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Caution urged on use of budget surpluses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged Congress today to exercise caution in deciding how to deal with projected budget surpluses, arguing that while an "exemplary" economy has produced nothing but pleasant surprises in recent years, the situation could change quickly.

Testifying before the House Budget Committee, Greenspan said that he believed the best thing Congress could to help the economy's prospects in coming years was to put the federal budget into "significant surplus."

He called this the "surest and most direct way of increasing national saving," which he said would promote lower interest rates throughout the economy and thus spur productivity-enhancing investments by businesses.

Greenspan repeated observations he made last week in delivering his semi-annual report on monetary policy to Congress that the impact of the Asian crisis loomed as the biggest uncertainty for the U.S. economy.

"The exemplary performance of the U.S. economy in 1997 will be hard to match," he said. "The key question going forward is whether the restraint building from the turmoil in Asia will be sufficient to check inflationary tendencies that might otherwise result from continued strength of domestic spending and tightening labor markets."

Private economists last have interpreted Greenspan's views as underscoring their view that the central bank will leave interest rate policy unchanged for at least through the middle of this year, until there is a better reading of Asia's impact on the United States.

"These uncertainties underscore the need for caution as you move ahead in your work on the 1999 budget," Greenspan said.

Greenspan told the budget committee that given the need to pay Social Security and Medicare costs early in the next century for retiring Baby Boomers, "we should be aiming for budgetary surpluses and using the proceeds to retire outstanding federal debt."

Clinton challenged Congress in his State of the Union message not to spend any of the surpluses until the projected shortfall in Social Security was fixed. But Republicans have accused the president of using this challenge as a clever ploy to mask the fact that his 1999 budget included significant spending increases.

On Tuesday, House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said House Republicans were exploring the idea of giving part of future budget surpluses to people who are still working to allow them to make contributions to individual retirement accounts.

GOP leads early voting

If the pace of early voting is any indication, Republicans will outvote Democracts for the first time in county history.

Just before noon today, the county clerk's office reported that 556 votes had been cast in the Republican primary while 85 have voted in the Democratic primary.

The heavy GOP turnout is being fueled by a contested race for county judge. Incumbent Ricky Fritz, seeking a second term, is being challenged by businessman Ted Crenwelge.

Registered voters may vote in either party primary, but not both. The primary election is Tuesday, and early voting ends at 5 p.m. Friday.



CLASSIC TUNES AND VINTAGE CARS — Charles and Sandra Henderson of Hermleigh admire one of the antique automobiles on display during the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra concert and dance Tuesday night at Scurry County Coliseum. The vehicles were a preview of the Snyder Wheels Swap Meet and Car Show which takes place Friday and Saturday at the coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

46-year-old school...

West repairs set at $1.8 million

Some 50 people attended an meeting at West Elementary Tuesday evening to give input to architects on needed improvements to the 46-year-old building.

Last fall, architects and engineers identified some $1.8 million in "maintenance-type items" needed to bring the building up to safety standards and to meet current and future electrical and plumbing needs — plus the installation of a fire alarm system.

The major renovation item is the heating and air conditioning system which carries an estimated price tag of $330,000.

Meeting with teachers and staff earlier in the day, BGR architects Coda Stephenson and Mike Briggs said they had received numerous other suggestions for the campus — including accoustical work in the gym and auditorium, additional hard-surface outside play area for students, hot water piped to all classrooms and changes to the special education classrooms.

Stephenson was questioned on renovation plans for the building if the sixth grade is moved into a middle school configuration.

Stephenson replied that the renovations would still be needed.

"And if the sixth grade stays here, perhaps even more changes

See SCHOOL Page 10

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Nothing big ever came from being small."

If you're running for office, you can normally count on votes from members of your own family.

But relatives in Knoxville, Tenn. have a dilemma.

Clifton "Sonny" Sexton and Shayne Sexton have the same last name, the same job and the same boss.

There is one slight hitch. They are running against each other for the same judgeship.

Both want to take over for a Circuit Court judge who is retiring. Both are assistant district attorneys on the same staff. Both are running as independents.

Sonny Sexton is promoting his maturity and veteran legal status. He's 45 and has been working in the DA's office for 19 years.

The younger Sexton, 34, is promoting his youthful drive and vigor.

The two Sextons claim they will not have a falling out — regardless of the election's outcome. Lawyer Sexton could show up in Judge Sexton's court.

Ole what's-her-name once promised to give us her vote — if the office was located out of town.

We're thinking of forming an political action committee — SOS.

The purpose of SOS would be to Stamp Out Signs — political signs which clutter the landscape.

We figured if we could get officials to pass a litter ordinance, then there would be more funds for good stuff — like more newspaper ads.

To be successful in politics, you have to maintain a sense of humor. The worst thing is to take one's self too seriously.

Political battles, like courtroom battles, can appear fierce, but then the swords are put down and the principals can privately enjoy a cup of coffee.

But some campaigns do have bitter moments, like the supporter who cried out at a political rally, "Three cheers for Smith."

A ardent supporter of the opponent shouted, "Three cheers for a jackass."

"Okay," laughed the first man. "We won't quarrel. You cheer for your man and I'll cheer for mine."

Chief pleased with drop in accidents

In police work, it is generally accepted that the purpose of traffic law enforcement is to reduce the number of accidents and resulting injuries.

That held true in Snyder last year as traffic citations increased by a small amount — 2 percent, or 50 — but the number of accidents decreased significantly.

The total number of accidents in 1997 were down by 75, or more than 20 percent. Injuries from automobile accidents were down by 53, or 30.4 percent.

There were no deaths from auto accidents inside the city limits in 1997.

Snyder Police Chief Lannie Lee said the above figures are most encouraging.

"Traffic enforcement by our officers is apparently having the desired effect," said Lee.

The number of people arrested for driving while intoxicated dropped by 32 in 1997 — down over 26 percent.

Lee said the state had increased the penalties for DWI and that was one reason arrests were down in this area.

The number of burglaries, residential and business, also decreased in 1997.

Forty-two residential burglaries were reported in 1996, while 40 were recorded last year.

Business burglaries dropped 16 percent — from 36 in 1996 to 30 last year.

The total number of criminal offenses showed a slight decrease in 1997, down 54 from the 1996 total of 1,250.

Misdemeanor thefts dropped 31 percent — from 274 to 188.

Reports of criminal mischief showed an increase from 185 to 226, an increase of 22 percent over 1996.

The number of narcotics cases increased some 32 percent — from 46 to 61.

Adult arrests made showed a substantial drop, from 861 in 1996 to 731 last year. Juvenile arrests also showed a decrease. Officers arrested 253 juveniles in 1996, while 230 were arrested in 1997.

The number of teenage runaways showed a decrease last year. In 1996, 34 juveniles were listed as runaways while the figure dropped to 25 last year.

Overall, the police department's activity report for 1997 totaled 13,588. This included all its activities, including tickets, warnings, motorist assist, criminal activity and miscellaneous calls.

This was a decrease of 4.5 percent, or 642 calls.

Car show, swap meet at coliseum

The Snyder Wheels Car Show and Swap meet will be held Friday and Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum.

The swap meet is open free to the public. Spaces are available to vendors.

Those entering a vehicle in the car show Saturday will pay a $25 entry fee and register from 8 to 10:30 a.m. The car show will be open for public viewing Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Snyder Police Department Activity Report

X-Axis Labels	1996	1997	CHANGE +/-	RATIO +/-
TICKETS	2424	2474	50	2
WARNINGS	6617	6289	-346	-5.2
MOTORIST ASSIST	1331	1477	146	10.9
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	371	296	-75	-20.2
TRAFFIC INJURIES	174	121	-53	-30.4
TRAFFIC FATALITIES	1	0	-1	-100
DWI	120	88	-32	-26.6
DWLS	55	56	1	1.8
BUSINESS BURGLARY	36	30	-6	-16.6
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	42	40	-2	-4.7
AUTO BURGLARY	57	45	-12	-21
FELONY THEFT	34	31	-3	-8.8
MISDEMEANOR THEFT	274	188	-86	-31.3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	185	226	41	22.1
AUTO THEFT	13	10	-3	-23
ASSAULT	229	240	11	4.8
SEXUAL ASSAULT	8	7	-1	-12.5
ROBBERY	1	0	-1	-100
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0
NARCOTICS CASES	46	61	15	32.6
ADULT ARRESTS	861	731	-130	-15
JUVENILE ARRESTS	253	230	-23	-9
BURGLAR ALARMS	289	289	0	0
EMERGENCY MESSAGES	58	42	-16	-27.5
HOUSE WATCHES	163	88	-75	-46
OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS	263	231	-32	-12.1
RUNAWAY	34	25	-9	-26.4
MISCELLANEOUS	291	293	2	0.3

ASK US

Q. — Who is responsible Kiddie Park, and is there a way to contribute to the upkeep?

A. — The county is responsible and plans to resurface the parking lot this spring. There is no fund or organization set up for Kiddie Park maintenance, but there could be.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 70 degrees; low, 30; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 47; no precipitation; total for 1998, 2.76 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 40-45. SW wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny. High 70-75. SW-W wind 10-20 mph.

Michael Martinez
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 6:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.
Of 62 days in 1998, the sun has shone 60 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Always do right — this will gratify some and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain



PLACE ONE IN CONTEST — Fifteen Snyder High School Band members were rated first place in Lubbock's All-region Solo-Ensemble Contest Saturday. From left are, first row, Krista Villarreal, Kara Babcock, Amber Schwertner, Ashley Baremore, Melinda Langham Josue Coronado, Jack Hedges, Trey Gorman, Jemma Richburg; back row, Corey Ballard, Audra Reneau, Ryan Burk, Michael Borrego, Michael Arbuckle and Joshua Halverson. Those advancing to Austin state tryouts in early May include Villarreal, Schwertner, Baremore, Langham, Coronado, Hedges, Richburg, Ballard and Reneau. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Texas would get $1.3 billion more from new highway bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas would receive an extra $1.3 billion over six years to build and improve highways, provide mass transit and fund other transportation programs under a measure endorsed by the Senate transportation committee.

Federal transportation spending nationwide would rise by $26 billion to $173 billion over the next six years under the bill approved Tuesday by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

The extra funding derives from a plan by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, that would earmark all taxes that motorists pay at the gas pump for transportation. Currently, some of the 18.3 cents in taxes per gallon of gas is diverted away from the federal highway trust fund for use in other government programs, including deficit reduction.

Texas would see its highway funding rise to $10.4 billion over six years from the $9.1 billion that had been envisioned before Gramm and Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., secured leadership and committee approval for their plan. The $10.4 billion would be some 60 percent more than under the previous highway bill.

The Senate bill makes strides in rectifying the unequal funding situation for Texas and other so-called "donor" states who for years have paid more into the highway trust fund than they've received.

Currently, Texas receives 76 cents for every dollar paid into the trust fund in the form of gasoline taxes. Under the Senate bill, every state would be guaranteed at least 91 cents on the dollar.

Texas transportation officials were pleased at the Senate panel's action, although the highway bill remains far from completion. The House, which has a bill seeking more money than the Senate, has not yet brought its bill to the floor and is unlikely to do so before May.

But Texas Department of Transportation policy analyst David Soileau said the Senate action is important because it sets the framework for increasing Texas' rate of payout from the trust fund.

Beyond the $10.4 billion Texas would receive under the Senate bill, the state also would be eligible for a chunk of the $450 million added to a discretionary fund for border infrastructure programs. That money would be allocated by the federal Transportation Department.

Energy costs expected to rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — A White House economist today predicted household energy costs would increase a modest $70 to $100 a year if the nation implements the global warming agreement crafted in Kyoto, Japan.

