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Production scheduled for July...

Brick plant work ready to proceed

Construction at Snyder Brick and Tile is expected to pick up soon as the firm has received a commitment letter for financing from Omni Bank in Houston and the two are expected to close on the loan in mid-March.

"The note, for $3.5 million, will actually be serviced from the Austin branch of Omni Bank," general manager Mitchell Goodner said this morning.

"We have set a target date for closing the loan as March 15," added Goodner who said refurbishing of the plant would start as soon as the loan is finalized.

Work at the plant so far has consisted of weatherizing the manufacturing facility so work can proceed without delay following the mid-March loan closing, Goodner said.

"We'll start hiring people then, and bringing material in for construction and production."

Goodner said the firm would hire 20 people for work during the construction phase, and 40 more when the plant comes on line.

During construction, workers will be on the job for six days a week, and five days during production. "Of course, the firing process runs continuously," added Goodner.

Goodner said the plant would soon seek contractors for work inside the production facility, and the remodeling of the office facilities.

"We'll be using masonry and plumbing contractors, as well as heating and air conditioning contractors," said Goodner.

John DeLille, executive director of the Development Corporation of Snyder, said Thursday that everything is coming together for the plant.

"This is all very good news for us," DeLille said.

DeLille's comments came during the DCOS regularly scheduled board meeting.

DeLille also reported that the DCOS will host a luncheon on March 7 for representatives of existing manufacturing industries in Snyder, and that bids are expected to go out within 60 days for construction of a gas line to the industrial park.

In an action item, the board approved a $2,500 donation to the Arnold Lorber Memorial Scholarship Fund at Western Texas College.

DeLille said Exxon and Roy Baze, will also be donating $2,500 to the scholarship fund.

The board also met for some 45 minutes in executive session to conclude the yearly evaluation of DeLille.

Board president Jack Gorman Jr. said no action was taken by the board following the session.

"We're certainly pleased with what John is doing with the DCOS," said Gorman. "But we have to operate within our budget constraints."

Gorman said DeLille will continue at his present salary of $51,500, saying the board wants to continue with an incentive program based on the creation of new jobs.

Gorman presided at the meeting and all board members were in attendance to include Gary Landes, Roy McQueen, David Cotton and Larry Anderson.



IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT— The Pigeon sisters, Gwendolyn, left, played by Lana Rice, and Cecily, Tiffany Britton, console Felix Unger, played by David Olsen, in the *Odd Couple* dinner theatre slated next Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Western Texas College. Advance ticket sales are underway. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Incumbent trustees file

Snyder and Hermleigh school boards

Richard Chambers is expected to file this afternoon for his third term as a Place 3 trustee on the Snyder ISD school board.

He will join Mike Levens on the May 6 election ballot, who filed Wednesday afternoon for his second term in Place 2.

Chambers, who owns Matlock Auto Sales, was first elected to the board in 1993 and has served as vice president the past two years.

A Snyder native, Chambers is a 1971 graduate of Snyder High School. He earned his Associate in Business from Western Texas College in 1981.

He and his wife, Brenda, have a daughter, Dara, who is a ninth grader at Snyder High School.

Levens was first elected to the school board in 1997. He is a regional business manager for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and he and his wife, Marsha, have three children. Jeffrey and Josh are both Snyder High School graduates. Their daughter, Abigail, is an 8th grader at Snyder Junior High.

Levens graduated from Snyder High School in 1969 and attended Howard Payne University in Brownwood from 1969 to 1973.

Vance Reynolds has filed for his first full term on the Hermleigh board. He was appointed in May, 1999 to fill the unexpired term of John Williamson.

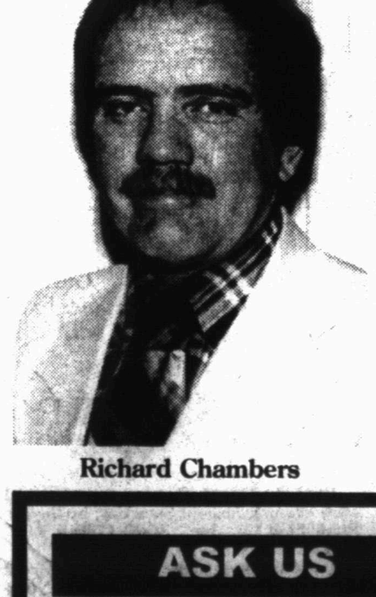
Reynolds is employed as a hydraulic field technician for Commercial Body Corporation of San Antonio.

A resident of Hermleigh since 1995, he graduated in 1992 from Chisum High School in Paris, Texas, and earned a degree in diesel mechanics from Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater.

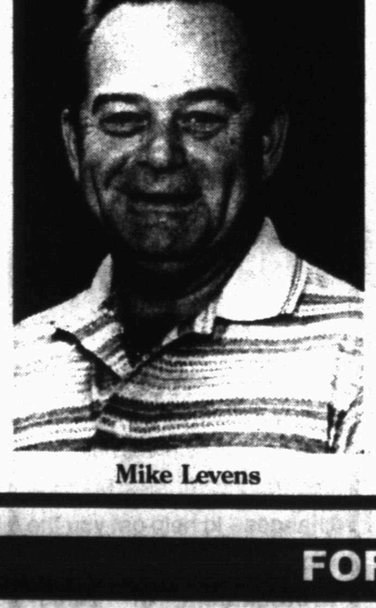
He and his wife, Wendy, have a daughter, Bethany, 4.

In filings for the May 6 City Council election, Vernest Tippens term for District 1 while James Jenkins has filed for his first full term on the council in

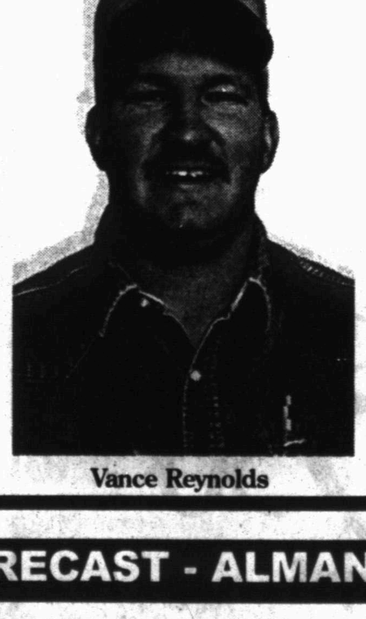
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Richard Chambers



Mike Levens



Vance Reynolds

Reservations needed for dinner play

Reservations are now being accepted for Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple,* which will be performed as a dinner theatre production next week at Western Texas College's Student Center.

Performances are set at 6 p.m. next Friday through Sunday.

Advance reservations are recommended because seating is limited. Tickets are $15 for adults and $13 for students and senior citizens, 62 and older. A $2 discount for prepaid tickets also is available.

The cast and crew consist of WTC students, faculty members and community volunteers.

The cast includes:

*Dallas Martinez of Breckenridge as Oscar Madison.

*David Olson of Abilene as Felix Unger.

*Tiffany Britton of Hawley as Cecily Pigeon.

*Lana Rice of Lubbock as Gwendolyn Pigeon.

*Justin Stice of Snyder as Roy, the accountant.

*Kris Hollis of Sweetwater as Speed.

*Angel Ociel "Chief" Delagarza Castelan of Ira, as Murray, the Cop.

*Wes Hardin will be Vinnie.

Dr. Helen Cogan, who teaches speech and drama at the college, will direct. Nikki Brown, community volunteer, will serve as assistant director.

Carolyn Girard will be in charge of set and costume design. She teaches drama and speech part-time at WTC.

Local Eckerd to remain open

While 289 Eckerd Drug Stores are being closed by the parent company J.C. Penney, the local store is not on the closure list.

Eckerd Drug is located in the Varsity Square Shopping Center.

A list of the J.C. Penney department stores to be closed will be released in two weeks, said a company spokesman from the Plano headquarters.

The closing of the Eckerd Drug Stores and J.C. Penney stores is the result of the company losing $12 million in the quarter ended Jan. 29.

Art contest set Saturday

Western Texas College Fine Arts Department will sponsor the 8th annual West Texas High School Art Competition Saturday.

At least 12 high schools have notified WTC of their intention to participate, and even more could actually enter the competition on Saturday, said Ben Sum of the college's Fine Arts Division.

Students from Snyder, Hamlin, Colorado City, Denver City, Eula, Hawley, Hermleigh, Jim Ned, Sudan and Merkel have entered the competition, as well as students from Lubbock High and Lubbock Monterey.

Entries from the students will be received from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at the WTC Fine Arts Building.

The WTC drama department will present an excerpt from the spring production, "The Odd Couple," from 1-2 p.m.

Workshops and demonstrations will be presented form 2-4 p.m., and the reception and the award ceremony will be from 4-5 p.m.

Don Stevenson, chairman of the art department at Hardin-Simmons University, is the juror for the competition.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Don't like the way it's being done? Then help do it."

Come on guys and gals, get off the sofa and into the action.

There's still plenty of time to sign up as a candidate for school and college boards and for city council.

It only takes one person to make a difference – and it might just be you.

If you need inspiration for community service, you don't have to look very far. **R.C. Patton**, an original member of the Western Texas College board of trustees, is completing his 31st year of service. And R.C. has been active in nearly everything – the chamber of commerce, Gold Coats, Salvation Army, First Baptist Church and as a long-time director of West Texas State Bank.

The filing deadline for one of the many board spots is March 22.

Scurry County is full of winners...

Congratulations to SJHS 8th grader **Destiney Proctor** for winning the Scurry County Spelling Bee last Friday. She will be our entry in the South Plains Spelling Bee next month in Lubbock. Runner-up was **John Whitworth**, a fifth grader at Northeast Elementary.

And more academic success!

Tyler Ezzell's research of hand-washing theories won first place in the West Elementary's 6th grade science fair. Placing second was **Whitney Parks** with a study of tastes preferences of horses.

Nickelyn Withers of Ira and **Alicia Culp** of Hermleigh get bouquets for their winning essays about the dangers of drugs in the DARE contest sponsored by the Scurry County Sheriff's Department.

Athletics combined with academics!

Eight members of the WTC rodeo team have been named NIRA Academic All-Americans, including **Terra Bynum** of Snyder.

To be an all-American, a rodeo team member must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better. That's pretty impressive. Other WTC Academic All-Americans are **Casey Baize, Ryan Brewer, Luke Richards, Wes Stevenson, Brandee Brock, Jill Childers, and Sequin Downey**. Coach **Greg Rhodes** should also take a bow.

Hats off to SHS counselor **Charlene Light**. She was recipient of the Rotary Club's vocational service award.

And even more success. Lady Tigers **Kameron Kallemeyn** and **T'Leah Eicke** were first team 5-4A all-district selections. **Katie Voss** was named to the second team while **Cameron Mackey** and **Kristen Murray** were honorable mention.

Things are looking good for next year since all are juniors, except **Voss** who is a sophomore.

A great comeback year for Hermleigh, despite being edged by Roscoe in the first round of the playoffs Tuesday night.

Ira remains in the playoffs with a decisive victory over Klondike Tuesday. The Bulldogs face Bronte tonight in Merkel.

