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County hires attorney, no vote on proposal yet

Scurry County Commissioners spent some 15 minutes in open session this morning and voted to hire a San Antonio law firm to assist in matters related to the possible lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Community Health Systems of Brentwood, Tenn.

Following the continuation of Monday's commissioners court meeting, the court went into executive session at 9:15 a.m. and recessed for lunch at 11:15. The court was to reconvene in closed session at 1 o'clock.

George Scofield, a partner in the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, addressed the court briefly in open session and said he had recently assisted Hood General Hospital in Granbury in its lease negotiations with Community Health Systems.

Scofield's fee is $295 per hour.

The attorney said Cogdell's proposed lease would be a simpler matter than the one in Granbury, as the hospital has no bonded indebtedness and no major liabilities.

Community Health Systems vice-president Bob Hardison met with the commissioners Monday and proposed a 30-year lease of Cogdell Hosptial with an up-front lease payment of $8 million.

That figure, plus the purchase of selected current assests of the hospital — including $3,110,073 in accounts receivable and $740,727 in inventory — would make the total cash available to the county at the closing of the lease more than $12 million.

Hardison told the court Monday that the firm would also make more than $3 million in capital improvements at the hospital over the next four years.

Hardison did not meet with the court this morning in the open portion of the meeting or the executive session.

He was scheduled to address the luncheon group at the Snyder Senior Center at noon today.

Meanwhile, the chief of staff at Cogdell Hospital, Dr. Gary Nussey, said it could be several weeks before the medical staff announces its opinion of the proposal.

Members of the medical staff met with Hardison and representatives from Highland Hospital for an informal supper last evening.

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Non-profits can benefit from city work program

Citizens who have been sentenced to participate in the city's community service work program will see their work area expanded as a result of city council action Monday night.

Members of the council approved a recommendation from the workforce steering committee that the program be expanded to include work for non-profit organizations, as well as city projects.

While city projects will take priority, non-profit groups will be able to schedule work through the city's customer services office on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dana Cooley told the council that this plan would enable participants in the program to work off their community service hours in a more timely fashion.

"District Judge Ernie Armstrong is taking a very active part in community service," said Cooley, district attorney. "The participants are being held accountable for their hours."

Cooley said the new plan will allow probationers to work off their community hours throughout their sentence instead of trying to accumulate them all toward the end of their probation.

"We need additional projects, and this will help," she said.

Several other items of business were conducted by the council, including the approval of two ordinances on second reading.

The council approved the subdivision of a parcel of land on College Avenue between Anthony's and the CITGO convenience store for the construction of a new facility for Snyder Laundry and Dry Cleaners, and approved the exchange of one end of a 20-foot wide section of alley for another near Reef Chemical.

Three resolutions were approved, including one that authorizes the council to submit a grant application for $250,000 for water line improvements in the north and northeast parts of the community.

The application is to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The council also approved a minor change to the investment policy for the city. This would allow staff members to attend training sessions relating to investments.

Also, the council approved a resolution ratifying the agreement between several Texas cities, including Snyder, and TU Electric for a proposed one-time refund of $80 million. The refund is expected to average $17 to customers, and will be reflected in August statements.

The council also approved the re-appointment of Dick Norris and C. W. Overhulser to the planning and zoning commission, Ray Sherrod and Jerry Owen to the zoning board of adjustment and Jimmy Brooks to the builder's board of appeal.

A report from Lone Star Gas Co. concerning the company's cost of service adjustment calculations was tabled.

In a non-action item, John Zalman told the council that ZTV plans to telecast city council meetings on a delayed basis.

Mayor David Holt presided. Council members Vernest Tippens, I.E. Martin, Ron Shaw and Jerry Webb were present. Dayton Robertson was absent.



PLAYING SISTERS — The Ritz Theatre's "Nunsense" will open Thursday with an 8 p.m. curtain time. Cast members include, left to right, front row, Sister Mary Hubert (Doylene Gilliland) and Sister Hubert Abnesia (Sue Pulattie), and in back, Sister Robertanne (Melinda Early), the Rev. Mother Sister Marya Regina (Emily Hataway), and Sister Mary Leo (Elizabeth Brown). Play dates are April 10-14 and 17-20 with Sunday performances beginning at 2:30 p.m. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "He who laughs last often thinks slowest."

Dear Larry:

I know you must be catching a bum rap about your recent hard-earned bonus.

Last year, when you earned a year-end bonus of $65.1 million, a lot of people thought that was excessive. The media gave you a bad time.

Frankly, I admire a former used car salesman who can pull himself up by his bootstraps. You showed 'em. All that bad press last year just made you work even harder.

And the hard work paid off. As chief executive officer of Green Tree Financial, your bonus this year was $102 million.

I can just imagine the stress. I believe every day at the office for Lawrence M. Coss is worth $279,452. Don't let the naysayers get to you. You earned every penny.

Any CEO who only made $433,608 base pay is entitled to good benefits. I'm glad to learn they finally raised your annual salary to $600,000. It was long overdue.

Just because you earn more than the guys at GE, Exxon or Walt Disney, don't let the raised eyebrows bother you just 'cause your company provides financing for manufactured housing.

I understand that even though you live in St. Paul, Minn. you like to raise thoroughbred horses on your ranch in South Dakota. I know you don't have much time for golfing at your other home in Scottsdale.

Because you are so busy earning money, I have an offer that I hope you will consider. I am available for adoption.

If, however, you are not interested in an extended family in Texas, I would offer another suggestion. For a small fee, some of the golfing dudes here in Snyder would be happy to housesit in Arizona. I have to assume you have some connections at some of the snazzy desert courses.

We, of course, are a little shy on green fees. If you don't mind, we'll just sign your name "Uncle Larry."

Thanks. We hope your business improves next year, and don't forget your golfing pals in West Texas.

Grand jury hands down 10 indictments

A Scurry County grand jury indicted 10 people Monday, including two on multiple counts.

