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Citizens' imput on school project promised

Snyder ISD's trustees, meeting with architects Tuesday night, promised citizens' imput in the bond issue process.

Trustees voted last Thursday to pursue a bond issue for improvement's to the district aging facilities, and Tuesday's meeting was the first to discuss the process.

Coda Stephenson, an architect with the Lubbock firm of BGR Architects-Engineers, told the board that his firm would conduct open forums on the various campuses to gather information.

"We welcome recommendations from the district's staff, parents and the general public," said Stephenson. "We'll be an information gathering arm for the board," he added.

Forums have been scheduled for Feb. 24 at Northeast Elementary and Feb. 26 at East Elementary, Supt. Gayle Lomax said. Other dates will be set later.

Stephenson said his firm would have information compiled from the first meetings when when the board meets on March 10.

That meeting has been set for 8 p.m. In addition to regular school business, a workshop will be conducted on the proposed bond issue.

Stephenson told the board that priority on improvements would eventually come from the trustees. Lomax added that it would be up to the board to eventually decide the dollar amount of any bond issue.

A report from the same architects last fall indicated the district needed some $15 million in improvements.

Each board member was polled as to what they felt the immediate needs of the district are.

Heating and cooling systems, out-dated electrical systems and eliminating portable buildings were mentioned by most trustees.

All trustees seem to desire a thorough study of district facilities by the firm.

"Do the most thorough job you can," said trustee Luann Burleson. "Tell us everything wrong and how much it will cost to fix it."

Burleson said she did not want future boards to have to go through a bond issue. "If we are going to do this — let's do everything," she said.

Trustee Glenn Clarady agreed. "Let's get the costs nailed down to the decimal point," said Clarady. "That goes for everything."

The architects agreed that they would look at all the facilities, from the athletic fields to the ag barn.

"During our meetings and workshops, we'll discuss a lot of things that may or may not show up on a bond issue," said Stephenson.

Board president Charles Anderson presided at the one-hour meeting and all board members were present to include, Burleson, Clarady, Mike Levens, Richard Chambers, Mark McCormick and Janet Stribling.

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Court of Appeals affirms conviction

EASTLAND — The 11th Court of Appeals has upheld six convictions against a 45-year-old Snyder man currently serving a 45-year prison sentence in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The court on Feb. 5 affirmed the 132nd District Court conviction of Joe Henry Anderson for retaliation — threatening to kill a Snyder police officer and the Scurry County attorney.

In February, 1995, a district court jury found Anderson guilty on two counts of retaliation — making threats against Snyder police officer Trevlyn Pitner and Lealand "Pete" Greene, who was then county attorney.

The jury sentenced Anderson to 45 years in prison on each count, to be served concurrently.

In March, 1996, a district court jury found Anderson guilty on four counts of failure to appear in conjuction with the retailation charges.

The offenses were enhanced because of prior convictions and he was sentenced to serve four concurrent 40-year terms in the TDCJ after the 45-year sentence is complete.

The appeals court in Eastland rejected a defense plea that the evidence used in the case was legally and factually insufficient.

Also rejected was a defense contention that a sixth amendment right to a petit jury drawn from a fair cross-section of the community was violated.

The defense had also sought to have the conviction overturned because of court records that had indicated that the appellant had failed to show for court appeareances.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Don't make predictions. If you're wrong, nobody will forget it. If you're right, nobody will remember it."

We've read all the lists of the top stories of 1997, and either the news media missed 'em completely or the predictions in the supermarket tabloids were way off base.

Grocery store gossip sheets are famous for attention-grabbing headlines over stories quoting psychics who make predictions for the coming year.

Here's a few things that were predicted for last year. Either it didn't happen or it went unreported:

--President Clinton was supposed to announce that Hillary was pregnant with their second daughter and that she was to be named Virginia in honor of the President's late mother.

--Rush Limbaugh was supposed to announced that he had switched to being a liberal Democrat after a long and soul-searching visit with singer Barbra Streisand.

--One psychic said the U.S. Congress would suspend the major league baseball season after a brawl at one game that left scores dead and hundreds wounded.

--The assassination of Saddam Hussein.

--Princess Diana would move into a convent.

--The Princess would have a nervous breakdown and balloon in weight to 215 pounds.

--Diana would get stood up by heart-throb Kevin Costner.

(Not one hint about a grinding car crash)

--Retired news anchor Walter Cronkite would become a lounge singer in Las Vegas, and get good reviews.

--Space aliens would swoop down and suck out all the crude oil out of the ground in only two weeks.

--Mick Jagger would become a member of Parliament.

--Angela Lansbury would solve the Nicole Simpson murder.

Famous psychic Jean Dixon missed predicting the big event in her life in 1997. She died.

With all the talk about Global Warming and El Nino, we decided to go way out on a limb in 1998. We predict we'll have weather.

Jury gets wreck suit

The jury in a wrongful death lawsuit was to begin deliberating at 1:15 today as opposing attorneys presented their closing arguments this morning.

Both sides in the suit rested their cases as the defense told District Judge Ernie Armstrong around 3:50 Tuesday afternoon that they would call no more witnesses.

The defense had rested its case Monday afternoon, and they told Armstrong Tuesday afternoon that they would have no rebuttal witnesses.

Armstrong then dismissed the jury until 9 this morning.

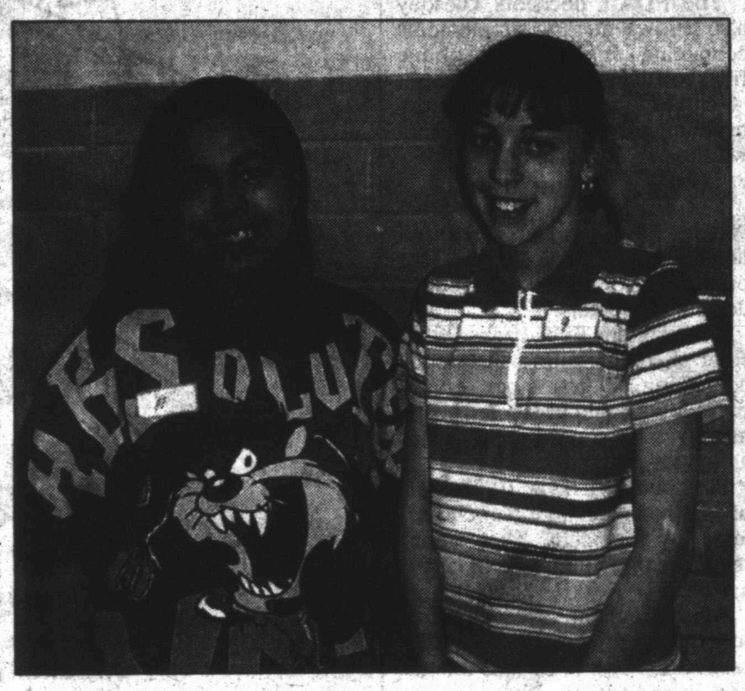
Final summations concluded shortly before noon in the suit over the death of 45-year-old Rhonda Hester on March 13, 1997.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs allege that negligence of a transport company and its driver caused the death of Hester.

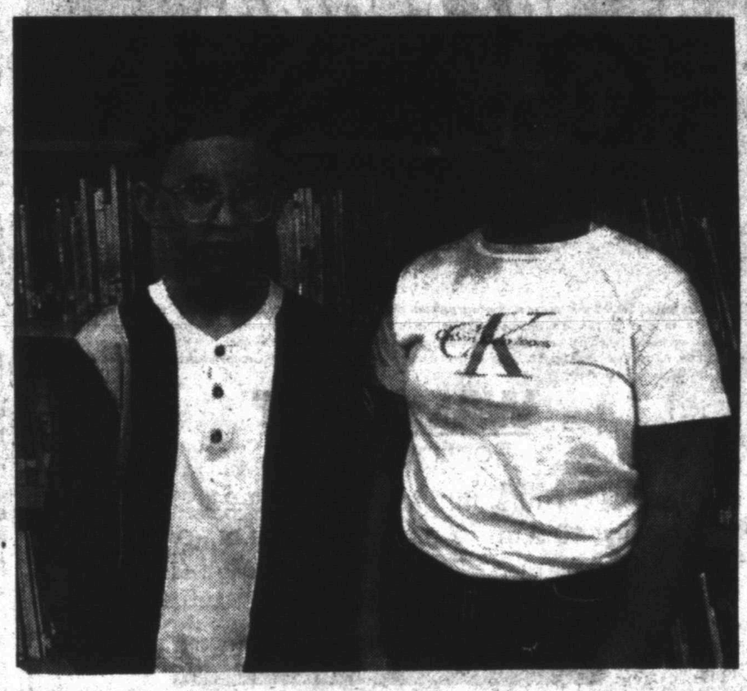
Ron Hester, Mrs. Hester's husband, her daughter, Damona Goss and her mother, Evelyn Windham are plaintiffs in the suit.

Defendants are the tractor-trailer owner, P.A.M. Transports Inc. of Tontitown, Ark., and the driver of the truck, Phillip W. Mercer of El Paso.

The trial started last Monday in 132nd District Court.



WINNERS AT WEST — West's top spellers this morning were Lucy Amarillas, first place, and Sara Thornhill, second place. They both advance to the county bee on March 6. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



HERMLEIGH WINNERS — Terrel Culp, first place, and Julie Mireles, second place, won Hermleigh's junior high spelling bee this morning. They both advance to the county bee on March 6. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

West, Hermleigh...

Campuses name bee champs

Two more schools held campus spelling bees this morning.

Hermleigh's junior high winners are Terrel Culp, first place, and Julie Mireles, second place.

Terrel, 13, is the son of Alan and Julie Clup and a seventh grader.

Julie, an eighth grader, is 14 and the daughter of Ted and Janie Mireles.

Both are previous campus bee winners.

West Elementary's first place winner is Lucy Amarillas, who is 12 and the daughter of Felipe and Yvonne Amarillas.

Second place went to 11-year-old Sara Thornhill, daughter of Chris and Sally Thornhill.

Northeast's bee was to be held this afternoon. East and Snyder Junior High School have set bees for Thursday.

Dorothy Petersen coordinated West's bee. Dr. Tommy Culwell of Colonial Hill Baptist Church was the pronouncer. Judges included Elaine Byrd and Stacy Hirt, sixth grade reading teachers, and Caddye Claborn, sixth grade English teacher.

At Hermleigh, Brenda Kuss served as bee coordinator and pronouncer. Judges were Laura Johnson, Cathy Beckman and Alison McCarter.

Hermleigh students who competed this morning were eighth graders Julie Mireles, Lacy Doggett, Candace Gonzalez, Chasity Pereles. Seventh graders were Terrel Culp, Reecie Sauceda and Maria Rangel.

West students who competed were Kyle Dortch, Christy Garcia, Marissa Chaidez, Mattie Smith, Matthew Garza, Rankin Hardin, Prissy Capetillo, Bridgett Manlief, Sara Thornhill, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Lucy Amarillas, Alexis Dupree, Kristel Fitts, Erin Burleson, Caleb Olivas, Melissa Jerome, Brandi Russell, Robert Garza, Aaron Lindsey.

Others were Tanner Reed, Kerissa Simmons, Jordan Donelson, Cami Trout, Paige Smith, Bethany Clements, Mitchell Cole, Molly Haire, Sarah Crawford, Clayton Floyd, Justin Stoker, Andra Dunham, Adrienne Garcia, Paula Fritz.

Incentive agreements on agenda for DCOS board

Development Corporation of Snyder board will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday at the corporation's office, adjacent to American State Bank.

Two agreements with industrial prospects are on the agenda. Lorber Industries of Texas, which is building a textile spinning mill in SnTx Park I, has requested a revision in its incentive agreement with DCOS.

The request relates to agreed funding for communications infrastructure that will allow the Snyder plant to communicate directly with Lorber's facilities in Los Angeles.