Also the Snyder Tigers begin their playoff march tonight, facing Wichita Falls Hirschi in Cisco.

Go Tigers and Bulldogs!

ASK US

Q—When is the Snyder Neighbors Sharing work day?
A—April 29

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 78 degrees; low, 47; 7 a.m. Friday, 55; .60 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 2000, 1.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low, mid 30s; W wind 10-20 mph; Saturday, high, lower 60s; W wind 15-25 mph.



Alex Koonce
Windy

Sunset:
6:39 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:15 a.m.
Of 55 days in 2000, the sun has shone 54 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Remember, when life's path is steep, keep your mind even.
—Horace

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Texas woman executed after courts, Bush reject all pleas

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — As Gov. George W. Bush forges ahead with his presidential campaign, he leaves behind what some are calling a missed opportunity to demonstrate his "compassionate conservatism."

Capital punishment opponents and organizations that deal with domestic violence victims had urged Bush to delay the execution of Betty Lou Beets, inundating his office with more than 2,000 calls and letters.

But the governor, following what has become standard practice, denied a last-minute reprieve. Beets, 62, was executed by injection Thursday night for murdering her fifth husband nearly 17 years ago.

"It is an act of which we should be deeply ashamed," said Joseph Margulies, Beets' lawyer, who watched his client die. "It is not an act of compassion."

Beets is the nation's fourth condemned woman to be executed since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the death penalty to resume in 1976. She is the second to die in Texas.

"I am confident that the courts, both state and federal, have thoroughly reviewed all the issues raised by the defendant," Bush said in a statement shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Beets' final appeal.

Less than an hour later, she was strapped to the death chamber gurney. She declined to make a final statement and made no eye contact with the victim's family. She smiled at her attorney and a spiritual adviser watching through a window, and continued smiling as she slipped into unconsciousness.

She was convicted of fatally shooting Jimmy Don Beets in 1983 and burying his body under a flower garden. Beets and her lawyers insisted the former bartender-waitress was a victim of years of domestic abuse, a subject that was not a factor at trial.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson wrote to Bush, saying a reprieve "would demonstrate your compassionate conservatism and that you are willing to do what is right even in the face of potential criticism from your constituents."

During Bush's 51/2 years as governor, 121 convicted killers have been executed in Texas. The Republican has said he is certain all of them were guilty. He spared one condemned inmate whose guilt, he said, was in doubt.

Earlier in the week, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected Beets' pleas for a 180-day reprieve or commutation of her sentence to life in prison. That left Bush, under Texas law, with authority to grant Beets a one-time 30-day reprieve.

Beets insisted she was innocent. Prosecutors convinced a Henderson County jury that she killed Jimmy Don Beets, a Dallas Fire Department captain, to collect his life insurance and pension.

Beets also was convicted of shooting and wounding her second husband, Bill Lane, and was charged but never tried in the 1981 shooting death of her fourth husband, Doyle Barker.

Beets blamed a son for Jimmy Don Beets' death. The son denied any involvement and testified against her. Beets explained Barker's disappearance by saying he left one day and never returned. She blamed Lane for Barker's death.

Beets' claims of domestic abuse surfaced only recently and were not a factor in her 1985 trial.

"That was just the last gasp she had," Barker's son, Rodney, said after watching her die.

Jimmy Don Beets' son, James, who also witnessed the execution, said his father's death was wrong and he hoped his family now could get on with their lives.

"My dad was a Dallas fireman for 26 years," he said. "He lived to help people and not hurt people. I just hope now people know and they can see my dad was a good man."

Willie Nelson signs on for benefit show

FORT WORTH (AP) — One of the music business' greatest troubadour cowboys promises to ride to the rescue of a girls' choir in his home state.

Willie Nelson has agreed to a benefit concert to help the Texas Girls' Choir out of its financial pinch.

The girls' singing group has spent several months frantically trying to raise $200,000 to restore its sewage-spoiled practice site on the west side of Fort Worth.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Aspirin doesn't thin blood

DEAR DR. GOTT: My male friend, age 75, feels exhausted unless he takes an aspirin a day. Recently, he cut his hand and basically the wound didn't bleed at all. The blood was thick. Could thick blood cause his fatigue?

DEAR READER: The "thickness" or consistency of blood is not necessarily related to the clotting speed. In some diseases marked by viscous blood, such as polycythemia (an excess of red blood cells), clots do form more rapidly because of the simultaneous overproduction of platelets, the body's blood-clotting cells, that often accompanies the condition.

As I have repeatedly reminded readers, aspirin and other anticoagulants do not "thin" the blood (alter its consistency). Rather, these compounds slow clotting by reducing plate adhesiveness or by interfering with the proteins that are necessary for coagulation.

Therefore, I doubt that your friend's single aspirin tablet is affecting the viscosity of his blood. Moreover, it is also an unlikely antidote to fatigue. He will have to look elsewhere for an explanation. Blood ailments marked by excess viscosity can cause fatigue and loss of stamina, however. Thus, I recommend that he undergo an examination to clarify his blood condition. If his blood constituents are normal, his doctor will wish to search for other causes of exhaustion. On the other hand, if a blood disorder is to blame, he will require treatment.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood — Donations & Disorders." 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: My 7-year-old niece rubs her genital area on furniture and toys. Could she be sexually stimulating herself at this age? Is this normal? I frequently correct her and order her to stop but she won't.

DEAR READER: Your niece could, indeed, be stimulating herself to obtain pleasure. However, it's also possible that she may have a chronic genital irritation. This type of activity is not common in 7-year-olds, so I urge you to have her examined by a pediatrician. In any case, constant verbal correction is unlikely to serve any purpose other than to increase her anxiety and discomfort. Check with a doctor for diagnosis and advice.

In young girls, this kind of self-stimulating activity may reflect a physical problem; it is also sometimes seen as a consequence of child abuse. Therefore, before I label self-stimulating psychological or inappropriate, I choose to assume that this behavior has a physical basis. The pediatrician should be able to sort this matter out.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have two turtles who are losing their toenails. Could I get salmonella from them?

DEAR READER: Not being a turtle doctor, I defer to a veterinarian. It is my understanding, however, that turtles can carry this microorganism, which may cause severe diarrhea in humans. But I don't want to incriminate your turtles unfairly. These creatures do normally shed their nails, without an infection or illness as a cause. Make sure they're getting a balanced diet.

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Young daughter, trial restrains Gates

By TED BRIDIS
AP Technology Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill Gates, the famously aggressive billionaire whose favored phrases include "that's the stupidest thing I ever heard," is trying hard these days to watch his language.

The Microsoft Corp. chairman with the quick temper no longer confesses to wanting to "kill" rivals in the technology industry. His 3-year-old daughter, Jennifer Katharine, doesn't tolerate those words.

"I can't even say stupid or kill anymore," Gates lamented, joking during one of dozens of interviews at last week's launch of Microsoft's Windows 2000 software. "If she can't say it, I can't say it."

But Gates and his software empire may be feeling constrained by more than a toddler's reproach over combative language. The greatest threat in decades to the sustained success of Microsoft may be the recurring self-examination of its own business practices brought on by the antitrust trial here in Washington.

Concerns among managers and executives about how software design changes and other business decisions might affect its courtroom defense — regardless of the pending verdict — may yet shackle Microsoft in the fast-moving Internet era.

"It can have an inhibiting effect," said William Kovacic, an antitrust expert at George Washington University. "It's so elusive and intangible it's impossible to measure in any meaningful way, but if you accept that things do move quickly in this industry then even a small amount of hesitation can be important."

Already there is evidence that Microsoft, under the glare of renewed scrutiny by the government since 1998, has consciously attempted to soften its hardball image. Gates is no longer chief executive, stepping aside to design software. The company granted unprecedented concessions to a few of the nation's largest computer makers to customize Windows software on machines they sell, and it relaxed restrictive agreements with some Internet providers.

Some companies, including IBM and Dell Computer Corp., offer limited numbers of computers with rival Linux software installed — an affront to Gates that few would have risked years ago. Last month, Microsoft uncharacteristically settled a private antitrust lawsuit in Utah and agreed to pay at least $155 million.

Government lawyers — pushing for harsher remedies against Microsoft than just some corporate introspection — argue that the company hasn't changed anything that might lessen the industry-wide dominance of its flagship Windows software.

"Microsoft has a very macho, aggressive culture that hasn't changed," said Stephen Houck, who led the court case for the 19 states that are suing Microsoft alongside the Justice Department. "It's made a point of saying it will continue to do business as usual. There's little contrition."

But in public remarks and internal e-mails, executives are more diplomatic than in the sensational electronic messages the government used effectively as trial evidence to illustrate Microsoft's combativeness.

"They have toned back their aggressive language," said Rob Enderle, a longtime Microsoft expert at the Giga Information Group. "Microsoft always had been aggressive but almost uncontrollably so, with behavior that even for a company like Microsoft would be seen as unacceptably harsh. They needed to be reined in a bit, and the trial has done that."

Steve Ballmer, Microsoft's hyperactive new chief executive, once bellowed, "To heck with Janet Reno!" and compared himself to "Superman" during a company meeting at Seattle's Kingdome. But ask him these days about the antitrust trial — with a verdict expected within weeks — and he seems positively deferential.

"We believe the laws are fine," Ballmer said quietly last week in an interview with The Associated Press. "We want to make sure that the people who represent our interest, our shareholder interests, our employees' interests, our partners' interests — that those people are well educated on our points of view."

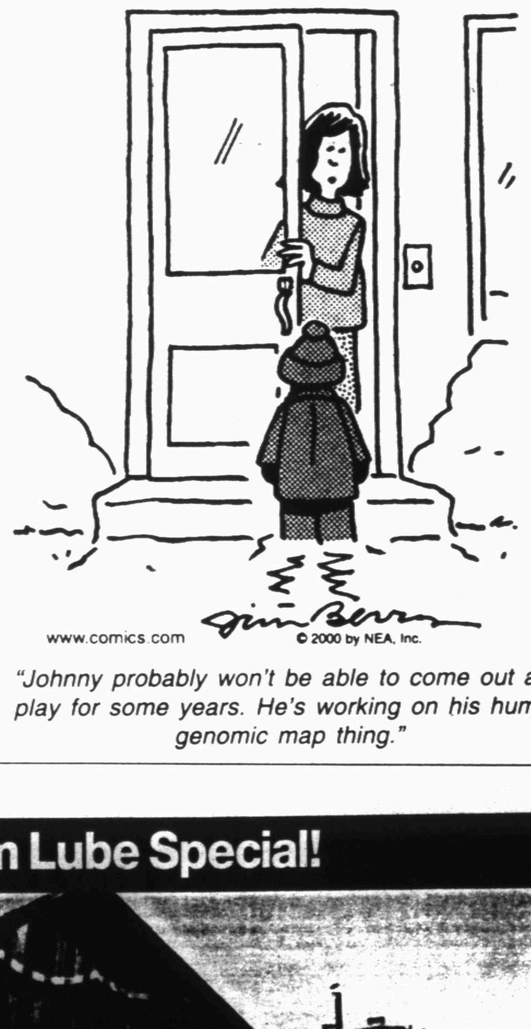
Ballmer urged workers to "stayed focused" on their mission in private e-mail days before U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson declared Microsoft an abusive monopoly that hurt consumers and stifled innovation. "We face more competition today than ever before, so we have to work harder than ever to listen to our customers, build innovative software products and offer consumers the best value."