Kim Allen Johnson, 31, of 2606 Ave. U was indicted for obstruction and retaliation. According to the indictments, both offenses occurred on March 12 when Johnson allegedly pushed Sheriff's Deputy Brian Peterson and threatened to kill police officer Terry Snyder. Bond was set at $5,000 on each indictment. Johnson remains in jail.

Ricardo Rocha Medrano was indicted on separate counts of unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of a prohibited weapon — a 20 gauge shotgun with a barrel shorter than 18 inches. The incident allegedly took place on March 29 when someone notified local authorities that a passenger in a vehicle had pointed a firearm at them. Medrano and another man, Paul Martinez Jr., were arrested at the time on charges of intoxication and possessing an illegal firearm.

Medrano, 21, of 1211 29th St. had previously been convicted on Nov. 13, 1995 of hindering apprehension or prosecution.

Martinez, 19, of 1914 Coleman, Apt. 1, was also indicted Monday for possession of a prohibited weapon.

Bond was set at $5,000 on each count for Medrano and $5,000 on the one count for Martinez. Both men are in the county jail.

Richie Stuart Thomas, 34, of 1812 Ave. T was indicted for aggravated assault. The indictment charges that on March 20, Thomas threatened Darrell Holmes with a knife. Thomas is free on $10,000 bond.

Judy Lynn Ginkinger, 25, of Colorado City was indicted for theft. She is alleged to have written bad checks at the two Lawrence IGA stores in Snyder on 10 separate occasions during February. Together, the checks were in excess of $1,500 but less than $20,000. Bond was set at $5,000 for Ginkinger, who also goes by the name of Judy Dunn.

Clemente Gamboa, 36, was indicted for forgery by passing. The indictment charges Gamboa with forging a check on Oct. 26, 1996 in the name of Lisa Gamboa at Lawrence IGA for $125. The indictment states that Clemente Gamboa was previously convicted of forgery on Aug. 30, 1994 in Scurry County.

Bond was set at $5,000 for Gamboa, who is currently incarcerated in California on another offense.

Billy Joe Digby, 17, of 914 Lowe St. in Hermleigh was indicted for the March 7 theft of a saddle from Norma Mayes. He is free on $5,000 bond.

The grand jury indicted 20-year-old Jason Wayne Ash of 3017 38th St. for unauthorized absence from a community corrections facility. According to the indictment, Ash failed to report to the Scurry County Jail on a work release on March 7. He had previously been convicted of theft on Feb. 9, 1996. Bond was set at $5,000 and he remains in the county jail.

Ralph Oilver Torres Jr., 26, of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B4, was indicted for an April 2 offense of driving while intoxicated. Torres had previously been convicted of DWI on June 14, 1995 and Aug. 19, 1994. Bond was set at $5,000.

One other person was indicted, but has yet to be arrested.

Rate increase rankles council

A small rate increase imposed by TCA Cable was not well received by the Snyder City Council last night, and council members let the cable company's management know their feelings.

"I'm not very happy with the way this happened," said councilman I.E. Martin. "I think the raise was premature."

The company had requested an increase at the March council meeting, but it was rejected, pending more information from TCA.

As it turned out, the rate increase fell into federal government guidelines that allowed the increase without the council having to give its approval.

The increase — from $6.66 to $7.03 for basic and $13.50 to $13.90 for standard service — was on the company's April statements to its customers.

Councilman Jerry Webb said the way the increase came about was "To a certain extent, embarrassing."

"We asked you at the last council meeting for the facts to substantiate the increase, then it shows up. Hearing your explanation (for the increase) first would have been more palatable," said Webb.

TCA general manager Archie Kountz explained that the increase was necessary for improvements the company has planned.

He also noted cost increases incurred over the past two years, including payroll up some 14 percent and vehicle expense up 5 percent.

Kountz also said the company is expected to incur some $24,000 in engineering costs for up-grading the entire system and $8,000 for a generator that would alleviate power loss in the case of electrical outage.

The latter will probably meet the approval of Martin, who told Kountz, "If it thunders in Tucumcari, New Mexico, we lose our system."

While Kountz didn't entirely agree with Martin's statement, he

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Lorber officials here Wednesday

Officials from Lorber Industries of Califorina will be here Wednesday with representatives of the Development Corporation of Snyder, City of Snyder, Midwest Electric Cooperative and Western Texas College.

The session will allow Lorber representatives to be updated on what is being done to prepare for the construction of a textile plant at the city industrial park, and workforce training put together by WTC.

In turn, local officials are hoping to receive a construction timetable from Lorber Industries. The California-based company has indicated it plans to have a plant operational in SnTx ParK I by the end of the year.

Lorber representatives expecting to be in Snyder include Arnold Lorber, company founder and chief executive officer; Michael Gruener, vice president and chief operating officer; and Tom Lorber, vice president.

Following the morning meeting, Lorber officials will visit the International Textile Center in Lubbock, American State Bank in Lubbock and tour the Littlefield textile plant before leaving for Los Angeles.

ASK US

Q—Why don't Snyder students compete in the Western Texas College judging contests?

A—SHS students don't compete in all contests but they will enter the meats and cotton contests WTC is holding at 5:30 p.m. today on campus.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 72 degrees; low, 43; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 58; no precipitation; total for 1997, 6:42 inches.

Area Forecast: Tuesday night, chance of storms. Cloudy. Low, mid 50s. 30% rain chance. Wednesday, 30% chance of storms. Mostly cloudy, high, upper 60s.



Amanda Murray
Chance of rain

Sunset: 8:08 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:22 a.m.
Of 97 days in 1997, the sun has shone 88 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

To me, old age is always ten years older than I am.

--Andre Bernard Baruch

States continue to hold on to tobacco stocks

By GLENN ADAMS
Associated Press Writer

States are suing cigarette companies and passing laws to stamp out butts, but when it comes to making money, many consider tobacco a dependable friend.

State pension systems keep billions of dollars in tobacco stocks, and overseers are reluctant to dump what has been a cash cow.

"So long as tobacco companies make money, we'll make money off them," said Dee Williams, public pension system director in Utah, which has one of the nation's lowest smoking rates.

