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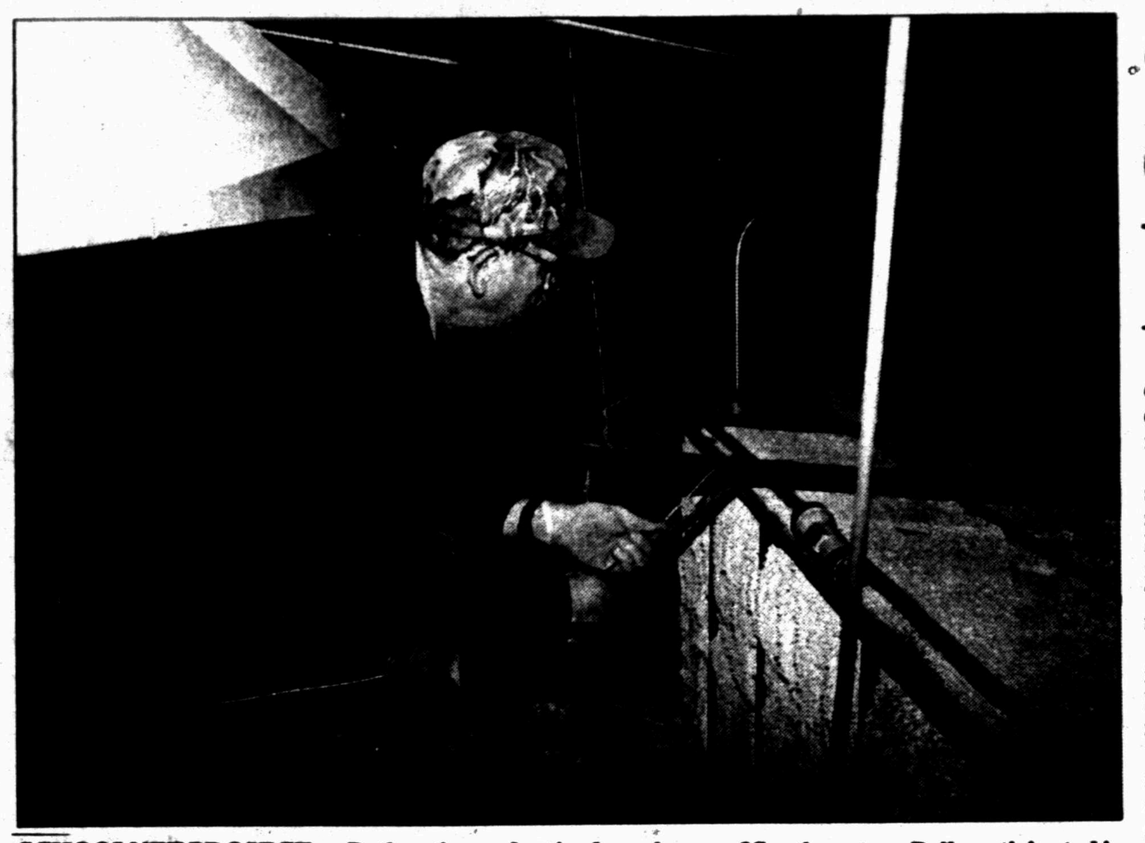
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SCHOOLNET PROJECT — Both active and retired employees of Southwestern Bell participated in the Schoolnet Project over the weekend, donating time to wire Stanfield and Central Elementaries for the Internet. Horace Klett is pictured in the attic of Stanfield. The wire and wiring kits were donated by Lucent Technology. (Staff Photo By Joyce May)

Gas and electric rates dominate council meeting

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

The price of natural gas and electricity dominated Monday evening's Snyder City Council meeting.

The council approved the second reading of an ordinance suspending a rate increase by Lone Star Gas, and approved the first reading of an ordinance for TU Electric to instill time-of-use rates in Snyder.

The council suspended the rate increase by Lone Star Gas until at least April 22 pending further review.

It is expected that if the rate increase is approved, resident's natural gas rates will increase by $1.44 monthly.

TU Electric is requesting to implement rate options, said local TU Electric manager Daryl Thomas, as an incentive to cut down usage during the peak summer months and to help customers control their electric energy costs.

"The whole intent is to drop the generation load in the summer," Thomas said.

He said that 1998's heat wave put a tremendous strain on TU's generation plant. The company hopes to reduce that load this summer by offering lower rates to customers who refrain from using high amounts of electricty during the high usage hours of 2 to 10 p.m.

"Customers who can reduce their loads during the on-peak hours specified in these rates, and/or can shift their loads from the on-peak hours to the off-peak hours, can achieve considerable savings as a result of their actions," Thomas explained.

Most of the rate options would target large companies, churches and schools as they can implement an enegry management system, Thomas said.

Large oil companies, for example, could opt to flow fluids at night and take advantage of "next-to-nothing" energy rates, Thomas explained.

Churches who use their buildings on a limited basis, and schools could also see substantial savings if they choose one of the rate options.

"Churches could possibly save 15 to 25 percent on their electrical bill. What is hurting churches right now is they are hit with an off-peak demand charge."

Council member Terry Martin had several questions for Thomas.

"Does TU Electric think people arbitrarily use electricity? They are using it for a reason — they need it," said Martin.

To this, Thomas again pointed out that the time-of-use rates would better suit companies, churches, and schools rather than residential customers.

"We would not recommend these options for normal residences because of the need for cooling of homes at 5 p.m. and with kids being home during the summer," Thomas said, adding that it would not be feasible to stay out of the high-peak, high-rate window during those times.

Martin then stated TU was taking a big risk, since the options

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Spelling bees continue this week

A new round of Scurry County spelling bees kicks off Wednesday when Hermleigh's fourth through sixth graders compete at 12:20 p.m.

Snyder Junior High School's Spelling Bee is also set for Wednesday. The contest will begin at 2:10 p.m.

On Thursday, Hermleigh's seventh and eighth graders will have their spell off at 12:20 p.m..

Northeast and West will also have spelling bees on Thursday. West spellers will begin at 9 a.m. and Northeast's bee is set for 2:40 p.m.

The final campus bee — at East Elementary — begins at 9 a.m. Friday.

Ira School determined its spelling bee winners last Friday morning.

Elementary winners were Terryn Autry, 5th grader, first place, and Colton Long, 6th grader, runner-up.

Junior high winners include John Gainer, 8th grader, first place, and Bubba Walker, second.

The first and second place winner in each campus bee will advance to the county bee on March 5.

Hermleigh's elementary spellers who will compete Wednesday afternoon include Samantha Berry, fifth grader, and Justin Kelley and Lennon Lane, both sixth graders.

Eight junior high students at Hermleigh will compete Thursday afternoon. Seventh graders include Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson, Brittany Milota and Valerie West.

Eighth graders will be Terrel Culp, Niki Doggett, Maria Rangel and Angie Glover. Culp, Doggett and Milota were Hermleigh's 1998 spelling bee winners.

Brenda Kuss, who sponsors Hermleigh's bee, will also be the pronouncer. Judges will include Cathy Beckman and Vickie Harrison.

Four students will compete in Snyder Junior High's bee. Rebecca Pavlovsky is a seventh grader, and Desiree Flores, Wendy Profitt and Rebecca Rylant are eighth graders.

In 1998, Profitt won the junior high bee, placed first in the county bee and placed second in the regional bee in Lubbock.

Virginia Trevey sponsors the junior high bee. Sylvia Sapsky will be the pronouncer. Margaret Corkran and Linda Huestis will be the judges and Carla Allen will provide requested word definitions.

Sixth graders who will compete in West's bee are Patrick Jones, Walter Ezell, Cole Robertson, Marisa Munoz, Terry McGough and Cody Pechacek, Hope Cole, Jarrod Fletcher, October Wells, Heather Polk, Jonathan Hembree, Tara Gilliland, Lesli Jackson, Christy Essery, Nathan Graves, Traci Jordan, Kim Cooper, Hadley Hirt.

Danita Covey sponsors West's spelling bee. Judges will include Dorothy Petersen, Kathy Scott, Nan Swanson.

TDCJ warehouse completion date set for May 28

Scheduled completion of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's warehouse expansion project has been pushed back to May 28.

The tentative date for completion was initially set for April 7, but has been reset due to wind and weather delays coupled by delays created when 156,000 pounds of steel fell at the construction site Jan. 28.

Four columns, approximately 25 feet tall, were in the ground and workers were adding purlin when the columns collapsed.

Cause of the collapse is still under investigation. No one was injured in the incident.

Morris Sears, quality control manager for the project, said delays were originally estimated at 68 days because the steel that collapsed had to be reordered.

However, he said J.B. Supply of Abilene worked around the clock to get the steel finished early.

"J.B. Taylor did an outstanding job resupplying at such a fast pace. It normally takes about four months to get and they got it to us that quick."

Cooperation between everyone involved and coordination between the contractor and subcontractors also expedited matters.

"Everyone pulled in and said, 'This is what we'll do.' We have extended workdays in order to make up the time," Sears said.

General contractor for the project is Monterey Construction of Wolfforth.



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Stenholm to get look at lake level

U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm will be in Snyder Wednesday and part of his itinerary is to tour Lake Thomas.

"Due to the low level of the lake, we just thought it would be a good time to let the Congressman look at what we are facing here," said John Grant, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Stenholm will also meet with several citizens at lunch, and tour the lake beginning around 2 p.m.

Martin files for re-election

Terry Martin will be seeking his second full term as a member of the Snyder city council as he filed the necessary papers at City Hall Monday afternoon.

Martin, 54, currently fills one of the two at-large positions on the council.

Martin is a retired Chevron operations superintendent and recently purchased Tiger Health and Fitness. He also serves as a director of West Texas State Bank and is a former Snyder ISD board member.

The incumbent councilman joins Dayton Robertson on the May ballot as Robertson will be a candidate for mayor. David Holt announced Monday that he would not be a candidate for re-election for the mayor's position.

Trial continuing in district court

After being in recess for three days due to the weekend and President's Day on Monday, jurors began hearing testimony this morning in a wrongful death suit in 132nd District Court.

The suit is the result of three men losing their lives in an oilfield accident near Fluvanna in January, 1996.

R. L. "Buddy" Drum, Jerry McNew and Juan Guardado died of hydrogen sulfide poisoning while cleaning a frac tank.

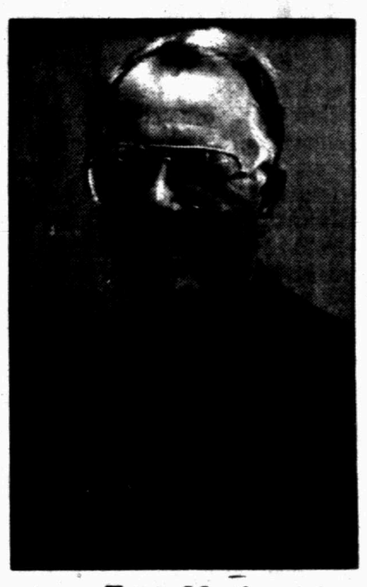
The suit was filed against the builder of the frac tank, Bill Stephens Welding Co. of Pampa.

The trial began last Tuesday.

Due to the length of this civil trial, a criminal jury panel called to report Wednesday has been cancelled, according to District Clerk Trina Rodgers.

The jury was to have heard the case against Geronimo Costilla who has been charged with four counts of forgery by passing.

This trial will be set at a later date.



Terry Martin

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A cheapskate is a guy who buys his wife a map because she expressed a desire to see the world."

You have to get up early in the morning to get the best of Billy McCormick — or you have to have experience.

One recent morning, the retired gas pumper was having coffee in the Ritz with a group that included Horace Bostick — retired teacher, coach and high school principal.

Bostick announced that he had to leave early, that he had an appointment with the dermatologist at 10 a.m.

McCormick said that was impossible — he, too, had a 10 o'clock appointment with the same doctor.

On the way out the door, McCormick offered a 10-buck wager — that he would get to see the doctor before Bostick.

When Bostick drove away, McCormick borrowed a quarter and went to the pay phone and called the speciality clinic at Cogdell.

McCormick explained to nurse Margot Grant that he had a bet with Bostick and would give her half of it if he could get in first.

McCormick returned to the table and finished his coffee.

At the hospital, McCormick met Bostick on his way out. Bostick collected his $10.

Inside, McCormick tried to find out what went wrong with his air-tight plan.

McCormick forgot that a veteran high school principal knows all the tricks — that all he had to do was up the ante 50 cents.

