received many dozens of letters from veterans who have been thanked for their service to our country — and the letters are still pouring in. They touched MY heart, each and every one!

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Date Book

Tuesday, March 7, 2000

Today is the 67th day of 2000 and the 77th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1876, Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone.

On this day in 1959, pilot Melvin Garlow became the first flyer to log more than a million miles in a jet.

On this day in 1969, the Who released the song "Pinball Wizard."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Luther Burbank (1849-1926), botanist; Maurice Ravel (1875-1937), composer; Anna Magnani (1908-1973), actress; Janet Guthrie (1938-), auto racer, is 62; Daniel Travanti (1940-), actor, is 60; Franco Harris (1950-), football great, is 50; Joe Carter (1960-), baseball player, is 40; Ivan Lendl (1960-), tennis player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, the NBA experimented with baskets raised to the height of 12 feet in a game between Minneapolis and Milwaukee. Minneapolis won 65-63.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes." — Oscar Wilde

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (March 6).

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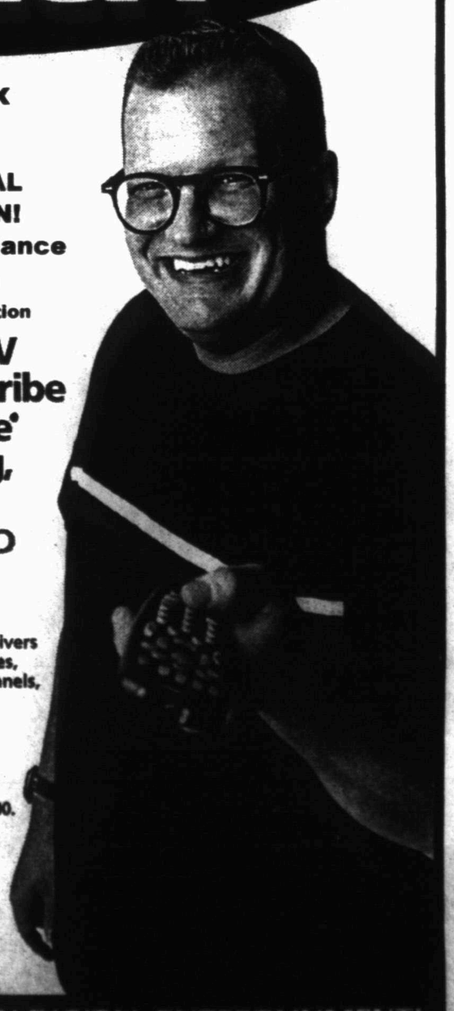
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Public School Week activities continue

Snyder Independent School District continues to celebrate Texas Public Schools Week.

One of the main district events is the fifth annual Golden Apple Awards Banquet for volunteers and adopt-a-school partners slated for 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Country Club.

Riney Jordan of Hamilton will be the featured speaker. "I'm Here to HELP" will be the theme of his address. He offers encouragement and suggestions to make a difference in the lives of children. Jordan addressed the Snyder ISD staff in 1998.

Another activity is the bilingual workshop for parents which begins at 6 p.m. today at the Region 14 Satellite Site, 4200 College Ave.

Northeast Elementary is sponsoring the event. The presenter will be Dr. George Gonzales, retired professor and educational consultant.

A pizza party at Stanfield Elementary will precede the workshop, beginning at 5:25 p.m.

Childcare, if needed, and Reading Activity Kits will be provided for every participant.

The following activities continue at the local campuses.

East Elementary

Bowdoin Parent Training is set for 6 p.m. today. Child care and refreshments will be provided.

Today through Friday parents are invited to eat lunch with their child. Call the school at 573-1769 to make reservations.

Stanfield Elementary

The book fair will continue through Friday. A pizza party prior to the bilingual workshop is set for 5:25 p.m.

On Wednesday, Donuts for Dads will be served from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Snyder High School

Parents may continue to visit the school today through Friday. But they are asked to call ahead of time.

Central Elementary

Central is celebrating 50 years of education this week.

Central's Parent Council will conclude the week with a 1950s dress party on Friday.

Central's parents are invited to eat lunch with their children anytime during Texas Public Schools week. Everyone is asked to call the school at 573-8592 before 9 a.m. on the date you plan to come.

Northeast Elementary

Fifth graders will be singing in "The World's Largest Concert" at 2:45 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium. Parents and guests are invited. The concert is dedicated to the memory of Kelton Clay, a student who recently died in a car accident.

Parents are also invited to come any day during the week and eat with their student.

West Elementary

A book fair will continue through Thursday.

Donuts with Dad are planned from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria on Wednesday.