There may be little Microsoft can do to reverse the tide. Since the trial, some of the company's key managers and executives have left — many to join smaller, more nimble Internet startups.

"Despite the resolve to press ahead," Kovacic said, "this kind of litigation inevitably slows you down to some extent."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Ted Bridis covers technology for The Associated Press.

Berry's World



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"Johnny probably won't be able to come out and play for some years. He's working on his human genomic map thing."

Diabetics to avoid Chinese herb products

WASHINGTON (AP) — Diabetics are being warned by the Food and Drug Administration to avoid five brands of Chinese herbal products because the herbs illegally contain prescription drugs that could cause dangerous drops in blood sugar.

Makers of the products say they contain only natural Chinese herbs. But after a diabetic herb user had several episodes of hypoglycemia, California investigators discovered the products also contain the prescription diabetes drugs glyburide and phenformin.

Consumers can receive a dangerously high amount of the drugs from the affected herbs, California's health department concluded — and herb users particularly are at risk if they also take regular diabetes medicine.

"People with diabetes should avoid these products and consult their physician if they've been taking them," the FDA warned Thursday.

In particular, people who suffer fatigue, excessive hunger, profuse sweating or numbness after taking the herbs should call a doctor.

Affected products are:

—Diabetes Hypoglucose Capsules, sold by Chinese Angel Health Products of Santa Monica, Calif.

—Pearl Hypoglycemic Capsules, imported by Sino American Health Products Inc. of Torrance, Calif., but also sold by Chinese Angel.

—Tongyitang Diabetes Angel Pearl Hypoglycemic Capsules and Tongyitang Diabetes Angel Hypoglycemic Capsules, sold by Sino American.

—Zhen Qi Capsules, sold by Sino American.

The FDA has stopped imports of the products and is investigating how the drugs were added to the herbs and whether any other herbal products are contaminated.

Chinese Angel and Sino American have agreed to recall the products, which may be returned to the place of purchase for a refund.

President James Garfield could write Greek with one hand while writing Latin with the other.

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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Fiancee's drinking problem puts wedding plans on hold

DEAR ABBY: For more than a year, I have been troubled by my fiancee's drinking. (I'll call her Julia.) Last week, Julia admitted to me that she is addicted to alcohol.

She continues to push me to set a wedding date. It has become a major issue for her because most of her friends are married, and she feels humiliated about being single. We have set tentative wedding dates in the past, but then have scrubbed them.

I am less worried about the date of the wedding than I am about Julia's drinking problem. I love her dearly, and with my encouragement she has gone to counseling, but I believe she has a long way to go.

She pushed me for a date again tonight. When I told her I wanted to discuss it with her in person rather than over the phone, she hung up on me. I'm sure that she had been drinking. She gets a "buzz" two or three nights a week and is a different person under those circumstances.

This would be the second marriage for both of us. I am 53; Julia is 48. We both have grown children.

I don't think I've handled this very well, and I'm not sure what to do. However, I don't want to spend the rest of my life with a partner who abuses alcohol. — **CONFUSED IN SAVANNAH**

DEAR CONFUSED: I would say you are wise to delay setting a wedding date until your fiancee has been sober for at least six months. Encourage Julia to continue counseling and to attend AA meetings. You can gain insight into the situation by contacting Al-Anon, a program for friends and family of alcoholics. Consult your phone book for the location of your nearest chapter.

Alcoholism is a sickness, and I hope Julia wins the battle, but if she doesn't, don't feel guilty if you decide to get on with your life without her.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife and I have been divorced for almost seven years. We have one daughter together. During our separation, my ex-wife became pregnant and gave birth to a girl. She told me the girl was mine; however, I didn't believe her. I was positive her new boyfriend was the father.

Recently our daughter went to visit my ex-wife's family. She brought home a photograph of my ex-wife's second daughter. When I saw it, my heart started pounding. She bears a strong resemblance to me!

If she is my daughter, I want to be part of her life. At the same time, she seems to be happy with her family and I don't want to disrupt her life. Should I demand a paternity test to see if she's mine? — **FATHER OF TWO?**

DEAR FATHER: Do not start out by "demanding" anything. Tell your ex-wife that you saw the child's picture and were struck by the child's resemblance to you, and you feel you may owe her an apology. Explain that you would like to be part of the little girl's life, but you do not want to disrupt the new family. Then listen to what your ex-wife has to say. It is important that after all these years, the subject be dealt with in a friendly manner.

If she refuses, there is plenty of time to pursue the matter legally if you must. However, I urge you to try diplomacy first.

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Drug ring sweep gets Sammy Gravano

PHOENIX (AP) — A few years after former hitman Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano brought down New York crime boss John Gotti, America's most notorious turncoat thought Arizona would be nice place to make an honest living.

He moved to the fast-growing Phoenix area, started a construction firm and settled in as just another middle-class joe.

Now authorities say he has returned to a life of crime.

Gravano, 54, was charged Thursday with operating a statewide "ecstasy" drug ring that authorities say may have reached as far away as Ohio. Gravano faces one count of conspiracy to distribute dangerous drugs, a felony carrying a 121/2-year prison sentence.

"There is no violence in this case that I'm charged with ... this is a minor thing," Gravano said in court Thursday. A judge set his bail at $5 million.

Gravano was not selling narcotics but helped finance the ring and was a "mentor" to its alleged leader, Michael Papa, the founding member of a white supremacist gang, police spokesman Jeff Halstead said.

Thirty-six members of the ring were arrested, including Papa, 23; Gravano's wife, Debra, 46; son Gerard, 24; daughter Karen, 27; and son-in-law David Seabrook, 32.

Police said the ring distributed as many as 30,000 ecstasy pills every week. The pills — a hallucinogen-stimulant hybrid — cost about $7 each but sold for as much as $30 apiece.

Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano said additional suspects could be arrested as part of the investigation that began last August. Additional charges also could be filed against Gravano.

"His primary testimony against the mob doesn't give him a free ride to facilitate drug dealing in Arizona," she said.

Gravano, who admitted killing 19 people, battered organized crime by helping to convict Gotti and dozens of other gangland cronies. Authorities called him the most important mob turncoat in U.S. history.

His bombshell testimony, along with conversations secretly taped by the FBI, finally put Gotti, the so-called "Teflon Don," behind bars for life in 1992 after three previous acquittals.

Under his deal with prosecutors, Gravano served only five years for racketeering.

He entered the federal witness protection program, but dropped out in 1997. He said he wanted to live normally, not always looking over his shoulder for "some kid" hoping to "make a name for himself by taking me out."

By 1999, he was making a new life in a Phoenix suburb, living under an assumed name but telling a reporter for The Arizona Republic he didn't think he was in any real danger.

"I'm not running from the (expletive) Mafia," he said.

Gravano was arrested at a Tempe apartment. Nine miles away, his wife, daughter and son-in-law were arrested at their 4,400-square-foot house, complete with swimming pool and three-car garage. Law enforcement agents were seen taking a pair of Lexuses and a boat from the lot Thursday.

In New York, Gravano's old enemies shouted a chorus of "I told you so."

Bruce Cutler, Gotti's attorney, said he planned to pass the word along to his client at the federal prison in Marion, Ill.

"You can't change the nature of a man," Cutler said. "He is a reprobate, a craven liar."

Ron Kuby, a lawyer representing the families of Gravano's murder victims in an ongoing civil lawsuit, said Gravano's insistence that he was repudiating his criminal ways had been a scam.

"I wonder how the government officials who cozied up to this mobster must feel," he said. "First they allow him to get away with 19 murders, then they turn him loose to deal poison to the unsuspecting people of Arizona.

"There ought to be a couple of FBI agents, U.S. attorneys and one federal judge named as accomplices."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-25-00
♠ 7 4
♥ 8 4 3
♦ A Q J 5
♣ J 10 8 7

West
♠ 9 8 5 3
♥ 9 7 2
♦ 9 6 2
♣ A K 5

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

South
♠ K Q 10
♥ A Q
♦ 10 8 7 4 3
♣ Q 9 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
Dbl.	2 ♥	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

The no-brainer lead, sometimes

By Phillip Alder

You are on lead against four spades. You hold A-K-5 of clubs, an unbid suit. What is your lead? Almost all the time, you don't need to know the rest of your hand. You lead the club ace. (All right, you might select the king, but I don't recommend that ambiguous lead.) The only alternative to a top club is a trump, if you deem that best. Other options, like a red-suit singleton, are almost certainly wrong. Why do you lead the ace? For two reasons: to win a trick (which is, after all, the object of the exercise), and to see the dummy.

Yet what if it is a no-trump contract? Is the club-ace lead still automatic? This deal arose some years ago in Minneapolis-St. Paul. Yes, the bidding was very aggressive, but that's how it happened.

If West had led a heart, the boring start in the suit his side bid, the contract would probably have failed by three tricks. Having no reason to discern the diamond distribution, declarer would have won trick one and taken the diamond finesse. Then he would have lost one spade, three hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

However, West couldn't resist the temptation to lead the club ace. He rapidly switched to a heart, but the damage had been done. If West had both top club honors, East had to have the diamond king. So South immediately led a diamond to dummy's ace. When the king obligingly appeared, declarer drove out the club king and claimed nine tricks via two hearts, five diamonds and two clubs.

Lead partner's suit — unless your alternative is better!

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Pardoned draft evader gets to attend brother's funeral

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Preston King, a pardoned draft evader who lived in exile for 39 years, met with family and friends and attended his brother's funeral on the first full day spent back in the United States.

King, a political science professor at Lancaster University in England, fled from Albany in 1961 to avoid an 18-month prison sentence for draft evasion. He said he left to protest a racist draft board that addressed him as "Mr. Preston King" before learning he was black and "Preston" after that.

On Monday, President Clinton granted him a pardon.

King, 63, arrived in Atlanta on Wednesday and joined his family in Albany for the funeral of Clennon King at the Mount Zion Baptist Church. Clennon King died in Miami on Feb. 12 after a three-year battle with prostrate cancer. He was 79.

The family declined interviews, but supporters announced a welcoming ceremony tonight at Veterans Park in Albany. King was expected to return to England on Saturday and resume his teaching duties Monday morning. He has no plans to settle permanently in the United States.

As the choir sang freedom songs and mourners shouted amens Thursday, King dabbed his eyes during the service. The Rev. Daniel Simmons titled his eulogy "Free at Last."

"Clennon has achieved freedom, and his brother has achieved the freedom he has deserved for a long time," Simmons said in an interview before the service.

Clennon King was the first black to apply for admission to the University of Mississippi, in 1958. Mississippi's governor responded by putting him in a mental institution, according to a family spokeswoman. He was released within a few weeks.