At the same time, other states are swearing off tobacco stocks. Maryland's retirement agency last year divested after joining 21 other states in a suit against major tobacco companies to recoup health-care costs associated with smoking. New Hampshire, too, has sold its tobacco holdings, after its pension manager branded them a bad investment.

South Carolina lies deep in tobacco country, but its longstanding policy bans pension investments in any stocks. A pending constitutional amendment could lift that prohibition, however.

West Virginia is also barred from dabbling in stocks, and Indiana hasn't bought any since it got the go-ahead to invest pension funds last year.

But other states, including many that are suing tobacco companies, remain heavily invested in companies that make cigarettes.

Michigan keeps $353 million invested in five companies that market tobacco products despite Gov. John Engler's push to sell them off. Their value has nearly tripled since the stocks were purchased.

The investment board in Minnesota, another litigant, has $281 million tied up in tobacco-related stocks, despite challenges by Gov. Arne Carlson to justify it.

"Why do we want to invest in a ship that's sinking?" Carlson demanded.

"You have to do it," said David Bronner, director of the pension system in Alabama, which has almost $100 million in tobacco stocks. "It's the same thing as making investments in the gambling industry."

James Tierney, a former Maine attorney general who is coordinating the 22 states' cases, believes the tobacco investments themselves are a gamble.

"If we win one suit," Tierney said, "the whole industry will become a very bad investment.

"If you're sitting there running a pension system, you have to bet whether there's going to be a congressional settlement" in the case, Tierney said.

Health groups say more is at stake than money.

"The governor and legislators feign this self-righteous indignation over smoking, then the state gives the tobacco companies millions of dollars to play with," said Rick Steiner, who heads a citizens group pressing Alaska's Permanent Fund to sell $150 million in Philip Morris Inc. shares.

Philip Morris spokesman Nicholas Rolli declined to comment specifically on pension investments but said the company had been a solid performer for investors. Philip Morris delivered a 31 percent return last year, including stock appreciation and re-investment of dividends, he said.

Figures from the states put the total in tobacco stocks held by pension systems at $6 billion to $7 billion.

Most states say tobacco investments make up 1 percent or less of their total portfolios. The collective portfolio of all of the states' pension systems was about $1 trillion as of the third quarter of 1996, said Paul Zorn, manager of the Government Finance Officers Association in Washington.

California has the largest sum socked away in tobacco: $1.2 billion in separate teachers' and public employees' pension systems. A bill that would have required the public funds to divest died last year.

The board of the California Public Employees Pension Fund, or CalPERS, "is guided solely by obtaining the highest return for the fund, and social and political decisions really are not to influence our investment policies or decisions," said spokesman Brad Pacheco.

New York's public employee pension fund has $583 million in tobacco stocks. While the stocks have performed well, advisers say current valuations are discounted for litigation risks, which make them more volatile.

"As a long-term investor, I believe it is appropriate now to limit the fund's exposure to that volatility," New York Comptroller H. Carl McCall said.

Texas, whose teachers' retirement fund has $477 million in tobacco holdings, and Maine, whose pension fund has a relatively meager $10 million tied up in tobacco, say constitutional restrictions keep them from flicking away stocks that, to some, are socially questionable.

Nevertheless, Maine is currently considering raising cigarette taxes by as much as $1 a pack; Texas is among the 22 states suing tobacco companies.

Portland bishop named archbishop of Chicago diocese

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II has picked the archbishop of Portland, Ore., to run the Chicago diocese, one of the most influential in the United States.

The appointment of Francis E. George, 60, ends a long search to fill the post left vacant with the death of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin in November. The choice of George was announced today by the Vatican.

George defends the Vatican's stance on such issues as abortion, the ordination of women and doctor-assisted suicide. In 1994, he joined two other Catholic church leaders, including Seattle Archbishop Thomas Murphy, in opposing two anti-gay-rights initiatives in Washington.

James Hitchcock, a Catholic lay theologian and history professor at Saint Louis University, described George as "fairly conservative and quite personable."

Bernardin, who died of cancer, was a liberal-minded mediator who sought to repair divisions between traditionalists and progressives with a more conciliatory approach than some supported.

The Chicago-born George has been the archbishop of Portland for less than a year. His appointment as the head of Chicago's 2.3 million Catholics puts him in line to become cardinal, since the post is traditionally held by a cardinal.

Teen-ager said recovering from alleged racial attack

CHICAGO (AP) — Every step that 13-year-old Lenard Clark takes is a cause for celebration. Every word he says is a reason for hope.

Any glimmer of progress means he is a little more like the child who went to play basketball in a park a few weeks ago, and less like the bloody victim of an attack that police say was solely because Lenard is black.

When he arrived at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago on March 28, a week after the attack, Lenard was just emerging from his coma and could not leave his bed.

Today, with his mother to lean on, he can walk down the hospital's halls. His one word so far was, "Mama."

"He is still in the confused and agitated state of recovery from his coma, but he is getting more and more responsive every day," Dr. Lisa Thornton, his pediatrician, said Monday. "Now, he without question understands certain things that are said to him."

Lenard's progress these past two weeks is only the beginning of what will probably be a long recovery. He is expected to leave the hospital at the end of April, but will have to spend months or years in therapy.

And there is no guarantee he will lead the life he once did.

During the attack, Lenard's head was slammed into a building and he was kicked repeatedly before being left unconscious in an alley a few blocks from Comiskey Park in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood. His brain was injured, affecting his development.

Police said Lenard was targeted by three white men because he is black, and several black leaders led protests through the predominantly white neighborhood.

Frank Caruso, 18, Michael Kwidzinski, 19, and Victor Jasas, 17, are each charged with attempted murder, aggravated battery and committing a hate crime. They have denied any involvement in the attack.

Since arriving at the rehabilitation hospital, Lenard has spent eight hours each day on speech, cognitive and physical therapy. Thornton said cognitive therapy, especially that involving long-term memory and problem-solving, usually is the hardest part of recovery.