Roy Baze, a graduate of OU, and Dayton Robertson, a grad of Texas A&M, exchange jabs on occasion as to which engineering school is superior.

Baze says he got this Aggie story from an Aggie friend:

It seems that a maverick A&M graduate decided to become a terrorist.

The Aggie went to a clandestine terrorist school and graduated. His first assignment was to blow up the first truck to come down the highway.

The Aggie failed the assignment — burned his lips on the exhaust pipe.

ASK US

Q—Has there been any more discussion on a possible use of the Wallace Building on the square?

A—No. The Chamber of Commerce expressed interest in the building, but could not afford the owner's asking price, according to Chamber Manager Donna Fowler.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 75 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 42; no precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, upper 20s. Light wind. Wednesday, partly cloudy, becoming windy. Warmer, high near 70. SW wind increasing to 15-25 mph, gusty.



Kayla Pittman
Windy

Sunset: 6:31 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:24 a.m.
Of 46 days in 1999, the sun has shone 45 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"It is easier to live for others, everybody does. I call on you to live for yourself."

Emerson



KING AND QUEEN — Roy and Natalie Sallee were named Scurry County Senior Center's 1999 King and Queen during Valentine activites at the center Friday. The Sunshine Choir performed during the activities and Normal Laywell led a sing-along accompanied by Barbara Tune on the piano. (SDN Staff Photo)

Texas Lions Camp to observe 50th year

KERRVILLE — The Texas Lions Camp, located near Kerrville, will celebrate its 50th anniversary at the camp on Saturday, March 13. Everyone is invited to attend this special celebration of service to children with physical disabilities and diabetes.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Tours, musical entertainment, antique automobiles and other attractions will be part of the day's agenda. Tickets for the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang Barbecue Lunch, served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., will be $7.50 at the door.

The Texas Lions Camp began a half century ago as a result of the Lions of Texas who decided to help the victims of the disabling polio epidemic that swept the country. The camp's charter was approved in April 1949 and the camp was formerly dedicated in 1953. That first summer, the Lions Camp served 236 children. Today more than 40,000 children with physical disabilities and diabetes have experienced the joys of summer camping.

The camp is a nonprofit organization, funded by Lions and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families. For more information on either the camp or the 50th anniversary celebration, contact the Texas Lions Camp at 830-896-8500.

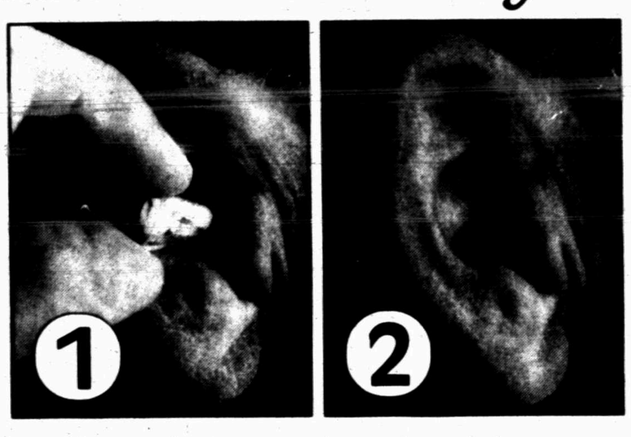
Connecticut girl dies in skiing mishap

VERNON, N.J. (AP) — A 12-year-old Connecticut girl died Monday after skiing off a trail and hitting rocks, police said.

Laura Cournoyer of Seymour, Conn., had been skiing with family and friends at the Mountain Creek ski resort. She left the trail and struck the rocks at 3:15 p.m., suffering head injuries, officials said.

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Come meet Hearing Aid Specialist, Arthur Bickel of Livingston Hearing Aid Center. He will be demonstrating the new Direct Digital Hearing Aid one day only, Wednesday, February 17th at Dr. Cave's Office in Snyder.

John Ehrlichman has died at age 73

ATLANTA (AP) — In the years since the scandal that marked the end of the idealistic '60s, John Ehrlichman worked at a regulatory firm, became a radio commentator and wrote several books.

But, despite time and his achievements as President Nixon's domestic policy advisor, he could never escape the ghosts of Watergat .

Ehrlichman, who suffered from diabetes, died from natural causes at his home in Atlanta on Sunday, his son Tom said Monday. He was 73.

"I was never the person everybody saw in the Watergate hearings. But I have realized that I was never going to catch up with my image. It was set in concrete. It bothered me enormously for a while, what people thought of me," he told The Washington Post in 1979.

"I made myself stop caring because I knew I couldn't do a thing about it, and I knew it was going to tear me up if I tried," he said.

Ehrlichman and Nixon's chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, were virtually indistinguishable by the public. Both were close to Nixon and they became known as the "Berlin Wall" because they shielded the reclusive Nixon from unwelcome encounters.

Ehrlichman coined a phrase that became part of the nation's political lexicon when he advised Nixon to allow L. Patrick Gray 3rd, then acting director of the FBI, to become the fall guy for Watergate and to leave him "twisting slowly, slowly in the wind."

The cover-up was the attempt to conceal from the public the White House's involvement almost from the start in the break-in at Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate office complex in Washington on June 17, 1972.

Although Ehrlichman admitted he knew about the break-in shortly after it happened, he maintained that he did what he was told and said he regretted not asking Nixon about his involvement.

After the break-in, Nixon "asked me to stay out of it and concentrate on domestic policy. So that's what I did until the following April," Ehrlichman told The Associated Press in January 1998.

That was when Nixon asked Ehrlichman to find out what was going on with the Watergate investigation, Ehrlichman said.

In April 1973, as the cover-up began to unravel and pressure mounted, Nixon held a tearful meeting at his presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., with Haldeman and Ehrlichman. By that time, Nixon's counsel, John W. Dean 3rd, had implicated them in the Watergate cover-up.

Snyder ISD gets E-rate funding

WASHINGTON — Snyder Independent School District has received $56,725 in E-rate funding from the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) This money will be used to help SISD develop telecommunications services.

This was the eighth wave of funding committment decisions sent out by the SLD. Several more waves are expected to be announced in upcoming weeks.

"I support programs like the E-rate that result in direct services to rural areas," Congressman Charles Stenholm said. "by helping rural and under-funded school districts provide current technology for their students, the E-rate is helping to enrure that equal educational opportunities are available to students across the nation, regardless of location or income."

Other 17th District recipients in this funding wave include Bangs ISD, Brookesmith ISD, City of Mineral Wells, Cross Plains ISD, Jim Ned Consolidated ISD and Moran ISD. As of this wave, schools and libraries in the 17th District have received over $2 million in funding from this program.

The E-rate program was created as part of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to ensure that all eligible schools and libraries in the United States have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services.

Application is open to all public and private K-12 schools and public libraries. Discount funding is calculated according to a school's level of economic disadvantages (based on percentage of students eligible for the national school lunch program) and their location, rural or urban.

Snyder area students named to Dean's List

LUBBOCK — Three Scurry County residents have been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 1998.

They include Reagan Key of Ira, and Jenise Judah and Marci Foster, both of Snyder.

In order to be considered for the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Key, Judah and Foster all earned a 4.0.

Stanford named to Dean's List

HUNTSVILLE — Charlene Stanford of Snyder has been named to the Dean's List at Sam Houston State University for the fall, 1998 semester. The Dean's List consists of all full-time students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above. A perfect record (A) averages 4.0.



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Central Awards

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Third graders: Brett Cross, Amanda Sanchez, Caylea Wood, Ashley Farquhar, Santiago Jaimes, Angela Almanza, Kendra Tidwell, Tyler McCormack, Zackary Key, Jacob Scifres, Lanxton Cole.

Pre-kindergarten: Jessica Guardado, Jainie Fuentez.

Kindergarten: Jordan Tippens, Marissa Medrano, Anna Rivera, Norma Juarez, Juan Ruiz, Tara Stafford.

First grade: Brent Cole, Brailee Sanchez, Dana Van Winkle, Kristi Valadez, Jose Antonio Ferruzca, Bianca Cabrera.

Unit Recognition Award

Third graders: Kelby Seale, Houston Flores, Josh Lumpkins, Joel Rocha, Fabian Contreras, Rachel Scott, Martin Smith, Rebecca Juarez, Ashley Maldonado, Josie Torres, Kelly Holdren.

Snowboarding victim was celebrating dad's birthday

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — Mickey Parker couldn't think of a better way to celebrate his 44th birthday than to go snowboarding with his 19-year-old son.

And where better than on 10,778-foot Mount Baker, just south of the Canadian border, where daredevils are allowed to venture into the fresh snow and rugged terrain outside the protected areas?

Past the warning signs, you're on your own.

That's where Justin M. Parker, 19, and his father were Sunday when a wall of snow broke loose and roared down Rumble Gulch. The father was 150 feet behind the son.

"It just buried him alive," Parker said. "I realized it was my boy underneath there. I knew it was all over. I knew there was nothing I could do."

His son's body was recovered moments later, but Justin could not be revived.

"The whole hillside swallowed up my boy. I knew he was in God's hands. I accepted that he died right then and there," Parker said Monday.

An autopsy showed the younger Parker suffocated.

The search for a second man missing in the avalanche, Sean Riches, 25, of London, Ontario, has been suspended since late Sunday because of the danger of further slides.

Ski area spokeswoman Gwyn Howat said Monday the snow was moving "close to 200 miles per hour" and covering an area about a mile long and 100 feet wide with several feet of snow in a few seconds.

Howat said the search would resume when the slopes are stable, possibly not until spring. More than 57 feet of snow have fallen this season, and more snow is expected in the next few days, she said.

Signs at the roped-off boundary warn that anyone venturing outside it faces a $500 minimum fine if rescue efforts are undertaken.

Struggling farm economy will not see any quick fix

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — Farmers struggling to make a living despite low crop prices cannot hope for a quick economic turnaround, an Agriculture Department economist says.

Keith Collins, the department's chief economist, told a U.S. House Agriculture Committee field hearing Monday that little improvement in the farm economy is expected this year because of high crop yields and weak export demand.

The committee's chairman, Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, said his panel would seek changes in crop insurance coverage to better protect against low prices and natural disasters like drought. Combest also wants to include livestock in federally supported farm insurance.

Increased government assistance helped maintain farm income in 1998 as export demand weakened in Asia and record yields depressed prices, Collins said.

But areas of the country that weathered difficulties last year, including the Corn Belt of the Midwest, probably will be hurt in 1999, Collins said.

Over a two- to four-year period, economic recession in Asia should give way to economic recovery, increasing demand for U.S. farm products and improving farm incomes, Collins said.

In Nebraska, economists predicted that up to 20 percent of the state's farmers would be out of business in the next two years if commodity prices remained low.

In Iowa, one study predicted as many as one-third of that state's farmers could be forced to restructure or liquidate if low farm prices continued through 2000.

There appeared to be little support, even among producers who testified, for returning to price supports that carried agriculture programs until the GOP-driven Freedom to Farm Act passed in 1996. That farm law weaned farmers away from price supports in exchange for more freedom to plant what they want.

The Freedom to Farm law received its first test last year as crop prices plummeted, and Congress responded to the farm crisis with more than $6 billion in emergency farm aid.

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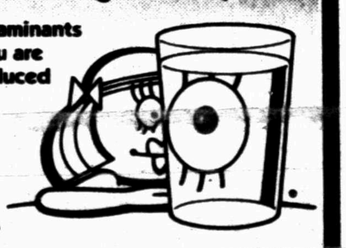
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GS COOKIES ARE HERE — Brownie Scout Troop 114 sold Girl Scout Cookies at a booth in Wal-Mart, earning money for their troop and the West Texas Girl Scout Council. Local money and prizes scouts earn are used for camping fun. Richard Hester bought his favorite GS cookies from Josi Presley and Honee Moore. Their leaders are Shannon Mhoon and Penni Mayes. Anyone not previously contacted who would like to purchase cookies may call 573-3122. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Books about love and marriage

By The Associated Press

As the couple is bound, so shall be their books. Some wedding volumes:

— "There shall be such a oneness between you that when one weeps, the other shall taste salt," says an old proverb. "Throughout all eternity, I forgive you, you forgive me," says the poet William Blake. They are among the musings about love and marriage in "The Bride" (a Helen Exley Giftbook, $39.95 slipcased hardcover), compiled by Helen Exley. Quotations are taken from modern and ancient poetry and ritual and illustrated by classic painted art.