The estimate, presented at a House Commerce subcommittee hearing, was greeted with skepticism from both Republican and Democratic lawmakers.

Janet Yellen, head of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, acknowledged "uncertainties" in the administration's estimate. But she said the conclusion was that the cost of the Kyoto agreement "will be modest under the conditions we have identified."

Yellen said the analysis concludes that energy prices would rise by an average of 3 percent to 5 percent under last December's international pact to control the Earth's greenhouse gases.

The Kyoto agreement, which has come under sharp criticism in Congress, calls for reducing so-called greenhouse gases to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2008-2012.

Datebook

March 4, 1998

Today is the 63rd day of 1998 and the 74th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1881, James Garfield became the first president to move his mother into the White House.

On this day in 1917, Jeannette Rankin, a Republican from Montana, became the first woman to be elected to the House of Representatives.

On this day in 1925, the first radio broadcast of a presidential inauguration took place as Calvin Coolidge was sworn in.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), composer; Casimir Pulaski (1747-1779), American Revolutionary hero; Knute Rockne (1888-1931), football coach; Charles H. Goren (1901-1991), bridge expert; Miriam Makeba (1932-), singer, is 66; Jane Goodall (1934-), ethologist, is 64; Kevin Johnson (1966-), basketball player, is 32; Evan Dando (1967-), musician, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, Emma Fahning of the Germain Cleaning Team became the first woman to bowl a sanctioned 300 game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Show me a good and gracious loser and I'll show you a failure." — Knute Rockne

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1982, a snow-thunderstorm dropped 5 inches of snow on Wheat Ridge, Colo., in two hours.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

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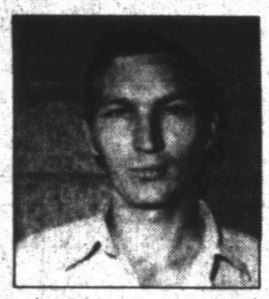
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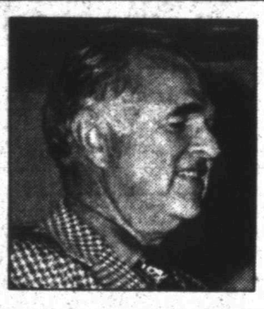
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Faces From The Past Entry Week 5

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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN and their families are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Frank Miller 2. Dan Cotton 3. Sam Bruner 4. Max von Roeder 5. Billy John Voss 6. Beverly Ainsworth 7. Janelle Orr 8. Clarence Wright 9. Sonny Harrell 10. Darryl Calley

Criticizing U.N. is old sport for Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan won wide praise initially for his mission to Baghdad to broker a deal with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. But he is coming under mounting criticism from skeptical congressional Republicans.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott even snubbed Annan publicly earlier this week and asserted: "I cannot understand why the Clinton administration would place trust in someone devoted to building a 'human relationship' with a mass murderer."

Sen. Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Annan "gave away the store."

So what else is new?

The United Nations has never been a popular institution on Capitol Hill, especially among conservatives. That's one reason the United States is about $1 billion in arrears in its dues to the world organization.

The U.N. chief has often been an easy target. After all, Annan's predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt, was widely denounced by Republicans. President Clinton's 1996 rival, Bob Dole, repeatedly invoked his name with scorn on the presidential campaign trail.

Boutros-Ghali ultimately lost Clinton's support, and Annan, of Ghana, was elected in late 1996 after the United States vetoed Boutros-Ghali for a second term.

Republicans have long accused Clinton of surrendering U.S. autonomy over its troops to the secretary-general.

A year ago, Clinton promised Annan that the White House would pay the U.S. arrears, including $819 million in past dues and $107 million in "debt forgiveness," but they remain unpaid.

The $819 million was blocked last fall as part of a congressional dispute over an anti-abortion proposal. And Helms, R-N.C., recently asserted that the payments would remain on hold. He accused the administration of reneging on a deal that linked the repayment with pushing for U.N. reforms.

Until the aftermath of his Baghdad trip, Annan had generally drawn good reviews from Democrats and Republicans alike.

A career bureaucrat, the soft-spoken Annan developed a reputation for leading by consensus rather than coercion. Many world leaders urged him to make the trip to Baghdad to negotiate a deal to avert U.S. military action. Three nations — France, Canada and Qatar — even offered him planes.

The accord he struck — in which Saddam offered to open up eight so-called presidential sites to weapons inspectors, but with conditions — was hesitantly accepted by Clinton and won general international plaudits.

But then Annan's trouble with congressional Republicans began.

Returning in triumph to the United Nations, Annan was asked if he could trust Saddam to keep his word and he said, "I think I can do business with him. I think he was serious."

Then Annan was quoted as describing U.N. weapons inspectors as "cowboys."

That set off Lott and other GOP lawmakers.

"Why in the world would the secretary-general use this kind of wording?" Lott asked, calling the comments "outrageous" and saying, "They reflect someone bent on appeasement."

Annan canceled a planned visit to Washington after Lott declined to meet with him.

For his part, Annan told CNN's Larry King he still plans to go to Washington.

California, Florida and New England face threat of floods

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Just what Florida and California needed to hear: The already soaked states top the list for potential spring flooding.

New England is also at risk, federal forecasters said Tuesday, but there's good news for the Mississippi Valley and the Midwest, where devastating flooding struck in recent years.

Not surprisingly, El Nino is the culprit in the threats to the West Coast and Southeast.

With the El Nino phenomenon likely to continue for at least another month, continued wet weather is expected in those areas, National Weather Service hydrologist Frank Richards said. The flood threat depends on whether the rainfall spreads out and can run off or is concentrated in a short time, he explained.

Richards and meteorologist Ed O'Lenic discussed the spring flood forecast at a briefing beneath a gray, rainy sky on Alexandria's flood-prone waterfront.

"Much of California has above-normal flood risk," Richards said. "Although flooding has currently subsided ... conditions continue to be ripe for further flood problems."

Soil in California is saturated, many streams are near flood level, reservoirs are high and the snowpack is bountiful, he added.

Another area of concern stretches from East Texas to central Pennsylvania and south to Florida. Rainfall in this region has been plentiful, soil conditions are very wet and minor flooding has already been occurring.

Richards said the only other area with above-average flood risk includes much of New England and parts of New York, an area with a snowpack well above average.

On the other hand, for the upper Midwest, devastated by flooding last year, there is good news, said Commerce Secretary William Daley. El Nino brought a relatively mild winter there with a snowpack below last year's. The Mississippi Valley also appears unlikely to be threatened by floods this year.

Daley noted that floods are the nation's most costly and deadly natural disaster and said his department is launching a special natural disaster reduction initiative.

It will include funds for research into reducing losses to wind, floods and earthquakes by improving building design, developing better warnings for disasters and seeking ways to help protect jobs in hazard-prone areas.

El Nino is a periodic warming of the eastern Pacific Ocean, accompanied by changes in air pressure over the ocean, that can change weather patterns over much of the world.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

AA and NA meeting; Park Club; noon.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Beautiful Roses," by Wilson Howell; Delores Merritt and Geleska Baze, hostesses; 9:30 a.m.

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

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180, pot luck supper; 6 p.m.

Deep creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 03-04-98
♠ Q J 5
♥ Q 10 5 4
♦ 8 2
♣ A 10 3 2

West
♠ K 10 9 3 2
♥ 9
♦ 9 7 6 4
♣ Q 9 7

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

South
♠ 8 7 6
♥ A K 8 7 6 3
♦ K J
♣ K 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

The trick of the trick

By Phillip Alder

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Bridge is a game of tricks — there are 13 of them in each deal. But "trick" has another meaning: a deceitful device or deception. Well, sometimes one can have a tricky trick — as in this deal.

How would you try to hoodwink the opponents into permitting four hearts to make after West leads the spade 10?

At the other table, Zia Mahmood (North) and Michael Rosenberg had reached three no-trump despite the 10-card heart fit. (East opened one diamond; South made an intermediate jump overcall of two hearts; West responded two spades; North cue-bid three spades, showing a spade stopper and asking for a diamond guard; South bid three no-trump; and North passed. Brilliant!)

In this auction, West's opening supposedly showed a six-card suit and 5-9 high-card points, but at favorable vulnerability some latitude is permitted. When East raised to three spades, South, envisioning a singleton spade opposite, overcalled four hearts.

When the dummy appeared, declarer could foresee the defense: spade to the ace, spade to the king, spade ruff, diamond ace. How could he trick East into doing the wrong thing? With almost no pause for thought, South called for dummy's spade *five*. This left East with the impression that South had started with king-doubleton of spades. So, after winning with the spade ace, East continued with the ace and another diamond. South won, drew trumps, and claimed, losing two spades and one diamond.

Who was this trickster? Cezary Balicki from Poland. Now, though, maybe East and West are playing sane weak twos.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AVISO PUBLICO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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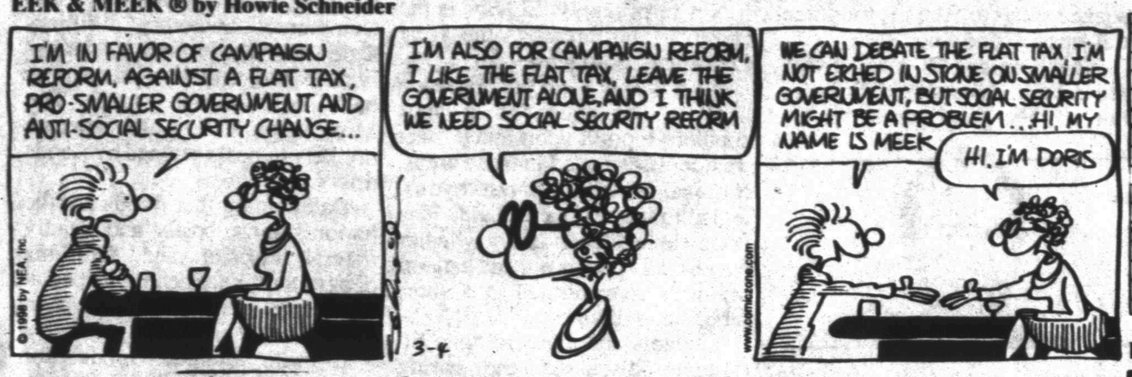
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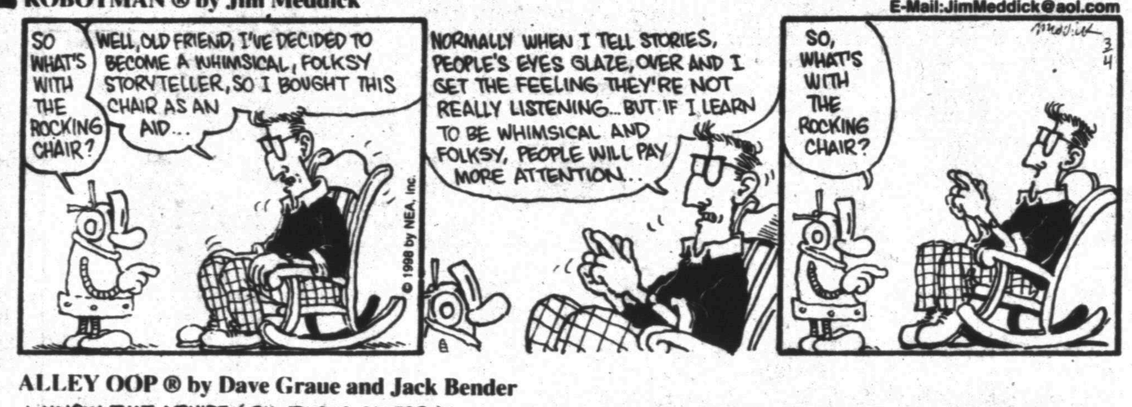