"We still have to be very guarded about what we say about that because that is usually the longest recovery phase that happens," she said. "We won't know where he's going to end up cognitively for several months yet."

Lenard sleeps in a bed enclosed by a mesh cover to keep him from falling out; he has a feeding tube in his nose and makes grunting noises to indicate what he wants.

His best responses are to his mother, Wanda McMurray, who has maintained almost an around-the-clock vigil at his bedside since the March 21 beating. He reaches out to her and is soothed by her voice, Thornton said.

In a voice barely above a whisper, McMurray said she was grateful for the cards and letters she has received from around the nation.

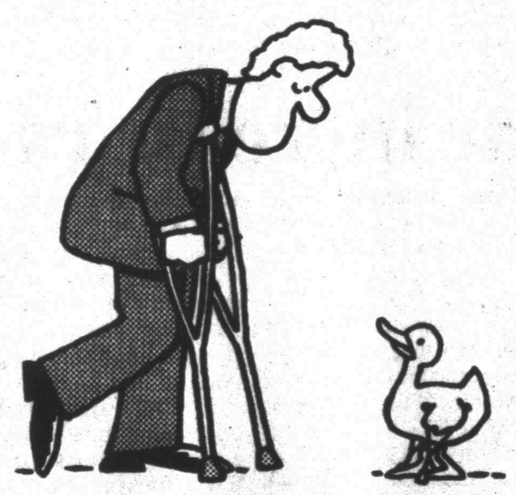
"I want to tell everyone that I really thank them and may God bless them," she said. "I thank you all for your support."

Several collections have been taken up to help with Lenard's medical bills, which are being covered mostly by Medicaid, said Dr. Henry Betts, president of the hospital.

The Rev. Martini Shaw, an Episcopal pastor from Lenard's neighborhood, is among those who have taken up a collection for the family. He does not want Lenard's injuries to become secondary to the protests over the beating.

"Certainly, this incident has raised the consciousness of people in the city and people in the nation to the fact that racism does exist in our nation still," he said. "But one has to be very careful that we don't forget that there is a child who is very badly hurt and that should be in the forefront of our minds and our prayers."

Berry's World



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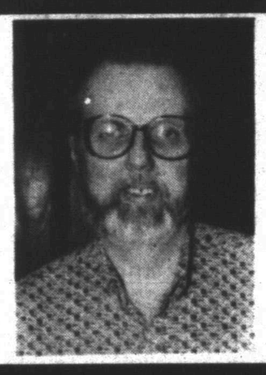
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How Can Faith Be Developed?

In a world of cynicism and doubt, the first requisite for a growing faith is intellectual honesty. The second requirement is an energetic examination of the evidence. Faith is based upon evidence, and there is abundant evidence. Study of nature reveals its Creator. Internal and external evidence regarding the Bible shows its inspiration and divine origin. Such studies as prophecy and its fulfillment and the historical and geographical accuracy of the Bible convince the honest mind of God's reality.

The theory of evolution is the only alternative to creation that man has been able to propose. Although many, unbelievers are now calling evolution "scientific," it cannot be demonstrated nor tested, which must be done before anything can be called "science." As a hypothesis it fails the test.

Each person must decide. An eternal destiny depends upon the decision. "So then faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

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BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR — Randa Sterling of Ira, left, received the business associate of the year award at the Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA banquet. Kara Wilson, her daughter from Snyder, and Scurry Charter Chapter president Leona Wiggins stand with the honoree. Dr. Marty Akins, right, was guest speaker. (SDN Staff Photo)

ABWA has annual banquet

Business associate and woman of year named

Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women Association honored their business associate of the year and their woman of the year at a March 27 banquet.

Randa Sterling, employee at the Ira Post Office, was named the business associate of the year, nominated by Ira postmaster Leona Wiggins,. Anita Felan was named woman of the year by chapter members. Her introduction was given by Barbara Scrivner.

Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church, gave the program for the dinner meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. He emphasized seven important attributes for leadership — attitude of love, service, generosity, cooperation, encourgement, faith and presumption. He was introduced by Carol Young.

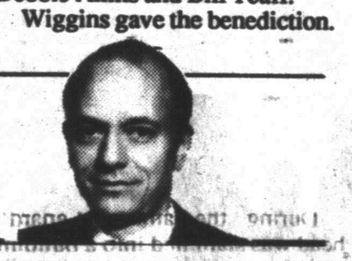
Inez Teaff reviewed the ABWA history, stating that the local organization received its charter in 1960. Maxie McNew, Lucy Dennis and Teaff are three active charter members.

Introduction of guests included Dr. Akins, Mark Glasscock, Sharon Gill, Gary Landes, Rachael McDonald, Gayle Carter, Randa Sterling, Kara Wilson, Debbie Akins and Bill Teaff.

Wiggins gave the benediction.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North	04-08-97
♠ 6 5 3	
♥ Q 5	
♦ K J 5	
♣ K 7 6 5 4	
West	**East**
♠ K J 10 4 2	♠ Q 7
♥ K J 8 7 2	♥ 10 6 3
♦ 7	♦ 10 8 3
♣ A J	♣ Q 10 8 3 2
South	
♠ A 9 8	
♥ A 9 4	
♦ A Q 9 6 4 2	
♣ 9	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	2 NT	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Different meaning, same result

By Phillip Alder

In this column, I have mentioned once or twice (all right, several times!) that I don't like the Unusual No-Trump. This is a jump overcall of two no-trump showing at least 5-5 in the lowest-ranking unbid suits. The normal outcome is that the other side buys the contract, and the declarer knows exactly how to play as he has been given a road map of the distribution.

In today's deal, West's two-no-trump overcall showed at least 5-5 in the highest-ranking unbid suits: here, the majors. It is more sensible to leap into the auction with majors rather than minors, when you have a greater expectation of outbidding the opponents. However, the denouement was the same.

Sitting South was Piotr Gawrys, the Polish world champion. His one-diamond opening bid guaranteed at least a five-card suit — hence, North's three-diamond response.