The proposed change would also allow for 10 per cent of the agreed amount to be used by Western Texas College in its Workforce Training Center. WTC's Workforce Education department will be involved in training employees for the Snyder plant.

Also on the agenda is an DCOS incentive agreement with YZ Industries, which is planning to expand its Snyder manufacturing facilties.

The DCOS board approved the four-part agreement last month, but board members requested that the language in the employee-creation portion of the incentive be clarified.

In addition to approval of financial statements and payment of bills, the only other action item is a request for the release of a real estate lien on property owned by Golden Terrace Village.

The property, located just west of the hospital, is the site of a planned development of additional senior citizen housing.

Culp, Digby seek spots on HISD board

Alan Culp and Sherene Digby have filed to keep their places on the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees.

Culp, appointed last year when board member Chip Roemisch moved from the district, will be seeking election to the final two years of a three-year term.

Mrs. Digby will be seeking to serve her second full term on the board. Also on the ballot in Hermleigh for May 2 will be the seat held by David Higgins.

There have been no candidates filing for two seats on the Snyder ISD board. The terms of Charles Anderson and Luann Burleson, both in at-large spots, expire.

At Ira, an incumbent and former board member have filed. Carl Smith, a former trustee, is seeking Place 7 on the board held by Doug White. Place 6 Trustee Keith Clements filed Tuesday.

Both incumbents on the Western Texas College board have filed for re-election. They are Dr. Jay Kidd and Carolyn Barbee.

There are five city council seats up for election. I.E. Martin has filed for re-election in District 4. Terry Martin, appointed to an at-large council spot last summer, will seek election to that post.

Other seats up for election are held by Vernest Tippens in District 1 and Jerry Webb in District 3. The District 2 seat is vacant.

ASK US

Q. — Will Gov. Bush be at the chamber banquet when his wife speaks on March 24?

A. — The governor will not be present, but there are hopes that he will be in Snyder later in the year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 53 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 36; no precipitation; total for 1998, 2.44 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 30% rain chance. Low around 35. NW-N wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. High 55-60. NW wind 5-15 mph.

Alice Estrada
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 6:33 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 48 days in 1998, the sun has shone 46 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The greatest achievements are those that benefit others.

Denis Waitley

FEB 18 1998

Alleged 'trigger man' now faces trial

FORT WORTH (AP) — With former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora condemned to prison until at least 2038 for killing her romantic rival, prosecutors now turn to securing a similar fate for her ex-fiance.

"We're only half done," lead prosecutor Mike Parrish said Tuesday, after Ms. Zamora was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to life in prison. "The man who pulled the trigger still needs to be brought to justice."

Jurors deliberated for six hours Monday and a few minutes Tuesday morning before convicting Ms. Zamora of killing 16-year-old Adrianne Jones.

With the support of Miss Jones' parents, prosecutors opted not to seek a death sentence, giving the 20-year-old Ms. Zamora an automatic life sentence that makes her eligible for parole in 40 years.

The ex-fiance, David Graham, rejected a plea bargain that would have put him in prison for 30 years, Parrish said. If his trial proceeds this summer, Graham will face much of the same evidence as Ms. Zamora did.

The couple were high school seniors at the time of the killing. Both graduated with honors and earned prestigious spots in military academies the next year, she at the Naval Academy, he at the Air Force Academy. They were arrested in September 1996 after Ms. Zamora's academy roommates said she had admitted to a killing.

Police said Graham and Ms. Zamora gave similar statements about driving Miss Jones to a remote lakeside field, where Ms. Zamora hit the girl in the head with a weight and Graham shot her as she tried to flee.

Both of the accused said the slaying on Dec. 4, 1995, was an attempt to "purify" their relationship after Graham and Miss Jones had a fling.

Ms. Zamora testified that she confessed only to take the blame for Graham. She said others — classmates and a former best friend — who testified that she also confessed to them were either mistaken or lying. Some said Ms. Zamora told them Miss Jones deserved to die — and that she'd kill her again if she could.

Defense attorneys tried to portray Ms. Zamora as a victim of mental and sexual abuse by Graham. And they blamed the actual murder on him.

Graham has a confession that can be admitted as evidence, said Bill Lane, a Fort Worth attorney who watched the Zamora trial.

"Diane said she faked a confession to take the blame for him, but what excuse does he have?" Lane said.

Besides the confessions, prosecutors also have shown that it was Graham's pistol that was used to kill Miss Jones. Police found the gun in Graham's attic.

"It's going to be hard to explain that away," Lane said. "A confession at least you can flat out deny, but the murder weapon in your attic — that's pretty tough."

Graham's lawyer, Robert Swofford, called a plea bargain "out of the questions," and said he would seek to have the trial moved out of Fort Worth.

"It's pretty clear that there has been an enormous amount of publicity here," he said.

FDA endorses psyllium bran cereal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration says All Bran Bran Buds cereal sold by Kellogg Co. contains enough psyllium to reduce the risk of heart disease.

The FDA's decision Tuesday also allows dietary supplements containing this type of soluble fiber to advertise its heart benefit — and FDA officials expect more psyllium-containing foods, from waffles to biscuits, to hit the market soon.

The FDA already had ruled that another fiber, from oats, reduced heart disease risks, a decision that prompted new advertising from dozens of cereals.

Tuesday, the FDA backed fiber from psyllium, ruling that foods containing 2.6 grams per serving of psyllium could be labeled heart-healthy when consumed as part of a low-fat diet.

The caveat: It took 10.2 grams of psyllium a day to lower cholesterol by 5 percent. That would require eating four bowls of cereal a day.

Made from the dried husks of seeds grown mostly in India, psyllium is best known as a laxative ingredient.

Date Book

Feb. 18, 1998

Today is the 49th day of 1998 and the 60th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1885, Mark Twain published "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

On this day in 1930, the planet Pluto was discovered by Clyde Tombaugh at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

On this day in 1953, the first 3-D movie, "Bwana Devil," opened, starring Robert Stack and Nigel Bruce.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Peabody (1795-1869), merchant-philanthropist; Jack Palance (1920-), actor, is 78; Helen Gurley Brown (1922-), author-editor, is 76; Toni Morrison (1931-), novelist, is 67; Cybill Shepherd (1950-), actress, is 48; John Travolta (1954-), actor, is 44; Matt Dillon (1964-), actor, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Katarina Witt won the gold medal in figure skating at the Sarajevo Winter Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If we have our own *why* of life, we shall get along with almost any *how*." — Friedrich Nietzsche

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1980, extensive flooding occurred over much of Arizona; 6,000 people were evacuated.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter.

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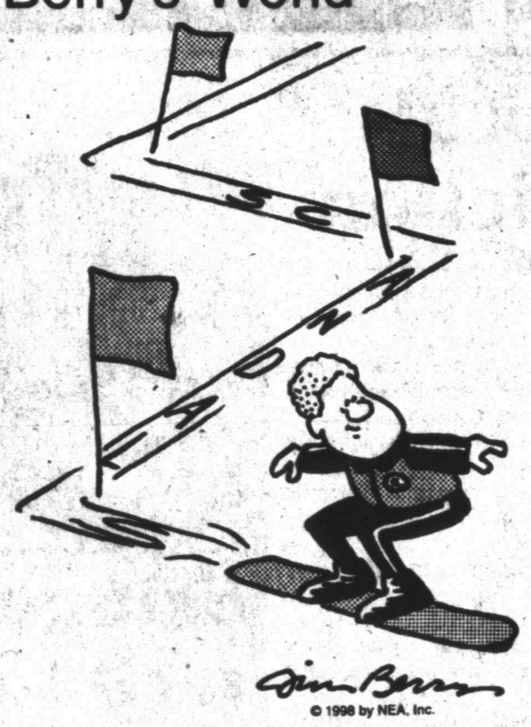
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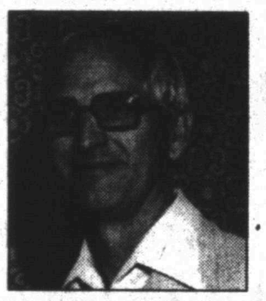
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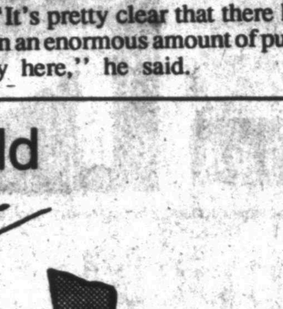
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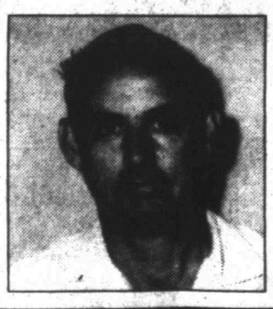
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Last Week's Photos: 1. Polly Underwood 2. Frankie Estep 3. Eddie Peterson 4. June McGlaun 5. Vera McSpadden 6. C.A. McCown 7. Ken Minyard. 8. Howard Limmer 9. Robert Patterson 10. Dalton Walton



SNYDER JR. HIGH PLAY — "Wizard of Oz" will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the junior high auditorium. Advanced tickets are $4 and will be $5 at the door. They may be purchased at the school office or by calling 573-6356. A trio from the cast of 49 are from left, Bobby Sands, Sara Cantu and Lilli Valdez. Directors are drama instructor Janeen Patterson and choir director Marcia Dennis. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Billions and billions of miles from home

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Hurtling through space and more than 6.5 billion miles from Earth, a spacecraft bearing the sound of a mother's kiss and greetings in 55 languages became the most distant man-made object in the universe.

The Voyager 1 spacecraft won the distinction Tuesday, surpassing the distance of the older Pioneer 10 spacecraft — the 6.5 billion-mile mark — around midday.

After 20 years in space, Voyager 1 is on the edge of the solar system — so far away that its signals take more than 9 1/2 hours to reach Earth.

Voyager 1 still returns data, although the power of the signal reaching NASA antennas is 20 billion times weaker than the power of a digital watch battery.

Like Pioneer 10, it is powered by nuclear batteries that keep the spacecraft functioning in the freezing blackness of space. But Voyager 1 and Pioneer 10 are headed away from the sun in nearly opposite directions.

Pioneer 10 led the way for 25 years "and now the baton is being passed," said Edward Stone, director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Voyager project director.

Voyager 1 was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Sept. 5, 1977, carrying scientific instruments for planetary exploration and a message to the universe.

The latter is a 12-inch gold-plated phonograph record containing a variety of sounds, 115 analog images, spoken greetings in 55 languages, printed messages from former President Carter and then-U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and a selection of music.

The sounds include the mother's kiss, wind, rain, surf, a chimpanzee, a Saturn 5 rocket, footsteps, a heartbeat, laughter and a blacksmith, among others. The images range from the structure of DNA to a diagram of continental drift and a violin with sheet music.

The record was assembled by a committee that was headed by the late astronomer Carl Sagan. A duplicate is carried by Voyager 2, which was 5.1 billion miles from Earth on Tuesday.

Pioneer 10 was launched on March 2, 1972. Its mission officially ended on March 31, 1997, but science data is occasionally sent to Earth in a training program for flight controllers.

Barring breakdowns, both Voyagers are expected to have enough electricity and propellant to operate until about 2020. Voyager 1 will be almost 14 billion miles from Earth by then.

Former 'Star Search' comedian convicted

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A former "Star Search" comedian suspected in a series of campus assaults pleaded no contest Tuesday to raping an instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Vinson Horace Champ, 36, of Los Angeles changed his plea from innocent just before jury selection was to begin in his trial.

In exchange for the plea, prosecutors agreed to delay sentencing until after he stands trial in Lincoln on a charge of raping a woman at Union College. The trial has not yet been scheduled.

