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Snyder High's 'The Tempest' advances in contest

Snyder High School's production of "The Tempest" advanced from the District 2-4A One-Act Play Contest here Tuesday with seven students taking home acting awards.

"'The Tempest' is not an easy play to do and I was worried about that, but it (the performance) was just incredible," SHS drama director Jerry Worsham said this morning. "Everyone is still talking about the opening scene, a shipwreck scene.

"It's a young company, but they are pretty strong, lots of talent."

Jared Dennis was selected Best Actor while Emily Zeck and Kade Kubena were named to the All-Star Cast. Earning honorable mention were Jack Hedges and Joey Steakley.

"We're thrilled, of course, and glad to be on our way again," said Worsham, speaking of the drama department's latest march in post district competition. SHS one-act plays have advanced to state 29 times, and have brought home 13 state championships.

Levelland's "Rhinoceros" was the other play to advance. Frenship, which presented "Lepers," will serve as the alternate.

Frenship's Jennifer Given was named Best Actress. Other All-Star Cast selections were Lori Hanna of Frenship, Jenny Baggett of Plainview, Eric Rombokas and Amanda Hamilton of Levelland and Tana Sandlin and Nathan Maxwell of Lamesa.

Honorable mention went to Josh Carter and Josh Thompson of Plainview, Meredith Gill of Frenship, Nick Taylor and Derek Bradley of Levelland and Kembra Cannon of Lamesa.

Other members of the cast and crew for "The Tempest" are Christina Bullard, Clark Church, Mac McCraw, Reid Johnson, Chris Halbert, Jessica Mills, Anna Hannan, Melanie Gibson, Kate McGuire, Ryan Landes, Chris Post, Jay Don Griffin, Andy Parker, Mary Higby, Joanie Wemken, Eldon Scott, Scott Love, Mark Rodriguez and Lone Pedersen.

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Home of Tynia Nelson

Cogdell managers to mull renovation plans on Thursday

Cogdell Hospital's board of managers will discuss renovation plans for an expanded physical therapy and rehabilitation area Thursday morning.

The topic is one of several board members will address during the meeting, set for 8 o'clock in the hospital board room.

Hospital administrators want to move some expanding departments such as speech and occupational therapy and the Heart Gym to the Doctor's Clinic on Trinity Boulevard, where Drs. James Burleson and Paul Thompson had previously had offices.

Those doctors have relocated to the newly-opened St. Mary Healthcare Center, leaving the clinic space available.

On Thursday, the board will review renovation plans as well as growth statistics in the departments targeted for the move.

Also on the agenda is approval of a CT scanner lease/purchase from General Electric through Premier, a purchasing group. Administrators say the $560,000 piece of equipment will be acquired via a block purchase through its connections with St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. That should allow the hospital to save between $35,000 and $75,000.

Routine reports are also on the agenda, including the February financial report, medical staff report and nursing report. Increasing the limit on purchases through Mastercard from $2,500 to $5,000 and approval of accounts payable are other items.

A FAMILY AFFAIR — Family and friends joined former county clerk Frances Billingsley, shown at right, at a reception Tuesday honoring her for 45 years of service to Scurry County. Included among the guests were, from left, cousins Norma Billingsley of San Antonio, Janiece Caulder of Colorado City, and her brother, Jimmie Billingsley of Midland. (SDN Staff Photo)

DCOS board to convene

Development Corporation of Snyder board members convene at 4 p.m. Thursday with a half-dozen business items on the agenda.

Among them is consideration of a Freese & Nichols engineering contract for water lines and a pump station related to the city industrial park.

The board will be briefed on Covenant Communities, Inc. developer of a 72-unit, low-income, factory-built housing community in Mitchell County. Covenant Communities has indicated an interest in developing a similar project in Snyder.

The board will also consider:

•a resolution allowing DCOS Executive Director John DeLille and/or specified board members to sign bills with regard to items purchased through funds from a Rural Development grant;

•financial statements;

•payment of bills;

•the executive director's monthly report.

Following those items, the board will go into executive session for a three-month evaluation of the secretary.

Thursday...

Students ready for UIL contests

WOLFFORTH — Forty-two students will represent Snyder High School in the District 2-4A UIL academic contest here Thursday.

Events include spelling and vocabulary, math, number sense, calculator applications, computer science, journalism, current issues and events, ready writing, accounting, informative and persuasive speaking, prose and poetry interpretation, science and computer applications.

Competitors from Snyder are Lina Alvarez, Dusty Ashby, Wade Ashby, Cara Best, Felsha Biggers, Thomas Bishop, Brandon Boling, Zack Briseno, Amy Brooks, Jessica Brown, Jim Caldwell and Laura Collins.

Others are Kenneth Darlin, Larry English, Christy Garner, Kelly Garner, Cara Glasscock, Trey Gorman, Randi Haggard, Todd Hall, Anna Hanan, Michael Hensley, Matt Hester, Jenise Judah and Dallas Jones.

Also competing will be Trevor Kerr, Kevin Kerr, Melanie Kidd, Kade Kubena, LaTrisha Lee, Sarah Lilly, Chad McMillan, Nickolas Means and Casity Reneau.

Also, Kathy Sanchez, Lucinda Sergent, Bianca Sims, Joey Steakley, Christy Tankersley, Molly Wilson, Wade Yearwood and Emily Zeck.

Sponsors are Becky Johnson, Darlene Stokes, Phyllis Smith, Wynola Early, Richard Hester, Betsy Griffin, Betty Henderson, Thomas Strayhorn, Lynda McCormack and Lynda Patterson, who also serves as Snyder High UIL coordinator.

STUDENT CELEBS — Michael Carrion of Roby and Carmen Zarate of Sweetwater were named Mr. and Miss Western Texas College during Tuesday's Spring Formal on campus. (Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A highbrow is one who listens to classical music even when he's not put on hold."

Our newspaper friend in Hereford is nearly as miffed with nearby Amarillo as we are with abilene.

An editorial in the Amarillo paper took the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce to task for presenting a plan to local taxing entities requiring employees to reside in the county. The Amarillo editorial described the proposal as "unrealistic."

One statement in the editorial really steamed Hereford citizens:

"It's hard enough for rural school districts to attract quality educators... requiring new employees to relocate simply is not realistic."

The Amarillo Globe-News offered its own solution of a local issue: "Some public employees should live in the communities which they work for. Emergency personnel, for example, sometimes need to be quickly summoned. Those who set the laws for a community, such as county and city commissioners, need to live where they are under the same laws they pass. Non-emergency and those who set no laws, however, shouldn't be under this restriction."

The Hereford publisher, O.G. Nieman, said Hereford teachers living in Deaf Smith County should be offended at the suggestion that they are not quality educators. Nieman added, "Do you have to live in the big city to be a quality educator?"

Nieman thanked Amarillo for "looking down your nose at us rural hicks and explaining the situation."

Go ahead Speedy, make it amarillo...abilene needs a sister city.

It all reminds us of an old joke about the small-town feller who found that he had only six months to live.

His doctor suggested that he sell his house and move to the big city. The patient asked, "Will that make me live longer?"

"No," replied the doctor, "but it'll sure seem like it."

TU Electric files refund proposal

TU Electric filed a proposal today to refund $80 million to customers and freeze rates through the remainder of the year.

The refund amounts to a one-time reimbursement of about $17 to a typical residential customer, TU estimates. The refunds would come as a credit on customers' August bills.

The proposal is subject to Public Utility Commission approval and is the result of a joint agreement by TU Electric, the PUC staff, the Office of Public Utility Counsel and the Coalition of Cities served by TU Electric.

Discussions began late last year

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ASK US

Q—What is the address for sending a hint to Heloise?

A—Send it to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, Texas 78279, or fax it to 1-210-HELOISE.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 60 degrees; low, 37; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 37; no precipitation; total for 1997, 5.05 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 20% rain chance. Low around 45. SE wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, becoming partly cloudy, breezy; 20% chance of storms.

Trevor Groat
Partly Cloudy Breezy

Sunset: 6:59 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.
Of 84 days in 1997, the sun has shone 75 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Neutral men are the devil's allies.

Edwin Hubbel Chapin

Fugitive twins arrested following TV show

FORT WORTH (AP) — Deputy U.S. Marshal David Hiebert never bought into the sentiment that he wouldn't track down twins Gerald and Derald Richardson.

The Richardsons, 24, had built a reputation as violent, dangerous drug dealers. When they fled Tarrant County after posting bail in the beating death of an elderly man, police had a hard time tracking them down, since, naturally, people were afraid to talk.

On the lam for three years, the Richardsons apparently were living the high life in Houston. Using the last name Davis, the two reportedly associated with rap musicians, drove Jeep Grand Cherokees, lived in expensive apartments and frequented Houstonarea night clubs, a federal official said.

It all ended Saturday with their arrests after being featured on "America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back."

"These guys were deemed untouchable in their culture," said Hiebert, a member of the North Texas Joint Fugitive Task Force that tracked down the Richardson twins. "Everybody told us we'd never catch them, they got too much money, they got too much this and that. And I said, 'Well, OK. We'll see.' "

The twins were arrested by Hiebert, task force member Jerry Kiser of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department and about 30 other police officials in Houston.

"I've been looking for them for a long time. I'm very, very happy," said Assistant District Attorney Greg Miller, who prosecuted them in the past and will prosecute them in the beating death of Ernest Clark.

Motions have been filed to revoke the Richardsons' probation when they're returned to Fort Worth this week. Miller said Tuesday they also might face charges for jumping bail.

Officials also said they're considering federal weapons charges against the men for possession of an illegal "street sweeper" shotgun and two handguns found inside Derald Richardson's home.

Last month, the television show ran an episode called "The Twins," which generated more than 100 tips. Some tipsters were acquaintances who said the brothers saw the show and thought it was "really cool" that they were featured, Hiebert said.

Complicating the investigation and prosecution was the fact that both are identical, said Fort Worth homicide Sgt. Paul Kratz.

"They interchange identities. Even when you have eyewitnesses willing to talk, it becomes really hard when you have identical twins," he said.

Miller said the twins are suspected in other crimes, some violent, but wouldn't elaborate. A problem law enforcers have encountered is a lot of people are "scared to death of them," Miller said.

Conoco stations accused of racism

DALLAS (AP) — Five black and Hispanic customers of Conoco-branded gas stations in North Texas have filed a federal lawsuit accusing the Houston-based company of racial discrimination.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in Dallas, alleges a pattern of hostile behavior toward minorities, including the use of racial slurs, and seeks designation as a class-action.

Conoco spokesman Carlton Adams told the Houston Chronicle that company officials hadn't seen the lawsuit.

"I can't tell you how serious we take this," Adams said. "Our customers are important to us. Failure to treat them with respect and courtesy will not be tolerated."

Company officials said about 90-percent of Conoco-branded stations are not actually owned or operated by the company but rather by independent business owners.

The lawsuit stems from two incidents at different Conoco-branded stations in Fort Worth two years ago.

In one incident, customer Denise Arguello of Broken Arrow, Okla., alleges that a clerk at a Conoco convenience store shouted racial slurs, refused to take her credit card and threw a six-pack of beer at her.

"I'm an Hispanic woman and I've never been in a situation like that before," Ms. Arguello said. "It was humiliating. The worst part of all was my nieces and my own children were listening to it. It's something they still remember."