— For a bit of wit to leaven the serious stuff, try "Happily Ever After: the Wit and Wisdom of Marriage" (Angel City Press, $16.95 hardcover), by Jim and Helene McMullen. "Like all successful politicians, I married above myself," confessed former President Dwight Eisenhower. Testimony from mystery doyenne Agatha Christie: "An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have; the older they get the more interested he is in her." And Shakespeare's reluctant bridegroom, Benedick, declares, "When I said I would die a bachelor, I did not think I should live till I were married."

— When it gets down to basics, your marriage is about the three of you — you, your spouse, and your money. "Love, Marriage & Money" (Dearborn Financial Publishing, $15.95 paperback), by Gail Liberman and Alan Lavine, lays out the framework to manage finances so they don't spoil your relationship. The authors, who are married to each other and admit to having occasional disagreements, offer front-line advice on the financial issues you face, include prenuptial agreements, whether one or both of you will work, insurance and retirement planning, how to pay for a house, a baby, etc.

"Every Bride Is Beautiful" (Morrow, $25 hardcover, in January), says Deborah Chase, who offers information and advice to prove it. The author, whose "New Medically Based Non-Nonsense Beauty Book" looked at beauty preparations and dermatological problems from a scientific angle, does the same in this volume and expands the subjects to include exercise, diet, wedding dress choices, hairstyles, hand and nail care and other concerns. She's also included a countdown calendar to help the bride plan treatments and care. Along the way, Chase offers historic wedding lore, such as the fact that brides in the World War II era wore street clothes instead of elaborate gowns, to demonstrate their patriotism.

— Getting pretty for the wedding is time to indulge in a cosmetic analysis and make-up lessons. Famed '60s designer Mary Quant offers them in "Classic Make-Up & Beauty" (DK Publishing, $13.95 paperback).

— Is is all right to e-mail your thank-you notes? How many of those invited to your wedding will come? Pamela A. Lach has practical answers in "The Bride's Etiquette Guide" (Chicago Review Press, $6.95 paperback). She discourages e-mail, since it's less personal and not everyone has it; and figure 75 percent of the people on your invitation list will attend.

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Help Your Heart Recipes

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe.

Five-Minute Soup

- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth, heated
- ½ medium cucumber or 1 medium zucchini, sliced very thin
- 4 fresh medium mushrooms, sliced
- 2 cups shredded fresh spinach, lettuce, or cabbage
- 1 medium tomato, cubed
- ½ cup cooked chicken or lean meat, shredded

Put all ingredients in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes.
Serves 6.

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

53 kcal	Calories	10 mg	Cholesterol	0 g	Saturated Fat
4 g	Protein	30 mg	Sodium	0 g	Polyunsaturated Fat
3 g	Carbohydrates	1 g	Total Fat	0 g	Monounsaturated Fat
1 g	Fiber				

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 5 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information, call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-16-99
♠ A Q J 9
♥ K 7 4 3
♦ 9 6
♣ A J 5

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

East
♠ 7 2
♥ A 10 9 6
♦ 10 4 3
♣ 7 6 4 2

South
♠ K 10 6 5
♥ Q J 2
♦ 7 5 2
♣ K 10 9

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♦ A

The elements of a takeout double

By Phillip Alder

If your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one of a suit and you double, usually you will have a hand worth an opening bid that is short in the suit he named and has at least three cards in each of the unbid suits. The ideal distribution is 4-4-4-1; and with that perfect shape, you may have as few as 10 points.

You are asking partner to name his longest suit, so that you can find your best combined fit.

If partner is going to name his longest suit (rather than bid no-trump), he does it without a jump when having 0-8 points, makes a single jump with 9-11, or cue-bids the opener's suit with 12-plus.

In this deal, North doubles because he is short in diamonds. It is also excellent that he has four cards in both unbid majors. South jumps to two spades to show approximately 9-11 points and four-plus spades. (Distribution points may be included, although here the South hand has none.) North takes a shot at game. Remember, you can often make game with less than the normal point requirement when you know where the missing honors lie.

West starts with three rounds of diamonds, or only two rounds followed by a heart switch.

This deal revolves around guessing the club suit correctly. Always try to leave the critical suit until last, so draw the trumps and find out who holds the heart ace. Now check the points. You are missing only 16, yet West opened the bidding and East had the heart ace. *Ergo*, West must have the club queen.

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Care for woolens

The Associated Press
Wool Care

NEW YORK (AP) — Wool, one of nature's original designs, can be worn year-round and will last for years with just a bit of basic care, according the Woolmark Company, the international textile marketing organization:

— Woven garments, such as suits, should be brushed with an apparel brush after wearing.

— Remember to empty the pockets on your woven wools before hanging them up.

— After wearing knitted wools, such as sweaters, fold them instead of hanging.

— Store woolens on cedar hangers.

— Whether hanging or storing flat, wool needs to breathe. Give your woolens plenty of room.

— Let garments rest at least 24 hours before wearing again.

— When you're getting ready to put them on again and you discover wrinkles, hang them in a steamy bathroom. They'll emerge wrinkle-free.

— When storing away for the season, use cedar blocks.

— Dry clean but once a season — all that's needed unless the garment is soiled.

Woolmark says new technology and design of light wools now on the market makes them versatile in any season. Light wools are available in 100 percent pure new wool, usually tagged with the Woolmark label, and in blends with man-made and natural fibers, tagged with a Woolblendmark label.

Ventura honors Stones

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Rolling Stones got a grand welcome from their former bodyguard, who happens to be the new governor of Minnesota.

"He's done us proud, hasn't he?" a chuckling Mick Jagger said of Gov. Jesse Ventura. "He's been fantastic."

Jagger also liked Ventura's proclamation which declared Monday as Rolling Stones Day in Minnesota — even Ventura's congratulations to 55-year-old Keith Richards for being "still alive."

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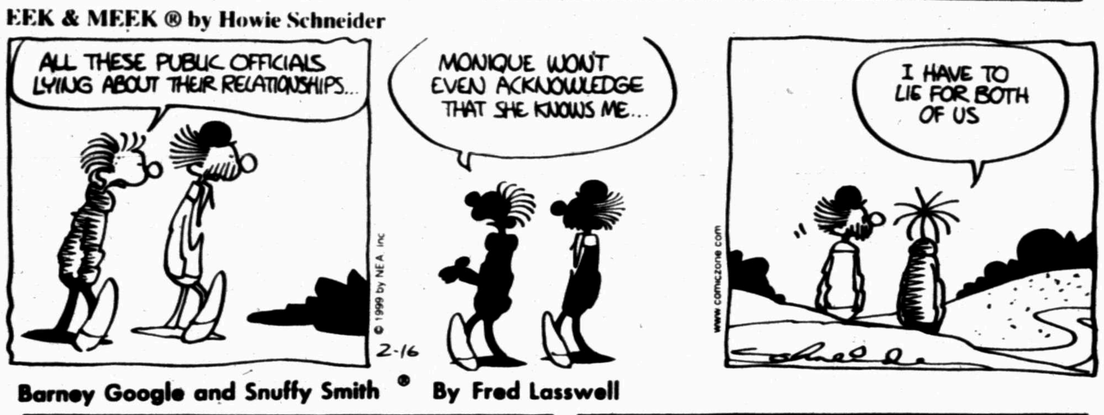
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Comfort
7 Seaweed product
13 Roberto of the diamond
14 Makes even
15 — Creed
16 Most recent
17 Actress LeGallienne
18 — -Magnon man
20 Dug in
21 Depend (on)
23 Aberdeen topper
24 Roscoe of film
25 Oboe part
27 Lobster claw
29 Part of RSVP
31 "— on your life!"
32 "Murder in the Cathedral" monogram
33 Second person
34 Antarctic landscape item
37 Part of a church
40 Ending for gang or song
41 Gretzky's org.
43 Alençon product
45 Musical ability
46 TV's — Peeples
47 109, to Cato
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51 As of now
54 Feels sorry for
55 Newspaper executive
56 Play segments
57 Street evangelist's cry

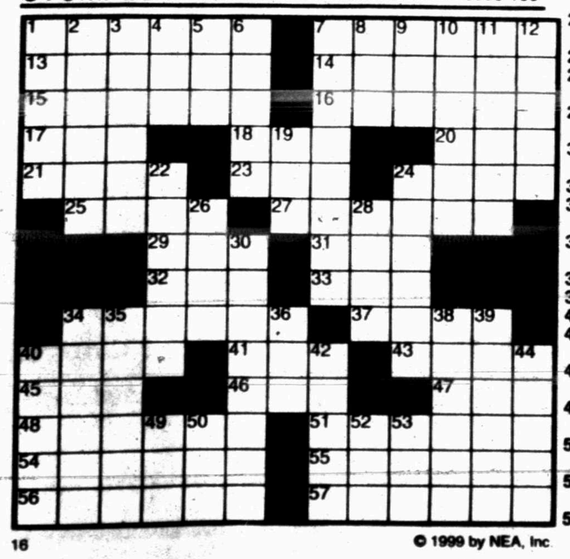
DOWN

1 Less off in la-la land
2 Dickens-based musical
3 Environment
4 Soul, in Soissons
5 Prop for Andy Warhol
6 Standing up straight
7 Shame and dishonor
8 Prospector's find
9 Blackbird
10 Conceive
11 Settler
12 Adlai's running mate
19 Grammy category
22 Prefix for day or year
24 Real
26 Phonograph record
28 Rush hour at the diner
30 Lincolnian bodily trait
34 Style of type
35 Waxy ointment
36 — Beta Kappa
38 Move out of
39 Genus of ants
40 Oozes
42 "See you in a while"
44 Put into action
49 Bowling target
50 Bishop's province
52 Elaborate poem
53 Brief swim

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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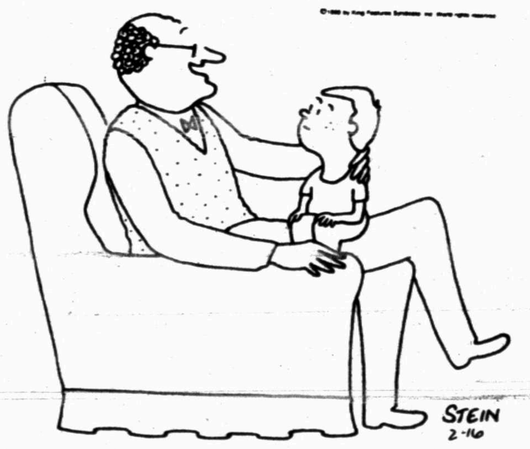
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SPORTS

WTC back in playoff contention

BORGER — Never count the Lady Dusters out.

After consecutive losses to Midland, New Mexico and Howard, Western Texas' postseason hopes looked dim. But following a 78-59 victory over Frank Phillips on Monday, the Lady Dusters are back in the thick of the playoff chase.

Western Texas is currently tied for the WJCAC's fourth and final postseason berth with Odessa and New Mexico. The Lady Dusters host Odessa Thursday in what could be their biggest game of the season, according to Coach Valery Jackson.

"We have another big game," said Jackson. "But then again in this conference, every time we play is a big game. Our goal all season has been to make the regional tournament and we still have a shot at it if we come out and perform like we're capable of."

Unfortunately for Western Texas, it could be hampered in its bid for the playoffs due to an injury to sophomore starter Christy Wells.

Wells, who has battled ankle problems throughout her career, suffered a "badly sprained ankle" and is doubtful for Thursdy's match-up with Odessa. Whether Wells will return to action at all this season is still up in the air.

"Not having Christy will hurt us some," Jackson remarked. "We have other players who can step up and play, but Christy is a team leader on both ends of the floor. She plays tough defense and is capable of having a 20-point night everytime she plays."

Against Frank Phillips, the other two Lady Duster sophomores picked up the slack.

Pam Odhuong'o, WTC's 6-2 post, poured in 19 points, while forward Latasha Vizcorrondo netted 14.

Odhuong'o got Western Texas rolling early, draining 18 first-half points to power the Lady Dusters to a 43-26 halftime lead.

Vizcorrondo continued the momentum in the second half as WTC rolled to the 78-59 victory.

Thursday's match-up with Odessa will be the second between the two squads this season. The Lady Dusters toppled the Lady Wranglers in the first meeting in Odessa.

"Our defense was the key the first time we played them," Jackson said. "We didn't shoot the ball that well, but we forced a lot of turnovers. We played really good full-court and half-court defense. We'll need to come out ready to play on Thursday and be aggressive again on the defensive end."

In addition to Odhuong'o and Vizcorrondo, Crystal Williams also finished in double digits against Frank Phillips with 14.

