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Home Of Marc Daughtry

Increase seen in property valuations for county

First positive sign in values since 1983

Scurry County and Western Texas College district can expect to see an increase in valuations of roughly $2.5 million, good news after years of decline.

"It's very good news. Very good news," said L.R. Peveler, chief appraiser for Scurry County Appraisal District.

The appraisal district's calculations seem to show a reverse in the 12-year decline of values in the county. In 1983, certified roll values for Western Texas College amounted to almost $2.8 billion. By 1995, they had dropped to a little more than $635 million.

For the second straight year, real estate valuations surpassed mineral valuations. Of the total $637,919,592 valuations for the junior college district, $350,256,055 comes from real estate and $287,663,537 comes from oil and minerals.

The $350 million in real state value is the highest since 1989, when it was $364 million.

Preliminary 1996 valuations for the college district are up $2.7 million over last year. The difference is a loss of only $364,031 in mineral value, plus a gain of $3 million in real estate.

Greatly impacting the numbers is a significant rise — $4.3 million — in mineral valuations around Ira. As a result, Ira ISD, Scurry County and the junior college district will see an increase in total valuations. That won't impact Snyder ISD, which is expected to see overall values decrease by some $3.4 million.

The local school district will lose about $6 million in mineral valuations, while gaining about $2.6 million in real estate value.

Total figures are not in yet for Scurry County, and current appraisal district numbers show only a $614,019 increase in valuations. However, it is projected that when the State Controller's Office sends out its valuations for intangibles — primarily railroad boxcars and equipment and oil in pipelines — the county will show an increase of about $2.4 million.

Hermleigh ISD is expected to see an increase in valuations of some $644,307. Most of that — $517,007 — comes from real estate.

The City of Snyder will lose some $735,430 in mineral valuations but gain $2.3 million in real estate. The difference is an increase in total values of $1,592,668.

The figures at right compare 1995 valuations to 1996. It should be noted that 1996 values have not been certified and are subject to change. Also included are last year's tax rates and this year's effective tax rates. An effective tax rate is the rate necessary to bring in the same amount of dollars as last year's tax rate.

SNYDER ISD

	1995	1996	
RealEstate	$278,608,644	$281,269,836	+$2,661,192
Minerals	$221,688,023	$215,589,147	-$6,098,876
Total	$500,296,667	$496,858,983	-$3,437,684

1995 tax rate: 1.47 per $100
1996 estimated effective tax rate: 1.5326

SCURRY COUNTY

	1995	1996	
RealEstate	$297,830,407	$300,594,689	+$2,764,282
Minerals	$289,813,800	$287,663,537	-$2,150,263
Total	$587,644,207	$588,258,226	*+$614,019

1995 tax rate: .5910 per $100
1996 estimated effective tax rate: .5910
*-Does not include an estimated +$1.78 million in intangibles.

WESTERN TEXAS

	1995	1996	
RealEstate	$347,186,629	$350,256,055	+$3,069,426
Minerals	$288,027,568	$287,663,537	-$364,031
Total	$635,214,197	$637,919,592	+$2,705,395

1995 tax rate: .2908 per $100
1996 estimated effective tax rate: .2909

IRA ISD

	1995	1996	
RealEstate	$14,982,177	$15,222,063	+$239,886
Minerals	$56,327,870	$60,666,495	+$4,338,625
Total	$71,310,047	$75,888,558	+$4,578,511

1995 tax rate: 1.50 per $100
1996 estimated effective tax rate: 1.4031

HERMLEIGH ISD

	1995	1996	
RealEstate	$22,421,388	$22,938,395	+$517,007
Minerals	$9,254,710	$9,382,010	+$127,300
Total	$31,676,098	$32,320,405	+$644,307

1995 tax rate: 1.30 per $100
1996 estimated effective tax rate: 1.3234

CITY OF SNYDER

	1995	1996	
RealEstate	$203,541,594	$205,869,692	+$2,328,098
Minerals	$23,048,270	$22,312,840	-$735,430
Totals	$226,589,864	$228,182,532	+$1,592,668

1995 tax rate: .3969 per $100
1996 estimated effective tax rate: .3977

SnTx Park I reports focus for DCOS

Progress reports pertaining to SnTx Park I, the city's industrial park, dominate Thursday's agenda for the Development Corporation of Snyder, Inc.

The meeting is set for 4 p.m.

Consideration of by-laws for the Park Owners' Association, Inc. and a request by the Texas Economic Development Council for financial assistance are among the items of new business.

Also on the agenda are consideration of a first-phase environmental review, payment of bills and previous minutes.

Following the regular meeting, the board will convene in executive session to consider the position held by executive director Doug Hutchinson. The board and Hutchinson have not been able to come to terms regarding an employment contract.

Hutchinson has been actively seeking an economic development position elsewhere and said the board will be considering whether to employ a firm to find someone to replace him.

Among the progress reports concerning the industrial park are:

—status of the taxable bond issue;

—status of park development, including construction, costs to date, timetables for future work and a power sub-station construction briefing;

—status of applications for state and federal grants;

—and status of outsourcing accounting.

Lack of rain cause for concern, not panic, say CRMWD officials

Lack of rainfall and record high temperatures contributing to large evaporation losses continue to lower the level at Lake J.B. Thomas — Snyder's only source of water at the present time.

The lake currently contains 10,760 acre feet of water — more than twice the lowest recorded level in its 43-year history.

According to records from the Colorado River Municipal Water District, the lowest the lake has been was on May 28, 1971, when it contained only 4,840 acre feet. Capacity is 204,000 acre feet, so in 1971, it contained only 2.37 percent of its capacity.

The elevation in 1971 was 2,206.3, acre feet, as compared to 2,211.3 today. The maximum elevation of the lake before it will run over the spillway is 2,258.00. As the level stands today, it would take a vertical rise of almost 47 feet for the water to run over the spillway — a feat last seen in 1962.

CRMWD officials can't produce rain, so they are doing what they can can to ensure that Snyder, and the other municipalities the district serves, has an adequate water supply until Lake Thomas catches some runoff.

"Certainly we had hoped that Thomas would have caught a substantial amount of runoff by this time of the year," said John Grant, general manager of the district.

"Since it hasn't, we have been actively preparing the old city wells to supplement Snyder's water supply."

There are 11 wells located around the city which were once operated by the city but now belong to the water district.

Grant said plans are in effect to put the wells on-line by June 1 but that process may be delayed to later next month.

See Water, Page 9

WTC to hire coach...

Budget session centers on student recruitment

Western Texas College trustees, meeting in a workshop Tuesday evening, directed the administration to hire a women's basketball coach and to place a special emphasis on recruiting students.

Purpose of the session was to get direction from the board as to items trustees want included in the tentative 1996-97 budget. Those included replacement of a pump house for the golf course irrigation system, repair of the courtyard area and sidewalks, adding a meats lab and creating a position for the purpose of targeting vocational education programs to aid local and area businesses.

The tentative budget will not include a faculty, staff or administration raise.

Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, recommended that the budget not include a cost of living increase, but that "we look at individuals within major categories and see if someone needs to be adjusted."

Krenek noted that a one percent across-the-board pay increase would amount to some $30,000 in the budget.

After some discussion, it was determined that trustees may consider one-time bonuses, providing there are funds remaining after the budget process is complete.

Preliminary figures from the appraisal district indicate the college will see an increase in valuations of some $2.7 million. Last year's tax rate was 29.08

See Trustees, Page 9



KEEPING THEM ALIVE - Like others in West Texas, county maintenance employee Richard Bross attempts to keep plants and grass alive by daily watering. Record highs throughout the area has seen an increased consumption of water on an already low water supply. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "An optimist is one who goes into a restaurant without a dime and figures on paying the tab with the pearl he finds in the oyster."

——Think Rain!——

Some wierd things happen in this world...

A paramedic was fired in Fremont, Calif. for running a side business. He and a partner were marketing a set of nine cards using photographs of gruesome accidents and murders.

The "Cards of Death" set cost $8.95. And even more strange — he was getting orders.

——Think Rain!——

And more strange logic...

Last December, welfare authorities in New York City took protective custody of three small children who were discovered starving and filthy.

The situation was discovered when a man called to report that his girlfriend, and mother of the kids, was missing. When asked by police why he hadn't fed or cleaned the kids himself, the answer was honest: "I don't do that."

——Think Rain!——

It was his final words just before his execution in California for the 1979 sexual-mutilation and murders of 14 young boys. The condemned man said "the death penalty sends the wrong message to American youth."

——Think Rain!——

A judge in Keene, N.M. declared as unconstitutional a drug-producing search of a dorm room, even though the students consented to the search.

After finding drugs, the judge ruled the two students were too stoned to know what they were doing when they consented.

Hey judge, makes us wonder if you've been subjected to second-hand smoke...

——Think Rain!——

Multimedia Entertainment, producer of the Jerry Springer talk show, has filed a lawsuit against comedians from Canada who fooled the show's staff and posed as a couple and their baby sitter (and her boyfriend) on a show themed around men who sleep with their children's babysitter.

The producer says such hoaxes threatened the 'integrity' of daytime talk shows.

Only thing we can figure out is that talk shows must be using a modern dictionary to define 'integrity.'

ASK US

Q—Your story about the fireworks display for the Fourth of July stated the fireworks would cost the chamber of commerce $10,000. Isn't that a lot higher than previous years?

A—The story should have read the entire event will cost $10,000. Cost of the fireworks is $7,000.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 95 degrees; low, 66; 7 a.m. reading Wednesday, 73; no precipitation; total for 1996, 2.13 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low around 70. S wind 15-20 mph. Thursday, sunny. High, upper 90s. S wind 15-25 mph, gusty.

Betty Guerrero
Sunny, Windy

Sunset: 8:38 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.
Of 142 days in 1996, the sun has shone 138 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.

Proverbs 19:8

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.



INDUSTRIAL PARK WORK — E.D. Walton Construction Co. foreman C.D. Calvin looks over some of the 18-inch sewer line that is being laid at SnTx Park I. This phase of the work at the industrial park is expected to be completed in four months. (SDN Staff Photo)

Killing shocks people in Britain

MAIDSTONE, England (AP) — A passenger who shook his head disapprovingly at the driver of a vehicle that cut in front of him was stabbed to death in a confrontation that has shocked Britain.

"It was the sort of thing we would all do when you see bad driving," police Detective Superintendent John Grace told a news conference Tuesday. "It's the sort of thing when you mean to say, 'That doesn't appear too clever.'"

The driver of the Land-Rover Discovery leapt out and fatally stabbed Stephen Cameron, 21, in the confrontation Sunday at a junction of the M25 highway that rings London. Cameron and his 17-year-old fiancee, who was driving, were on their way to buy bagels.

Police are trying to trace the driver, who sped off, through the Land-Rover's license plate.

Correction

In the caption underneath Ira kindergarten class's graduation photo in Tuesday's SDN, Josh Hall was misidentified as Josh Long.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-22-96
♠ J 10 9
♥ 6 5
♦ Q J 10 7 6
♣ 10 6 3

West
♠ K 8 7 3 2
♥ 9 7 4
♦ 9 8
♣ Q 9 5

East
♠ 6
♥ Q J 10 8
♦ A 5 4 3
♣ K 8 7 2

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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 3

The obvious answer

I was sitting on a plane, looking at the video screen without being able to hear the sound. During a program from the Entertainment Network, I read on the screen that some celebrities were asked what they would never stop doing as long as they lived. What's your answer?

If you travel across several time zones to play in a bridge tournament, in my experience it takes at least three days to get over the effect of jet lag. South in today's deal had just arrived in North America from Asia. He reached three no-trump and West led the spade three. After winning with dummy's nine, declarer played a diamond to his king and another diamond. East won with the ace and switched to the heart queen. Suddenly South noticed that he probably didn't have a dummy entry. Spotting one chance, he ducked the first heart trick, won the second, cashed his other top heart, discarding a diamond from the dummy, and exited with the club jack. He was hoping that West would have both club honors and be endplayed into giving the lead to the dummy. It wasn't to be, the contract finishing two down.