Parents and family members are encouraged to visit the classrooms on Thursday and to stay for lunch.

Snyder Junior High School

Seventh grade parents may eat with their student on Wednesday.

Obituaries

Georgia Wood

1907-2000

Services for Georgia Ella Wood, 92, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wood died this morning in Snyder Oaks Care Center following a lengthy illness.

She was born Nov. 5, 1907 in Titus County, Tex., and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Syble Fesler of Fair Oaks, Calif.; a son, Billy Hunter of Hobbs, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

Hoyt Dillard

1927-2000

Hoyt Dillard, longtime Snyder business owner, died at his home this morning following a lengthy illness.



Hoyt Dillard

Service for Mr. Dillard, 72, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday at East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, East Side Church of Christ minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born March 13, 1927 in Lexington, Okla., he married Marie Eaton on Aug. 27, 1947 in Harrisburg, Ark.

An U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Dillard moved to Snyder in 1960. He owned and operated Hoyt's Furniture on 25th Street before retiring in 1989.

Mr. Dillard was a member of the East Side Church of Christ and the Snyder Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Dillard of Snyder; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Fred and Martha Dillard of Snyder and Steve Dillard of Snyder; two brothers, Chuck Dillard of Lubbock and Loyd Dillard of Lamar, Ark.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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George Tompkins

1914-2000

McCAMEY — George J. Tompkins, father of Billie Faye Adams of Snyder, died Thursday, March 2, at his home in McCamey.

Funeral service was set for 11 a.m. today in the Eastside Baptist Church with the Rev. Murray Sauders officiating. Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hamlin. Services are under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home.

Born on July 14, 1914 in Pawnee, Okla., he moved to McCamey in 1945 with his wife, Veta Ruth, to open White's Auto, which he operated 54 years. He served on the city council, school board, county water board and was an EMS volunteer. He was a longtime member of the Lions Club, Oddfellows Lodge and Rebekah Lodge and held several leadership positions.

Survivors include his wife, Veta Ruth Tompkins of McCamey, another daughter, Jean Anne Dawson III and her husband, Jim, of San Diego, Calif.; another son-in-law, George Adams of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, George and Marene Tompkins, and Jack and Dotty Tompkins, all of Houston; seven grandchildren, Sonya Huisman, Jeff Adams, Scott Tompkins, David Tompkins, John Tompkins, Michael Tompkins, Barron Tompkins; and one great-grandchild, Mikayla Huisman.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Adams, Scott Tompkins, David Tompkins, Michael Tompkins, John Tompkins and Barron Tompkins. Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Robertson, Arnold Wagner, Raymond Dehnel, Bill Eyler, Elmer Jones, E.L. Martin, Curtis Thomas and Sug Morgan.

The family suggests memorials to the Eastside Baptist Church in McCamey.

Antonio Moreno

1938-2000

ODESSA - Antonio R. Moreno, the brother of Gregoria Calbillo of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 1, in Temple following a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Moreno, 61, was held Monday in the Primera Iglesia Bautista. Burial followed in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

He was born April 18, 1938 in Asienda de Orientales, San Carlos, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Survivors include his wife, Cruz Moreno of Odessa; a son, Ramon Moreno of Odessa; three daughters, Silvia Montoya, Eva Moreno and Norma Castillo, all of Odessa; a brother, Angel Moreno of Odessa; and nine grandchildren.

Harold Simmons

1934-2000

JACKSONVILLE, Tex. — Harold Simmons of Lubbock, brother of Juanita Silmon and Lee Simmons of Snyder, died Friday, March 3, in a Dallas care center.

Service for Mr. Simmons, 66, is set for noon Saturday in the Mt. Haven C.M.E. Methodist Church in Jacksonville. Burial will follow in the Ragsdell Cemetery.

The services are under the direction of Sandra Clark Funeral Home in Dallas.

Mr. Simmons was born Jan. 4, 1934 in Jacksonville.

Survivors include his wife, Cora Simmons of Lubbock; two sons Greg Simmons of Dallas and Ronnie Simmons of Lubbock; his mother, Anne Bell Simmons of Jacksonville; another sister, Lois Cannon of Jacksonville; three other brothers, Royce Simmons of Fort Worth, R.V. Anderson and Lell Anderson, both of California; and many nieces and nephews.

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Three are jailed in past 24 hours

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

At 11:52 a.m. Monday, officers arrested a 24-year-old male in the 2700 block of Avenue Z on a warrant for criminal mischief.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 19-year-old male into custody at 2:03 p.m. for driving while license suspended. He was picked up on U.S. Hwy. 84.