Rosalind Lawrence dropped in eight points, while Kathy Tran posted seven. Danielle Brown registered six points, with Heather Moon registering four. Carrie Fincher, April Walker and Mary Cavazos chipped in two apiece.

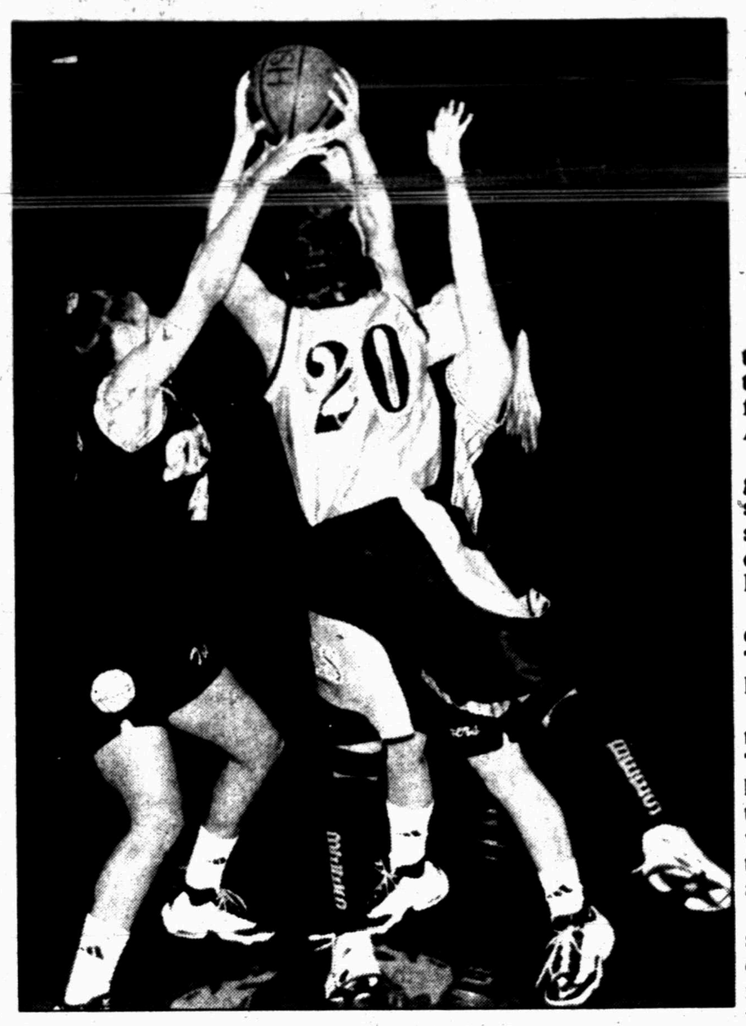
Thursday's contest with Odessa will be the final home game for the Lady Dusters. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder Tigers host Big Spring, district finale, 7:30.

Hermleigh Lady Cardinals vs. Robert Lee, bi-district at Westbrook, 6:30.



TRAPPING A BEE — Snyder's Kameron Kallemeyn (45) and Shannon Hall converge on Stephenville's Amber Brown during bi-district action Monday night in Abilene. The Honeybees jumped to an early lead, before posting a 60-40 victory over the Lady Tigers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Blazers bounce Mavs

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers played almost as poorly in the second half as the Dallas Mavericks did in the first.

The Mavericks made only 10 of 40 shots in the first half Monday night against the Blazers, who played much of the second half in a funk before finally waking up behind center Arvydas Sabonis to claim a 99-84 victory.

Thanks to Sabonis' 16 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, the Blazers didn't lose all of a 23-point halftime lead as the Mavericks rallied to get within seven points with 3:53 left in the game. Damon Stoudamire and Walt Williams scored five points each in the last 2:25 as the Blazers finished with a 14-6 burst that finally buried the Mavericks.

"We won and that's what counts," Stoudamire said, "but I'm disappointed with the energy we played with in the second half. We've got to play our second half as well as we play in the first half. If we did that, we'd be 5-0 right now."

The Mavericks, who were led by Michael Finley's 21 points and Steve Nash's 19, outscored the Blazers 56-48 in the second half. With Gary Trent getting 12 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter, the Mavericks closed to 85-78 with 3:11 remaining before the Blazers finally woke up.

Sabonis was Portland's anchor throughout the game, playing 38 minutes after logging 40 minutes in Sunday night's double-overtime loss to the Golden State Warriors. His nine assists was an NBA career high.

Portland coach Mike Dunleavy said the Blazers seem to get a lead and then start hoisting long shots, forgetting how they got ahead in the first place.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	5	1	.833	-
Philadelphia	4	1	.800	½
NewYork	3	2	.600	1½
Miami	3	3	.500	2
Boston	2	2	.500	2
Washington	1	3	.250	3
NewJersey	1	4	.200	3½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	3	1	.750	-
Atlanta	4	2	.667	-
Indiana	4	2	.667	-
Detroit	3	3	.500	1
Cleveland	2	3	.400	1½
Toronto	1	3	.250	2
Charlotte	1	4	.200	2½
Chicago	1	4	.200	2½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	6	0	1.000	-
Houston	4	1	.800	1½
Minnesota	4	2	.667	2
SanAntonio	4	3	.571	2½
Vancouver	2	3	.400	3½
Dallas	1	6	.143	5½
Denver	1	6	.143	5½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	5	0	1.000	-
Phoenix	4	2	.667	1½
Portland	3	2	.600	2
L.A.Lakers	3	3	.500	2½
Sacramento	2	3	.400	3
GoldenState	2	5	.286	4
L.A.Clippers	0	5	.000	5

Monday's Games

New York 78, Detroit 69
Miami 95, New Jersey 72
Utah 120, Sacramento 112, OT
Phoenix 115, Denver 106
Portland 99, Dallas 84
Golden State 101, Minnesota 99

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Boston at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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In bi-district battle...

Bees' swarming pressure tames Lady Tigers, 60-40

ABILENE — During their first taste of the postseason in 19 years, the Lady Tigers were force fed a full dose of Stephenville's Sarah Allen.

Allen poured in 18 points, grabbed six rebounds, picked four steals and dished out five assists to spur the Honeybees to a 60-40 bi-district victory over Snyder at Hardin-Simmons University.

Allen's eight points in the first quarter, combined with 11 Lady Tiger turnovers, gave Stephenville the early 21-6 cushion it needed.

"Sarah really played great tonight," Stephenville coach Alan Thorpe said. "And I thought we had good defensive pressure throughout the ballgame. When we were allowed to play them tight, we did and I thought that was a key to the ballgame."

Snyder, which finishes its season with a 14-16 mark, commited 25 turnovers on the night. Lady Tiger ballhandlers were harrassed and shadowed by sticky man-to-man defenders for most of the night.

"They're a talented team with more experience than us," Snyder coach Rick Archer stated. "They put a lot of pressure on our guards and it forced us into some bad decisions at crucial times."

After Stephenville jumped out to the early lead, Snyder made its biggest threat in the second period.

The Lady Tigers went on a 10-4 run to close the gap to nine points with 26 seconds left in the opening half.

Buckets from Katie Voss, Shannon Hall and Alicia Peoples and a three-pointer from Mandy Hess fueled the Snyder rally.

Stephenville's Lauren Harris responded with basket with only nine seconds left on the clock to extend the margin back to 11 points at 27-16 at the midway mark.

With the Lady Tigers starting to grab some momentum as the third period opened, Allen quickly regained control for the Honeybees.

Allen poured in eight third-period points, the final five coming in the closing seconds, to give Stephenville a comfortable 46-23 lead heading into the final stanza.

The Lady Tigers outscored Stephenville, 17-14, in the fourth quarter for the 60-40 final tally.

Snyder was paced on the offensive end by the performance of freshman Katie Voss who finished in double digits with 14 points.

Being gaurded by Voss, Peoples and Lexie Beard, Stephenville's star post Amy Pack was limited to only four points.

The Honeybees improve to 28-5 on the season and advance to face Wichita Falls Hirschi in the area round.

Snyder	6	10	7	17	— 40
Stephenville	21	6	19	14	— 60

Snyder
Voss 5 4-6 14, Hall 3 0-4 6, Peoples 3 0-0 6, Murray 2 0-0 5, Hess 1 0-0 3, Geiger 2 0-0 4, Kallemeyn 0 1-2 1, Beard 0 1-2 1, Eicke 0 0-1 0. Totals 16 6-15 40.

Stephenville
Allen 5 6-6 18, Brown 4 1-3 12, Chandler 4 1-2 9, Harris 3 1-2 8, Pack 1 2-2 4, Oostea 1 3-6 5, Huddleston 0 3-4 3, McGee 0 1-2 1. Totals 18 18-27 60.

Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (Murray, Hess), Stephenville 6 (Brown 3, Allen 2, Harris). Rebounds: Snyder 31 (Peoples 8), Stephenville 32 (Pack 10). Total fouls: Snyder 20, Stephenville 18. Fouled out — none.

Tigers' title dreams to be decided tonight

After 29 games and countless hours on the practice floor, the Snyder Tigers' have 32 minutes left to become champions.

The Tigers, tied atop the 5-4A standings with Lake View at 8-1, can secure at least a share of the district title tonight when they host Big Spring at 7:30 in the regular season finale.

A victory over the Steers would guarantee Snyder of at least co-champion status. Should Lake View fall at Andrews, the Tigers could claim sole possession of the crown.

"This is a big game. There's no doubt about it," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "We've been a little sluggish in practice and didn't look as sharp as I would like. But these kids have put it all on the line for nine ballgames and I trust that they'll do the same tonight. This team leaves everything on the floor everytime they play, so I believe they'll be ready to play come game time."

In their first meeting, the Tigers edged the Steers, 50-49, in Big Spring.

Snyder has won six straight ballgames and enters the contest with an overall record of 17-12. Big Spring carries a 10-18 mark into the SHS gym.

Victories by both Snyder and Lake View would result in a split of the district title, with the top seed for the postseason still up for grabs.

The two squads could meet in a district playoff, or decide the matter with the flip of a coin.

The top seed would receive a first-round bye, while the runner-up would square off with North Crowley in a bi-district tilt next week.

5-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	8	1	17	12
Lake View	8	1	24	8
Andrews	5	4	10	21
Big Spring	4	5	10	18
Ft. Stockton	2	7	14	14
Sweetwater	0	9	7	21

Friday's results: Snyder 62, Andrews 43; Big Spring 61, Sweetwater 51; Lake View 76, Ft. Stockton 62.
Tonight's games: Big Spring at Snyder; Andrews at Lake View; Ft. Stockton at Sweetwater.
End of regular season.

Ira falls to Stanton in final period

LAMESA — In a battle of Bulldogs, it was endurance that made the difference.

Ira ran with Stanton for three quarters Monday night, before slipping away in the final frame to fall 71-53 in a boys playoff practice game at Golden Tor gym.

Ira trailed by just two points entering the fourth period, before being outscored 26-10, down the stretch.

"Stanton is a very physical ballclub," Ira coach Bubba Edwards said. "Their physical play finally wore us out in the end, but I was extremely proud of the way our kids played. This was great preparation for our playoff run."

Ira, who meets Klondike next Tuesday in first-round action, was led by Logan Daves' 17 points.

Richard Wilkins dropped in 12 points, while Jerek Brown netted 10. Nathan Smith and Jose Juarez drained five points apiece, with Drew Wall and Chet Stuart adding two each.

In the early going, Ira held the advantage, building a 17-13 first-quarter lead.

Stanton eclipsed the 'Dogs in the second quarter with 18 points to go on top 31-30 at halftime.

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
Delaware 91, Hartford 75
Drexel 69, Boston U. 57
Fairleigh Dickinson 55, Cent. Connecticut St. 49
Hofstra 78, Northeastern 52
Iona 69, Marist 66
N.C.-Wilmington 87, American U. 80, 2OT
Niagara 73, Canisius 67
St. John's 104, Providence 70
Vermont 66, Towson 57

SOUTH
Alcorn St. 78, Alabama St. 53
Appalachian St. 68, W. Carolina 55
Cent. Florida 59, Centenary 49
Chattanooga 76, Furman 59
Coll. of Charleston 74, E. Tennessee St. 55
N. Carolina A&T 95, Norfolk St. 84
S. Carolina St. 61, Hampton 58
Samford 56, Campbell 49
Southern U. 97, Alabama A&M 65
Stetson 60, Mercer 43
VMI 82, UNC-Greensboro 67

MIDWEST
Akron 70, N. Illinois 55
Oklahoma 69, Missouri 57
Wis.-Green Bay 74, Ill.-Chicago 40

Sports Briefs

Redskins aquire Johnson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trent Green got too expensive, so the Washington Redskins let him go and traded a package of draft picks to Minnesota for Brad Johnson, a quarterback with a similar story.