"I could have done a trick better," said South, "but I wanted to try to make it."

"You could have done three tricks better," replied North. "Just win the first trick with the spade queen or ace! After East wins with the diamond ace and returns a heart, win and lead a low spade, forcing a dummy entry. You get three spades, two hearts, four diamonds and a club."

I don't know what the celebs said, but my immediate answer was "breathing." Oh well — I'll blame it on jet lag, like the declarer.

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Katye Galloway

Galloway graduates from TTUHS

Katye Galloway, daughter of Bill and Lana Galloway, recently graduated from Texas Tech University High School with a 3.8 GPA.

TTUHS is a special high school accredited by the Texas Education Agency. It provides an accredited high school diploma to self-motivated traditional and non-traditional students wishing to complete their high school education through distance.

Because of its special nature, the program will accept only those persons whose needs can be met at a distance.

Commercial for burger pulled

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Shattering glass, suspenseful music, a trail of red drops, a red handprint on a door, a hand with a knife — it could only be ... a really tasteless commercial for ketchup-drenched hamburgers.

The Carl's Jr. restaurant chain gave the ax to the Hitchcock-inspired TV commercial after about 200 people complained, said Suzi Brown, a spokeswoman for Carl Karcher Enterprises.

"We clearly underestimated the sensitivity of the premise," Robert Wisely, senior vice president of marketing, said Monday.

The commercial had its debut two weeks ago and would have run for another week.

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McGruff, TU visit students at West

Elementary students in Snyder were treated to their first look at the McGruff Truck program Tuesday, just in time for a safe summer.

Snyder TU Electric manager Daryl Thomas brought the program to more than 400 first, second and sixth graders along with a Snyder police officer Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner, and TU serviceman Dwain McGuire. Snyder TU crew foreman Frank Ortegon was McGruff, the Crime Dog.

The students learned that the TU vehicles with the McGruff decal are safe havens, and if they are lost, threatened, hurt or need other emergency help, the TU employee can radio for help.

McGruff the Crime Dog is riding shotgun on TU Electric trucks in a program with law enforcement agencies to help protect children.

Called McGruff Truck, the program sets up safe havens for children by putting McGruff decals on approved utility vehicles with two-way communication. The utility employee will call the local law enforcement agency for a child who needs help. "We'll Call for Help" is the message of the McGruff Truck Program.

Decals of McGruff with its detective-style trench coat have been placed on more than 1,600 TU Electric service vehicles in 372 cities in 91 counties in North Central, East and West Texas, making it the largest McGruff Truck Program of any U.S. utility company.

TU Electric implemented the McGruff Truck program because of a growing concern about child safety in the cities it serves and interest from law enforcement agencies.

"We are excited about this program and the contribution it will make in the communities in which we work and make our homes," said Thomas. "We're out in the neighborhoods in highly visible vehicles, making us natural partners in this community effort," Thomas said.

Through school and law enforcement programs, children were instructed to signal a McGruff-marked vehicle in emergencies by waving both arms above their head and yelling "help."

A child who is alone might need assistance from a McGruff Truck if lost, frightened by a stranger or other incidents, threatened by bigger children, or injured.

TU Electric reinforces this information with a video and classroom posters, which were sent to elementary schools last fall. There is also a McGruff Truck videotape for classroom use, free of charge, along with activity books and book covers.

According to law enforcement agencies in other areas that have McGruff Trucks, they have been effective deterrants to potential troublemakers preying on children.

However, utility employees who work from a McGruff Truck are not crime-fighters. Their role is to call for appropriate emergency assistance when signaled for help by a child, and to remain with the child until emergency help arrives.

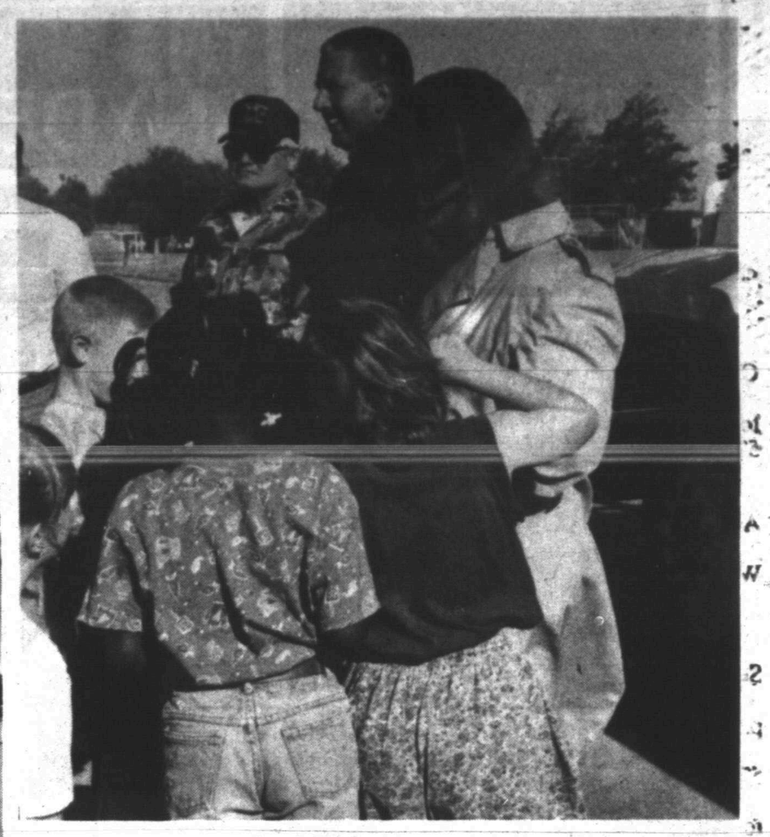
McGruff Truck is a program of the National Crime Prevention Council. It is a companion to the McGruff House and other McGruff crime protection programs operated in conjunction with law enforcement and taught in many schools. McGruff Truck was begun in 1991.

Companies participating in the program are carefully screened and must adhere to strict guidelines for McGruff-marked vehicles. Only government or publicly regulated utility companies with clearly identified vehicles are considered for the program. McGruff Truck is presently being used by 75 utility companies in 10 states.

McGruff is a symbol recognized by 99 percent of children nationwide as the dog that helps "Take a Bite Out of Crime."



McGRUFF VISITS — McGruff, the Crime Dog, visited first, second and sixth grade students at West on Tuesday. See accompanying story. From left are, Thomas Fogleman, West principal; TU serviceman Dwain McGuire; McGruff (Frank Ortegon) and Snyder police officer Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



SPECIAL TREAT — McGruff, the Crime Dog, visited some 400 first, second and sixth graders at West Elementary on Monday. The popular dog delighted children as he gave them helpful hints about having a safe summer. See accompanying story. Frank Ortegon portrays McGruff. Also shown from left, are TU serviceman Dwain McGuire and Snyder police office Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is there help for restless legs?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss the causes, symptoms and treatment of restless legs syndrome. Is there any relief?

DEAR READER: No one knows the cause of restless legs syndrome, a common affliction marked by periodic, uncontrollable nighttime crawling sensations in the legs. The disorder is, for many, a living hell: poor (or absent) sleep, depression and hopelessness. Often, patients with RLS have sought relief for decades — to no avail. The condition has only recently been recognized by the medical profession.

There are several prescription drugs, including Permax and Sinemet, available for treating RLS.

For more information, write the Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation, c/o Bob Balkam, 817 South Columbus St., Alexandria, VA 22314-4206.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a postmenopausal woman who is on an estrogen program. As a result, I've been having problems with bruising and inflammation of minor cuts and scratches. What is your opinion on changing to an herbal treatment for calcium loss instead of estrogen?

DEAR READER: To answer your first question, estrogen and other female hormones do not affect healing or bleeding. You'll have to look elsewhere to discover an explanation for your symptoms.

For example, is your skin thinning and bruising more easily? These are common consequences of aging. Are you taking aspirin, which can affect clotting? Could you have a blood disorder that interferes with your ability to heal? Your doctor can supply answers to these queries.

With respect to your second question, there are no herbs known to prevent post-menopausal loss of bone calcium. Therefore, if you have osteoporosis, estrogen supplements may help strengthen your bones. Herbs will not. Or, you may need other prescription drugs — such as Fosomax — to retard calcium loss.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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: About four years ago I started using toothpaste with baking soda. After 60 years of having mouth ulcers, they stopped. If I use regular toothpaste, the ulcers appear again. Is there any logic to this?

DEAR READER: The cause of recurring mouth ulcers is not known. However, some people develop them when their saliva becomes acidic.

Consequently, an acid-neutralizer often helps to reduce the frequency and severity of these ulcers. Such a neutralizer is bicarbonate of soda (baking soda). By using this product as a toothpaste or mouthwash, a person can re-establish a more normal pH balance. Thus, there is ample logic to your serendipitous finding.

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March slated

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Organizers of the international March for Jesus are expecting more than 50,000 people to participate in the annual May event this Saturday.

"We look to Nashville as the flagship," said Mike O'Guin of the national March for Jesus office in Austin, Texas.

"Nashville is a musical city, an expressive city. The vision is easy to catch there."

The March for Jesus is designed to show a public demonstration of people's faith in Christ, organizers said. They believe 12 million people will take part in marches across the globe this weekend.

So far, Nashville has been the American city with the biggest yearly draw. About 40,000 attended last year.

"We're praying this will be the biggest one yet," said Steve Tackett, a missionary trainer and the organizer of the Nashville march.

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Date Book

May 22, 1996

Today is the 143rd day of 1996 and the 64th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1967, "Mister Rogers," television's longest-running children's program, premiered on PBS.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Richard Wagner (1813-1883), composer; Mary Cassatt (1844-1926), artist; Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930), writer; Al Simmons (1902-1956), baseball great; Laurence Olivier (1907-1989), actor; Charles Aznavour (1924-), singer, is 72; Richard Benjamin (1938-), actor-director, is 58; Susan Strasberg (1938-), actress, is 58; Morrissey (1959-), singer, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, the New York Yankees hit 14 home runs in sweeping a doubleheader against the Philadelphia A's 10-1 and 20-13.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To be German means to carry on a matter for its own sake." — Richard Wagner

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1959, an early morning tornado damaged several houses and a church in Oklahoma City, Okla.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 17) and first quarter (May 25).

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Di: 'not interested'

LONDON (AP) — The Princess of Wales isn't interested in an apartment once owned by a member of America's royalty, an aide says.