Food prices will increase, farm income to rebound

WASHINGTON (AP) — Food prices will rise by about 2 percent a year over the next decade, less than the overall cost of living, and farm income will start to rebound in 2002 as global demand picks up, the government said Thursday.

Competition among restaurants will keep the cost of eating away from home from increasing more than about 2.2 percent a year, while prices at the supermarket should rise about 2.1 percent annually, the Agriculture Department said in its latest long-term economic projections. The overall rate of inflation is expected to be 2.7 percent.

"American consumers will be blessed again in 2000 with an abundant, affordable food supply," said Keith Collins, USDA's chief economist.

While prices are rising for beef and pork, reflecting tighter supplies, dairy products and citrus are likely to be cheaper this year. Fresh vegetables also should be plentiful, based on this winter's acreage, he said.

Over the decade, USDA foresees some price cuts for meat and poultry and continued sharp swings from year to year in dairy products. The largest price increases are expected in fruits and vegetables, as much as 3.5 percent in 2001.

For farmers, the good news depends on a projected increase in U.S. agricultural exports. The Asian economic crisis sent grain prices plummeting two years ago as exports dropped, and they have yet to recover.

"Global economies are improving," Collins said. "World economic growth in 2000 is forecast to exceed 3 percent, a rate not seen since 1997."

Net farm income reached $48 billion last year, largely because of a record $22.7 billion in direct government payments. Farm earnings are expected to fall to $40.4 billion this year and then to $34.4 billion in 2001 before turning back up in 2002.

The projections don't account for the possibility that Congress will approve another multibillion package of farm assistance this year. The Clinton administration is proposing at least $3 billion in additional spending that wasn't included in the forecast.

Cash receipts from crops and livestock are expected to fall to $189.9 billion this year from last year's $191.9 billion.

U.S. wheat production could fall 200 million bushels because of lower plantings this winter and a lingering drought on the Plains, Collins said. That won't do much to increase wheat prices, however. Wheat stocks are expected to be the largest they've been since 1988, and Europe could have a record crop.

"Overall conditions in the farm economy are similar to last year," Collins said. "Markets for major commodities, particularly crops, are very weak, but an overall farm economic crisis has not materialized," largely due to government programs.

Farm exports are expected to increase slightly this year, from $49 billion to $49.5 billion, because of higher sales of cotton and livestock. In 2001, exports are projected to jump to $51.2 billion and then rise to $75.9 billion by the end of the decade. The largest gains are expected to come in sales of wheat, corn and cotton.

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ACROSS

1 Slender
7 Crouches down
13 Like warm sweaters
14 Hit with the fists
15 Arabian kettledrum
16 Sculptor Nevelson
17 Actor Vereen
18 A Gershwin
20 Opp. of NNE
21 Tried
25 Imitate
28 Son of Jacob
32 Subway-rider's need
33 Marry in haste
34 Model Cheryl —
35 Intimate
36 Bovine name
37 Went inside
39 Fierce female
41 Heating fuel
44 Exploit
45 Companion of aah
48 Has a stogie
51 Deepen a channel
54 Most sensible
55 Fee collector
56 Ammonia compounds
57 Smoother

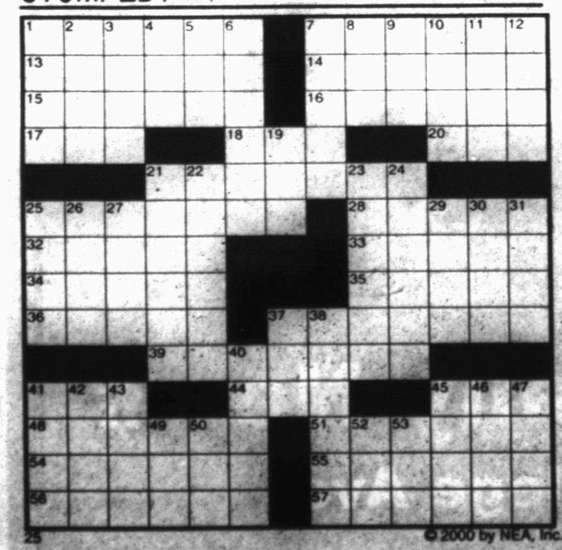
DOWN

1 Sailor's mop
2 Cast a ballot
3 Of the dawn
4 Atty.'s deg.
5 Iced drink
6 Join the army
7 Bevel corners
8 Status —
9 Baking pit
10 "Lucky Jim" author
11 Hardy heroine
12 Killed
19 "Norma —"
21 Legal writ
22 Japanese-American
23 Throws out
24 D.C. airport
25 "Kitchen" end
26 Work hard
27 Luau strings
29 Room part
30 Church section
31 Take advice
37 Ums' kin
38 Tailor's need
40 Sudden blasts of wind
41 Greek peak
42 Mohammedan prayer leader
43 Ms. Anderson
45 Scandinavian god
46 S-shaped molding
47 Frau's spouse
49 Barbie's guy
50 Language suffix
52 Clergyman's title
53 12/31, e.g.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

O	C	C	U	R	S			I	R	E	N	E
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I	N	N	I	N	G		P	I	N	A	T	A
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R	I	N		E	A	G	R	E		P	U	T
A	S	A	P		L	E	T	S		I	N	A
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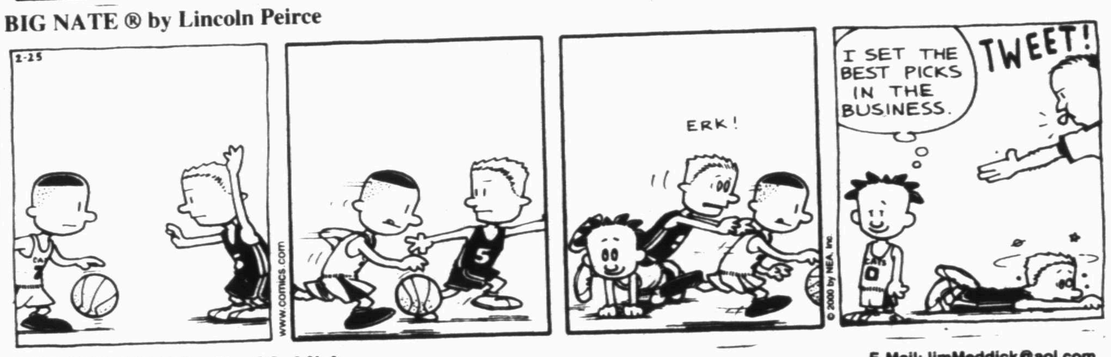
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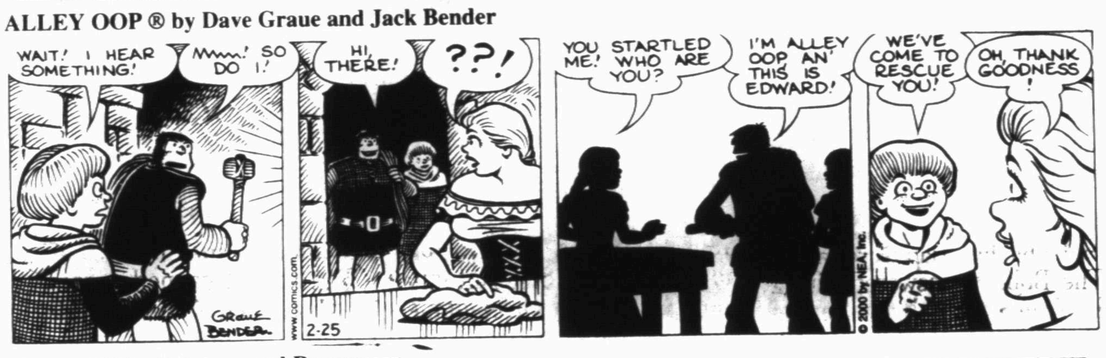


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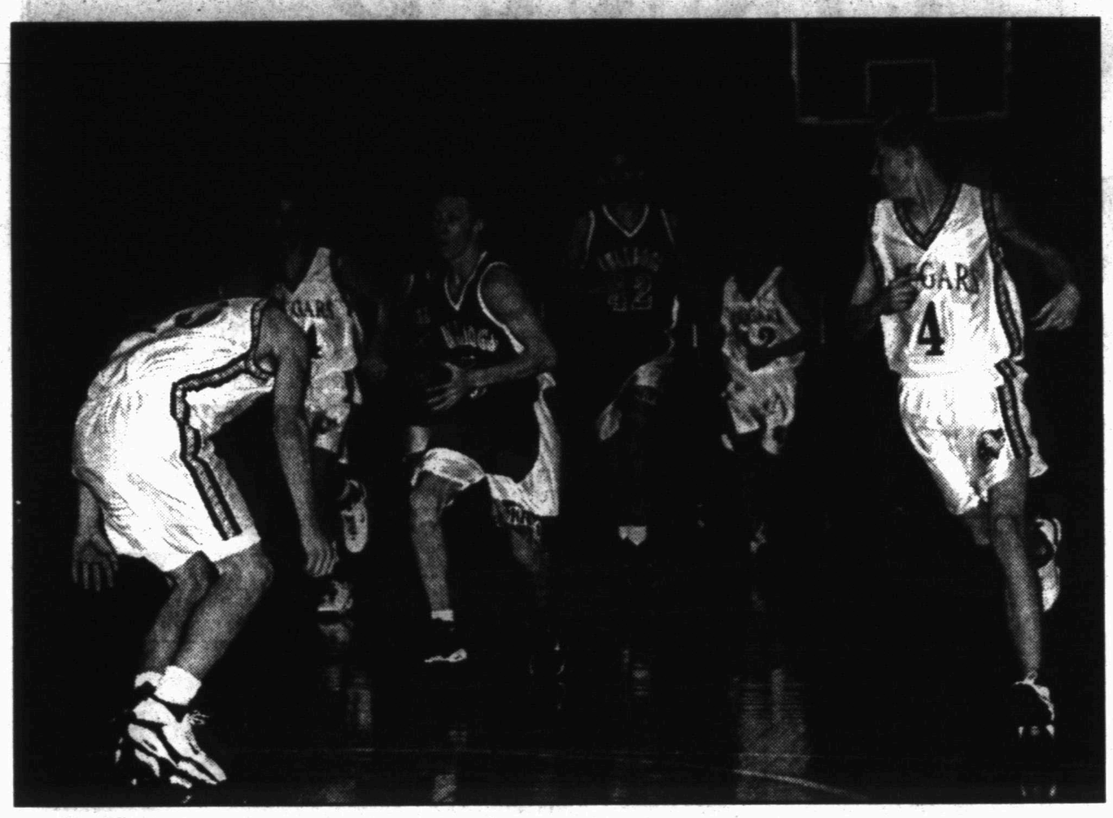
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SPORTS



FAST BREAK — Ira point guard Nathan Smith leads the Bulldogs down court Tuesday during their bi-district victory over Klondike. Ira faces an area match-up tonight against Bronte at 7 o'clock in Merkel. Snyder also hits the hardwood in a 4A area playoff against Wichita Falls Hirschi at 7 at Cisco High School. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Dusters close year with 74-53 loss

BORGER — The Western Texas Lady Dusters were playing their best basketball of the year coming into Thursday.