Green, who went from third-stringer to starter last year, signed a four-year, $16.5 million contract with St. Louis. To replace him, the Redskins acquired Johnson from the Vikings for first- and third-round draft picks this year and a second-round pick in 2000.

White turns in retirement letter

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Reggie White, the NFL's career sacks leader, turned in his retirement letter to Green Bay general manager Ron Wolf.

White, 37, had said last season would be his last. But there were hints the All-Pro player might change his mind after the Packers hired his longtime friend, Ray Rhodes, as head coach to replace Mike Holmgren.

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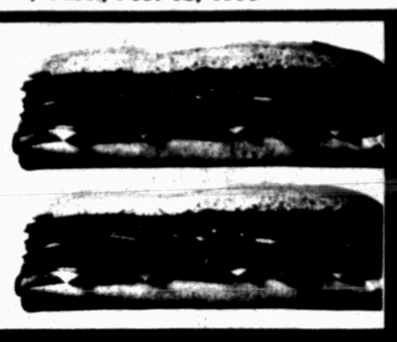
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'America's toughest sheriff' under fire in inmate's death

PHOENIX (AP) — He houses prisoners in sweltering tents, feeds them green bologna sandwiches and dresses them in pink underwear.

He bans coffee, skin magazines and R-rated movies, and dispatches chain gangs in old-style striped uniforms to cut weeds and paint curbs.

A hard-line approach to crime has won Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio accolades as "America's toughest sheriff," a title bestowed by a tabloid magazine after his 1992 election. The public loves him: polls frequently rate Arpaio as Arizona's most popular lawman.

But now Arpaio is being accused of running a jail that's too tough.

The FBI and the county attorney's office are investigating whether detention officers crossed the line when they subdued an inmate, killed him and then allegedly tried to cover it up.

On Jan. 7, the county and its insurance carrier paid $8.25 million to settle a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by Scott Norberg's family. They allege Arpaio's officers suffocated Norberg in 1996 and that the medical examiner's office covered up evidence of a beating when it ruled the death accidental.

Arpaio called the insurance company "gutless."

"We were looking to go to trial and tell the true story," said Arpaio, who contends Norberg caused his own death during a violent, drug-induced psychosis.

Arpaio's jailers have been accused before of brutalizing prisoners.

The U.S. Justice Department spent two years investigating alleged inmate abuse and civil-rights violations in the county jail system, the nation's fourth largest.

The case ended last year with a settlement between Arpaio and the U.S. Attorney's Office after the government was satisfied the sheriff had taken steps to prevent excessive force against inmates.

Arpaio said he runs harsh but humane jails that treat their 6,800 inmates fairly and save taxpayers millions of dollars by serving up bologna and ostrich meat for just pennies a meal.

The vast majority of his officers are dedicated and professional, said Arpaio, adding that he fired three jailers who were caught on videotape beating an inmate.

"When people think we are out of control, that's garbage," he said.

However, the Norberg case has given new ammunition to groups like Amnesty International which decries Arpaio's jails as inhumane.

An internal investigation concluded that detention officers were justified in handcuffing Norberg, zapping him repeatedly with a stun gun, gagging him with a towel and shoving his head into his chest.

The medical examiner's office said Norberg, 35, arrested for assaulting a police officer, died accidentally from "positional asphyxia."

In pretrial depositions, however, some of Arpaio's employees and inmate eyewitnesses said the half-dozen detention officers who scuffled with Norberg used excessive force.

Norberg was dazed and confused when officers went to his cell to serve him with court papers, and a scuffle ensued, witnesses said. Grainy videotape from a jail camera captured officers dragging Norberg down a hallway to a black metal restraint chair.

Detention officer Kimberly Walsh, who held the towel clamped over Norberg's mouth, testified she told two fellow officers that Norberg wasn't breathing.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Joseph Hinton, Virginia Johnson, Myrtle Sullenger, Louis Sanchez.

DISMISSALS: Olveyne Hayes.

CENSUS: 52 (Med., Surg.-24, Long-term Care-25, CCU-3).

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1999

In the year ahead, there's a possibility that you could get a once in a lifetime opportunity to put together an enterprise which will be both logical and profitable. It'll involve an area you know quite well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The answers you've been searching for are right at your fingertips, so take the time today to rethink a matter that has seemed unresolvable, and has been causing complications. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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) From your dealings today with an associate older than yourself, you could become extremely lucky in material ways. This will be a person who takes commitments very seriously.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make this a pleasant day for yourself by getting together with several old friends you haven't seen for some time. They'll enjoy seeing you as much as you'll enjoy seeing them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't give up too easily on objectives you've established for yourself today should you fail on your first try. Although they may be difficult to achieve, persistence is key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a strong chance you might hear from an old acquaintance of yours who has a proposal to suggest to you today. Check it out, for it could be a fortunate arrangement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In an unassuming yet forceful manner, you'll be very effective today in taking charge of a situation that is in dire need of a change. You'll direct what needs to be done without rufflin' egos.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Should you have to deal with an issue that impels you to make an important decision, let your past experiences serve as your guide. What has worked previously may also be applicable today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be willing to work hard today not only for yourself, but also for those under your responsibility. Your efforts will pay off in more ways than one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Placing everyone you deal with on a one-on-one basis, and making him or her feel like the most important person in the world will prove to be a remarkable quality for you today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you devote your time today to doing things you deem to be constructive, it will gain you much more gratification than engaging in some pursuit for pleasure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Everyone admires a person who has the courage and intelligence to say what needs to be said without blaming anyone, and this could be you today. If so, you'll win respect and appreciation from all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could feel as if a weight has been lifted from your shoulders as circumstances unfold in a manner today that may enable you to take care of a long overdue obligation.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s			57 55⅛ 55⅜+ ⅛	
AT&T Corp	87¼	85	13-16 86 3-16+ 5-16	
AirTouch	93	91	15-16 92 15-16+2 7-16	
Albertsons			56¼ 55¼ 56¼+ 9-16	
AlldSignal			43 7-16 42 13-16 42⅝— ⅛	
Alltel			61 7-16 60 3-16 61 +15-16	
AmOnline s	173¾	160⅛	161¼+ 3¾	
AmOnline wi			82 80 13-16 81⅛+ 1¼	
AmStores			32 11-16 32¼ 32⅛+ ⅜	
Ameritech	62¾	61⅜	62 11-16+ 1¼	
AndarkPtr s	30¼	29	15-16 30⅛+ 7-16	
Armcolnc			5 3-16 55 — 1-16	
AtlRichfld	59¼	58¼	58⅜— 3-16	
ATMOS Egy			25 7-16 25¼ 25 5-16	
Aviall	10¾	10¾	10⅜— 1-16	
BP Amoco	85¾	84¼	84⅝+ 1¼	
BakerHughes	17⅜	17	17 3-16+ 1-16	
BankAmerica	65	64	7-16 64⅝+ 1¼	
BellAtl s	58½	57⅛	58 3-16+ ⅛	
BellSouth s	46⅛	45¾	45⅝+1 3-16	
BethSteel	9	3-16	8 9-16 8⅜— 5-16	
BurlNoSFe s	34⅜	33	15-16 34 1-16+ ½	
CBS Corp	37¾	37	37 3-16+ ⅛	
Caterpillar	45	13-16	45 3-16 45⅝+13-16	
CenSoWst			25 24 9-16 24¾+ 5-16	
Chevron			80¼ 79 15-16 80 + ⅛	
Citigroup			53 9-16 52¾ 53⅜+ 1⅛	
Coastal s			32 31 5-16 31⅝— ⅜	
CocaCola	64¾	64	3-16 64 7-16+ 9-16	
ColgatePalm			87⅛ 86 87⅛+11-16	
ComclMetals			23 2323 + ⅛	
CooperIn			43 42¼ 42¾+ ⅜	
CyprusAmax			11 3-16 10 15-16 11 1-16	
DaimlrChry n			95¾ 94¾ 94⅝+13-16	
DallSemicn	36½	35¾	36 3-16+ 9-16	
DeltaAirl s			54⅛ 53¾ 53 7-16+ ¼	
Dillards Inc			26¼ 25⅝ 26⅛+ ⅜	
DowChem			94 7-16 93¾ 93¾— 7-16	
DuPont			54 7-16 53¾ 53⅜— ⅛	
EastmanChem			46 45¼ 45⅞+ ⅛	
EstKodak			66 65 9-16 65⅝+ ⅛	
EDS Corp	47	15-16	47 1-16 47 1-16—15-16	
Entergy			28¼ 27 15-16 28⅛+ 1-16	
Exxon	69	15-16	68 11-16 68 15-16— ½	
FstBkSys Am			20¼ 20 7-16 20 7-16— ⅛	
Flowers			24 5-16 23¾ 24 + ⅛	
FordMotor s	58	11-16	57⅝ 57 11-16— 3-16	
GTE Cp			65 11-16 64⅝ 65⅛+ ⅜	
GenDynam s			58¼ 58 1-16 58⅛+ ⅜	
GenElec			99 15-16 98¾ 99⅛+ 1⅜	
GenMills			83¼ 82¼ 82⅝+ 9-16	
GenMotors	84	9-16	83 9-16 83⅜— 3-16	
GaPacGP			67¼ 67 1-16 67⅛+ 2⅛	
GlobalMar			8 1-16 7⅝ 7 15-16+ 1-16	
Goodrich			33¾ 33⅛ 33⅜— 1-16	
Goodyear s			48¾ 48¼ 48 7-16+ ⅛	
GtAtlPac			31⅝ 30⅝ 31⅜+15-16	
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Hanson ADS	37	3-16	37 1-16+ 1	
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HomeDepot			58¼ 57⅝ 57⅞+ ⅛	
IBM	178⅛	174¼	177 11-16+4 15-16	
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JohnsonJn			85¾ 85¼ 85⅛+ ⅛	
K mart	17	3-16	16 13-16 17 3-16+11-16	
Kroger Co			61 3-16 60 9-16 61⅛+ ⅜	
Litton			55¼ 54⅛ 55⅛+1 7-16	
LockheedM s			37¼ 36⅜ 36⅞+ ⅜	
Lowes Cos s			55 5-16 54 11-16 55 + 1	
Lubys			14⅛ 14⅛ 14⅛+ 5-16	
LucentTech s			99 5-16 97 5-16 98⅛+ 2¼	
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MediaOne			55 9-16 54⅜ 55⅛+ 1⅛	
Medtronic			84 11-16 83⅛ 83 9-16— 7-16	
Mobil			87¼ 85⅞ 86 — ⅜	
Monsanto			48⅛ 47 7-16 47⅜+ ⅛	
MorganJP	109	11-16	108 7-16 109 5-16+15-16	
Motorola			66¼ 65¼ 66 + 1	
NCR Corp			45⅞ 43 11-16 45 + 1¼	
Navistar			43¼ 35¼ 42 7-16+7 3-16	
OryxEngy			11 3-16 10⅞ 11 + ⅜	
Penney JC	38	13-16	38⅛ 38 13-16+13-16	
PennzEnergy s			11 10⅞ 10 13-16+ ⅛	
PepBoys			19 15-16 19¼ 19 5-16+ ¼	
PepsiCo	37	15-16	37 5-16 37 11-16+ 9-16	
PhelpDodge			46¼ 46¼ 46¼+ 5-16	
PhilipPet			40 39⅝ 39 13-16+ ⅛	
PilgrmPrd B			20⅝ 20 7-16 20 11-16+ 3-16	
Polaroid			20⅛ 19 7-16 19¼+ ⅛	
Praxair			35 15-16 35⅜ 35¼+11-16	
ProctGamb			88 15-16 87⅞ 88¼+ 1¼	
PubSNwMx			16 11-16 16 5-16 16⅛+ 5-16	
ReliantEngy			27⅞ 27¼ 27¾+ 5-16	
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SBC Comm			51 3-16 50 13-16 50⅝+ 1-16	
SaraLee s			26¼ 25⅝ 26 3-16+1 1-16	
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SherwinW			25⅜ 25 1-16 25¼+ ⅛	
SmithIntBchm			71 7071 + 2⅜	
SouthernCo			25 11-16 25 1-16 25 11-16+13-16	
SwstAirl s			29¾ 28 13-16 29¼+ 7-16	
SprintFON n			81 15-16 80⅝ 81 15-16+ 2	
SprintPCS n			33⅜ 33¼ 33⅛+ ⅛	
Sunoco Inc			34 11-16 33 13-16 34 3-16+ ½	
TNP Ent			31¾ 31 3-16 31 3-16— ⅛	
Tandy			54¼ 52¼ 54¼+ 1¾	
TempleInland			59 58¾ 58 9-16+ 5-16	
Tenneco			30¾ 29 11-16 29 13-16— ⅛	
Texaco			50¾ 50 1-16 50⅝+ 3-16	
TexInd			25½ 24¾ 24 11-16— 1-16	
TexasInst			96⅛ 95⅛ 95⅝+ 1¼	
TexUtil			41¾ 41¼ 41⅜+ ¼	
Textron			76⅝ 74¾ 76 5-16+2 1-16	
TriconGlbR			58 3-16 57¾ 58 1-16+1 1-16	
TrinityInds			35⅜ 35 35 3-16+ ⅛	
TritonEngy			6⅜ 6 3-16 6⅛— ⅛	
Tyler			5¼ 55 — ⅛	
US West Inc			60 15-16 6060⅝+ ⅛	
USX-Marathn			23 1-16 22¾ 23 + 3-16	
USX-USS			28¾ 27 9-16 27⅝+ ⅛	
UnCarbde			42¼ 38¾ 39 9-16—1 11-16	
UnionPacif			48 15-16 48 7-16 48⅜+ ¼	
UnitedTech			121¼ 119 5-16 119 11-16+11-16	
Unocal			30¾ 29 11-16 29¾	
Venator Grp			4 9-16 4 7-16 4¼	
WalMart			87⅜ 85¼ 87⅛+ 3⅛	
WellsFargo			35¼ 34¼ 35⅛+ 1	
WstnGasRs			4½ 4¼ 4⅜+ ¼	
WinnDixie			42⅜ 41 11-16 42 3-16+ 9-16	
Xerox Corp	120	5-16	118¼ 118 7-16+ 3-16	
Xerox Cp wi			60½ 60¼ 60⅜+ ½	