An employee of Princess Diana denied a tabloid newspaper's report that she plans to pay $7.5 million for the New York apartment once owned by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

FAT MAN LOSES LAPTOP COMPUTER IN LAP!
PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT BODY FAT
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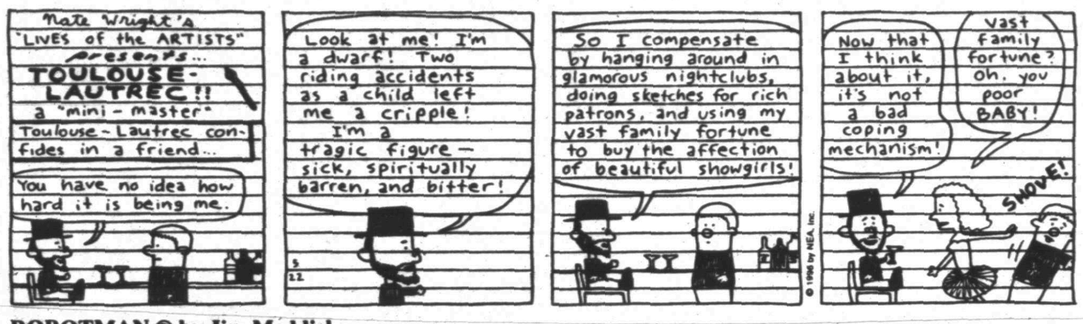
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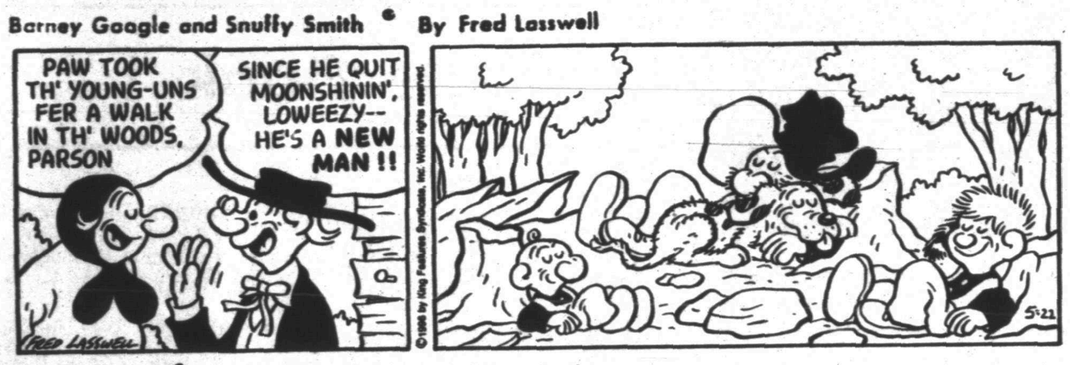
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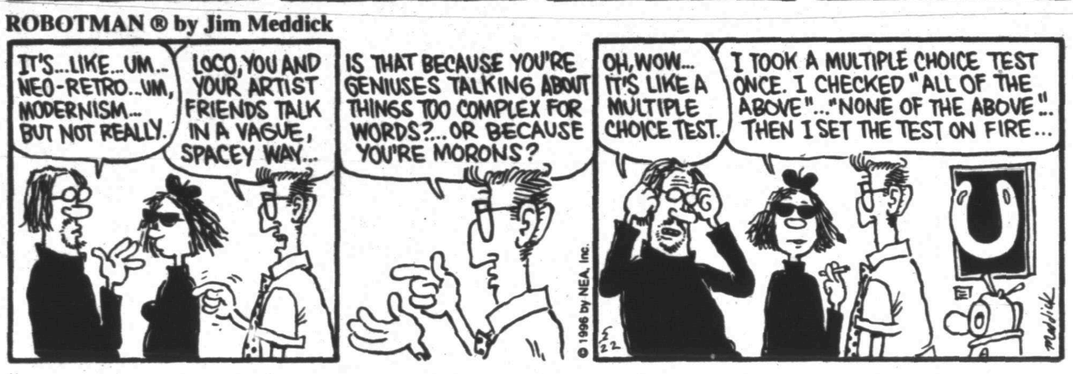
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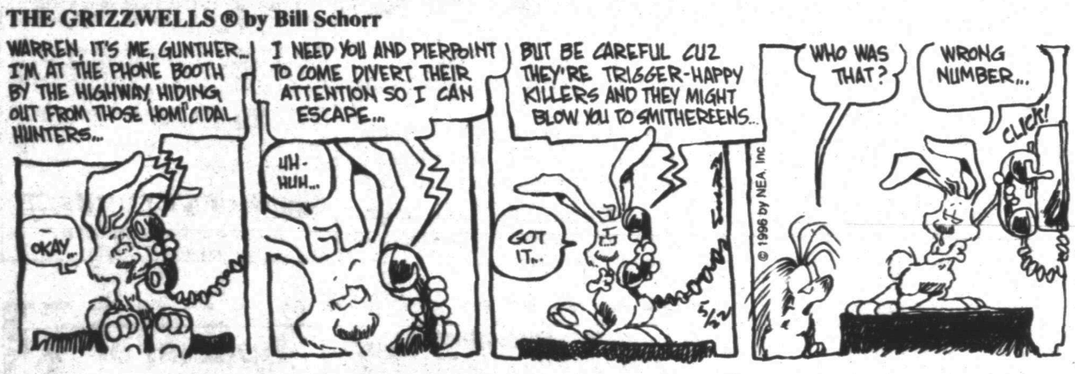
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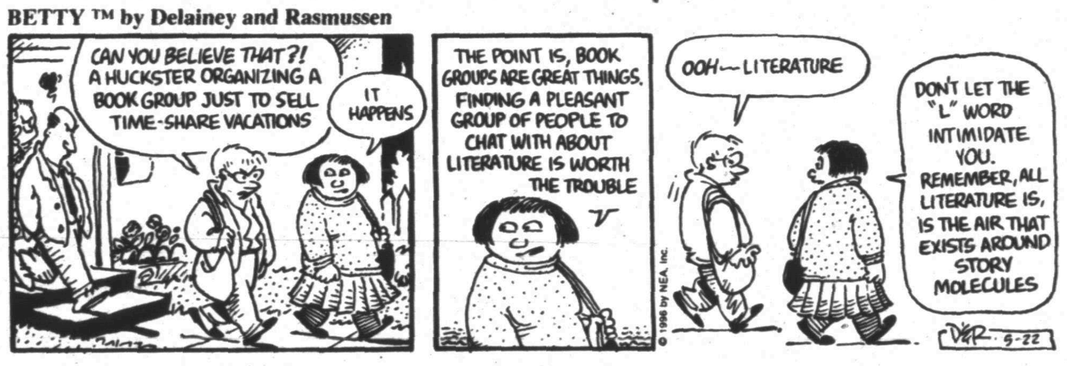
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Actor O'Neal
5 — Raton
9 Energy unit (abbr.)
12 De — (old car)
13 — — of bricks
14 — Lingus (airline)
15 Like a predator
17 — Francisco
18 Dress fussily
19 Bottle-cap removers
21 Fence piece
23 Research room
24 Actor Brynner
27 Prepare (beer)
29 Leaping creature
32 In good working order
34 Package
36 Kind of sail
37 MacNeil's partner
38 Newts
39 Icelandic epic
41 Actor Dailey
42 Always (poet.)
44 Concerning (2 wds.)
46 Harming
49 Sends out
53 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
54 Math term
56 Spanish aunt
57 Paradise
58 Hawaiian rootstock
59 Pigpen
60 Arid
61 Illegal coin

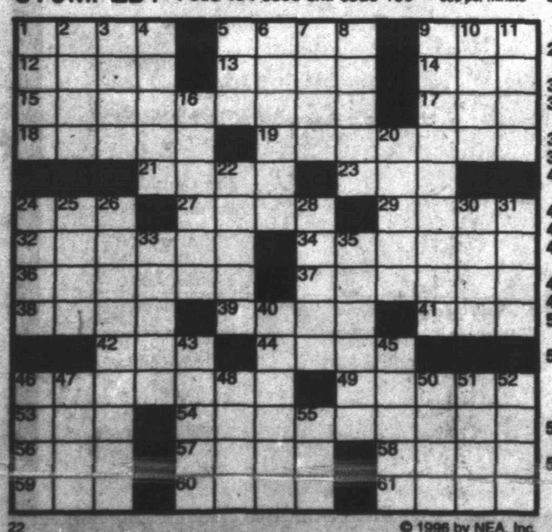
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1 Invitation letters
2 Possessive pronoun
3 Tamarisk salt tree
4 Observer
5 Tavern
6 Actor Peter —
7 Successful move
8 Photographer Adams
9 Lower-wall feature
10 Eye drop
11 Vases
16 Unqualified
20 Sure! (sl.)
22 Goodnight gal
24 Christmas
25 Air defense org.
26 — Saints (religious group)
28 Unites by heating
30 On the briny
31 Actor Bruce —
33 Assail
35 Less sloppy
40 Pointed weapon
43 Irks
45 Leaves out
46 Successful shows
47 Entity
48 Knot
50 Type style (abbr.)
51 Word on a highway sign, for short
52 Air-quality problem
55 Chemical suffix

Answer to Previous Puzzle

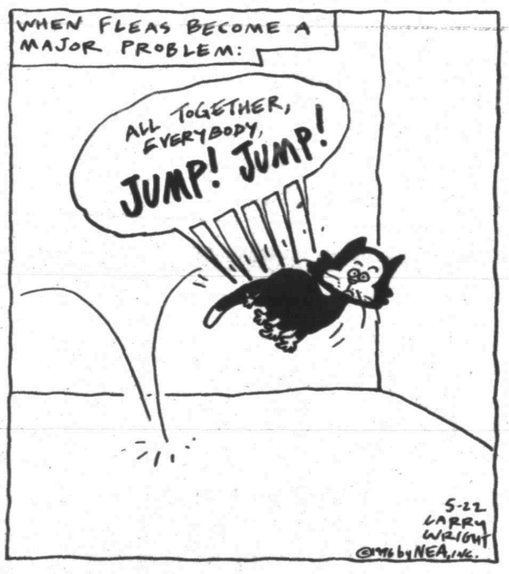
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SPORTS

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association Playoffs
All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 18
Seattle 102, Utah 72
Sunday, May 19
Chicago 121, Orlando 83
Monday, May 20
Seattle 91, Utah 87, Seattle leads series 2-0
Tuesday, May 21
Chicago 93, Orlando 88, Chicago leads series 2-0
Friday, May 24
Seattle at Utah, 8:30 p.m. (TNT)
Saturday, May 25
Chicago at Orlando, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, May 26
Seattle at Utah, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	25	16	.610	—
Baltimore	24	19	.558	2
Toronto	20	24	.455	6½
Boston	17	25	.405	8½
Detroit	12	34	.261	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	29	13	.690	—
Chicago	25	18	.581	4½
Milwaukee	21	21	.500	8
Minnesota	19	24	.442	10½
KansasCity	20	26	.435	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	27	17	.614	—
Seattle	23	20	.535	3½
California	21	23	.477	6
Oakland	20	23	.465	6½

Tuesday's Games
Kansas City 7, Detroit 1
Seattle 13, Boston 7
New York 7, Oakland 3
Chicago 2, Toronto 1
Cleveland 6, Milwaukee 5
Minnesota 4, Texas 3
California 5, Baltimore 2
Wednesday's Games
Texas (Pavlik 5-1) at Minnesota (Parra 1-2), 1:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Belcher 4-2) at Detroit (Lira 3-3), 1:15 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 4-3) at Chicago (Fernandez 5-2), 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 3-2) at Cleveland (McDowell 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Wolcott 2-5) at Boston (Wakefield 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Wojciechowski 4-0) at New York (Pettitte 6-2), 7:35 p.m.
California (Abbott 1-6) at Baltimore (Hayes 1-4), 7:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	29	16	.644	—
Montreal	28	18	.609	1½
Philadelphia	22	21	.512	6
Florida	24	23	.511	6
NewYork	18	26	.409	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	22	25	.468	—
Chicago	21	25	.457	½
St.Louis	19	26	.422	2
Cincinnati	16	24	.400	2½
Pittsburgh	18	27	.400	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	27	18	.600	—
SanFrancisco	24	20	.545	2½
LosAngeles	24	23	.511	4
Colorado	21	21	.500	4½

Tuesday's Games
San Francisco 8, Montreal 5
Chicago 4, Atlanta 2
Florida 3, Cincinnati 2
St. Louis 8, Houston 2
Colorado 12, Pittsburgh 10
Los Angeles 6, New York 4
Philadelphia 5, San Diego 4
Wednesday's Games
Florida (Leiter 6-3) at Cincinnati (Smiley 3-4), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago (Bullinger 3-3) at Atlanta (Glavine 4-3), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Smith 2-1) at Colorado (Ritz 3-4), 3:05 p.m.
Montreal (Martinez 4-1) at San Francisco (VanLandingham 2-6), 3:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Alan Benes 3-3) at Houston (Kile 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Clark 2-5) at Los Angeles (Nomo 6-3), 10:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Grace 6-1) at San Diego (Hamilton 6-3), 10:35 p.m.

Bulls lead series 2-0...

Bulls use a little magic over Orlando for win

CHICAGO (AP) — Trailing in the second half by 18, the Chicago Bulls didn't look at all like the super team that won 72 regular-season games and trounced Orlando in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals.

"We were lost," admitted Michael Jordan.

So the Bulls turned to a full-court press and sent their double-teaming defense at Magic center Shaquille O'Neal.

What followed were bad passes, turnovers, missed shots and a total breakdown of Orlando's offense.