But in their last outing, the Lady Dusters' streak came to an end.

Western Texas trailed by only four points at halftime, before posting only six buckets in the second half to suffer a 74-53 setback to Frank Phillips.

After finally getting healthy and turning things around in the past month, the loss wasn't the way WTC wanted to end its season.

"We were very flat," said third-year Western Texas coach Valery Jackson. "We had some kids come out who weren't mentally ready to play. And we couldn't hit anything, and Frank Phillips couldn't miss. We just didn't play well, for the most part."

The Lady Dusters converted on 33 percent of their shots on the night, and were a meager 6-of-26 in the second half.

While WTC struggled, the Lady Plainsmen prospered. Frank Phillips drained seven three-pointers in the game, with five of them coming in the second half.

One of the lone bright spots for the Lady Dusters was the play of Akisha Waters. The freshman guard poured in 15 points, including WTC's first nine of the game on a trio of long-range baskets.

"She was our spark tonight," said Jackson. "I'm really proud of the way Akisha played. She came out focused and it showed."

The setback ends the Lady Dusters' season with a 5-25 mark, and a conference record of 3-11.

"Overall, I'm proud of our girls' effort this season, considering all the injuries and hardships we faced," Jackson remarked. "It's been a tough season, but the girls never gave up and always kept a positive outlook."

Waters and Danielle Brown posted a team-high 15 points apiece, with Carrie Fincher adding seven. Crystal Williams and LaKeisha Ross tallied four points each, while Charsalynn Mitchell and Mary Cavazos chipped in three apiece, and Veronica Hubbard notched two.

Lady Tigers' rally nets 5-4 win over Midland

MIDLAND — In Thursday's opening round of the West Texas Softball Classic, the Lady Tigers proved you can never count them out.

Snyder trailed Midland High, 4-1, before roaring back to rescue a 5-4 victory in its final at bat.

The Lady Tigers were down to their final out when Cameron Mackey slapped a sinking liner into centerfield to score two runs and push Snyder into the winners' bracket.

Snyder was to have faced El Paso Jefferson this morning.

The tourney continues tonight, with the finals scheduled for Saturday at 1:30.

Tigers fall in tourney opener

SAN ANGELO — In their debut on the diamond, the Tigers were solid in the field, but a step behind at the plate.

Snyder committed only one error, but managed just four hits, to suffer a 4-3 setback to host San Angelo Central in the opening game of the Best of the West Classic.

After the first six Tigers were retired in order, the Bobcats took a 2-0 lead in the third inning.

Snyder cut the lead in half in the fifth when Duane Allred led off with a single, and later scored on a double by Brian Gordon.

The Bobcats answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame, before the Tigers cut into the deficit once again.

In the top of the sixth, Snyder pitcher Ralph Ramon and center fielder Matthew Grimmett reached base on errors, then came around to score on an infield single by Allred and another Bobcat miscue.

With the Tigers trailing, 4-3, Ramon sat down the Bobcats in order in the bottom of the sixth.

But in its last at bat, Snyder failed to get a man on base, giving the Tigers a 0-1 mark to start the season.

Ramon went the distance on the mound, surrendering eight hits and two earned runs, with four strikeouts and three hit batsmen.

The Tigers continued tournament play this morning against Del Rio, before taking on El Paso Austin this afternoon.

Spurs hold off Hornets, 72-70

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — One field goal in the final six minutes turned out to be enough for the San Antonio Spurs to open a three-game road trip with a victory.

Terry Porter salvaged what looked like a busted play and swished a 22-footer with three-tenths of a second left, giving the Spurs a 72-70 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Thursday night.

The basket capped a game in which San Antonio's Tim Duncan struggled and Charlotte capitalized on the Spurs' fourth-quarter offensive woes to rally from a 10-point deficit and tie it with 21 seconds left.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi winner, area playoff at Cisco High School, 7 p.m.

Basketball: Ira vs. Bronte, area playoff at Merkel, 7 p.m.

Golf: Western Texas at New Mexico Military tourney

Golf: Snyder boys at Midland Invitational

Golf: Snyder girls at San Antonio Invitational

Baseball: Snyder vs. Del Rio, at San Angelo tourney, 11:30; Snyder vs. EP Austin, 2 p.m.

Baseball: Abilene High at Snyder JV, 4:30

Softball: Snyder vs. El Paso Jefferson, at Midland tourney, 9 a.m.

Track: Snyder boys at Frenship's ABC Tiger Relays

SATURDAY

Golf: Western Texas at New Mexico Military tourney

Golf: Snyder boys at Midland Invitational

Golf: Snyder girls at San Antonio Invitational

Golf: Groundhog Open at Snyder Country Club

Baseball: Snyder at San Angelo tourney

Softball: Snyder at Midland tourney

Track: Snyder boys at Frenship's ABC Tiger Relays

Track: Snyder girls at Monahans' Sandhill Relays

SUNDAY

Golf: Groundhog Open at Snyder Country Club

Sports Briefs

Groundhog tourney accepting entries

Snyder Country Club will host the Groundhog Open Saturday and Sunday. Format is two-man scramble.

To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

MGA hosts event

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will host a two-man scramble Saturday at 1:30.

Entry fee is $5 for WTC members, and $5 plus green fee for non-members.

Track volunteers needed

Snyder High School needs volunteers for the Canyon Reef Relays, to be held March 11.

Anyone interested should contact Tommy Doyle at 574-6039.

Teen activities scheduled

The Smart Moves Spring Teen Basketball League, for ages 14-19 will be taking entries through March 10. Registration fee is $10 per player, and includes a new mesh jersey. The league will be limited to eight teams.

For more information on either event, call the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Hawks only team to make trade

ATLANTA (AP) — The Hawks traded guard Anthony Johnson to Orlando for a second-round draft pick in the only trade before the NBA's deadline.

Johnson, in his third NBA season, averaged 2.4 points and 1.6 assists in 38 games for Atlanta.

Woods advances with 1-up win

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Tiger Woods answered his first challenge with a 1-up victory over South African Retief Goosen at the Match Play Championship.

Sergio Garcia birdied four straight holes for a 7 and 6 victory over Canadian Mike Weir; Sweden's Jesper Parnevik defeated Joe Ozaki on the first extra hole; Bob Estes upset fifth-seeded Ernie Els 1-up; and Denmark's Thomas Bjorn eliminated third-seeded Colin Montgomerie on the fifth extra hole.

Second-seeded David Duval scored a 2 and 1 victory over Tim Herron, and No. 4 Davis Love III overcame Jeff Sluman 3 and 2.

Arena Football owners cancel season

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Arena Football owners voted to cancel the 2000 season after the league failed to reach agreement with players.

League commissioner C. David Baker told players in a letter the season would be canceled if they failed to form a union to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement or refused to drop the threat of a lawsuit.

Thursday's Major College Basketball Results

MEN

EAST

Boston U. 60, New Hampshire 58
Delaware 74, Vermont 72
Fairleigh Dickinson 54, UMBC 52
Hartford 79, Towson 77, OT
Maine 70, Northeastern 67
Marist 83, Manhattan 65
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 64, Monmouth, N.J. 56
Robert Morris 97, St. Francis, NY 92
Sacred Heart 100, Quinnipiac 91
Siena 88, Fairfield 84
St. Francis, Pa. 63, Long Island U. 58
Temple 75, St. Bonaventure 58
Wagner 88, Cent. Connecticut St. 77

SOUTH

Cent. Florida 77, Campbell 67
Centenary 94, Texas Coll. 59
E. Illinois 90, E. Kentucky 47
Fla. International 75, Ark.-Little Rock 66
Georgia St. 86, Florida Atlantic 62
Georgia Tech 66, N.C. State 63
Louisiana Tech 75, New Orleans 66
Louisiana-Monroe 81, SE Louisiana 64
Marquette 61, South Florida 60
McNeese St. 77, SW Texas 73
Middle Tennessee 82, Murray St. 79
Northwestern St. 80, Stephen F.Austin 75, OT
Radford 74, High Point 65
SE Missouri 74, Morehead St. 58
Samford 61, Mercer 57
South Alabama 71, Louisiana-Lafayette 58
Stetson 83, Jacksonville 79
Tennessee Tech 81, Tenn.-Martin 65
Troy St. 74, Jacksonville St. 69
W. Kentucky 84, Arkansas St. 73

MIDWEST

Ball St. 91, Cent. Michigan 80
Bowling Green 73, Akron 72
Butler 59, Loyola, Ill. 44
Chicago St. 69, Valparaiso 47
Detroit 60, Wis.-Green Bay 56
Oakland, Mich. 111, UMKC 108
Oral Roberts 83, Youngstown St. 80
Purdue 78, Michigan 75
W. Illinois 72, S. Utah 58
Wis.-Milwaukee 70, Cleveland St. 67
Wright St. 72, Ill.-Chicago 52

SOUTHWEST

Fresno St. 73, Tulsa 72
Nevada 64, North Texas 62
Prairie View 80, Ark.-Pine Bluff 71
Rice 62, UTEP 59
Sam Houston St. 84, Nicholls St. 73

FAR WEST

Air Force 63, San Diego St. 55
Boise St. 59, Idaho 51
California 75, Washington 64
Colorado St. 68, BYU 54
E. Washington 70, CS Northridge 68
Long Beach St. 88, Cal St.-Fullerton 75
Montana 80, Sacramento St. 57
N. Arizona 71, Portland St. 57
San Diego 73, Pepperdine 62
Southern Cal 82, Oregon St. 71
St. Mary's, Cal. 77, Loyola Marymount 65
Stanford 89, Washington St. 52
UC Irvine 62, Pacific 55
UCLA 75, Oregon 69
Utah St. 70, New Mexico St. 66
Weber St. 73, Idaho St. 71

WOMEN

EAST

Cent. Connecticut St. 71, Quinnipiac 69
Delaware 75, Hartford 53
Fairleigh Dickinson 59, UMBC 54
George Washington 86, Dayton 77
Long Island U. 71, St. Francis, Pa. 64
Maine 54, Boston U. 40
Massachusetts 66, Fordham 42
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 68, Monmouth, N.J. 65
Northeastern 56, New Hampshire 52
Penn St. 92, Minnesota 43
Robert Morris 73, St. Francis, NY 59
Vermont 91, Towson 72

SOUTH

Arkansas St. 76, New Orleans 68
Cent. Florida 69, Troy St. 60
Clemson 63, Wake Forest 59
Duke 87, Florida St. 52
E. Kentucky 79, E. Illinois 72
Georgia 72, Alabama 37
Georgia Tech 69, N.C. State 52
Kentucky 59, Mississippi 57
LSU 71, Florida 66
Louisiana-Monroe 59, SE Louisiana 43
Maryland 76, Virginia 71
Mercer 59, Florida Atlantic 56
Middle Tennessee 76, Murray St. 63
SE Missouri 82, Morehead St. 76
SW Texas 63, McNeese St. 53
Samford 61, Jacksonville 53
Stephen F.Austin 79, Northwestern St. 58
Stetson 67, Jacksonville St. 40
Tenn.-Martin 66, Tennessee Tech 64
Tennessee 59, Vanderbilt 57
Virginia Tech 64, La Salle 57

