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City hires consultant to handle cable franchise

Approves annexation, cancels May's election

Snyder City Council on Monday hired an Austin consultant to assist the city in negotiating its franchise agreement with Tele-Cable Associates (TCA).

Jack Hopper will be paid $115 per hour plus expenses, to a maximum of $15,000.

Hopper said he will assist the city in the "informal renewal procedure," as suggested by the cable company. The current agreement expires in May, 2000.

Among his duties will be to review TCA's performance to confirm if it has fulfilled all the terms of the existing franchise. He will also plan and help prepare written surveys, plan and help conduct public hearings and other meetings and prepare the draft franchise.

According to the federal government's 1996 Telecommunications Act, franchise renewals can take two avenues: an extensive, formal procedure, or a less costly, informal procedure.

Hopper said the formal procedure requires the service of attorneys and would be much more time-consuming and costly for the city.

Mayor David Holt questioned the process of taking bids for the city's cable TV franchise.

Hopper said federal laws almost eliminate that process.

"As long as the cable operator has lines on a pole, taking bids is almost impossible," said Hopper.

In other action, the council passed the first reading of an ordinance which cancels the May 2 election and declares the unopposed candidates as elected. They are Vernest Tippens, District 1; Jerry Webb, District 2; I.E. Martin, District 4; and Terry Martin, at-large. There was no candidate for District 3.

Also, the council passed a resolution giving Lorber Industries of Texas an enterprise zone designation. The city designated the area of the industrial park an enterprise zone in November, 1995.

Development Corporation of Snyder executive director John DeLille said the designation will allow Lorber to receive reimbursement for state taxes on material used in the construction of its plant and other incentives.

"This would amount to about $100,000 for Lorber," said DeLille, emphasizing that the designation will cost the city and DCOS nothing.

In other action Monday, the council approved the second reading of an ordinance annexing a four-acre tract into the city. The area includes the Rip Griffin complex.

Council members also approved the bid of a Milwaukee company for the purchase of 330 water meters at $11,267.

Also approved was a bid from R&R Collection Services of Midland to collect delinquent utility bills. R&R will retain 30 percent of all delinquent bills collected.

Action on granting Snyder Area Model Airplane Club access to city property to build a model airpark was tabled until next month.

Club members are wanting to use city property between 30th and 37th Street, east of Deep Creek. The project would require a runway, pit area, spectator area and parking area. Council members tabled the request in order to allow the club to compile information, including city liability factors, insurance and the like.

In other business, James Jones, Gary Landes and Travis Bunch were reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission; and Joe Sentell and James L. Northcott were reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Holt presided at the meeting while council members in attendance were Tippens, Webb, I.E. Martin and Terry Martin. Dayton Robertson was absent.

Choirs set for contest

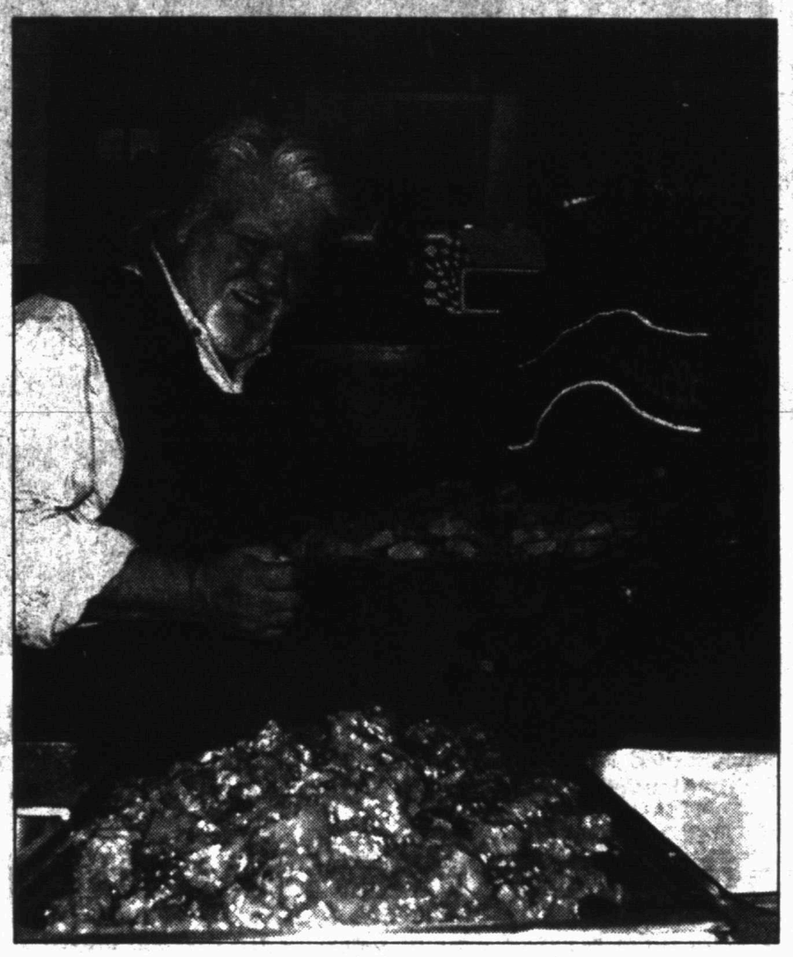
Snyder High School choir students are set to compete in the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest.

The event will be held Wednesday at Texas Tech University.

SHS will enter two girls' choirs and two mixed choirs. Each will perform three numbers from memory, then be required to sight-read one number.

Schools which receive a I rating receive sweepstakes status, said choir director Ronda Haire. Choirs do not advance beyond this competition.

Other upcoming activities for SHS choirs include a Pops Concert May 1, a performance by Tiger Jazz on May 4 and the musical "Oklahoma" May 15-16.



WIDE VARIETY — Great Western Dining food director Lee Jones and Mary Kilibwa, a freshman from Kenya, look over one of the selections available during today's international meal at the college. The meal was cooked by the foreign exchange students at Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)

10 people indicted by local grand jury

A Scurry County grand jury indicted 10 people on 11 counts Monday, ranging from burglary and bail jumping to driving while intoxicated.

Lawrence Eugene Harrison, 21, of 800 35th St. was indicted on a March 23 offense of bail jumping and failure to appear. Bond was set at $10,000.

The charge stems from a date on which Harrison was to be tried in 132nd District Court for a 1997 burglary at the Park Village Apartments.

The defendant did not appear for his trial, but turned himself in the next morning. He was subsequently sentenced to two years in a state jail facility and fined $10,000.

Kathy Finnen, 40, of 702 Yucca Lane in Brownfield was indicted for credit card abuse. The indictment alleges that on Feb. 16, Finnen used a credit card owned by Patsy Nicholson to purchase clothing at Bealls. Bond was set at $5,000.

Jason Wayne Loper, 17, of 2712 W. 23rd St. was indicted for burglary of a habitation. He is charged with the Feb. 24 burglary of a residence owned by Jose Costilla. He is free on $10,000 bond.

Moses Joe Morin Jr., 29, of 809 27th St. was indicted for the Feb. 7 burglary of a building. Bond was set at $5,000.

Landon Heath Bowers of 5507 Cedar Creek was indicted for

See Indicted, Page 12

Firm to announce construction plans

An announcement on the construction schedule for an assisted living complex to be built north of the Trinity United Methodist Church is expected within 30 days.

Evans R. Evans, president of Merrimac Development, Inc., said this morning that the content of the firm's announcement will be welcomed by everyone.

"Everything is going along fine. We put up more earnest money on the real estate Monday," said Evans, who was in San Diego at an assisted living organization convention.

The firm, under the name of Tejas Living Corporation, first announced plans for the 42-unit complex in May, 1997.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some towns are so small that there's no place to go that you shouldn't."

To describe it as a crowd-pleaser is an understatement.

Ritz Theatre officials are walking on air after six consecutive sellout performances of "Always...Patsy Cline."

The show, starring Cindy Nix as Patsy Cline, has been held over for two more performances this weekend. So far, more than 1,000 have enjoyed the musical at the newly-renovated Ritz on the south side of the Snyder square.

It's an entertaining production and Ira elementary teacher Gale Northcott, who plays Patsy Cline's number one fan, literally steals the show.

Northcott, the uninhibited and devoted fan of Patsy Cline, has the audience still laughing long after the final curtain.

The Ritz Theatre is a neat and classy place. Many residents can remember watching a Tom Mix matinee there on Saturday afternoon when admission was only a thin dime.

It's always fun to again get to see the soda fountain from Stinson's Drug, another Snyder landmark.

We've been to the Opry House in Granbury and the Catus Theatre in Lubbock, and neither are comparable to the job done by the local Ritz Theatre group.

And speaking of an evening out to a show, we like the story about the guy who was pleased about the way the young man had trimmed his trees, shrubs and lawn.

The homeowner told the man that he had done an excellent job. "I'm going to give you a little something extra. Here's $20 extra. Take the missus to a show."

The next evening, the doorbell rang, and the yardman stood at the front door — all dressed up.

"What is it," the homeowner asked, "did you forget something?"

"Nope," replied the yard man. "I just came to take the missus to the show."

Midwest Electric Co-op links to Touchstone Energy alliance

Midwest Electric Cooperative is sporting a new logo on its utility bucket trucks, electric bills and its area office, located here at 2100 College Avenue.

On Monday, Midwest Electric joined the ranks of cooperative electric utilities across the country as a Touchstone Energy partner.

Touchstone Energy is a nationwide brand and marketing effort.

Vesta Orr, Midwest Electric general manager, said the Touchstone Energy brand will take the cooperative and its consumers into the future as the electric utility industry changes.

"It's much more than a graphic addition to our name and logo," said Orr. "It's a commitment to our customers, both households and businesses, that they can count on us, as a locally-based and controlled utility to deliver them reliable, affordable energy services and to be an advocate for their energy and community needs.

"We believe our local presence is one of our strongest assests, and our affiliation with Touchstone Energy will remind our customers who we are and what we stand for."

Orr said some 300 electric cooperatives across the United States are launching the Touchstone Energy brand to represent the advantages of locally owned and controlled electric service.

"The dictionary definition of touchstone is a test of genuineness. Touchstone Energy symbolizes everything that electric cooperatives represent today: electric power, human connections and the strength of co-ops' commitment to the communities and the consumers they serve," said Orr.

A Touchstone Energy™ Partner

By pooling resources with other cooperative utilities, Midwest Electric plans to be able to provide consumers information and create awareness of services as the electric utility industry evolves.

"We'll help our customers cut through all the clutter," Orr said. "We'll be here for our members, our customers for the long haul."

Town & Country to add store

On land occupied by Legends and Best Buy Motors

The triangular area of land where 37th Street and East Coliseum Drive meet will take on a new look, although not immediately.

San Angelo-based Town & Country Food Stores has announced plans to build a 3,100 square-foot convenience store on the site, which is currently occupied by Legends and Best Buy Motors.

Don Allison, president of the convenience store chain, said there is no set date at this time for construction to start.

"It could be late this year, or early in 1999," he said.

Allison said the unit is expected to be similar to a new store the company recently opened in Post.

He added that the store will have a prepared food section, but those plans have not been finalized either.

The company currently has one store operating in Snyder at the intersection of Highway 84 and the Clairemont Highway. It opened on June 2, 1983.

Legend's owner Kathy Freeman said her club will be open at its present location until April 15.

"I'm looking for a new location in town," said Freeman, who has operated her club at the same location for the past eight years.

Jim Sartor, owner of Best Buy Motors, is also looking to relocate his business.

"I'm looking at two or three places here in town," he said.

Sartor said the land where he presently has his car lot has been in his family for more than 50 years.

"This is the site of the old Ballard's Cafe and Truck Stop," said Sartor.

No early voting Friday; courthouse to be closed

Early voting in the Republican Party primary runoff will run through Thursday at the county clerk's office, and not Friday.

That's because Good Friday is a holiday and the entire courthouse will be closed, said Joan Bunch, county clerk.

Only three people cast a ballot on Monday, opening day of the runoff's early voting period.

Eligible voters are those who voted in the Republican Primary or those who did not cast a ballot in either primary in March. Those who voted in the Democratic Primary are not eligible to vote in the runoff.

There is no runoff in the Democratic Primary.

Seeking the GOP nomination for attorney general are John Cornyn and Barry Williamson.

For Place 1 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Mike Keasler and Vicki Isaacks are in a runoff.

And Harvey Hudson and Cheryl Johnson are in a runoff for Place 2 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals.

The election is set for next Tuesday.

ASK US

Q—When is the next city auction?

A—It will be held Saturday, April 25, at the city garage, beginning at 9 a.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, breezy evening. Low, upper 40s. W-SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty early to 5-15 mph by midnight. Wednesday, sunny, breezy. High, upper 70s. W wind 15-25 mph, gusty.

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 82 degrees; low, 45; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 50; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.



Leslie Eades
Sunny, Breezy

Sunset: 8:07 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:24 a.m.
Of 96 days in 1998, the sun has shone 94 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"I can't do it" never yet accomplished anything: "I will try" has performed wonders.

George P. Burnham

Fewer workers test positive for drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — Fewer American workers are testing positive for illicit drugs, and those who are have turned more to marijuana and less to cocaine, according to a new industry report.

Five percent of workers tested positive for illegal substances last year, down from 5.8 percent in 1996, according to SmithKline Beecham's drug testing index, which was to be released today.

As workers were found to have taken drugs, those who did increasingly kept away from the hard stuff, said Tom Johnson, spokesman for the British drug maker.

"Marijuana continues to be the drug of choice," he said.

Tests detected marijuana in 60 percent of those who tested positive last year, up from 54 percent in 1996. Cocaine use, however, declined from nearly 23 percent to less than 17 percent during the same period.

SmithKline Beecham based its results on the nearly 5 million workplace drug tests the company's clinical laboratories performed last year.

Fewer positive tests don't necessarily mean fewer workers on drugs. As many as 10 million adults use illicit drugs per month and more than 70 percent of them are employed, according to the government's National Household Surveys.

Workers in jobs SmithKline classifies as "safety-sensitive" tested positive less often, at 3.5 percent of all those tested. That compares with 5.2 percent among those in the general work force.

When employers tested workers "for cause," meaning they believed there was reason to suspect drug use, more than one in four workers tested positive.

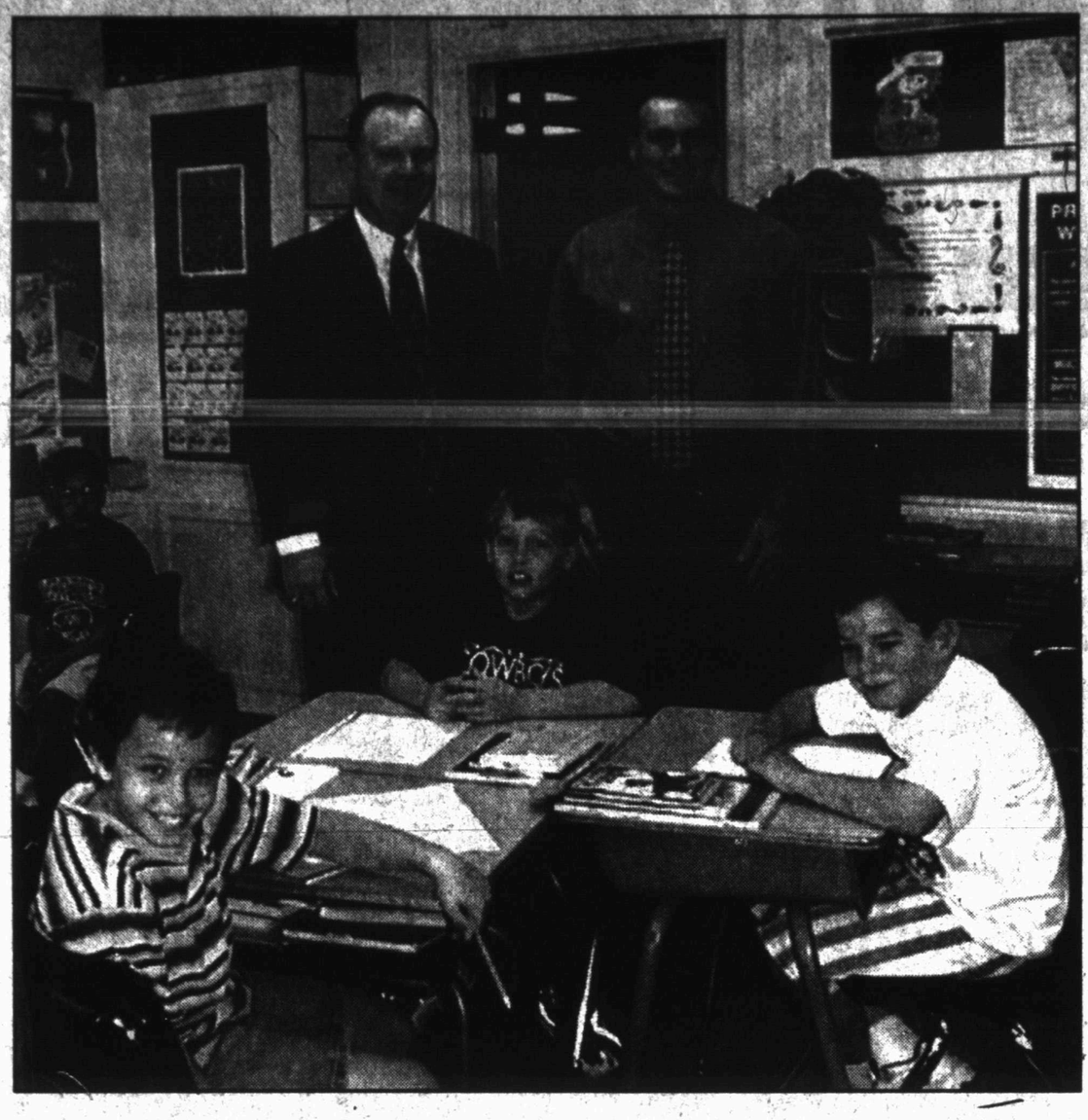
The rise of workplace drug testing has spawned a cottage industry in ways to beat the tests. Richard Haddad, whose Health Tech company in Georgia gets 500 calls a day from people asking about herbal detoxification teas, urine sample additives and other products, calls the business a "multimillion-dollar industry."