Berry's World



Jim Berry

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"As class president will you be governing with, or without, moral authority?"

In impeachment:

Hyperbole was in full flower

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reading Republican forecasts, the acquittal of George Washington's 41st successor may have put every cherry tree at risk of chopping by youths who will lie rather than confess.

For if President Clinton can get by with dishonesty, the House impeachment prosecutors said, the message will be that children can too.

They argued as well that the American legacy of duty and honor would be so damaged as to leave doubt that people would be willing to defend it.

According to Democratic prophecies, Clinton's impeachment demeaned the process, weakened the presidency itself, opened a path to political prosecutions.

In impeachment, hyperbole was part of the rhetoric of Republican prosecution and Democratic defense. The warnings of doom were not credible, then or now.

But they were part of the argument.

"I wonder if, after this culture war is over, an America will survive that will be worth fighting to defend?" Rep. Henry Hyde said in closing the case against Clinton, knowing the Senate would not convict the president.

The list of dire predictions grew steadily over the 13 months from the beginning of the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal to the Senate votes acquitting Clinton on House articles of impeachment for perjury and obstruction of justice.

Now that it is done, and Clinton has been spared conviction, the grimmest of those forecasts are being toned down. "Only time will tell," said Hyde, the chief House prosecutor, who had claimed prior to the Senate's two not guilty verdicts that acquittal would permanently undermine fair and equal justice.

And Democrats say that despite

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the damage to this president, there probably will be no lasting harm to the office of the presidency.

"We really upheld the presidency," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., "and therefore, I think the damage to it will be temporary and minimal."

What time has told about forecasts in the entire impeachment case is that almost every prediction has been wrong.

Except the one about the verdicts. Nobody thought there were or would be 67 Senate votes to convict Clinton and force him from office.

The warning that American youth would see unpunished lying by the president as a license to do it themselves was threaded through GOP arguments to the end.

"What do we say to the kids about truth and justice, about honesty and integrity, about the political and governmental heritage they should admire and emulate?" Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., asked after voting to convict.

Logically, that none of those standards have changed, and that Clinton's conduct was neither to be admired nor emulated.

Washington, of course, was the president who could not tell a lie, and so, legendarily, admitted as a boy that he had chopped down the cherry tree.

Clinton is a president who can tell one, more than one, although not, his lawyers maintained, under oath.

The oath, to tell the truth, would be a casualty of acquittal, the prosecutors argued. "We have reduced lying under oath to a breach of etiquette, but only if you are the president," Hyde said.

"The impact of allowing a president to stand above the law will be felt for generations to come," argued Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

But after the Senate voted against ousting Clinton, Hyde said he could only hope and pray that the oath against lying would remain a strong pillar of American justice.

"Only time will tell what effect all of this has had on the efficacy, the enforceability of the oath," he said.

Ironically, one of the few impeachment forecasts that stood up was Hyde's, more than a year ago — and it held despite his best efforts to disprove it. Hyde said at the start, long before Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr gave the House a case for impeaching Clinton, that impeachment would have to elicit bipartisan support. "So nothing much will happen until the Democrats decide something should happen," Hyde said.

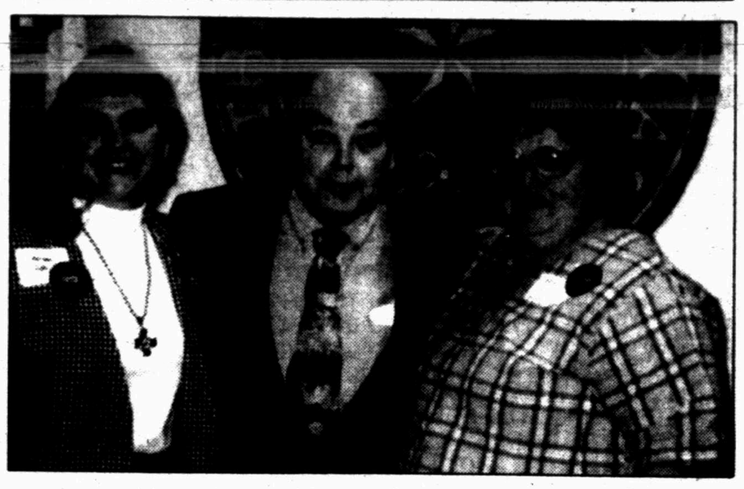
They didn't. Republicans drove impeachment through the House, and in the Senate trial, which ended with all 45 Democrats voting not guilty. What bipartisanship there was came in the votes of 10 GOP senators to acquit on the perjury count, five on obstruction of justice.

Then, of course, there is the ancestor of all flawed forecasts, the Supreme Court decision that Clinton could be sued in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case while serving as president.

"It appears to us highly unlikely to occupy any substantial amount of petitioner's time," the court said in the 1997 decision, opening the path that ultimately led to impeachment.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and special correspondent for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.





ATTEND TCTA CONVENTION — Charlotte Clifton, president of Snyder Classroom Teachers, and Darlene Robbins, secretary, joined several hundred teachers from across the state at the Texas Capitol on Feb. 4. They met with Rep. David Counts and Sen. Tom Haywood to discuss education issues and the current legislative session. Shown in Counts' office (top photo) from left, are Jeff Levens of Snyder, congressional aide; Robbins, Counts, Clifton and Snyder Mayor David Holt. In the bottom photo, Clifton, left, and Robbins are shown with Sen. Haywood. (Contributed Photos)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Girl's Claims of Molestation Set Family Members at Odds

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have custody of my granddaughter, "Natasha," because my son and daughter-in-law divorced when Natasha was 3 months old. My daughter-in-law got involved with drugs and gave the baby to my son. My son had an accident and gave custody of Natasha to me because he could no longer take care of her.

When I turned 57, I sent Natasha to live with my daughter and son-in-law because I thought I was getting too old to have a 9-year-old.

A year ago, I found out that my son-in-law had been molesting Natasha, and I took her back. We went to the prosecuting attorney. After a year of counseling and trials, my son-in-law was found guilty of child molestation in the first degree.

Abby, when will my daughter stop blaming Natasha and me? She's telling everybody that Natasha lied — that her husband never touched the child. She insists Natasha lied because she never liked her uncle. It has been a year now. Will my daughter ever get over it?

TROUBLED MOM
IN WASHINGTON

DEAR TROUBLED MOM: Your daughter is in denial, and there's no guarantee she'll ever get over it. Had there not been corroborating evidence to back up the accusation, I'm sure there wouldn't have been a conviction.

It seems that you are the only stable adult in Natasha's life. Although raising a child alone is difficult at your age, I hope you'll find the strength to do it.

Believe me, you are far from alone in having to assume the role of parent to a grandchild. According to U.S. Census Bureau figures, the number of children being raised by grandparents increased by 44 percent between 1980 and 1990. That figure went up 23 percent between 1990 and 1997. As of 1999, 1.4 million children live apart from their parents in households headed by grandparents.

In 1987, a support network called GAP (Grandparents as Parents) was founded that facilitates the sharing of experiences and feelings between grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. It provides information and referrals, a telephone support network, group member listing and assistance in starting groups.

To contact them, write: GAP, P.O. Box 964, Lakewood, Calif. 90714. (Please enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

A service sponsored by AARP called the Grandparents Information Center also refers custodial grandparents to support groups nationwide, and provides free publications on a variety of issues related to raising grandchildren, financial assistance and advocacy. To contact them, write: Grandparents Information Center, 601 E St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20049.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MY ASIAN FRIENDS: It's the Year of the Hare (Rabbit), and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. So: "Gung Hay Fat Choy," "Kung Hsi Fa Tsai," "Kung Ho Hsin Hsi," "Hsin Nien Kuai Le," "San Ni Fei Lo" and "Chuc Mung Nam Moi." I wish happiness and prosperity to you all.

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Local educators attend TCTA session in Austin

AUSTIN — Snyder ISD educators Charlotte Clifton and Darlene Robbins were among 700 teaching professionals from across the state who gathered in Austin Feb. 4-6 for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association's 1999 annual convention.

TCTA is a non-profit, non-union professional education association with 40,000 members across the state. TCTA president Sue Barker of Whitesboro was presiding officer of the convention.

The local teachers are elected delegates of Snyder CTA, a local affiliate of TCTA. As delegates, they helped decide TCTA's stance on important education-related policy issues under discussion in the 76th session of the Texas Legislature and attended sessions on such topics as certification, vouchers, child abuse and the new code of ethics.

Delegates heard an address from keynote speaker Riney Jordan of Hamilton, who worked for 30 years in public schools as a teacher and administrator.

At the convention, TCTA also presented its annual awards, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, James E. "Pete" Laney, D-Hale Center, was named TCTA Friend of Education in the public official category. He was recognized during opening ceremonies and briefly addressed TCTA members after accepting his award.

Other award winners who were recognized included retired Col. William H. Casper of Mineral Wells, Friend of Education in the private citizens category; Tom Miller of Midland, Joanne Ride of San Angelo and Richard Rivera of Weslaco, Administrator of the Year Award winners; Paul Douglas Belton of Borger, named School Board Trustee of the Year; Juanita Fleming Harman, former Midland teacher, named TCTA Retiree of the Year; and Michelle Melendez of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Staci Semrad of the Wichita Falls Times Record News and Doug Wilson of WFAA-TV of Dallas, winners of TCTA's Silver Apple media awards.

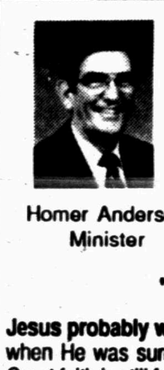
TCTA was founded in 1927 and is the only statewide teachers association that limits active membership to education professionals directly involved in classroom teaching or teaching support.

Linda Tripp thinking about writing book about affair

WASHINGTON (AP) — Linda Tripp is reviving the idea of writing a book and says she thinks President Clinton "will think twice" before engaging in any improper behavior in the aftermath of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Appearing Monday night on CNN's "Larry King Live" program, Mrs. Tripp said that "from what I'm seeing, the truth is just never going to get out there, so to the extent that I may decide to let the truth come out," she is "seriously considering" doing a book. She says Ms. Lewinsky is "protecting" the president by not revealing all that she knows about their relationship.

In raising the book possibility, Mrs. Tripp is providing her critics with yet another issue to use against her. Mrs. Tripp's supporters have spent much of the past year saying she did not have a profit motive in mind in tape-recording Ms. Lewinsky's confidences about her relationship with Clinton.