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 80, American U. 43
Cleveland St. 72, Wright St. 64
Detroit 88, Butler 84
Evansville 93, Illinois St. 54
Ill.-Chicago 54, Wis.-Green Bay 53
Illinois 87, Wisconsin 78
Indiana 65, Ohio St. 58
Michigan 78, Iowa 61
Oakland, Mich. 79, UMKC 42
Purdue 53, Michigan St. 44
Valparaiso 60, Chicago St. 48
W. Illinois 45, S. Utah 43
Wis.-Milwaukee 75, Loyola, Ill. 72
Xavier 87, Duquesne 54
Youngstown St. 77, Oral Roberts 40

SOUTHWEST

Auburn 71, Arkansas 58
North Texas 67, Idaho 40
Rice 91, UTEP 74
Sam Houston St. 82, Nicholls St. 67
W. Kentucky 90, Ark.-Little Rock 63

FAR WEST

California 51, Washington 49
Colorado St. 67, Air Force 45
Denver 85, Louisiana-Lafayette 52
E. Washington 63, CS Northridge 39
Montana 88, Sacramento St. 47
New Mexico 88, Wyoming 52
Oregon 89, UCLA 72
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Tulsa 75, Fresno St. 72, OT
Weber St. 57, Idaho St. 43

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	33	20	.623	—
New York	32	20	.615	½
Philadelphia	29	24	.547	4
Orlando	25	29	.463	8½
Boston	23	31	.426	10½
New Jersey	21	33	.389	12½
Washington	16	39	.291	18
Central Division				
Indiana	37	17	.685	—
Charlotte	30	23	.566	6½
Toronto	28	24	.538	8
Milwaukee	27	28	.491	10½
Detroit	26	27	.491	10½
Atlanta	21	30	.412	14½
Cleveland	22	32	.407	15
Chicago	12	40	.231	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	35	19	.648	—
Utah	33	19	.635	1
Minnesota	30	23	.566	4½
Denver	25	29	.463	10
Dallas	22	31	.415	12½
Houston	21	34	.382	14½
Vancouver	17	37	.315	18
Pacific Division				
Portland	44	11	.800	—
L.A. Lakers	43	11	.796	½
Phoenix	34	19	.642	9
Seattle	34	21	.618	10
Sacramento	31	23	.574	12½
Golden State	15	38	.283	28
L.A. Clippers	11	45	.196	33½

Thursday's Games

Phoenix 92, Washington 83
Indiana 100, Chicago 83
San Antonio 72, Charlotte 70
Minnesota 116, L.A. Clippers 91
Denver 106, Houston 97
Utah 92, Dallas 85
Boston 101, Vancouver 77
Portland 111, Orlando 92

Friday's Games

Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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St. Jude's is America's leading childhood cancer research center in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success.

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To make a contribution or participate in Saturday's fund-raiser, call Mrs. Jackson at 915-573-2811.

Accused spy says calls were innocent; judge denies bond

MIAMI (AP) — A U.S. immigration official charged with spying for Cuba told a judge he was trying to protect a friend from possible danger, not selling state secrets.

Mariano Faget, appearing in federal court Thursday for a bond hearing, admitted to divulging information he believed to be classified. His attorney called it an error in judgment, not espionage.

Faget, 54, was given bogus information earlier this month that a U.S.-based Cuban diplomat was set to defect, prosecutors say. Within minutes, Faget allegedly went to his office, called a business associate with ties to Cuba on his cellular phone, and told him "a person we both know (is) ... one of the ones working with the Americans."

Later, Faget called the man from home and discussed the case in more detail, the FBI said.

Authorities say Faget has been under investigation for a year. According to court papers, Faget met with Cuban intelligence officials in Miami on at least two occasions and contacted officials with the Cuban diplomatic mission in Washington. One has been ordered to leave the country.

Faget, a native of Havana who has been a U.S. citizen since 1963, is on paid leave from his post as a supervisor in the Miami office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"I want to have my day in court to defend myself," he said.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry Garber ordered Faget to await trial in jail, citing the severity of the charges against him, the weight of evidence and his admission.

Faget told the judge he called the business associate to protect him. The associate, Pedro Font, 57, is a New York publicist Faget has known since the 1950s. Font was an associate of Faget's father, the head of an anti-communist agency in Cuba.

Faget and Font are also associates in America-Cuba, a company created to promote business with Cuba once the U.S. trade embargo is lifted. Font hasn't been charged with any crime.

Federal prosecutors said Faget had no reason to warn Font he was in danger and asked him whether he told FBI agents of his concern for Font's life. Faget said he did not.

Edward O'Donnell Jr., Faget's attorney, argued that Faget would not benefit from supporting Fidel Castro's regime in Cuba, because as long as Castro remains in power, America-Cuba can't broker business deals there.

Three immigration attorneys also testified on Faget's behalf, one describing him as "devoted and loyal to the U.S. government."

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AT&T Corp s	46	45 1/2	45 9-16	— 5-16
Albertsons	24 13-16	24 1/2	24 11-16	— 9-16
Alltel	58	56 13-16	57 1/2	+ 5/8
AmerOnline s	61 3/4	59 1/2	59 7/8	+ 3/4
AndarkPtr	28 9-16	27 9-16	28 9-16	+ 1/8
AtlRichfld	67 11-16	66	67	+ 2 11-16
ATMOS Egy	16 1/8	15 7/8	15 15-16	— 1-16
Aviall	7 5/8	7 1/2	7 1/2	— 1-16
BP Amoco s	44 3/4	43 7/8	44 7-16	+ 13-16
BakerHughes	24 7/8	24 5-16	24 7-16	— 3/8
Bank of Amer	45 13-16	44 3/8	45 1/4	+ 7-16
BellAtl	49 3/8	47 1/2	48 3/8	+ 7/8
BellSouth	37 1-16	36 1/2	36 9-16	+ 1/4
Beth Steel	5 3/4	5 11-16	5 11-16	
BurlNoSFe	20 1/2	20 3-16	20 1/4	+ 1-16
CBS Corp	57	56 3-16	56 5-16	— 1/2
Caterpillar	37 1/2	36 5-16	36 3/8	+ 3/8
CenSoWst	17 7-16	17 3-16	17 3-16	— 1/4
Chevron	72 3/4	71 5-16	72	+ 9-16
Citigroup s	50 11-16	48 7/8	49 3/4	+ 1/4
Coastal	39 7-16	39 1-16	39 5-16	+ 3-16
CocaCola	50 11-16	48 13-16	48 13-16	— 1
ColgatePal s	49 11-16	49	49 5-16	+ 1/4
ComclMetals	29 7-16	29 5-16	29 5-16	+ 3-16
Cooperln	32 7-16	31 13-16	31 13-16	+ 1/4
DaimlrChry	64 3/4	62 1/2	64 1/4	+ 2 5-16
DellSemicn	75	72 1/2	74 9-16	+ 1 9-16
DeltaAirl	47 1/2	46 9-16	47 1-16	+ 1/8
Dillards Inc	17 7/8	17 1/8	17 3/8	+ 1/4
DowChem	107 11-16	105 1/2	105 9-16	— 2 1/8
DuPont	52 15-16	51 5-16	51 11-16	— 1 3-16
EastmanChem	36 7-16	35 1/2	35 3/8	— 5/8
EstKodak	58 15-16	57 1/2	57 1/2	— 2
EDS Corp	68 3/8	66 9-16	68 1-16	+ 1 5-16
Entergy	20 15-16	20 3/8	20 11-16	+ 5-16
ExxonMobil	74 3/8	72 3-16	73 1/2	+ 11-16
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GTE Cp	58 5-16	56 3/4	57 9-16	+ 7-16
GenDynam	42 5/8	42 1/8	42 1/2	+ 1/4
GenlElec	130 15-16	127 7/8	128 1-16	— 2 15-16
GenMills s	33 1/8	32 7/8	32 15-16	— 3-16
GenMotors	77 1/2	75 5-16	77 7-16	+ 2 3-16
GaPacGP s	34 3-16	33 7-16	34 1/8	— 5-16
GlobalMar	20	19 3-16	19 1/4	— 1
Goodrich	23 5-16	23	23 1/4	+ 1/4
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Date Book

Friday, Feb. 25, 2000
Today is the 56th day of 2000 and the 66th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1836, Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

On this day in 1957, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a Michigan law that banned the sale of books that might corrupt youth.

On this day in 1986, Ferdinand Marcos resigned as president of the Philippines.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Pierre-Auguste Renoir (1841-1919), artist; Enrico Caruso (1873-1921), singer; John Foster Dulles (1888-1959), U.S. diplomat; Adele Davis (1904-1974), nutritionist; Jim Backus (1913-1989), actor; Anthony Burgess (1917-1993), writer; George Harrison (1943-), musician, is 57; Neil Jordan (1950-), film director, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, Cassius Clay defeated Sonny Liston to win the heavyweight boxing title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You have no idea how pleasant it is not to have a future. It's like having a totally efficient contraceptive." — Anthony Burgess

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (Feb. 26)

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Two Michigan teen-agers kill themselves after Texas chase

ANAHUAC (AP) — After eluding authorities in a 15-mile chase on Interstate 10, two Michigan teens fatally shot themselves early Thursday as the stolen car they were driving came to a rest in a ditch near here.

Two Michigan men shot themselves to death early Thursday morning after a police chase through southeast Texas, according to witnesses interviewed by police.

Their talk about suicide caused two hitchhikers in the car to jump out during the chase, police said.

Thomas Eppley, 19, of Fort Gratiot, Mich., and Brian Baer, 17, of Port Huron, Mich., both pizza delivery drivers, had gunshot wounds in their heads when they were found slumped in the front seat of the car.

The chase began in neighboring Jefferson County at about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday and moved west down Interstate 10. The men, driving an airport courtesy car stolen in Port Huron, wrecked after exiting onto Farm-to-Market Road 1724 in a rural area about 40 miles east of Houston.

The two hitchhikers, whose names were not released, had caught a ride with the Michigan teens in Louisiana. They were identified as a 19-year-old woman from Everson, Wash., and a 20-year-old man from Portland, Ore.

As the teens led the officers on a chase with speeds up to 90 mph, the hitchhikers began "begging to be let out because the teens were already talking about killing themselves and one had put the muzzle of the rifle into his mouth," said Ron Hobbs, commander of the Jefferson County Narcotics Task Force.

Both hitchhikers said after they escaped from the vehicle and watched the teen-agers kill themselves after crashing into the ditch, according to the Houston Chronicle.

The chase started after two narcotics officers noticed the teen's car being driven erratically on I-10 outside Beaumont. Hobbs said, "The driver of this car appeared to cooperate at first, pulling over onto the shoulder, but then apparently had a change of heart and took off down the highway."

Officials said the apparent suicides of two teens had investigators "baffled" and schoolmates stunned by early Friday.