Still, workplace drug testing appears to be more popular among employers. Last month, the Supreme Court allowed random drug tests for some people with access to the White House complex, despite arguments that government is trampling privacy rights in pursuit of a drug-free workforce.

Regionally, the highest drug-positive rates came not from New York, Chicago or Los Angeles — where 4 to 6 percent of workers tested positive — but from such regions as southwestern Tennessee, western Indiana and northwestern Florida. In those regions, 8 percent to 14 percent of tests came back positive.

The results surprised even some of those who ran the study.

"I would've expected the large metropolitan areas around New York, around Philadelphia, around Miami, around Los Angeles to show a high percentage of positives," Johnson said.



TEACH CHILDREN TO SAVE — Representatives from Snyder's banks visited Central last Thursday for National Teach Children To Save Day. Jeffrey Martin and Scott Bolton of American State Bank visited with students in Judy Barkowsky's class. Students shown are from left. Josh Lara, Keith Manlief, Tyler Driggers, Taylor Courtney. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Classes learn the value of saving funds

Central students learned the value of saving money last Thursday. During the National Teach Children To Save Day, representatives of Snyder banks visited classrooms.

They included Brandy Hickman of West Texas State Bank who coordinated the program at the request of Jim Rosson, principal. WSTB is one of Central's adopt-a-school partners.

Others who spoke to various classes were Scott Bolton and Jeffrey Martin of American State Bank, Sandy Tucker of First American Bank and Helen McLeod of Snyder National Bank.

"We are proud to teach children basic money saving skills," Hickman said. "Taking the time to invest in the future of our youth can go a long way toward helping them make financial decisions in the future."

Students learned told the difference between wants and needs, and the importance of saving for emergencies.

Classes participated were in the following classrooms: Judy Barkowsky, Magadelena Jaimes, Judy Moss, Paula Bowden, Deborah Judah, Edilyn Smith, Stanley Cozart, Molly Kattes, Kathy Spoor, June Holcomb, Kathy Moore and Betty Thompson.

The second annual Teach Children to Save Day was sponsored by the American Bankers Association Education Foundation.

AL hall used for capital murder trial

LLANO (AP) — They don't usually hold capital murder trials in American Legion halls and politicians for state office usually don't go around handing out campaign cards to potential jurors.

But Monday was an unusual day as the trial of Bobby Wayne Woods of Granbury got under way.

Local officials moved the jury selection phase of the trial to the Llano American Legion Post because the town's courtroom isn't large enough to accommodate the more than 280 prospective jurors.

Woods is charged in the abduction and slaying last April of 11-year-old Sarah Patterson of Granbury. His trial was moved to Llano, 65 miles northwest of Austin, because of extensive publicity about the case in North Texas.

Prosecutors say that despite Woods' innocent plea, they have a statement in which he admitted going to the Patterson home last April 30 and abducting Sarah and her younger brother, Cody.

Woods, the former live-in boyfriend of the children's mother, Schwana Patterson, had been kicked out of the home three days earlier.

They allege Woods cut the girl's throat and attempted to sexually assault her. Cody was found in a cemetery, severely beaten.

Schwana Patterson faces two charges of injury to a child. She's accused of failing to come to the aid of her children.

Prosecutors contend that she heard the children scream, but did not interfere. Her trial date will be set later.

Prospective jurors were asked to fill out a nine-page questionnaire that asked their views on the death penalty and other matters that ran the gamut from their knowledge of the case to what kind of bumper stickers they have on their cars.

Scott inducted into Phi Kappa

LUBBOCK — Approximately 215 Texas Tech University students were recently inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Pi, one of the university's highest awards.

Wendy Nicole Wilson Scott of Colorado City is one of the 215 students. She is a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Wilson of Ira.

Phi Kappa Pi has 275 chapters. Members are recognized for superior scholarships in all academic disciplines. The society's membership is limited to senior, law and graduate students who rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and juniors who rank in the top two percent of their class.

Shields receives Carr Scholarship

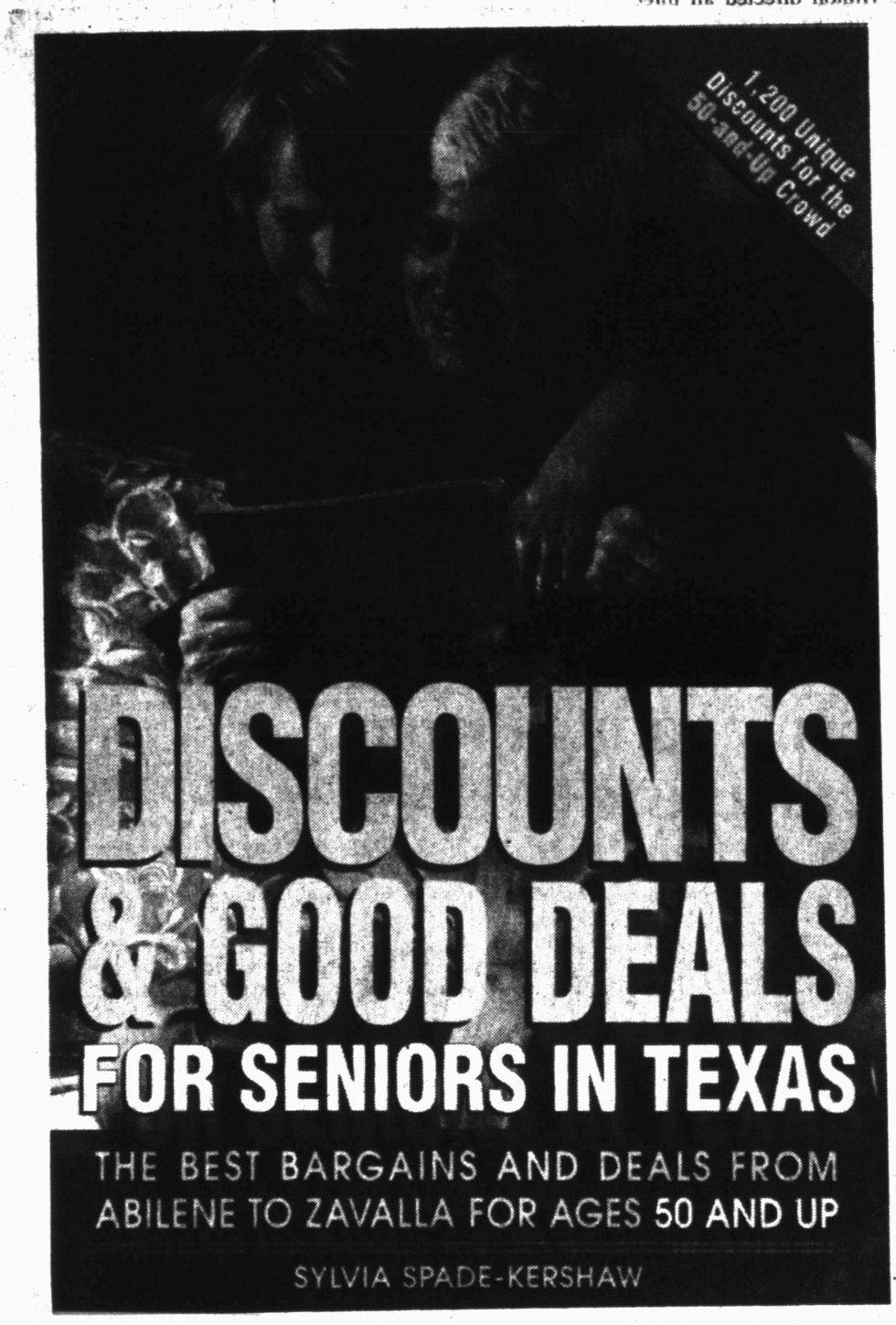
Starling Shields, a senior at Snyder High School, has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1998-1999.

Approximately 300 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1998-1999, ranging in value from $1,500 to $6,000, have been awarded to qualified high school seniors.

Generally, students must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1,140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the university for students who maintain the required academic record.

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ABWA AWARDS — Barbara Scrivner presented her boss at IGA, Bud Pinkerton, a plaque naming him Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA's business associate of the year. In the photo at left, Betty Boyd was recognized as the organization's woman of the year. The annual event was held March 27 in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. (Contributed Photos)

ABWA awards Pinkerton as boss, and Boyd as woman of the year

Bud Pinkerton, manager of IGA 100, was named business associate of the year and Jack Denman was guest speaker at the annual business associate night meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Betty Boyd was named the woman of the year.

Pinkerton has been in the grocery business several years and manages the store located at 4111 College with around 60 employees. IGA is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. "He doesn't ask us to do anything he wouldn't do himself," stated Barbara Scrivner, an employee nominating him for the award. His wife, Teressa, accompanied him. They have two sons, 12-year-old Jeffery and Brandy, four years old. Pinkerton is a member of the Lions Club and enjoys playing golf.

Guest speaker Denman, retired from Sun Oil, has lived in Snyder since 1971. He encouraged everyone to think positive about their hometown. "There are lots of good things here — WTC, a hospital, Senior Citizens Center, Patterson Drilling, a brick plant, Lake Thomas, good schools, senior citizen's apartments, the prison and warehouse, churches and soon-to-be Lorber textile mill.

Carol Young led the pledge of allegiance and introduced members and guests.

Vera Pruitt gave the history of ABWA, stating that the Scurry Charter Chapter began in 1960. Still active in the organization are charter members Maxie McNew, Inez Teaff and Lucy Dennis. Out of 3,000 chapters, $3 million was given in scholarships. Judy Camp is this year's Scurry Chapter's scholarship recipient.

Other guests included Bill Teaff, Darla Huddleston, Leon Huddleston, Gary Landes, Drew and Carol Bullard, Elaine Buchanan and Frances Denman.

Vern Beasley gave the benediction.

Parents sometimes talk at their kids. Make an effort to talk with yours. Communication is the key to a good relationship with your children.
—Children's Trust Fund of Texas

The joys of fatherhood: Know your child's teachers, visit school, praise your child for progress, and watch his or her growth.

An Easter brunch

By Marialisa Calta



There's always a lot happening on Easter Sunday. There are church services (and getting kids dressed for church) and egg hunts, and all that vacuuming as you try to get that plastic green "straw" out of your rug before the company arrives. (I use a putty knife for the stepped-on jelly beans.) So what you DON'T need is a lot of last-minute work preparing a meal.

Here's a menu for an Easter brunch that can mostly be done ahead. The homemade gravlax — a cinch to prepare — serves as a centerpiece that will make everyone think you've been laboring for days. The other dishes are familiar and delicious: homemade biscuits, potatoes, lemony asparagus and snow peas, and a nice, chocolatey cheesecake. (Note that the potatoes can be done on the stove-top, since you may need room in the oven for a ham.)

This brunch will serve 12 to 16 people, especially when rounded out with a ham and a salad. (The Dakin Farm in Vermont makes spectacular hams; call them at 800-993-2546.) Add a pitcher of orange juice or mimosas (champagne and orange juice), and you've got a real party. (Kids will like everything but the gravlax; you can add some little boxes of cereal for truly picky eaters.)

HAM GLAZE

- 1/2 cup dark-brown sugar
- 1/2 cup orange juice, or 1/4 cup orange juice and 1/4 cup red wine
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- grated zest of one orange

Heat all ingredients together in a small pot, stirring, until sugar dissolves. Heat smoked ham according to package directions, brushing on glaze during the last 30 to 45 minutes.

Yield: About 3/4 cup, enough for a 8- to 10-pound smoked ham

— This is my recipe.

STOVE-TOP "ROASTED" NEW POTATOES

- 5 to 6 pounds tiny new potatoes, scrubbed but left whole
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 to 6 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- Dried rosemary to taste
- Coarse salt to taste
- Freshly ground pepper to taste (optional)

Up to 4 hours before serving, put potatoes in a large pot. Cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are fork-tender. (Timing will vary with size of potatoes.) Drain and set aside.

When ready to serve, put the olive oil and butter in a very large, nonstick skillet, or two smaller skillets. Heat until butter melts. Add the garlic and sautee until it starts to soften.

Meanwhile, put the potatoes in a large bowl. Drizzle with some oil, and toss with rosemary, salt and pepper to taste (if using). Put the potatoes in the hot skillet and shake the pan while they are cooking. Turn them gently so they do not break. Potatoes are done when outsides are crispy.

Yield: 12 to 16 servings

— This is my recipe.

STEAMED ASPARAGUS AND SNOW PEAS WITH LEMON BUTTER

- 2 pounds asparagus, trimmed
- 1 pound snow peas, trimmed (strings removed)
- 6 ounces butter
- 4 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind (zest), chopped fine

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Cook the asparagus 2 to 3 minutes, remove and run them under cold water to set color. Cook the snow peas in the same boiling water for 1 minute, drain and run under cold water.

Melt the butter in a small saucepan and combine with the lemon juice and rind. Just before serving, drizzle the vegetables with the lemon butter. Serve warm or at room temperature. (Lemon juice will turn the vegetables brown if allowed to stand for 1/2 hour or more.)

CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

- 18 thin chocolate wafers, crushed to make 1 cup crumbs
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1-1/2 pounds softened cream cheese
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sour cream
- 8 ounces semisweet chocolate, melted
- Optional topping: chopped hazelnuts and grated semisweet chocolate

Center a rack in the oven and preheat oven to 350 degrees.

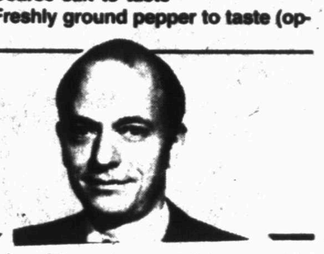
Mix together the cookie crumbs, melted butter and cinnamon, and press into the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan.

In a very large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat together the cream cheese and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating as you go. Add cocoa, vanilla and sour cream, and mix well. Add the melted chocolate and mix thoroughly.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes (it will be slightly runny). Cool at room temperature. Cover and refrigerate at least 5 hours (or overnight) before serving.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 04-07-98
♠ Q 9 5
♥ J 9 7 4 2
♦ 6
♣ K J 8 5

West
♠ K J 8 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ A 10 8 2
♣ 6 4

East
♠ 6
♥ K 10 8 6 3
♦ Q 7 3
♣ 10 9 7 2

South
♠ A 10 7 4 2
♥ ---
♦ K J 9 5 4
♣ A Q 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♣ 4

Twin No. 2

By Phillip Alder

Allan Falk has written and published "Bermuda Bowl Challenge" (Zookeeper). Like the Marshall Miles book reviewed yesterday, this is full of difficult deals. But it is different because it contains 80 questions (instead of 54), it costs an extra $4, and the text is more verbose and flowery. You must be happy with analysis like: "There is a lurking Restricted Choice factor, but it must be discerned in an unfamiliar milieu."