Suddenly the Magic's lead went 'poof,' disappearing more quickly than a Jordan steal, length-of-the-court dribble and acrobatic, tongue-wagging dunk.

Orlando became so discombobulated it managed only 35 second-half points Tuesday night and the Bulls pulled out a 93-88 victory that gives them a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 series.

"Needless to say it was a very difficult basketball game for us to lose," said Orlando coach Brian Hill, whose team lost by 38 in the opener.

"We lost our aggressiveness on offense. We began looking to pass backwards."

The Bulls trapped ballhandlers and doubled O'Neal, forcing the huge center to pass. He'd hurt them with 26 first-half points, mostly in 1-on-1 coverage.

"In the first half, they played with a lot of rhythm in the way they got the ball into Shaq," said Jordan, who had 35 points one day after winning his fourth MVP Award. "But once we were able to put that press on, they lost the fluidity. It takes a lot of energy to play the press. When we were down 18 points, we had no choice."

O'Neal, who had 36 points and 16 rebounds, hit a short hook to give the Magic a 64-46 lead with 6:17 left in the third quarter.

Then came the collapse.

Orlando missed 11 of 12 shots, had five turnovers and Jordan scored nine points to spark a 26-5 Chicago run. That gave the Bulls a three-point lead. Orlando came back and regained the lead, but never the poise it had earlier in the game.

"We had a lot of careless turnovers," O'Neal said. "When I was doubled, I just had to give up the ball and shots weren't falling.

"Anytime you have a lead like that, man, you just got to take care of the ball. ... But they (the shots) will fall at home. No need to panic now."

Eleven of the Magic's 17 turnovers came in the second half.

Penny Hardaway, the Magic's other star, had 38 points in Game 1. But he was limited to 18 Tuesday night on 6-for-15 shooting and he managed to get off only one fourth-quarter shot.

"I told myself I picked the wrong day, the biggest game, to not be ready to play. And it cost us the victory," Hardaway said.

Games 3 and 4 are in Orlando on Saturday and Monday. The Magic hope to be bolstered by the return of Horace Grant, who missed Tuesday night's game with a hyperextended left elbow.



ST. LEO BOUND—Stephanie McKnight (right) has agreed to play basketball for St. Leo College in Florida. McKnight is a 1987 graduate of Snyder High School and spent one year playing for the Lady Westerners at WTC. (SDN Staff Photo)

Twins top Rangers in ninth inning, 4-3

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Pressuring the Texas Rangers into mistakes with aggressive baserunning, Scott Stahoviak and Jeff Reboulet gave the Minnesota Twins their first ninth-inning comeback victory of the year.

Down 3-2 with one out, Stahoviak legged out a double to center to start the rally that ended with Reboulet's daring dash to the plate on Rich Becker's short sacrifice fly to left.

"I think the whole game was satisfying," Stahoviak said of the Twins' 4-3 victory Tuesday night. "Our pitching staff did another great job. We had a couple of real good at-bats in the ninth. It all worked out well."

The Twins, who ended a four-game losing streak, were 0-22 when trailing after eight innings.

"It's safe to say that was a big win for us," said Reboulet, who entered the game as a pinch runner for Chip Hale. "We've been struggling as of late scoring runs, and we gutted it out tonight."

Stahoviak's double off reliever Mike Henneman (0-2) fell in front of center fielder Darryl Hamilton.

"That could have been a real dumb play if it didn't work," Stahoviak said. "I just go as hard as I can and go from there."

After Hale walked, Chuck Knoblauch doubled past third baseman Dean Palmer to tie the game and move Reboulet to third.

"What did he use, a 4-iron?" Henneman said. "You've got to tip your hat to him, even though I don't feel like it right now."

Becker then hit a fly ball to left, and Lou Frazier's throw to the plate was high, allowing Reboulet to slide in with the winning run. He would have been dead with a good throw," Becker said. "There again, we put the pressure on the defense to make the play."

Mike Milchin (1-0) pitched the ninth for his first major league victory.

The Rangers, who came into the game with a team batting average of .291, didn't get a runner to third base against Twins starter Brad Radke in the first six innings.

But Dean Palmer opened the seventh with his 11th homer, and Texas tied it 2-2 on singles by Warren Newsome and Mark McLemore and Knoblauch's error at second base. The Rangers took the lead on Kevin Elster's RBI single.

Cowen records ace at Country Club

Benton Cowen aced the No. 6 hole Sunday at Snyder Country Club.

Cowin used a 9-iron on the 128-yard par three. Witnesses were Tracy Lammert, Jack Shoults and Harold Bartlett.

McKnight to play ball at St. Leo

Stephanie McKnight, a 1987 graduate of Snyder High School has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for St. Leo College in Saint Leo, Fla.

A division II college, St. Leo is located about 20 miles from Tampa Bay.

"This is an opportunity to get a good education and continue my basketball career," said McKnight. "I thank God for giving me the opportunity to go back to school and fulfill a dream. I say that from my heart."

McKnight, who played one year for WTC, will be majoring in P.E. She will be a junior in the fall when school starts.

GIRLS' LITTLE DRIBBLERS RESULTS

JUNIOR DIVISION
SEMIFINALS
RED HOTS 53, LITTLE RAIDERS 19
Red Hots: Priscilla Ybarra 17, Jessica Sollis 15, Kelby Drum 13, Andra Dunham 6, Lesli Jackson 2.
Little Raiders: Erin Burleson 10, Andrea Valadez 3, Taren Knipe 2, J J Mandrell 2, Ambre Sanchez 2.
TUFF STUFF 37, HOT SHOTS 28
Tuff Stuffs: Desiree Braziel 16, Misha Wofford 11, Jordan Donelson 4, Dominique Braziel 3, Franki Briseno 3.
Hot Shots: Beth Clements 13, Mandy Burns 8, Gretchen Hollis 6, Danisha Akins 1.
FINALS
RED HOTS 42, TUFF STUFF 17
Red Hots: Priscilla Ybarra 26, Andra Dunham 6, Jessica Solis 6, Kelby Drum 4.
Tuff Stuff: Misha Wofford 7, Dominique Braziel 5, Desiree Braziel 4, Jordan Donelson 1.

MAJOR DIVISION
SEMIFINALS
REBELS 47, NIKE'S 13
Rebels: Crystal Atkinson 13, Meagan Hatley 13, Loryn Brown 9, Amber Alexander 8, Jackie Beccue 2, Keeli Shoemake 2.
Nike's: Ramona Zamora 6, Tyger McClain 3, Chrissy Hernandez 2, Zipporah Peoples 2.
JAZZ 39, JAMMERS 18
Jazz: Katie Voss 19, Andra Lancaster 12, Elvia Barrera 5, Cheyenne Walker 2.
Jammers: Chasity Perales 10, Chaelyn Robinson 5, Maritza Aguirre 2, Lori Chesser 1.
FINALS
REBELS 32, JAZZ 28
Rebels: Meagan Hatley 12, Crystal Atkinson 9, Amber Alexander 6, Loryn Brown 5.
Jazz: Elvia Barrera 9, Andra Lancaster 8, Katie Voss 6, Cheyenne Walker 4, Crystal Martinez 1.



JR. ALL-STARS—Scurry County girls' Little Dribbler junior all-stars will be participating in the national tournament June 5-8 in Georgetown. Team members are front row (L to R) Kelby Drum, Beth Clements, April Lollar, Andra Dunham, Dominique Braziel, Misha Wofford. Back row, head coach Mike Dunham, Erin Burleson, Laura Arellano, Ashley Fredrick, Gretchen Hollis, Jessica Sollis, Prisicilla Ybarra and assistant coach Max Drum. (Contributed Photo)

SNYDER YOUTH LEAGUES

ATTENTION COACHES & SCOREBOOK KEEPERS
When filling out wrap up sheets, please put the league, final score with the team names, first and last names spelled correctly and write legibly. Wrap up sheets should be turned in within 48 hours of the game. Incomplete sheets will not be printed.
1B=Single, 2B=Double, 3B=Triple, HR=Home Run, R=Run Scored

GIRL'S SOFTBALL
12 & UNDER
DAISY DUKES 22, ACE OF BASE 9
Daisy Dukes: Valerie Hernandez 3B, R-4; Rachel Fritz 1B, R-3; Aaryn Jordon 1B, R-3; Shelley Fisk 1B, HR-2, R-3; Lilli Valdez R-2; Hailey Putnam 1B-2, HR, R-4; Shastade Hill 1B; Blanca Hernandez 1B, 3B, R-2; Kellie Dodson 1B-2, R.
Ace of Base: Jacque Alvarez 2B, R-3; Casey Kellner 1B, 2B-2, R; Ira Gonzales HR, R-2; Sarah Boley 1B, R; Tyger McClain 2B, HR, R; Candice Gonzales R.
14 & UNDER
SMOKE 15, BAD NEWS BABES 8
Smoke: Dixie Yandrich 3B, R-2; Jennifer Newman 2B, 3B, R-2; Cameron Mackey 1B, R-2; Whitney Webb R-2; Angie Shoemake 1B, HR, R-2; Mindy Thompson 1B, R; Missy French R; Kayla Phillips 2B, R; Missy Hicks 1B, R; Daniell Sharp R; Priscilla Rodriquez 1B.
Bad News Babes: Lisa Hall 1B, R; LaShunda Collins R; Jessica Pierson R; Sabrina Davidson R; Emilee Blocker 1B; Amy Arrendale 1B-2, 2B, R; Kari Collum R; Amy Brooks 1B-2, R; Crissida Tyler 2B, R.