Gawrys ducked the spade-jack lead, won the spade continuation, and cashed his six diamond tricks. Which five cards should West keep?

He would have liked to try something deceptive, perhaps discarding the seven, eight and jack of hearts, trying to look like a man who has blanked the king. Yet after this auction, Gawrys wouldn't fall for it. Instead, West came down to the club ace, the king-jack of hearts and two spades.

Declarer calmly exited with a spade, giving West his three black-suit tricks. At trick 12, West had to lead away from the heart king. Gawrys scored these nine tricks: one spade, two hearts and six diamonds.

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Some see Madonna

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. (AP) — To the faithful, it's an image of the Virgin Mary. To state transportation officials, it's a chemical film on the back of an aluminum road sign — and it's tying up traffic.

Believers began gathering Saturday after a Sunnyside police officer said he saw a Madonna image from rainbow hues on the unpainted, metal back of the sign. State officials offer a more secular solution to the markings — a chemical film applied to prevent oxidizing.

Now the crowds have authorities worried. On Monday evening, the state patrol closed a section of Washington 241 after 400 people turned out to gawk. Officials warn they may move the sign if the congregation continues.

"Our hope is that the novelty will fade and the crowds will fade," patrol Sgt. Eric Killian said.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Ex-Wife Confirms Her Resolve Not to Return to Abusive Spouse

DEAR ABBY: The letter you recently printed from "The Goodbye Wife in California," who listed the reasons to leave her husband, hit home with me. I clipped it, and checked off the reasons with which I identified. It had a profound effect on me.

Before I read that letter, I had been reminiscing about the pleasant moments I had shared with my former husband, and had started once again to blame all our problems on myself. (I had not been understanding enough; I couldn't cook well enough; etc.) I fantasized that we could be united as a family again.

My 15-year-old daughter lives with me, and my 17-year-old son lives with his father. I miss my son and the good things about our family life. However, the letter in your column was a sobering and much-needed reminder of the sometimes subtle, but always devastating effects of being the object of intermittent humiliation, ridicule, name-calling, intimidation and physical abuse.

The writer mentioned that she had not yet left her abuser, and knew it was easier said than done. I know exactly what she's experiencing. She is most likely feeling ambivalent, because abused women usually have thinking patterns that reflect the destructive effect of abuse. We tend to gloss over the bad parts and glorify the good things (there are some good things even in a relationship of this kind, which is one of the most confusing aspects of living with an abuser). She may blame herself. She may be hoping her husband will see the error of his ways by reading her letter in your column and miraculously change.

I want her to know: That is a fantasy. It will never happen. He will not change, nor will he even admit he needs to. Worse yet, her children will learn the same inappropriate patterns of behavior.

She needs to leave that marriage as soon as possible and begin repairing the damage this man has inflicted. She must be prepared to experience the temptation to return to him as if everything would magically be better. She'll probably have difficulty relating in a healthy way to a kind and gentle man, but with therapy to assist in the healing process, she will be able to rebuild her self-esteem and be able to love again.

Now I'll tell you how her letter came to impact me: I left the column (with my check marks on it) in my bathroom. While my daughter and I were out, my former husband and my son came into my home. My ex found the column and observed that I had checked most of the items on the list. Did he recognize himself? Did he suddenly empathize with my feelings? Did he want to talk over the issues? No. He showed the list to my son. The two of them laughed about it and ridiculed me when I returned. My son then derisively described the list to my daughter.

For the first time in the many years I have known this man, I saw him clearly for what he really is. To enter my home, read personal things that pertain only to our relationship and then share them with our son is the most obvious example I will ever need of what emotional abuse is.

I thank your reader for the boost her letter provided me. I hope she will successfully negotiate the road to her personal recovery. It won't be easy, but there's a light at the end of the tunnel. And now, I can finally begin to get on with the rest of my life — thanks to reading her letter in your column.

BEEN THERE IN FLORIDA

DEAR BEEN THERE: I am gratified that "Goodbye Wife's" insight enabled you to resist the temptation to return to your abusive marriage.

I'm concerned, however, that your son appears to be following in his father's footsteps. Please insist that he get into counseling to break the pattern that all too often is passed from one generation to another. He will be much happier if he learns a better way to relate — with kindness and consideration for others.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program will be the Ira Combo, directed by David Brown; 4:15 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