In this deal, look at the West and North hands only. First, what do you think of your double of four spades? Next, assuming partner has nothing useful, you lead a deceptive club four: jack, 10, three. Declarer calls for dummy's diamond, which is covered by the three, jack and ace. What do you do now?

I think the double is crazy. You have no good lead, and why tell declarer where all the cards lie? Even if the layout were such that South would go two down undoubled, he will probably escape for one down doubled.

You have only one winning play at this stage: the spade *king*.

After explaining how other switches don't work, Falk writes, "So a trump represents the only hope. Low will not do the job — South wins cheaply in hand and has 10 easy tricks: two high spades, three heart ruffs in hand, the diamond king, two diamond ruffs in dummy, and two clubs." After the spade king, though, "Two diamond ruffs in dummy promote your jack-eight of spades into high winners ... and you still have to score the spade three one way or another."

The book is available for $16.95 postpaid from Zookeeper Publishing, 2010 Cimarron Drive, Okemos, MI 48864.

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
March 27

Jane Hinton directed all three days of duplicate bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

Seven tables.

N-S

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.
3. Marjorie Brown, LaVerne Hood.

E-W

1. Tizzy Hall, Mary Lois Wilson.
2. Shirley Stewart, Billie Long.
3. Mippy Brownlee, ElWanda Nall.

SUNDAY
March 29

Three tables.

1. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Frances Stevenson, Shirley Stewart.
3. LaVerne Hood, Mippy Brownlee.

TUESDAY

Four tables.

1. LaVerne Hood, Mippy Brownlee.
2. TIE: Linda West and Monte West — Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Tizzy Hall.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

Snyder Fire Department; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 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.

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From the discomfort of our lives.
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When on the cross, He bled and died?

3 hours on the cross
As the blood and water flowed.
Would He rise again someday?
The people didn't know.

Save yourself, many voices shouted-
If indeed - thou art the Son!
But our Lord and Savior simply thought,
Let my Father's will be done.

Jesus cried, "Father, why hast thou forsaken Me?"
And He then, gave up the Ghost.
He will not rise again
Was on the mind of most.

Jesus defeated even death
When He rose again on the 3rd day.
He said, "I am the way, the truth, the life."
I will lead none that believe astray.

Suffering agony, He paid the price
No other soul would pay.
Our Lord God, sent Jesus
To save us from that day!

If you are rushing through life,
Full speed ahead,
Think about the words
Our risen Savior said.

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16 Nautical rope
17 Small island
19 Roster
20 Dawn to dusk
23 Celebrations
26 Gravel ridge
27 Type of neckline
30 The armpit
32 Walks
34 More like a basketball player
35 Omits sounds from speech
36 Uncle
37 Sea eagle
39 Goodnight girl
40 Centerpiece
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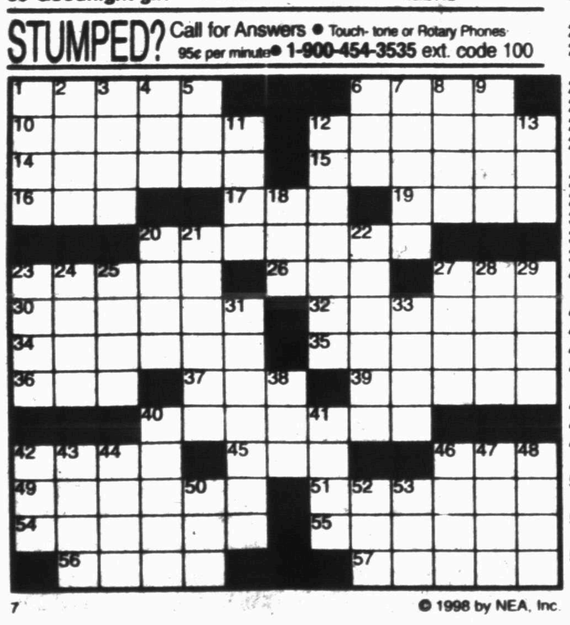
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SPORTS

Majerus, Bender head UT's list

AUSTIN (AP) — Utah's Rick Majerus and Washington's Bob Bender head a short list of coaches being considered by the University of Texas to replace Tom Penders, according to a high-ranking university source.

Majerus has said that he's happy at Utah after leading the Utes to the national championship game. But he has yet to take himself out of the running for the Texas job as he did last week with Arizona State, which reportedly offered him just over $1 million per year.

Majerus, 50, was believed to be somewhat of a longshot for Texas because school officials are unwilling to pay the Longhorns basketball coach more than the $750,000 that football coach Mack Brown makes.

Bender's stock is high among Texas officials, and he would not be considered a consolation prize if the search committee couldn't agree to terms with Majerus, the source said Monday.

"The committee is very excited about Bob Bender," the source said.

The Daily Oklahoman said today that Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson reportedly was interviewed Monday night in Dallas.

The newspaper said sources told it that Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds called Oklahoma interim athletic director Larry Naifeh on Sunday for permission to talk to Sampson.

"Naifeh called Kelvin to tell him about Dodds' call, and Kelvin said he was willing to talk to Texas," the newspaper's source said.

Sources told the Oklahoman that Dodds likes Sampson a lot and sought background information on him from Donnie Duncan, who hired Sampson at Oklahoma.

Sampson has eight years remaining on a 10-year contract.

Bender, 40, who said that he expected to meet with the committee as early as Tuesday, told The News Tribune of Tacoma that the Texas job "is something that I want to look into.

"They've had success. Tom Penders has done a great job there, the kind of success that gets your attention," Bender said.

"I think it's worth it when you look at what Texas can be and what Tom made it. But that's not to say it's going to be better than where we're at with our program."

Bender was an assistant coach at Duke under coach Mike Krzyzewski from 1983 to 1989 before becoming head coach at Illinois State.

Bender's overall record in four years at Illinois State and in five years at Washington is 128-129, including 68-72 as coach of the Huskies. But he turned both programs around.

At Washington, his record has improved each year — 5-22 in 1994; 10-17 in 1995; 16-12 in 1996; 17-11 in 1997 and 20-10 this year.

His Huskies have been to the postseason three straight years, including two NIT berths in 1996 and 1997, and this year knocked off Xavier and Richmond in the NCAA tournament before losing on a buzzer beater to Connecticut in the round of 16.

The earliest Texas can name a coach is late Tuesday afternoon because of job posting laws.

WTC struggling against wind, field

MIDLAND —Western Texas College golf team found itself in an unfamiliar situation Monday — blown away.

The Westerners were victims of both the wind and the Western Athletic Junior College Conference field during the opening round of a loop tournament being played at Green Tree Country Club.

With sand-filled winds gusting above 50 miles per hour and playing without the services of stalwart Fredrik Widmark, WTC finished in sixth place after 36 holes — 35 strokes behind first place Midland College.

Widmark, who has been a contender for medalist in every tournament this year, has withdrawn from school and has returned to Sweden to turn pro.

WTC on Monday posted rounds of 302-323 for a 625 total. Host Midland College carded team rounds of 288-302 for a 590.

Midland College was also 14 strokes in front of second place New Mexico Junior College. Weatherford College was third with a 611 while Temple JC was fourth with a 618 and Paris JC was fifth with a 621.

Jonas Wahlstedt led the Westerners with a 150 (73-77) while Michael Stenger was next with a 152 (76-76). Andreas Ljunggren posted a 157 (77-80) while Peter Gustavsson was one stroke back with a 158 (77-81).

Other WTC scores included Thomas Korberg with a 166 (77-89) and Jake McCullough with a 170 (76-94).

The tournament concludes today with 18 holes of play.

Lady Tigers close in on regional tourney berth

PLAINVIEW — With only one district tournament remaining, the Lady Tigers are sitting pretty.

The Snyder girls fired a 334 Monday at Plainview, stretching their 2-4A lead to 144 strokes heading into the final meet.

Frenship will host the final leg of the district race Monday at Elm Grove Golf Course in Lubbock.

Lamesa A overcame Snyder B for second place. Snyder B will need to make up 13 shots in the final meet to earn the second regional tourney berth.

Daysha Weaver, Keisha Gafford and Randi Reed maintained their hold on the top three medalist spots. Weaver carded an 83 at Plainview, with Gafford and Reed posting 84s.

In boys competition, Snyder turned in a 342.

The Tigers were led by Landon Day who came in with an 80. Day remains in second place in the medalist standings.

Lady Tiger Results

Snyder A: Daysha Weaver and Lacey Kidd, 83; Randi Reed and Keisha Gafford, 84; Kara Harrison, 110.

Snyder B: Sally Barham, 88; Stephanie Alderete, 94; Adrienne McJimsey, 97; Amber Rich, 103; Leslie Mitchell, 115.

Snyder individual: Jenny Chandler, 93.

Tiger Results

Snyder A: Landon Day, 80; Patrick McKamie, 82; Levi Mandrell, 85; Nick Long, 95; Jason French, 98.

Snyder B: Andrew Vinson and Jason Dennis, 89; Lyndell Lee, 90; David Beard, 95; John Rasmus, 96.

Snyder individual: Matt Coronado, 87.

JV baseball...

Tigers improve to 13-3

Snyder JV improved its record to 13-3 Monday with a 9-2 victory over Frenship.

Wes Wilson kept Frenship off the base paths most of the night. Wilson gave up only five hits while fanning 13 and walking two.

Doing the damage at the plate were Josh Ward and Brian Gordon. Both Tigers knocked a double and a single on the evening.

Snyder finished the contest with nine hits, to only five for its opponents.

The win came on the heels of a doubleheader sweep over the weekend. Snyder toppled Abilene Cooper 8-2 and 8-3.

Frenship	001 001 0—2
Snyder	025 110 0—9

Snyder: Ward and Gordon, double and single; Beck and Hester, double; Jones, Wilson and Grimmett, single. Wilson (WP), 7 innings, 5 H, 2 BB, 13 SO.

Cooper	001 010 0—2
Snyder	003 131 0—8

Snyder: Jones, two doubles; Wilson, double; Martinez, three singles; Beck, two singles; McMillan and Rosson, single. Ward (WP), 7 innings, 6 H, 7 BB, 3 SO.

Cooper	020 100 0—3
Snyder	101 240 0—8

Snyder: Ward, double and single; Hester, two singles; Martinez, Jones, McMillan and Grimmett, single. Beck (WP), 7 innings, 5 H, 2 BB, 1 SO.

Snyder JV rallies to top Odessa, 7-5

Dixie Yandrich gave up only one run in three innings, as Snyder JV rallied to top Odessa High, 7-5.

With the Lady Tigers trailing 4-2 in the fourth, Yandrich came to the mound. The Snyder hurler did not surrender a hit in her three innings of relief.

At the plate, the Lady Tigers began their comeback.

Amber Haarmeyer smashed a double, with Jennifer Newman, Valery Haines and Miranda Hackford knocking two singles apiece.

Cameron Mackey, Whitney Webb and Yandrich each slapped a single.

Mackey began the contest on the mound, giving up four hits and striking out two before being relieved in the fourth.

Local Sports Schedule

Today

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Frenship, 5 p.m.

Softball: Snyder varsity at Midland Greenwood, 5 p.m.

Thursday

Baseball: Grape Creek JV at Snyder freshmen, 6:30.

Friday

Baseball: Estacado at Snyder varsity, 5 p.m.

Softball: Snyder varsity at Lubbock Monterey, 3 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	5	1	.833	-
Tampa Bay	4	2	.667	1
Boston	3	3	.500	2
Toronto	2	3	.400	2½
NewYork	1	4	.200	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	5	0	1.000	-
Chicago	3	3	.500	2½
KansasCity	3	3	.500	2½
Minnesota	2	3	.400	3
Detroit	1	5	.167	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	3	3	.500	-
Texas	3	3	.500	-
Anaheim	3	3	.500	-
Oakland	1	3	.250	1

Monday's Games

Chicago White Sox 5, Texas 4
Seattle 8, N.Y. Yankees 0
Anaheim 2, Boston 1, 11 innings
Cleveland 6, Oakland 5, susp., 8 innings, curfew

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay (Arrojo 1-0) at Detroit (Moehler 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 1-0) at Kansas City (Rusch 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 1-0) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 0-1) at Seattle (Bullinger 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 0-0) at Anaheim (Hill 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland at Oakland, comp. of susp. game, 3:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 30 minutes after comp. of susp. game
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 6:35 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Texas at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 10:35 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	4	2	.667	-
Atlanta	3	2	.600	½
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	1½
Florida	1	6	.143	3½
Montreal	0	6	.000	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	6	1	.857	-
Milwaukee	5	1	.833	½
St.Louis	3	2	.600	2
Houston	4	3	.571	2
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	2½
Pittsburgh	3	3	.500	2½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	4	2	.667	-
SanFrancisco	4	2	.667	-
Colorado	4	3	.571	½
LosAngeles	1	4	.200	2½
Arizona	1	5	.167	3

Monday's Games

Milwaukee 8, Florida 5
Houston 13, Colorado 4
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Chicago Cubs 3, Montreal 2

Tuesday's Games

Montreal (Hermanson 0-0) at Milwaukee (Karl 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Politte 0-0) at Colorado (Astacio 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Blair 0-1) at Los Angeles (Park 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Halama 0-1) at San Francisco (Hershiser 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 0-0) at San Diego (Hamilton 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Medina 0-0) at Philadelphia (Stephenson 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Montreal (Vazquez 0-1) at Milwaukee (Mercedes 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Houston (Lima 1-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 1-0), 3:35 p.m.
Florida (Ludwick 0-1) at Philadelphia (Grace 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Neagle 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Loaiza 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Aybar 0-1) at Colorado (Wright 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 0-1) at Los Angeles (Nomo 0-0), 10:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cooke 1-0) at San Diego (Ashby 0-1), 10:35 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-NewJersey	46	21	9	101	208	149
x-Philadelphia	39	25	11	89	220	177
Washington	36	28	12	84	204	191
N.Y.Islanders	27	38	10	64	197	209
N.Y.Rangers	23	36	18	64	186	217
Florida	23	40	12	58	184	231
TampaBay	17	50	9	43	144	244

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Pittsburgh	37	22	17	91	209	175
Montreal	35	30	11	81	221	192
Boston	34	28	13	81	198	178
Buffalo	33	27	15	81	192	170
Ottawa	30	31	14	74	175	184
Carolina	32	35	8	72	186	196

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	44	21	11	99	223	157
x-Detroit	41	20	15	97	230	181
x-St.Louis	41	26	8	90	227	179
Phoenix	30	33	12	72	206	209
Chicago	30	35	12	72	185	187
Toronto	26	41	9	61	176	223

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	37	25	16	90	218	195
LosAngeles	35	30	11	81	213	205
Edmonton	31	36	10	72	195	210
SanJose	31	37	8	70	190	205
Calgary	25	36	14	64	200	222
Vancouver	24	40	13	61	214	261
Anaheim	24	40	12	60	187	241

x-clinched playoff berth.

Monday's Games

Montreal 2, Washington 2, tie
Carolina 3, Boston 0
N.Y. Islanders 3, Tampa Bay 0
Dallas 4, Toronto 2
Los Angeles 3, Colorado 1
Edmonton 3, Vancouver 2

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	53	22	.707	-
NewYork	41	35	.539	12½
NewJersey	39	36	.520	14
Washington	38	37	.507	15
Orlando	38	38	.500	15½
Boston	34	41	.453	19
Philadelphia	29	47	.382	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	58	17	.773	-
y-Indiana	52	23	.693	6
y-Charlotte	47	28	.627	11
Atlanta	44	30	.595	13½
Cleveland	43	32	.573	15
Detroit	34	42	.447	24½
Milwaukee	33	42	.440	25
Toronto	15	59	.203	42½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Utah	56	18	.757	-
y-SanAntonio	52	24	.684	5
y-Minnesota	39	36	.520	17½
y-Houston	37	38	.493	19½
Dallas	19	57	.250	38
Vancouver	16	58	.216	40
Denver	9	66	.120	47½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Seattle	57	19	.750	-
y-L.A.Lakers	55	20	.733	1½
y-Phoenix	50	25	.667	6½
y-Portland	42	33	.560	14½
Sacramento	27	48	.360	29½
GoldenState	16	59	.213	40½
L.A.Clippers	16	59	.213	40½

x-clinched division.
y-clinched playoff berth.