Champ faces up to 50 years in prison for the first-degree sexual assault of Heidi Hess on March 5 at a University of Nebraska computer lab. Hess has spoken publicly about her assault because she believes people need to know rape victims as people.

He came under a flurry of suspicion after he was charged with trying to rape a student in Pasadena, Calif., as she was playing a piano. A national bulletin was released, noting that he was a traveling comedian.

Champ also has been charged with raping a woman at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. Authorities have reports of similar attacks in Illinois and Wisconsin, but no charges have been filed in those cases.

Champ's attorney, James Martin Davis, said DNA evidence in the Omaha case weighed heavily in the decision to enter a plea.

Titanic memorabilia auctioned off

NEW YORK (AP) — While audiences have crowded into movie houses and a Broadway theater to see shows inspired by the Titanic, documents from the actual disaster brought big bucks at auction.

Collectors paid $180,310 on Tuesday for wireless messages and other documents from the doomed luxury liner. Driven by the popularity of the "Titanic" movie and a Broadway musical about the ship, the total was 15 times the top presale estimate set by Christie's auction house.

The centerpiece, bought for $123,500 by an anonymous telephone bidder, was a volume containing 34 signals from or about the Titanic from the radio-room logs of the liners Olympic and Carpathia and other vessels.

Christie's specialist James Zemaitis, who relayed the winning telephone bid, said the price was spurred by renewed interest in the vessel's history.

The messages they bought were laconic and eerily deadpan as the great drama of the Titanic played out.

"Titanic sending out signals of distress," reads the 11 p.m. entry in Olympic's radio log on April 14, 1912. "Answered his calls."

After giving its position, Titanic says: "We have struck an iceberg."

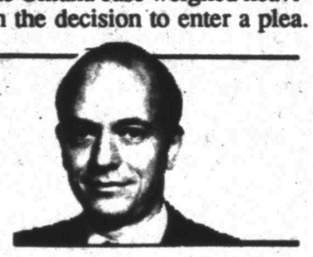
At 11:40: "Titanic says tell captain we are putting the passengers off in small boats."

Among later signals, Carpathia, which picked up survivors, messaged: "Mr. Bruce Ismay is under an opiate." It referred to the chairman of White Star Line, who made it into a lifeboat.

A second volume of messages to the Titanic, mostly congratulations before its fatal encounter with the iceberg, fetched $46,000 from another bidder whose identity wasn't disclosed.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
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Opening lead: ??

Do you practice?

By Phillip Alder

Once, I was on a wine-tasting panel for a magazine. One evening, another member of the panel said that she could taste gasoline in the wine. My immediate reaction was to ask her whether it was regular or premium. And how did she know this? Did she taste different fuels for practice? Bizarre!

Bridge deals can be weird too. Some occur at the table, but more are composed. This one was dreamed up by Dr. Cy Lee, from Canada. How many tricks can South take if the deal is played in each of the five denominations: no-trump, spades, hearts, diamonds and clubs?

The deal is in Hugh Darwen's "Bridge Magic" (Faber & Faber, 1973). This book is the last word in double-dummy problems — those in which you work out the solution knowing where all 52 cards are situated.

Ignore my attempt at a possible bidding sequence, in which five no-trump asks about heart honors (the Grand Slam Force) and six hearts shows zero.

In no-trump, South can be held to 11 tricks. In all four suits, though, South can make a grand slam!

Let's consider seven hearts on, say, a club lead. Declarer wins in the dummy, discarding a spade from hand. He plays a trump to the eight and nine. South cashes his two top diamonds, ruffs a diamond in the dummy, throws his last spade loser on a top club, finesses the heart queen, draws East's last trump, and claims.

If you analyze all the suit contracts and all possible leads, you will see that South can always win every trick. Amazing!

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen-Age Prank Creates Guilt That Won't Go Away

DEAR ABBY: As a teen-ager, for kicks I would randomly call women at night and ask to speak to their husbands. If the wife said he wasn't there, I would pretend to be the husband's lover, saying he was supposed to have told her about me.

Most of the time it didn't work, but one young woman believed me. She began crying and said, "We've been married for only one year; now I know why he tells me he has to work late."

I hung up without confessing that it was a stunt, immediately regretting what I had done, but I couldn't call back to make amends because I didn't remember which number I had called.

Abby, the damage I may have caused haunts me to this day. I sincerely wish I could take back what I did.

REGRETTING PAST MISTAKES

DEAR REGRETTING: Since there is nothing you can do to change the past, perhaps you can ease your conscience by doing a good deed. I have a suggestion: Volunteer to mentor a teen-age girl who could benefit from the friendship of a caring, mature adult. There are many out there who need it.

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DEAR ABBY: Please help me settle this argument. My husband, who thinks he knows everything, keeps insisting that the forks and spoons should be placed in the basket of the dishwasher with the sharpest point of the utensils facing upward. I say that the utensils should be facing down, so that when they are removed from the dishwasher they can be grabbed by the handles. Will you please settle this?

FRUSTRATED IN DENVER

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your husband is wrong. The utensils should be loaded into the dishwasher with the points facing down, which prevents them from poking or cutting the person who is unloading the machine. It also keeps the eating surfaces cleaner if they're grasped by the handles.

P.S. If this is all you and your husband disagree on, I would say you have a marvelous marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed the letter in your column from "Waiting With Baited Hook in Nevada."

As a divorced, 45-year-old, overweight woman with three teenagers, I had attended church-sponsored activities for years, including dances. None of the men were interested in me.

When I started taking my 14-year-old son to a one-eighth-scale, live steam-engine train park last summer, I began to volunteer my time. The outdoor setting was beautiful, the people were friendly, and it was surprisingly fun. It didn't take long for a divorced man to strike up a conversation, and within six months we were married!

I found out by happenstance that what you suggested works: Look where men spend their free time, and enjoy the same wholesome activities.

LUCKY IN OREGON

DEAR LUCKY: I'm delighted to hear about your happy outcome. Sometimes we make our own "luck" — and I think you "engineered" yours beautifully.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998

Developments that will charge up your hopes and expectations will unfold in a consistent manner in the year ahead. Fulfillment is possible where you met failure previously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Mistakes can be made if an important matter is handled impulsively today. Carefully study all aspects and don't make a move until you can proceed with assurance. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Meaningful objectives are achievable for you at this time. Begin with your least important ones and try to work yourself up the list.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, associates will react in accord with the example you set. If you project a cooperative spirit, they'll match your behavior.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Some confidential information might be passed onto you today. Before using it, however, have it verified to uncover any shortcomings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep quiet about what you're doing today if you're helping a friend with a problem. Inviting others into the picture could be counterproductive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, you'll be both a good starter and a strong finisher. This might not be true, however, of subordinates to whom you delegate assignments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Companionship will be important to you today. This is good, provided you don't put socializing above your duties. Maintain your pace with work as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today's developments could strengthen your financial position in a unique manner, but your gains are not likely to come through gambles or risks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In most competitive developments today, you should fare well, yet you still could encounter a mismatch if you seriously underestimate the competition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Financial prospects look stronger today, so try to focus your efforts on profitable endeavors. Use your ingenuity to fatten your bank account.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your enthusiasm will be in harmony with your expectations today and this could make a dynamic combination that could result in personal gains.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Most will feel inclined to cooperate with you today where your career is concerned. Those who can't be swayed will be inflexible, so don't spin your wheels.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum $3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum $7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is $3.50 per line for residential customers and $7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the $27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de $3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de $7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es $3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y $7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los $27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

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XVIII WINTER OLYMPICS

'Biggest waste of time ever...'

Hockey team embarrassed

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Dream team, nightmare tournament.

The most talented U.S. hockey team ever assembled ended its most humiliating Olympic experience of all time, losing 4-1 Wednesday to the Czech Republic and goaltending genius Dominik Hasek.

Six 50-goal scorers and 17 other NHL stars weren't enough to keep the United States from getting eliminated in the quarterfinals, extending America's record medal-less run to five Olympics. The U.S. team hasn't won so much as a bronze since the 1980 Miracle on Ice gang captured gold.

The Olympics' first "dream team" tournament, featuring six nations stocked with NHL talent, will be forever remembered as the United States' ultimate hockey failure. The Americans finished 1-3 and were outscored 12-4 by the only three good teams they faced.

As the buzzer sounded, Tony Amonte broke his stick over the boards and flipped it onto the ice. Heads bowed, the Americans shook their conquerors hands and dejectedly left the ice.

"This was the biggest waste of time ever," said U.S. assistant captain Keith Tkachuk. "I hate to be negative, but this is disgusting."

While almost everyone considered the U.S. team a lock for at least a silver medal based upon its incredible talent and thrilling World Cup victory over Canada in 1996, few picked the Czech Republic as a serious gold medal contender.

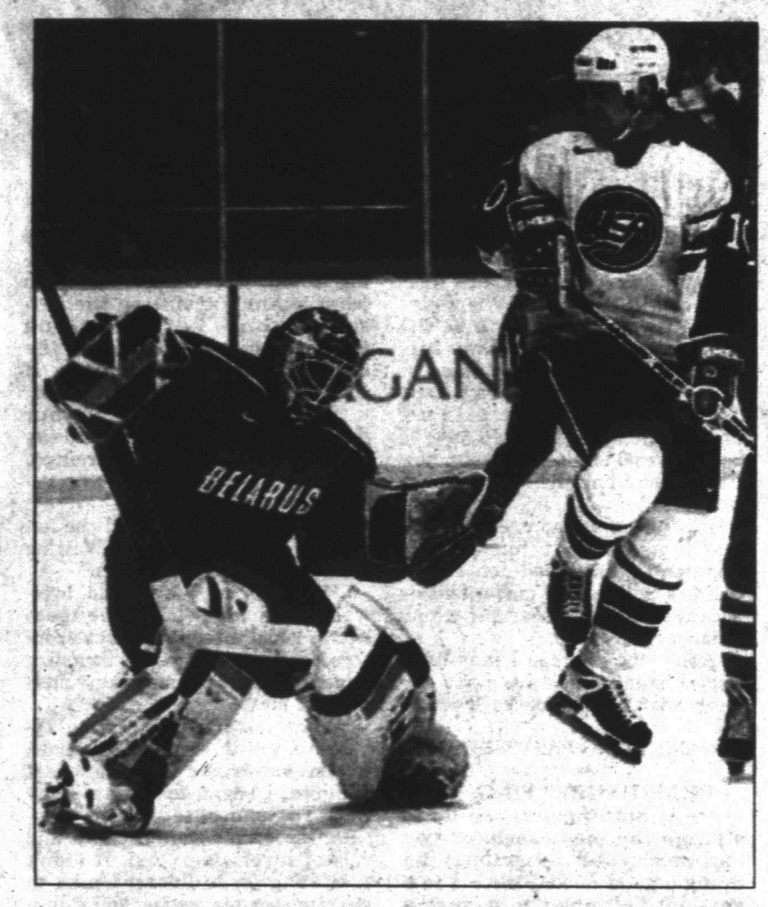
But the Czechs are 3-1, their lone loss coming 2-1 to Russia in round-robin play. And with "The Dominator" in goal, they will be in every game.

Hasek, MVP in the NHL last season, has won three Vezina trophies as the league's top goalie. Using his unique, scrambling style, he has allowed only five goals in the Olympics. He had 38 saves Wednesday.

Seeking its first medal since the split of Czechoslovakia after the 1992 Olympics, the Czech Republic will meet either Canada or Kazakstan in Friday's semifinals. Czechoslovakia won three silvers and three bronzes but never a gold.

Jaromir Jagr, the Czech Republic's only superstar-caliber offensive player, had a goal and an assist, Vladimir Ruzicka added a goal and Martin Rucinsky broke the Americans' will with a late second-period goal that Mike Richter should have stopped. Jiri Dopita scored with 39 seconds to play.