Ms. Arguello also filed a criminal complaint against the worker involved. That case was scheduled for trial earlier this month but the worker didn't show up, said Ms. Arguello's attorney, Hall Gillespie.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 27, 1997

Conditions look promising for you in the year ahead to use your entrepreneurial skills to develop an auxiliary source of income. Be vigilant and check all the possibilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Assume a more assertive role in an arrangement in which you share a vested interest with another. It now requires an infusion of momentum that only you can generate. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might receive pleasant news from a distant person with whom you have an emotional affiliation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be more adept at complicated matters today than you were yesterday. Go back and rectify any mistakes you might have made.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Everything should go smoothly for you and yours today in the romance department. The time you'll spend together will provide loving memories.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to devote at least a portion of your day to creative touches that beautify your surroundings. It will impress others and give you a sense of accomplishment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your greatest asset today is your ability to reduce complicated elements to simplified functions. There will be much need for your talent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There could be a big change for the better today. You might now be rather fortunate in a material situation that has been thus far unfulfilled.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might even surprise yourself with the skills you've acquired for promoting ideas or things you truly believe in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your material prospects appear more hopeful than usual today. Try to look behind the scenes to see if there is something in which you could play a role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though you might be a tad discouraged, something you're involved in has a good probability of success. Do not relinquish your hopes hastily.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Important personal interests can be advanced today. You should be able to do this without appearing self-serving or indifferent to others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might tune in on a good idea that can reward you in the future. It may come in two parts, from two different sources, and still have a singular application.

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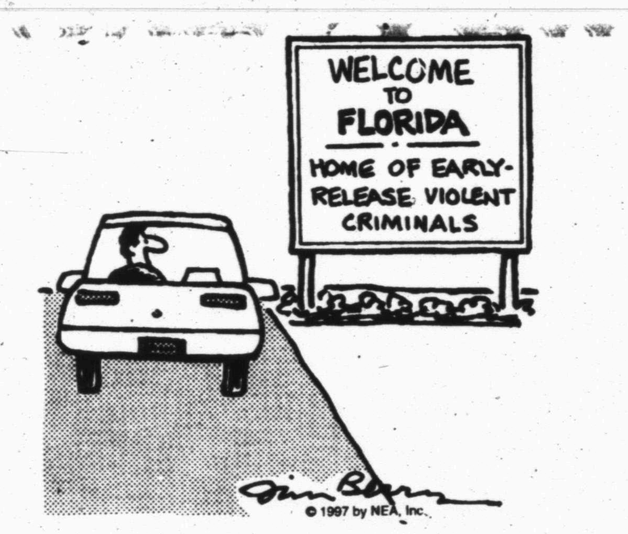
Berry's World



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Credit By Exam is available here

Snyder Independent School District announces testing dates for Credit By Exam. The Texas Education Code and new state board rules require that any student be granted the opportunity to take an examination to be "accelerated" to a higher grade level or to receive credit for a course he or she has not yet taken in school.

A school district shall give a student in a primary grade level credit for a grade level and advance the student one grade level on the basis of a board-approved examination for acceleration if: (1) the student scores in the 90th percentile or above on each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies; (2) a district representative recommends that the student be advanced; and (3) the student's parent or guardian gives written approval of the advancement.

A student in any of grades 6-12 must be given credit for an academic subject in which he or she has had no prior instruction if the student scores 90 percent on a criterion-referenced test for the applicable course.

Testing dates are as follows: June 24-26 and July 1-3. Registration deadline is April 14.

Interested parties should contact Wendell Sollis, Snyder ISD director of curriculum and testing at, 573-5401.

TDHS gives annual report

The state spent a total of $5,075,373 last year for major welfare programs in Scurry County, according to David Maberry, regional administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth $1,585,894 were issued for the fiscal year which ended Aug. 31, while Aid to Families with Dependent children (AFDC) totaled $332,800. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of applicants and issues the food coupons.

The state and federal government share in the cost of AFDC to families where needy children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents.

Nursing home costs of approximately $2,302,554 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent $618,499 for Medicaid related services and $73,621 for non-Medicaid related services," Maberry said.

Suspect eyed in 'polite' robbers case

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — With a suspect in custody, police in one of Maryland's wealthiest neighborhoods continued investigating a series of armed break-ins by two dressed-in-black gunmen dubbed the "polite robbers."

A man identified today as Charles Watkins, 23, of Silver Spring was arrested Tuesday morning following a car chase in this affluent suburb of Washington, D.C. A companion of Watkins got away and remains at large.

Two armed men who seemed to have British or Australian accents have staged eight robberies since January, entering the homes using garage door openers left in cars or through unlocked doors.

Watkins was not charged with any of the residential burglaries. Charges against him included stealing items from several county police cruisers, auto theft, and two counts of burglary. He was scheduled for a court hearing today.

The masked robbers demanded cash from the homeowners at gunpoint, but harmed no one.

They left one house empty-handed on Sunday after the owners could produce just $6 in cash. The robbers gave it back.

One victim described the duo as "polite," and another told The Washington Post that the gunmen were so nice he felt bad that he did not have more cash on hand.

"We don't consider them to be gentlemen bandits, we consider them to be armed robbers," said Montgomery County police department spokeswoman Ann Evans.

Applications for transfers due now

Students who reside outside the Snyder Independent School District, but wish to attend the Snyder Public Schools during the 1997-98 school year must complete application for transfer by Wednesday, April 30, or a tuition fee may be assessed.

Parents may come by the School Administration Building at 2901 37th Street to file for student transfers at any time during the month of April. The office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Date Book

March 26, 1997

Today is the 85th day of 1997 and the seventh day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1892, American poet Walt Whitman died.

On this day in 1979, Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin signed the Camp David Peace Accord.

On this day in 1992, cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev returned to Earth after having spent 313 days aboard the Mir space station.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Frost (1874-1963), poet; Tennessee Williams (1911-1983), playwright; Sandra Day O'Connor (1930-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 67; Leonard Nimoy (1931-), actor, is 66; Erica Jong (1942-), writer, is 55; Bob Woodward (1943-), journalist, is 54; Diana Ross (1944-), singer-actress, is 53; Marcus Allen (1960-), football player, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, boxer Mike Tyson began serving a six-year prison sentence for rape.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "No really great song can ever attain full purport till long after the death of its singer — till it has accrued and incorporated the many passions, many joys and sorrows, it has aroused." — Walt Whitman

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1991, strong winds blew down trees and powerlines and damaged homes from Arizona to Kansas.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 23) and last quarter (March 31).

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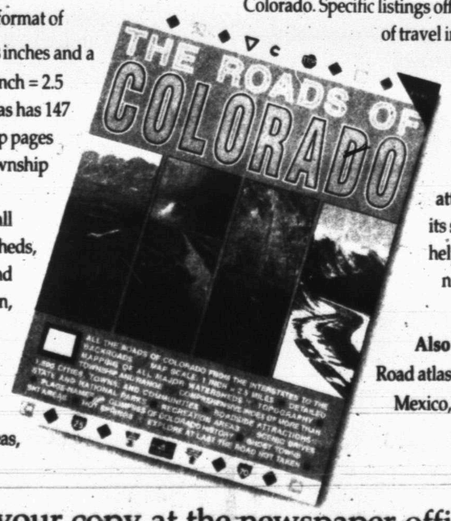

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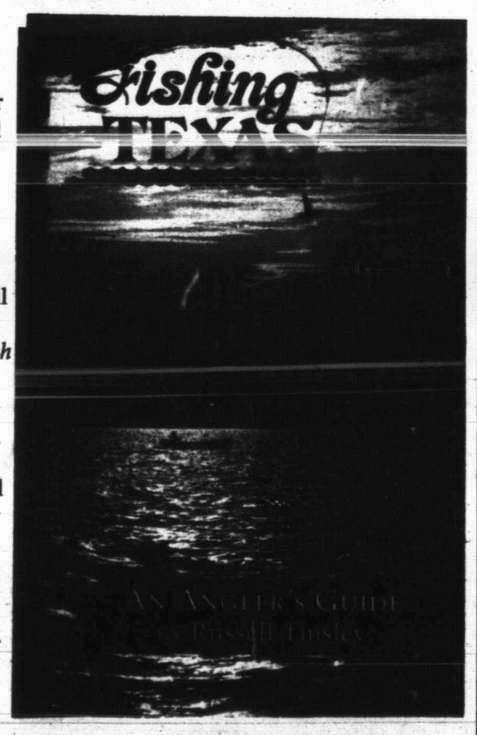

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More motorists said swerving to avoid debris

DALLAS (AP) — Driving at highway speeds, you watch a pickup truck's load vibrate loose ahead of you, landing in front of your wheels in heavy traffic.

Just about everybody has a tale of near-misses avoiding roadway obstacles. But two Texas motorists have died this month after swerving to avoid debris, and state statistics show those mishaps are occurring increasingly often on busy Texas roads.

Four children were thrown from a truck Saturday when the vehicle in which they were riding stopped for a pet carrier that was dumped on C.F. Hawn Freeway in Dallas. A dump truck struck their vehicle, ejecting them.

Minutes later, another driver rolled his truck and died trying to avoid the same wreck, near where law officers call "Dead Man's Curve."

And near Waco earlier this month, a chair on Interstate 35 prompted motorist Ralph Marcelli, 65, of Hondo to swerve into oncoming traffic, hitting a bus head-on.

Marcelli sustained internal injuries and his wife, Mary-Ellen, was rushed to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco where she later died. Eighteen bus passengers were treated at a hospital and later released.

From January through November- 1996, preliminary figures show that four Texans died in wrecks in which their vehicles had swerved or veered to avoid objects in the road. There were two deaths in all of 1995.

The total of all such mishaps also increased, from 299 in 1995 to 375 through November 1996, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Total injury accidents rose to 259 by November, compared with 187 the previous year.

"If you have a load, make sure it is secured and not falling off the vehicle," said Dallas police Sgt. Floyd Simpson. "We're seeing too many of these kinds of wrecks."

But he said all large Texas cities with heavy commercial traffic face the problem.

"Our guys are out there on the lookout for it," he said. "Citations are issued for it."

In the Texas Transportation Code, the offense comes under the heading of failure to control "loose materials." Motorists can be fined up to $200 for a first misdemeanor conviction for failing to contain loads.

But catching up with the moving culprits isn't easy. Those who are caught leaving the scene of a wreck they caused could be charged in a hit-and-run.

"If the driver knew something fell out of the vehicle and caused an accident, then he would have criminal liability if you catch up with him," said Dallas police detective Charles Marsh. "But if it fell out and he didn't know, he wouldn't have intentionally left the scene of an accident."

Some such mishaps that do not involve criminal acts may still wind up in civil courts, said DPS spokeswoman Sherri Deatherage Green in Austin.

"It happens every now and then," she said.

Two die in apparent air collision

BETHEL, Alaska (AP) — Two pilots were killed Tuesday when their planes apparently collided in the air near a remote village in southwestern Alaska.

The bodies of Cecil B. Delgado, 29, of Anchorage and Kevin C. Fisk, 27, of Bethel were pulled from the planes' burning wreckage about two miles from Nunapitchuk, a town of about 500 people 400 miles west of Anchorage.

Federal Aviation Administration officials said they believe Delgado's Cessna 207 and Fisk's Skyvan cargo plane collided in the air as Fisk took off after making a delivery to the village.

The National Transportation Safety Board plans to investigate the accident, which happened in excellent weather.

Tip from college students led to safe return of young girls

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Hours after eating dinner with three men and two young girls, some college students vacationing in Daytona Beach, Fla., saw pictures of the children flash on the television screen.

They had just shared a table with three men accused of kidnapping Teresa Hainer, 9, and her 6-year-old sister, Jessica, from their tiny Michigan hometown of Galesburg.

"It shocked all of us," said Harvard student Loh-Sze Leung, 21. "It all seemed to fit together. The names matched, the car matched, the description matched."

The students immediately called authorities, who had received reports of other sightings in Florida.