BOY'S BASEBALL
FARM LEAGUE
YANKEES 10, RANGERS 2
Yankees: Caleb Guiterrez 1B;; Lico Castillo 1B-;2, R; Henry Dominquez 1B, HR, R-3; Clark Reed 1B-2, HJR, R; Devia Guiterrez 1B; Don King 1B.
Rangers: Kenneth Fabre 1B; Jacob Rodriquez 1B; Justin Souder 1B; Kyle Bryan 2B.
CARDINALS 19, CUBS 14
Cardinals: Bret McClendon 1B-3, R-2; Cory Cochran 1B, R-2; Kameron Harrison 2B; Philip Rice R; Josh Kemp 1B, 2B-2, R-3; Geoff Pinkerton 2B-2, 3B-2, R-2; Josh Knox 3B, R; Cade Simpson HR, R-3; Dustin Whitson 1B, R-3; Nathaniel Clarady R-2.
Cubs: Orlando Vasquez 3B, R; Jordan Dea 1B-2, R-2; Chris Townsend 1B, 2B, R-2; Demetri Horn 1B, 2B, HR, R; Barrett Bowlin 1B, 2B, R-3; Shawn Kincade 1B, 3B, R-2; Trent Rinehart 1B, R; Manuel Trillo R; Kyle Dortch 1B, 3B, R.
GIANTS 16, WHITE SOX 3
Giants: Clayton Floyd 2B, 3B, R-3; Damian Ruiz 1B, R-3; Brandon Graves 1B, 3B, R-2; Teddy Vasquez 1B, 3B, HR, R-3; Andrew Jones 1B; Kevin Graves R; Caleb Dickerson 1B, 2B, 3B, R-2; Joe Martinez 3B, R; Aaron Rogers 1B, 3B, R.
White Sox: Darrell Cook 1B; Isaac Vasquez 1B; Conner Johnson R; Zach Garcia 1B-2; Walter Whitley 1B, R; Jody Castillo R; Jeremy Lopez 1B-2.
LITTLE LEAGUE
BRAVES 7, GIANTS 0
Braves: Nathan Smith 1B, R; Chance Greenwood 1B, R-2; Michael Pendleton 1B; Brandon McGuire 1B, R; Steven Ortegon 1B, 2B, R-2; Zack Cain R.
Giants: Tyler Trout 1B; Adam Rodgers 1B-2; Ryan McKamie 2B.
YANKEES 12, RANGERS 9
Yankees: Stafford Gray R; Brady Reed 1B-2, R-2; Todd Wall 1B, R-3; Eric Dickerhoff 1B, R; Jake Barnes 1B, 3B, R; Jess Wall R; Case Hardy R; Tyler Frey R; Mark Haines R.
Rangers: Caleb Durham 1B, R-2; Adrian Perez 1B, R-2; Tommy Hull R; Anthony Perez R; Ralph Ramon 2B-3; Josh Pickerel R; Jeffery Turner R; Isaac Ramon R.
CUBS 7, CARDINALS 6
Cubs: Jed Martin 1B-2, R-2; Marcario Martinez 2B, R; Tim Gutierrez 1B, R; Wes Martin 1B, R; Britt Sharrock 1B; Josh Greene R; Charlie Gorman 1B; Rudy Martinez R.
Cardinals: Tate Thompson 1B, R; Heath Conner 1B, R; Zach Starnes 1B, R-2; Clint Blume R; Tanner Beard R; Justin McBroom 1B.
CARDINALS 11, ATHLETICS 7
Cardinals: Mark Fields 1B, R-2; Tate Thompson 1B, R; Heath Conner 1B, R; Zach Starnes 2B, HR, R; Chris McLeod 1B, R; Jason Hall R; Tanner Beard 1B, R; Justin McBroom R-2; John Felan 1B, R.
Athletics: Adam Roemisch 1B-2, R-2; Chris Lee R; Wade Pinson R; Diego Hernandez 1B, 2B, HR, R-2; Logan Hill 1B, Austin Rinehart 1B; Chris Hatley R.
GIANTS 16, CUBS 2
Giants: Brooks Nunley R-3; Tyler Trout R-2; Adam Rodgers 1B-2, R-2; Jose Olavera 2B, HR, R; Blake Grimmett 2B, R; Ryan McKamie 1B, R-2; Jeffrey Pantgo R-2; Adam Owen 1B, R; Isaac Villanueva R-2.
Cubs: Jed Martin 1B-2; Marcario Martinez 1B; Josh Green 1B; Charlie Gorman R; Cory Lyons R.
SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE
ASTROS 14, PANTHERS 1
Astros: Steven Burton 1B-2, R-2; Paul Camp R; Banks Alexander 1B-2, R-3; Sonny Cumbie 1B-2, R-3; John Martinez R-2; Cheyenne Robinson 1B, 3B, R; Paddy Vantine R; Robert McCann R.
Panthers: James A. Shields 1B, R.
OILERS 19, SUNS 3
Oilers: Drew Wall 1B-2, R-2; Duane Allred 1B, R-2; Josh Ward 1B, R-3; Clint Hook 1B, R-4; Marid Gonzales R-4; Russell Wall R-2; Jared McMillan 1B, R; David Digby R.
Suns: Matt Rodgers R; Layne Scott 1B, R; Marcus Diaz 1B; Clay Preston R.
ASTROS 17, DODGERS 6
Astros: Steven Burton 2B, 3B, R-3; Paul Camp 2B; Banks Alexander R-3; Sonny Cumbie 1B-2, R-3; Cheyenne Robinson R-2; Paddy Vantine R; Stanley Maresch R-3; Kyle McClendon 1B-2, R; Scotty Jones R.
Dodgers: Mark Medley 1B, R; Toby Zalman R; Tim Dominguez R; TJ Whetsel 3B, R; Nick Barboza 3B; Randy Green R; Shade Everton R.

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The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct public hearings at two sites in the Abilene District to discuss the 1997-1999 TRansportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

The 1997-1999 Transportation Improvement Plan is a three-year plan developed by the Texas Department of Transportation for Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties.

The TIP includes the following:

•A priority list of projects and project segments that will be carried out within the 3-year period, and

•A financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented, indicates resources from private (if any) and public sources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the plan, and recommends any innovative techniques to finance needed projects and programs.

The public hearings will be held:

•June 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring, Texas and,

•June 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Women's Club Building, 801 23rd Street, Anson, Texas.

A 10-day comment period following the public hearings will permit other interested persons to submit written comments to Maribel P. Chavez, District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604.

All written comments must be received at the Abilene District Office no later than July 5, 1996.

Those desiring to make oral comments or presentations at the meetings may register starting at 6 p.m. Any interested persons may appear and offer comments, either orally or in writing. Comment cards will be available at registration.

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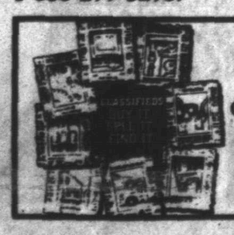
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FDA seeks more safety proof for ingredients

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government told manufacturers Tuesday to study the long-term safety of five common laxative ingredients after animal research raised questions of a possible — though unproven — cancer threat.

Forty-one laxatives, including the popular Ex-Lax, contain at least one of the ingredients: phenolphthalein, bisacodyl, aloe, cascara sagrada and senna.

The Food and Drug Administration will let Americans continue to buy the laxatives for now, because using them only for occasional constipation is considered safe.

The question is whether people are at risk who ignore warnings on the drugs' packages and use laxatives repeatedly and for long periods of time.

"I don't think it's going to make a big difference to the consumer right now," said Dr. Debra Bowen, FDA's nonprescription drugs director. "We are more concerned about the chronic use of the product."

"We are confident of the safety of these products although we are now reviewing the (safety) database," said Frank Rathbun of the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association.

Anxious consumers have alternatives — 120 laxatives that use other ingredients, including the popular psyllium, found in bulk-fiber laxatives like Metamucil, and the veteran remedy castor oil.

Laxative questions arose last year when a National Toxicology Program study found high doses of phenolphthalein fed to rats and mice for two years caused a variety of tumors.

The rodents received laxative doses hundreds of times larger than people take, and NTP study author June Dunnick acknowledged the findings must be confirmed. Still, "I would just be cautious" about the chemical, she said Tuesday.

The FDA has received no reports linking laxatives to cancer in people, but the ingredients have been studied only for short-term use. The FDA said Tuesday it will downgrade the ingredients' safety classification and rule them questionable pending long-term data.

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Albertsons	40¼	39¾	39¾	— ¼
Alldsignal	58¼	57⅞	58	+ ⅛
Alltel	32⅝	32⅜	32⅜	— ⅛
AmStores	35¼	35¼	35⅛	— ⅛
Ameritech	59	58¾	58¾	+ ¼
Amoco	74¼	73	74¼	+1⅞
AndarkPtr	54⅛	54¼	54⅜	— ⅛
ArmcoInc		5⅜	5¼	5¼
AtlRichfld	120⅜	119¼	120¼	+ ⅛
ATMOS Egy	24½	24½	24½	+ ¼
Aviall	9¾	9¼	9⅝	+ ⅛
BakerHughes		33⅛	32¼	33⅛
BellAtl	63¼	63¼	63⅛	— ⅛
BellSouth s	41⅜	41⅛	41⅛	— ⅛
BethSteel		13¼	12⅞	13
BritPet	105⅞	105¼	105⅞	— ⅛
BurlNoSFe	87⅛	86⅝	87⅛	+ ⅛
Caterpillar	68⅜	67¼	68	— ⅛
CenSoWst	27⅝	27¼	27⅛	— ¼
Chevron	61	60⅛	60⅝	+ ⅛
Chrysler		68¼	67¾	68
Coastal	40¼	40¼	40⅜	— ⅛
CocaColas	46⅜	45¾	46¼	— ⅛
ColgatePalm	79⅛	79¼	79⅝	+ ⅛
ComclMetals	32⅛	32	32¼	+ ⅛
CooperIn	42⅞	41½	41⅝	— ⅛
CyprusAmax	26¼	25¾	25⅞	— ⅛
DallSemicn		21½	21¼	21⅜
DeltaAirl	85⅜	85¼	85⅛	+ ⅛
DigitalEq	55⅞	54¼	54⅜	— ⅛
Dillard		38¾	38¼	38½
DowChem	87⅛	87	87⅛	— ⅛
DresserInd	30⅜	30⅛	30⅛	+ ⅛
DuPont	83⅛	83	83	— ⅛
EastmanChem	66⅜	66	66⅛	— ⅛
EstKodak	75⅜	74¾	74⅝	—1⅛
EljerInd	12⅛	11⅞	12	+ ⅛
Enserch	21⅜	21⅛	21⅜	+ ⅛
Entergy	27⅜	27¼	27⅛	— ⅛
Exxon	87⅛	86	87⅛	+1
FstBkxAm s	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	+ ⅛
Flowers s	15⅜	15⅜	15⅜	— ⅛
FordMotor	36⅜	36⅜	36⅛	— ⅛
GTE Cp	44⅜	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅛
GenDynam	64	63¼	63⅝	+ ⅛
GenElec	83⅛	82⅛	83⅛	+ ⅛
GenMills	57⅛	57	57⅛	+ ⅛
GenMotors	56⅜	56⅛	56⅜	— ⅛
GenMotors E	56	55¼	55½	+ ⅛
GaPacif	76⅛	75½	75⅜	—1⅛
GlobalMar	12⅛	12⅛	12⅜	+ ⅛
Goodrichs	38⅛	38⅛	38⅞	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	52⅛	52⅛	52⅜	— ⅛
GtAtlPac		36¼	35¼	36
Haliburtn	57¼	56¼	56⅞	+ ⅛
Hanson ADS	14⅜	14⅛	14⅜	+ ⅛
HarteHanks s	25⅛	25⅛	25⅜	+ ⅛
HoustonInd s	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	+ ⅛
IBM	111	110	110⅜	— ⅜
IntlPapers	42⅜	42¼	42⅜	— ⅛
JohnsnJns	96⅛	95½	96	+ ⅜
JohnsnJns wi	48⅜	48	48⅛	+ ⅛
K mart		10⅜	10⅛	10⅜
Kroger	40⅜	40	40⅛	— ⅜
Litton		46⅜	46¼	46¼
LockhdMart	83⅜	82⅜	83⅛	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	35⅜	35⅛	35¼	— ⅛
Lubys	25	24⅞	24⅞	— ⅛
LucentTech n	37⅞	37⅜	37⅞	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	49⅞	49	49	— ⅛
Medtronics	56⅛	56⅛	56⅜	+ ⅛
Mobil	115⅛	114⅜	115⅛	+ ⅛
Monsanto	157⅛	156⅛	156⅛	+ ⅛
Monsanto wi	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	— ⅛
Motorola	65⅛	65	65	— ⅜
Nationsbk	82⅛	81⅛	81⅜	— ⅛
Navistar		10⅞	10⅛	10⅜
NoramEngy		10⅜	10⅛	10⅜
Norwest	36	35⅞	35⅞	— ⅛
Nynex	47⅛	46⅛	46⅜	— ⅛
OryxEngy	17	16⅞	17	+ ⅛
PacTelesis		34	33⅞	33⅞
PanEnergy	33	32⅝	32⅞	+ ⅛
Penney JC	53	51⅝	52⅛	+ ⅛
Pennzoil	44⅜	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅛
PepBoys	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜	+ ⅛
PepsiCo	67⅛	67⅛	67⅛	—1
PepsiCo wi	33⅛	33⅛	33⅜	— ⅛
PhelpDodge		71¼	70⅝	71
PhilipPet	42	41⅛	41⅞	+ ¼
PilgrmPrd		7¼	7¼	7¼ — ⅛
Polaroid		44⅛	44⅛	44⅜ + ⅛
Praxair		39⅛	39⅛	39⅜ + ⅛
ProctGamble			88⅛	87⅞ 88⅛
PubSNwMx		19	18⅛	18⅜ — ⅛
RoyalDutch		150⅛	149	150⅛ + ⅛
SBC Comm		50	49⅛	49⅜ + ⅛
SaraLee		33⅜	33	33⅛ + ⅛
SearsRoebu		50⅛	49⅝	50 + ⅛
SherwinW		45⅞	45⅛	45⅛ — ⅛
SmthBchADS		50⅛	50	50⅛ — ⅛
SouthernCo		23⅜	23¼	23⅛ — ⅛
SwstAirlines		30⅛	29⅝	29⅝ — ⅛
Sprint		43	42¼	42⅛ — ⅛
SterlingChm		11⅛	11⅛	11⅜ — ⅛
SunCo		31⅞	31⅛	31⅛ — ⅛
TNP Ent		26⅛	26	26⅛ + ⅛
Tandy		58	57⅞	57⅞ — ⅛
Templlnl		50⅛	50¼	50⅛ — ⅛
Tenneco		56	55⅜	55⅛ — ⅛
Texaco		85⅛	84⅛	85⅛ + ⅛
TexasInd		65⅛	65⅛	65⅜ — ⅛
TexasInsts		53	52⅛	52⅛ — ⅜
TexUtil			41⅜	41⅛ 41⅜
Textron		85⅛	84⅜	84⅝ — ⅜
Travelers		62⅛	61⅞	61⅜ — ⅜
Travelers wi		41⅛	41⅛	41⅜ + ⅛
TrinityInds			34½	34⅜ 34½
TritonEngy		51⅛	50	51⅛ +1⅛
Tyler			2⅜	2⅜ 2⅜
US WestCm s		33⅜	33⅛	33⅛ — ⅜
USWstMdia		18⅜	18⅛	18⅜ — ⅛
USX Delhi		13⅜	13⅛	13⅜ + ⅛
USX-Marathn			22¼	22¼ 22⅜
USX-USS			33	32¼ 32½
UnCarbde		44⅛	43⅛	43⅜ — ⅜
UnPac		71	70⅝	70⅞ — ⅛
UtdTech		110	109½	109¾ + ½
Unocal		32⅛	32¼	32⅜ + ⅛
WalMart		25	24⅞	24¾ + ⅛
WstnGasRs		15	15	15 — ⅛
WestghEl		17⅛	17⅛	17⅜ — ⅛
WinnDixie s		34⅜	34⅜	34¾ + ⅛
Woolworth		21⅛	20⅝	21⅛ + ⅛
XeroxCp		160⅛	159⅛	160¼ +1
XeroxCp wi			53⅛	53¼ 53⅛
ZenithE		14	13⅜	13⅜ — ⅛