After Rucinsky scored on his innocent-looking wrist shot from 40 feet, giving Hasek an insurmountable two-goal lead, Richter kicked the ice with his right skate and slammed his stick in disgust.



ELIMINATED — U.S. player John LeClair jumps in front of Belarus goaltender Andrei Mezin as he attempts a deflection. The NHL stars were eliminated in the quarterfinals. (AP Photo)



PROUD ATHLETES — Chris Thorpe, Gordy Sheer, Brian Martin and Mark Grimmette, of the United States men's luge doubles teams, celebrate at the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. (AP Photo)

U.S skaters faring well

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — It took a team of underpaid, overachieving women hockey players to start a golden spurt for the United States in the Nagano Games. It didn't take long for a group of underachieving NHL millionaires to end it.

The spectacular collapse of the U.S. men's hockey team was made complete today when the carefully assembled collection of NHL all-stars lost 4-1 to the Czech Republic and was eliminated from the Olympics before even getting a chance to play for a medal.

The other U.S. superpower contingent — its female figure skaters — fared better.

Michelle Kwan skated elegantly and Tara Lipinski displayed the enthusiasm of a 15-year-old to top the opening short program, which accounts for one-third of the medal score. But hopes of an American sweep were dashed when Nicole Bobek fell on her first jump and finished 17th.

Kwan was confident and focused, and it showed. She scored high for presentation to take the lead, while Lipinski set up a battle between teammates for the gold Friday night by finishing second.

"When I'm on the ice, I don't think anybody can stop me," Kwan said.

Lipinski, the defending world champion, was just as happy.

"It was the best program I thought I've done, ever," she said. "This is the first time I felt like I wanted to cry. This is not the most happy but ... I can't even describe the feeling."

U.S. hockey players could describe their feelings, and they were feelings of anger, embarrassment and frustration.

On the same ice where the U.S. women team won Olympic gold the night before, a team that featured six 50-goal scorers and 17 other NHL stars scored only one first-period goal in losing its third game in four tries.

"This was the biggest waste of time ever," said U.S. assistant captain Keith Tkachuk. "I hate to be negative, but this is disgusting."

— HOCKEY: The United States wasn't the only team shocked by its early elimination. Sweden, the defending Olympic champion, was also bounced from the competition, losing 2-1 to Finland. Canada beat Kazakstan 4-1, and Russia beat Belarus by the same score.

Russia faces Finland in Friday's semifinals, while Canada plays the Czech Republic.

— FREESTYLE SKIING: Eric Bergoust, who learned aerials by jumping off the chimney of his parent's farmhouse into a pile of mattresses, and Nikki Stone could also lay claim to the cereal box after hitting twisting back flips to win golds in men's and women's aerials.

— CROSS COUNTRY: Last week, Thomas Alsgaard cost Dahlie his chance at a seventh gold by surging past him in a race. Today, he made up for it by sticking his right ski across the finish line just ahead of Italy's Silvio Fauner to give Norway the gold in the 40-kilometer cross-country relay.

— SKIING: Another day, another postponed ski race. Even moving to a different mountain didn't help Alpine skiers, who seem to bring bad weather with them at these games.

An overnight blizzard that dumped more than 3 feet of snow on Mount Higashidate forced postponement of the men's giant slalom. That meant Italy's Alberto Tomba would have to wait another day to try to win a medal for an unprecedented fourth Olympics.

— BIATHLON: Ole Einar Bjorndalen could have had reason to complain when they stopped a biathlon he was leading Tuesday because of heavy snow and fog. Instead, he simply came back to win the restarted 10-kilometer race. The Norwegian star used flawless shooting and steady skiing to top teammate Frode Andresen, who took second. The bronze went to Finland's Ville Raikkonen.

Commercialism permeates everything at 'The Games'

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — The bookstore clerk was polite but adamant. Yes, there was an American Express card logo on the front window. Yes, he usually accepted American Express. But Visa was an official Olympic sponsor, and trafficking in AmEx-charged books during these weeks simply wouldn't do.

An extreme example, yes. But it speaks to the marketing philosophy behind the 1998 Winter Olympics. The credo seems thus: No sponsor shall go unnoticed, no sponsor's logo unrecognized, no sponsor's product unsampled by the human hordes who have converged upon Nagano to watch sports and be consumers.

If the 1996 Atlanta Olympics were a southern county fair metastasized, Nagano's have reflected the Japanese corporate aesthetic — all-encompassing but organized, no unlicensed renegades running rampant, and a marketing philosophy pegged to huge corporations and some of the Earth's most recognizable logos.

"We want to be simple, but effective," said National Olympic Organizing Committee chief spokesman Ko Yamaguchi.

Effective, undoubtedly. Simple? Not quite. The reality of marketing, sponsorship and advertising in Nagano at this moment is an intricate blend of corporate goals, Olympic ideals and, above most anything, a desire to avoid a repeat performance of Atlanta.

On one hand, it's impossible to spend an hour in Nagano without being besieged by the byproducts of $212 million worth of sponsorship. It's commercialism writ humongous.

Giant megacorporate signs adorn walls, buildings, buses. IBM's "Info '98" terminals connect journalists, athletes and spectators to crucial Olympic data. Coca-Cola is distributing free drinks all over town. McDonald's boasted this morning that it's served 75,000 Big Macs in the Olympic Village and the Main Press Center alone.

MEDAL COUNT

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	7	8	7	22
Norway	7	8	4	19
Russia	8	4	1	13
Canada	4	5	3	12
Austria	2	3	7	12
UnitedStates	5	1	4	10
Netherlands	4	4	2	10
Finland	2	3	5	10
Japan	4	1	3	8
Italy	1	4	2	7
France	2	1	3	6
Switzerland	2	1	2	5
China	0	3	0	3
SouthKorea	2	0	0	2
CzechRepublic	0	1	1	2
Sweden	0	1	1	2
Belarus	0	0	2	2
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1
Denmark	0	1	0	1
Ukraine	0	1	0	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Kazakstan	0	0	1	1

OLYMPIC TV SCHEDULE

Today (7-9 a.m., 7-10 p.m. and 11:35 p.m.-1:35 a.m.) — Ladies figure skating (short program) will be showcased in prime time. Alpine skiing (Men's GS), cross-country skiing (men's) and a men's ice hockey report will also be broadcast.

Thursday (7-9 a.m., 7-10 p.m. and 11:35 p.m.-2 a.m.) — A preview of the ladies figure skating long program will be shown in prime time with alpine skiing (Women's Slalom), speed skating (women's), short-track speed skating (men's and women's) and nordic combined. Semifinal men's ice hockey action will face-off live in late night.

Friday (7-9 a.m., 7-10:30 p.m. and 12:05-2:30 a.m.) — Once again ladies figure skating (long program) will highlight prime-time coverage. Alpine skiing (Women's GS), bobsled (four-man), cross-country skiing (women's) and a men's ice hockey report will also be shown. Live men's ice hockey featuring the bronze medal game will be shown during the lat enight broadcast.

Feb. 21 (noon-5 p.m., 6-10 p.m. and 10:35 p.m.-1 a.m.) — Prime time will feature special performances by figure skating's medal winners, alpine skiing (Men's Slalom), bobsled (four-man) and short-track speed skating (men's and women's). Final weekend broadcasts will begin with speed skating (women's), nordic combined, biathlon (men's), alpine skiing (Men's Slalom preview) and a recap of the figure skating events in the afternoon. Late night will showcase live coverage of the gold medal men's ice hockey game.

Feb. 22 (11 a.m.-noon, 2:30-5 p.m., 7-10 p.m. and 10:35-11:35 p.m.) — CBS Sports' final day of Olympic coverage will be highlighted by the Closing Ceremony in prime time and in the afternoon includes cross-country skiing (men's), a recap of men's ice hockey and an overall review of the Games. The network's final hour of its 128 hours of coverage will be seen in late night.

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SPORTS

Lady Cardinals fall in bi-district, 61-36

WESTBROOK — Some nights the ball goes every which way but in.

The Hermleigh Lady Cardinals fell to Sterling City, 61-36, Tuesday night in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The Lady Cards, District 25-A champions, end their season at 15-9.

Hermleigh struggled from the field early on, as the Lady Eagles opened a 15-0 lead in the first quarter.

"It was one of those nights when you don't get off to a good start and that makes it harder to win," Hermleigh coach Rocky Clindaniel said. "But the girls played hard. They wanted it so bad they were a little tense, I think."

Jennifer Roemisch broke the scoring drought for the Lady Cardinals on an inside bucket with 30 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Sterling City, holding a 17-4 advantage, kept the pressure on in the second.

Jana Gaston posted in six points in the second period, as the the Lady Eagles took a 32-14 lead into the locker room.

Hermleigh had gotten more production out of its offense as the first half wore on, but a 25-12 rebounding advantage for Sterling City was key.

"We wanted to come out and use our speed early on," Sterling City coach Perri Clark said. "I though we did a very good job on the offensive boards."

The Lady Eagles continued their aggresive play in the third, not allowing Hermleigh any open looks at the basket.

The Lady Cards were held to one shot per trip, as Sterling City pulled away for a 42-20 advantage at the end of the third.

"It's hard to get anything going when you only get one shot each time down the floor," Clindaniel stated. "And they weren't giving us any easy shots, we had to work extremely hard on the offensive end."

Melissa Brasuel tried to spark a Lady Cardinal rally in the fourth, as she poured in 10 points over the final eight minutes.

But Sterling City stayed hot from the floor, registering 19 fourth-quarter points for the 61-36 final.

Roemisch finished with a team-high 14 points and 12 rebounds for Hermleigh.

The Lady Eagles were paced by Danielle Rogers' 21-point performance.

Sterling City advances to face Sands in the area round.

Following the loss, Clindaniel told his team to think of this as a learning experience.

"I told them not to put too much emphasis on this one game," the first-year Lady Card coach remarked. "They need to remember the whole season. They can learn from tonight, so that next-time we're here they'll know what to expect."

HERMLEIGH — Brasuel 3 5-8 11, Dacus 1 0-0 2, Roemisch 6 2-5 14, Jackson 1 0-0 3, Callaway 1 0-2 2, Herrington 2 0-0 4. Totals 14 7-15 36.

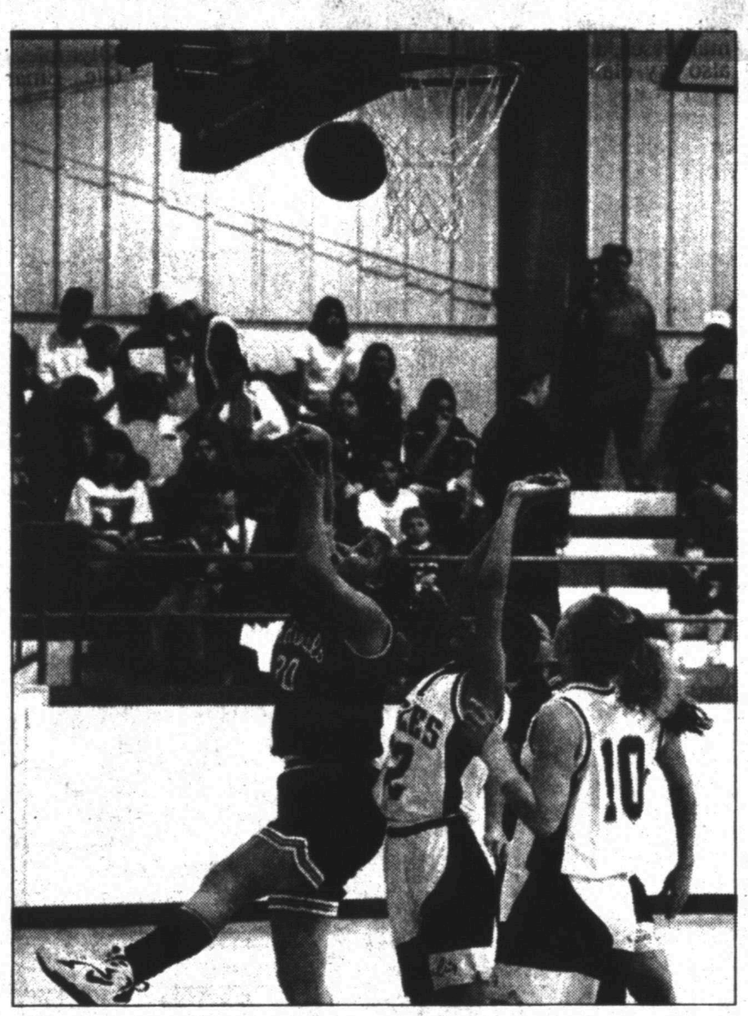
STERLING CITY — Gaston 4 0-3 8, Rogers 8 5-6 21, Coleman 1 2-3 4, M. McEntire 4 3-6 11, Price 1 0-0 2, Fitchett 1 0-0 2, Carter 5 3-4 13. Totals 24 13-22 61.