One of the men, Ronald Stafford, the girls' former baby sitter, said "they were planning on staying in Florida for the rest of their lives," student Richard Conway recalled.

The girls were rescued by police Tuesday morning, ending a four-day nationwide search. They returned to Michigan as dozens of people applauded and yelled, "Welcome home."

"You didn't get a tan. What happened?" grandmother Olivia Hainer joked as she hugged the girls after they arrived by private plane at the Kalamazoo airport.

The girls said nothing and struggled to keep their souvenir law-enforcement hats on as relatives embraced them. Medical tests were planned for the girls, but, "we're told by agents at the scene they're none the worse for wear," said Joe Martinolich, head of the FBI in Michigan.

The FBI says the odyssey of Jessica and Teresa started in tears Friday as they stepped off a school bus and reluctantly entered a car driven by Stafford, their former sitter with a juvenile record for sexual assault.

It finally ended at a Daytona Beach gift shop, where police arrested the men without a struggle.

Federal kidnapping charges have been filed against Stafford, 21, his brother Lee Stafford, who turns 18 next week, and Ricky Geer, 19.

The girls' father, Jesse Hainer, 33, has custody of his daughters. His ex-wife, also named Teresa, is talking about challenging that custody in court.

"This was half his fault," she told The Detroit News. "He was told to stay away from the Staffords a while ago."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is new shingles drug available?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are some of the newer medicines used to treat the pain of shingles?

DEAR READER: Shingles is a virus infection of certain nerves, invariably on one side of the body or the other. Related to chicken pox, the virus causes crops of painful blisters to appear. In most cases, without treatment, the blisters break, crust and heal. However, about 10 percent of patients (with or without therapy) are left with a dreaded complication, called post-herpetic neuralgia: severe stabbing, shock-like pains that usually last indefinitely.

There are now several anti-virus drugs (Zovirax, Famvir and others) that can arrest the development of shingles, if given early enough in the disease, when the blisters first appear. Unfortunately, even though this therapy ameliorates the shingles, it does not consistently prevent the neuralgia.

Consequently, many practitioners now routinely prescribe prednisone, a form of cortisone, in conjunction with the anti-viral remedies. Prednisone seems to prevent neuralgia, although it does not by itself shorten the course of the infection.

Therefore, in answer to your question, prednisone is the drug of choice. However, once neuralgia has appeared (late in the disease), prednisone is ineffective. To work, it has to be given early on.

Post-herpetic neuralgia is extremely difficult to manage and usually requires narcotic pain medication, anti-depressants and other therapy. The most satisfactory method of treating shingles and the related pain is to use medication as soon as possible.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." 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: I recently read of children with chicken pox who developed life-threatening strep infections. Would this be an argument in favor of using a chicken pox vaccine?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, yes.

Strep bacteria, which exist plentifully in nature, can cause serious infections when they enter the body through a sore. As everyone knows, once the blisters of chicken pox burst, they leave large areas of sensitive, raw skin, which can provide easy access for strep and other microorganisms.

The best solution to this problem is not to get chicken pox. Therefore, the preventive vaccine would certainly help to avoid this uncommon complication.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-26-97
♠ A 9 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ 10 5 3 2
♣ 6 5

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

East
♠ Q 10 5
♥ J 10 7 5
♦ Q 8 7
♣ Q 9 2

South
♠ J 4
♥ Q 8 3
♦ A J 4
♣ A K 8 7 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♠ 6

It was late, but not too late

By Phillip Alder

Last week, you may remember I mentioned the French journalist Jose Le Dentu, who died last December. While trying to find a good deal that he played, I came upon this one.

Le Dentu played in this three-no-trump contract around midnight on March 12, 1988. West led his fourth-highest spade, the six. East won with the queen and noticed that if he returned the 10 and South had the jack, dummy's nine would become a second stopper. So East returned the spade five. When West covered South's jack with the king, Le Dentu could have won with dummy's ace to block the suit. However, he ducked, playing to cut the defenders' communication if the spades were 5-3. (However, if the opponents' spots were honest, the spade suit was either 4-4 or blocked. East couldn't have queen-third without the 10. If he had, say, Q-8-5, he would have led back the eight, not the five.)

After winning trick three with dummy's spade ace and throwing a diamond from hand, Le Dentu had to establish clubs without letting West gain the lead. This required finding the missing clubs breaking 3-3 and executing an avoidance play. At trick four, Le Dentu led a low club from the dummy, winning in hand with the ace when East played low. Back to dummy with a heart, declarer repeated the process, leading another low club through East. If he had put up the queen, Le Dentu would have let him hold the trick. But when East played low again, Le Dentu won with the king and played a third round, establishing nine tricks: one spade, three hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

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Dear Abby

Sex Photos Are Out of Sight But Not Out of Wife's Mind

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, when I was five months pregnant, I found hidden pictures of my husband and his former girlfriend. These weren't just ordinary pictures — they were very graphic sex pictures. I was devastated. I thought maybe he had forgotten about them, but when I confronted him, he admitted going down to the basement on occasion to look at them.

I know that he has not even spoken to her for years, so why would he take a chance to keep such pictures hidden in our house?

He is a wonderful husband and a great father to our two children. I really do trust him, but I am still upset a year later.

He has told me over and over that he is sorry, and I have forgiven him, but I just can't get this out of my head. I think about it all the time and have become very insecure.

Please print your reply as opposed to a personal reply, as he may get the mail first and think I am crazy for still having this hang-up. Sign me ...

INSECURE

DEAR INSECURE: The timing of your discovery could not have been more unfortunate. But since he hasn't spoken to this woman in years and is a wonderful, trustworthy husband and a great father, you would be wise to quit torturing yourself over the incident. If you feel the need to dwell on something, count your blessings and dwell on them.

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DEAR ABBY: I remodel houses for the Veterans Administration. I happen to be female, but I can lay flooring, hang Sheetrock, paint, wallpaper — anything except electrical wiring.

I make frequent trips to hardware stores and lumberyards. Because I am small, my husband accompanies me to do the lifting and loading. Clerks in these stores frequently ignore me, but offer to help my husband. If I ask a question, the clerks invariably direct their answer to my husband.

Sometimes my husband will tell the clerk to talk to me, and sometimes I step between my husband and the clerk, smile and say, "I am the carpenter and the buying customer." The older male salesclerks are more set in their notions about women doing this kind of work, so I prefer female or young male clerks who are accepting of a female carpenter.

Forgive my bragging, but I also do crossword puzzles in ink.

LADY CARPENTER
IN LOUISIANA

DEAR LADY CARPENTER: Gloria Allred would love you. You have broken the gender barrier, making it easier for other women to go where females formerly feared to tread. More power to you!

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DEAR READERS: About 20 years ago, a man named Howard Singer came to my office to repair a television set. Observing all the mail that was being handled by my small staff of secretaries, he said, "My wife would be perfect for such a job; she was a top-notch secretary for many years."

"Have her stop by the office for an interview," I suggested. Well, to make a long story short, Sylvia stopped by. I interviewed her, and gave her about a dozen letters to answer — and the sample was ample!

Sylvia Singer had uncommon common sense and wit, and she was a marvelous addition to the Dear Abby staff until she retired four years ago.

She passed away on Feb. 8 — leaving a brokenhearted husband and a small army of friends and admirers, including me.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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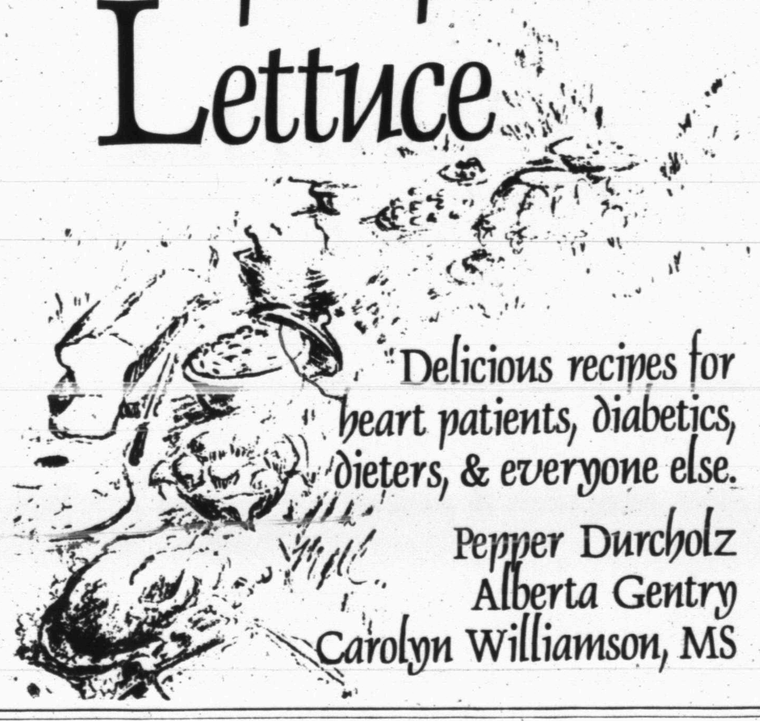

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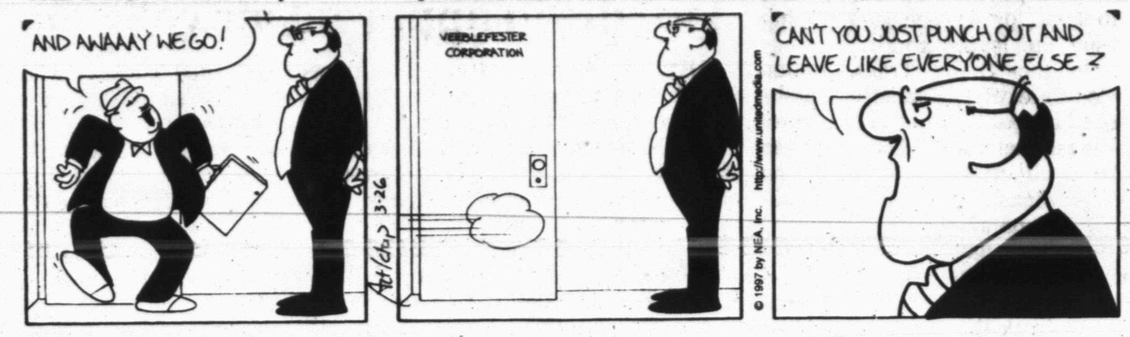

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1 Manufacture
5 Golf shot
9 Pullet
12 TV horse (2 wds.)
13 Words of understanding
14 Japanese sash
15 Beggar
17 Alley —
18 A pig — — poke
19 Window coverings
21 Musk cat
24 Straight — — arrow
25 Liqueur flavoring
27 Postpone
31 Tina Turner's ex
32 Resounded
34 Heavy volume
35 Current events
37 Browns
39 High card
40 Ford flop
42 Fell
44 Dole (out)
46 Alleviates
47 Musician Cugat
50 Actress MacGraw
51 Deer
52 Scarlett O'Hara's concern
57 Hill dweller
58 Farm measure
59 Actress Moran
60 Okay
61 Tenth of a decade
62 Not working, like a battery

DOWN

1 Roman 3,000
2 Exist
3 Barbie's beau
4 Whirlpools
5 Type measure
6 Neighbor of Mex.
7 Minds
8 Set of four
9 Hula —
10 Tropical tree
11 Bites
16 Bury
20 Dill seed
21 The — Mutiny
22 Penned
23 Sees
24 Congenitally joined
26 Dine
28 Young horses
29 Sajak or Trebek
30 Orchestra section
33 African animal
36 Freight trailer
38 Refine (metal)
41 Wide margin
43 — out (helped)
45 Type of element
47 Aid in diagnosing
48 First-rate (2 wds.)
49 Former soldiers
50 Jacob's son
53 Author Levin
54 Anger
55 Entertainer Peeples
56 Conclude

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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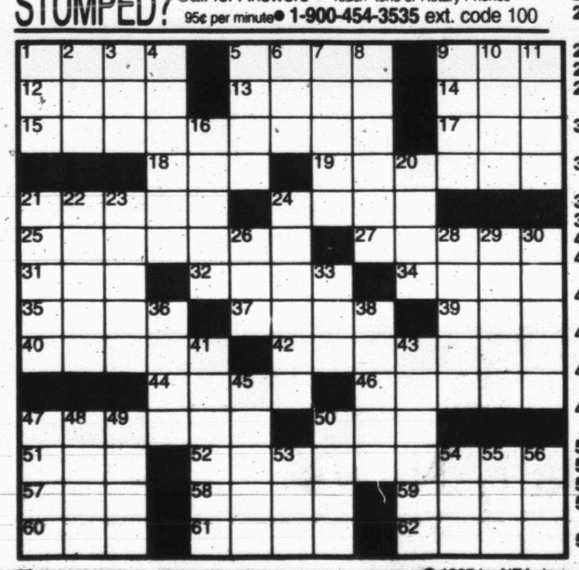

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SPORTS

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Lamesa ousts Tigers in District 2-4A opener

By Jamie Sharp
Sports Editor

It took the Lamesa Tornadoes seven innings to get their offense going, but when they did, it proved fatal for Snyder.