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14 Crystalline gem
15 Some pamphlets
16 Having less money
17 Identical
18 Sixth sense (abbr.)
20 Organ of smell
21 Meat jelly
23 Faulty
27 Barometer type
32 Classification of plants
33 River in France
34 Ammonia compound
35 Wise lawgiver
36 Cooked (a turkey)
39 Types of jackets
40 Twisted
42 Biblical king
46 Comparative ending
47 Neighbor of Ark.
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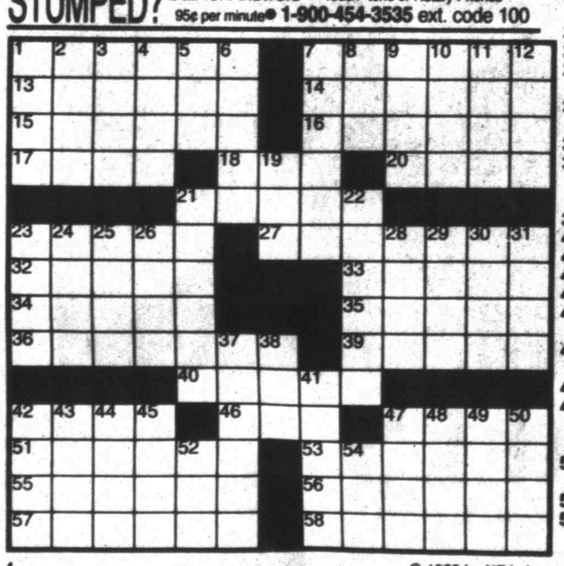
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11 Southwestern Indians
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26 Lather
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30 — — the ground floor
31 Lions' homes
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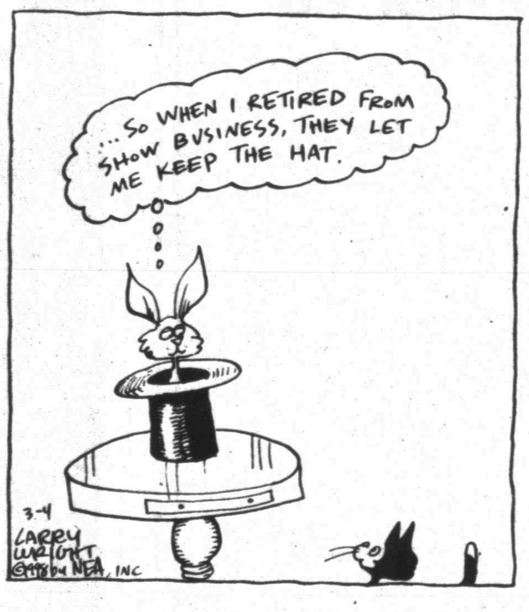
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SPORTS

Westerners continue domination

SAN ANTONIO — It's been a banner year for the WTC golf team — and there's more to come.

A victory Tuesday in the St. Mary University Invitational at Cedar Creek made it four out of four this spring and seven out of nine for the year. In the two fall tournaments WTC didn't win, the Westerners were runnersup.

But Tuesday, the victory was by a 33-stroke margin over second place Oklahoma City University.

WTC combined Tuesday's 293 round with a 297 posted Monday for a 590 team total while OCU came in at 623. In the 17-team tournament, only four were junior colleges, Coach Milton Ham said.

WTC's victory was fueled by impressive individual efforts. Out of more than 90 golfers, there were only two sub-par rounds, and WTC posted both of them.

Andreas Ljunggren fired a two-under-par 70 on Tuesday to combine with a par 72 on Monday for a 142 and the medalist honors. Fredrik Widmark shot a 73-74 for a 147 and was named to the all-tournament team.

Michael Stenger, who had the only other sub-par scorecard, improved with a 71 on Tuesday after an 80 in the opening round for a 151.

Peter Gustavsson shot a 150 with a 78 on Tuesday after a par round of 72 on Monday. Thomas Korberg posted rounds of 80 and 82 for a 162.



LADY TIGERS ON THE DIAMOND — Members of this year's Snyder varsity softball team are, front row, left to right, Bradi Johnson, Christy Tomlinson, CeCe Valadez and Amanda Huff. On the middle row are Courtney Rinehart, Darcee Purcell, Keila Helms and Kristin Martinez. On the back row are head coach Carmen Bohannon, assistant coach Mechelle Chrane, Brittany Drummond, Shanna Fisk, Starla Davis, Amy Ricks, Renae Hall, Kristin Kuhl and CJ Chaney. The Lady Tigers travel to Abilene Thursday for a doubleheader with Cooper at 4:30. (SDN Staff Photo)

14 teams notch tournament spots

By The Associated Press

Butler did it.

So did Valparaiso.

And South Alabama, too, but with more intrigue.

For the second straight season, the Butler Bulldogs and South Alabama Jaguars played their way into the NCAA tournament by winning conference tournaments.

Valparaiso, meanwhile, made it three consecutive NCAA berths with a 67-48 victory over Youngstown State on Tuesday night in the Mid-Continent Conference title game.

At Green Bay, Wis., Matthew Graves scored 18 points and Otis Frazier added 17 as Butler beat Wisconsin-Green Bay 70-51 to win the Midwestern Collegiate Conference title.

"Our idea was just to try to be in the face of the shooter every time they turned," Butler coach Barry Collier said after his Bulldogs (21-10) held the Phoenix to 32 percent shooting.

At Moline, Ill., Valparaiso (21-9) got 16 points from Bill Jenkins and 15 from Jamie Sykes in its win over Youngstown State (20-9) to become just the eighth Division I school to win at least four straight conference tournaments. Kentucky holds the record with seven in a row.

At Lafayette, La., Toby Madison hit a 12-foot jumper with 40 seconds left as South Alabama (21-6) held off Southwestern Louisiana 62-59 in a furious finish in the Sun Belt Conference tournament final.

Also, No. 8 Princeton, which clinched the Ivy League title and an NCAA berth Friday night, beat Penn 78-72 in overtime in their final regular-season game.

Elsewhere, Eastern Michigan beat Ball State 93-92 in overtime and Miami, Ohio, beat Kent 64-59 in the semifinals of the Mid-American Conference tournament; Howard beat Bethune-Cookman 79-77 in overtime in the first round of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tourney; and Tulsa beat Brigham Young 59-56, SMU topped Colorado State 76-71, San Diego State beat Wyoming 60-57 in overtime and UNLV defeated Hawaii 64-59 in first-round games at the WAC tournament.

The NCAA's 64-team field now stands officially at 14: Arizona (Pac-10); Butler (Midwestern Collegiate); College of Charleston (Trans America Athletic); Davidson (Southern); Fairleigh Dickinson (Northeast); Illinois State (Missouri Valley), Iona (Metro Atlantic); Murray State (Ohio Valley); Princeton (Ivy); Radford (Big South); Richmond (Colonial Athletic Association); San Francisco (West Coast); South Alabama (Sun Belt); and Valparaiso (Mid-Continent).

Quick Bulldogs host Ira Classic

These Bulldogs can fly.

When the Ira High School baseball team opens the Ira Classic on Thursday, it will be a faster group of Bulldogs on the diamond.

"We will probably the fastest we've been in three years," Ira coach Joee Gainer said. "This group's speed compares to the area playoff team we had three years ago."

The Bulldogs — which field seven freshman, seven sophomores and two juniors — also have a year of experience under their belts.

"Being a year older is a real key for us," Gainer remarked. "And there is still room for improvement. We are probably one of the best 14 and 15-year-old teams in the area, but we compete against 17 and 18-year-olds."

Defensively for Ira, its strength is up the middle.

Jenson Gainer anchors the Bulldogs behind the plate, with Drew Wall playing short stop, second base or center field.

On the mound, Gainer has the option of a left-handed power pitcher or a right-handed breaking-ball specialist.

Jerek Brown, the southpaw of the staff, is an overpowering fastball hurler who can give the Bulldogs numerous innings.

Perry Jamison is more of an off-speed pitcher, throwing a variety of breaking balls.

When Ira is at the plate, its speed should be most evident, along with some added power this season.

"We lift weights three days a week during the season," Gainer remarked, "and we're already seeing the benefits with some extra power."

Hermleigh will face Eula at 4 p.m. Thursday in the opening tilt of the Ira Classic.

The Bulldogs battle Rotan at 6:30 in the nightcap.

Friday's action will begin with Ira against Abilene Christian High B at 4, followed by a Eula-Abilene Christian A contest at 6:30.

The Bulldogs go to the plate in district play April 7 against Loraine.

Kelly powers Rangers into split with Pirates

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Manny Martinez's three-run homer broke a tie in a five-run eighth inning that gave the Pittsburgh Pirates an 8-3 victory over the Texas Rangers in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday.

Roberto Kelly went 3-for-3 for Texas in the second game, including a solo homer and two singles, as the Rangers made it a split with a 2-1 victory.

Kelly singled and scored Texas' first run of the second game on a single by Lee Stevens in the first inning off Jon Lieber (0-1), who went three innings, allowed seven hits and two runs for the Pirates.

Rick Helling pitched the first two innings for Texas, allowing one hit and a homer by Freddie Garcia. Todd Van Poppel (1-0) pitched two innings and got the victory.

The Pirates broke open the first game in the eighth inning.

With the score tied 3-3 after the scheduled seven innings, the Pirates got seven of their 15 hits in the eighth off Eric Moody (0-1).

Steve Bieser and Tim Edge singled before Martinez' homer over the left field fence. Doug Strange followed with a solo shot and Chance Sanford added an RBI single.

Francisco Cordova allowed one hit and three walks over three innings for the Pirates. Jeff Tabaka pitched the seventh and got the victory for Pittsburgh.

Tech skids into Big 12 Tourney; Raiders open against Longhorns

LUBBOCK (AP) — Coming off the most miserable home game in school history, the slumping Texas Tech Red Raiders admit they have much to prove this week at the Big 12 tournament.

"We can't go out feeling sorry that it's been a disappointing season," center Johnny Phillips said. "We need to try to make amends as far as right now."

The Red Raiders (13-13, 6-9) are in Kansas City to revisit the conference tournament, where their string of bad luck began this time last year.

In the first round Thursday night, Tech plays fellow regular-season disappointment Texas (12-16, 6-10), which swept the season series.

"We are going to go up there with an optimistic attitude and the attitude of 'Who knows?' " guard Stan Bonewitz said. "Maybe, we could sneak a couple here and there and end up in the finals and, you never know."

It was during a second-round Big 12 tournament game last year that Tech learned two players were academically ineligible. The school removed itself from NCAA Tournament consideration a day later.

As it turned out, an internal audit seven months later revealed former players Deuce Jones and Gracen Averil were among 76 athletes in eight sports who participated ineligibly this decade.

Center Tony Battie dealt the next blow by taking his superstar skills to the NBA instead of returning for his senior season. That left senior guard Cory Carr, the Big 12's leading scorer for the second straight season, to lead a small, youthful lineup.

It's been a stunning downturn for the Tech program: from a Sweet 16 team two years ago to a squad that probably won't win 17 games for the first time since 1992, coach James Dickey's first season.

"It's that elusive word: chemistry," Dickey said. "We are going to try to mix up some potion between now and Thursday night to get it going."

Hobbled by a sore right ankle, even Carr couldn't stop Oklahoma from pasting Tech 89-56 last Saturday in the Raiders' home finale. It was their worst-ever loss at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Since blowing out lowly Texas A&M 102-75 on Feb. 7, Tech has been outscored by an average of 85-75 in its last six games, losing five of them.