Eppley was the son of David Eppley, the principal at Port Huron's Holland Woods Middle School, the site of a suspected mass-murder plot.

"We feel very, very bad for the parents, and we're working with the families," Port Huron schools Superintendent William Kimball told the Associated Press on Thursday.

Holland Woods is the school where four boys, ages 13 and 14, were accused last May of allegedly plotting to massacre teachers and students last spring. One was acquitted, two pleaded guilty to lesser infractions and charges against the fourth were dropped.

At 1,700-student Port Huron Northern High School on Thursday, many students met with counselors after administrators announced the deaths over school loudspeakers.

No narcotics were found in the car, which was determined to be an airport courtesy car stolen Monday from a Michigan mechanic's shop, said police in St. Claire County.

'Bionic chip' discovered

FRANCISCO (AP) — Don't look for the Six Million Dollar Man just yet, but researchers say they have found a way to mate human cells with circuitry in a "bionic chip" that could play a key role in medicine and genetic engineering.

The tiny device — smaller and thinner than a strand of hair — combines a healthy human cell with an electronic circuitry chip. By controlling the chip with a computer, scientists say they can control the activity of the cell.

The computer sends electrical impulses to the cell-chip, triggering the cell's membrane pores to open and activating the cell. Scientists hope they can manufacture cell-chips in large numbers and insert them into the body to replace or correct diseased tissues.

The cell-chip also gives them greater control over the difficult process of gene therapy because they can more precisely open the cell's pores, said lead researcher Boris Rubinsky.

"We've brought engineering essentially into the field of biology," said Rubinsky, a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, which funded his research. "We can introduce DNA, extract proteins, administer medicines — all without bothering other cells that might be around."

The cell-chip, profiled in the March issue of the journal Biomedical Microdevices, rests on a long-known phenomenon: Cell membranes become permeable when exposed to certain voltages.

Scientists for years have been conducting genetic research in a time-consuming trial-and-error process of bombarding cells with electricity in an attempt to introduce foreign substances such as new drug treatments or genetic material.

Researchers hope eventually they can develop cell-chips tuned for the precise voltage needed to activate different bodily tissues, from muscle to bone to brain. That way, cell-chips could be applied by the thousands to correct a variety of health problems.

"In the past, any electricity applied to the cell was like hitting it with a hammer in the hopes that something would happen, or it would open for us. Now, we know just how to make it work," Rubinsky said.

Mauro Ferrari, director of the Biomedical Engineering Center at the University of Ohio, called Rubinsky's invention a "potentially useful laboratory tool in the early stages of development."

"The method for opening cells has been around a long time, but this makes it more exact and easier to do in large throws," Ferrari said.

"It seems to me that we have a ways to go before you'd see a bionic man," he said, but the ability to program cells quickly could accelerate genetic research.

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During World War II, the Oscar statues were made of plaster, because metal ws an essential wartime material.

Hopeful brain injury vaccine discovered in study of rats

WASHINGTON (AP) — A report out today holds promise of an oral vaccine that might one day protect brain neurons from injury caused by epilepsy seizure or by stroke.

Researchers at the medical school of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia report in the journal Science that a vaccine given to rats caused their immune system to develop antibodies that prevented the action of a protein that causes damage after brain injury.

Dr. Matthew During, professor of neurosurgery at Jefferson and lead author of the study, said the vaccine works against a brain protein, called the NMDA receptor, that has been shown to aggravate brain damage after a stroke and to play a role in epileptic seizures.

Other researchers have tried to block the action of the NMDA receptor using drugs, but these drugs often fail to effectively cross the blood-brain barrier, a natural barrier that protects the brain from most destructive substances in the blood.

By using a vaccine, the researchers prompt the body, in effect, to make its own NMDA blocker by creating antibodies that neutralize the protein after brain injury.

In the study, some rats were immunized with the anti-NMDA antibody while others were not. A month later, the rats were injected with a neurotoxin, kainate, which causes seizures similar to those in epilepsy.

Among the control rats, which were not immunized, there was a seizure rate of 70 percent. Among those with the anti-NMDA antibody, the seizure rate was 20 percent.

In another study, immunized and nonimmunized rats were tested after five months for protection from stroke damage. An artificial stroke was induced in the animals using a drug.

Among the immunized rats, said During, "We found dramatic protection in the rats' brains. ... It doesn't stop the stroke from occurring, but the amount of brain damage is diminished by 70 percent."

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Do we need vitamin P?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is it true that we need vitamin P to better absorb vitamin C? — **C.W., Las Cruces, N.M.**

Dear C.W.: Vitamin P is the designation given to certain plant pigments, known as bioflavonoids, that are found in vegetables, fruits and some grains. There really isn't a vitamin P, at least not in the classical definition. These compounds serve as antioxidants, and they were initially thought to work in concert with vitamin C. They were considered essential for good health, hence the designation vitamin. Further research, however, did not support the idea that these compounds were essential in humans. Despite this, vitamin P is still considered valuable in some circles.

As for the specifics of your question, bioflavonoids are beneficial phytochemicals, but the body does a great job absorbing vitamin C by itself. There is no evidence that it requires the presence of the bioflavonoids to accomplish this task.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am taking 100 micrograms of selenium per day. Can this amount cause my hair to fall out? I also take a multivitamin and fish oil daily. I am 54 and in good health. — **B.T., Portland, Ore.**

Dear B.T.: Selenium has a relatively narrow margin of safety, with symptoms of toxicity occurring at intakes as low as 910 micrograms per day. Hair loss is indeed one of the symptoms of selenium toxicity, but 100 micrograms per day is well below the toxic level. Many supplements, in fact, contain 200 micrograms of selenium, and this amount was linked to a decreased risk of certain cancers in a recent research study.

Each body is different, however, so if you are experiencing unpleasant symptoms that you feel may be due to this or another supplement you are taking, by all means, stop and consult your health professional.

DEAR DR BLONZ: I recently went to a naturopath who specializes in plant enzyme supplements. She diagnosed my health and suggested some supplements to help me digest certain foods: sugar, wheat and milk. I wanted to look up information on this style of natural medicine, but I'm not finding it under enzymes or enzyme supplements. Can you help direct me? — **D.S.**

Dear D.S.: There is no style of natural medicine that relies on enzyme supplements, and that may explain your difficulty in finding accurate information. Naturopathy centers around the healing power of nature. It attempts to treat the whole person, following the idea that the body is a self-healing organism. A naturopath would attempt to find the cause of the problem rather than simply treating the symptoms. The practice is also vested firmly in the use of preventative actions.

There are a number of common situations in which it is reasonable to use supplementary enzymes. For example, many adults no longer produce a sufficient amount of the enzyme lactase, which is needed to help digest the carbohydrate lactose, found in milk. By taking lactase supplements along with a milk product, people can digest the food without the annoying side effects.

Another type of enzyme supplement contains alpha-galactosidase (one brand name is Beano), an enzyme that helps digest the carbohydrate found in legumes (beans) and other vegetables.

There can be medical situations in which dietary enzymes might be prescribed. The pancreas produces most of our digestive enzymes. If a medical problem develops that affects the pancreas' ability to produce or deliver its enzymes to the digestive tract, the body will be unable to absorb a wide variety of essential nutrients. Individuals with such problems would need to take enzyme supplements, similar to the way that a diabetic needs to take insulin.

But what about those of us that don't have a specific enzyme-related malady? Could supplementary enzymes help us as, well? There is little in the way of evidence to support this. One school of thought says we derive special benefits from extra enzymes. The theory states that our life span is closely intertwined with our ability to produce enzymes. The idea is that we can only manufacture a fixed amount of enzymes, and as soon as we run out, the game, so to speak, is over. There is little evidence to support this idea.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, February 26, 2000
Although material security will be of importance to you in the year ahead, there are other matters that might take priority that will bring you joy and rewards in more subtle ways.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You always have two choices at your disposal: you can do things the easy way or the hard way. Unfortunately, you might be more inclined to choose the latter today. Think ahead. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's okay to tread wearily today, but be sure to do so with hope and expectancy in your heart. Caution and self-doubts are dissimilar; don't mix them up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unforeseen complications could cloud a joint endeavor today, especially one of a business nature. Be careful not to react in a way that could jeopardize a relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When it comes to attempting an endeavor that requires solid support from another, don't be afraid to wait until you have the necessary back-up. You're destined for failure if you don't.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Any commitment you make today will be taken seriously and a failure to produce could be treated as something unforgivable. Promise only that which you know for certain you can do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Before going forward on a new development today, take ample time to thoroughly size up the endeavor. You could experience a negative change, simply because you failed to foresee the problem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pointing the finger of blame at the nearest bystander should things not go as smoothly as you think they should will produce an immediate backlash from those who are present.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be careful of what you say and how you say it today. Comments you might think are constructive criticism may not be interpreted as such by the target of your critique.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) To be on the safe side today, limit your shopping to small, cash outlays. Unfortunately, your desire to spend profusely could exceed the means you have at your disposal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you adopt an attitude of "if you're not for me, you must be against me," this could turn out to be a joyless day for you. Just because someone differs doesn't mean she or he is disloyal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be friendly and cooperative to all you encounter today, but don't be foolish. It's wrong to appease another at the expense of going against your own best judgment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your probabilities for fulfillment of your aims are rather slim today if your hopes and expectations are not founded upon logical premises. Don't kid yourself.

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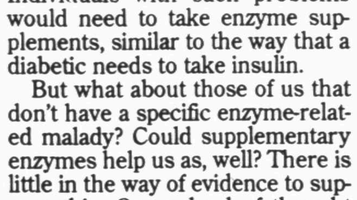
ST. LOUIS (AP) — A hotel chain has submitted a proposal to settle federal charges that it discriminated against blacks by charging them more than whites, offering them less desirable rooms and requiring larger security deposits from them.

Adam's Mark Hotels & Resorts made the proposal Thursday, a day after the NAACP called for a boycott of the chain.

Adam's Mark pledged to enhance corporate policies and practices, provide diversity training for the chain's 9,000 employees and keep thorough records of compliance to be submitted to the Justice Department.

Under the proposal, the chain would admit no wrongdoing.

"The allegations against our organization are unfounded," said Fred Kummer, chairman and chief executive officer of St. Louis-based HBE Corp.



The Beach
★★ - R
Leonardo DiCaprio, Tilda Swinton, Virginie Ledoyen, Giullaume Canet, Robert Carlyle. The story of how an island paradise turns into a nightmare is physically impressive. Despite solid performances the film contains little that is surprising or involving.

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Former president Bush hospitalized

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Former President Bush was recovering at a hospital today after feeling lightheaded at a business conference and being diagnosed with a rapid heartbeat.

Bush, 75, was being given intravenous blood thinners and other medication at Naples Community Hospital, where he is reported to be in good condition. He was admitted to the hospital Thursday night after feeling ill.

Doctors and hospital officials said he was in good spirits when awoke at 6:30 a.m. The condition is not serious, and he is expected to be flown home to Houston this afternoon, said Dr. Frank Boucek, a cardiologist treating Bush.

Boucek said a doctor will accompany Bush, who will then be admitted to Methodist Hospital in Houston for up to two days as his medication is adjusted.