Monday's Games

New Jersey 125, Charlotte 115
Orlando 113, Philadelphia 92
Portland 79, San Antonio 75
Phoenix 102, Seattle 92

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New York, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Girls Little Dribbler Results

MIDGET LEAGUE

Suns 18, Hoopsters 9

Suns: Cayelea Rhodes, 8; Brittani Carnes and Cassie Hernandez, 4; Devin Davidson, 2.
Hoopsters: Karly Buchanan, 5; Allison Cox and Marci Pinkerton, 2.

Swifts 8, Dynamites 4

Swifts: Jordan Derryberry, 6; Erica Lee, 2.
Dynamites: Lauren Lunsford, 4.

Hoopsters 14, Dynamites 5

Hoopsters: Karly Buchanan and Erin Hogan, 6;l Alexandra Urias, 2.
Dynamites: Nicole Means and Destiny Rylant, 2; Lauren Lunsford, 1.

MINOR LEAGUE

Little Tigers 10, Swoopsters 8

Little Tigers: Claire Pollard, 3; Wendy Reed and Khristian Torres, 2; Kelly Rushing, 1; (2 points by opposing team).
Swoopsters: Emily Jones, 6; Shaela Thompson, 2.

Rockets 36, Sharpshooters 20

Rockets: Jessica Taylor, 12; Ashley Bailey, 8; Ashton Wall, 6; Amanda Murray, 4; Samantha Berry, Jamie Putnam and Jordan Stansell, 2.
Sharpshooters: Kate Wall, 13; Teisha McGlouthin, 3; Ashley Rodriguez, 2; Terryn Autry and Cheyene Roemisch, 1.

Wildcats 19, Little Tigers 10

Wildcats: Sirena Madrano, 17; Kelsea Wood, 2.
Little Tigers: Claire Pollard, 4; Stephanie Grant, Wendy Reed and Kelli Rushing, 2.

Magic Jr. 55, Tuff Stuff 19

Magic Jr.: Bianca Gonzales and Sequoya Powell, 18; Kelbi Pitner, 10; Ashley Pavlousky, 7; Megan McCormick, 2.
Tuff Stuff: Tara Kubena, 11; Jessica Odom, 4; Aryn Calley and Sesalie Martinez, 2.

Red Hots 31, Panthers 0

Red Hots: Breanna Talavera, 22; Elizabeth Dominguez, 3; Brittany Dickerhoff, Erica Little and Aeryal Peoples, 2.

Swoopsters 48, Sharpshooters 7

Swoopsters: Shaela Thompson, 24; Audrey Jones, 10; Whitney Payne, 8; Emily Jones, 6.
Sharpshooters: Teisha McGlouthin, 3; Chelsea Hackfeld and Cheyene Roemisch, 2.

Mystics 26, Hot Shots 15

Mystics: Dondi Brock and Teddi Crenwelge, 10; Katie Curry, 4; Katy Crenwelge, 2.
Hot Shots: Marleah Akins, 9; Camri Hill, Alana Culp and Temi Thompson, 2.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Jazz 37, Nikes 17

Jazz: Katie Chandler and Karen Taylor, 10; Taren Knipe, 9; Stacey Williamson, 6; Andrea Valadez, 2.
Nikes: Megan Fletcher, 11; Sara Pavlousky, 4; Sarah Carpenter, 2.

Hornets 44, Jazz 29

Hornets: Andra Dunham, 20; Kelby Drum, 18; Sharday McKinney, Diane Morin and Brittany Milota, 2.
Jazz: Katie Chandler, 10; Stacey Williamson, 8; Karen Taylor, 5; Andrea Valadez, 4; Taren Knipe, 2.

Magic 26, Bullettes 0

Magic: Desiree Braziel, 11; Jordan Donelson, 7; Dominque Braziel, 6; Jennifer Halverson, 2.

Comets 32, Starzz 31

Comets: Kayla Guerrero, 17; Heather Holmes, 8; Acie French, 7.
Starzz: Danisha Akins, 22; Vanessa Espinosa, 3; Briana Burk, Courtney Cox and Jerrica Gutierrez, 2.

Rebels 40, Jawbreakers 19

Rebels: Franki Briseno, 17; Priscilla Ybarra, 14; Hayley Grant, 4; Rebecca Aguirre and Katie Haggard, 2; Sara Thornhill, 1.
Jawbreakers: Alexis Dupree, 8; Tass Baze, 5; Courtney Bridges, 4.

Fastbreak 38, Starzz 32

Fastbreak: Erin Burleson and Gretchen Hollis, 15; Laura Arellano, 4; Mandy Burns and Glyn Wright, 2.
Starzz: Briana Burk, 8; Courtney Cox, 6; Danisha Akins, 5; Vanessa Espinosa and Jerrica Gutierrez, 2.

Hornets 33, Starzz 13

Hornets: Andra Dunham and Diane Morin, 10; Kelby Drum, 5; Sharday McKinney, 4; Bethany Burleson, 2.
Starzz: Danisha Akins and Briana Burk, 4; Jerrica Gutierrez, 3; Courtney Cox, 2.

Fastbreak 32, Sonics 19

Fastbreak: Laura Arellano, 10; Erin Burleson, Gretchen Hollis and Jessica Sollis, 6; Glyn Wright, 4.
Sonics: Lindsey Wilson, 15; Kassey Burney and Kalli Wesson, 2.

Lady Raiders 33, Nikes 13

Lady Raiders: Heather Zajicek, 14; Whitney Criswell, 12; Sara Bradberry, 4; Jodi Stewart, 2.
Nikes: Sara Pavlousky, 6; Megan Fletcher, 4; Sara Carpenter, 2; Ashley Darnell, 1.

Sports Briefs

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the National Little Dribblers Tournament to be held in Snyder April 15-18.

Anyone wishing to help should contact the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Volleyball tournament

A 4 on 4 volleyball tournament will be held April 21 at the sand pit at WTC.

Women's, men's and coed teams are welcome. Entry fee is $40 per team, with $30 awarded to the tourney MVP.

Registration forms may be picked up at the WTC athletic office. For more information contact Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286.

Tuesday night scramble

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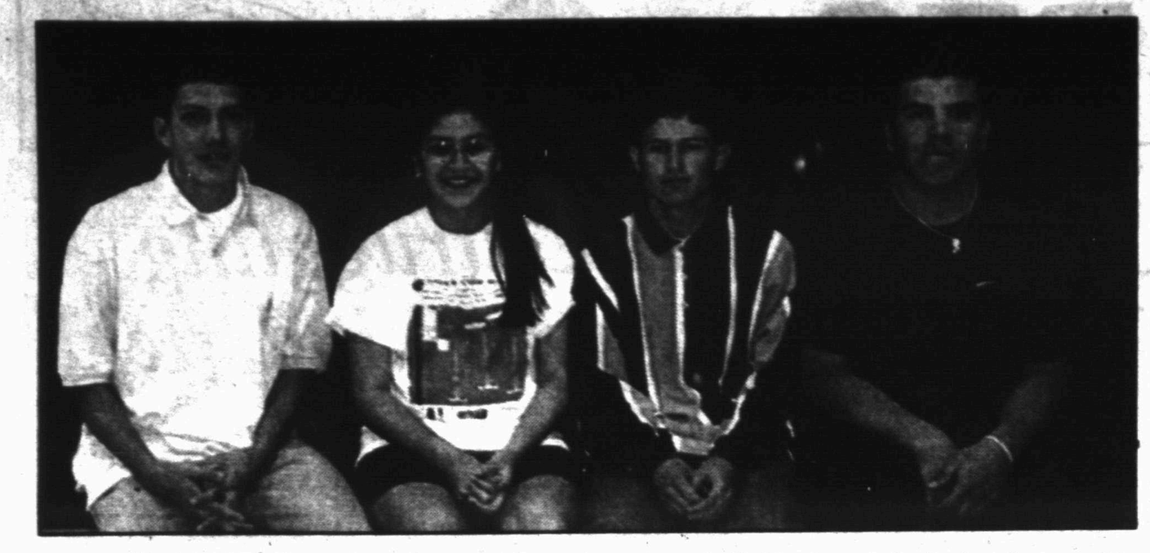


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DISTRICT AWARDS — These Hermleigh students won individual awards during last week's district one-act play competition. From left are, Larry Lambaren and Ester Martinez, all star cast; and Ricky Luna and Johnny Garza, honorable mention all star cast. Hermleigh performed "The Magician's Nephew." (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Tammy Wynette, country's first lady, is dead at age 55

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — With the sexual revolution sweeping the nation, Tammy Wynette found herself at No. 1 singing "Stand By Your Man."

Wynette, who died Monday at 55 while napping at her Nashville home, sang for people like herself — country folks, some of whom had just moved to the city and weren't quite ready for bra-burning.

The cause of her death was believed to be a blood clot, spokeswoman Evelyn Shriver said. Wynette had had a series of health problems in recent years.

"Her story is really the story of country music," said Kyle Young of the Country Music Foundation. "From humble beginnings as a hairdresser, to superstardom.

"The strength of her music was she connected with a wide audience, because she really tapped into real situations in people's lives," he said.

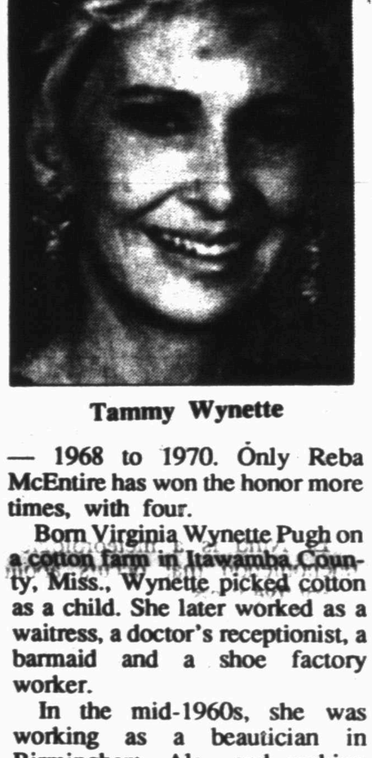
Wynette scored many duet hits with George Jones, her husband from 1969-75. They tended to be about either domestic bliss or strife, as did solo Wynette hits like "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" and "My Man." She had a robust voice that could deliver entire songs seemingly on the verge of tears.

Wynette recorded more than 50 albums and sold more than 30 million records, scoring 39 Top 10 hits from 1967-88. Twenty topped the charts.

Country music fans polled for the annual Music City News awards voted Wynette a legend in 1991. She said it was premature.

"I don't consider myself a legend. I think it's kind of overused," said Wynette, who was known as "the first lady of country music."

She was a three-time winner of the Country Music Association's female vocalist of the year award



Tammy Wynette

— 1968 to 1970. Only Reba McEntire has won the honor more times, with four.

Born Virginia Wynette Pugh on a cotton farm in Itawamba County, Miss., Wynette picked cotton as a child. She later worked as a waitress, a doctor's receptionist, a barmaid and a shoe factory worker.

In the mid-1960s, she was working as a beautician in Birmingham, Ala., and making periodic 180-mile trips to Nashville in hopes of getting discovered as a singer.

Billy Sherrill, who co-wrote "Stand By Your Man" with Wynette, signed her to Epic Records and produced her pivotal early hits. Other hits included "I Don't Wanna Play House," "Womanhood," "Take Me to Your World," "Your Good Girl's Gonna Go Bad," and "The Ways to Love a Man."

The genius of "Stand By Your Man" was how Wynette's tearful voice undercut the lyrics, capturing the pain of a woman struggling to be true to a man who probably didn't deserve it.

"She was as soulful a singer as I've ever heard," said producer Don Was, who has worked with Willie Nelson and Bonnie Raitt. "In her own way, she was every bit as soulful as someone like Aretha Franklin."

Added country singer Patty Loveless: "When Tammy opened her mouth, it was the soul of country music. ... Tammy, Dolly (Parton) and Loretta (Lynn) — that was, and always will be, the heart of this music."

Throughout Wynette's 25-year career, stormy marriages and hospital stays threatened to overshadow one of the most successful singing stories in country music history. In 1978, she was abducted at a Nashville shopping center, driven 80 miles in her luxury car, beaten and released by a masked assailant. No one was ever arrested, though Wynette later said the man apparently ended up in prison for another crime.

Burning body identified as missing boy

DALLAS (AP) — A witness told police that a 15-year-old boy pleaded, "Please don't shoot me, please don't shoot" as he was abducted from his Dallas residence.

Kaufman County Sheriff Robert Harris said the body of Juan Colunga was found in a wooded area about 40 miles southeast of Dallas on Friday, near the towns of Kaufman and Kemp.

Colunga had been shot about a dozen times, doused with gasoline and set on fire.

Police said Monday they had made no arrests and had no suspects.

The youth was last reported seen about three hours earlier. A witness said a man walked up to the house, grabbed him by the arm and pointed a gun to his head as they walked away.

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Dow is up over 9,000

CHICAGO (AP) — Many small investors see the high-flying, record-breaking Dow Jones industrial average and begin counting the ways to spend their stock market winnings.

Who's got the blues? Those left on the sidelines during the unprecedented bull run by a lack of money or initiative, wondering whether they've missed a ride on one of the all-time gravy trains.

"It'd sure be nice to have some of that money," said Kwame Banks, 31, operations coordinator for the Philadelphia-based Colours Organization. "But the reason I've never gotten involved is because I never felt I was at a comfort zone to do it."

The Dow, a complicated index based on the prices of 30 blue-chip companies, is the oldest and most widely followed Wall Street indicator. It began the year at 7,908, but by gaining 49.82 points Monday, it stormed to 9,033.23, its first-ever close above 9,000.

The trend did not continue in early trading today, however. At midmorning, the Dow was down 71.00 at 8,962.23, as traders sold shares to take profits on the latest gains and as technology issues continued a retreat.

The final nudge to Monday's record was the announced merger of Citicorp and Travelers Group, two financial services companies with surging stock values. At $82 billion, it would easily be the biggest business deal ever.

"People just feel the general trend for the market will always be up," said Matt Waddell, director of online brokerage CompuTEL Securities in San Francisco. "If the market goes down 150 points, people come in looking for bargains, if it goes down 500 points, the same."

The market has been running without a sustained dip since 1990, when the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and worries about the economy sent stocks lower. One thousand dollars invested in the Dow Jones stocks on Oct. 11, 1990 — when the Dow was at 2,365.10 — would be worth $4,631 today if dividends were reinvested.

What about the Asian economic crisis? Just three months ago, it turned the stomachs of some market watchers and prompted dire warnings. And the Dow opened the year with a 4 percent slide.

The American economy has kept humming along. And with inflation apparently being held at bay, optimistic small investors continued to flood the market with money from their mutual funds, 401(k) plans, and Individual Retirement Accounts.

The Investment Company Institute, a mutual fund trade group in Washington, estimated that nearly $50 billion flowed into mutual funds alone from December through February. Many of these investors are looking to the long term, too — as of 1996, the trade group said more than one-third of fund assets were earmarked for retirement.

Investment banker Sofia Anastopoulos of Chicago sold her stock portfolio in early October, before the market briefly tumbled below 7,000, to make a down payment on a condominium. She now is looking to jump back in.

News Briefs

Judge drank beer at courthouse

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — When the jury began deliberations in a drunk-driving case, the judge went out to pick up a 12-pack of beer. Guilty verdict in, he drank a "cold one" with jurors and a lawyer in the jury room, then drove home with a half-finished beer, state investigators say.

Lakewood Municipal Court Judge Ralph H. Baldwin said the charges brought by the state's judicial watchdog board are largely true and that he will resign today.

"When I saw it put down on paper, it looked awful," Baldwin told The News Tribune of Tacoma. "It was stupid. When I thought about it, I thought, 'Oh my God, you fool.'"

He has only served three months in the $65,000-a-year post in Lakewood, just south of Tacoma.

Baldwin "made remarks such as, 'stay for a cold one,' 'I know this is uncommon, and kind of funny following a DUI case,' 'I'll deny it if any of you repeat it,' and 'I'm not responsible for any drinking or driving,'" investigators with the Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct alleged Monday.

He called a court administrator a "wimp" for refusing to drink.

When he left, he said, "'I might as well drink and drive, I do it all the time anyway,'" before getting into his car and driving away with an open beer, investigators said.

State law bars drinking alcohol on court premises, and the judicial code requires judges to maintain high standards of behavior. Baldwin is entitled to a hearing.