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"YOUR FAITH IS GREAT"

Jesus probably was surprised to find a Gentile woman with such great faith when He was surrounded by Israelites with so little faith (Matthew 15:28). Great faith is still found in men and women who on the surface would not seem to be likely candidates. The story of the Gentile woman reminded me of a Christian woman I know who is very poor financially, but is rich toward God. She gives at least 15% of her pension check to the church, gives for special needs, and provides food and clothing for the needy. Like the Gentile woman, she surprises those around her by showing her faith that God will continue to provide.

How our faith grows when we are willing to "take the risk" of giving too much of ourselves and our material goods in helping someone else! What a great faith it is that can shine through our outward appearance and show itself to Jesus through our love for others.

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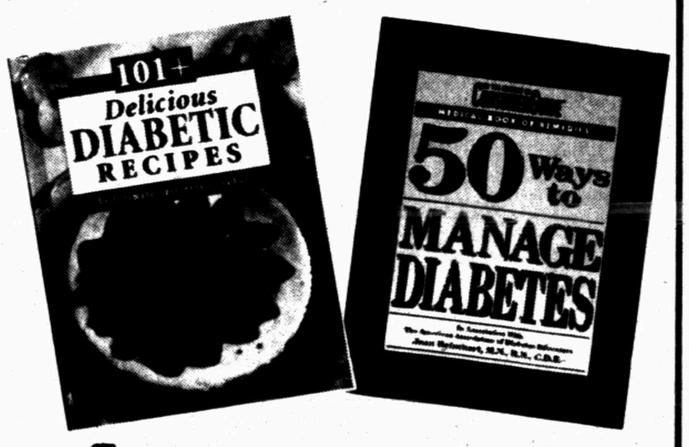
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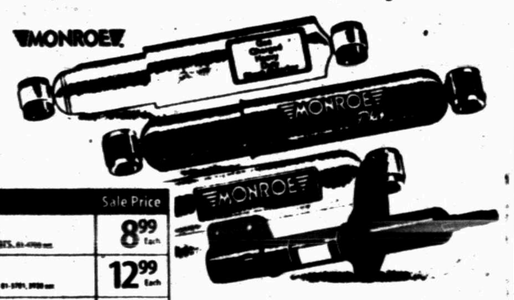
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Capitol Briefs

Panel OKs consumer protection bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to strengthen penalties against companies that switch customer's telephone providers without consent or bill them for unauthorized services was approved Monday by a Senate panel.

"This committee's decision sends a strong message that we put customers first in Texas. We will not tolerate deceptive marketing that cheats our citizens," said Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, who sponsored the bill.

The Special Senate Committee on Electric Restructuring unanimously approved the bill, which goes to the full Senate for consideration. It would give the Public Utility Commission broader powers to levy fines and revoke the licenses of companies found repeatedly breaking the law.

Anticipating that legislation to allow competition for residential and business electric customers will pass this year, the bill also would apply to the electric utility industry. An identical bill was filed in the House by Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston.

"Most of the utilities are good people and are not deceiving people. ... We're going after the few bad apples," Mrs. Nelson said.

While slamming — changing providers without consent — was outlawed in 1997, Public Utility Commission members told the panel that they are getting an increasing number of complaints from telephone customers.

"It's the least-able group that's being victimized," said PUC member Judy Walsh. "These people are making a fortune abusing customers that don't complain."

Mrs. Nelson said her bill would remove a 30-day remedy clause that companies currently use to escape penalties. Under current law, a company caught slamming has 30 days to prove its actions weren't intentional and to correct the mistake to avoid penalties.

Mrs. Nelson's bill is SB86.
Ms. Danburg's bill is HB552.
Carona's bill is SB47.

Ban of public hearings protested

AUSTIN (AP) — Environmental and citizen groups are protesting a bill they say would attack their right to participate in pollution-control permitting decisions.

"This bill guarantees that citizens have nothing to say about what happens in our communities and nothing to say about how industry affects our daily living in and around our homes," said LaNell Anderson, who spoke at a Monday news conference on behalf of Grandparents of East Harris County, a citizen's group.

Under current regulations, it takes from six months to two years for a business to receive an environmental permit through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, during which time the public may participate in a notice and comment period as well as a contested case hearing.

The legislation in question, which has been filed by state Rep. D.R. "Tom" Uher, R-Bay City, would eliminate the case hearing phase.

"We want to ensure that the TNRCC has a finite time in which to grant a permit; otherwise, the process can drag on forever," said Rep. James "Jim" Keffer, R-Eastland, who is a co-author of the bill.

"We have lost businesses who get frustrated and go on to other states, and rural areas lose opportunities for manufacturing."

Hearings are requested in only a small share of permit applications, according to TNRCC. About 5 percent of the more than 10,000 permits granted annually go through a contested process, officials from the agency estimated.

The bill has been filed as HB 801.

Fruit, vegetables, fish can prevent 2nd heart attacks

DALLAS (AP) — A Mediterranean-style diet high in fruits, vegetables, fish and beans — already proven to reduce the risk of cancer — may also protect people from suffering a second heart attack, a study shows.

A study of more than 400 men and women over nearly four years found that people who eat these kinds of foods are 50 to 70 percent less likely to suffer repeat heart attacks.

"By making some simple dietary changes that are easy to understand and easy to follow, a person can improve his or her chances of avoiding a second heart attack and having a better quality of life," said Dr. Michel de Lorgeril, who led the French project known as the Lyon Diet Heart Study.

The findings were published Monday in Circulation, the journal of the American Heart Association.

The patients, all of whom had suffered one heart attack, were similar in body fat, blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels, and about one-fifth of each group continued to smoke. After an initial heart attack, each study subject was put on one of two diets.

About half the group ate a "Western" diet that averaged almost 34 percent of total calories from fat and almost 12 percent of calories from saturated fat. The study did not further identify the diet. The diet of the other half averaged 30 percent of total calories from fat and 8 percent from saturated fat.

In June, the same researchers found that participants who followed a Mediterranean diet faced a 56 percent lower risk of dying during the study period, and a 61 percent lower risk of developing cancer.

Dr. Ronald Krauss, head of molecular medicine at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory at the University of California at Berkeley, said the French study is one of several over the years that show it's possible to reduce the risk of heart disease or recurrent heart disease using dietary means.

"It supports the overall recommendations we've made for years regarding the importance of a diet that is low in saturated fats and rich in fruits, vegetables and fibers," said Krauss, who was not involved with the Lyon study.

Dr. Dean Ornish, a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, said an Asian diet is healthier than either Western or Mediterranean fare. He led a group that published a dietary study in December.

Beggar returns to rob monastery

NEW YORK (AP) — A beggar who received $2 when he knocked on a priest's monastery door went back a second time and got another $2. The third time, he robbed the place.

After knocking on the Brooklyn monastery door the third time Monday evening, the beggar shoved his way in and demanded more money from the 74-year-old Roman Catholic priest. When he was turned down, he started pummeling the priest, police said.

Two other priests, one 76 and one 78, jumped into the melee to try to stop the beating. The robber fought all three priests before running away with a set of keys and some personal belongings.

The 78-year-old priest was slightly injured. The priests' names were not released.

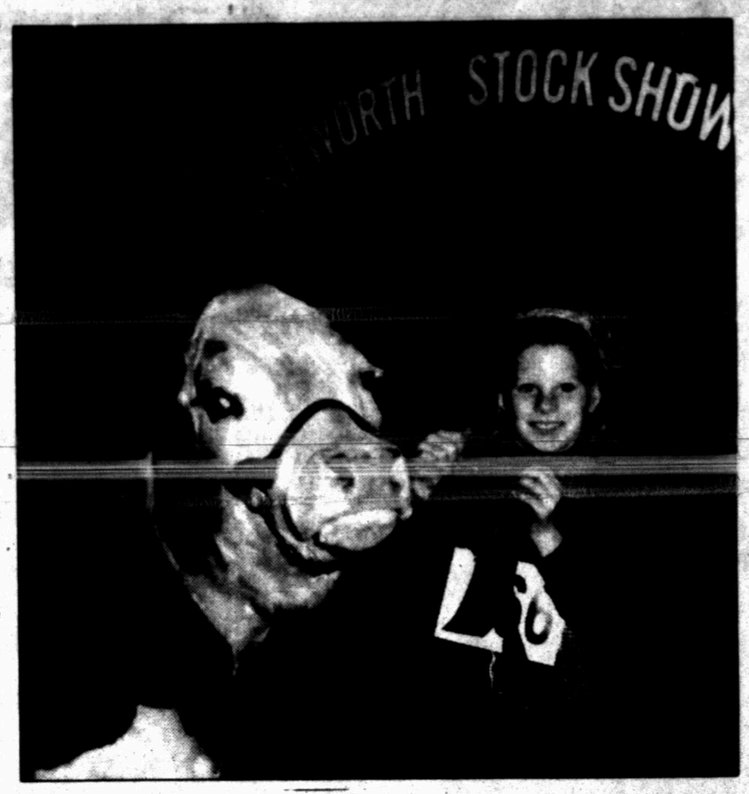
Police had no suspects.

Two newborn boys accidently switched

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — Two newborn boys were finally home with their biological mothers after they were accidentally switched in the hospital.

One boy went home with the wrong mother for about an hour before St. Joseph Hospital discovered the error, authorities said Monday.

"We're happy to see this positive outcome and regret all the emotional turmoil this incident has caused," said hospital spokesman Larry Ainsworth, after DNA tests confirmed the babies were now with their correct parents.



EXHIBITS WINNER — Tess Gruben, Snyder 4-H member, exhibited a first place light-medium weight steer in the Hereford classes of the Junior Steer Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth on Feb. 4. Over 6,000 young people from across Texas exhibited their educational projects during the 103rd edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, which ended Feb. 7. (Contributed Photo)

District judge to rule on new evidence in Munchausen case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Prosecutors in the federal criminal case against Cynthia Martinez Lyda, accused of harming two of her young sons, say they have new evidence showing another of her sons was poisoned.

U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia is expected to rule this week whether evidence about the other son, Aaron, who died in Phoenix in 1990, may be admitted in Ms. Lyda's upcoming trial, a San Antonio Express-News columnist reported.

Ms. Lyda has been diagnosed with Munchausen's syndrome by proxy, a disorder in which caretakers fake or induce illness in children so they are viewed as devoted caregivers.

In 1994, Ms. Lyda was caught on videotape at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center in San Antonio blowing into a feeding tube inserted into the stomach of her son Joseph, then 8 months old.

Ms. Lyda has been indicted on charges of assaulting and endangering Joseph and an older son, Daniel, who suffered permanent brain damage while alone with his mother in a Wilford Hall hospital room in 1993.

Ms. Lyda's ex-husband, David Martinez, now has custody of the two children.

Jury selection in the trial is set for March 2.

In a hearing last week, defense attorney Kurt May reacted angrily to information revealed by assistant U.S. attorney Jack Stick that a lab test showed Aaron was poisoned with ipecac.

"The government has thrown an incendiary bomb into the marketplace of this trial," May said.

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Most herbal remedies are ineffective

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently received a flyer about an herbal remedy that, the manufacturer claimed, would enable me to lose weight without dieting. What do you think?

DEAR READER: I receive many questions about herbal medicines. I suspect this happens because many manufacturers, who want to buy into this lucrative business, actively promote their products. Also, employees of health-food stores invariably try to convince their customers that one or another herbal remedy is either a substitute for prudent living habits or an alternative to modern prescription drugs.

In general, these substances are not effective. Most are harmless, although some — such as ephedra and certain contaminated Chinese herbs — have caused fatalities. Studies have shown that synthetic vitamins are just as effective as the "natural" types. Prescription diuretics are much more useful than the herbal varieties. Exotic roots and plants are not superior to commercially manufactured drugs. Herbal weight-loss products are, to my knowledge, simply expensive quackery. To lose weight, you must reduce your caloric intake to a level below your energy requirements. This solution is preferable to short-term reliance on expensive and ineffective herbal products. In my opinion, diseases and symptoms are best treated by orthodox methods under the supervision of qualified medical personnel.

Despite these misgivings, I try to maintain an open mind about traditional herbal medicines. Asian cultures have used such compounds for centuries, and I admit that some may be useful in one form or another. Therefore, I do not make a blanket indictment of herbal supplements; rather, I appeal to people to seek medical attention for problems, and exereise healthy skepticism and good sense in evaluating the advertisements and claims of health-food cures.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my revised and completely new Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What does a slow pulse indicate? Mine is 46. My blood pressure dropped from 189/90 to 135/86 in three weeks. Should I worry about this?