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

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

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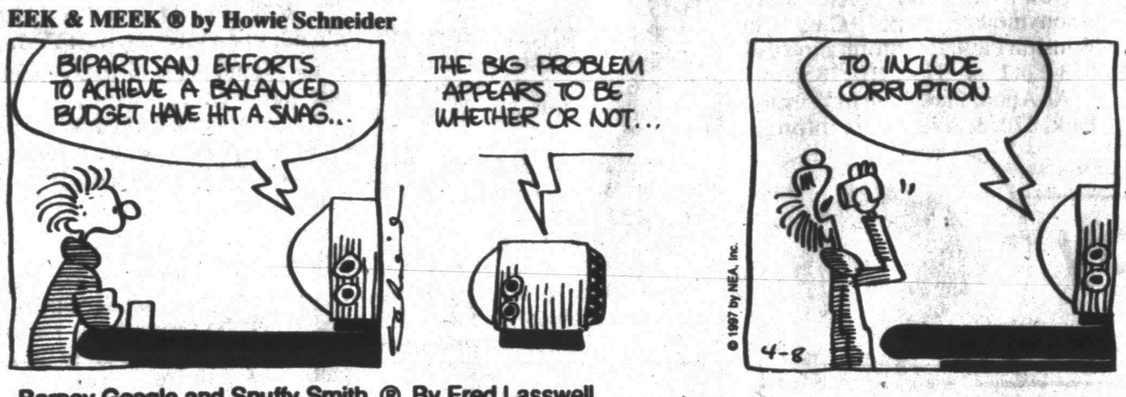
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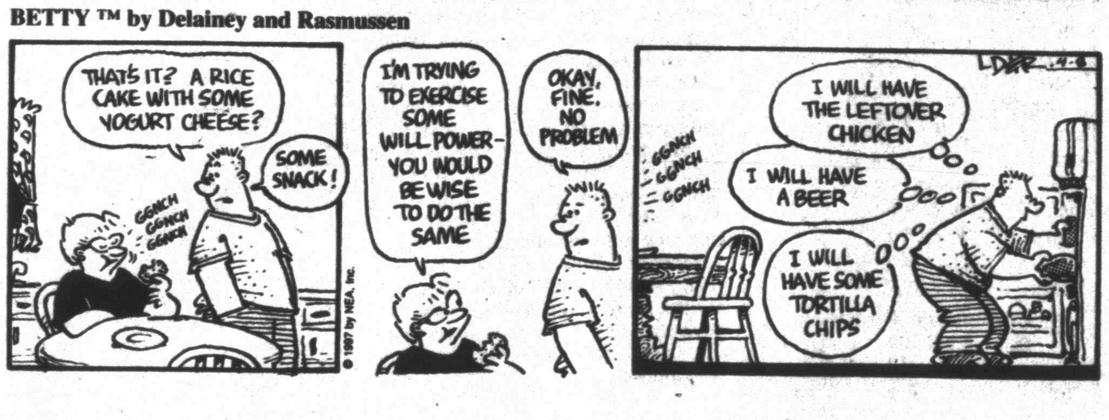
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10 Skater Eric —
12 Bovine
13 Reveal
14 Groom
15 Film holder
16 Not shiny
18 Double curve
19 Golfer Ballesteros
20 Actor O'Neal
24 Writer's encl.
25 Measure
26 Flower child of the '60s
29 Guy
30 Capital of Greece
31 Back off
32 Long-legged bird
33 Of Chablis, etc.
34 Straw — (unofficial vote)
35 Bristle
36 Bo Derek's number
39 Brag
41 Surfeit
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47 From there
48 Dashboard features
49 Bonnie's partner
50 Felines

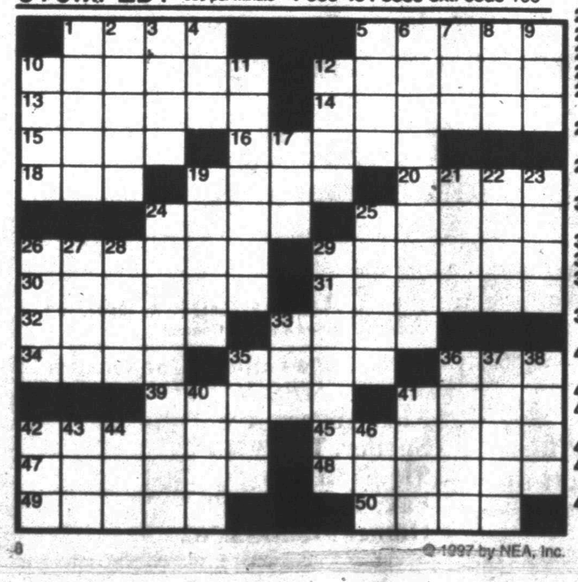
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10 Present
11 Causes of downfalls
12 Table d'—
17 — Maria
19 Holy person
21 Noel
22 Dramatic conflict
23 Mr. Gingrich
24 Hold in awe
25 Actress Davis
26 Door fastener
27 Leave — — Beaver
28 Donahue or Esposito
29 Waste (away) bit by bit
33 Film director Craven
35 Wise one
36 Implied
37 Character of a people
38 Loch — monster
40 First word of a fairy tale
41 Soft drink
42 And so on (abbr.)
43 Bruins' org.
44 Actress Susan —
46 Sheepskin shoe

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

With 8-4 win...

Tigers garner first loop victory Monday

LUBBOCK — It took four tries, but the Snyder Tiger varsity baseball squad finally put one in the win column.

The Tigers garnered their first loop win of the season, dropping Estacado, 8-4.

Snyder looked like its old self, slamming 12 hits to up their district tally to 1-2-1. The Tigers are 11-7 for the season.

The contest went back and forth for the first two innings before Snyder ignited for a four-run third that put them ahead, 4-1.

Patrick Cumbie ripped a two-run double that scored Eric Lang and Clay Berryman who had each reached base with singles. Kyle Beck then hit an RBI single that scored Cumbie.

The Tigers scored again in the fourth on another Cumbie double that allowed John Border to cross home plate, giving Snyder a 5-1 lead.

Estacado finally got its offense going in the fourth when the Matadors scored two runs on three hits to come within two at 5-3.

Snyder quickly answered in the sixth, scoring two runs on a Sonny Cumbie RBI single and a Trevor Thompson RBI single to take a 7-4 lead.

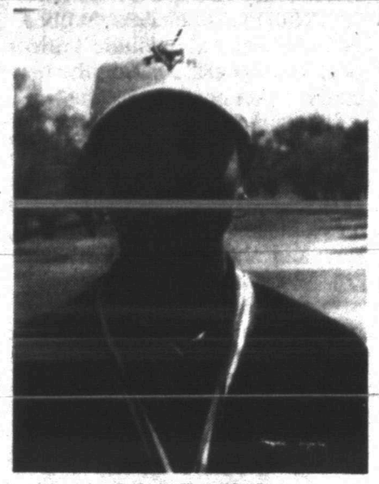
Snyder scored its final run in the seventh on a Sonny Cumbie double that scored Thompson.

Berrymfan went the distance for Snyder, giving up eight hits, walking none and fanning six. Berryman owns a 5-4 season record and has struck out 54 batters in 62⅔ innings.

Patrick Cumbie led the Snyder offense, going three for three with two doubles and four RBIs. Berryman went three for four and Sonny Cumbie was two for two.

Snyder will look to carry its momentum into tonight's district game against the Plainview Bulldogs at Moffett Field at 7.

The Bulldogs dropped Lamesa, 4-1, Saturday and are 3-1 in loop action.