Hermleigh	4	10	6	16	— 36
Sterling City	17	15	10	19	— 61

Three-point goals: Hermleigh 1 (Jackson). Rebounds: Hermleigh 30 (Roemisch 12), Sterling City 45 (Gaston 12). Total fouls: Hermleigh 15, Sterling City 19. Fouled out: Sterling City — Price.



DRIVING THE LANE — Hermleigh's Melissa Brasuel tries to head for the basket Tuesday night during bi-district action against Sterling City in Westbrook. The Lady Cardinals fell to the Lady Eagles, 61-36. (SDN Staff Photo)



GOING UP STRONG — Hermleigh's Jennifer Roemisch puts up a shot during the Lady Cards bi-district contest against Sterling City. Roemisch posted a team-high 14 points and hauled in 12 rebounds. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers want to keep things rolling against Whitefaces

Every team has a game plan heading into big contests.

As for the Snyder Tigers, theirs is simple — don't change a thing.

The Tigers, who went 6-4 in tough District 2-4A, take to the hardwood Thursday night against Hereford in a Region 1 bi-district battle. Tipoff is slated for 7:30 at Frenship High School.

Snyder is coming off strong performances in the last half of district play, in which the Tigers won four of five games to make the postseason.

With all that in mind, Coach Bud Birks isn't looking to change too much.

"I want us to play just like we've played the last three weeks," Birks remarked. "I want the guys to be excited to play, but also focused on the things that they need to do on the court."

The majority of those things the Tigers need to do is on the defensive end of the floor.

The Whitefaces, who are 15-13 and District 1-4A's runner-up, have posed problems for some teams with their motion offense.

Hereford's offense begins with the play of freshman point guard Cody Hodges.

Hodges can feed the ball inside to post player Bryan McNutt or dish to Greg Ewing, the Herd's slashing penetrator.

The play of Snyder's inside defenders, as well as Tyler Warren and Alvin Fabre on the perimeter, will be vital for the Tigers.

"We are going to have to play solid defense," Birks stated. "They are going to set a lot of screens that we're going to have to fight through. They also like to push the ball upcourt when they can, so we'll need to hustle back down the floor to prevent the fast break."

One major advantage for Snyder might come in the size department.

With 6'6" Jimmy Taylor in the middle, Snyder will be able to match-up well with the 6'2" McNutt.

Snyder does have the size, but not the experience.

This is the Tigers' first trip to the playoffs since 1990.

The winner of Thursday's contest will draw Sweetwater in the area round.

Jones moves Cowboys' camp to Wichita Falls

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will open their summer training camp at Midwestern State University in mid-July and owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday he hopes it will be more than just a one-time thing.

Jones said the possibility of extending the contract "will give us all the incentive to be careful with our relationship and to really make this work."

The Cowboys trained at St. Edward's University in Austin for eight years before leaving somewhat under a cloud. Players trashed the dorms on the final night of training camp last year and the Cowboys had to pay for damages, including broken surveillance cameras.

Some 500 people gave Jones a standing ovation when he was introduced by Dr. Louis J. Rodriguez, MSU president.

"Your facilities here are outstanding," Jones said of the university with an enrollment of close to 6,000 students. "The No. 1 reason we chose Wichita Falls was the —enthusiasm, desire and interest the people here showed us."

He said the second reason was the "promixity to our core base."

Wichita Falls, a city of 103,200, is located just about halfway between Dallas and Oklahoma City, approximately 125 miles from each city.

"Going to Wichita Falls will give us a fresh start under a new coach," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "We will be able to concentrate on football and that's good. That's what we need."

end on Aug. 14.

Dallas trained for 27 years at Thousand Oaks, Calif. before moving to St. Edward's in 1990.

Previous training camps were at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and Northern Michigan College, Marquette, Mich.

Since Dallas moved its training camps to Texas, the team has won three Super Bowls.

Caray, 78, gets poor prognosis

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Longtime Chicago Cubs broadcaster Harry Caray remained unconscious and in critical condition Tuesday, and a spokesman said the family is "hoping for another miracle."

"Things do not look good," Bill Wills said. "However, in Harry's past, there have been many times when things did not look good for recovery, and he's beaten them every time."

Tests taken at Eisenhower Medical Center, where the 78-year-old Caray was taken following a fall at a night club Saturday night, revealed that the "prognosis for functional recovery is poor," Wills said, quoting doctors.

"The medical terminology for this is hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy — doctors call it HIE," Wills said. "Harry's condition continues as critical, his body signs continue to be stable."

Caray collapsed Saturday night after his heart suddenly changed rhythm, which seriously affected his circulation and the supply of oxygen to his brain.

"The family is holding up fairly well," Willis said. "His wife, Dutchie, is a very strong individual, much like Harry. She also has religion to lean on — she believes in the power of prayer."

Wills, a friend of Caray's since 1982, said he remembered being in another hospital exactly 11 years ago — on Feb. 17, 1987 — when Caray had a stroke.

"I wouldn't have given you a plugged nickel for his chances to walk out of that hospital, much less return to the announcing booth," Wills said. "However, I was proven wrong on both guesses. So I certainly wouldn't try to guess today. We have to hope for the best."

The Hall of Fame broadcaster has been unconscious and breathing with the help of a ventilator since being admitted to the hospital, Wills said.

Sports Briefs

Girls' Little Dribblers

Sign-ups for girls' little dribblers will be held Friday and Saturday at the West Elementary cafeteria.

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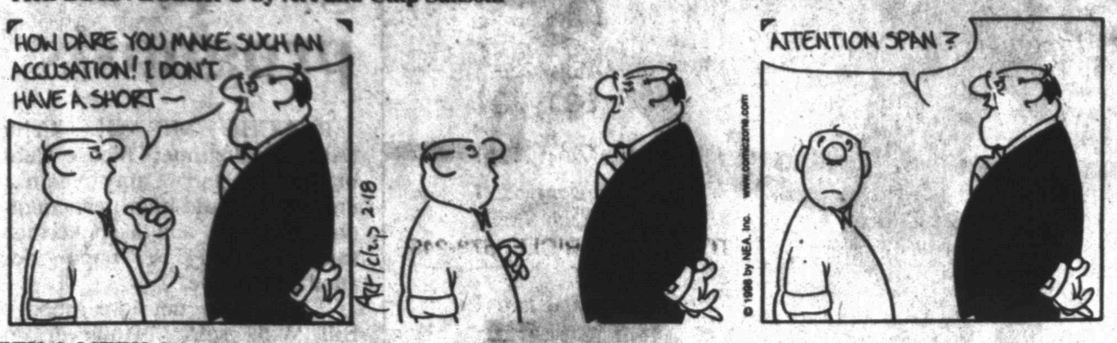
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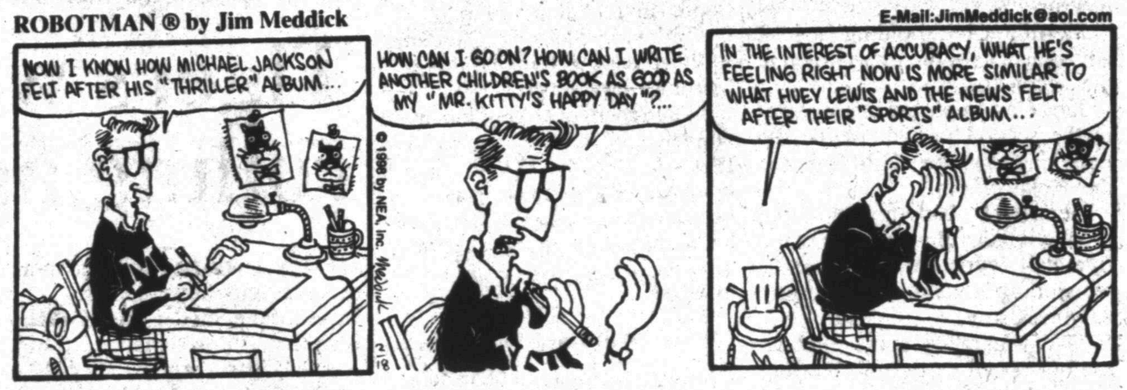


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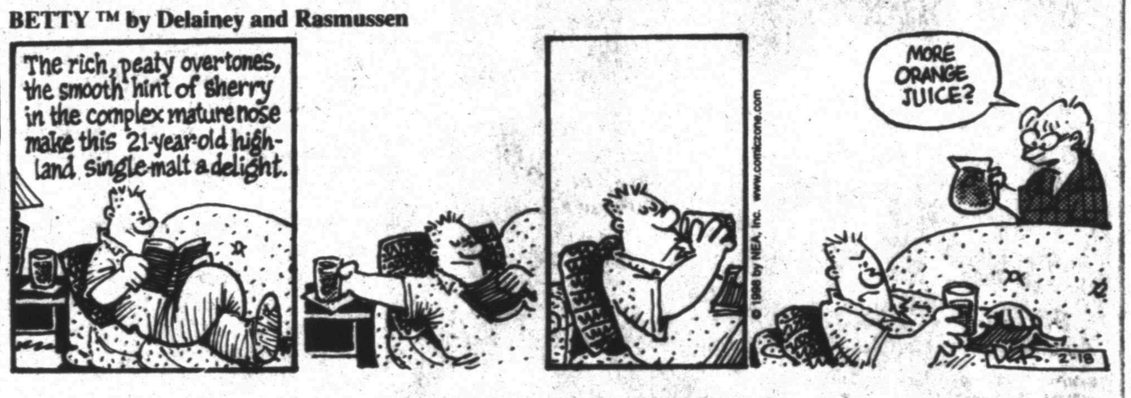
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7 What Ann Landers gives
13 Fervent
14 20 Questions category
15 Rat, e.g.
16 Mountaineering maneuver
17 Eggs
18 Finale
20 Gravel ridge
21 Verne hero
23 Crude
24 No man — — island
25 Invitation inits.
27 There
29 Drivers' org.
31 Number of cards in a Roman deck?
32 Atty.'s deg.
33 Mel's Diner waitress
34 Actress Dahl
37 Television award
40 Comedian Bishop
41 Sixth sense (abbr.)
43 Views
45 Limb
46 Salon buy
47 Actress West
48 Ideal place
51 Can you — it?
54 Swimming
55 Aluminum —
56 Type of fly
57 Funeral car

DOWN

1 Baseball's Hank —
2 Ranch worker, at times
3 Cartoonist Charles —
4 Golly!
5 Lodge
6 Playful water mammal
7 Hyena's kin
8 Genetic material
9 Limo rider
10 Force (oneself) on others
11 Type of salad
12 Actress Barkin
19 Negative vote
22 Elliptically
24 Some expressions
26 Without color
28 Egyptian river
30 Renounce
34 Large arteries
35 Type of control
36 Language suffix
38 Certain autobiography
39 Aches
40 Outing
42 Water sound
44 Marsh plant
49 Mrs. Nixon
50 Those holding office
52 Shame!
53 Pill-regulating org.