The Tigers dropped their loop opener Tuesday night, 2-0, in a close game to Lamesa.

The game was scoreless going into the top of the seventh, but Eric Morales stepped to the plate for the Tornadoes and rocketed a 1-1 Clay Berryman fastball over the right-center field fence to score Lamesa's first run of the night.

Two batters later, Andy Garcia reached first on a bobbled grounder by third baseman Eric Lang. Garcia stole second base and then advanced to third on a wild pitch.

Lamesa scored its final run of the night on a sacrifice fly to center field by Jason Fernandez that scored Garcia, giving Lamesa a 2-0 lead.

The pressure was on the Tigers as they stepped to the plate in the bottom of the seventh, needing to score at least two runs to force extra innings or three to take the win.

Designated hitter Sonny Cumbie reached first on a walk, bringing up the top of the order in Lang. Lang brought the count to 3-2, but could not convert, popping out to third base.

Catcher John Border could not advance Cumbie either, striking out.

Left fielder Kyle Beck stepped up to the plate as Snyder's last chance at a win.

Lamesa sealed the win on a called strikeout to end the game.

The Tigers had trouble at the plate all night long, producing only two hits. Trevor Thompson singled in the second and Berryman singled in the fifth.

Berryman took the loss on the mound for Snyder, giving up four hits, fanning seven and walking two.

Snyder owns a 0-1 loop record and a 10-6 season record. Lamesa is 1-0 in district play and 6-9 for the season.

Snyder will look for its first district win in Levelland Friday at 4:30 p.m.

District 2-4A Baseball

Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Plainview	1	0	11	7
Estacado	1	0	7	7
Lamesa	1	0	6	9
Snyder	0	1	10	6
Frenship	0	1	15	4
Levelland	0	1	6	10

Tuesday's Results: Lamesa 2, Snyder 0; Estacado 3, Frenship 2; Plainview 17, Levelland 7.

Friday's Games: Snyder at Levelland; Frenship at Plainview; Estacado at Lamesa.

YOU'RE OUT — Snyder's John Border watches a strike go by in the Tigers' 2-0 loss to Lamesa in their District 2-4A opener. Snyder had problems at the plate all night, producing only two hits. (Photo by Jamie Sharp)

Lady Tigers rally for late inning victory

It took the Snyder Lady Tigers eight innings to put the Midland Greenwood Rangerettes away, but they did with a 20-15 victory.

"It was pretty ugly," said coach Billy Hicks, "but we'll take it."

In the top of the seventh with the bases loaded, two outs, and Greenwood up 15-14, Bradi Johnson struck out. But the catcher dropped the ball, and in the confusion, Johnson reached first. Shanna Fisk was tagged out at second, but not before Starla Davis scored to tie the game at 15-15.

Snyder then scored five runs in the eighth and held Midland scoreless to take the win.

"This team showed how hard work and a never-quit attitude will make us prevail," Hicks said.

Kristin Martinez was the winning pitcher, giving up eight hits, four walks and fanning nine.

Fisk had a huge night at the plate, going four for six with a four-run homer, a double and six RBIs.

Amanda Huff was three for six and Davis went three for five with three RBIs. Keila Helm was two for four and Johnson [illegible] for five. Amy Ricks went [illegible] for five.

Snyder is 12-16 for the season and will host Lubbock Monterey at 7 p.m. Thursday at Dale Cates Field.

Transactions

By The Associated Press

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed CB Jocelyn Borgella.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Terminated the contract of WR Andre Rison.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Re-signed LB Sylvester Wright, DB Deral Boykin and WR Freddie Solomon. Signed WR Mike Caldwell, WR Jasper Strong, WR Steve Rhem, RB Rudy Harris, RB Yonel Jourdain, RB Larry Jones, DB Keita Crespina, DB Akili Johnson and DT Stacey Dillard.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Named Darin Kems equipment manager.

BASEBALL
American League

ANAHEIM ANGELS—Returned OF Kevin Bass to their minor-league camp.

BOSTON RED SOX—Purchased the contract of RHP Carlos Valdez from the San Francisco Giants.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Claimed C Tim Laker off waivers from the Montreal Expos. Optioned RHP Hector Ramirez to Rochester of the International League. Sent RHP Brian Williams to their minor-league camp.

Cleveland, Atlanta close the book on blockbuster trade

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — In one of baseball's biggest trades in years, the Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians struck a shocking deal Tuesday involving David Justice, Marquis Grissom and Kenny Lofton that reshaped two of the sport's strongest teams.

"This is a trade of enormous magnitude for two very, very good franchises," Indians general manager John Hart said. "We're talking about franchise-type players. We talked about this at some length, and we realized that if we were going to get it done, it had to happen soon."

The Indians, who faced losing Lofton to free agency at the end of the season, gave up the All-Star center fielder and pitcher Alan Embree.

The Braves, projected to have the majors' highest payroll at $62 million, had talked this spring about trading Justice — whose home run beat Cleveland 1-0 in the clinching Game 6 of the 1995 World Series. But Atlanta made it an even larger deal by including another All-Star outfielder, Grissom.

It was an old-fashioned, superstar-for-superstar deal predicated by the economics of modern sports, saving the Braves $7.7 million.

"It's painful in the respect that I think baseball in the '90s is extremely apparent in this trade," Hart said. "For both teams, not just the Indians."

The NL champion Braves traded the high-priced Justice so they can try to re-sign pitchers Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, both free agents at the end of the season. Justice, who missed nearly all of last season with a shoulder injury, will make $12.5 million in the next two seasons.

The AL Central champion Indians could have lost Lofton, winner of four straight Gold Gloves and five consecutive AL stolen base titles, to free agency at the end of the season.

Lofton and Grissom are regarded as the two best center fielders and leadoff hitters in baseball. Both are 29, and both are coming off outstanding seasons.

Justice, 30, had his best season in 1993 with 40 homers and 120 RBIs, but missed most of the '96 season after dislocating a shoulder May 15. He had surgery and appeared to have no lingering effects this spring.

"I'm in shock," Justice said. "If I was supposed to shed any tears, it was when I said goodbye to the guys."

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	51	17	.750	—
x-NewYork	49	20	.710	2½
Orlando	40	29	.580	11½
Washington	33	35	.485	18
NewJersey	21	47	.309	30
Philadelphia	18	49	.269	32½
Boston	13	57	.186	39
Central Division				
x-Chicago	60	9	.870	—
x-Detroit	48	20	.706	11½
x-Atlanta	48	22	.686	12½
Charlotte	45	24	.652	15
Cleveland	36	32	.529	23½
Indiana	32	36	.471	27½
Milwaukee	28	40	.412	31½
Toronto	25	45	.357	35½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	52	17	.754	—
x-Houston	46	23	.667	6
Minnesota	33	36	.478	19
Dallas	22	46	.324	29½
Denver	19	49	.279	32½
SanAntonio	17	52	.246	35
Vancouver	12	60	.167	41½
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	49	20	.710	—
x-L.A.Lakers	46	23	.667	3
x-Portland	41	30	.577	9
L.A.Clippers	31	37	.456	17½
Phoenix	30	39	.435	19
Sacramento	29	41	.414	20½
GoldenState	25	44	.362	24

x-clinched playoff berth

Monday's Game
L.A. Lakers 109, New Jersey 84

Tuesday's Games
Indiana 98, Toronto 84
Orlando 114, Sacramento 103
Atlanta 96, Portland 89
San Antonio 64, Cleveland 59
Houston 112, Minnesota 103
Chicago 94, Dallas 92
Phoenix 117, Milwaukee 112
L.A. Clippers 110, Vancouver 104, OT
Seattle 126, Golden State 89

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Chicago at Toronto, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Errors cost JV Lady Tigers

Eleven errors and a Monahans run in the eighth killed the JV Lady Tiger softball squad in a 14-13 loss to the Monahans varsity

"The errors killed us," said coach Carman Bohannon. "The ladies fought hard, but they just lost it in the end."

Courtney Rinehart went the distance for Snyder, fanning eight batters.

"I'm very proud of Courtney. She did an outstanding job," Bohannon said.

Mindy Thompson had two singles and a triple and Randi Haggard had a single and a double. K.K. McClain and Carrie Hernandez each had three singles and Rinehart hit a single.

The JV owns a 13-7 season record and will host Clyde Thursday at 5 p.m. at Dale Cates Field.

Tiger netters host tourney

March Madness is everywhere and it has spread to the Snyder Tiger tennis team.

The Tiger netters will host a Midnight Madness Tournament Thursday at the junior high tennis courts.

Teams from Sweetwater, Lamesa, Abilene Wylie, Colorado City, Midland Lee, San Angelo Lake View and Monahans are scheduled to compete.

"We're going to get started at 9 a.m. and play until we're finished," said coach Chad Redwine. "It's going to be fun."

Redwine expects the tournament to go on late into the night, possibly after midnight.

"A lot of these kids don't get to play under the lights, especially lights as good as ours, so this will be a good opportunity for them."

Each player is guaranteed at least four matches and a concession stand will be open throughout the tournament.

SDN Sports Briefs

Women's Golf Association

The 1997 Women's Golf Association will begin its season at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club.

Interested players are asked to meet at the pro shop prior to tee-off. A luncheon and business meeting will get underway after the morning round is completed.

Girls' softball sign-ups

The Snyder Girls' Softball Association will hold sign-ups for the upcoming season April 4 from 5-8 p.m. and April 5 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Snyder Savings and Loan.

The season is slated to begin May 17 and this will be the final date to sign up.

The fee is $25 per player and each player must bring their social security number and a copy of their birth certificate.

Little Dribblers tourney

The Aspermont Little Dribbler Association will host a tournament for girls and boys April 11-12 and April 18-19.

Boys in grades 3-6 will play April 11-12 and girls in grades 3-6 will play April 18-19.

For more information, call 1-(817)-989-2700 or 1-(817)-989-3326.

Little League umpires meeting

The Snyder Little League umpires will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Moffett Field.

Men's slow-pitch tournament

The second annual men's slow-pitch Tournament of Champions will be held April 4-6 to benefit the Snyder Girls' Softball Association.

For more information, contact Darrell Robertson at 573-3044.