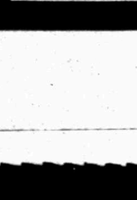
DEAR READER: A slow pulse rate is generally considered to be 60 beats a minute or less. Ordinarily, a slow pulse is normal for healthy people, especially those who are physically active and well-trained. Some diseases, such as hypothyroidism, can slow the pulse. In addition, many medicines — notably beta-blockers used to treat hypertension and heart disease — will reduce the heart rate.

Your blood pressure was initially quite high but fell to normal. Was this because of treatment? If so, your slow pulse may be one effect of the medication.

If you are otherwise in good health and take no medicine, I believe that your resting pulse of 46 is normal. Keep an eye on that high-blood-pressure tendency, though.

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Datebook

Feb. 16, 1999

Today is the 47th day of 1999 and the 58th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1941, Duke Ellington recorded "Take the A Train."

On this day in 1950, "What's My Line" premiered on CBS television, with host John Charles Daly.

On this day in 1959, Fidel Castro appointed himself Premier of Cuba.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Brooks Adams (1838-1918), historian; George Macaulay Trevelyan (1876-1962), historian; Edgar Bergen (1903-1978), ventriloquist; George F. Kennan (1904-), U.S. diplomat-historian, is 95; Patty Andrews (1920-), singer, is 79; Sonny Bono (1935-1998), singer-politician; John McEnroe (1959-), tennis player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1959, John McEnroe was born in Wiesbaden, West Germany.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." — Henry Brooks Adams

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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Dragging death murder...

Testimony underway in Jasper trial

JASPER (AP) — Physical evidence from the crime scene, racist tattoos all over his body and paperwork showing he intended to establish a new hate group will link John William King to the gruesome dragging death of a black man last year, prosecutors said today in opening arguments at King's trial.

"Evidence will show Bill King had to do something dramatic in order to gain attention in their warped world," Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said as testimony began in King's capital murder trial.

Gray, in his opening statements to the jury this morning, described King as a young man "full of hate and he has all kids of tattoos on his body ... that will reflect and tell you the deep-seated anger and hatred that this man has."

Gray said the tattoos include nazi and Ku Klux Klan symbols, plus "a little tattoo he's very proud of. It's a tattoo of a black man hanging from a tree."

A lighter, King's DNA found on a cigarette and less than a drop of the victim's blood on King's shoes all tie the 24-year-old unemployed laborer to a wooded area and county road where Byrd was beaten last June 7, then chained to the back of a pickup truck and dragged for nearly three miles.

The nude body of Byrd, 49, an unemployed vacuum cleaner salesman, was shredded on the bumpy asphalt, his head and an arm severed from his torso.

Gray today also said investigators found handwritten notes in King's apartment that included a constitution, by-laws, a code of ethics and a membership application for a group to be called the Texas Rebel Soldiers of the Confederate Knights of America.

King's lawyer, Haden "Sonny" Cribbs, declined to make an opening statement today.

"The evidence, it appears overwhelming," Cribbs acknowledged Monday. "But you've got to prove the accused has done the offense."

King, the first of three white men to be tried for Byrd's murder, faces life in prison or the death penalty if convicted.

Obituaries

Gus Sterling

1920-1999

Gus Sterling, lifetime Ira resident, died at 10:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Sterling, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Born on Dec. 1, 1920 in Ira, he married Jean Johnson on Jan. 26, 1942 in Rockwall. Mr. Sterling, an Ira High School graduate, served in the Army Air Corp during World War II. He was a retired production superintendent and oil well operator.

Mr. Sterling was a member of the Ira Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Sterling in 1986; and four brothers, Leon Sterling, Pete Sterling, Marshall Sterling and Mike Sterling.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Sterling of Ira; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tommy and Randa Sterling of Ira and Randy Sterling of LaGrange; another daughter-in-law, Lynn Bishop of Helotes; three sisters, Ilene Kruse of Ira and Wanda West and Helen Allen, both of Snyder.

John Loyola

1935-1999

John B. Loyola, a native of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 13, in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Loyola, 63, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Danny Williams officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Nov. 1, 1935 in Snyder, he married Jean Hunt on Feb. 19, 1957 in Snyder. Mr. Loyola delivered for Roe's Furniture for 23 years.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Loyola of Snyder; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Joe Key and Lisa and David Tate, all of Snyder, and Debbie David of Abilene; a son, Tracy Loyola of Snyder; two sisters, Mary Orosco of San Angelo and Amelia Garza of Austin; four brothers, Vincent Loyola of Albuquerque, N.M., Tony Peralez and Freddie Peralez, both of Snyder, and Charlie Loyola; his mother-in-law, Maurine Hunt of Tyler; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Ruth Ezell

1918-1999

Graveside service for Ruth Olene Ezell, longtime Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Coahoma Cemetery. Barry Ezra, a special nephew and Church of Christ minister, will officiate.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ezell, 80, died at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born March 12, 1918 in Brown County, she was reared there and graduated from Blanket High School. She married Mr. Ezell on June 8, 1940 in Brownwood.

The Ezells moved to Scurry County in the mid 1950s and had lived in Ira prior to moving to Snyder in 1969. She was a homemaker and a member of the West 30th Street Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Julie Anne Ezell on Nov. 15, 1986; three sisters, Winnie Ezra, Vera Ezra and Kathryn Anderson; one brother, Pierce Ezra; and her parents Carrington and Lillian Andrews Ezra.

Survivors include her husband Jack J. Ezell of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Johnnie and Jo Anne Ezell of Coahoma; a brother, Gerald Ezra of May; three sisters, Nelda Nagle of Pecos, Pearl Harvey of Midland and Martha Ezra of Ira; a grandson and his wife, John Ed and Libby Ezell of Coahoma.

Lou Williams

1925-1999

Funeral service for Lou Williams, 73, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Ave. D Baptist Church. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Williams died Sunday, Feb. 14, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Born March 22, 1925 in Corsicana, Mrs. Williams was a homemaker and had lived in Colorado City for 25 years before moving to Snyder last November. An antique dealer, Mrs. Williams was a lifetime member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Green in 1989; and by two brothers, Pete Pevehouse and Bud Pevehouse.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Lyn and Roxy Small of Colorado City and Darlene and Kenny York of Oklaunion, Tex.; two sisters, Cathryn Brown of Lubbock and Maggie Jo Royston of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two brothers, Bill Pevehouse and Charles Pevehouse, both of Lubbock; five grandchildren, April and Mark Velasquez of Snyder, Lonnie and Mayette Mitchell of Tucson, Sherri and Don Fuhr of Springfield, Mo., Paul Green of Wichita Falls and Kristi Green of Henrietta; four great-grandchildren, Sean and Shelbi Velasquez of Snyder and Brandon and Ashley Fuhr of Springfield; and a special friend, Lloyd Dunnam of Glendale, Ariz.

Polly Smith

1922-1999

TERRAL, Okla. — Cletys Bell "Polly" Smith, sister of Jewel Roemisch of Snyder, died Monday, Feb. 15.

Graveside service for Mrs. Smith, 77, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Terral Cemetery. Clarence Mize will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Morehead-Goetz Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith was born on Jan. 6, 1922 in Montague County. She was a seamstress and a Baptist.

Other survivors include a son, Eugene Hankins of Victoria; a daughter, Marie Sparkman of Victoria; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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City council meets Monday

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were voluntary.

"That's correct," Thomas said, adding that TU's intent was to avoid building an additional generation plant.

Martin's final question was, "So, each and every customer has the option to say, 'No thanks, I'm going to stay with my current rate.'"

Thomas answered, "That's correct."

The council also approved the city's audit and financial reports presented by Becky Roberts of Davis, Kinard and Co.

The audit was deemed as "clean," and drew little reaction from the council.

City secretary Jeanne Johnson requested that the council approve a new accounting system for the city.

The new program would include computer hardware, software, installation and training.

Council member Jerry Webb, however, said he believed the city should upgrade its entire computer system to make each department compatible.

"We need to bring everything up on a level playing field and upgrade at one time," Webb said.

The council agreed to table the item until a comprehensive study of the city's computer systems and the costs involved with upgrading at once could be done.

Because of that action, a request for a budget amendment to purchase the new accounting system was withdrawn.

In other matters, the council approved a contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety that will implement a program to deny renewal of drivers license for anyone convicted of failure to appear.

In other words, if a person receives a traffic ticket and fails to appear on that charge, information would be sent to the Department of Public Safety and that person would not be allowed to renew their drivers license until the ticket was paid.

Municipal Court Judge Ben Smith said the action will hopefully cut down on the number of persons who do not pay their traffic tickets and will also bring in additional revenue.

"I think we could see a little revenue and do some justice for some of these people who think they don't have to answer for their traffic tickets," Smith said.

The council also approved bids for the purchase of three trucks including an International 4700 from Roberts Truck Center of Lubbock for $34,672.78 to be used as a service truck for water distribution; a half-ton pickup from Wilson Motors of Snyder for $20,687 to be used by the sanitation department; and a 1999 Sterling dump truck from Young's Truck Center of Abilene for $55,086 to be used by the street department.

Also approved was a bid in the amount of $4,475 from Jack Sherman Chevrolet in Midland for a service body for the water distribution truck.

Also considered was a request to annex Willow Park Inn into the city. Council members granted the request and set hearings on March 4 and March 15 to allow public input.

In other action, the council ordered the general election for May 1 to elect a mayor, two council members at large and a District 3 council member.

Mayor pro tem Vernest Tippens presided, as Mayor David Holt was absent. Council members present included Martin, Webb, I.E. Martin and Dayton Robertson.

2 people arrested for possession of marijuana

DPS troopers arrested two persons late Monday night for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

The two, a 34-year-old male and a 27-year-old female, were arrested at 10:59 p.m. on U.S. 84 and charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Activity was light otherwise for local law enforcement personnel.

A report of a gas drive-off was made at 1:32 a.m. from Town and Country, and Ann Lord requested an officer at 1 p.m. in reference to items stolen from her backyard in the 3700 block of Avenue U.

DPS troopers investigated a wrecked 18-wheeler at 6 a.m. today on U.S. 84 near the Ennis Creek Rd. exit.

Jerry Woodley of Burleson, the driver of the truck hauling frozen food, was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where he was treated and released.

Producers meet on Wednesday

A farm producer meeting is set for Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater on the campus of Western Texas College.

Provisions of the crop loss disaster assistance program, as well as other programs, will be discussed.

Producers are eligible for losses suffered to the 1998 crops, or losses in any three or more crop years between 1994 and 1998.

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Pancake supper

The Hermleight United Methodist Church will have a pancake supper Wednesday at 6 p.m. It will be followed by Ash Wednesday services.

Ash Wednesday services

The Frist Christian Church and the First Presbyterian Church will celebrate Ash Wednesday in a joint celebration Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available every Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

East Elementary parent council

The East Elementary parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium.

Fish Fry

A Fish Fry sponsored by St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Men and Women's Association will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday in the Parish Center, 30th and Ave. A. Tickets, sold at the door, are $6 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12. Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Discover Creation program

A Discover Creation program, presented by former evolutionists, will be presented from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 22-24 in the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church. Evidence from both science and scripture will be presented and will be informative for both youth and adults.

Distance learning course

Midwestern State University will offer a trimester course, public personnel administation, through the distance learning lab on the Western Texas College campus. The course begins next Tuesday and will meet from 5:30-9:15 p.m. each Tuesday. To apply, call 1-888-521-1112 or 940 397-4400.

Community garden meeting

A meeting to plan the 1999 community garden will be held at 7 p.m. next Tuesdsay in the basement of First Presbyterian Church. All interested persons are welcome.

Kiwanis pancake feast

Snyder Kiwanis Club will held its annual Pancake Feast Saturday, March 6, in the West Elementary Cafeteria from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are $4 per person and children under six may eat free. There will be a drawing for a free TV. Tickets may be purchased at the door, from any club member or by calling 573-2191.

Food Cupboard needs freezer

Snyder Food Cupboard is in need of a large freezer to store meat. Can pay a small sum or will accept a donation. Call 573-3203.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "What Kind of Body Will We have in the Resurrection," followed by "Fear of Death."

Hermleigh photos wanted

The Scurry County Museum is seeking photographs of buildings in Hermleigh. The photos may be donated or loaned and one will be used on the 1999 Christmas ornament. Call 573-6107 or come by the museum on the WTC campus.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Cash Five

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

4-14-21-22-23

(four, fourteen, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three.)

Pick 3

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

0-5-6

(zero, five, six)