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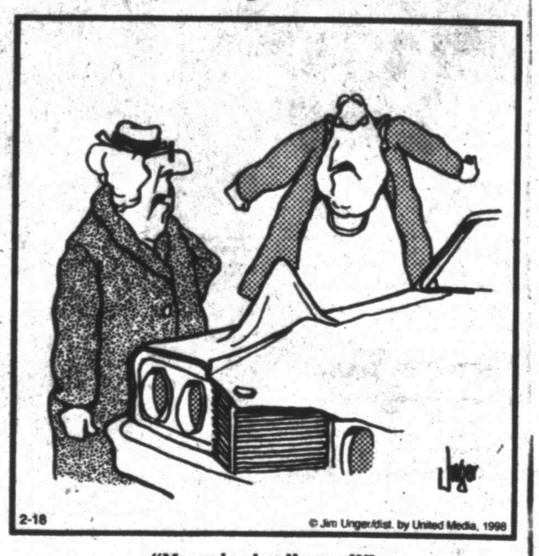
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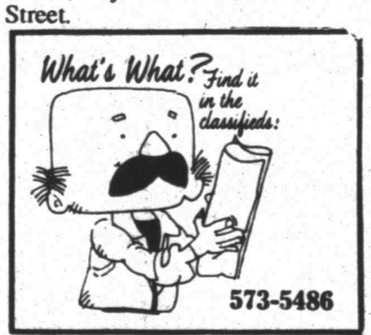
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3006 42nd 3-1-1CP 30T
4015 Houston 3-2 Ex Lot 75T
2307 41st 2-2 Nice yd. $32.5T
2907 34th 2-2-1 RV Pk.$50T
3741 Sunset REDUCED!$35T
218 36th 3-2-1 Den-LR $37T
3111 38th 2-2 Den-LR$27.5T
3213 40th 3-1-CP-FP $28T
2901 Ave. Y 3-2-1 Brick 25T
3614 Ave. B 3-2-1 Ldsp.$49.5T
Nice Sp. Home 3-1-1- $38T
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Col. Hill 3-2-2 $87.5T
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

BID NOTICE
Western Texas College will be accepting bids on a VTEL TC2000 Team Conferencing System until 1:00 p.m., March 4, 1998. Further information concerning the bid may be obtained by contacting the Business Office at Western Texas College, telephone, 915-573-8511, ext. 203.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND SPECIFICATIONS:
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE
ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
102 NORTH MCKINLEY AVENUE
ROTAN, TEXAS 79546

Request for proposals and specifications on the following insurance coverage:

PART 1 -- Property Casualty and Contents
PART 2 -- General Liability, Personal Injury Liability, and Employee Benefits Liability
PART 3 -- Professional Legal Liability
PART 4 -- Automobile Liability, Physical Damage
PART 5 -- Boiler and Machinery

TIME AND PLACE FOR PROPOSALS

1. Sealed proposals shall be received in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546 by 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 16, 1998.
2. Each proposal received shall be in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Insurance Proposal-3/16/98".
3. Proposals shall be opened in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, at 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 16, 1998.
4. The board shall consider the proposals and take appropriate action at a public meeting on Thursday, March 18, 1998 beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Rotan ISD Cafeteria.
5. Additional information may be obtained from Jim Copeland, Superintendent, at (915) 735-2332.
6. Proposers may not withdraw their proposals after the closing time for submission of proposals.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	136	133¾	133¾	— 1¾
AT&T Corp	63 15-16	63 7-16	63 13-16	+ 3-16
AirTouch	43 11-16	43¾	43¾	+ ⅛
Albertsons	48¾	47 11-16	48⅛	+ ⅛
AlldSignal s	42⅛	42	42⅜	+ 7-16
Alltel	43¾	42 15-16	43⅛	+ 7-16
AmerOnline	112 7-16	111¼	111 15-16	— 1-16
AmStores s	24	23¾	23 15-16	+ 3-16
Ameritech s	42	41 11-16	41¼	+ ⅛
Amoco	83 11-16	83¼	83⅛	+ ⅛
AndrskPr	62⅝	62⅛	62 7-16	— ⅛
Amcolnc	4⅝	4⅛	4 11-16	
AtlRichfld s	73	72⅝	72⅝	— 1-16
ATMOS Egy	28 11-16	28 9-16	28 9-16	— 3-16
Aviall	14 15-16	14⅛	14 15-16	+ 1-16
BakerHughes	37⅛	36⅝	37⅛	+ ⅛
BellAtl	90⅛	89⅛	90⅛	+ 9-16
BellSouth	58⅜	57 7-16	58⅛	+ ⅛
BethSteel	10	9-16	10 5-16	10⅝
BritPet s	79 9-16	79⅛	79 7-16	+ 1⅛
BurlNoSFe	98¼	97 9-16	98⅛	+ 3-16
CBS Corp	30⅜	30 1-16	30⅛	+ ⅛
Caterpillar s	53 7-16	52 11-16	53⅛	— ⅜
CenSoWst	27⅛	26⅝	26 15-16	+ ⅛
Chevron	76 15-16	76⅛	76⅜	— 1-16
Chrysler	38⅛	37⅝	37 15-16	
Coastal	62 11-16	62⅜	62 11-16	+ 1-16
CocaCola	69⅛	68⅛	69⅛	+ ⅜
ColgatePalm s	79⅛	78	79	9-16+1 11-16
ComclMetals	31⅛	31	11-16	31⅜ — ⅛
CooperIn	56	7-16	55⅛	56⅜ + ⅜
CyprusAmax	16 7-16	16⅜	16	3-16 — 1-16
DallSemicn	46⅛	45⅞	46⅛	+ ⅛
DeltaAird	122⅜	119 15-16	120	— 1⅛
DigitalEq	61	60 7-16	60⅛	+ 3-16
Dillards Inc	39	3-16	38⅜	39 + ⅛
DowChem	89 13-16	89	3-16	89 9-16+ 5-16
DresserInd	38	3-16	37	7-16 38⅛+ 1⅛
DuPont s	61	3-16	60⅛	60⅜ — ⅜
EastmanChem	63¼		62⅜	63⅛+ 7-16
EstKodak	66⅝	65 15-16	66	3-16 — 9-16
EDS Corp	44	7-16	43¾	43⅝ — 3-16
Entergy	29		28⅝	28 15-16+ ⅛
Exxon s	62	11-16	62¼	62⅝+ ⅛
FstBksAm	22	1-16	22	1-16 22 1-16
Flowers s	24	5-16	23	13-16 24⅛+ ⅛
FordMotor	54⅞	54	3-16	54 5-16— ⅜
GTE Cp	54⅛	54	5-16	54⅜— ⅛
GenDynam	89⅛		89	89⅜+ ⅛
GenlElecs	78⅞	78	78	13-16+ ⅛
GenMills	75⅜	74	11-16	75⅜+ ⅛
GenMotors	65⅜	64	13-16	65⅜+ ⅛
GaPacGP s	58⅛	58	58	—11-16
GlobalMar	23	3-16	22	11-16 22⅛+ ⅛
Goodrich	47⅛		46⅛	46⅜+ ⅛
Goodyear s	68⅜		68	68⅛+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	31 11-16	31	5-16	31 5-16— 3-16
Halliburtn s	46	5-16	44⅞	45⅛
Hanson ADS	24⅛		23⅛	24 1-16
HarteHanks	41⅜		41⅛	41⅛— ⅛
HomeDepot s	67	66	9-16	66 15-16+ 3-16
HoustonInds	26	3-16	26	26 1-16— 1-16
IBM s	103⅜	101	5-16	103 1-16+1 1-16
IntlPaper	48	15-16	48⅛	48⅜+ ⅛
JohnsonJn	70⅛	69	11-16	70 5-16+13-16
K mart	13	7-16	13	13 5-16+ 5-16
Kroger s	41	3-16	40	3-16 41 3-16+11-16
Litton	61⅜		60⅛	60 15-16+ 3-16
LockhdMart	110⅝	110	5-16	110⅜+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	56¼		55⅛	56⅛+ ⅛
Lubys	17		16¾	16 15-16
LucentTech	94 13-16	92	13-16	94⅜+2 1-16
MayDeptStrs	60 13-16	60⅜	60	11-16+ 5-16
Medtronic s	56	9-16	56⅛	56½— ½
Mobils	70⅛		69¾	70 5-16+ ⅛
Monsanto	52	11-16	52	3-16 52 9-16+ ⅜
MorganJP	114		112⅜	113 9-16+ 3-16
Motorola	62	1-16	61⅛	61 5-16+ 3-16
NCR Corp	32	3-16	31⅜	32 1-16+ 1-16
NationsBk	64 13-16	64	7-16	64 11-16+ 1-16
Navistar	29⅛		28	9-16 29½+ ⅛
Norwests	39 15-16	39	9-16	39⅝+ 1-16
OryxEngy	25¼		25	25⅛+ ⅛
Penney JC	66 13-16	66	3-16	66⅜— 1-16
Pennzoil	66	1-16	65⅛	66¼ — 1-16
PepBoys	25⅛		24⅞	25 + 1-16
PepsiCo	35	15-16	35⅜	35⅛+ 1-16
PhelpDodge	62⅜	62	5-16	62 11-16+ 7-16
PhilipPet	47	1-16	46	13-16 46⅜— 3-16
PilgrmPrd	13⅜	13	5-16	13 5-16— 3-16
Polaroid	47 3-16	46	13-16	46 15-16— 1-16
Praxair	44⅛		44⅛	44⅜+ ¼
ProctGamb s	84⅜		83⅜	84 3-16+15-16
PubSNwMx	23⅛	23	5-16	23 7-16+ ⅛
RoyalDut s	52		51⅜	51⅜— ⅛
SBC Comm	76 13-16		76⅛	76⅜— 1-16
SaraLee	54⅝	54	3-16	54½+ ⅛
Scripps EW	51⅜		51	9-16 51⅜
SearsRoeb	55⅛	52	5-16	54 11-16+ ⅜
SherwinW s	31 1-16	30	13-16	31 + 1-16
SmthBc ADS s	68	3-16	67⅞	67⅜+ ⅛
SouthernCo	26	24	15-16	25 — 1-16
SwstAirl s	30	5-16	29⅛	29⅜— ⅜
Sprint	58⅛		58⅛	58 7-16+ ⅛
SunCo	40⅛		40¼	40⅜— ⅛
TNP Ent	33	1-16	33	33 + 1-16
Tandy s	42¼		41⅜	42⅛— 5-16
TempleInland	59⅜		59	59 5-16+ 1-16
Tenneco	41 11-16	41	7-16	41⅜+ 3-16
Texaco s	55⅛		54⅜	54 15-16+ ⅜
TexInd	53⅜		52⅛	53 1-16+ 5-16
TexasInst s	56 3-16	54⅞	55	13-16+11-16
TexUtil	41		40	13-16 41 — 1-16
Textron s	69⅜		69¼	69 5-16— 7-16
Travelers s	55⅛		55⅛	55⅜+ ⅛
TriconGlbR n	26½		26	26⅜— 5-16
TrinityInds	47¼		47	47⅜+ ⅛
TritonEngy	30	3-16	29⅜	29⅜— ⅛
Tyler	7¼	7	5-16	7 7-16— 5-16
US WestCm	49⅛	48	15-16	49⅜+1 3-16
USWstMda	31	1-16	30	11-16 31 + 3-16
USX-Marathn	33¼		32⅛	33⅛+ 9-16
USX-USS	34		1-16	33⅜ 34
UnCarbde	46 15-16		46⅛	46 9-16— 9-16
UnionPacif	60 15-16	59	15-16	60 15-16+ ⅞
UnitedTech	87	7-16	86⅛	86⅞+ ⅜
Unocal	36¼		35⅜	36 3-16+ 3-16
WalMart	45	9-16	44⅜	45 5-16+ 9-16
WstnGasRs	17		16	11-16 16⅜+ 1-16
WinnDixie	50⅜		50	50⅜+ ⅛
Woolworth	23	5-16	23	23 5-16
Xerox Corp	84 11-16		83⅜	84 7-16+ 1-16
ZenithE	6	9-16	6	7-16 6 7-16— 1-16

Chamber making plans; okays funds

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board members were asked to take a more active role in the White Buffalo Festival and were given an update on Lorber Industries at Tuesday's meeting.