"This is a problem that can be easily managed and may not resurface for years," Boucek said.

Since leaving office in 1993, Bush has largely stayed out of the spotlight, but he has done some campaigning for his son's presidential bid. He has remained vigorous, making headlines in March 1997 when, at age 72, he made a successful parachute jump. He repeated the feat last June, a few days shy of his 75th birthday.

Bush spoke by phone from the hospital to his wife and his governor sons, George W. Bush of Texas and Jeb Bush of Florida.

"I was assured that everything was fine," Gov. George W. Bush said from Austin, Texas. "Had there been a real problem, I can assure you we would have been up in arms."

The Republican presidential candidate said he still plans to fly to Virginia later in the day for a round of campaign appearances.

The former president had been on his feet for about 90 minutes Thursday night during an investors conference, Bush spokesman Jim McGrath said.

He felt ill, so aides sat him down until he said he felt better, McGrath said. He was going to return to Houston, but he still felt sick, and Secret Service agents found his blood pressure was low. His doctor, contacted by phone, suggested Bush be taken to the hospital as a precaution.

Fran Green, the hospital's executive vice president for operations, said the former president was put in an intensive care unit at first, but only because it had the only bed ready for a patient at that time. He was moved to a regular room as soon as one became available during the night.

Bush had a similar episode in May 1991, suffering an irregular heartbeat while jogging. He spent two days in a hospital and was diagnosed with Graves' disease.

The disease, which his wife, Barbara, also has, is a form of hyperthyroidism. It causes the thyroid gland to secrete too much of a hormone that helps set the tempo for the heart, digestion and metabolism.

Gov. Bush heads to Virginia to target tobacco country

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush headed to Virginia today to target tobacco country, the military-dominated Norfolk area and northern Virginia in his bid to defeat Sen. John McCain in the state's Republican presidential primary on Tuesday.

Bush said he would stick to his campaign schedule after receiving assurance that his father, former President Bush, "was fine" following hospitalization Thursday for an irregular heartbeat. "Had there been a real problem, I can assure you we would have been all up in arms," Bush said this morning as he boarded a plane in Austin, Texas.

In tobacco-growing southern Virginia, Bush supporters are chastising Arizona Sen. McCain for supporting tax increases on cigarettes. Voters in the Newport News-Norfolk area, home of the world's largest Navy installation, are being told of McCain's opposition to the Seawolf submarine.

In the Washington suburbs, McCain is being attacked for trying to increase flights into Reagan National Airport, which some northern Virginians say is noisy enough already.

Bush's campaign hopes the regional attacks, combined with support from Gov. Jim Gilmore and much of Virginia's GOP establishment, will bring a resounding victory following losses in Republican presidential primaries this week Michigan and Arizona.

Polls have shown Bush with a comfortable lead in the state.

A survey today by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research Inc. showed Bush with 48 percent.

Election filings continues

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District 3. David Harrell has filed for the District 2 spot, held by Jerry Webb who has announced he will not be running again.

Jason Scott Spradlin Wednesday filed for the District 4 post, which is held by I.E. Martin.

John Zalman III filed for Place 6 on the Western Texas College board, which is held by R.C. Patton. Patton announced he will not seek another term.

Zalman joins Eddie Peterson and Lee Presswood, who have both filed for their second terms. Presswood holds Place 5 and Peterson holds Place 7.

Ira resident Gilbert Sanchez joined Dennis D. Taylor in filing for the Place 4 post on the Ira school board. Bo Robinson currently holds the position.

Other positions up for reelection the term of Dirk Dunn in Place 5 on the Ira School Board, and the terms of Alan Culp and Tim Dacus on the Hermleigh school board.

The filing period ends March 22.

Lightning causes power outage

Power was out to some 923 TXU Electric customers early this morning when lighting struck a feeder line around 3 a.m.

Local TXU manager Daryl Thomas said power was restored to half of those customers within 30 minutes and the other half was restored by 4 a.m. Customers in the north part of Snyder were affected.

The storm dropped much-need moisture across Scurry and neighboring counties.

Snyder's water treatment plant reported .60 of an inch while residents west of the city reported .90 and pea-sized hail.

CRMWD recorded .4 of an inch at Lake Thomas.

Hermleigh received a half inch while Fluvanna residents reported 1.2 inches.

Nine-tenths was reported at Polar, .4 at Dunn, and seven-tenths at Ira. Dermott received an inch of rain while Union residents reported half an inch.

Two-tenths of an inch was reported at Gail and .4 at Inadale.

Parole violation sends one to jail

A warrant for parole violation resulted in the arrest of a 31-year-old Snyder man Thursday.

Roy Martinez of 1100 28th Street was taken into custody by deputies at his residence at 9:59 p.m.

Two other subjects were arrested Thursday on misdemeanor charges.

Deputies took a 24-year-old male into custody at 8:42 p.m. in the 3200 block of South Hwy. 84 at 8:42 p.m. on warrants for expired motor vehicle registration and failure to appear.

A 21-year-old male was arrested in the Western Texas College parking lot at 10:29 p.m. Deputies picked him up for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

DPS troopers worked a minor one-vehicle accident at 10:17 a.m. Thursday, 10 miles north on U.S. Hwy. 84. Involved were a 1999 Ford pickup towing a 1991 flatbed trailer driven by Christopher Johnson, 24, of Lubbock. No injuries were reported.

Obituaries

Jerry Jackson

1940-2000

Jerry L. Jackson, longtime Snyder resident, died Thursday, Feb. 24, in Baylor Medical Center in Dallas following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Jackson, 59, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Ave. D Baptist Church. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 20, 1940 in Di Mound, Tex., Mr. Jackson was a member of the Ave. D Baptist Church. He worked for many years for the Western Company and later for R.E. Smith and Exxon.

He married Jeanie Greene on Feb. 25, 1961 in Kermit.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanie Jackson of Snyder; three daughters and sons-in-law, Jerra and David Holley and Jana and Dennis Young, all of Snyder, and Johna and Steve Wild of Breckenridge; his mother, Banner Jackson of Dolores, Colo.; three sisters, Colleen Smith of Dolores, Colo., Paula Bradford of Farmington, N.M., and Eudell Vottrebeck of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one brother, Alton Jackson of Phoenix, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren, Seth and Shay Wild of Breckenridge, Chelsea, Chance and Cailey Young, and Tye and Tana Holley, all of Snyder.

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Dwane Loyd

1943-2000

POST – Harvey Dwane Loyd, the uncle of Jay Owens of Snyder, died Dec. 23 in Los Angeles.

Graveside service to intern the cremains of Mr. Loyd, 56, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Hudman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born Dec. 14, 1943 in Post, he graduated from South High School in Wichita, Kan. Mr. Loyd was a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam. He had lived in Los Angeles County for the past 10 years.

Survivors also include his mother, Lilly Mae Bradley of Sweetwater; a sister, Wanda Norsworthy of Fort Worth; an aunt, Ruby Green of Roby; and several nieces and nephews.

Hazel Buswell

1908-2000

TEMPLE – Interment for Hazel Griffin Buswell has been changed to 3 p.m. Sunday in Rest Haven Memorial Garden in Eldorado, Ark.

Mrs. Buswell, 92, died Monday, Feb. 21, in a Temple hospital. A funeral service was held Thursday in Temple.

Born Feb. 7, 1908 in Homer, La., she married Monroe F. Buswell on Dec. 8,1928 in Camdon, Ark. He died in 1985.

Mrs. Buswell moved from Eldorado to Snyder in 1940. A retired school teacher, she moved to Temple in 1972.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Jane Buswell of Temple; two brothers, Thomas Griffin of El Paso and Jack Griffin of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and one grandson.

Barbara Pinkert

1939-2000

LUBBOCK – Barbara Ann Pinkert, the mother of Shawn-Da Robin Crawford of Snyder, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, in Covenant Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Pinkert, 60, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Trinity Chapel in Lubbock with the Rev. Paul Jantzen officiating.

Burial will follow in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of White Funeral Home.

Born April 25, 1939 in Santa Fe, N.M., she attended school in Carlsbad, N.M., and moved to Slaton in 1960. She married Leon Pinkert on July 5, 1963 in Slaton.

Mrs. Pinkert was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jody Brown, in 1999.

Survivors include two sons, Dan Pinkert of Limon, Colo., and Greg Pinkert of Slaton; another daughter, Rhonda Kaye Abston. of Slaton; a brother, Buddy Cantwell of Dallas; a sister, Jean Jones of Carlsbad; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: David Guzman, Natalie Kenly, Mike McLeod, Billy Adams, Sue Kelley and Patricia Scott, all of Snyder.

DISMISSALS: Jimmy Kiker, Thomas Davis.

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Victory Baptist revival

Victory Baptist Church's revival conclude with a service beginning at 7 tonight. Dr. Clyde Spain is the guest speaker.

Russian missionary to speak

Roy Campbell, a Russian missionary, will speak at the Snyder First Church of the Nazarene at 7 this evening. The church is located at 2462 S. Highway 208.

CPR classes

Cogdell Hospital and the American Heart Association will present two CPR courses Saturday at the Cogdell education building, 5303 Trinity Blvd. A basic Heart Saver CRP course will be held from 9 a.m. until noon. Cost is $5. An infant-child CPR course (Pedi BLS) will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. and the cost is $10. Advanced registration is required by calling 574-7349.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Knowing What We Must Do," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 2."

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday in the school library. The topic next Tuesday will be "Help for the Single Parent." Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 573-1769.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

SHS senior parents

All parents of Snyder High School seniors are invited to a meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the student center to plan graduation activities for the class of 2000. Call 573-3357 for more information.

Ira pep rally

The Ira booster club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon, and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

Independence Day observance

The Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus will host a Texas Independence Day observance, "Annexation – 150 Years of Statehood," from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday. There will be refreshments and door prizes and no admission will be charged. The event is co-hosted by the Scurry County Historical Commission.

WTC to present 'Odd Couple'

Western Texas College's Drama Department will present "The Odd Couple" (Unabridged) by Neil Simon as a dinner theatre at 6 p.m. next Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the college cafeteria. Tickets are $15 for adults; students and senior citizens 62 and older are $13. A $2 discount for prepaid tickets is also available.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

Snyder Junior High musical

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" will be presented Thursday, next Saturday and next Monday. Tickets are on sale now at the school.

Talent show

The Boys and Girls Club will present Star Search 2000, a talent show for ages 8-12 next Friday. Deadline to enter is Tuesday. Call 573-3344 for more information.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-9-9

Cash Five

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4-13-35-36-37

Perdue Farms ends immigrant program

SALISBURY, Md. (AP) — Perdue Farms Inc., the nation's third-largest poultry producer, has ended a program that brought hundreds of Korean immigrants to work in its Eastern processing plants.

The company said it made the decision after an internal investigation prompted by a Washington Post article detailing how white-collar Koreans, desperate to move to the United States, were paying immigration brokers as much as $30,000 each to work in chicken plants.

The immigrants received permanent U.S. residency for themselves and their families under a federal program to fill unskilled jobs.