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Shannon Barnes, Hermleigh; Clisonia Wright, 2002 28th.

DISMISSALS: Durwood Hopper, Tanner Bragg.

CENSUS: 45 (Med., Surg.-7, Long-term Care-35, OB-1, N-1, CCU-1).

Births

Clisonia and Timothy Wright of Snyder announce the birth of their son born at 1:22 p.m. May 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, five ounces.

PD notes two arrests

Local law enforcement agencies worked a number of complaints Wednesday, including making two arrests.

Officers arrested a 25-year-old male at 1:37 p.m. in the 2400 block of Avenue for driving with a suspended license.

At 5:39 p.m., officers arrested a 45-year-old male on an outstanding warrant for allowing an unrestrained child in a vehicle.

In other activity Tuesday, officers investigated a report of a dog bite at 3505 Irving at 4:03 p.m.

An offense report for Class B theft was submitted at 5:26 p.m. in reference to the theft of a drill from Clark Lumber.

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 7:30 p.m. in reference to a man and wife having an argument in front of the sheriff's office.

Snyder ISD agriculture teacher David Frazier requested a deputy at 9:37 p.m. at the school's ag farm in reference to dogs killing a large number of chickens there.

Officers were notified at 10:39 a.m. of a possible gun shot in the area of 2210 30th Street. Officers responding to the call were not able to determine if the noise was actually a gunshot.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 11:35 p.m. from the 3000 block of Avenue W.

DPS troopers worked a one-vehicle accident at 1:21 this morning some five miles east of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84. Involved was a 1992 Saturn driven by Karen Munguia of Plainview. Her three-year-old son, Thomas Curry, was taken by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where he was treated and released.

Scurry County Country



The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

Truly a new day is dawning on the emu industry. We are no longer looking for the light of the coming production market, but can now see it clearly rises quickly.

United Emu Co-Op expresses it this way. "We are rapidly immersing ourselves in the most exciting period in the history of the industry and your co-op.

Dennis Davis and Dick McCauley exhibited our oil and cream at the Interphex Pharmaceutical convention in New York City two weeks ago exposing them to the top 50 U.S. drug companies and many of their cosmetics' counterparts. This past weekend Al Jodoin, member Bob Gulledge from Illinois and McCauley exhibited at the Food Marketing Institute show in Chicago, the largest annual food exhibit in the world.

Oil and cream were sampled as well as Chef Al serving over 125 pounds of meat samples to many of the 35,000 attendees. We talked to prospective customers from 29 countries, many of whom took samples and requested more information. This coupled with the 49 leads from the Interphex show have opened a wide band exciting base for customer development."

Recently at the Zone 7, TEA meeting it was announced that all but one of the major co-ops had agreed to work together to further the production market. Could it be that this lone one, United Emu Co-Op, has accomplished so much for its stockholders that it did not want to compromise their integrity to the stockholder's loyalty.

United Emu announced that at its next board meeting two issues are under advisement and will be resolved within the next 60 to 90 days.

"First, we are evaluating an increase in the price of United Emu stock from the current $100 per share for 15 shares. Secondly, we have been asked to consider limiting our membership. Some feel that too many people have "been waiting to see what happens" while the rest of you have already made your commitment. These are two very important issues your board will be discussing."

Lastly, it has been recommended the United Emu give up its tax exempt status as not only unnecessary, but also as an almost sure profit windfall to all members. This will eliminate ever having to pay patronage to "non-members" if we are forced to purchase their birds. This will be voted on by the board at its June 5 meeting.

"United Emu has worked out a simple formula for the purchase of your birds and are still working on the final plans for the manner in which birds will be brought in for slaughter. This is a totally fair and lucrative compensation program. Bear in mind, all by-product sales profits over and above our cost of operation will be rebated to the stockholders, at year's end in exact proportion to your bird contribution during the year."

United Emu noted, "effective immediately, the 800 number service is being transferred to the Dallas office as we approach consolidation of all functions. The phone will be answered with a recorded update. Following the recorded update, the caller will have time to leave a brief message if a return call is desired. The number will remain (800) 806-4368. The Weatherford P.O. box will be kept open temporarily, as we continue to receive member payments there. All other mail should be directed to P.O. Box 1188, Addison, TX, 75001-1188. These moves have been made to improve efficiency and to reduce our costs. Pate Emu Farm, 915-573-5340.

Farm Briefs

Culled potatoes

BLACKFOOT, Idaho (AP) — Idaho potato growers and processors are disposing of culled potatoes on a daily basis to prevent the spread of late blight.

The fungus, which caused the potato famine in Ireland in the 1800s, has moved from southwestern Idaho to the Twin Falls area.

Burying the waste, feeding it to livestock, spraying it with a sprout deterrent or spreading it on fields where it can decompose curbs the spread of late blight and other potato diseases.

The potato waste is sprayed with a sprout inhibitor.

Roger Vega of the Agriculture Department said although inspectors will check cull piles, growers and processors would be responsible for policing themselves.

"It's the Idaho potato here that's at stake," Vega said.

Exports create jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. farm exports generated 950,000 jobs in the United States last year and stimulated an additional $76.6 billion in economic activity, the Agriculture Department says.

Of those export-related jobs, 365,300 were in the farm sector. Farm exports were valued at $55.8 billion.

USDA estimates that about three-quarters of the "spinoff" economic activity went to the nonfarm sector.

Interest rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The May interest rate on Commodity Credit Corp. loans made before May 1 is 5.5 percent. Loans made after April 30 carry a 6.5 percent rate.

The April rate was 5.25 percent.

The dual-rate structure was dictated by the 1996 farm law. The rates charged by the Agriculture Department agency are based on interest the Treasury Department charges.

Animal activitists

ODESSA (AP) — Animal-welfare activists are worried that some cattle owners caught between high feed prices and low beef demand might allow their herds to die off rather than maintain their expensive diets.

"If people don't have any integrity, we're going to have carcasses all over Texas because of the drought," said animal-welfare advocate Marnie Reeder of Austin. She said she does not oppose raising beef cattle for slaughter.

A Dallas lawyer recently was charged with animal cruelty in the apparent starvation of 32 head of cattle on his ranch near Italy, about halfway between Waco and Dallas. The animals hadn't been fed since November.

Kate Orr, a National Cattlemen's Beef Association spokeswoman, said cattle neglect won't be a problem among career ranchers who take their work seriously. "Why let an entire herd go to waste? You can still get some money for them," she said.

"You're talking about a viable life there," she said. "They depend on you for nourishment and to keep them healthy, and cattlemen take that responsibility very seriously."

Diversified

Terry J. Millican, County Extension Agent

What is Xeriscape?

This year's drought has affected not only area farmers and ranchers, but also homeowners. Many homeowners are seeing their landscapes wither due to lack of rainfall and summer heat. Some homeowners are seeing their water bills skyrocket and several communities have asked homeowners to conserve water through water rationing.

To help alleviate landscape water problems this summer and in the future, civic leaders in several Texas cities are promoting Xeriscape landscaping. Xeriscape, a term coined in Denver, Colo. is quality landscaping that conserves water and protects the environment.

Xeriscape, which comes from the Greek word Xeros, meaning dry, is considered a viable alternative to the conventional high water requirement landscapes. For the past several years, residential and commerical landscapes have utilized more than 25 percent of the total water consumption in urban areas of Texas. This percentage can be reduced to extend the water supplies of Texas. By incorporating Xeriscape principles into home or commercial landscapes, it is estimated that water usage can be cut in half.

Xeriscape landscapes are not cactus and rock gardens. They can be cool, green landscapes full of beautiful plants which are maintained with water efficient practices. The same green, Texas-style landscapes which we are accustomed to can be achieved and still conserve water.

Xeriscape landscaping incorporates seven basic principles which lead to water savings:

- •Planning and design
- •Soil analysis and improvement
- •Appropriate plant selection
- •Practical turf areas
- •Efficient irrigation
- •Use of mulches
- •Appropriate maintenance

By using these seven principles, you can help preserve our most precious natural resource — water.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Handling Commercially Canned Food Safely

Consumers generally think of food safety as it relates to perishable food such as meats and poultry, but precautions should be taken with all food even if it is in a can.

When it comes to canned food, people want to know.

Where should I store canned goods? Store canned foods in an area that is dry, dark and moderately cool. Avoid storage near heat sources — steam pipes, radiators, furnaces and kitchen ranges.

How long can I store canned foods? For best quality, a year is suggested. However, the type of food canned, the processing, how it has been handled and stored are all factors to consider. If the can itself is normal in appearance, the food inside should still be wholesome.

What effect does freezing have on canned foods? While a single freezing and thawing may not affect the safety of canned foods, there may be some texture changes. During freezing, the contents of a can expand, put strain on can seams, and cause the ends to bulge. Check previously frozen containers carefully after thawing to be sure that the ends return to their normal flat appearance. If they do not, air may have entered the can, and the can should be discarded.

Are metal fragments in canned foods harmful? Investigations by government agencies and industry scientists have shown that metal slivers which get into food cans when they are opened by can openers are not injurious to health. However, metal fragments are not desirable, and every effort should be made to keep them out of foods. The best prevention strategy is to keep can openers sharp, clean and in good working order.

What does discoloration in the food or in the liner of the can mean? The Food Additive Amendment of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act prohibits the use of food containers which would transfer a poisonous or harmful substance to the food in the can. However, sometimes discoloration occurs on the inside of the can due to the release of sulfur by certain foods during processing, which causes an unsightly brown, blue or black mottling. The stains are not harmful to the contents. An etched effect sometimes appears on the inside of cans, especially those with fruit juices. This does not indicate that contents have been harmed.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,097 head of cattle for the Thursday, May 16, sale. Cows were steady to $1 cheaper. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were fair.

Slaughter cows High dressing, cutters, utility 30 to 35; Canner and low cutters 21 to 30; Slaughter bulls 37 to 43.50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 52.50 to 62.50; 400 to 500, 50 to 57; 500 to 600, 50 to 55; 600 to 700, 48 to 53.50; 700 to 800, 48 to 54.50.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 40 to 48.50; 400 to 500, 40 to 48; 500 to 600, 42 to 52.50; 600 to 700, 45 to 52.50; 700 to 800, 42 to 50.50.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 45 to 50; 700 to 800, 38.50 to 46.50.