Two of the losses were in overtime to Colorado and Oklahoma State. Those losses seemed to sap them as they allowed the Sooners to score the game's last 14 points, including three breakaway dunks.

"I hope that we can find some emotion going into Kansas City, some enthusiasm for the Big 12 tournament," Dickey said.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	38	16	6	82	173	119
Philadelphia	30	19	9	69	167	131
Washington	26	23	11	63	161	158
N.Y.Rangers	18	26	16	52	146	160
N.Y.Islanders	21	31	8	50	156	168
Florida	18	29	12	48	141	166
TampaBay	12	39	9	33	115	196

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	31	17	13	75	171	141
Boston	26	22	12	64	155	145
Montreal	28	23	7	63	170	151
Buffalo	24	21	14	62	150	141
Ottawa	23	28	10	56	137	153
Carolina	22	30	7	51	145	166

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	38	13	9	85	184	118
Detroit	33	15	13	79	184	139
St.Louis	33	22	8	74	190	155
Phoenix	24	26	11	59	165	173
Chicago	23	27	10	56	147	147
Toronto	20	31	8	48	138	172

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	31	15	16	78	183	149
LosAngeles	27	21	11	65	173	158
Edmonton	22	29	10	54	155	175
SanJose	22	30	7	51	144	160
Anaheim	20	30	9	49	145	181
Calgary	18	30	12	48	157	185
Vancouver	18	33	10	46	170	215

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh 3, Toronto 1
Buffalo 1, N.Y. Rangers 0
New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 3
Detroit 3, Phoenix 1
Edmonton 5, Colorado 4, OT
Carolina 3, San Jose 1
Vancouver 2, Los Angeles 2, tie

Tuesday's Games

Boston 3, Washington 0
N.Y. Islanders 3, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 5, Chicago 3
Calgary 2, Tampa Bay 1

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Chicago at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Carolina at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

Thursday

Softball: Snyder varsity and JV at Abilene, doubleheader, 4:30 & 6 p.m.

Baseball: Snyder varsity vs. Canyon Randall, Frenship tourney, 2 p.m.

Baseball: Ira Classic — Hermleigh vs. Eula, 4 p.m.; Ira vs. Rotan JV, 6:30.

Friday

Softball: Snyder varsity and JV at Hawley, 4 p.m., 5:30.

Baseball: Frenship tourney — Snyder varsity vs. Borger, 9 a.m.; Snyder vs. Andrews, 11:30.

Baseball: Ira Classic — Ira vs. Abilene Christian B, 4 p.m.; Eula vs. Abilene Christian A, 6:30.

Baseball: Snyder JV and freshman at Odessa tourney.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Sweetwater Invitational.

Golf: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews; Snyder varsity girls at San Angelo.Invitational.

Track: Snyder Jr. High meet, SHS track, 4 p.m.

Saturday

Track: Snyder boys and girls at Mustang Relays, Andrews.

Softball: Snyder JV at Snyder tourney.

Baseball: Snyder at Frenship tourney.

Baseball: Ira at Grape Creek JV, 4 p.m.

Baseball: Snyder JV and freshman at Odessa tourney.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Sweetwater Invitational.

Golf: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews; Snyder varsity girls at San Angelo.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	19	.683	-
NewYork	34	23	.596	5½
NewJersey	33	27	.550	8
Washington	30	29	.508	10½
Orlando	29	29	.500	11
Boston	28	30	.483	12
Philadelphia	19	37	.339	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	44	16	.733	-
Indiana	41	17	.707	2
Charlotte	35	23	.603	8
Atlanta	34	24	.586	9
Cleveland	31	27	.534	12
Milwaukee	28	28	.500	14
Detroit	27	31	.466	16
Toronto	13	44	.228	29½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	40	16	.714	-
SanAntonio	40	18	.690	1
Minnesota	31	27	.534	10
Houston	29	29	.500	12
Vancouver	14	44	.241	27
Dallas	12	47	.203	29½
Denver	5	54	.085	36½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	45	13	.776	-
L.A.Lakers	39	18	.684	5½
Phoenix	38	20	.655	7
Portland	34	24	.586	11
Sacramento	24	36	.400	22
GoldenState	12	46	.207	33
L.A.Clippers	12	46	.207	33

Monday's Games

Washington 96, L.A. Lakers 86
Charlotte 112, Golden State 83
Detroit 100, Dallas 94
San Antonio 116, Sacramento 95

Tuesday's Games

Utah 108, Toronto 93
New York 94, New Jersey 91
Seattle 97, Miami 91, OT
Dallas 110, Minnesota 99
Chicago 118, Denver 90
Houston 107, L.A. Clippers 97
Portland 98, Phoenix 93
Indiana 111, Vancouver 103

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Boston, 8 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Jr. High track meet

Snyder Junior High will host a track meet at 4 p.m. Friday at the high school.

Tumbling meet

The Snyder Springers' Invitational will be held Saturday at the SHS gym.

Competition for kids aged 3 and up will begin at 9:30. All competitors should arrive at the gym by 9 a.m.

Concessions will be available, as well as T-shirts for sale. Flash cameras will not be allowed.

Free golf clinic

The Snyder Country Club golf staff will conduct a free family golf clinic Saturday at the club. The clinic is open to the first 20 people, members or non-members, who register.

Instruction will take place from 9 until noon, covering mechanics of the full swing and tips on the short game. A complimentary lunch will follow.

For more information contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

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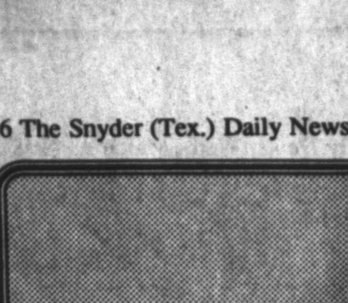
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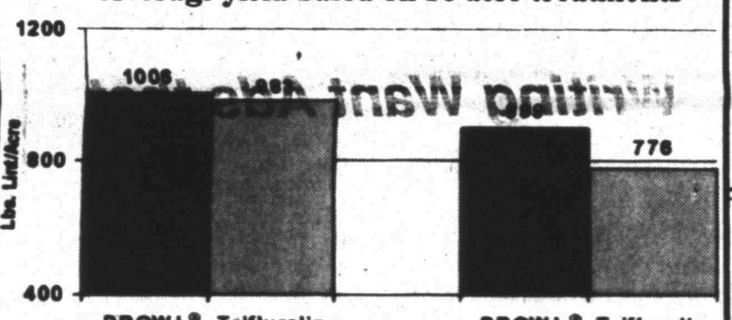
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FORT BELVOIR, Va. (AP) — The Army's former top enlisted man today confidently denied the claims of the chief accuser at his sexual misconduct court-martial.

In his second day of testimony, Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney said he did not proposition or threaten Staff Sgt. Christine Fetrow at their first meeting, as she testified.

"I never touched Sgt. Fetrow in any form or manner," McKinney said.

Ms. Fetrow, who accounts for 10 of the 19 charges against McKinney, said McKinney invited her to his hotel room at a conference in 1994 and told her "I'm a powerful man who makes things happen, good and bad." She said she believed the remark referred to his ability to help or hurt her career.

"I never, ever used my rank or position to boast in that type of manner," McKinney said in the same strong, even tone he maintained through four hours of testimony Tuesday, when he denied the claims of the other five women who contend he pressured them for sex.

Before the prosecution cross-examination started late in the morning today, McKinney also denied Ms. Fetrow's claim that he tried to persuade her to lie to Army investigators.

His calm, relaxed demeanor cracked only briefly, when he answered questions from his own lawyer about his marriage and the death of his 18-year-old son, Zubari, who was fatally injured in a car crash in 1996.

His eyes brimmed with tears as he discussed his 26-year marriage to Wilhemina McKinney.

Some of his accusers have said he complained to them of problems with his marriage.

"She's been instrumental in my life ... my role model ... so it is absolutely absurd for people to think that I have a poor marriage," he said.

Later, he added: "We've had our problems. Doesn't mean that you stop."

Several members of the jury glanced at Mrs. McKinney as she pulled a tissue from her pocket and dabbed away tears.

McKinney, 47, the former sergeant major of the Army, is charged with groping or pressuring six women for sex since 1994. He could get 55½ years in prison if convicted.

McKinney, who is black, has said he is a victim of race bias. His lawyers have argued that his accusers, all of whom are white, are lying.

Asked if he had committed any crime related to charges against him, McKinney replied in a strong, clear voice: "No sir, I committed none of those offenses."

The most sensational charge he faces is forcing a subordinate into sex when she was nearly eight months pregnant. McKinney testified that he never had sex with the woman and merely took a special interest in her because he talked her out of having an abortion.

Senate votes on proposal to seek lower levels of drinking

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate today gave strong approval to a measure, endorsed by President Clinton, that would set a national standard for drunk driving and punish states that don't abide by it with a loss of highway funds.

Voting 62-32, the senators amended a major highway spending bill to call on all states to set 0.08 percent as the blood-alcohol level at which a driver is declared legally drunk. States that fail to do so by October 2001 face losing 5 percent of their share of federal highway spending, with the penalty going up to 10 percent at a later date.

"I hope that the happy hour is over for drunk drivers," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., chief sponsor of the amendment along with Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio. "Drunk driving is a crime, like assault, like shooting at someone, like murder and it should be treated with the same severity."

Opponents of the measure expressed concern that the punishments were too harsh and said the federal government shouldn't be forcing standards on states.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said his own father had been killed by a drunken driver and states should be encouraged to make their standards tougher. But he questioned whether lives would be saved by taking highway money away from states. "It's a typical approach," he said. "Do it our way or I will punish you."

The issue is also likely to come up in the House when it takes up the highway bill, probably later this month.

Clinton strongly endorsed the legislation at a White House gathering Tuesday, during which he cited the case of a 9-year-old Maryland girl who was killed while she waited for a school bus by a driver who had been drinking.

"Lowering the limit will make responsible Americans take even greater care when they drink alcohol in any amounts if they intend to drive," the president said. He told members of Congress that "if we win this battle and you want to come back for a lower limit, I'll be glad to stand here with you."

Clinton announced he was asking Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater to conduct a study on enforcing the 0.08 percent limit on federal lands such as national parks and military bases.

Currently, 15 states enforce 0.08 percent blood-alcohol levels, while the other 35 states set the drunk driving standard at a higher 0.10 percent.

The highway funding bill would provide $173 billion over six years for construction and safety programs.

Following the vote on the drunken driving amendment, the senators were expected to take up an amendment by Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., that would end a program that has set a goal of giving 10 percent of construction contracts to businesses owned by minorities and women.

According to a 1997 National Highway Transportation Safety Administration report, a 170-pound man would need to consume more than four drinks in an hour, and a 137-pound woman three drinks, to exceed the 0.08 percent level.

"We are not talking about social drinking at the o.08 level," said Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee. "To exceed the 0.08 limit, one would need to consume an excessive amount of alcohol."

But John Doyle, spokesman for the American Beverage Institute said the 0.08 percent limit would only serve to punish social drinkers.

Drug arrest made at SHS

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male at Snyder High School around 10:35 a.m. Tuesday for possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces, in a drug-free zone.

He was also charged with possession of a prohibited weapon, a butterfly knife. Both are misdeameanors.

City officers arrested 19-year-old Jimmy Joe Murphy of 8465 E. Highway 180 around 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Murphy was taken into custody in the 500 block of East Coliseum Drive following his indictment Monday by the Scurry County grand jury.

Murphy had been charged with a Feb. 16, 1998 burglary of a building which is owned by Clarence Spieker.