Earlybird softball tourney

The first Bi-Annual Earlybird Softball Tournament will be held April 12 at the Winston Park softball field.

The tournament will be double elimination and the entry fee is $100 per team.

For more information, call 573-8842 or 573-1663.

Penders to announce whether he will stay

By The Associated Press

If Rutgers can come up with the right financial package and his wife gives him the OK, there's a good chance Tom Penders will leave Texas to become the Scarlet Knights' next basketball coach.

A decision is expected today, his agent said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

"One way or the other," Craig Fenech said when asked if the issue would be resolved.

Fenech refused to characterize his negotiations with Rutgers treasurer Joe Whiteside on Tuesday.

Penders spent six hours on the Rutgers campus on Tuesday and then returned home while Fenech continued talks to make him Bob Wenzel's replacement at the Big East Conference school.

"I think he really liked Rutgers," a source close to the talks told The Associated Press on Tuesday evening. "It sounds positive"

Penders, who guided Texas to the third round of the NCAA tournament last week, left the Piscataway, N.J., campus of the Big East school around 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Rutgers athletic director Fred Gruninger did not immediately return a telephone call left at his office today.

Rutgers reportedly plans to offer Penders a deal that will pay him $600,000 annually. It includes a base salary between $150,000 and $200,000.

Penders currently earns $400,000 at Texas and reportedly will receive an additional $100,000 next season.

In an interview on campus with the Courier-News and the North Jersey Herald & News, Penders said money isn't the only issue that will influence his decision.

"I do have a wife (Susie) I'd like to keep, and she has to be involved in the decision," Penders said.

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JOB TITLE: Summer Maint Tech

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Must be at least 18 years of age, a student in high school or other educational institution or have been accepted for enrollment in an educational institution.
**The use of certain power tools may be restricted to employees younger than 18 years of age.
**Federal child labor laws prohibit employees younger than 18 years of age from operating most vehicles. (See Human Resources Manual Section 1-3)

LOCATION: Snyder, Texas

JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 7 08 K503 460

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:
Under close supervision, performs rotine and entry level maintenance duties. Work requires contact with the public.

ADDRESS: Applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150 or returned to any TxDOT office. Applications may be picked up at 4250 N. Clack, Abilene or any TxDOT office.
Applications must be received by the closing date and time noted on the job vacancy. A mailed application must be postmarked one day prior to the closing date.

RESUMES: Resumes will be accepted for whatever additional information they contain but not in place of a completed application.

CLOSING DATE: 4-9-97 by 5:00 p.m.
For additional information about the job qualification requirement and application instructions, please call (915) 676-6843.

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JOB TITLE: Summer Engineer Tech I and Summer Engineer Tech II

SALARY: Eng. Tech I: $5.75 - $7.05 per hour
Eng. Tech II: $6.47 - $7.94 per hour

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Level I:
Must be at least 18 years of age, a student in high school or other educational institution or have been accepted for enrollment in an educational institution.

Level II:
Must be at least 18 years of age, a student in an educational institution or have been accepted for enrollment in an educational institution. Must have at least 16 college semester hours in engineering.

LOCATION: Snyder, Texas

JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 7 08 E001 495

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:
Level I:
Under close supervision, learns to perform entry level work related to roadway engineering activities such as construction, plant or maintenance contract inspections, drafting, laboratory work, landscaping, surveying or engineering data collection. Assists district engineering staff with assigned duties. Work requires contact with the public.
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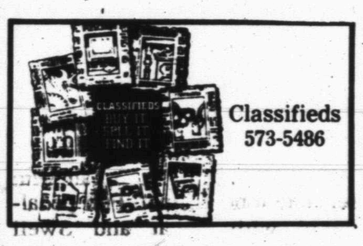

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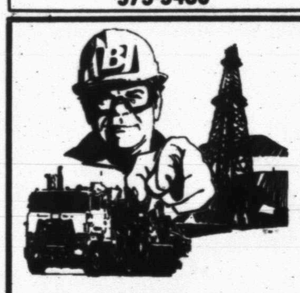

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Austin Briefs

Voucher opponents cite new pole

AUSTIN (AP) — Seven senators are decrying a proposal to use tax dollars for private school tuition, saying the idea doesn't have public support and would devastate public schools.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, added Tuesday that if too many students leave the public school system, "We not only have to turn out the lights, but we have to turn out the hope in the entire community."

The Democratic senators released results of a poll that they said shows Texans oppose private-school tuition vouchers and believe public tax dollars should be spent on public schools.

The voucher bill's author, Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said he is willing to make changes in the measure pending in his committee.

The school voucher bill is SB1206.

Val Verde vote controversy eyed

AUSTIN (AP) — The voting methods that led to a divisive election outcome in Val Verde County last year were the subject of several bills considered by the House Elections Committee.

The election last year of a white county commissioner who used to be a Ku Klux Klan member and a sheriff in the South Texas county, which is 70 percent Hispanic, prompted lawsuits questioning the validity of some mail-in ballots cast by out-of-town military members.

Currently, Texas has a flexible definition of residency that largely depends on the voter's intent. Service members can apply for a mail-in ballot by supplying a Texas address for a place the voter plans someday to return to, according to the Secretary of State's office.

The service member using a mail-in ballot can vote in local elections without actually owning a home at that address or even being registered to vote in the county under current state law.

Under a bill by Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, military personnel would have to be registered to vote in a county in order to receive a full ballot that includes local and statewide elections.

The bills were sent to a subcommittee for further consideration.

Berlanga's voting bill is HB3056.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	85¼	84⅝	85¼	+1
AT&T Corps	36	35⅝	36	+ ⅛
AirTouch	24⅜	23⅞	24⅛	— ⅛
Albertsons	35	34⅝	34⅞	+ ⅛
AlldSignal	76¼	75⅞	75⅞	+ ⅛
Alltel	34⅜	33⅞	34	— ⅛
AmerOnline	42⅜	41¼	42⅛	— ¼
AmStores		44⅜	44¼	44⅜
Ameritech		62⅝	62	62⅛
Amoco	91	90⅜	90⅝	+ ⅜
AndarkPtr	59	58¼	59	+ ⅛
ArmcoInc		4	4	4
AtlRichfld	134⅝	133⅜	134⅛	— ⅜
ATMOS Egy	26	25⅜	25⅝	— ⅛
Aviall		11⅜	11¼	11¼
BakerHughes	39⅝	39¼	39⅝	+ ⅛
BellAtl	62⅜	62⅛	62⅜	+ ⅛
BellSouth	44½	44⅛	44½	+ ⅛
BethSteel	8⅜	8⅜	8⅜	+ ⅛
BritPet	136⅜	136⅛	136⅜	+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe		77⅜	76⅞	77⅛
Caterpillar	82⅜	81⅛	81¼	—1 1-32
CenSoWst	22⅜	22⅛	22⅜	— ⅛
Chevron	71⅛	71⅛	71⅜	— ⅛
Chrysler s	30⅞	30⅛	30⅝	— ⅛
Coastal	48⅜	48⅛	48⅜	+ ⅛
CocaColas	59⅝	58⅜	58¾	—1⅛
ColgatePalm	108⅛	107⅛	107⅜	— ⅜
ComclMetals	29⅛	28⅛	28⅜	— ⅛
CooperIn		44⅛	44⅜	44⅜
CyprusAmax	24⅛	24	24⅛	+ ⅛
DellSemicn	25⅞	25⅜	25⅝	— ⅛
DeltaAirl	83⅛	83¼	83⅛	+ ⅛
DigitalEq	28⅛	28⅛	28⅜	— ⅛
Dillard	32	31⅛	31⅞	+ ⅜
DowChem	82⅛	81⅜	82⅜	— ⅛
DresserInd		31⅜	31⅛	31⅜
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EastmanChem	54⅛	53⅝	54⅜	— ⅛
EstKodak	78⅜	77⅞	78⅜	+1⅛
EDS Corp	43⅜	43	43⅛	+ ⅛
Enserch	21⅛	20⅝	21	+ ⅛
Entergy	25⅛	24⅞	24⅝	— ⅛
Exxon	108⅛	106⅞	108⅛	+2⅜
Exxonwi	54⅛	53⅜	54⅛	+1
FstBksAm	12⅝	12⅜	12⅝	+ ⅛
Flowers	25⅞	25⅜	25⅝	+ ⅛
FordMotor	31⅞	31⅛	31⅜	— ⅛
GTE Cp	47⅞	46⅞	47⅛	+ ⅛
GenDynam	68¾	68	68	—1
GenElec	105⅛	103⅜	104⅛	— ⅛
GenMills	62⅞	62⅛	62⅝	— ⅛
GenMotors	57⅛	55⅞	55⅝	—1⅛
GaPacif	74⅛	73⅛	74⅛	+ ⅛
GlobalMar	22⅞	22⅛	22⅞	+ ⅛
Goodrich	38⅜	37⅝	38⅛	— ⅛
Goodyear s		54⅜	54⅛	54⅜
GtAtlPac	25⅜	25	25⅛	— ⅛
Haliburtn	72		70⅛	71⅞ +1⅜
Hanson ADS n	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	+ ⅛
HarteHanks	28⅛	28⅛	28⅜	— ⅛
HomeDepot	56⅛	55⅛	55⅝	— ⅜
HoustonInds		21⅜	21⅛	21⅜
IBM	137	135⅛	136⅜	+ ⅜
IntlPaper	41⅛	40⅜	41⅛	— ⅛
JohnsnJn s	57⅛	56⅛	56⅜	— ⅛
K mart	12⅜	12⅛	12⅛	— ⅛
Kroger		53⅛	53⅛	53⅜
Litton	40⅜	40⅛	40⅜	+ ⅛
LockhdMart	86⅛	85⅛	85⅛	— ⅜
Lowes Cos	39⅛	38⅜	38⅞	— ⅛
Lubys	19⅛	19⅛	19⅜	— ⅛
LucentTech n	53⅛	52⅛	52⅞	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	49	48⅜	48⅝	— ⅛
Medtronic	60⅛	59⅝	60	— ⅜
Mobil		135⅞	134⅛	135⅛
Monsanto s	39⅞	39⅛	39⅜	— ⅛
Motorola	60	59⅛	59⅝	+1⅛
NCR Corp n	35⅞	35⅜	35⅝	— ⅛
NationsBk s	61⅛	59⅝	60⅛	— ⅜
Navistar	9⅜	9⅛	9⅜	— ⅛
NoramEngy		14⅜	14⅛	14⅜
Norwest	50⅛	49⅛	49⅝	—1
Nynex	47⅛	46⅝	47⅛	+ ⅛
OryxEngy	19⅝	19⅜	19⅝	+ ⅛
PacTelesis	39⅛	38⅝	39	— ⅛
PanEnergy	43⅜	43⅛	43⅜	— ⅛
Penney JC	49⅞	49⅛	49⅝	+ ⅛
Pennzoil	52⅛	52⅛	52⅛	+ ⅛
PepBoys	31⅛	31	31⅛	+ ⅛
PepsiCo s	33⅜	32⅝	32⅝	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	75⅛	73⅜	74⅛	+ ⅜
PhilipPet	42		41⅝	41⅝ + ⅛
Polaroid	40⅝	40⅛	40⅛	+ ⅛
Praxair	45⅛	44⅜	45⅛	—1⅛
ProctGamble	121⅛	120⅛	120⅝	+ ⅛
PubSNwMx	17⅜	17⅛	17⅛	— ¼
RoyalDutch	177	176⅛	176⅜	+1¼
SBC Comm	54⅜	53⅜	54⅛	— ⅛
SaraLee	42⅛	42⅛	42⅝	+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	52⅜	52⅛	52⅛	+ ⅛
SherwinW	56⅛	56	56⅛	+ ⅛
SmthBchADS	73⅜	72⅛	73⅛	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	22	21⅞	21⅞	— ⅛
SwstAirlines	24	23⅝	23⅞	+ ⅛
Sprint	46⅜	46	46⅛	+ ⅛
SunCo	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛	+ ⅛
TNP Ent		22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
Tandy	52⅜	51⅞	52⅛	+ ⅛
TempleInl		53¼	53	53⅛
Tenneco	39⅜	39⅛	39⅝	+ ⅛
Texaco	109⅛	108⅛	109⅝	+1
Texasinds	27⅞	27⅛	27⅞	— ⅛
TexasInst	79¼	76⅛	79⅛	+2⅛
TexUtil	35⅜	35⅛	35⅛	— ¼
Textron	105⅛	103¼	103⅞	—2
Travelers s	54⅛	52⅛	52⅝	—1
TrinityInds	31⅜	31¼	31⅜	— ⅛
TritonEngy	39⅜	39⅛	39⅛	+ ⅜
US WestCm		34⅛	34⅛	34⅜
USWstMda	19⅛	19⅛	19⅝	— ⅛
USX-Marathn	28	27⅞	27⅞	+ ⅛
USX-USS	28	27⅝	27⅝	— ⅛
UnCarbde		47	46¼	46⅞
UnPac s	59⅜	59	59⅜	— ⅛
UnitedTech s	79⅛	78⅛	78⅝	— ⅛
Unocal	40⅛	39⅜	40	+ ⅜
WalMart		29⅜	29⅛	29¼
WstnGasRs	19	18⅝	18⅞	+ ⅛
WestghEl	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	33⅜	33	33⅛	—1
Woolworth	23⅛	22⅞	23	+ ⅛
XeroxCp s	58⅛	57⅞	58¼	+ ⅛
ZenithE	10⅜	10⅛	10⅜	+ ⅛