A 35-year-old male was arrested at 2:13 a.m. today in the 2200 block of Avenue Z. He was charged with public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Officers filed an offense report for Class C criminal mischief at 6:58 a.m. Monday in reference to someone throwing a rock through a window at Snyder Concrete.

At minor two-vehicle mishap occurred at 9:55 a.m. in the 2500 block of Avenue Y. Involved were a 1983 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Earnest Lee Truner, 66, of Gail and a parked, unattended 1996 Chevrolet pickup owned by Thompson Ditching Service.

Vietnam topic of final panel

The Scurry County Museum will host a panel discussion about the Vietnam War at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Participants will be instructors at Western Texas College.

Lee Burke, associate professor of physical education, and Jim Durham, history professor, will serve as panelists and Jack Price, associate professor of government, will be the moderator.

The public is invited and there will be no admission charge.

The panel discussion concludes the series of activities held in conjunction with the museum's trench art and military display which also concludes Wednesday.

Final decision delayed by AF

The Air Force has delayed announcing the final decision on conducting low-level flight training over an eight-county area, including Scurry County, until concerns are heard from Lubbock city officials.

A final decision on the plan had been expected by Monday.

A delegation of Lubbock officials are expected to meet Wednesday in Washington with Rep. Larry Combest and Air Force officials.

Lubbock city officials are concerned that the flights would make the city a less attractive stop for commercial airlines, and would virtually eliminate hopes of adding Southwest Airlines' flights to San Antonio, and other points south.

Air Force officials have said the Lancer Military Operations Area over Scurry, Garza, Kent, Lynn, Stonewall, Dawson, Borden and Fisher counties is necessary to train pilots, yet save fuel with airplanes flying from Dyess Air Force Base and Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

The proposed training area is strongly opposed by an environmental group based in this area, Heritage-Environmental Preservation Association (HEPA).

Members of this group say the quality of living in rural and city areas will be ruined by the low-level routes.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Masonic meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge will hold a stated meeting at 7:30 this evening. All Master Masons are invited.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the school library. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Northeast parent council

The Northeast Elementary parent council will meet at 7 tonight in the school auditorium.

AARP board meeting

The AARP board of directors will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Senior Center.

Golden Apple banquet

The Snyder ISD Golden Apple awards banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Country Club. School volunteers will be recognized, and featured speaker will be Riney Jordan of Hamilton.

Amateur radio club

The Rolling Plains Amateur Radio Club will host its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Scurry County Library. All amateur radio operators are invited as is everyone who is interested in obtaining an FCC amateur radio license. For more information, call David at KC5GFM at 573-8281, or Mike at KM5TC, or 573-2222.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit immunization clinics this month are today plus Thursday March 9th, 23rd and 30th. Thursdays dates in April are the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

Snyder Wheels car show

The Snyder Wheels annual car show and swap meet will be held Friday and Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. The swap meet will be held both days, while the car show is Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 573-2171 or 573-3188.

Fish fry

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will sponsor a fish fry from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday in the parish center at 30th and Ave. A. Tickets are $6 per person and $4 for children 6-12. Tickets are available at the door and proceeds will benefit the Men's and Women's Association scholarship fund.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Matt Cross will present a program on keeping fit in retirement years.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Why Right is Right," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 4."

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Pick 3

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

5-2-1

Cash Five

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

16-22-24-28-37

Four people indicted in Scurry County

Four people were indicted by the Scurry County grand jury Monday on various charges.

Olga Dominguez Castaneda. 33, of 1500 27th St., #10, was indicted for possession of marijuana, a third degree felony.

Castaneda was indicted for possessing more than five pounds of marijuana when she was arrested on Dec. 6 of last year.

Three other persons who were indicted have not been arrested.

Ira ISD board to meet on Wednesday

Ira ISD's board of trustees will meet Wednesday morning at 7:30 for its regular monthly meeting.

Supt. Rick Howard said contract extensions for instructors will be the main order of business.

Trustees will meet in executive session to consider the contracts, according to the agenda.

Trustees will also consider casting ballots for a director for the Region XIV Education Service Center, and consider adopting textbooks.

Cable TV franchise committee to meet

The community's cable TV franchise committee will meet this evening at 5:30 to discuss the upcoming franchise renewal with Cox Communications.

Serving on the committee are Mike Post, and city council members I.E. Martin, Terry Martin and James Ashley. Also meeting with the committee with be Austin cable TV consultant Jack Hopper, and the city's customer service representative, Carolyn House.

At 6:30, the committee will meet with Cox Communication's local manager, Victor Means regarding the findings of a survey of cable TV customers.