Husband shocked by accusations

CHICAGO (AP) — Adriana Mejia longed for a child.

And even though her husband had his doubts, he kept quiet — at first — when the 22-year-old woman brought home an infant girl she said was newborn, and a 3-year-old boy she said she was watching for a woman she met at the hospital.

He knew had badly she wanted a child. Then Rosauro Mejia saw the news reports. A couple had been slain and their two children abducted.

"I can't believe it even now," Mejia, 23, said Monday through a Spanish-English translator. "I didn't see it coming." He took the boy to police.

Police said Ms. Mejia, with the help of Arturo DeLeon-Reyes, 25, and Gabriel Solache, 23, broke in on factory worker Mariano Soto and his wife, Jacinita, on March 28 and stabbed them to death. Then they took the couple's two children.

A day earlier, Ms. Mejia had spotted the mother and her baby girl at a Chicago health clinic and followed her to learn where she lived, police said. Police believe her husband had no knowledge of the crime.

"They agreed that they would do whatever they needed to do to get a child, and that included killing," prosecutor Adrienne Mebane said while a translator whispered in Spanish to the three defendants.

Circuit Judge William Wood ordered Mrs. Mejia and her two alleged accomplices held without bond. All three were charged Sunday with first-degree murder, kidnapping and home invasion.

All are illegal immigrants from Mexico, said Gail Montenegro, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Mejia said he and his wife had talked about having a child, and was happy when she said she was pregnant. Prosecutors she had been diagnosed as infertile last year.

"She was a good person," Mejia said. "I didn't see it coming."

It was the second time in less than three years police say a frustrated maternal instinct soured into a gruesome murder-kidnapping in the Chicago area.

In November 1995, home invaders broke into a suburban apartment, killed a little girl and then shot her mother in the head, slit her throat, ripped a fetus out of the pregnant woman's uterus and walked off with the infant along with an older boy, who later was killed.

A 1-year-old was left alone amid the carnage. Jurors have recommended a death sentence for a woman convicted of the crime; trials are pending for two others.

Doctors to parents: spare the rod

ATLANTA (AP) — When children get out of hand, parents should refrain from raising theirs and instead try positive reinforcement and "time-outs," a national group of pediatricians suggests.

Spanking teaches children aggression and is no more effective than other forms of punishment, the American Academy of Pediatrics said in this month's issue of its magazine, Pediatrics.

When parents must punish, nonphysical methods such as imposing a "time-out" or taking away privileges are better alternatives than spanking, Dr. Mark L. Wolraich, who headed a committee that worked on the academy's recommendations, said Monday.

The 53,000-member academy acknowledged it doesn't expect to eliminate the popular punishment overnight. About 90 percent of U.S. parents spank and 59 percent of pediatricians said they support the practice, according to a 1992 survey.

The academy is now conducting a new survey of pediatricians, but has set no date for releasing the results.

"We would rather have pediatricians teach parents more effective techniques rather than teaching them how to be better spankers," Wolraich said.

The academy said effective discipline has three crucial components: A supportive, loving relationship between parent and child; use of positive reinforcement when children behave well; and use of punishment when children misbehave.

"Discipline is not just punishment," Wolraich said.

The position against spanking follows similar recommendations from other groups that study child behavior, though in 1983, the academy took a vaguer position on spanking, suggesting alternatives without opposing it.

Researchers wrote in the August issue of the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine that spanking is linked with aggression and makes children behave even worse.

Parents typically turn to spanking when they're angry, "giving the message that a way to resolve anger is physically," Wolraich said.

Also, most parents eventually have to find an alternative to spanking anyway, once their children get older and the practice loses its effectiveness.

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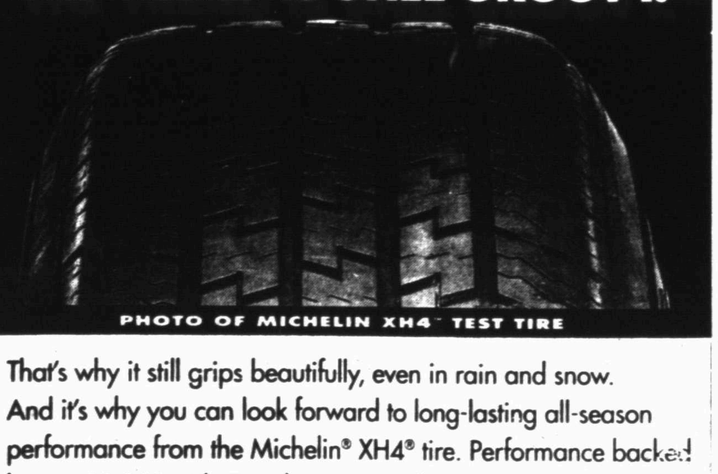


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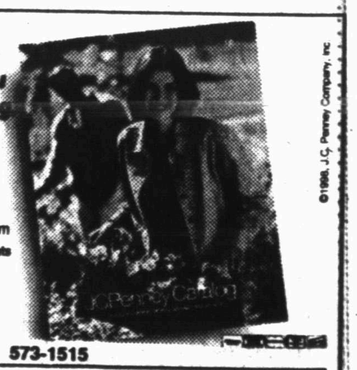
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Senate panel eyes civil commitment for sexual pedators

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas' parole board chief says he's never felt so powerless as when confronted with the imminent release from prison of a child molester who had promised to attack again — this time, to kill his victim.

"He presented a crisis for us," Victor Rodriguez, chairman of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, told a senate committee Monday, talking about the case two years ago of convict Larry Don McQuay.

McQuay, who claims to have molested more than 200 children, told parole officials that if freed, he would kill his victim to keep the child from testifying against him.

"In that case we explored civil commitment, but at that time, we knew there was no alternative way. And we learned some hard lessons."

Rodriguez' testimony came before the Senate Interim Committee on Sex Offenders, which is drafting legislation to keep sexual predators in mental health facilities after their prison time is served if they are considered a continuing threat to attack again. The practice — in use or under consideration by several other states — is known as civil commitment.

"It's important to realize the state currently is helpless in situations like this. We have no laws on the books to deal with this type of situation," said Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, the committee chair. "The issue is to protect the public ... and at the same time provide treatment for seriously violent predators."

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Kansas law that could serve as a model for the Texas legislation. A draft bill should be written by the end of the summer and will be presented to the Legislature early next year.

Proponents argue the legislation is necessary to keep sexual predators who likely will attack again off the streets.

But critics, including some mental health advocates, fear the public will begin treating the mentally ill like criminals if sexual predators are housed in similar facilities.

They also worry that the safety of mentally ill patients would be threatened should mental health hospitals become a dumping ground for dangerous criminals.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Preventing the pot belly

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a "beer belly" and how can it be prevented?

DEAR READER: Beer drinkers are often overweight and frequently have enlarged livers. Both these factors can cause the abdomen to pouch abnormally. Thus, the simplest answer to your second question is: "Don't drink beer."

However, the situation is not that simple. Men and women, as they age, tend to develop prominent abdomens. In part, this tendency is hereditary. But it is also a common pattern of fat distribution. Therefore, you don't have to be a beer drinker to get a beer belly; you just have to have the right genes — and the wrong diet.

Of course, the empty calories in alcohol-containing beverages markedly aggravate the situation.

Beer bellies are not common in adults who exercise regularly, maintain an ideal weight, avoid alcohol, and take pains to firm up their abdominal muscles by performing leg-lifts and sit-ups.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." 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: How accurate are home pregnancy kits?

DEAR READER: Amazingly accurate, provided the directions for use are followed to the letter.

There are now almost a dozen different pregnancy detectors on the market. These devices are a convenient and inexpensive way for women to check for pregnancy by measuring a hormone (human chorionic gonadotropin) that is produced during pregnancy.

Because most pregnancy kits are designed to measure extremely small amounts of HCG, a delay of as little as 10 minutes in reading the test strip can turn a negative result into a positive one. Moreover, some tests are easier to read. Finally, there is a good deal of variation from product to product in how the testing is performed: Most require an in-stream urine sample, while others depend on a two-step technique. Thus, most experts recommend the following:

Purchase a kit that is easy to use. Withhold testing until a day or two after the first day of an expected (but missed) menstrual period, because this is a more likely time for an accurate result. If the test is positive, confirm the results with a medical professional. See a gynecologist if a period is missed, regardless of the result of the home-test.

When used strictly according to the manufacturers' directions, such pregnancy tests will yield a positive result in 98 percent of pregnant women.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several months ago, you mentioned a hand cream called Lotil as an effective antidote for rough, chapped hands. However, I have been unable to find this product, and my pharmacist doesn't know how to order it. Where can I get it?

DEAR READER: I have received dozens of letters such as yours. I apologize to those readers who have had difficulty obtaining Lotil. This is a specialty nonprescription product distributed by Caswell-Massey. Ask your pharmacist to stock the hand cream by ordering it from this distributor.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any way that I can modify my daily habits to avoid breast cancer?

DEAR READER: A recent report in the Journal of the American Medical Association (Feb. 18, 1998) reached a surprising conclusion: Women who consumed significant amounts of alcohol had a much higher incidence of breast cancer. The study, which involved more than 300,000 women, showed that the consumption of two to four shots of liquor, 2.5 to 4.5 bottles of beer or three to five glasses of wine a day led to a 30 to 40 percent higher risk of breast cancer than that in nondrinkers.

Although researchers were puzzled by this phenomenon, they hypothesized that the alcohol interfered with the metabolism of estrogen, with resulting higher blood levels of the hormone. These higher levels overstimulated breast tissue, leading to cancer.

While infrequent and moderate alcohol consumption does not appear to affect health, regular and significant drinking does. Therefore, based on this study, you might choose to avoid alcohol or keep its consumption to a minimum.

To give you more information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Breast Cancer and Disorders" and "Substance Abuse & Mental Health." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have an elderly friend who was recently diagnosed with intestinal angina. What is this?

DEAR READER: When muscles are deprived of oxygen due to poor circulation caused by arteriosclerosis, they cramp. When the coronary arteries are affected and pain results, physicians diagnose angina pectoris. But the same muscle cramping can also occur in the intestinal lining, when the arteries supplying the bowel are blocked by arteriosclerotic plaque. Called "intestinal angina," the condition is marked by periodic abdominal spasms, usually occurring after a meal. Patients may also experience nausea, vomiting, distension and altered bowel habits. In severe cases, the angina may progress to bowel damage or even gangrene, for which emergency surgery may be necessary.

The diagnosis is made by X-ray studies.

Treatment is primarily surgical. If appropriate X-rays (of the bowel circulation) show potentially dangerous obstructions, bypass grafting has to be considered.

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When the Chinese attempted to destroy Tibet's religious heritage in the 1960s, among the victims were the 3,300 monks of the Ganden Monastery.

'Mars face' now does an about face

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — When a gape-mouthed face appeared in photos of Mars 22 years ago, dreamers and conspiracy theorists stared back.

They wondered whether they were seeing the remnants of an ancient city, a sign of intelligent life that NASA was keeping quiet.

In a new image taken by the Mars Global Surveyor and lit from a different angle, however, the Red Planet is faceless. The legendary formation appears to be nothing more than an eroded hill and plenty of imagination.

"It's a butte, a mesa, a knob," said Michael Ravine, advanced projects manager at Malin Space Science Systems in San Diego, which operates Surveyor's camera. "Nothing jumps out at me and screams, 'This must have been built by the forces of intelligence.'"

Richard Hoaglund, who contends that the face may be part of a "city complex" created by intelligent life, remained unconvinced by the image that NASA placed on its Web sites Monday.

Hoaglund charged that data had been stripped from the image in processing and the result was of too poor quality to draw any conclusions.

"It's like looking at a TV with a bunch of snow on it," said Hoaglund, who describes himself as principle investigator for the Enterprise Mission, a New Mexico-based research and NASA watchdog group. "There's all kinds of random speckles. The damn thing is as noisy as hell."

The new photos of the Cydonia region of Mars were taken at just after midnight Sunday, California time, in a hazy morning during the martian winter. Despite the low light, Ravine said the new image was 10 times as sharp as the photographs that caused the ruckus — the 1976 pictures snapped by the Viking mission.

The photograph shows an eroded knob of rock surrounded by "debris aprons" of rock and ice. It is similar to other rocky knobs lying in a transition zone between an old cratered area and newer, low-lying northern plains, said Michael Carr, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park.

"I don't see a face. Do you?" he said. "I hope this has scotched this thing for good."

Surveyor turned its camera on the region because of public interest in the face. Global Surveyor will have opportunities to photograph the same area on April 14 and April 23.

Professor's forecast at CSU calls for six hurricanes in '98

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Without El Nino's influence, the hurricane season should spawn more storms this year, creating six hurricanes, including two classified as major, forecaster William Gray predicted today.

"This year will be distinctly more active than last year, but not as active as the very busy seasons of 1995 and 1996," the Colorado State University professor said.

In his quarterly forecast, Gray's team of forecasters predicted a mostly average hurricane season.

They call for 10 tropical storms, with sustained winds of at least 39 mph, to form in the Atlantic Basin between June 1 and Nov. 30. They predicted six hurricanes from those storms, including two classified as major, with sustained winds of 111 mph or greater.

The forecast, released today, shows an increase in hurricane activity from Gray's December forecast because El Nino is weakening, as well as other factors, he said.

"The El Nino is fading out a little faster than we thought," Gray said in a telephone interview. "By the start of the real active part of the hurricane season, the El Nino will be mostly gone."

In addition, there are a number of weather-related factors that make hurricane activity more favorable for the Atlantic, such as weaker trade winds, he said.

Sea surface temperatures are above normal in the Atlantic, which could promote hurricane activity next summer, he said. "It's the warmest we've seen it in a long, long time," Gray said.

The only offsetting factor is equatorial stratospheric winds, at 68,000 feet to 75,000 feet, that are expected to blow from the east, which tends to inhibit hurricane formation, Gray said.

"In the next two reports in early June and early August, we will likely have a much better picture of how these interconnected global conditions will affect storm activity," he said.

The Atlantic Basin averages 9.3 tropical storms; 5.8 hurricanes and 2.3 intense hurricanes a year.

Until 1997, Gray had held the record for the most accurate predictions of hurricanes and tropical storms in the Atlantic for 14 years until El Nino wreaked havoc with his number.

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El Nino is a meteorological phenomenon that occurs about every five years.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 8, 1998

There is a possibility you might be showered with excessive opportunities in the year ahead. It will be up to you to separate, classify and utilize those most worthwhile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be more mindful than usual about sensible health habits today. If there are things you shouldn't eat, drink or do at this particular time, this is not the day to start bending the rules. Aries, 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could be more susceptible than usual to manipulation today, so beware of individuals who lavishly flatter you for no apparent reason.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Until something is a fait accompli, it's best not to boast about it in advance. It could be embarrassing later if you do not live up to expectations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The only one who is likely to be impressed by your dynamic schemes today is you. Keep this in mind if you find yourself trying to enthrall a captive audience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A financial arrangement in which you're involved appears to be a tad lopsided. Recheck it, because the profit you're anticipating might come from your own pocket.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A partnership arrangement might be more of a hindrance than a help today, especially if you're involved with a person who likes to give orders, but doesn't know how to take them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It doesn't look like you'll receive much help today extricating yourself from a complicated situation of your own making. Instead of waiting for the cavalry to arrive, begin to clean up the mess yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful today that you don't position yourself in the middle of a disagreement between two friends of whom you're equally fond. If you say the wrong thing, both may turn on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In order to achieve your objectives today, you must be motivated and tenacious. Significant accomplishments will elude you if you should start coasting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to be as frank and forthright as possible if you get involved with someone today in a critical arrangement. Focus on facts, not fantasy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Guard against the inclination at this time to count your chickens before they hatch. Don't make financial commitments before the money is in the bank.

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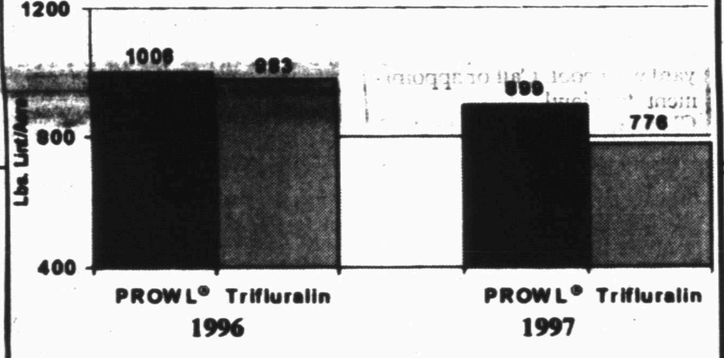
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Newspaper: federal judges often rule in cases with conflicts

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Many federal judges repeatedly preside over cases involving companies in which they own stock — despite laws that prohibit it, The Kansas City Star reported this week.