3 arrested on warrants

Failure to take care of city traffic tickets resulted in the arrest of three people Tuesday.

Officers arrested a 25-year-old male at 1:34 p.m. at the police department on outstanding city warrants for expired motor vehicle registration and failure to appear.

At 3:54 p.m., officers arrested a 19-year-old male at the Law Enforcement Center on outstanding city warrants for no valid Texas operator's license and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 27-year-old male at 7:32 p.m. in the 4100 block of Brick Plant Road on outstanding city warrants for displaying expired license plates, displaying fictitious license plates and on two warrants for failure to appear.

In other activity, an officer was requested at Buchanan Printing in the 3400 block of College Avenue at 8:46 a.m. in reference to someone shooting small holes in the door of the business. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

An officer was requested at the Western Texas College dorm parking lot at 9:29 a.m. in reference to someone scratching a car belonging to Shawn McKee. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Norma Mayes requested to speak to a deputy at 4:18 p.m. in reference to two calves missing from the area of 9329 CR 4134.

A report of a gas drive-off from Tiger Mart was reported at 5:23 p.m. in reference to someone not paying for $36.50 worth of gasoline.

A report of a family disturbance was made at 6:34 p.m.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Brenda Espinoza, 2549 CR 1141.

DISMISSALS: Lorraine Bruns, Shawna Scott and baby girl, Pamela Alarcon, Fabian Carrisalez, Brittni Chaidez.

CENSUS: 46 (Med., Surg.-10.)

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Scurry County Country

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts,
County Extension Agent

What to do with a poison victim

Some say curiosity got the better of the cat, don't let curiosity lead your child to poisonous substances. The Poison Prevention Council aims to educate communities on what to do if a poisoning occurs.

If you suspect that your child may have swallowed a potentially harmful product, you should look for warning signs.

Sometimes the child may vomit or appear drowsy and sluggish. Be sure to check the child's mouth and teeth for any remainder of the substance. Burns may appear around the child's lips and mouth from corrosive items or the scent of the product may cling to the child's breath.

If a child has ingested a chemical, follow the first aid instructions on the label of the product and then seek medical advice. The local Poison Control Center, emergency department or a physician can advise an adult on the toxicity of a substance and the recommended treatment.

If a child has swallowed some type of medicine, call the Poison Control Center or a physician immediately. In the event they are unreachable, call the local emergency number (911 in most areas) or the operator.

Emergency numbers should be posted next to the phone before an emergency arises.

When contacting the Poison Control Center or other emergency personnel, be prepared to give the facts of the situation. Have the label of the product available to read to the expert.

Tell the expert:

*The victim's age.

*The victim's weight.

*Existing health conditions or problems.

*The substance involved: was it swallowed, inhaled, absorbed through skin contact, or splashed into the eyes?

*Any first aid which may have been given.

*If the person has vomited.

*Your location, and how long it will take you to get to the hospital.

If chemicals or household products have been swallowed, offer the victim a small amount of water. If medicines have been swallowed, do not give the victim anything by mouth until advised by a physician or the Poison Control Center.

Always keep on hand a one-ounce bottle of ipecac syrup for each child under age five in the home. Use only when advised to do so by the Poison Control Center, emergency department or physician.

May switch to cotton

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Louisiana farmers who enjoyed a bumper corn season last year may be forced to switch back to cotton or soybeans this year because of rain-soaked fields.

"April 1 is the magic date," said Walter Morrison, a cooperative extension agent with Louisiana State University. "If farmers don't have their corn crops in by this date, they're likely to switch over to cotton or soybeans."

"Right now, if we make 350,000 (acres) I'd be surprised," Morrison said. "Every day that the planting season is delayed means farmers will think more about planting other crops, such as cotton or soybeans."

Producer workshop set for April 11 in Lubbock

Nematode detection and control will be a featured topic at the Producer Information Workshop, scheduled from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 11, in Lubbock.

In 1996, American cotton producers lost more than 763,000 bales to nematodes, a loss valued at over $290 million. These microscopic organisms feed on the roots of cotton plants, robbing them of nutrition they need to mature properly. In West Texas, it's estimated that 9.5 percent of the area's crop is lost each year to nematodes.

The symptoms of nematode infestation can include stunted plants, yellowed leaves, wilting and stress. But because the soilborne pests are difficult to diagnose, these symptoms are often mistakenly attributed to other problems.

Dr. Terry Wheeler, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station nematologist, will be a keynote speaker at the cotton workshop. As a member of the National Cotton Council's Nematode Survey and Education Program, Wheeler has worked to develop guidelines for nematode control. At the workshop, she will focus on soil sampling for nematodes — the only way to accurately identify infestation, and appropriate control measures.

The afternoon workshop will be held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners Show, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Other topics will include the boll weevil economic impact study, preventing sticky cotton, and record keeping for pesticide use. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered.

Early planting begins in Georgia

ATLANTA (AP) — An early spring in Georgia means an early start for many farmers, who are planting about a week ahead of schedule.

Twice the normal amount of corn is already in the ground — about 10 percent is the rule for this time of year. More than half the wheat has been jointed, 8 percent of the watermelons planted and 3 percent of the tobacco transplanted, the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service said in its first report of the year.

Ninety percent of the state's peach trees are blooming and 4 percent of the apples. Both are five-year records for this time of year, the service said.

Our minister says that the sight of a newborn creature or a spring flower teaches a lesson about creation he could never preach.

CFSA Report

By Joe Hefner, CFSA Executive Director

The 15th Conservation Reserve Program sign-up will run through Friday.

Producers have the option to make contracts effective for either 1998 or 1999 however any acreage currently under CRP contract that is re-offered, must be effective for 1998. Sign-up is open to new acreage and to currently enrolled acreage due to expire Sept. 30.

CRP is a voluntary program designed to encourage producers to plant long-term, resource-conserving vegetation on eligible cropland to improve the soil, water and wildlife resources. If elilgible, producers may receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish the approved cover. Certain activities may qualify for incentive payments. The length of the contract is 10 to 15 years.

To apply, you must have owned or operated the land being offered for at least 12 months prior to Friday (March 28). For the land to be eligible, it must have been planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity two of the five most recent crop years.

Land must also be physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agriculture commodity. In addition, land eligibility requirements are determined by other factors such as erodibility of soil and environmental practices. After producer and land eligibility requirements have been met, the applications are ranked in comparison to all other bids offered and selections will be made from that ranking.

Environmental benefits to be considered include:

1. Benefits to wildlife habitat resulting from cover on contract acreage.

2. Improved water quality as a result of reduced water erosion, runoff, and leaching.

3. Reduced erosion on the farm.

4. Long-term benefits from certain practices, such as tree plantings, which continue beyond the contract period.

5. Improved air quality as a result of reduced wind erosion.

6. Enrollment in conservation priority areas which contributes to the improvement of water quality, wildlife habitat, or air quality and

7. Cost.

Rental rates are based on the relative productivity of soils within each county, the average of the past three years of local dry land cash rent, or the cash rent equivalent. The maximum rental rate for each CRP is calculated in advance of enrollment.

For more information or for an appointment to enroll, contact this office. The local Farm Service Agency (FSA) number is 915-573-0171. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) number is 915-573-6317.

Wheat aphid showing up in some area fields

AMARILLO — The Russian wheat aphid, dreaded by farmers because it menaces croplands, is showing up in a few area wheat fields now, says Dr. Carl Patrick, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

This is the time to look for spots of obvious damage in the fields," said Patrick. Starting now, and until mid-May, the insects will be active and begin to spread.

"If aphids are present, farmers will see tillers with obvious purpling and white lines, also known as chlorotic streaking," Patrick said. Often-times, the leaf will be rolled up like a soda straw. The insects are one-sixteenth inch long, lime green in color, spindle-shaped, and can be seen by unrolling the plant's leaves.

"Aphids prefer feeding on younger leaves in wheat," the specialist said. Damage occurs when the insects inject a toxin as they feed. Dryland wheat will likely be most affected. Additional information on how to identify the insect, check for damage and appropriate control measures is available through local county Extension offices.

According to Patrick, beneficial insects in the form of predators and parasites will feed on aphid. However, once the aphid is protected inside the rolled plant leaves, beneficial predators are less effective. In most cases, an insecticide application will likely be required to prevent significant yield losses when the economic threshold is reached.

Decisions on control are calculated using the cost of chemical application versus the value of the wheat. For example, if insecticide control will cost $8 an acre and a value of the wheat is estimated at $100 an acre, then the producer may want to consider treatment when 16 percent of the plant tillers show damage and feeding aphids are present.

Several insecticides have been shown to be effective for controlling aphids in wheat, Lorsban 4E-SG, Dimethoate and Di-Syston.

Kansas fields show stress

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Spots of bluish tint are beginning to show on some of the green fields of winter wheat in western Kansas — a sign of moisture stress.

Nineteen percent of the state's wheat was rated excellent, 68 percent good, 11 percent fair and 2 percent poor in a Kansas Agricultural Statistics report this week.

Despite dry conditions in western Kansas, the state's overall crop is in good shape after a mild winter, said Michael Doane, interim executive vice president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. But a lot can happen before combines begin harvesting the crop in two months.

"Now the trend is dry, and that's not a good feeling," Doane said. "But that's not the end of the world either, unless it just stays that way."

The mild, dry March has not caused major damage yet to the 2,600 acres of winter wheat planted by Vance Ehmke near Healy, Kan. But another few weeks without significant rain could be a problem.

The nicest thing about the month of March is that — eventually — it's over.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a 685 run Saturday, March 22. Feeder steers were $.50 to $3 higher. Feeder heifers under 700 lbs. were $3 to $5 higher. Feeder steers and heifers over 700 lbs. were steady. Slaughter cows and bulls were $1 to $3 higher. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trade was active and demand good.