Julie Doolittle

Lady Tigers headed to regional tourney

PLAINVIEW — After five rounds of stellar golf, the Snyder Lady Tigers captured the top two spots in District 2-4A, earning a trip to the Regional Tournament at Riverside Country Club in San Angelo, April 21-22.

Snyder also dominated the All-District honors. Ten girls are named to the All-District squad and Snyder landed seven on the team.

Julie Doolittle, Daysha Weaver, Randi Reed, Misty Williams, Alissa Wells, Lacey Kidd and Keisha Gafford were all named All-District for their efforts on the links.

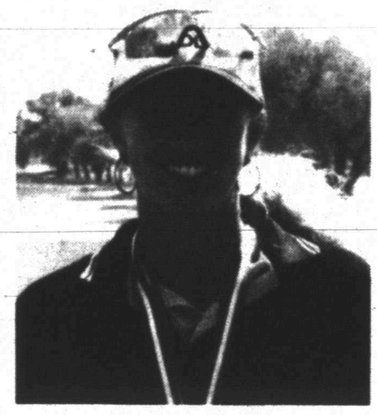
Snyder II locked up the second spot with a final round score of 340 while Snyder I fired a 359. Snyder I finished first in the district with a 1,712. Snyder II was second with a 1,797.

Plainview was third with a 1,834 and Lamesa was fourth with a 1,869.

Doolittle was first in the district after firing an 86 Monday to finish with a total of 399. Weaver took second after carding an 84 to end with a 402. Wells finished third with a 422 after shooting a 79.

Gafford finished sixth with a 437 after firing an 83. Reed was seventh with a 440 after shooting an 87 and Williams and Kidd tied for eighth with a 444.

Snyder also finished its boys season with Troy Allen firing a 90 to finish with a 428, Reid Johnson carding a 90 to finish with a 443, Andrew Vinson shooting a 100 to end with a 509 and Jacob Medrano firing a final round of 91.



Daysha Weaver



Keisha Gafford



Randi Reed



Alissa Wells



Lacey Kidd



Misty Williams

Brewers and fans lead to 5-3 Texas defeat

MILWAUKEE (AP) — It was 35 degrees, the fourth-coldest game in Milwaukee Brewers history, and the winds were 25 mph. Pipes were frozen, the soda machines were down and an entire section in the lower seats was drenched when a water main broke.

"At least the skies are clear," Brewers manager Phil Garner said before the Brewers' game against Texas on Monday.

They weren't that way for long.

Dozens of unruly fans showered the field with souvenir baseballs, disrupting play three times, pushing the Brewers precariously close to the first forfeit in the club's 28-year history and prompting acting commissioner Bud Selig to issue a directive: Take away the giveaways!

"The teams were told not to give out the balls before the games," AL spokeswoman Phyllis Merhige said following the Brewers' 5-3 victory.

True Value hardware sponsored the promotion during home openers at 19 of 28 major league parks. Seven teams were supposed to hand out balls later this week — St. Louis on Tuesday, followed by Boston, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and the New York Yankees on Friday and the New York Mets on Saturday.

"It was frustrating, but to the fans' defense, I don't think they understood the seriousness of it," said Brewers catcher Mike Matheny, who called a masterful game and hit a grand slam.

"I don't think they understood that we were bordering on a forfeit," Matheny said. "And it was just a domino effect, something that started and we had a hard time getting it to stop."

Texas manager Johnny Oates played the game under protest. He pulled his players off the field twice in the second inning, with the delays lasting 14 and 16 minutes. The game also was delayed for a few minutes at the start.

"I wasn't just concerned about the players," Oates said. "I was concerned about the kids in the lower deck. I didn't want anybody to get hurt."

American League

By The Associated Press

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	4	2	.667	-
Boston	3	3	.500	1
NewYork	3	3	.500	1
Detroit	3	4	.429	1½
Toronto	2	3	.400	1½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	4	2	.667	-
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	½
Minnesota	4	3	.571	½
KansasCity	3	3	.500	1
Chicago	2	3	.400	1½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	4	2	.667	-
Texas	2	3	.400	1½
Anaheim	2	4	.333	2
Seattle	2	4	.333	2

Monday's Games

Detroit 10, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 6, Baltimore 5
Milwaukee 5, Texas 3
Oakland 6, Boston 2
Cleveland 8, Seattle 3
N.Y. Yankees 5, Anaheim 3
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Toronto (Clemens 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Alvarez 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 0-1) at Oakland (Adams 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Hershiser 0-0) at Seattle (D.Martinez 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 0-0) at Anaheim (Dickson 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League

By The Associated Press

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Florida	5	1	.833	-
Atlanta	4	2	.667	1
Montreal	3	3	.500	2
NewYork	2	5	.286	3½
Philadelphia	2	5	.286	3½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	5	1	.833	-
Cincinnati	3	4	.429	2½
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333	3
Chicago	0	6	.000	5
St.Louis	0	6	.000	5
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	5	2	.714	-
LosAngeles	5	2	.714	-
SanDiego	5	2	.714	-
SanFrancisco	4	2	.667	½

Monday's Games

Colorado 13, Cincinnati 2
San Diego 3, Pittsburgh 2, 10 innings
San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 3
Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 15 innings
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Florida (A.Leiter 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Traschel 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 1-0) at Atlanta (Glavine 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
Montreal (Juden 1-0) at St. Louis (Al.Benes 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 1-0) at Los Angeles (Valdes 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cooke 0-1) at San Diego (Valenzuela 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (M.Leiter 0-1) at San Francisco (Fernandez 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

District 2-4A Baseball

Standings

	District			Overall	
	W	L	T	W	L
Plainview	3	1		13	8
Frenship	3	1		18	4
Estacado	2	2		8	9
Lamesa	2	2		7	11
Snyder	1	2	1	11	7
Levelland	0	3	1	6	12

Monday's results: Snyder 8, Estacado 4.
Saturday's results: Plainview 4, Lamesa 1; Frenship 5, Levelland 3.
Today's Games: Plainview at Snyder, Levelland at Estacado, Lamesa at Frenship.