The newspaper said it studied financial disclosure forms for judges in four states and identified 57 legal actions in which a judge entered one or more orders while having an interest in a litigant.

"I'm shocked," said Jeffrey Shaman, a judicial ethicist and a law professor at DePaul University in Chicago. "It's such a clear violation."

However, the newspaper found no overt instances in which judges benefited personally or let their stock holdings influence their rulings.

The series published Sunday and Monday analyzed financial disclosure reports filed since 1991 by U.S. District Court judges based in Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kan., Pittsburgh and Portland, Ore.

The Star then compared the judges' stock holdings with thousands of civil lawsuits.

Judges are required to list their investments on forms sent every year to Washington. No one outside the judiciary is authorized to enforce the ethics statutes and the law sets no penalty for violations, although federal judges can be impeached.

In Kansas City, Mo., courts, nine judges issued more than 200 orders — ranging from setting hearings to conducting a jury trial. In 33 cases, there appeared to be a conflict of interest.

The judges owned anywhere from a few thousand dollars to as much as $250,000 worth of stock in companies involved in a suit, or in the companies' parent corporations.

Most judges told the Star they made innocent mistakes or forgot what they owned. Some said their staffs were supposed to spot the conflicts. Others blamed the crush of paperwork.

Father says suspect was molested

NEW YORK (AP) — The 13-year-old boy accused of killing four students and a teacher at his Arkansas school said he was sexually molested while growing up in Minnesota, according to his father and his attorney.

Mitchell Johnson claimed he was abused when he was 6 and 7 years old, his attorney, Tom Furth, said in an interview broadcast Monday night on ABC News' "20/20."

Mitchell and Drew Golden, 11, each face five counts of murder and 10 counts of first-degree battery in the March 24 shooting outside a middle school in Jonesboro, Ark.

Furth and Mitchell's father, Scott Johnson, described Mitchell as angry about the abuse and remorseful about the shootings. They said he has received death threats.

Scott Johnson said he only learned last week about his son's alleged abuse, two days before the interview, which was recorded Sunday. The attacker was "a family member of the day care where he was placed," Johnson said.

At the time, Mitchell lived in Grand Meadow, Minn., a small town about 95 miles south of Minneapolis. His parents divorced and he later moved to Jonesboro with his mother.

"Mitchell Johnson is very angry about some things that have happened to him in his past," Furth said. "And he's 13 years old, and he doesn't know how to handle some of these things and he doesn't know how to cope with some of these things."

Three placed under arrest

Three people were arrested Monday, including one on a grand jury indicment returned earlier in the morning.

Jason Wayne Loper, 17, of 2712 W. 23rd was arrested at the sheriff's office at 6:45 p.m. on an indictment for burglary of a habitation.

An officer was requested in the 300 block of 35th Street at 7:28 p.m. in reference to a domestic disturbance. A 35-year-old male was taken into custody for assault/family violence.

DPS troopers arrested a 37-year-old male at 9:48 p.m. on Highway 84 near Hermleigh for driving while license suspended.

In other activity, Joe Castillo requested to speak to an officer at 2901 W. 23rd St. in reference to a break-in. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Chris Benitez told officers at 5:44 p.m. of some criminal mischief at T.J.'s Pool Hall. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Tammy Bautista spoke to a deputy at 6:42 p.m. in reference to an income tax check being forged. An offense report for forgery was submitted.

Two complaints of persons selling merchandise without a city permit were also made Monday, while five motorists were assisted as they had locked their keys in their cars.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 3 — Bernice Kuss of Hermleigh, Elbert Hill, E.L. Jones; April 4 — Evangeline Mireles, Melba Huddleston, Merrill Martin; April 5 — Patricia Graham, Norman Hayes, Faye Bruns, Robert Hood, John Ramirez Jr., Dolores Rios Jr., Kyler Roemisch, Jennifer Shultz; April 6 — Daniel Alvarez, Janie Graham, Eugenia Grizzle, Frances Gutierrez, Bianca Sookrey, Petra Vasquez, Pearl Watson, Doyle Wemken, Arthur Hobbs, Kimberly Neves.

DISMISSALS: April 3 — Toby Delce, Mildred Merritt, Michael Thurman, Samuel Bass of Fluvanna, Joe Smith, Betty Thurman; April 4 — Vera Moore, E.L. Hill, Merrill Martin; April 5 — Evelyn Evans; April 6 — John Ramirez Jr., Dolores Rios Jr., Kyler Roemisch, Jennifer Shultz, Evangeline Mireles and baby, Bianca Sookrey.

CENSUS: 51 (Med., Surg.-21, Long-term Care-27,CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Evangeline and Gerald Mireles of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter at 11:29 a.m. on April 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces.

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Lawmakers, 'Amnesty' discuss death penalty

AUSTIN (AP) — Children as young as 11 could be sentenced to death for capital murder under a proposal by a Texas lawmaker whose own son is just that age.

"I hope my child is a Beaver Cleaver. ... I think there are 11-year-olds out there that would be capable of premeditated murder," said Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, pointing to the recent school yard shootings in Arkansas.

Pitts outlined his proposals to increase penalties available against juveniles who commit violent crimes Monday, the same day death penalty opponents including Amnesty International USA announced new efforts to restrict Texas executions.

"This idea of killing 11-year-olds, or having them charged as adults, does not answer a principal issue in this society: How do we get the best out of our human resources? It certainly won't be to kill the young," said Samuel Jordan, director of the Program to Abolish the Death Penalty of Amnesty International USA.

"I don't think it has a great deal of chances for success if the people of Texas urge their representatives to enact laws that have morality," he added.

Pitts, who plans to introduce the juvenile crime package when lawmakers meets in regular session in January, said his proposals would give greater leeway to local district attorneys and courts.

"I am not saying that every 11-year-old who commits a crime should be tried as an adult. I want to give an option to a district attorney, if they feel like they have enough evidence and the right kid, they ought to be able to have the option to try this kid as an adult," Pitts said.

His proposals include lowering from 17 to 11 the age at which a youngster is eligible to be charged with capital murder, and lowering from 14 to 10 the age at which a child can be certified and tried in the adult criminal justice system.

Under the proposal, someone as young as 11 who is convicted of capital murder could face either life without parole or the death penalty. Pitts' aide, Rusty Ballard, said life without parole also would be an option in non-capital murders, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Capital murders have an enhancing factor, such as being committed during a robbery.

Under current law, a person can be sentenced to death for a crime committed at age 16, but the execution is not carried out until the person is at least 17, said Ron Dusek of the state attorney general's office. Pitts said he'll look at whether there should be such a delay built into his proposal.

"I would think probably, realistically, it would take that long to have their appeal processed," Pitts said.

If approved, the plan likely would take effect with offenses committed after Sept. 1, 1999, Pitts said.

Amnesty International's recommendations, in a report called "The Death Penalty in Texas: Lethal Injustice," include:

— Minimum standards for lawyers to represent indigent defendants charged with or convicted of capital murder.

— "Humanitarian criteria" for the granting of clemency in capital cases.

— Ceasing executions of juveniles, the mentally retarded and the mentally ill.

While seeking these changes, the group continues to oppose the death penalty "without qualification," Jordan said. "There are acceptable alternatives."

A number of lawmakers have expressed an interest in such alternatives as a life sentence without parole, he said. Death penalty opponents plan meetings with lawmakers, public organizations and grassroots representatives to work for change, Jordan said.

Voluntary declaration of homosexuality increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — More people are being discharged from the military after volunteering that they are homosexual, but Defense Secretary William Cohen says he does not believe that means harassment of gays is on the rise.

"There are some indications that there has been an increase as far as some of the people who have declared themselves to be homosexual and have opted to getting out of the military," Cohen said Monday. "But in terms of the policy itself overall, I think it's working."

Cohen, appearing at a photo session, was asked about figures reportedly contained in a draft report on the Defense Department's enforcement of its "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on homosexuality.

The report finds that discharges on grounds of homosexuality rose from 850 in 1996 to "nearly 1,000" in 1997, said several Pentagon officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"We intend to continue to emphasize the fact that this policy should not be abused, that there should be no attempt to hunt or seek out those who are — may be — homosexual, and that we intend to strictly enforce the "don't ask, don't tell" policy," Cohen said.

Cohen did not elaborate, nor did he make clear how many of those who have been discharged on grounds of homosexuality volunteered their status.

One official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there appears to be a variety of reasons to explain the rise in discharges. He said it appears many of those who are voluntarily disclosing their homosexuals do so shortly after entering the service. Some officers speculate that may be used as an excuse by people who are unhappy with being in the military, but they said they could not offer any figures to back up such a claim, since the military does not follow those people who return to private life.

Those dismissed for homosexuality receive an administrative discharge, which does not carry a bad-conduct stigma.

The policy, adopted soon after President Clinton took office, is supposed to allow gays to serve if they keep their sexual orientation private, and to punish those who engage in homosexual acts or take actions that call attention to their orientation.

Commanders are not to ask about sexual orientation or launch investigations without credible evidence.

But critics of the Pentagon's approach say they believe that harassment of homosexuals is on the increase.

"We think they are not following their own rules," said Dixon Osburn, co-executive director of the Service members Legal Defense Network. "We think there is a huge amount of harassment going on. ... Commanders are asking questions they are not supposed to be asking."

Osburn said the number who have been kicked out of the military on grounds of homosexuality has steadily increased from 597 in 1994, to 722 in 1995 and 850 in 1996.

INS detains two people following truck accident

HOUSTON (AP) — Two people have been detained by immigration officials in connection with a truck accident last month that killed two undocumented immigrants and left dozens more injured.

One man suspected to be the truck driver and another suspected to be a guide were being held Monday by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Houston, said spokeswoman Kristi Barrows.

No criminal charges have been filed, and the men's names were not released.

As many as 60 undocumented immigrants were packed into a flatbed trailer when it overturned March 23 on a farm road in Wadsworth, about 75 miles south of Houston.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Minister's Wrath Rains Down On Collecting Ceremonial Fees

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have just read with disgust a letter in your column from a clergyperson giving a specific time when the clergy should be paid for performing a marriage. The writer is concerned that if payment is not made preceding the ceremony, he/she will have to ask for payment at a later time.

Ministers in most churches receive a salary that should include the performance of any service done in the church. I cannot help but wonder what the tab would be for a baptism or a funeral. In my denomination, services such as those are considered sacraments of the church. To even think of charging for any of them is nothing short of blasphemy.

Certainly, I have received gifts from brides and grooms for performing their wedding ceremony, but to expect or to ask for payment is simply not acceptable. It is crassness such as this that gives the church and its ministers much bad press.

Do you suppose that this person sends statements proclaiming "service rendered" that carry a monthly service charge if not paid promptly?

Hopefully, this individual will remember that the role of a minister is primarily that of a servant.

THE REV. RALPH O. MARSH, ATHENS, GA.

DEAR REV. MARSH: Perhaps you are judging this clergyperson a bit too harshly. A survey of churches in the Los Angeles area reveals that some churches charge a "usage fee" for the church building (and minister), while others charge non-members to perform marriage ceremonies, but waive the fee for members.

Now that people know your policy, I predict your membership will increase by leaps and bounds.

DEAR ABBY: When I fell in love with Rodney, he was a single parent with a 4-year-old son called "Junie," for Junior. Rodney's wife had died before Junie was a year old. When I came on the scene, Junie started calling me "Mama" because I was the only mother he had ever known.

Now, after 10 years of marriage, some of Rodney's relatives still refer to Junie and me as "stepmother" and "stepson." That just breaks my heart.

When will I officially be known as "Mom"?

JUNIE'S ONLY MOM

DEAR MOM: To people who think the way Rodney's relatives do, probably never. You can't change them, but you can change the way you react to them. When you are referred to as "stepmother," you might remind them that, although you may not be his biological mom, you are the only mother Junie has known. Then bask in the knowledge that you are truly Junie's mom, regardless of what anyone calls you.

DEAR ABBY: This is my "how we met" story:

In 1948, two friends stopped by my home and told me they were going to a dance in Brooklyn. Since I lived in New Jersey, I told them I didn't want to go. I had no car, so I didn't want to get involved with a girl so far away. Well, they would not take "no" for an answer. Since they had a car, I gave in and decided to go.

At the dance, I saw a very tall and attractive girl across the room. I walked over to ask her to dance, but another guy beat me to it. So instead of going back to where I had been, I asked the girl who had been sitting next to her for a dance.

To make a long story short, last month we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

STILL DANCING IN BERGENFIELD, N.J.

DEAR STILL DANCING: Congratulations on your golden anniversary. All married couples should be so lucky.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Easter will soon be here, and although I've cautioned you before, I must caution you again: If you plan to surprise a child with a live rabbit, baby duck or chick, please consider that living creatures need proper care. Unless you are absolutely certain that the little creature will receive the care it needs to survive, please give a stuffed bird or animal instead. Regardless of how cute baby animals are, they should not be given to children on impulse.

San Antonio eyes non-aquifer water agreement

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It involves only a little lake water, but a contract under consideration today by the San Antonio Water System could mean a historic step away from total reliance on the Edwards Aquifer.

Under the 40-year pact with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, the San Antonio utility would pay about $1.2 million annually for approximately 1.6 million gallons daily of treated water from Canyon Lake.

"Although it's a relatively small amount, less than 2 percent of our total use, it would be our first supply of water other than the Edwards Aquifer," said Greg Rothe, SAWS water resources manager.

The Edwards Aquifer, a natural underground reservoir, has been San Antonio's sole source of drinking water.

Datebook

April 7, 1998

Today is the 97th day of 1998 and the 19th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1940, Booker T. Washington became the first African American to be pictured on a U.S. postage stamp.

On this day in 1949, "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

On this day in 1970, John Wayne received his first Oscar for best actor, for his role in "True Grit."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Wordsworth (1770-1850), poet; Walter Winchell (1897-1972), journalist; Billie Holiday (1915-1959), singer; James Garner (1928-), actor, is 70; Jerry Brown (1938-), U.S. politician, is 60; Francis Ford Coppola (1939-), director, is 59; David Frost (1939-), TV personality, is 59; Tony Dorsett (1954-), football great, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1956, the Philadelphia Warriors defeated Fort Wayne, 99-98, to win the NBA championship series.