A 25-year-old male was arrested at the sheriff's office at 11:47 a.m. on an outstanding DPS warrant out of Abilene for failure to wear a seat belt and for failure to appear.

Officers investigated a report of criminal mischief at St. Mary Healthcare Clinic as someone had spray painted an outside wall. An offense report for criminal mischief was also filed as a result of someone shooting vehicle windows with a BB gun at Snyder Iron and Metal.

The fire department responded to a small grass fire at 6677 West FM 1606 at 11:45 a.m.

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BellAtl	93	92 5-16	92⅝	— ⅜
BellSouth	60⅝	59 15-16	59 15-16	— ⅜
BethSteel	11	10⅞	10 15-16	— 1-16
BritPet s	85⅛	84¾	85	— ⅜
BurlNoSFe	101 13-16	100 13-16	101 3-16	— 1-16
CBS Corp	32½	32⅛	32⅜	+ ⅛
Caterpillar s	52 11-16	52 1-16	52 9-16	
CenSoWst	26 11-16	26 7-16	26 7-16	— ⅛
Chevron	84	82 15-16	83⅜	— ⅜
Chrysler	40 11-16	39¾	40⅛	+ 1⅛
Coastal	64⅞	64⅛	64⅞	+ ⅛
CocaCola	68 3-16	67 13-16	67⅞	— 5-16
ColgatePalm s	80¼	79 3-16	79 5-16	—15-16
ComclMetals	32 5-16	32⅛	32⅛	— 5-16
CooperIn	57	56⅞	56 15-16	+ 3-16
CyprusAmax	17	16⅝	16⅝	— ⅜
DallSemicn	43⅜	42⅞	43⅜	+ 1
DeltaAirl	117¼	116¾	116 15-16	+ 9-16
DigitalEq	54 5-16	52 13-16	53⅜	— ⅜
Dillards Inc	36¼	35 11-16	35⅞	+ ⅛
DowChem	90⅝	90⅛	90 7-16	— ⅛
DresserInd	49¼	48	48	— ⅝
DuPont s	62 11-16	61 13-16	61 15-16	— ⅝
EastmanChem	66¾	65¾	66	— ⅜
EstKodak	66 13-16	66 7-16	66½	— 1
EDS Corp	43¾	43¼	43½	— 5-16
Entergy	29	28 13-16	28 13-16	— 1-16
Exxon s	64 7-16	63 15-16	63 15-16	— 5-16
FstBksAm	23¼	23¼	23¼	
Flowers s	25⅞	25	25⅛	— ¼
FordMotor	60 5-16	58¾	59¾	+13-16
GTE Cp	54½	54 1-16	54 1-16	—11-16
GenDynam	86½	85½	86½	+ 1⅜
GenElecs	76 15-16	76 3-16	76 5-16	—15-16
GenMills	71 9-16	70 15-16	70 15-16	— ⅜
GenMotors	72¼	70 9-16	71⅞	+1 5-16
GaPacGP s	62¼	61¾	61 15-16	—11-16
GlobalMar	25 13-16	25 1-16	25 3-16	+ 1-16
Goodrich	50¼	49 13-16	49¾	— ⅜
Goodyear s	69⅝	68 15-16	69⅜	
GtAtlPac	30⅜	30 7-16	30⅝	— ⅛
Halliburtn s	51 1-16	49 13-16	49 15-16	— 1-16
Hanson ADS	26½	26 1-16	26½	+ ⅛
HarteHanks	42	9-16	42 7-16	42½
HomeDepot s	64 7-16	63¾	64 5-16	— 1-16
HoustonInds	25 15-16	25 13-16	25⅞	— 1-16
IBM s	103 5-16	102	103 1-16	+15-16
IntlPaper	48¼	47 11-16	47 11-16	— 5-16
JohnsonJn	74 3-16	72¾	73 1-16	—1 7-16
K mart	14⅛	13⅜	14¼	+13-16
Kroger s	43 9-16	43 1-16	43¾	— 5-16
Litton	62 5-16	62	62¾	— 5-16
LockhdMart	114 3-16	112¾	112⅞	— 1¾
Lowes Cos	61⅞	61	5-16	61⅜ — ⅜
Lubys	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜	— ⅛
LucentTech	106 7-16	105	105⅜	+ 9-16
MayDeptStrs	61 15-16	61	61⅜	+ ⅜
Medtronic s	53 1-16	51 7-16	51⅞	—1 1-16
Mobils	72 9-16	71⅜	72 5-16	+ ⅛
Monsanto	50 15-16	50 7-16	50 9-16	— 5-16
MorganJP 11	24 15-16	123 11-16	123 11-16	-15-16
Motorola	57 1-16	56⅜	57	+ ⅛
NCR Corp	31⅜	30 15-16	31 9-16	+ 9-16
NationsBk	69⅜	68⅜	68 11-16	+ 3-16
Navistar	31 1-16	30⅜	31	— 5-16
Norwests	42	41¼	41 9-16	+ ⅛
OryxEngy	26⅛	25¾	25⅞	— ¼
Penney JC	72 11-16	71¼	71 11-16	— 1
Pennzoil	67⅞	67	67⅞	+ 3-16
PepBoys	25⅛	24¾	24⅜	— ⅛
PepsiCo	37⅛	36 15-16	37	— ⅜
PhelpDodge	65¼	64¾	64¾	— ⅜
PhilipPet	49 15-16	49 11-16	49 11-16	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	13¾	13⅜	13 3-16	
Polaroid	45 15-16	45⅜	45 15-16	+ 5-16
Praxair	47 15-16	47 13-16	47 13-16	— ⅛
ProctGamb s	82 3-16	81 11-16	81¾	— ⅛
PubSNwMx	23⅜	23 3-16	23⅜	— ⅛
RoyalDut s	55 1-16	54¼	54½	— 7-16
SBC Comm	76 9-16	75 5-16	75⅜	—1 1-16
SBC Comm wi	38¼	38	38	— ⅛
SaraLee	56¼	55¼	55 15-16	— ⅜
Scripps EW	53¾	53¾	53⅞	+ 1-16
SearsRoeb	54 11-16	54 5-16	54 7-16	— 9-16
SherwinW	34⅜	33 13-16	34 1-16	+ 1-16
SmthBc ADS s	60 15-16	60 7-16	60⅜	— 7-16
SouthernCo	25	24⅜	24 15-16	
SwstAirl s	30	29¾	29⅜	— 1-16
Sprint	67 7-16	66 5-16	66 5-16	— 1
SunCo	41⅜	41 1-16	41 5-16	+ 3-16
TNP Ent	31 15-16	31⅜	31 15-16	
Tandy s	44 13-16	44 1-16	44¾	+ ⅜
TempleInland	59⅜	59¾	59⅜	— 5-16
Tenneco	42⅜	42	42 3-16	+ 3-16
Texaco s	56¾	56 3-16	56 9-16	+ ⅜
TexInd	56 3-16	,55¾	55⅜	— ⅛
TexasInst s	55¼	53¾	55⅛	+2 1-16
TexUtil	40⅜	39¾	39⅝	— ⅛
Textron s	74 5-16	73⅜	73¾	— 1-16
Travelers s	56⅜	55⅛	55⅛	— ⅛
TriconGlbR n	29⅜	29 3-16	29 9-16	+ 1-16
TrinityInds	50 11-16	50 5-16	50 11-16	
TritonEngy	33 15-16	32 9-16	33 1-16	+ ⅛
Tyler	7¼	7 1-16	7 3-16	— 3-16
US WestCm	51⅜	51 5-16	51⅜	— ⅛
USWstMda	32¼	32⅛	32 9-16	— 5-16
USX-Marathn	36¼	35 9-16	35⅜	— ⅛
USX-USS	36⅛	35⅞	36	— 1-16
UnCarbde	47⅜	46 7-16	46 7-16	—13-16
UnionPacif	49¾	49	49 3-16	— ⅛
UnitedTech	90⅜	89¾	90⅜	— 1-16
Unocal	37 13-16	37 5-16	37⅛	— ⅛
WalMart	48⅜	48⅛	48 11-16	+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	17⅜	17⅛	17 9-16	— 3-16
WinnDixie	54 15-16	54 7-16	54 7-16	— ½
Woolworth	23 13-16	23 11-16	23¾	— 3-16
Xerox Corp	90⅛	88 15-16	90⅜	+1 11-16
ZenithE	6 7-16	6⅜	6 7-16	

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Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts,
County Extension Agent

Caring for athletic uniforms — tips for an A+ appearance

When the ball's in play, a clean uniform is the last thing on anyone's mind. But, once that final whistle blows, those dirty uniforms come in from the field and off the court to confront their next challenge: getting clean.

The best cleaning method depends on the fiber content of the fabric, the type of soil and the color-fastness of the dyes. Synthetic fibers, including nylon, polyester and spandex, are commonly used to create fabrics that are washable at high temperatures. However, because the dyes used for athletic uniforms are often water-soluble, fading or dye transfer during washing may be a problem. To avoid this, read and follow instructions or garment care labels. Frequently, a cold water wash is recommended because higher temperatures may cause the colors to bleed. To prevent bleeding, it's also best to avoid soaking the items for long periods of time. If a damp garment cannot be cleaned immediately, hang it to air dry.

Mud, grass and perspiration are common enemies of clean athletic uniforms. Before treating these stains, test the removal procedures in an inconspicuous spot on the garment.

For mud stains, let the garment dry and then brush off as much of the mud as possible. Pretreat with a pretreat product, a paste of granular detergent and water or a liquid laundry detergent.

For grass stains, pretreat with a product containing enzymes. If the stains remain, launder with a bleach that is safe for the fabric.

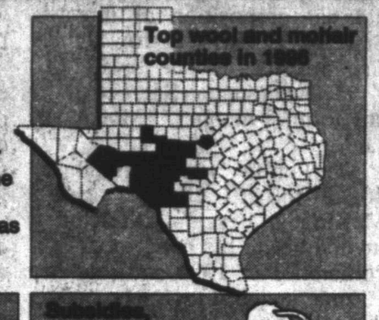
For perspiration stains, apply a prewash stain remover or rub the affected area with bar soap. If the fabric color has changed, treatment depends on the age of the stain. For fresh stains, apply ammonia; for old stains, apply white vinegar. Rinse thoroughly, then launder. If the stains remain, wash in a product containing enzymes or oxygen bleach.

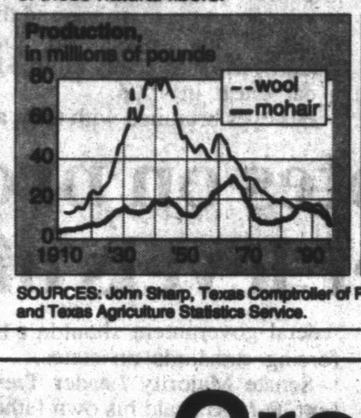
Athletic uniforms should be dried at a low temperature. A high temperature may cause shrinking and permanent wrinkling. When dry, remove items from the dryer and hang them up to help prevent permanent wrinkling.

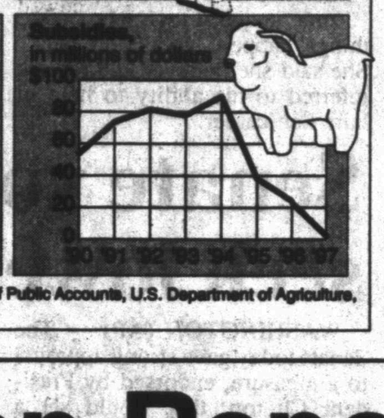
Keeping an eye on Texas

Wool and mohair a Texas tradition

Texas farmers and ranchers have been raising sheep for wool and Angora goats for mohair since the early 1900s. Although the federal government phased out subsidies to growers in 1995, Texas still leads in the U.S. in production of these natural fibers.







SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Texas Agriculture Statistics Service.

Cattle raisers meet is set for April 4-8

FORT WORTH — Committee meetings during the 121 annual convention of the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, April 4-8, will be packed with important information, says C. Coney Burgess, president of the 14,000-member livestock trade organization.

"The committee meetings are open to all convention registrants, not just committee members," says Burgess. "This is an excellent opportunity for all TSCRA members to gain an understanding of Association issues and activities."

On Monday, April 6, Brian Farrington of Harry Weisbrod Associates will talk about hiring and firing issues for the employer in the Labor Committee meeting.

The Wildlife Committee will hear about ranch recreational activities and wildlife management from Dr. David Sharp of Montana State University and Beryl Armstrong of Plateau Integrated Land and Wildlife Management.

Stephen Moore of The Cate Institute will discuss the federal tax reform outlook in the Legislative and Tax Committee meeting. State Rep., Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, will talk about proposed legislation for brush control.

In the Marketing Committee meeting, Mark Gardiner of Gardiner Angus Ranch in Ashland, Kan., and Steve Hunt, CEO, U.S. Premium Beef, will discuss U. S Premium Beef 50 percent purchase of National Packing Co., from Farmland Industries.

On Tuesday, April 7, the Animal Health Committee will hear about meat safety practices from Dt. Patrick V. Thomas with the Texas Department of Health. Dr. Terry Bealls, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, will provide an update on regulatory matters. Dr. Mike Wirtz of Brenham will talk about beef quality assurance.

National Cattlemen's Beef Association President Clark Willingham and Vice President Mark Thomas will discuss the marketing tool, "Brand-like Initiative," in the Agricultural Research Committee meeting.

The Natural Resources and Environment Committee will hear Joseph Beal, manager, WaterCo in Austin, talk about the Texas Water Plan from a rancher's perspective.

In a joint meeting of the Association Promotion and Brand and Inspection Committees, Paul Hitch, NCBA, Live Marketing Committee chairman, will give an update on NCBA's animal identification taskforce and key requirements of an ID system. Pete Gibbs, Texas A&M University, will talk about horse theft awareness and prevention. J.D. Sartwelle Jr. and Pete Bonds, Association Promotion co-chairs, will recap the "Member-Get-a-Member Program." Bob Wright, chairman of TSCRA's Corporate Development Council, will give an update on the council whose purpose is to develop association membership and educational programs. Scott Wooters and Andy Fazio, MBNA America Bank personal banking officers, will speak on the winning relationships created for TSCRA and corporations when they partner together.

For more information on committees or TSCRA convention events call 817-332-7064.

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — One of the drawbacks to this year's early spring is an overabundant weed population, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Extension weed specialist Dr. John Bremer of Corpus Christi said mild winter temperatures and frequent showers promoted rapid seed germination in weeds.

"The potential is great for heavy weed populations across the state," Bremer said. "Weeds are already flourishing in row crops, fields and gardens and farmers are just going to have to fight them off."

He said interest in weed control is much greater this year, namely for sorghum fields. Farmers can apply relatively harsh chemicals to their sorghum, along with a herbicide safener that will kill the weeds and protect the seed.

"We are seeing more interest in herbicide safener for sorghum this year," he said. "This treatment is appealing to farmers because the seed is protected and the weeds are killed."

Bremer said producers are also looking at genetically engineered cotton and corn.

He said it is vital that producers are aware of the kind of weeds that grow in the area in order to control them.

In the west central part of the state, Extension agronomist Dr. Billy Warrick of San Angelo said high numbers of weeds have been reported north of Abilene and similar numbers are expected throughout the state.

"A number of producers are already reporting heavy weed infestation in wheat and various other crops," he said. "Recently, significant pressure from wild oat and broad leaf weeds has been reported."

Warrick said weeds can have a significant impact on crops if they are not taken care of in a timely manner. He said early application of herbicides is crucial to the success of the crop.

"In recent years, wheat yields dropped more than 70 percent when weeds were not controlled," Bremer said.

He said farmers in West Central Texas are ready to plant grain sorghum and will soon be applying herbicides to that crop.

In East Texas, Extension director Tony Douglas said damaging storms not only deposited measurable rainfall two weeks ago, but also blew in winds in excess of 100 miles per hour that caused millions of dollars worth of damage in San Augustine, Polk, Angelina and Shelby counties.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture short to surplus. Ranges, pastures in fair to good condition; a few isolated fires reported. Cattle in good condition; supplemental feeding continues. Wheat is rated fair to good; excellent growth with moisture and mild temperatures.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges fair to good. Wheat could use additional moisture. Livestock in good condition; supplemental feeding required. Land preparation, herbicide and fertilizer application continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Ranges, pastures in poor to good condition; muddy field conditions. Cattle bogging down in mud. Wheat fields are saturated. Greenbug and aphid infestations decreasing, parasitic wasps on rise.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture surplus. Ranges, pastures very poor to good. Cattle in good shape; some supplemental feeding continues. Too wet to plow fields in several counties. Excellent pecan crop; harvest near completion in Cooke County.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture surplus. Cattle operations hampered by excessive moisture. Livestock fair to good; supplemental feeding continues. Garden preparations halted with rains. Peaches trees blooming; spraying active.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Ranges, pastures need moisture. Cattle stable; supplemental feeding continues. Wheat needs more rain. Pre-irrigation and land preparation continue for cotton. Some early peach varieties budding. Pecans budding.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. Pastures good. Livestock good; spring ewes starting to lamb and heavy supplemental feeding continues. Oat stands are progressing well. Many prescribed burns implemented. Peach buds swelling on backyard trees.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture surplus. Ranges, pastures poor. Too wet to do anything in fields. Wheat crop very lush due to moisture and warmth. Corn and grain sorghum planting will began soon. Dormant oil spraying in progress on fruit trees.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture surplus. Mild temperatures; heavy rainfall has saturated soils and no field work is possible. Cattle feeding continues. Peaches blooming due to mild temperatures.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture surplus. Ranges, pastures good. Livestock in good condition. Corn and sorghum planting delayed by the rain. Redbuds and bluebonnets blooming. Cabbage, spinach and southern greens harvest continues; excellent yields.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Most areas too wet for field work due to heavy rain. Corn plants beginning to emerge. Onions doing well. Tilling and prefertilizing spring gardens. Livestock in good condition, pastures improving.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures continue to improve. Livestock conditions are good. Commercial vegetable farmers working with spring planted vegetables. Early planting continues for cotton. Sorghum and watermelon planting continues.

Board of Trade

CHICAGO (AP) — Grain and soybean futures prices retreated Tuesday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Soybean futures were pressured by forecasts for dry weather later this week in parts of Brazil, which should allow the resumption of harvesting of an expected bumper crop.

Corn futures retreated in a technical correction from Monday's strong gains amid reports that China is denying market talk it had imported U.S. corn. Wheat futures fell in step with the weakness in the corn and soybean markets.

Wheat for May delivery fell 1 cent, or 0.3 percent to $3.39¾ a bushel; May corn fell 1 cent, or 0.4 percent, to $2.73¾ a bushel; May oats fell 2¼ cents, or 1.5 percent, to $1.49 a bushel; May soybeans fell 1⅛ cents, or 0.2 percent, to $6.55⅛ a bushel.

Live cattle and lean hog futures retreated on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Feeder cattle were mixed, while pork bellies advanced.

April live cattle fell .25 cent to 64.82 cents a pound; March feeder cattle rose .50 cent to 75.77 cents a pound; April lean hogs fell .80 cent to 47.90 cents a pound; May pork bellies rose 1.25 cents to 42.75 cents a pound.

Cotton futures

NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton futures No. 2 were mixed in midday dealings today.

The average price for strict low middling 1 & 1-16 inch spot cotton declined 17 points to 65.80 cents a pound Tuesday for the seven markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were 35 cents a bale higher to $2.05 lower than the previous close. Mar 65.50, May 67.67, Jul 69.05, Oct 71.30, Dec 72.76, Mar b73.60, May b74.05, Jul b74.65, Oct b73.20 and Dec b72.50.

n.a.- not available; n.q.-not quoted; a-asked; b-bid.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 778 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 28 Sale. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers 600 pounds and back were steady. Over 600 pounds steady to $1 lower. Packer cows and bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs 450 higher. Special cow sale, Saturday, in conjunction to our regular sale. About 300 head of pairs and springers expected.

Steers:
200 to 400: 95 to 115
400 to 500: 87.50 to 113
500 to 600: 82.50 to 97.50
600 to 700: 72.50 to 82.50
Heifers:
300 to 400: 89.50 to 96.50
400 to 500: 80 to 95.50
500 to 600: 77 to 81.50
660 to 700: 65 to 75
Young bred cows: $525 to $660
Medium age to older bred cows: $425 to $510
Young cows and calves: $600 to $710
Medium age to older cows and calves: $480 to $535
Packer cows: 30 to 44.50.
Packer bulls: 44 to 54.50

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 521 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 26 Sale. Cows were steady/ Yearlings and calves were $1 to $2 better.

Slaughter cows: 38 to 44; canners and low cutters: 31 to 37; slaughter bulls 48 to 54.
Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 90 to 113; 400 to 500; 83 to 100; 500 to 600, 83 to 95; 600 to 700, 74 to 82; 700 to 800, 71 to 76.50.
Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 82 to 95; 400 to 500, 75 to 87; 500 to 600, 73 to 84; 600 to 700, 68 to 75; 700 to 800, 65 to 73.50.
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 75 to 85; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.
Cow and calf pairs, good: 600 to 775; grade, 450 to 575.
Springers: 350 to 625; baby calves: 75 to 175; doodlers: 150 to 210.

The Hatch Act was passed in 1939. It forbade federal civil service employees from taking an active part in political campaigns.

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1. ALL utility bills will be delinquent 10 days from the billing date and a delinquent notice will be mailed at that time.

2. The customer will have at least 7 days to respond to the delinquent notice.

3. If the bill has not been paid by the date stated on the delinquent notice, service will be discontinued.

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News Briefs

Back fracture keeps Liz hospitalized

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fractured vertebrae will keep a "disappointed" Elizabeth Taylor in the hospital for a few more days.

The actress was injured Friday — her 66th birthday — in a fall at her home. She initially was thought to have only bruises and a hip injury, but doctors later realized she also had a compression fracture in her lower back.

"She's a little disappointed. She's doing fine otherwise," publicist Shirine Ann Coburn said Tuesday.

No surgery was planned but doctors at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center wanted her to stay for more recuperation, Ms. Coburn said.

Miss Taylor was kneeling to get something from her night stand, stood up too quickly and fell over backward, her representatives said.

The actress has endured a series of health problems over the years.

She had brain surgery a year ago to remove a benign tumor and had both hips replaced in recent years. Many of her health problems have been traced to 1945, when she hurt her back falling off a horse during the filming of "National Velvet."

TV Land sets nothing during finale

NEW YORK (AP) — To celebrate a show about nothing, Nick at Nite's TV Land will show nothing when the final episode of "Seinfeld" is on.

The cable network, which airs old television shows, will go blank on May 14 from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., when the final "Seinfeld" is scheduled to air on NBC.

A note will appear on the screen explaining that TV Land will return after the conclusion of "Seinfeld's" finale.

"Nothing is more important than the last episode of 'Seinfeld,'" said Larry Jones, TV Land general manager. "We think airing nothing is a fitting salute to a show about nothing. As 'Seinfeld' is one of the greatest shows ever to air on television, TV Land is honored to preempt an hour of programming for this historic and monumental occasion."