Also three entities were granted assistance from hotel-motel tax funds.

Jackie Greene, chairman of the White Buffalo Festival committee, gave a report of planned activities and the many jobs to be done for the two-day festival.

"The last four festivals have been successful and Snyder needs to continue this activity, but more help is needed and we are asking the chamber to take a more active part," Greene said. No action was taken.

John DeLille, DCOS executive director, gave a progress report on Lorber Industries and the building progress of SnTx Park I, Snyder's industrial park. DeLille said the building for Lorber arrived last Friday.

Ater the minutes and the financial reports were accepted, the board approved requests for motel funds for the Western Texas Rodeo Team, $1,300 for promotion and belt buckles; Western Swing, $500 for promotion.

Also the Caprock Observed Trials Association's Texas State Championship Rounds III and IV received $400. This motorcycle racing event will be held March 7-8 on the Parks Ranch near Fluvanna. Wade Hatter, spokesman for the group, said about 200 people would be involved and there is a possiblity for hosting a national event.

Chamber manager Donna Fowler asked members to sell and take tickets and other duties at the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra concert on March 3 and at the chamber banquet March 24.

Halliburton Energy Services was named business of the month and two new members were welcomed — Shearer Appraisal and Comfort Inn of Sweetwater.

Conducting the meeting was vice president C.R. Perez and other members present were Jeffrey Martin, Helen McLeod, Dr. Marty Akins, Rod Waller, Brenda Hedges, Clint Driggers, Elois Pruitt and Hatter.

Police activity light on Tuesday

Activity was light for local law enforcement authorities Tuesday as dispatchers received only 23 calls.

Two gas drive-offs were reported from Town & Country while one was reported from the Phillips 66 station on East Highway.

Officers located one person who left the Phillips' station without paying for gas and issued the man a citation for theft of service.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Wayland Caldwell, Gary Chesser, Martha Davis, Martha Howell, Margie Parks of Fluvanna, Jearld Smith, Angelica Murillo, Donnie Latimer of Big Spring.

DISMISSALS: Barbara Howell, Betty Naquin, Elyas Rocha, Dorothy Simpson, Joelda Hester, Stanley Peppers, Martha Sanchez, Shahala Garza.

CENSUS: 45 (Med., Surg.-11, Long-term Care-26, CCU-2, OB-3, Nursery-3).

Births

Justo and Angelica Murillo of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 1:12 p.m. on Feb. 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 3½ ounces.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC hostesses, Ellie Dryden and Shirley Drum; 4 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are ureged to attend; 10 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.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Syphilis can be treated

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About 40 years ago, I think that I contracted syphilis. Because I was a teen-ager and was afraid my parents would discover my secret, I received no treatment and merely crossed my fingers.

As an adult, I'm now waiting for the other shoe — if there is one — to drop. I don't want to suffer dementia or some other complication of syphilis. How can I tell if I harbor the disease?

DEAR READER: With a simple blood test that your doctor can order. Actually, you may already have had such a test if, after your exposure, you were married. In most states, a blood test for syphilis is required for a marriage license.

Although relatively rare today and easily treated with antibiotics, syphilis remains a serious disease. Known as the "great pox" (to distinguish it from smallpox, an equally dangerous disease), syphilis was a health scourge only a few centuries ago, when it killed millions of people in Europe and the Americas. Therefore, your strategy of watchful waiting was not prudent.

On the other hand, the fact that you have not developed symptoms during the past four decades is pretty good evidence that you did not, in fact, contract syphilis. If you had, you'd be sick or dead.

Nonetheless, to resolve this issue, you need a blood test. Ask your doctor about this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Help! I'm a 70-year-old woman whose fingernails have started to split, tear and chip. Do you have any suggestions?

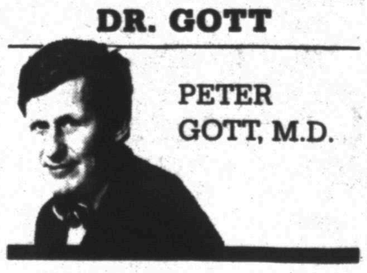
DEAR READER: Such changes in the fingernails can be caused by a variety of factors, including anemia, psoriasis, protein deficiency, hypothyroidism — and just plain aging. If you are otherwise in good health and your doctor has pronounced you fit, your fingernails might improve if treated with either of two unlikely products: Healthy Hoof or Bag Balm.

As you may have guessed, these are used in the farming industry to help cows. However, several readers have extolled their virtues in replenishing nails. The products, which are available in farm supply stores, are massaged into the nails twice a day. I'm told that after several weeks of treatment, the fingernails return to normal.

To give you more information on one possible cause of your condition, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eczema & Psoriasis." 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.

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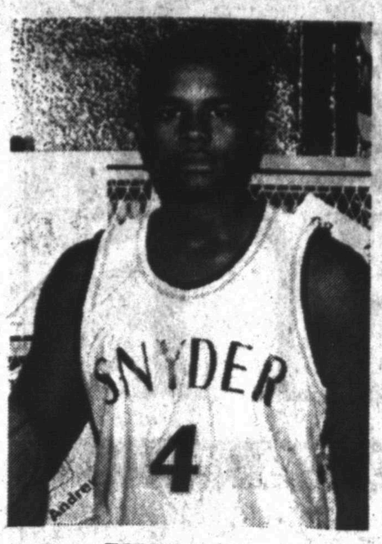
1998 Fighting Tigers

"Keep Your Eye On The Goal!"

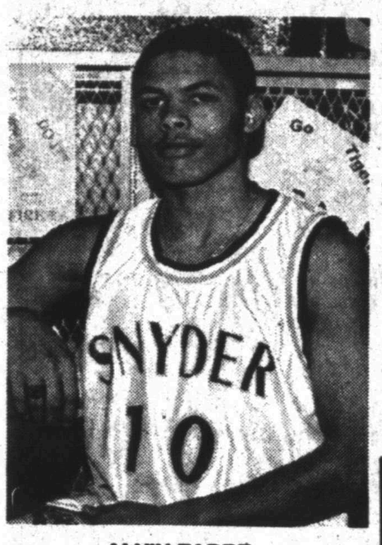
Snyder Tigers vs Hereford Whitefaces

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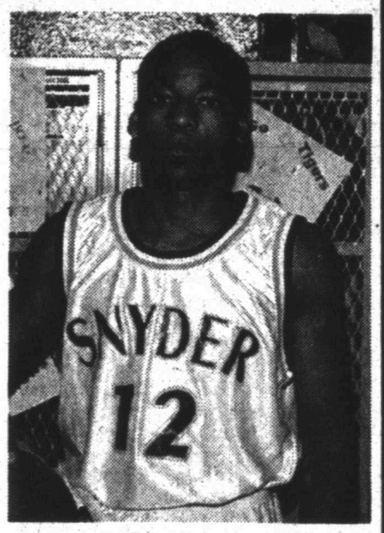
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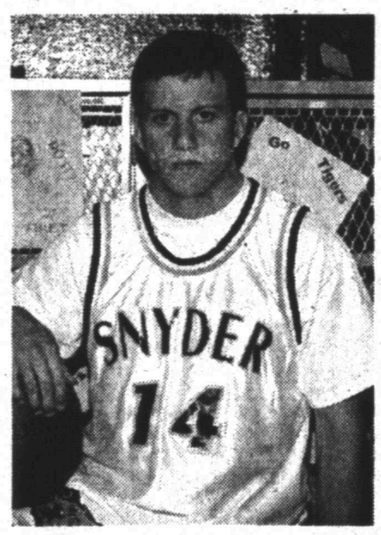
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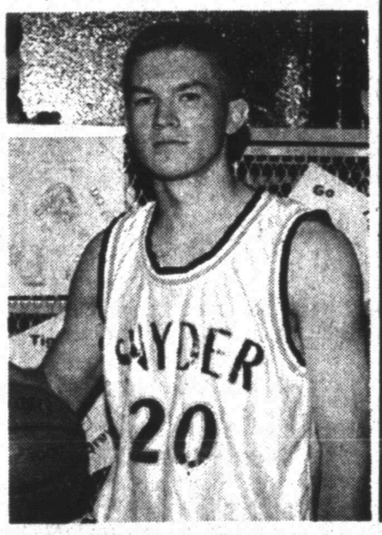
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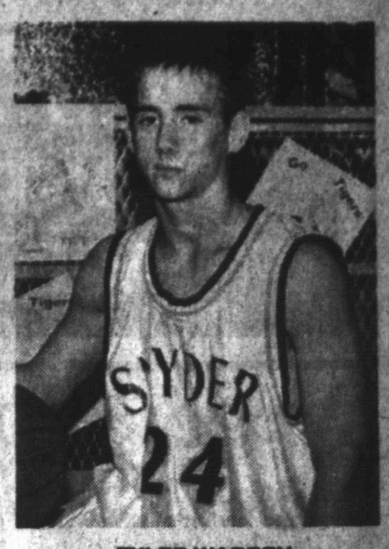
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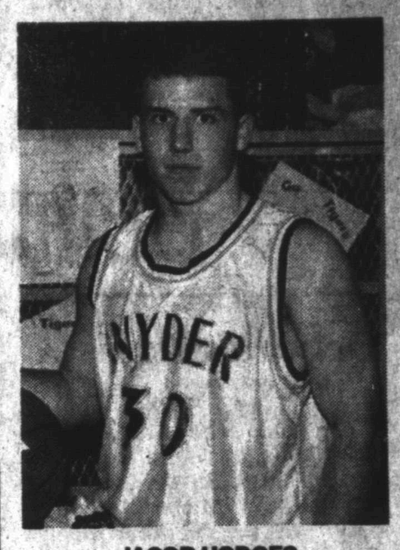
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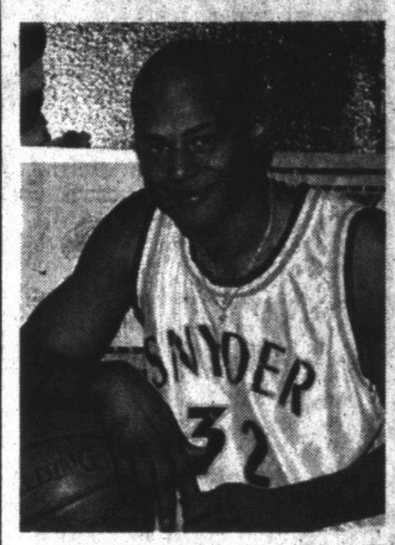
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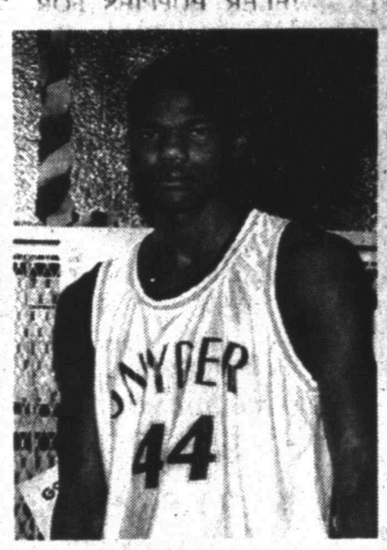
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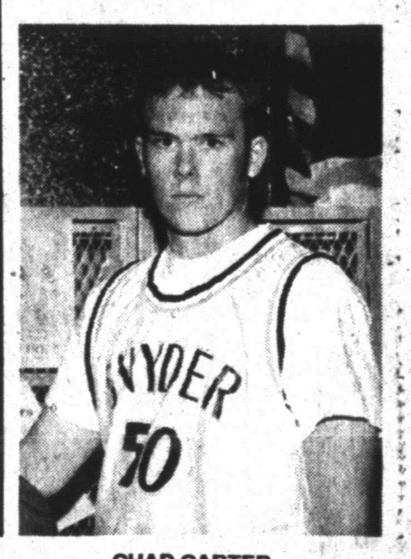
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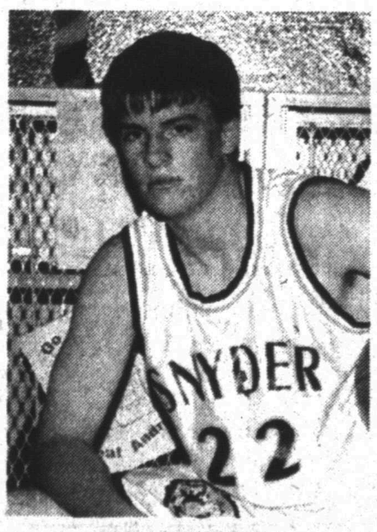