Cow and calf pairs: good 300 to 425 grade 250 to 350

Springers: 225 to 450; baby calves 25 to 95; doodlers 50 to 125.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market at Sweetwater had a run of 628 head of cattle for the Wednesday, May 15, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were 1 to 2 cwt higher with stockers steady. Packer cows and bulls were 1 cwt higher with pairs and bred cows steady.

STEERS
300-400: 52-59
400-500: 50-57
500-600: 47-55
600-700: 48-53

HEIFERS
300-400: 45-50
400-500: 42-48
500-600: 44-48.50
600-700: 42-50

BRED COWS
Good: 300-380
Older and Plainer: 225-300

PAIRS
Good: 400-450
Older Plainer: 300-400

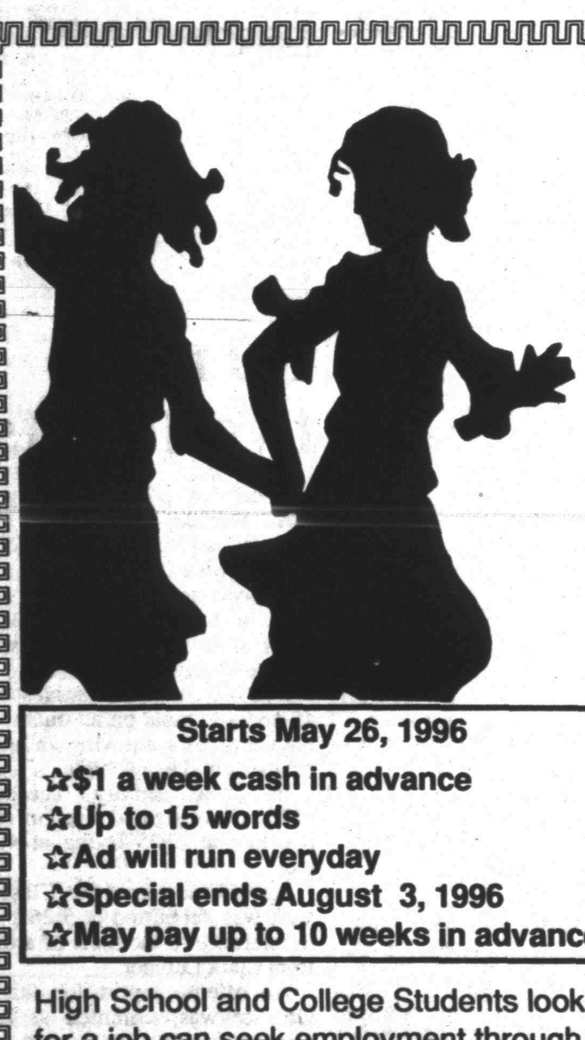
PACKER COWS
Good: 30-35
Low Yielding: 24-30

PACKER BULLS
Good: 40-45
Low Yielding: 35-40

Some people experience discomfort after eating beans because they contain specially bonded sugars called oligosaccharides. Humans cannot digest these sugars and bacteria in the large intestine converts them into carbon dioxide. Soaking leaches the oligosaccharides into the water but this also releases some of the protein, carbohydrates and flavor. Gradually incorporating beans into your diet and drinking more fluids can also help.



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Freeman still unwilling to negotiate

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — The anti-government Freemen are unwilling to negotiate an end to their standoff with the FBI and have resorted to using children as shields, a frustrated mediator said.

Talks with Charles Duke broke up in anger Tuesday and the Freemen sent out armed patrols around their farmhouse for the first time in the eight-week standoff.

Duke, a Colorado state senator and leader in the so-called patriot movement, blamed Freemen stubbornness for the breakdown and even praised the FBI's patience.

"The time for negotiations is over. They need to feel some pain," Duke said.

He would not elaborate, other than to suggest cutting off cable TV to the ranch, 30 miles northwest of here on the eastern Montana plains.

In an interview today on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," he also suggested cutting off the communications radio that was provided to the Freemen. "Right now, they've got a pretty cushy life in there," he said.

Duke said FBI agents had shown an "outstanding willingness to negotiate" while the Freemen, by repeatedly revising their demands after an agreement seemed to have been reached on some issue, "showed they can't be trusted."

Duke said three children, ages 8, 10 and 14, are being used to keep FBI agents at bay. The children are at the ranch with their mothers.

"One can only conclude the adults inside care only for their safety and care not one whit for the safety of their children because they're willing to sacrifice them and use them as a shield," Duke said Tuesday.

Duke, who had arranged the first face-to-face negotiations between the Freemen and FBI, talked alone with an unidentified Freeman for about 15 minutes Tuesday morning.

Demos accuse GOP of trying to nix hike in minimum wage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hours before a scheduled vote, House Democrats accused Republican leaders of trying to scuttle a minimum wage increase today by seeking to exempt employees of many small businesses.

"What they're seeking to do in a crafty way today is to blow holes in it and wreck it," said House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri. He said if the small-business exemption is approved on the House floor, he and other Democrats would vote against the very minimum wage measure the party has been demanding.

House GOP aides said they would press a vote on the proposed exemption, which they unveiled in detail late Tuesday night.

The furor erupted several hours before debate was set to begin on a proposal for a 90-cent hike in the $4.25 minimum wage. The bill includes a 50-cents-an-hour increase on July 1, with an additional 40 cents a year later.

Minority Democrats and a small group of GOP moderates have been demanding the increase from a reluctant Republican leadership.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., predicted today the House would pass the increase along with provisions he said would benefit small businesses.

"What we tie it to is very straightforward," he said on CBS-TV. "We have several things that help small business and would encourage small business to hire more people. I think it's going to pass."

That was in doubt, with Democrats threatening to withdraw their support if the provision passes exempting businesses engaged in interstate commerce and with annual incomes of $500,000 or less.

Democratic Whip David Bonior of Michigan said the language drafted by the Republicans would remove at least 3 million workers from coverage and could result in repeal of certain child labor laws.

Many Republicans have made no attempt to hide their opposition to the minimum wage increase, which they contend will destroy jobs.

"I think you can give all the blame in the world to the Democrats," majority leader Richard Armey of Texas told reporters Tuesday, although he added that some moderate Republicans "feel very good about their efforts."

The minimum wage hike itself would be attached to a separate measure.

Police make multiple arrests

Two people were taken into custody Tuesday in connection with the Sunday night burglary of Skinny's convenience store at 407 East Highway 180.

One of those was arrested in the parking lot of the same store he is charged with burglarizing, after he had stopped to buy a soft drink around 8:30 p.m., according to Sgt. Jerry Parker of the Snyder police department.

Arrested at the store was 17-year-old Joe Angel Luna, 1901 Ave. M, who was taken into custody on an outstanding warrant for burglary of a building.

Some 15 minutes later, officers arrested a 17-year-old male in the 400 block of 33rd Street in connection with the burglary. He was later released pending further investigation.

Also arrested in the parking lot were a 20-year-old male for minor in possession and 34-year-old Christine Holiday of San Angelo for felony possession of cocaine.

Luna was transported to Cogdell Hospital for treatment of a cocaine overdose. He was released at about 11 a.m. today and booked into the county jail.

Personal, Professional Service

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Man convicted of raping 4-year-old

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Jurors convicted a man of raping a 4-year-old girl in 1992, allegedly giving her the AIDS virus that ended her life last month.

Willie Robinson, 41, was convicted Tuesday of first-degree rape.

He was accused of raping the girl Feb. 24, 1992, while he was baby-sitting for her and her siblings. She was diagnosed with gonorrhea two weeks later and eventually tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, prosecutors said.

Robinson admitted having gonorrhea, and a test showed him infected with HIV. Prosecutors said they did not charge him with attempted murder because they could not prove he knew he was carrying the virus at the time of the rape.

Robinson's first trial ended in a hung jury because jurors could not decide whether to convict on first-degree rape or a lesser charge, according to the jury forewoman.

The girl died in April at age 7.

Trustees hold workshop

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cents per $100 valuation. Krenek said Tuesday that the budget being prepared does not include a hike in the tax rate.

As the meeting began, trustees took up the matter of the women's basketball program. The discussion came on the heels of Monday's announcement that coach Brenda Nichols has accepted a coaching position in Florida.

After 45 minutes of discussion, trustees directed athletic director Milton Ham to chair a three-person committee to begin a search for a new coach.

"We'll do it as fast and expeditiously as we can. I think we can get a very good coach. WTC has a lot of great things going for it," said Ham, who indicated that dean of instruction Bettie McQueen will be on the committee. He did not immediately indicate who the third member will be.

Much of the 3½-hour meeting centered on recruitment of students after newly elected trustee Drew Bullard asked for an overview on the subject.

"Our problem is not recruitment, our problem is in keeping them here the second year — retention," said Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services.

About one-third of WTC's freshmen return for a second year, "and that's pretty much the norm nationwide," said Dr. Hood.

Bullard suggested the college find out who "our kind of student" is and recruit them "much like a coach recruits a player."

"The assumption is we're not doing that. We are doing that. The problem is, everyone else is, too," said Dr. Hood. "There's a lot of competition for students out there."

Dr. Krenek said that "study after study" indicates students go to community colleges for two reasons — "it's close to home and it's less expensive."

Trustee Carolyn Barbee said the public needs to be educated about community colleges.

"This is not a school for dummies. That's been a misconception."

WTC has some clear advantages, said trustee Jackie Greene Jr., who pointed out that class sizes are such that "a student has a name and not a number. Classes have a teacher and not a video. I think that makes a difference to a freshman student."

Ironically, said Dr. Krenek, small class size works against WTC because while it benefits the student, it means less state funding, which is based on contact hours.

"The question is, how do we maintain what we do best, and keep paying for it?" Dr. Krenek said.

While discussion topics frequently strayed from the budget process, trustees did indicate they would be willing to put more funds into student recruitment. This would include recruiting high school graduates, as well as other non-traditional students. These would be similar to programs the college currently has in place, such as EMT and paramedics courses, non-credit computer courses and correctional officer training.

No action was taken during Tuesday's meeting. Administrators will go to work on a more detailed budget and present that to trustees on June 10. All trustees were present, to include Barbee, Greene, Bullard, R.C. Patton, Dr. Jay Kidd, Eddie Peterson and Lee Presswood.

Water

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The wells are currently being tested for capacity and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has already tested the quality of the water, said Grant.

Grant said the wells should be able to provide the city with 1.4 million gallons of water per day — exactly half of the city's historical useage of 2.8 million gallons daily.

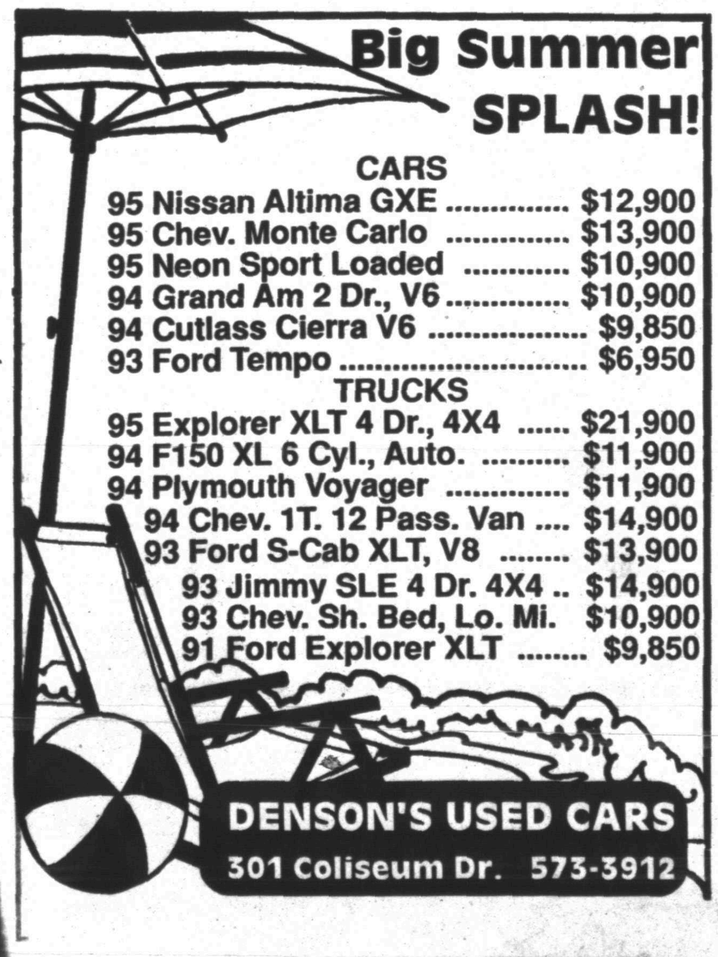
The wells are an excellent back-up for the city's water supply and would certainly slow the drop in capacity at Lake Thomas," said Grant.