Nick at Nite's TV Land, a spinoff channel to Nickelodeon, reaches 27.5 million of that nation's 98 million television households.

Castrated sex offender gets 26 years

GENEVA, Ill. (AP) — An admitted child molester whose attorney called him "the safest sex offender in the United States" because he had himself surgically castrated was sentenced to 26 years in prison.

Jeffrey Morse, 30, who could have been sentenced to nearly 100 years for molesting two young girls, had himself castrated in hopes of getting a lighter sentence. But Judge Donald Hudson on Tuesday sentenced him to a much harsher penalty than the six years his attorney had asked for.

Hudson noted that Morse waited "until the gates of the penitentiary were closing in on him" before he had the procedure performed. The judge also said he wanted to keep the threat of a long sentence as a deterrent to other child molesters.

"I choose not to lose the threat of a longer sentence and its deterrence because the defendant wants to use his body parts as a bargaining chip," Hudson said.

Prosecutor Kathy Diamond Karayannis asked for a sentence of 25 to 60 years and called Morse's castration a ploy to evoke sympathy and get a lighter sentence.

"He had control over these victims," she said. "Do not let him get control over this court, too."

Morse pleaded guilty to aggravated criminal sexual assault and three other charges for molesting the girls, ages 8 and 11.

Defense attorney Paul Wharton urged the judge to impose a lighter sentence, possibly even the minimum six-year term, calling Morse "the safest sex offender in the United States today."

"Jeff Morse has made himself as non-dangerous a pedophile as a pedophile can be," he said.

Morse spoke briefly before the sentencing. In a trembling voice, he said he was sorry, "but I can't go back and undo what I did."

Allegations against Starr to be probed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department will review an allegation that Kenneth Starr concealed perjury while defending General Motors Corp. in a lawsuit filed by families of people killed or injured in truck fires.

Justice Department spokesman Bert Brandenburg said today that the complaint against the Whitewater independent counsel was being forwarded to officials here, who also are reviewing complaints against Starr filed by Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., and William Ginsburg, attorney for former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"They are all being reviewed here; no investigation has been opened," Brandenburg said.

Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder has said that department officials are waiting to see what Norma Holloway Johnson, chief judge of the U.S. District Court here, decides to do with other complaints about Starr that were filed with her. "We do not want to step on her jurisdiction," a senior Justice official said.

Like the Conyers and Ginsberg complaints, those filed with Judge Johnson allege that Starr's office has leaked information from a federal grand jury which the judge supervises and which is investigating whether President Clinton or his associates urged Lewinsky to lie under oath about whether she had an affair with him.

In a sworn statement sent to U.S. Attorney Rene Josey in Greenville, S.C., Attorney General Janet Reno and the three-judge panel that appointed Starr as independent counsel, attorney J. Kendall Few said Starr knew GM had presented false testimony in the product-liability lawsuits.

Starr "has taken active, energetic and successful steps to conceal and cover up such perjury," said Few, who represented one of the families who filed a lawsuit against GM in South Carolina. He settled with GM in December 1994.

A telephone call to Starr's office was not returned Tuesday. Kyle Johnson, manager of legal and safety issues for GM's communications department, said Starr's actions were "proper in every respect."

Few's allegations stem from a 1973 cost-benefit analysis by GM engineer Edward Ivey that calculated how much truck fire deaths were costing the automaker and whether it was worth it to work to fix the problem.

Ivey has testified at 13 trials in several states that he could not recall why he prepared the study and that he never showed it to anyone, Few said. In a 1981 interview with GM lawyers, however, Ivey said he prepared the analysis for the company's Oldsmobile division and believed he circulated copies to several of his superiors.

According to a story posted on Mother Jones magazine's Web page late last month, Starr filed at least six motions in the South Carolina GM case to keep the Ivey interview secret under attorney-client privilege.

"I sincerely believe that this is a matter of grave national concern and that it is my duty as an officer of the court and as an American citizen to disclose the existence of this obstruction of justice," Few told the News.

U.S. District Judge G. Ross Anderson withdrew from the South Carolina case in 1994 after GM lawyers said he made derogatory comments about defense attorneys at a seminar for trial lawyers.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Let doctors teach students!

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have trusted my gynecologist for two years. In fact, he performed my hysterectomy last year.

However, during my routine checkup last week, he had a resident with him in the office. When I was set up for the exam (and covered only with a paper sheet), my doctor asked whether I would mind if the resident observed. Of course, I said that I would, and the resident left. Then my doctor said that was OK, but I was left with a feeling of discomfort. Why is my doctor such an idiot?

DEAR READER: Young doctors can best hone their skills by observing older, more experienced practitioners. This form of medical education is invaluable, and I believe that you should have been pleased that your gynecologist took the effort and time to teach a younger colleague. He was not an idiot. In fact, he behaved completely ethically by asking your permission and, when it wasn't granted, performing the examination without rebuffing you.

I hope that if a similar situation occurs in the future, you will reconsider your decision. Although each patient has the right to refuse to be the object of a teaching session, most adults recognize the appropriateness of one-on-one training and welcome the opportunity to participate in the education of young doctors. Your doctor is to be congratulated, not reviled.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Now that annual mammograms are recommended for women over 50 (and even, by some experts, women over 40), can we assume that during our physical exams we no longer will have to suffer the embarrassment of disrobing and allowing our breasts to be fondled by male doctors?

DEAR READER: This is a "Did you stop beating your wife?" question. When properly performed, a breast examination is not "fondling." Rather, the doctor feels for lumps, tender areas and other abnormalities. Therefore, either you have a problem in definition or your doctor ought to be called on the carpet.

While it's true that mammograms can detect tumors that are often too small to palpate, most authorities continue to recommend manual breast exams (both self-exams and those performed by a physician) in conjunction with the X-ray tests.

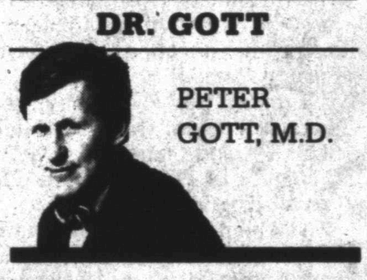
This is rather like the situation in men with respect to prostate cancer. While the PSA blood test is ordinarily a reliable method of detecting such malignancies, experts urge doctors to continue carrying out the traditional rectal examination, because the combination of the two tests is a more accurate predictor than either one alone.

I hope that your doctor is not fondling your breasts. If he is, he should be reported to his county medical society. I also hope that women will continue to have manual breast exams as well as mammograms. Breast cancer is a serious disease, and we must employ whatever means we can to diagnose it early.

Women who are interested in more information on breast disorders can send for a copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders" by sending $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ambitious flames will burn more brightly within you for the year ahead and you'll be motivated to conquer new horizons. This compelling optimism and focus will be great assets.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Members of your household might find you extremely difficult to interpret today, because you'll tell them one thing while expecting something else. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though you may find a perfect audience, don't repeat to them what was told to you in confidence today. Others can't keep secrets either.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Stick to your budget today pertaining to funds earmarked for something essential and specific. If spent, they'll be hard to replace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your image is a tad fragile in this cycle, so be more aware than usual of your behavior in public. It is important to strive for favorable impressions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If there is a particular group you feel hasn't accepted you yet, don't waste anymore time trying to fit in. Beginning today seek more friendly responders.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone who knows you socially might try to impose upon your good nature today. He or she is the type who doesn't have any qualms about manipulating others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you might be more receptive than usual to the counsel of others. To be safe, do not separate the advice from the giver, so you'll understand the source of the comments better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This might not be the right day for you to do a complicated assignment with which you're unfamiliar. You could get your thumb in the way of the hammer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful today you're not overly generous without thinking and lend something that isn't yours to another before first consulting the owner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is best today you make certain your mate has a voice in all decisions affecting the family. If he or she is denied input and something goes askew, it may open a lingering sore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Several tasks you do not relish doing could stare you in the face today. The lesser ones you might give a few licks, while the major ones may not even be attempted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not yield to temptations to take financial risks today. Leave your checkbook at home if you're headed for the lottery counter.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman's Facial Wrinkles Cause Her Spirits to Sag

DEAR ABBY: Forty-five years old may not seem too old to attract someone of the opposite sex, but I'm not your average-looking 45-year-old. I have terrible wrinkles under my eyes that add years to my appearance. In the last couple of years, I have developed deep lines that run from each side of my nose down to my lips. I've tried every conceivable moisturizer and concealant, but nothing helps.

I know this is a natural part of aging, but I cannot accept that at age 45 I look so old a man won't even give me a second look, much less open a door for me or try to strike up a conversation. Wherever I go, men look only at nice-looking, younger women — something I no longer am. I have become lonely and despondent at the realization that I will probably be alone for the rest of my life.

I've tried joining groups, doing volunteer work and even taking night classes to meet someone who might look beyond the wrinkles, but no one shows the slightest interest in me anymore. I'm friendly, courteous and approachable, and the proper weight for my height. But I guess you can't make filet mignon out of chopped liver.

If I could do something about these terrible wrinkles, my confidence would soar, and I wouldn't have to spend the rest of my life alone. However, because I can barely make ends meet and cannot afford cosmetic surgery, I see no hope. Any advice, Abby?

HURTING IN WHITTIER, CALIF.

DEAR HURTING: How we perceive ourselves is invariably telegraphed to others. An intelligent, personable, self-confident person is not chopped liver — or any cut of meat, for that matter. Forty-five isn't too old to attract someone of the opposite sex. Women do it every day without the aid of plastic surgery. Although your collagen may be waning, what's really sagging is your self-esteem, and as long as you think of yourself as "over the hill," that's what you'll project. Your local library has books on improving self-esteem. I urge you to borrow some of them.

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DEAR ABBY: Some time ago you listed the duties of the best man in your column, and you also have the information in your wedding booklet. However, there is a point that wasn't mentioned that I would like to bring out: The minister should be paid when he or she arrives to perform the ceremony. After the ceremony, the minister is a forgotten person.

If I am not paid prior to the ceremony, I usually have to wait for some time — and then have to ask for the fee. The best man must give the minister the marriage license before the ceremony, and I suggest the fee be placed in the envelope with the license. Then the minister doesn't have to ask for it and may leave immediately if another appointment is scheduled.

TIRED OF WAITING IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS

DEAR TIRED OF WAITING: Thank you for an excellent suggestion. Combining two duties into one should simplify the best man's responsibilities.