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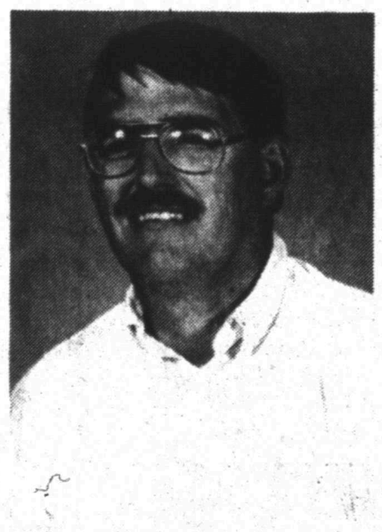
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'Veggie libel' thrown out; suit continues

AMARILLO (AP) — The first test of the nation's 13 "veggie libel" laws has come back with an incomplete grade.

The federal judge in Oprah Winfrey's beef defamation trial on Tuesday tossed out part of the case filed under Texas' food defamation law, but allowed cattlemen to continue the trial as a simple disparagement suit.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson, without explanation, rejected a defense request to throw the case out entirely. Jurors returned after a four-day break this morning to hear the lawsuit as a common-law business disparagement case.

The defense began by showing bloody pictures of sheep heads, cow heads, and euthanized pets headed for a Baltimore rendering plant to be processed into animal food.

Van Smith, a reporter for City Paper, an alternative newspaper in Baltimore testified that he studied the rendering process for a 1995 story.

Attorneys were attempting to prove some animals do end up being fed to other animals, as vegetarian activist Howard Lyman claimed on the show.

Scientists say animals eating the remains of other animals is the primary way mad cow disease is transmitted.

Cattlemen blame Ms. Winfrey's April 16, 1996, talk show about mad cow disease for causing cattle prices to plummet. They say the program cost them $12 million.

It was the first time a lawsuit had tested the "veggie libel" law passed in 1995. Judge Robinson did not declare the Texas law unconstitutional; she merely ruled the cattlemen failed to make a case under it.

"Under the plaintiffs' theory, any person in the United States who owned a cow has a cause of action," defense attorney Charles Babcock said during a hearing Tuesday. "It creates too much danger, too much risk to people speaking about generic topics."

Attorneys were unable to discuss the ruling with reporters because of a gag order. Others closely watching the case were surprised by the ruling.

"When I got the law drafted in 1995, I never dreamed that there would be someone with enough money to hire the best legal defense in the world," said state Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss.

Now that their case has been reduced to ordinary business disparagement, cattlemen have a much heavier burden of proof.

Obituaries

Deborah Davis

1956-1998

Graveside service for Deborah Jean Davis, 41, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Snyder Cemetery.

The Rev. Michael Dorman, pastor of the Veribest Baptist Church, will officiate. Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Davis, a homemaker, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, in Lubbock's University Medical Center from injuries suffered in a fire at her home in Snyder on Feb. 10.

Born Oct. 1, 1956 in Midland, she married Bobby Ray Davis on May 3, 1985 in Snyder. Mrs. Davis was a member of the Ira Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Jane Barrington; and her grandmother, Mary Inman.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Ray Davis of Snyder; a daughter, Rena' McWhorter of Snyder; a son, Robert McWhorter of Navasota; her father and stepmother, Bob and Peggy Barrington of Breckenridge; three sisters, Daphnee Jones of Clovis, N.M., Carol Atkins of Breckenridge and Mary Peacock of Blackwell; a brother, Jackie Barrington of Newport, Tenn.; four stepbrothers and stepsisters; and seven nieces and nephews.

Ray Haney

1906-1998

Service was to be held at 2 p.m. today in the East Side Church of Christ for Ray J. Haney, longtime Snyder resident. Tom Holcomb, minister, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Haney, 91, died at 9:55 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born Oct. 3, 1906 in Dallas County, he married Esthalee Beavers on Nov. 10, 1934 in Post.

Mr. Haney was a farmer and rancher, and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a son Donald Ray Haney; six brothers, and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Esthalee Haney of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Kay Haney of Horseshoe Bay; three grandchildren, Randy of Carrollton, Robert and Lela of Cedar Park and April of Horseshoe Bay; two sisters, Faye Lloyd of San Angelo and Dorsey Jarrett of Austin; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Cunningham

1916-1998

Funeral service for Quintilla "Quin" Cunningham, 81, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Cunningham died Monday, Feb. 16, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Aug. 30, 1916 in Wichita Falls, she married Furman L. Cunningham on Aug. 30, 1936 in Marietta, Okla. He died in 1973.

Mrs. Cunningham had lived in Snyder since 1947. She served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945. A homemaker, Mrs. Cunningham had owned Merle Norman Cosmetics in Snyder in the mid 1960s.

Survivors include a daughter, Lois Cunningham of Big Spring.

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Tobacco industry says it is flexible on suit protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — The tobacco industry, whose demands for a shield against future lawsuits have met a cold reception in Congress, says it is willing to consider alternatives but has heard nothing acceptable from the other side.

"We are not wedded to a particular method to deal with this problem," industry lawyers Meyer Koplow told reporters Tuesday. "If there are other suggestions that work as well for the industry but cause other people less difficulty, we certainly are prepared to talk to people about them.

"We just haven't heard anything that would fit that description raised so far."

Protections against lawsuits were included in a landmark settlement reached in June between cigarette-makers and the attorneys general of 40 states. In exchange, the industry would pay $368 billion over 25 years and change some of its marketing practices.

Immunity from lawsuits has become the central issue as Congress debates whether to approve or rewrite the settlement. The Clinton administration has said it prefers a settlement without immunity but is willing to consider immunity if necessary to push the plan through Congress.

Congressional leaders have shown little inclination to grant election-year favors to an industry that, according to papers recently released by cigarette makers, has looked for ways to hook children on tobacco.

In an interview later Tuesday, Koplow said his comments did not reflect a shift in the industry's strategy. In fact, he said, his statement match the testimony he gave to Congress last year.

Companies compete for licenses to offer wireless technology

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government auction of mammoth slices of airwaves is drawing companies that seek new fortunes in nascent wireless technology for telephone, television and Internet services.

The Federal Communications Commission began auctioning licenses today for the new technology called local multipoint distribution service, or LMDS, and 139 companies are vying for them. The auction is expected to raise hundreds of millions of dollars.

The commission hopes companies using the new wireless technology will provide services that compete with local phone and cable companies.

The new service's delivery is akin to cellular phone service. But to receive phone, television or data services, customers need a small receiver dish in or near a window.

On the block are 986 licenses. Half would give an owner the right to occupy a large swath of airwaves — 1,150 megahertz — letting a company simultaneously provide 16,000 phone calls and 200 video channels. That's the biggest slices of airwaves ever auctioned by the government.

The rest of the licenses are for a smaller slice — 150 megahertz.

One big license and one small license will be auctioned in each of 493 separate markets, every one roughly the size of a metropolitan area.

Webcell Communications Inc., a Washington, D.C. company that wanted to bid but couldn't arrange financing in time, filed an unsuccessful last-minute petition to a federal appeals court here Tuesday, asking it to stop the auction. The FCC, which previously delayed the auction at the company's request, contended the petition should be denied, and the court did so.

Snyder burn victim dies

A 41-year-old Snyder woman died Tuesday from burns she suffered from a fire at her home just over a week ago.

Deborah Davis of 800 Ave. R died Tuesday in a Lubbock hospital from injuries she received on Feb. 10 when her clothing apparently caught fire from a space heater.

Mrs. Davis was transported to Cogdell Hospital by Snyder EMS and later transferred by EMS to Lubbock University Medical Center's burn unit. It was reported she was burned over 50 percent of her body.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Circus Gatti

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse is sponsoring the annual Circus Gatti today. Performances are at 4:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Theater group to perform

The Jeremiah People, a Christian musical theater company, will present "Critical Conditions" at 6:30 this evening at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Everyone is invited.

Cotton, cattle seminar

Delta Corporation, American State Bank, Texas PCA, Hargrove Crop Insurance and Hugh Boren & Sons Insurance are presenting a seminar on cotton and cattle trading with options at 6 p.m.Thursday at Scurry County Coliseum.

"Wizard of Oz"

Snyder junior high drama and choir sutdents will present "Wizard of Oz" Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the junior high auditorium. Curtain time is 7 p.m.. Tickets are $4 in advance or $5 at the door.

Horseshoe pitchers

All horseshoe pitchers are invited to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the chamber board room to organize for 1998.

Ira Project Graduation

A Project Graduation planning meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Ira school library. All 8th grade through 12th grade students should attend. Call Brenda Oliver at 728-2740 for information.

Conversational Spanish

WTC Continuing Ed is offering a Conversational Spanish class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday. Robert Adams is the instructor. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Girl Scout cookies

Local Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at Wal-Mart on the next two Saturdays.

United Way meeting

Scurry County United Way will meet at noon Monday at the chamber. New board members and officers will be installed.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study viodeo tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Praying With Power," followed by "America, God Wants You Back," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Blood pressure clinic

A free blood pressure clinic will be conducted by Total Home Health Care of Post from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

Book "Tiger Jazz"

Snyder High School show choir "Tiger Jazz" is interested in performing for local organizations. The group has a 25-to-30-minute show of popular favorites from the 1930s to the 1980s. To book a performance call 573-6301.

Last chance for Ira annual

The last chance to order a 1998 Ira Bulldog annual is Feb. 27. The cost is $22 with your name on the cover or $20 without. The supply will be limited, so order as soon as possible.

Kiwanis Pancake Feast

Snyder Noon Kiwanis Pancake Feast will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 7 in the West Elementary cafeteria. Cost is $4. Children under six may eat free. There will be a drawing for a remote control television.

Women and Heart Health

"Women and Heart Health," presented by the American Heart Association, will air at 10 a.m. each Wednesday during February on Channel 2. February is Heart Month.

Cultural arts workshop

Scurry County Extension Service's family and community education committee will host a workshop on ribbon embriodery in the dining room of the Senior Center Building from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 28. Dorothy Campbell of Hermleigh will conduct the workshop. Preregistration is required by Tuesday. Call the extension office at 573-5423 to register.

Internet seminar

Scurry County Extension Service will sponsor a program on computer and internet trends. The program will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Science Lecture Hall on the WTC Campus. The program is free and open to the public.

Pick 3

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

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(three, nine, three)

Cash Five

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

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(one, three, eleven, twenty-five, thirty-four)