Feeder heifers:
400 to 500, 76 to 84
500 to 600, 70 to 77
600 to 700, 63 to 71.50.
Feeder steers:
300 to 400, 87 to 99
400 to 500, 85 to 91.50
500 to 600, 78.25 to 83
600 to 700, 74.50 to 79.50
700 to 800, 65 to 70
800 to 800, 63.50 to 71.50
Slaughter cows: high cutter: 37 to 41.75; high dressing, 42 to 47; other cutters 34.50 to 37; canner and low cutter 28.50 to 32.
Slaughter bulls: Yield grade 1-2: 50-54.
Medium age to older bred cows: 470 to 590
Cows and calves: 620 to 700.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 480 to 620.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 853 head of cattle for the Thursday, March 20 Sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 80 to 100; 400 to 500, 80 to 92.50; 500 to 600, 70 to 81; 600 to 700, 65 to 75; 700 to 800, 62.50 to 67.50.
Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 65 to 75; 400 to 500, 62.50 to 70; 500 to 600, 62.50 to 70; 600 to 700, 60 to 65; 700 to 800, 57.50 to 65.
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 62.50 to 72.50; 700 to 800, 58.50 to 65.
Cow and calf pairs, good: 500 to 650; grade: 400 to 500.
Springers: 300 to 600; baby calves: 70 to 125; doodlers 125 to 210.

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Key short-term interest rate increased

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once won't be enough in the Federal Reserve's effort to crush bubbling inflation pressures with higher interest rates, many economists believe.

Saying the economy's strength risks fueling inflation, the central bank raised a key short-term interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 5.5 percent on Tuesday.

"This action was taken in light of persisting strength in demand, which is progressively increasing the risk of inflationary imbalances developing," the Fed said.

That view was bolstered today by an unexpectedly strong report on orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket durable goods. They rose 1.5 percent in February, the Commerce Department said.

Several large banks followed by raising their prime rate from 8.25 percent to 8.5 percent. The rise spread today, including a move by Chase Manhattan, the nation's biggest bank. More expensive auto loans, adjustable-rate mortgages and credit-card borrowing will result.

The stock market, which had been well-prepared by Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's public comments, reacted mildly. The Dow Jones average fell 29.08 to close at 6,876.17 Tuesday, only partly giving up a 100-point gain from the day before. It was down an additional 5 points in early trading today.

The reaction was more pronounced on the bond market, where worries about more rate increases down the road sent prices down and the yield on Treasury's 30-year bond up to 6.98 this morning.

Most analysts believe the increase in the federal funds rate charged on interbank loans will be followed by additional increases. The Fed almost never moves just once, they said.

"There's a good chance they'll have to raise rates at least once or maybe two more times by this summer," said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa. "The economy is very strong and one rate hike isn't going to do much to dampen it."

Chances are about 50-50 the next quarter-point increase will come at the Fed policy-makers' May 20 meeting, Zandi said. And, if not, an increase is a stronger possibility at the July 1-2 gathering, he said.

Ira play advances to area

Ira's one-act play entry, "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson," added another victory notch to its belt Monday during district competition in Westbrook.

The play now advances to the area contest slated Saturday, April 5, in Eden.

Five Ira thespians also grabbed individual honors, including Tye Shirley, who was named best actor.

Three were named to the all-star cast: Stacey Taylor, Chris Gee and Emily Hardy.

B.K. Box received honorable mention.

Sue Parham is the director.

Also advancing Monday was Highland's "A Company of Wayward Saints."

Investigators target Joe Camel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying Joe Camel ads target children, federal investigators are urging an unfair-advertising case against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the government said today.

Jodie Bernstein, the Federal Trade Commission's director of consumer trade protection, has recommended that the agency go after the nation's No. 2 cigarette maker, said FTC spokeswoman Victoria Streitfeld.

The FTC staff reopened the investigation of Joe Camel ads last summer after a bipartisan petition from 67 House members approved the new inquiry.

An FTC memo, dated two weeks ago, cited an extensive amount of new information about the tobacco industry's advertising tactics that wasn't available in 1994 when the commission voted, 3-2, not to bring a case against the highly successful Joe Camel cartoon character.

"There is new evidence," said Streitfeld, adding that R.J. Reynolds officials will be allowed to respond to the new information before FTC commissioners vote again on whether to sue. That vote could come within two months.

Streitfeld would not say what the new evidence is, but the Food and Drug Administration has passed documents to the FTC throughout its own review of tobacco regulation during the last two years.

Those documents include a 1993 R.J. Reynolds study showing that 86 percent of children aged 10 to 17 recognize Joe Camel, and that, among them, 95 percent know the cartoon character sells cigarettes.

2 blasts disrupt rail service in England

LONDON (AP) — Twin blasts tore up rail track and damaged key signaling equipment early today in the northern English town of Wilmslow, hours after a telephone warning from a man claiming to represent the IRA.

While no casualties were reported, the explosions caused serious rail service disruptions in the north of England. The blasts took place a day after Scotland Yard warned of the increased possibility of attacks by the Irish Republican Army in the runup to Britain's May 1 general election.

Prime Minister John Major called the explosions at Wilmslow, a major signaling center for trains that is 160 miles northwest of London, an "insult to democracy at the start of the general election campaign."

Greater Manchester police said the explosions caused extensive damage and disruption to train service from Scotland to London and throughout northern England. Wilmslow is on the west coast line from Manchester to London.

Police said they were uncertain whether the explosions were caused by bombs.

The most recent IRA bombing in England was June 15, when a 3,000-pound bomb injured 200 people and damaged 300 shops in Manchester.

On Oct. 7, the IRA detonated two car bombs inside British army's headquarters in Northern Ireland, killing one soldier and injuring 40 civilians and soldiers.

Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring told Sky television that IRA bombs worsen the prospects for peace in Northern Ireland: "If these people think they're going to be nearer to a solution by bombs or the threat of bombs, they're living in cloud cuckoo land, a totally illusory world."

Major said he hoped the IRA and its allied Sinn Fein Party were not going to conduct their election campaign at the ballot box in British-ruled Northern Ireland and with bombs in mainland Britain.

Opposition leader Tony Blair, whose Labor Party is leading in opinion polls, said no British government will be intimidated by "such outrages." He also warned that the IRA's chances of joining the democratic process "diminished with every bomb and bullet."

The day after the 1992 election, the IRA planted two bombs in London. One killed three people, injured 91 and caused $950 million in damage. The other at caused extensive damage.

In 1993, two boys were killed by an IRA bomb in the center of Warrington, near Wilmslow.

Cheshire police said there were two calls today from a man using a recognized IRA code word warning of bombs. The first at 5:30 a.m. was made to an elderly woman in Wilmslow who called police warning of a device at the local police station.

The second was made to a hospital in the Manchester area, warning of a device at the railway station.

At 6:30 a.m., an explosion was heard at a signaling box about 350 yards from Wimslow station, Greater Manchester Police Inspector Leslie Smith said.

"The area was cordoned off, and as officers were doing this, there was a second loud explosion just after 7 a.m. and that was near to the first one," he said.

Finding: Texas colleges are able to consider race

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration has told Texas a recent federal court ruling does not force the state to adopt strictly race-neutral policies at state colleges and universities.

In response to questions from some Texas legislators, the Department of Education also said in a letter that the state could lose federal aid if it fails "to take appropriate remedial measures" to eliminate racial discrimination in higher education.

The department said despite the ruling state colleges can still take race and ethnicity into account in various programs — a position at odds with that of Texas Attorney General Dan Morales.

In a letter Monday, assistant education secretary Norma Cantu disagreed with Morales' Feb. 6 legal opinion directing state colleges and universities to have race-neutral policies for admissions, financial aid, scholarships and other aspects of college life. Ms. Cantu heads the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights.

One state senator who has been critical of the Morales opinion said Texas could lose up to $1.8 billion in federal funds if the state is found in violation of federal civil rights law.

Morales issued the opinion after the Supreme Court left intact a federal appeals court's decision striking down the University of Texas law school's former affirmative-action admissions policy.

Man injured in landfill mishap

A 51-year-old Snyder man remains in critical condition at Lubbock's University Medical Center following an accident at the city of Snyder landfill Tuesday morning.

Elpidio Zambrano, an employee of Foster and Wheeler Co., of Houston, was working as a scraper operator when he received severe head injuries after falling from a piece of equipment.

Scurry County Deputy Brian Peterson said the accident is still under investigation as to whether Zambrano was tossed from the piece of machinery after hitting something, or suffered medical problems which caused him to fall from the operator's seat.

Zambrano was taken to Cogdell Hospital by Snyder EMS and then air-lifted to Lubbock.

Tuesday afternoon, UMC listed his condition as critical and it remains so this morning. However, hospital officials did say today that he had shown some improvment and his vital signs had stabilized.

Utility company files proposal

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when the PUC staff reviewed TU Electric's earnings and indicated they are potentially higher than would be allowed if the company underwent a rate case. The analysis did not include the effects of a subsequent Texas Supreme Court decision issued this spring that directed the PUC to reconsider a $909 million disallowance from the company's 1990 rate case. That ruling could lead to an increase in the amount TU Electric is allowed to earn. The PUC has not yet reconsidered the disallowance.

"This settlement is good for several reasons," said Daryl Thomas, local TU Electric manager. "TU Electric customers would benefit in August from the refund, and all of the parties involved would avoid the expense of lengthy rate proceedings at this time."

Thomas said the settlement would also allow TU Electric, the PUC staff, the Office of Public Utility Counsel and the Coalition of Cities to negotiate a longer-term resolution of the company's earnings beyond 1997, which would address the Texas Supreme Court's ruling on the prior disallowance.

"The PUC has recently indicated that it strongly favors settled cases because of the expenses they save," said Thomas. "We hope this is the beginning of something that will operate in the company's and its customers' best long-term interest."

Obituaries

Adrian Nobles

Infant

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Hillside Memorial Gardens for Adrian Louise Nobles, infant daughter of Michael and Christina Nobles of Snyder, who was stillborn on Monday, March 24, in Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City. The Rev. Dan Crawford will officiate.

Survivors include her parents, Michael and Christina Nobles of Snyder; one sister, Jessica Ann Nobles of Snyder; one brother, Calvin Michael Nobles of Snyder; grandparents, Jester and Billie Pippin, and E.C. and Mary Nobles, all of Snyder; and great-grandparents, Mildred Nobles, and Ed and Ellen Edwards, all of Snyder.

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What's Up?

Civic club meetings change

The Rotary Club will meet Thursday at noon at First Presbyterian Church to participate in the Holy Week.

Easter musical to be presented

First Baptist Church will present "The Victor," a dramatic Easter musical, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Landfill closed Saturday

The city landfill will be open Friday but will close Saturday in recognition of the Easter weekend.

Art and writing contest

Area schools are invited to participate in the 11th annual Texas Wildflower Program at Scurry County Museum. The program will feature creative art and writing. Projects are being accepted through Thursday. The display will open April 7 and close May 9. For information, call 573-6107.

AARP bake sale

The local AARP chapter will have a bake sale from 8:30 until noon Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Ira gospel singing

Ira First Baptist, Church of God, Church of Christ and United Methodist are hosting a community singing at the Ira School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Call Judy Smallwood at 573-5785 or Linda Darnell at 573-9527 to have your group placed on the program. Everyone is invited.

Easter sunrise service

East Side Church of Christ invites everyone to a sunrise service to begin at 6 a.m. Sunday at the J.R. Cave Ranch, approximately 5.5 miles south of the Traffic Circle on Highway 208.

Baptist sunrise service

First Baptist Church invites everyone to a sunrise service Sunday at 6 a.m. at the Tommy and Shelby Clayton residence north of Snyder.

Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

Free tax help provided

An AARP tax aide is available Wednesdays at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. to help middle and low income older taxpayers prepare their personal income taxes. For information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Ira Neighborhood Watch

Ira Neighborhood Watch will meet at 7:30 p.m. April 3 at the Ira Community Center. A number of topics will be discussed, including theft of newspapers from the post office. Law enforcement personnel will be on hand. For further information, call Tommy Huddleston at

Hermleigh Cemetery Association

Hermleigh Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5, in the Hermleigh Community Center. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Wildflower tours available

Scurry County Museum will be conducting wildflower tours from April 7-30. Tours should be scheduled at least five days in advance by calling 573-6107. The tours will be given by Western Texas College botany students.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Senior Center. Cost is $6 per plate, including carryouts. Children under six eat free.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The sixth Bible tape, "Concern Without Worry," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "Jesus Turned My Life Around."

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

SNS needs financial help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing, which repairs homes of persons over 65 or disabled, is in need of donations for the April 26 workday. Donations can be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, or dropped off at Sam Robertson's Insurance or the West Elementary School office.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Pick 3

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

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-13-22-31-35.
Number matching five of five: two.
Prize per winnner: $80,546.
Winning ticket(s) sold in: Seadrift, San Antonio.
Matching four of five: 501. Prize: $483.
Matching three of five: 14,481. Prize: $28.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

To violent television programs...

TV ratings can attract young viewers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cartoons and other children's TV programs rarely depict the real consequences of violence and often glorify the attacker, a cable industry study said today. It also warned that the new TV rating system is likely to attract youngsters to restricted programs.

"Of all genres, children's programs contain the greatest number of these high-risk violent portrayals," researchers from four universities concluded in a report commissioned by the National Cable Television Association.

The report doesn't specifically evaluate the effectiveness of the age-based TV ratings system that went into use Jan. 1 — after the study was conducted. Researchers were skeptical of its effectiveness, based on studies of the similar ratings system for movies.

"The type of rating system now being implemented has been shown to attract many children to restricted programs," the report said. "This may necessitate greater supervision of your children's viewing, or it may be the source of increased parent-children conflict over viewing choices."

Researchers said more detailed information about programs' violent, sexual and language content would be more helpful to parents.

According to the report, nearly all the programs that depict violence without real consequences or punishments and other "high-risk" portrayals are cartoons — a subject of concern to researchers for years.

Researchers worry that such portrayals teach aggressive attitudes and behavior to young children.

Children under 7 have difficulty distinguishing reality from fantasy, and the report warns parents that for this age group "cartoon violence must be taken seriously."

"Of all channel types, child-oriented basic cable (Cartoon Network, Disney and Nickelodeon) contains the most high-risk portrayals for young viewers," the report said.

Older children aren't as susceptible to cartoon violence because they can distinguish between reality and fantasy. But these children, the report said, are vulnerable to more realistic portrayals of violence like those found in movies and dramas.

The study, the second of its kind for the cable industry, did not rate specific programs, channels or stations for violent content.

The survey, the largest of its kind, was based on a sample of 2,757 hours of programming on 23 channels — a mix of cable and broadcast television — from October 1995 to June 1996. Sports, religious, game shows and infomercials were excluded.

Violence was defined as having a clear intent to harm, being physical in nature and overt.

The number of shows containing violence aired by ABC, CBS and NBC jumped this year to 54 percent from 47 percent a year ago, the study reported.

The overall level of violence on both broadcast and cable stayed about the same. This year the survey found that 61 percent of programs contain violence. Last year, it was 58 percent.

Researchers at the University of California at Santa Barbara, the University of North Carolina, the University of Texas and the University of Wisconsin conducted the study.

Like last year, this year's study found that higher-level age-based ratings like "PG-13" and "R" — make children want to tune in.

"None of the content-based rating systems showed this unwanted side-effect," the report said.

From "TV-G" for all audiences to "TV-MA" for mature audiences only, TV ratings now being used are similar to movie ratings.

Since their inception, TV ratings have come under attack from lawmakers, child advocacy groups and other critics for not providing enough information about shows' violent and sexual content.

Critics prefer ratings used by HBO, Showtime and some other subscription cable channels that provide information about the type and intensity of sex, violence and language in a given show.

Broadcasters and basic cable networks that depend on advertising as their main source of revenue fear they may lose advertising if shows are flagged for sex and violence.

TV violence can desensitize viewers to both real violence and victims of violence, can increase people's fears of becoming a victim, and as many other studies have suggested, can lead to more aggressive behavior, the researchers said.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; Boss, Business Associate banquet; 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Execution method may change

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Lawton Chiles said Florida will consider changing its method of execution after a condemned murderer's black leather face mask erupted in flames as he was electrocuted.

"We'll be looking into ... whether lethal injection is a way in which we should be going," Chiles said. "But the question is really, 'Is this something that is torturous or painful?' ... And right now we don't have any indication that it is."

The grisly death Tuesday of Pedro Medina, a Cuban refugee convicted of stabbing a teacher who had befriended him, prompted Florida's lead attorney representing death row inmates to request a halt for two scheduled executions next month.

"It was brutal, terrible. It was a burning alive, literally," said Michael Minerva, a front-row witness to the execution who also heads the state agency that represents death-row inmates.

But Attorney General Bob Butterworth said Medina's gruesome end would act as a deterrent.

"People who wish to commit murder, they better not do it in the state of Florida because we may have a problem with our electric chair," Butterworth said, adding that he opposed delaying the April executions.

Chiles appointed an independent medical examiner to evaluate the state's method of executions. Any changes would have to be approved by the state Legislature.

It was the second time an inmate's mask has burst into flame during a Florida execution. The first time, in 1990, executions were suspended for three months, resuming after prison officials concluded the fire stemmed from use of a synthetic sponge.

Austin Briefs

Senate committee approves budget

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee has OK'd a proposed state government budget for the next two years that totals about $83.3 billion.

Tuesday's committee vote sends the measure to the full Senate for consideration, which is expected April 1. The bill approved by the Senate is expected to go to a conference committee to work out differences with a proposed budget earlier passed by the House.

Both versions of the budget include a lengthy "wish list" of items totaling at least another $5 billion that will be funded if money is available. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he expects about $1 billion of that wish list to be funded.

"The question for conference committee is what are they," Ratliff said.

He said priority items include Gov. George W. Bush's reading initiative for school children, a state employee pay raise and additional higher education funding.

The state budget for the current two-year cycle, which ends Aug. 31, is $79.9 billion.

The budget bill is HB1.

Open enrollment charters studied

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Education Agency could allow more private groups to establish publicly funded schools under three bills pending before a House committee.

Open enrollment charter schools are public schools that don't face many of the requirements faced by traditional public schools. Under state law, only 20 charters for such schools can be issued.

The TEA has granted all 20 of the charters but another 291 groups have said they would apply for charters if given the chance.

Three bills considered by the House Public Education Committee Tuesday would expand the number of charters allowed. Two of the bills, by Reps. Mike Krusee, R-Austin, and Charlie Howard, R-Sugar Land, would set no limit on the number of open enrollment charter schools. The third bill, by Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, would allow 200 additional charters each year.

The bills were left pending before the committee.

Blocking proposed waste dump eyed

AUSTIN (AP) — West Texans who fear the effects of a planned low-level nuclear waste dump testified before a House committee in favor of a bill that would effectively scuttle the project.

The House Environmental Regulation Committee heard testimony Tuesday on the bill sponsored by Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso.

The bill changes the requirements for a waste dump planned for a site 16 miles from the Rio Grande in Hudspeth County, saying the dump must be at least 60 miles from the river.

The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority is petitioning for a license to operate the dump in Sierra Blanca, a rural community 90 miles southeast of El Paso.

The committee sent the legislation to a subcommittee while Rep. Chavez awaits an opinion from federal authorities on whether the site violates the La Paz Agreement in which the U.S. and Mexico agreed not to enter into projects that might have significant effects on the border environment.

Proponents argued Tuesday that the dump poses health, ecological and economical hazards.

Cleaning up oil spills are debated

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Railroad Commission and General Land Office are squabbling over which state agency should have the responsibility to clean up oil spills affecting the state.

A House subcommittee looking into the duplication of services by state agencies took testimony Tuesday on a bill that would put the Railroad Commission in charge of spills.

Currently, the two agencies share the duties, with the Railroad Commission in charge of oil and gas spills under 240 barrels and the Land Office handling spills over that amount.

"The vast majority of coastal oil and gas exploration and production facility oil spills are less than 240 barrels," said Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander.

Mrs. Rylander said the U.S. Coast Guard reported that only two of approximately 1,100 coastal oil spills last year exceeded 240 barrels.

That was disputed by Greg Pollock, the associate deputy land commissioner in charge of oil spill prevention and response.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, is sponsoring a bill that would put the Land Office in charge of the spills.

The Railroad Commission oil spill bills are HB3230 and SB1711. The Land Office oil spill bill is SB1908.

Bills would affect prison policies

AUSTIN (AP) — Prison inmates could face random drug testing under a bill tentatively approved by the Texas House.

Rep. Leo Alvarado, D-San Antonio, said random testing would help force drugs out of state prisons. Alvarado, sponsor of the bill, said drug use threatens the safety of prison employees and inmates and is harmful to prison rehabilitation efforts.

An amendment to the bill requires the program to begin within three months of the state getting federal funding for the testing. The state will become eligible for such funding if the proposed law is approved.

Inmates would face additional punishments for failing drug tests, including the loss of good time credits.

Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, said additional penalties shouldn't be imposed on those using the drugs, but should be imposed on those bringing the drugs into the prison system.

Alvarado said other laws already punish people who sell or transfer drugs. He also said a law passed last year makes it a more serious crime to bring drugs into state prisons.

Under current law, prisoners reasonably suspected of drug use can be tested. Failing two tests can lead to reprimands and the permanent loss of good time credits.

Under Alvarado's bill, approved on a voice vote Tuesday, at least 5 percent of the prison population would have to be tested for drug use each year. State budget officials said random testing wouldn't cost much more than the nearly $100,000 spent on the current drug testing.

In other action related to criminal justice issues:

— The House tentatively approved a bill to prevent the TDCJ from firing or punishing employees who refuse to take polygraph tests. Prison employees implicated in inmate escapes, drug use and the possession of weapons can be forced to take polygraph tests under a current department policy. Rep. Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville, sponsor of the bill, called the policy unfair. He said terms or conditions of employment shouldn't be based on polygraph tests, which Hightower said can be unreliable.

— A bill to subject convicted stalkers to psychological counseling as a term of release was given preliminary approval by the House on a voice vote.

Probation and parole boards now can consider such counseling. But Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, D-McAllen, said the boards often are hesitant to consider counseling because it is not listed in law among potential conditions of release.

All three bills face final House votes before going to the Senate.

The drug testing bill is HB438. The polygraph bill is HB1422. The psychological counseling bill is HB1050.

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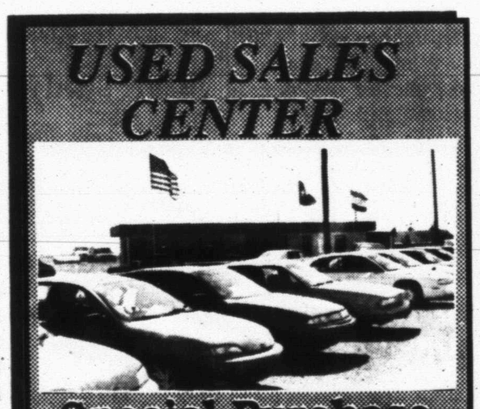

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