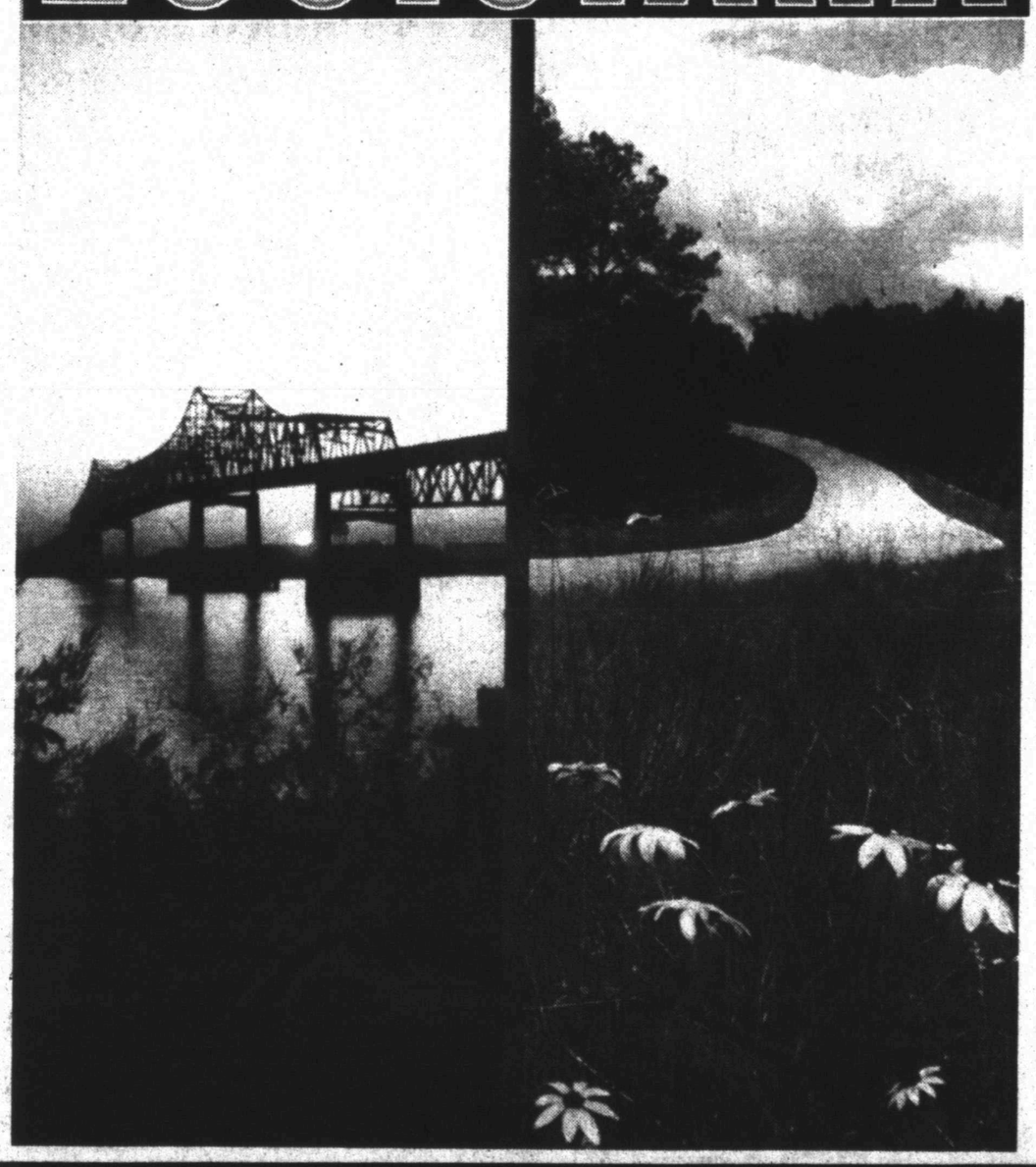
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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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High court: same-sex harassment illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal law that bans on-the-job sexual harassment can apply even when the harasser and victim are the same sex, the Supreme Court ruled today in a case of enormous importance for American workplaces.

In a case closely watched by gay rights groups, the decision provides victims of homosexual harassment with their first-ever federal remedy.

By a unanimous vote, the court revived the federal lawsuit of a Louisiana man who says he was sexually pursued and harassed by his male supervisor and two other men during his four months working on a Gulf of Mexico oil rig.

But the court made clear that someone claiming same-sex harassment must prove that the conduct is discrimination based on gender, not actions "merely tinged with offensive sexual connotations" such as harmless flirting or horseplay. The conduct would have to be hostile or abusive, the court said.

There was no specific mention in the decision about harassment based on sexual orientation, however. Congress has never outlawed such bias.

The ruling nevertheless was hailed by gay-rights advocates.

"This is a victory for all American workers. We're pleased that the court understands that sexual harassment is about power and that sexual orientations of the people involved are irrelevant," said Kim Mills of the Human Rights Campaign.

Beatrice Dohrn of the Lambda Legal Defense and Educational Fund added: "Had the court carved out an exception for same-sex claims, that would have had a great negative implication for gay rights."

The court said same-sex harassment can violate an anti-bias law known as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"We see no justification ... for a categorical rule excluding same-sex harassment claims from the coverage of Title VII," Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court.

His relatively brief, seven-page opinion offered new guidelines for judges nationwide.

The law "does not reach genuine but innocuous differences in the ways men and women routinely interact with members of the same sex and of the opposite sex," Scalia wrote. "The prohibition of harassment on the basis of sex ... forbids only behavior so objectively offensive as to alter the conditions of the victim's employment.

"Conduct that is not severe or pervasive enough to create an objectively hostile or abusive work environment — an environment that a reasonable person would find hostile or abusive — is beyond Title VII's purview."

The term "harassment" does not appear in the text of Title VII, but the Supreme Court ruled in 1986 that harassment amounts to discrimination if it creates a "hostile environment" in the workplace.

In subsequent rulings, the justices said a hostile environment can come about not only by overtly sexual behavior but also by "discriminatory intimidation, ridicule and insult ... sufficiently severe or pervasive to alter the conditions of the victim's employment."

Obituaries

Bobbye Cammack

1930-1998

COLEMAN — Bobbye Jean Cammack, the sister of Bernard Garrett of Hermleigh, died Tuesday, March 3, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cammack, 67, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Santa Anna Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Born in Haskell County, she graduated from Odessa High School and married M.C. Cammack in 1964 in Odessa. He preceded her in death.

A homemaker, Mrs. Cammack had lived in Odessa and Monahans before moving to Coleman in 1983. She was a member of the Community Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Bobby Huffstuttler of Burnet and William Barnett of Giddings; a daughter, Carrie Cecil of Coleman; two sisters, Jessie Thompson of Coleman and Sandy Gaddy of New Braunfels; two other brothers, Larry Garrett of Abilene and Billy Garrett of Coleman; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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Strep infection deaths reaches 18 statewide

HOUSTON (AP) — A 5-year-old Houston-area boy has died from a virulent bacterial infection caused by group A streptococcus, bringing to 18 the number of recent strep deaths across Texas, a health official said today.

The Texas Department of Health's latest figures show five deaths in February statewide. By month's end, 89 people across the state had been infected with group A strep, department spokesman Doug McBride said in Austin.

Thirty-one of those cases since Dec. 1 were in Harris County, where health workers are trying to find people the boy had contact with before his death Sunday.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Harris County Health Department spokeswoman Linda Forys said, no other cases of group A streptococcal illnesses had been reported in his family or preschool.

"We are working with the school district to make recommendations to identify contacts with that child to provide preventative treatment," she said. "It can be treated with many antibiotics."

The group A streptococcus is found in the throats and on the skin of up to 20 percent of the population but may not cause symptoms. It can cause infections resulting in a range of illnesses, from a mild sore throat to life-threatening diseases.

Two of the most severe but least-common forms of invasive group A strep are necrotizing fasciitis, also known as the "flesh-eating bacteria" and streptococcal toxic shock syndrome, a rapidly progressing infection that injures internal organs such as the kidneys, liver and lungs.

The Channelview-area boy, whose name was not released, became ill with the toxic shock syndrome last Friday, Forys said.

Symptoms are sometimes like those of the common flu, along with a skin rash and abdominal pain.

Good personal hygiene, such as washing hands before eating, can prevent infection.

Editor's Note: The Texas Department of Health has set up a phone line to answer questions about the virus. The phone line will be open through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The toll-free number is (888) 388-6332 or (512) 834-6795 in the Austin area.

For information on where to get chickenpox vaccinations, the toll-free number is (800) 252-9152.

Pioneer TV producer, former head of CBS News dead at 82

NEW YORK (AP) — Fred W. Friendly, the pioneering television producer and onetime president of CBS News, has died after a series of strokes. He was 82.

Friendly died Tuesday at his New York home, CBS said.

From 1959 to 1964 Friendly was executive producer of "CBS Reports," putting out landmark programs like "Harvest of Shame," "Biography of a Bookie Joint" and "The Population Explosion."

Friendly became president of CBS News in March 1964. He resigned abruptly on Feb. 15, 1966, when the network broadcast an "I Love Lucy" rerun while rival NBC went live with a Senate hearing on Vietnam.

Friendly later wrote, "I must confess that in my almost two years as the head of CBS News I tempered my news judgment and tailored my conscience more than once. Perhaps it was this, as much as the dispute over the Vietnam hearings, that prompted me to get out while I still could."

He also reflected: "Because television can make so much money doing its worst, it often cannot afford to do its best."

Together with Edward R. Murrow, Friendly "set the highest of standards, then lived up to them, taught them and demanded them of others," Dan Rather of CBS said today.

Rather remembered Friendly as "a great, lovable bear of a demanding man whose passion and drive made American journalism better."

Whether producing landmark programs like "See It Now" with Murrow or seminars for public television, Friendly was forever pushing himself and those around him to aim higher.

School

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would need to be made as those sixth graders are currently occupying classrooms designed for kindergarten students," Stephenson said.

He was also questioned about the need for building additional classrooms on the campus.

He said some of the staff had expressed a need for additional space and that is the kind of information that would be relayed to the district's board of trustees for consideration.

"It's obvious that all the space in this building is being used for educational purposes, including some areas not meant to be classrooms."

Stephenson said after the renovations are complete, most people driving by the campus would not notice that much different with the building.

"Most of the work will be hidden, as we have mainly addressed the mechanics of the building," said Stephenson.

Stephenson said his firm would give recommendations to the board based on citizen input and what its experience indicates is needed in the district.

"For instance, there has been some feedback in the community that Snyder needs a new competition gym. We'll give that information to the board."

He said his firm had worked with approximately 75 school districts on renovation projects, including Levelland, Seminole, Canyon and Littlefield.

"We've been doing work for Wayland Baptist College in Plainview since the mid-50s and for South Plains College in Levelland for the past 25 years," said Stephenson.

He said his firm has also done renovation work at Texas Tech, including current projects at the medical school.

Additional public meetings will be conducted Monday at the junior high, Tuesday at Central Elementary and Thursday at Stanfield Elementary.

All the meetings will start at 7 p.m., with the exception of the Tuesday meeting at Central which will begin at 6 p.m.

The school board will meet at 8 Tuesday following the meeting at Central.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

Model airplane club meeting

The Snyder Area Model Airplance Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Winston Field. Vistors and guests are welcome.

Book "Tiger Jazz"

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

Snyder Wheels Swap Meet

Snyder Wheels Swap Meet is slated for Friday and Saturday and the car show will be Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. For information, call 573-3579 or 573-9009.

Kiwanis Pancake Feast

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

WTC Booster Club

Western Texas College's Basketball Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Rudy's.

SHS Choir Boosters

Snyder High School Choir Boosters will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

'True Colors' workshop

Price Brown will present his workshop on "True Colors" at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday at the high school student center. The workshop is sponsored by the Texas State Teachers Association. Everyone is invited.

Childrens' Miracle Network

Both Snyder Dairy Queen locations will offer a Lemon Freezer for a 50-cent donation to Hendricks Hospital in Abilene to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. The offer is good while supply lasts.

Princes Di Ty Beanie raffle

The Snyder Lions Club is selling $1 chances for a Princess Di Ty Beanie Baby to be given away March 24. Tickets are available at various Snyder merchants and from Lions Club members.

Rotary Fundraiser

Snyder Rotary Club is selling $10 donations good for a chance for a round trip for two persons to London.

Road to Recovery program

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

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Please enter on the east side, which faces the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome; child care will be provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

Conversational Spanish

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

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Asssociation will sponsor a five-mile walk on Saturday, April 4, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park. Walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Instilling Moral Values," followed by "Can God Forgive Even Me?," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Pick 3

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

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