"Let me emphasis this. If we did not put these wells on line or Lake Thomas does not receive any runoff at all, we still project that the lake would not reach its historical low until December of this year," said Grant.

Another option that the CRMWD has to provide water to Snyder is to pump water from Lake Spence and Lake Ivie.

"That's an expensive proposition," said Grant. "We have an ample amount of water, but it takes a lot of energy to move it around.

"We know it's going to rain, but we just don't know when," said Grant.



What's Up?

Tiger blankets arrive

Snyder High School Tiger blankets have arrived. Pick them up through 5 p.m. today in the high school lobby. Extra blankets were ordered and are $49.50 each.

Senior Night '96 planned

Senior Night '96, a alcohol and drug free event, will be held after graduation Friday, from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum. The doors will be locked at midnight.

Drawings will be held every 15 to 30 minutes. Those attending will be given "casino" money at registration and opportunities to win more "money" at a variety of games.

Prizes include a television, a VCR, a dorm-sized refrigerator and cash.

DL office notes key dates

The local driver's license office will be closed Frid / and May 31. Citizens may also note that office hours on May 30 will be 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior parent donations

Parents of Snyder High School seniors are asked to send their donations to the all-night after graduation Senior Party to Rhonda May, P.O. Box 214, Hermleigh TX 79526.

SHS Class of 1986

Snyder High School Class of 1986 is needing current addresses to plan its 10-year reunion. Contact Amy Wilson Hodges, 573-1944; Steve Lee, 573-2176; Shirley Raschke Scifres, 573-2655; or Mike McWilliams, 573-6543.

Robinson reception slated

A retirement reception for the Rev. Miller Robinson and his wife, Sandra, will be held from 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Rev. Robinson has been the pastor at Colonial Hill Baptist Church since 1964.

Barbed wire help needed

Scurry County Museum is looking for collectors of barbed wire who would be willing to lend their collections to the museum from June 18 through July 18.

The museum plans to display the barbed wire during the Western Swing Festival in June and into the following month.

Help is also needed in presenting the history of barbed wire and telling of its importance on the range. Anyone who has a collection or who can help is asked to call 573-6107.

OB review on CMH agenda

A review of proposed renovations for the obstetrics unit is among the items of business for Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers, which meets at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Other agenda items include medical, nursing and financial reports and accounts payable. An executive session is also scheduled to update the board on pending litigation.

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Six Cash Five tickets correctly matched all numbers drawn in the Tuesday drawing, the state lottery said.

The tickets were sold in Beaumont, Dallas, Giddings, Houston, San Leon and Stafford.

State lottery officials said the six tickets are worth $49,815 each. They said 990 tickets with 4 correct numbers are worth $453 each, and 33,429 tickets with 3 matched numbers are worth $23.

Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday night, from a total of 39 numbers, were 5-10-15-23-37. The next drawing is Friday.

The estimated jackpot for Wednesday night's Lotto Texas, a twice-weekly drawing of six numbers from a field of 50 numbers, was $8 million.

Pick 3

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

0-4-3

(zero, four, three)

USDA chief confronted by angry homeowner who lost home in fire

BUFFALO CREEK, Colo. (AP) — A volunteer firefighter whose home was destroyed by a 10,000-acre fire while she helped evacuate Cub Scouts took her anger straight to the man in charge of the U.S. Forest Service.

Open campfires should have been outlawed because forests in the area are dried out, Aimee King-Rogers told Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

"My home was destroyed and my parents' home was destroyed. There should have been a fire ban," King-Rogers said as Glickman toured the fire site 30 miles southwest of Denver on Tuesday.

The fire that began Saturday in the Pike National Forest, destroying six homes, has been traced to a camp site. Authorities have questioned five teen-agers who said their campfire may have accidentally ignited the blaze. No charges have been filed.

Larry Dove of the Bureau of Land Management said the fire could be 100 percent contained later today if the weather cooperates. Full control of the fire is anticipated this weekend.

"Today's kind of a critical day because it's supposed to get a lot warmer and we're supposed to get some wind. Today's a test," Dove said.

King-Rogers, a paramedic and volunteer firefighter, told Glickman of her losses as he discussed the fire with reporters.

She said she was evacuating Cub Scouts and other campers from an area near her property when the fire reached her fields.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Job Competitors Must Work On Friendship After Hours

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My best friend and I recently got jobs at the two biggest competitors in town. We always have confided in each other about everything important, including work-related problems. However, our two businesses are so cutthroat and competitive, we're not even supposed to associate with people who are employed by the competition.

I don't want anything to affect our closeness. How can we maintain our friendship and also our jobs?

TROUBLED IN TEXAS

DEAR TROUBLED: You will be doing a bit of a balancing act to stay friends in a competitive job situation, but it can be done. Look at Mary Matalin, who worked on the Republican campaign of former President Bush, while dating James Carville of President Clinton's campaign. They later married. Or United Press International's White House correspondent Helen Thomas, who worked in competition with her late husband, Doug Cornell of The Associated Press.

The secret is to keep your business and personal lives separate, agree to avoid discussing work-related problems or situations outside the office, and don't spread office gossip.

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DEAR ABBY: I hope my story gives "Ticked Off in Georgia" a good laugh. He and his wife had attended a party given by friends. Not many were in attendance, and only hot cider and nonalcoholic beverages were served. Later, when comparing notes with other friends, he learned that there had been two guest lists. Group A described the open bar, fine wines, etc., while group B was on the "dull and cheap" list.

Years ago, my aunt and her husband invited us over for a chicken dinner at the noon hour. When we were called to the table, my husband and I noticed at once that the meat plate held boiled wieners. We never batted an eye, and no explanation was offered to us about the missing chicken.

Right after we had eaten, my aunt and uncle went outside for some reason. I speedily peeked into their kitchen cupboards. Lo and behold — there on the stack of remaining dinner plates sat a whole cooked chicken. I was miffed!

When my aunt and uncle returned, over coffee they commented that their preacher and his wife were dropping over for supper that evening. Then it all clicked! We felt better knowing we had been switched to the "B" list so the good preacher could have chicken for supper. Still chuckling ...

JANETTE KAUFFMAN, BEAVERTON, ORE.

DEAR JANETTE: Thanks for pointing out that in some cases, there are extenuating circumstances.

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DEAR ABBY: Last year my brother-in-law got married and less than two months later, the marriage was over. He moved out and all the wedding gifts were put in storage by the bride, as the groom wanted to give her everything.

Here's the question: Since the marriage lasted less than two months, shouldn't the wedding presents be returned to the people who gave them?

RIPPED-OFF RELATIVE IN SANTA ANA

DEAR RIPPED-OFF: Most definitely, yes!

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, May 23, 1996

You can achieve new career goals in the year ahead. Your ambitions, material desires and need for recognition will motivate you to succeed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Let your imagination work for you instead of against you today. Do not envision frustration and negative complications where they don't exist. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Before volunteering to work on a special project for your club or church today, assess the cost. Do not get stuck with the bill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you insist on doing things your way, you could create complications. For example, your boss might be equally determined to squeeze in the last word.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An inability to keep your temper in check today could cause a number of unnecessary problems. Try to keep disturbances within realistic boundaries.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your curiosity might be more intense than usual today and as a result, you may be tempted to poke your nose into situations where it doesn't belong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, you might be used as a pawn in an power game being played by two friends. This can be circumvented if you're aware of their maneuvers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might have to work closely with an unreasonable and difficult individual. Try to make the most of a bad arrangement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not use your love for someone as an excuse for being possessive today. Your good intentions might be interpreted as unreasonable restraints.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An unresolved issue that has caused a problem between you and your mate might flare up again today. Have your fire hoses ready to battle the blaze.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This will not be the right day to offer companions unsolicited advice or criticism. If they want input from you, they will make direct requests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) That tidy little sum you've been prudently stashing away could be gone in one fell swoop today. Do not spend now; you will regret it later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might not be as tolerant as you should be with relatives or family members today. Do not lose your temper around the people who love you most.

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Veterinarian admits to Online blackmail

By The Associated Press

Some men who got down and dirty with "Rita" on America Online's "Married But Looking" chat line got a letter from her enraged husband threatening to beat them up unless they paid up.

Now authorities say both Rita and her husband were one man, and all he really had on his mind was blackmail.

Veterinarian Ron Hornbaker, 29, of Shawnee Mission, Kan., pleaded guilty to extortion Tuesday in a case some say illustrates problems in the unpoliced cyberspace. He faces two years in prison and fines up to $250,000.

"It's definitely a new way to commit one of the oldest crimes on earth," said assistant U.S. Attorney John McKenzie, who prosecuted the case in U.S. District Court in Rockford, Ill.

Although Hornbaker threatened about 10 men in the same way, it was a Rockford, Ill., man who alerted the FBI and helped them arrest Hornbaker.

In August 1995, Hornbaker created an America Online profile of himself as a married woman named Rita, authorities say. He would log onto "Married But Looking" or similar chat areas and engage male victims in typed conversation. After a while, he would ask them to go to a more confidential area called a private chat room "to get to know each other better."

There Rita would engage each man in erotic conversation and offer him provocative photos of herself.

Hornbaker, meanwhile, stored the conversation and printed out transcripts.

The men awaiting the nude photograph instead got a threatening letter in the mail. In it, Hornbaker — now posing as Rita's enraged husband — said he'd found a transcript of the conversation between each man and his "wife."

He gave each man two options: "One, to track you down and hurt you," or two, to pay money. Hornbaker claimed to be a police officer, warning his victims not to go to police.

Hornbaker set up boxes at private mail services to handle the bribes, usually between $500 and $2,000. None of the recipients paid him.

Hornbaker's sentencing was set for Aug. 16.

Judge gives in, imposes death sentence

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A judge who refused to impose the death penalty because of his Christian beliefs yielded to the Supreme Court today and sent two men to death row for raping and killing a 7-year-old girl.

The regional court judge had found Ernesto Cordero and Henry Lagarto guilty last year of raping, torturing and murdering Angel Alquiza in 1994.

Under Philippine law, the death penalty is mandatory in rape cases where the victim dies.

Judge Lorenzo Veneracion, a born-again Christian, sentenced the two men to life in prison, saying his religious principles prevented him from imposing the death sentence.

But the Supreme Court ordered Veneracion to impose the death penalty as prescribed by law.

There is no jury system in the Philippines. A single judge hears evidence, renders a verdict and imposes a sentence.

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Bone drug may help cut risk

By The Associated Press

The newest drug to fight osteoporosis now has been shown to reduce by half the risk of broken hips.

The Food and Drug Administration in October approved alendronate to fight spinal fractures. But nobody knew then that it also reduced the bigger threat of a broken hip.

Alendronate, whose brand name is Fosamax, is the first nonhormonal treatment for the bone-weakening osteoporosis that strikes about 25 million Americans, the vast majority of whom are aging women.

It has been proven to fight spinal fractures, the small breaks that cause the humped back characteristic of osteoporosis. But its effects on broken hips may be more significant. Some 20 percent of women who break a hip die within a year, and many wind up in nursing homes.

The new study, funded by Merck but conducted by the University of California, San Francisco, suggests alendronate prevents hip fractures as effectively as the controversial hormone estrogen does.

Some 2,000 high-risk osteoporosis patients took either alendronate or a dummy pill every day for almost three years.