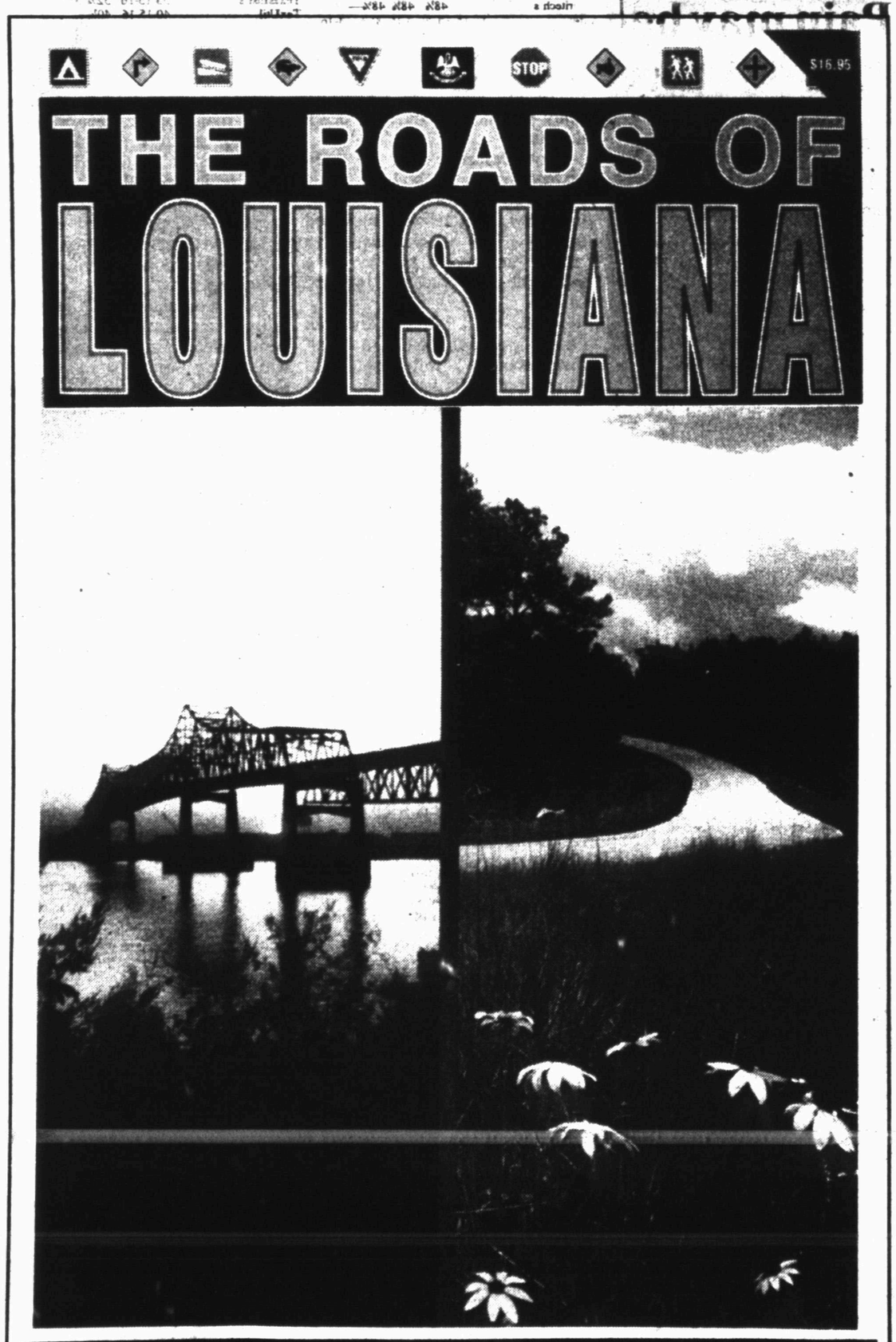
TODAY'S QUOTE: "Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, / But to be young was very heaven!" — William Wordsworth

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1984, in Arlington, Texas, a soccer player's clothes were ripped off when he was struck by lightning while putting up a soccer net.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 3) and full moon (April 11).

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Tuna Guys return with small-town life show

GALVESTON (AP) — Even offstage, Jaston Williams can't hold his tongue when it comes to politics or a bad hairdo. And sometimes, the two just go hand in hand.

Watching an interview with Paula Jones' lawyer after her lawsuit against the president was dismissed, Williams thought back to the days when he and partner Joe Sears began tackling political satire in "Greater Tuna," their two-man, two-dozen character show about small-town Texas life.

"I thought, 'We were writing about you right-wing idiots way back when,'" he shared, adding with a wicked giggle, "It's great to see the judicial system turn them down. I'm a very happy human being."

Then there's his take on Linda Tripp, the Pentagon staffer who recorded conversations with Monica Lewinsky about an alleged affair with the president.

"I'm hoping if Linda writes a book, she gets some hair conditioner," Williams quipped. "I've seen better hair on a goldfish."

The biting humor and brazen beauty tips have made the Tuna Guys the most popular cross-dressers in the country with "Greater Tuna" and its sequel, "A Tuna Christmas."

Now they're back with the third installment in the Tuna trilogy, "Red, White and Tuna," which premieres Tuesday night at Galveston's Grand 1894 Opera House.

The show continues tracking the lives of the 21 residents of Tuna, Texas, a fictitious West Texas town that serves as the brunt of Williams' and Sears' unique brand of humor.

This time the town's perennial favorites, along with some new Tuna characters, gather for the Tuna High School reunion over the Fourth of July.

"What we did was select an outlet for our characters to continue in," said Sears. "We're trying to bring the characters full-circle."

Returning for more mischief is the town matriarch, Aunt Pearl Burras, who tosses a string of lit firecrackers into her husband's room for forgetting their anniversary — again.

She's joined by Vera Carp, Tuna's richest citizen who has been spending her time rewriting the lyrics to some popular church hymns, and Stanley Bumiller, who left Tuna to pursue a successful career in Albuquerque as an artist who spray paints roadkill.

New characters include Amber Wind-Chime and Star Bird-Feather, a couple of hippy chicks who changed their names and moved to Lubbock for spiritual enlightenment.

" 'Greater Tuna' was more about politics and 'Tuna Christmas' about relationships," said Williams. " 'Red, White and Tuna' is about change and growth and the lack of it."

With the help of some super-quick costume changes, the 48-year-old Sears plays 10 characters while Williams, 46, takes on 11.

The actors met 25 years ago during a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in San Antonio. They later joined an acting company in Austin, where the idea for "Greater Tuna" was hatched.

It began as a party skit based on a political cartoon. When the idea showed promise, Sears and Williams would meet at Barton Springs, swim for 30 minutes and spend the rest of the day improvising on a tape-recorder.

They soon took the show on the road, playing to packed houses in San Francisco, Atlanta and Houston before making their off-Broadway debut in 1982. In 1990, then-President Bush invited the duo to perform at the White House.

The show's success eventually led to "A Tuna Christmas," for which Sears received a 1995 Tony Award nomination for best actor in a play.

Nowadays, the Tuna plays bring in about $5 million in annual gross sales, and Sears and Williams, both of whom still live in Austin, write by fax machine and telephone.

The two collaborated on "Red, White and Tuna" last summer, and Sears calls it their best piece of writing, combining both drama and comedy. The show plays in Galveston through April 19, followed by runs in Austin, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston. It then makes a national tour.

As for a fourth Tuna show, Sears said it's not out of the question.

13-year-old detained in friend's death

AUSTIN (AP) — A 13-year-old boy who reportedly purchased a handgun for $25 remains in custody in the shooting death of an 8-year-old companion.

Neighbors told police that the 13-year-old claimed to have purchased a .32-caliber handgun on Friday.

Police said the gun was used Saturday to shoot Bobby Joe Salazar, the grandson of the 13-year-old's aunt and uncle.

The boys were well acquainted and got along, according to Gloria Rodriguez, Salazar's aunt. She said she believed the shooting was an accident.

Homicide Detective Manuel Fuentes on Monday said the two boys were in a shed behind the 13-year-old's grandparents' home when Salazar was shot. He ran toward the home but collapsed and died from a gunshot wound to the neck.

Fuentes said the 13-year-old initially told police that a black youth jumped a fence into his grandparents' backyard and shot Salazar. He later admitted to the shooting, Fuentes said.

The bullet that killed Salazar also passed through his right wrist and hand, indicating a defensive posture, Fuentes added.

But the 13-year-old's public defender, Ruben Castaneda, said the younger boy simply could have been holding up his hand when accidentally shot.

"I believe what we have here is an accident," Castaneda said. "I don't believe warehousing (my client) is to anybody's advantage."

Gregory Salazar, Salazar's father, told State District Judge Jeanne Meurer he was torn about whether the suspect should remain in juvenile detention.

"He is well-known to the family. But I want justice to be done," Salazar's father said.

According to neighbors, the 13-year-old said he needed the gun for protection but did not indicate from what.

Officials at the junior high school at which the 13-year-old was enrolled said he had been disciplined at least twice for gang-related activity. He also had been disciplined for fighting and other misbehavior.

"What troubles me is if a 13-year-old thinks he needs a gun for protection," Castaneda said, adding that he could not confirm why or if the boy purchased the gun.

Judge Meurer on Monday said the boy will remain in youth detention for at least two weeks. She also ordered a hearing to determine whether he should get grief counseling.

Assistant Travis County District Attorney Stephanie Emmons said the 13-year-old could also face a felony charge of reckless endangerment to a child.

Women of childbearing age need folic acid supplement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Any woman who might become pregnant should either eat specially fortified foods or take a vitamin supplement of folic acid every day to protect against birth defects, a panel of experts said today.

Also, all Americans over age 50 should eat a bowl of fortified cereal every day or take a supplement of Vitamin B12, a nutrient important for making blood cells but one that declines with age, said the Institute of Medicine report.

The new recommendations mean "in a country where the top two vegetables are french fries and iceberg lettuce, ... people need to make better food choices," said Chris Rosenbloom, a Georgia State University nutrition professor representing the American Dietetic Association.

But the review of complex B vitamins — including folic acid, B12, B6, thiamin, riboflavin and niacin — cautions against popping huge doses. There's not enough evidence that large amounts protect against heart disease or cancer to urge that Americans eat more, the experts said, and they recommended setting the first "maximum doses" for four nutrients to protect against side effects.

The Institute of Medicine, a private organization that advises the federal government, is reviewing the nation's Recommended Daily Allowances, or RDAs, for nutrients.

Today, the institute announced good news: Most Americans already get plenty of the B family of vitamins, because many have long been added to fortified cereals, breads and grains, staples of the U.S. diet.

The major exception was folate, a trace nutrient whose synthetic form is called folic acid. Folate is found in such foods as spinach, beans and orange juice, but the typical diet didn't give some women enough to protect against certain brain and spinal birth defects that afflict about 2,500 babies a year.

So doctors have recommended that all women of childbearing age consume 400 micrograms of folic acid — the pill form — a day. Folic acid provides about twice as much of the nutrient as folate does.

But in January, all fortified foods — cereals, breads, grains and pastas — began carrying extra amounts of synthetic folic acid.

The institute report concludes women can get enough protection if they eat these fortified foods on top of a diet rich in folate-ridden foods — but they must choose either the new foods, a folic acid supplement or both to be safe.

One-half cup of spinach provides 130 micrograms of folate; one-half cup of boiled navy beans, 125; one medium orange, 45; one ounce of dried peanuts, 30.

Up to 30 percent of people over age 50 have lost the ability to absorb adequate vitamin B12 from meat or dairy products, the report found. People need only 2.4 micrograms a day, the institute said, but it recommended that older Americans eat fortified cereal or grains or take a daily vitamin supplement to absorb enough.

People are flocking to folic acid and vitamin B6 supplements because of reports that they might protect against heart disease or cancer. That research "is promising," the experts said, but it is not yet conclusive — so they did not recommend increasing the amount Americans should eat.

Court says fathers have no right to contact with married woman's child

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An unmarried man who fathers a child with a married woman has no legal right to a relationship with their child, the California Supreme Court has ruled.

In an opinion supporting the court's 5-2 decision Monday, Justice Joyce Kennard wrote that the Constitution "is not an instrument for disrupting the marital family in order to satisfy the biological father's unilateral desire, however strong, to turn his genetic connection into a personal relationship."

The case began when a woman identified in court as Dawn D. married Frank F. in 1989. They were separated in January 1995, when she began living with Jerry K.

She became pregnant the following month, returned to her husband in April 1995 and gave birth to a son in November.

Jerry went to court in August 1995 to establish a parental relationship and future visitation with the yet-unborn child, and took a parenting class. His attempts to negotiate an agreement with Dawn and Frank on child support and visitation were unsuccessful, the court said. He sought a blood test to establish his fatherhood.

But the court ruled against him, saying procreation does not give a man the right to establish a parental relationship with a child who is being raised by a husband and wife. The decision upheld a state law that considers a woman's husband to be the father of her child if the couple is married at the time of conception.

A dissenting justice, Ming Chin, said a biological father should have the chance to argue for a parental relationship with his child, regardless of the mother's marital status. Contact might be in the child's best interest if the marriage was breaking up or the father was abusive, Chin said.

Diane Roth, a lawyer for the mother, said the ruling means married couples trying to raise a family don't have to worry about "strangers" filing lawsuits to "impugn the integrity of their marriage."

Marjorie Fuller, a lawyer for Jerry, said the ruling seemed at odds with widespread criticism of fathers who refuse to take responsibility for their children.

"There are millions of children who have fathers and stepfathers and live with their stepfathers but know who their genetic or biological fathers are and have contact with them," she said. "That's not interference with marriage."

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AMR Corp	143¾	142⅝	142	11-16— 5-16
AT&T Corp	66	11-16	65	3-16 65⅛— 5-16
AirTouch	50⅜	49¾	49	15-16+ ⅛
Albertsons	52	5-16	51⅜	51 13-16— ⅜
AlldSignal s	45	13-16	45⅜	45⅛+ ⅛
Alltel	44⅜	43¾	43	11-16— 9-16
AmOnline s	72	13-16	70	9-16 70⅜— 2
AmStores	24¼	24	3-16	24 3-16— ⅛
Ameritech s	48⅝	48⅜	48⅜—	½
Amoco	86	15-16	86	3-16 86⅛+13-16
Amocowi	43⅜	43⅛	43⅛+	⅛
AndarkPtr	72	1-16	71	13-16 72 1-16+ 1-16
Armcolnc	5	13-16	5⅛	5 13-16+ 1-16
AtlRichfld s	78⅛	77	3-16	77 13-16+ 9-16
ATMOS Egy	29	11-16	29	9-16 29 11-16+ ⅛
Aviall	15	14	13-16	14 13-16— 7-16
BakerHughes	40	5-16	39⅜	39 9-16— 9-16
BellAtl	101⅞	98⅜	100⅜+	⅛
BellSouth	67¾	67	67⅜—	⅜
BethSteel	15¼	14	13-16	15⅜+ 3-16
BritPet s	90⅜	89	89⅜+1	13-16
BurlNoSFe	104	5-16	101¼	103⅜—1 7-16
CBS Corp	35	5-16	34⅜	35 5-16— 1-16
Caterpillar s	54⅜	53¾	54	11-16+ 3-16
CenSoWst	27	1-16	26⅝	26⅝— ⅜
Chevron	81¼	80⅜	81⅛+	1⅛
Chrysler	42	5-16	41⅞	42 1-16+ 5-16
Coastal	68⅜	67⅞	67⅞—15-16	
CocaCola	78	13-16	78	78⅛— ⅛
ColgatePalm s	87¼	86	86⅜—11-16	
ComclMetals	35¼	35	1-16	35¼— 3-16
Cooperin	67	13-16	66	13-16 66 13-16— 1
CyprusAmax	16⅝	16	11-16	16⅝
DallSemicn	36⅛	35¾	35	13-16— 3-16
DeltaAird	117	116	1-16	117
DigitalEq	51¼	51	3-16	51¾—11-16
Dillards Inc	36¼	35	11-16	36 — ⅛
DowChem	94	13-16	93¾	94 3-16— 9-16
DresserInd	49¾	48⅝	48	13-16— ⅝
DuPont s	71	15-16	69	5-16 71 15-16+ 4¼
EastmanChem	69¾	68⅜	69	+ ⅜
EstKodak	64	63¼	63⅜—	⅝
EDS Corp	44⅜	42¾	42	15-16—1 5-16
Entergy	29¼	28	13-16	28 13-16— ⅜
Exxon	68	13-16	68¼	68⅜+ 5-16
FstBksAm	23		22	15-16 23 + ⅛
Flowers s	23	13-16	23	11-16 23 13-16+ ⅛
FordMotor	65	15-16	65	65⅜+11-16
GTE Cp	60	13-16	59⅝	60⅜—1 3-16
GenDynam s	45¼	44	7-16	44⅛— ⅛
GenElecs	87⅛	86⅜	87	3-16+ ⅛
GenMills	74	13-16	74⅜	74⅜+ ⅛
GenMotors	68	3-16	67¼	68⅛+ ⅛
GaPacGP s	66⅜	65	15-16	66½+ ½
GlobalMar	24¼		23⅝	23¾— ⅛
Goodrich	52	13-16	51¾	52 11-16+1 1-16
Goodyear s	74	71	15-16	72 1-16—1 3-16
GtAtlPac	30	15-16	30⅛	30 13-16+ 1-16
Halliburtn s	51	11-16	50	13-16 51 —15-16
Hanson ADS	28	15-16	28⅜	28 13-16— ⅜
HarteHanks s	23	11-16	23¼	23 9-16— 3-16
HomeDepot s	69¾		69	69 9-16—37-64
HoustonInds	29	15-16	29	9-16 29 15-16+ 1-16
IBM s	105	13-16	104¾	104 15-16—1 1-16
IntlPaper	49		48	48 7-16— 9-16
JohnsonJn	75	13-16	75	1-16 75 3-16— 1
K mart	18	5-16	17	15-16 18⅛— 1-16
Kroger Co	46¾		46⅛	46⅛—11-16
Litton	60	1-16	59¾	59 13-16— 3-16
LockhdMart	110⅛		108⅜	109 11-16+ 1-16
Lowes Cos	67	9-16	66⅛	66 15-16— ⅛
Lubys	19⅜	19	3-16	19 3-16— 3-16
LucentTech s	69½	65¾	66	3-16—3 5-16
MayDeptStrs	63¾	62	13-16	63 7-16+ 7-16
Medtronic s	55	5-16	54	7-16 54⅛— 9-16
Mobils	79		78⅜	78⅝
Monsanto	55⅜	53⅜	55	5-16+2 1-16
MorganJP	146	140⅝	141	13-16—2 15-16
Motorola	57	54	1-16	54⅛— 5⅜
NCR Corp	33⅜	32	11-16	32 13-16—15-16
NationsBk	76⅛	75	3-16	75⅛+ ⅜
Navistar	34¼	33⅛	33	3-16—1 1-16
Norwests	42⅜		42	1-16 42⅜
OryxEngy	24	13-16	24⅜	24 11-16— 1-16
Penney JC	75¼	74	1-16	75⅛— 1-16
Pennzoil	66	11-16	66¼	66 9-16
PepBoys	22⅜	22¼	22	5-16—11-16
PepsiCo	42⅜	42¼	42	7-16— ⅛
PhelpDodge	64	13-16	64¼	64⅝+ ⅜
PhilipPet	50	15-16	50⅜	50 15-16+ 9-16
PilgrmPrd	13⅜	13	13-16	13 13-16— ⅛
Polaroid	43	13-16	43⅜	43 7-16— 7-16
Praxair	50	3-16	49⅝	50 — 7-16
ProctGamb s	87⅜		86¼	86½— 7-16
PubSNwMx	24¼	24	1-16	24 3-16+ 1-16
RoyalDut s	59¼	58	58	5-16—1 11-16
SBC Comm s	43¾		43	43⅜— ⅜
SaraLee	63⅜		62¾	63⅜+ 1⅛
Scripps EW	55¼	55¼	55	3-16— 1-16
SearsRoeb	56	9-16	56	56 5-16— 7-16
SherwinW	36	1-16	35	9-16 35 13-16— 7-16
SmthBc ADS s	67		65¾	67 + 1⅜
SouthernCo	27⅛	27	3-16	27 5-16— ⅛
SwstAirl s	29½	29	29	5-16— 1-16
Sprint	66⅜		65	66 — ⅜
SunCo	42	13-16	42	9-16 42 11-16+ 3-16
TNP Ent	31	9-16	31⅛	31 9-16— ⅛
Tandy s	46⅜	45	11-16	46 7-16+ ⅛
TempleInland	60	15-16	60⅜	60¾— 5-16
Tenneco	42⅞	42¾	42	11-16— 1-16
Texaco s	63	5-16	62¼	63 5-16+ ⅜
Textind	61	7-16	60	15-16 61 7-16+ ⅛
TexasInst s	53	13-16	52¾	52¾— 2
TexUtil	40	15-16	40⅜	40⅝— ⅛
Textron s	79⅜		79	79 1-16— ½
Travelers s	71		68	9-16 69⅜— 3¼
TriconGlbR n	31¼		30⅜	30½—15-16
TrinityInds	53¾		52⅜	52 13-16— 5-16
TritonEngy	39		38	3-16 38 5-16— 7-16
Tyler	9¾		9	9¾+ ⅛
US WestCm	55⅜		54	13-16 55¾— ⅛
USWstMda	35¾		35¼	35⅜— 5-16
USX-Marathn	38⅜		38	1-16 38 3-16+ 1-16
USX-USS	38¾		38¼	38⅜+ ⅛
UnCarbde	49	3-16	48¾	49 1-16— 1-16
UnionPacif	57	3-16	56⅜	57 —11-16
UnitedTech	96½		95⅜	96 3-16—1 3-16
Unocal	39¾		39	5-16 39 13-16+ 3-16
WalMart	50	5-16	50	50⅜+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	18¼		18⅛	18⅜+ 1-16
WinnDixie	43¾		42⅜	42 11-16— 9-16
Woolworth	25⅞		25¼	25 9-16+ 1-16
Xerox Corp	112⅜		110⅜	110 7-16+2 5-16
ZenithE	3	5-16	3	3-16 3 3-16— 1-16

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Applied Mtls.	35 5/8	-15/16
BJ Services	34 7/16	-5/8
Cracker Brl.	39 3/4	-1/8
Clayton Hms.	21 3/16	-1/8
Compaq	24 3/16	-13/16
Cabletron	13 1/2	-1/2
Cisco Sys.	67 3/4	-1 1/4
Dell	64 7/16	-13/16
Brinker Int'l.	20 11/16	-5/8
Calloway Glf.	27 3/8	0
Fannie Mae	65	-5/16
Intel	73 7/16	-7/16
JP Morgan	141 3/8	-3 3/8
Korea Fund	7 3/4	+1/4
Lehman Bros.	79 1/4	-1 9/16
3 M	92 1/8	+5/16
Phillip Morris	38 1/2	-7/8
Microsoft	88 25/64	-1 35/64
Netscape	16 7/16	-3/16
Oracle	26 15/16	-3/16
Petsmart	9 31/32	-1/32
Patterson Egy.	12 5/16	+1/8
Sun Am.	51 13/16	+7/16
Safeskin	38 5/8	-3 3/4
Sun Micro	39 1/4	-1 1/8
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Ross set for more shuttle diplomacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — American mediator Dennis Ross probably will resume shuttling in the Middle East after the Passover holidays even though his past efforts to reopen negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians were futile.

"We are running out of refinements," a senior administration official told The Associated Press today in divulging the likely new Ross mission as the result of a 90-minute review by President Clinton at the White House.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Clinton was determined to keep trying to reopen the talks after receiving a report from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and from Ross at the White House Monday night.

The week-long Jewish festival of Passover, which commemorates the exodus from Egypt and the founding of a Jewish nation, begins at sundown Friday.

Ross returned to Washington last week after four days of shuttling between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

He claimed some modest progress, reflected probably in Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar's statement Monday that Israel was prepared to make a territorial compromise in seeking an understanding with Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

Ross told some 400 Jewish leaders, meanwhile, that both Israel and the Palestinians want to find a way to break the stalemate that has stalled negotiations over the West Bank for more than a year.

Ross described the U.S.-guided process as resilient but brittle, and gave no indication how he might be able to end the impasse.

Ross, Ben-Elissar and Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Maher Al Sayed spoke at an annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League, an American Jewish organization that promotes the civil rights of Jews and other minorities.

"Peace means compromise, and we are ready," Ben Elissar said. "Peace means concessions, and we are ready. We are ready even for territorial concessions."

Al Sayed, for his part, criticized Israel's stance toward the Palestinians. Challenged by Abraham Foxman, chairman of the ADL, he agreed there was need for compromise on all sides.

Albright, in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, said Ross "was able to take some modest steps, but ... there is no breakthrough."

Albright went to the White House on her return to Washington from a Caribbean foreign ministers meeting and gave Clinton a report on Ross' trip. Ross and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger attended the 90-minute session in the president's residence. The White House press office did not divulge what may have been decided.

"It will be during that meeting that we will consider what our next steps will be," Albright said beforehand.

In a letter to Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., Albright said the administration remained determined to work privately and "without public disclosure" of the proposals being explored with Israel and the Palestinians.

President opens dialogue on Social Security's future

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opening a national dialogue on the future of Social Security, President Clinton says he is seeking a bipartisan roadmap to prevent the system from being overrun by the largest wave of retirees in history.

Clinton was flying today to Kansas City, Mo., a heartland metropolis half a continent away from Washington's partisan squabbles, to convene the first of four town meetings aimed at airing all sides of the Social Security debate.

The president put Social Security's fate on the table during his State of the Union address in January, saying that when Congress and the administration ponder what to do with the projected budget surplus they should be guided by four simple words: "Save Social Security first."

Since its founding in 1935 as a key part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, Social Security has become one of the most emotional issues on the American political scene.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Monday that the Kansas City forum would include representatives from both major political parties and "from groups that have sometimes taken contrary positions on the future of Social Security."

"The purpose of the discussions ... is to encourage many people with different views to come forward and put ideas on the table from which we can fashion the kind of consensus that will lead us to a good long-term policy," McCurry said.

If nothing is done, Social Security could be overwhelmed fairly early in the new century by the retirement of the post World War II baby boomers, the largest generation in America's history. Current predictions are that without changes, the system will run short of cash by 2029.

A plan endorsed by many congressional Republicans and some moderate Democrats is to divert at least some Social Security taxes into a privately managed savings system in which workers themselves would invest the money deducted from their wages.

But Clinton administration officials say such a radical change may not be needed. They say Social Security's future also could be assured by adjusting tax rates and benefit levels and by delaying the retirement age.

Irish prime minister is headed to Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The leader of Northern Ireland's main pro-British party today slammed the recommendations in a proposed compromise settlement presented by the American chairman of the province's peace talks.

After 15 hours of talks, former Sen. George Mitchell emerged at 1 a.m. and said his draft accord would inspire "an historic few days of final negotiation" starting today.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble criticized Mitchell's document as unacceptable shortly after the eight participating parties returned at midday to the negotiating venue of Stormont, the center of British administration in Northern Ireland.

Trimble talked by phone by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, then dropped his bombshell.

He issued a statement warning that "the greater number of people in Northern Ireland" would not approve of Mitchell's plans.

"Before contemplating alternative proposals, I wish to know from you and the Irish government if you are prepared to consider radically different measures," Trimble said in a statement addressing Blair and distributed to the news media.

Blair planned to fly to Belfast today, a Downing Street spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity. The spokesman said the trip was not prompted by Trimble's statement, noting that the prime minister also had spoken by telephone to representatives of several of the parties.

The Irish government said Prime Minister Bertie Ahern also would go to Belfast, either late today or early Wednesday.

Earlier, Mitchell warned negotiators not to try to sabotage the talks by selectively leaking parts of the document. Negotiators said they'd been told that each copy of the document contained a unique marker within the text, so that the source of any leak could be pinpointed.

The document provides a summary of Mitchell's insight since the British and Irish governments appointed him to steer participants toward painful compromise in negotiations that began in June 1996 and are supposed to conclude Thursday.

Mitchell emphasized he wouldn't "contemplate failing to reach the deadline. Between now and Thursday night, every ounce of effort that we have will be devoted toward bringing about a successful conclusion."

Overnight, security forces reported finding 3,000 pounds of fertilizer and other materials for making homemade bombs in a raid in the Roman Catholic part of north Belfast on Monday night. They speculated that dissidents opposed to the Irish Republican Army's 8-month-old truce were responsible, and arrested one man for questioning.

Pit bulls evicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move aimed at ridding public housing complexes in the nation's capital of menacing pit bulls, District of Columbia officials this week will begin evicting pets from its public housing communities.

The campaign — dubbed Operation Bark and Bite — will enforce a "no pet" clause in tenants' rental agreements. The eviction is being imposed by David Gilmore, the independent receiver appointed by the courts in 1995 to run the city's troubled public housing system.

Officials estimate that 250 dogs — most pit bulls — are kept in the city's 55 public housing communities. The enforcement campaign was launched after complaints from dozens of residents and housing officials, authorities said.

"It's the pit bulls that are the largest nuisance," said housing spokesman Arthur Jones. "Children are intimidated. Residents are intimidated. The dogs are used in combination for fighting . . . as part of illegal drug operations."

To date, there have been no reported problems with cats or other pets, Jones said, but added that other animals are also prohibited by the lease.

"All animals are on the lease," Jones said. "If somebody is going to complain that a cat is a nuisance to them, then we're going to go get it."

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Obituaries

Ora Denson

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Graveside service for Ora O. Denson, 88, of Livingston is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate.

Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Denson died Monday, April 6, in Timberwood Nursing Home in Livingston after a lengthy illness.

Born on April 15, 1909 in Johnson County, she married Lee Denson in 1929 in Colorado City. He died Sept. 9, 1973.

Living in Snyder from 1949 to 1975, Mrs. Denson worked at Snyder Drug for 21 years. She moved to Sweetwater in 1975 and to Livingston in 1990. Mrs. Denson was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mattie Brunson and Jessie Priest; and two brothers, Dossie Ford and R.L. Ford.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Charles Lyons of Onalaska, Tex.; a sister, Ottie Porter of Sweetwater; two brothers, Carl Ford of Big Spring and Leon Ford of Arlington; three grandchildren, Toni Roy of Galveston, Becki Lewis of Diboll and Martin Lyons of Deer Park; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Indicted

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possession of a prohibited weapon on school premises. Bowers, 17, is charged with having a butterfly knife in his possession at Snyder High School. Bond was set at $5,000.

Earnest James, 66, of 1912 Coleman, was indicted on two counts of felony driving while intoxicated, one on April 3 and the other on March 14. Both indictments list four prior felony convictions in Scurry County: DWI on Jan. 25, 1991, and Oct. 11, 1991, forgery on Oct. 8, 1958, and burglary on Feb. 20, 1961.

Bond for James was set at $5,000 on each indictment.

Darwin Lee Garvin, 39, of 3101 Ave. U was indicted on a March 20 offense of driving while intoxicated. He was previously convicted of DWI in Scurry County on March 5, 1992, and Feb. 19, 1988. Bond was set at $5,000.

Roger Villarreal, 31, was indicted on an April 2 charge of driving while intoxicated. Villarreal, of 105 Bonnie Ave. in Early, was previously convicted of DWI on Nov. 17, 1994, and April 11, 1991, in McCulloch County. Bond was set at $5,000.

Manuel Aguilar Fuentez, 28, of 2505 Ave. W was indicted for a March 25 offense of DWI. Bond was set at $5,000. He has previous DWI convictions on Jan. 20, 1992, in Scurry County and April 30, 1997, in Howard County.

Seryando Garcia Zapata, 35, of 308 Grove in Plainview was indicted on a Feb. 27 charge of DWI. Bond was set at $5,000. Zapata has previous DWI convictions in Uvalde County on Dec. 9, 1991, and Sept. 22, 1994.

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Parents of SHS seniors are reminded they need to make a $20 donation to help pay for the senior steak supper and all-night graduation party. The funds can be taken to the high school office or mailed to Barbara Eicke at Box 111. Checks should be made out to the Snyder High School Senior Class 1998.

Lake Alan Henry information

Officials with the City of Lubbock and Texas Parks & Wildlife will be at the Snyder Bass Club's monthly meeting at 6:30 this evening at Snyder Savings & Loan. The public is invited to hear plans for the lake and ask questions.

Jews for Jesus presentation

Stan Myer, on behalf of Jews for Jesus, will speak on what the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common in a presentation set for 7 this evening at Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Masonic Hall.

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

Ritz musical dates extended

"Always...Patsy Cline" will be on stage for two more performances: Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. For reservations, call 573-8880. The Ritz Community Theatre box office is open from 2 until 5 p.m. Tickets are $7 each.

Girls Softball Association

Snyder Girls Softball Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Snyder Lanes.

'The Victor'

"The Victor," a dramatic Easter musical, will be presented Thursday through Saturday at First Baptist Church. Performances will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

East Family Reading Night

Police Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner will be guest speaker for East Family Reading Night at 6 o'clock Thursday in the East Elementary library. Refreshments will be available and door prizes will be awarded.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Enter on the east side. Everyone is welcome and child care is provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

Maundy Thursday service

First Presbyterian Church will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. Thursday. Everyone is invited.

First Baptist Easter Service

First Baptist Church of Snyder will hold its Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in Worsham Auditorium. The community is invited.

Ira United Methodist

Ira United Methodist Church will have a sunrise Easter service beginning at 7 a.m. on Sunday. Breakfast will follow.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
3-9-15-27-37
(three, nine, fifteen, twenty-seven, thirty-seven)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-0-8
(four, zero, eight)

15-year-old transcript may mean fourth trial

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The words a former Ku Klux Klan leader spoke during a sealed interview with state historians 15 years ago may return to haunt him now that prosecutors can sift through the transcript.

A state court this month ordered the 200-page transcript of a conversation between Sam Bowers and historians turned over to prosecutors trying to resurrect a case in the slaying of Vernon Dahmer, a grocer targeted for helping blacks register to vote.

Bowers, an imperial wizard with the KKK, had been promised that all information he revealed in the interview would remain secret until after his death.

Dahmer, a 58-year-old official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was killed in January 1966 when his house and country store were firebombed in Hattiesburg, about 120 miles southeast of Jackson. His wife and children escaped through a back window.

Four people were convicted and another pleaded guilty. Bowers was accused of masterminding the firebombing, but three juries could not reach a verdict.