JV Tigers up win streak to 10

Make it 10 in a row.

The Snyder Tiger JV diamond squad upped its win streak to 10 games, dispatching Big Spring, 9-4.

"We had some timely hitting," said coach Charles Bollinger, "and some key bunts were laid down."

Snyder trailed 2-0 heading into the fifth, but was able to pull out the win.

Clint Hook fanned 10 Big Spring batters as he scored the win on the mound.

Banks Alexander and Corey Mandrell each had a single and a double and James Shields hit a double. Josh Ward, Dustin Fish and Brad Roemisch each had singles.

The JV owns a 14-4-1 season record and will host the Odessa High Bronchos in a doubleheader Saturday at 1 p.m at Moffett Field.

Cowboys sign Brock Marion

IRVING (AP) — This time, Brock Marion could sit next to an NFL owner and answer questions from the media without shaking his head in disbelief.

Marion looked comfortable sitting between Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and coach Barry Switzer on Monday as they talked about how happy they were to have re-signed the free agent safety to a one-year deal.

On March 20, Marion was at the Baltimore Ravens' practice facility for another news conference about his future.

But instead of announcing that Marion had agreed to a reported four-year, $6.5 million contract, team owner Art Modell said the deal was on hold until more doctors examined Marion's left shoulder blade, which he broke in November.

After more tests, the Ravens told Marion's agent Jordan Woy they weren't interested. Woy continued talking to them until late last week, then he called the Cowboys and quickly arranged for him to remain in Dallas. He's getting a raise from his $361,000 salary of last season plus a signing bonus.

BOWLING NEWS

Commercial

4-1-97

Teams	W	L
Stephen's Office Supply	93	61
Blue Sunoco	89½	64½
The Shack	89	65
Levens' Gas and Oil	79	75
Bar-H-Bar	78	76
Reef Chemical	77½	76½
The Racers	74½	79½
Whit Parks Auto	69	85
E.D. Walton	61	93
Price Construction	59½	94½

High game scratch: Red Bennett 591
High game handicap: Russell Boyd 644
High game series: Rick Mammolite 226
High game handicap: Jerry Surratt 244
Splits and special mentions: Tom Crowley 5-6; Jerry Surratt 5-7; Greg Hodge 3-4-6-7; Don Johnson 4-7-10.

Roll-N-Hope

3-31-97

Teams	W	L
Eddins Walcher	83	37
Fuller Foods	70½	49½
Should of Beens	66	54
Carousel Arcade	60	60
Lawrence IGA	56	64
City National Bank	50½	69½
Redman	49	71
J.C. Wells Drilling	45	75

High series scratch: Bernie Sealy 511
High series handicap: Brenda Meurer 632
High game scratch: Lynn Maldonado 185
High game handicap: Michelle Ewing 243
Splits and special mentions: Alma Posey 3-10; Darlean Rankin 3-10; Bernie Sealy 3-10; Setsuko Jones 3-10; Mildred Baze 3-10; Donna Smith 2-7; Terri Blocker 2-7.
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Washington	39	36	.520	18
NewJersey	23	51	.311	33½
Philadelphia	21	54	.280	36
Boston	13	63	.171	44½
Central Division				
y-Chicago	66	10	.868	—
x-Detroit	51	24	.680	14½
x-Atlanta	51	24	.680	14½
x-Charlotte	49	26	.653	16½
Cleveland	38	37	.507	27½
Indiana	37	38	.493	28½
Milwaukee	29	45	.392	36
Toronto	27	48	.360	38½
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Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	58	17	.773	—
x-Houston	51	24	.680	7
Minnesota	37	38	.493	21
Dallas	22	53	.293	36
Denver	20	55	.267	38
SanAntonio	19	56	.253	39
Vancouver	12	65	.156	47
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	52	24	.684	—
x-L.A.Lakers	51	24	.680	½
x-Portland	45	32	.584	7½
Phoenix	36	39	.480	15½
L.A.Clippers	34	41	.453	17½
Sacramento	30	45	.400	21½
GoldenState	28	47	.373	23½

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Sunday's Games

Washington 120, Boston 114
L.A. Clippers 103, New Jersey 96
Houston 94, Vancouver 85
Indiana 94, Minnesota 83
Chicago 110, Orlando 94
Utah 114, Golden State 100
Sacramento 113, Seattle 101
L.A. Lakers 87, Dallas 80

Monday's Games

Charlotte 110, Cleveland 105, OT
Miami 94, Detroit 88
Chicago 128, Philadelphia 102
Portland 110, Denver 104
Utah 116, San Antonio 93

Tuesday's Games

Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Miami at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
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Virus may be the blame for unwanted pounds

WASHINGTON (AP) — A virus may increase chances of obesity, say University of Wisconsin scientists who also discovered an intriguing paradox: The virus appears to make people fatter without raising heart-threatening cholesterol levels.

Only circumstantial evidence so far links the virus with human obesity, researcher Nikhil Dhurandhar emphasized, although he did prove it fattens animals.

Obesity specialists said the findings, which Dhurandhar presented Monday at a biology meeting in New Orleans, are preliminary but strong enough to justify prompt additional research.

"Look at the larger picture of infectious agents causing chronic diseases," said Dr. Benjamin Caballero of Johns Hopkins University, pointing to recent discoveries that viruses and bacteria contribute to heart disease and some cancers, even ulcers.

"I have no reason to believe obesity would be any different," he added. "I think it's very plausible."

Dr. John Foreyt of the Baylor College of Medicine cautioned that the Wisconsin scientists cannot yet speculate how the virus, biologically, could cause obesity. He said veterinarians have proved that certain viruses cause obesity in horses and pigs, so one for humans is not farfetched.

"With the big increase in obesity in the world ... I wouldn't rule it out," Foreyt said, calling the new study "provocative."

The government estimates that one-third of Americans are obese, about a 25 percent rise in 30 years. The extra pounds cause high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes, and obesity-related diseases kill 300,000 Americans a year.

Poor diet and lack of exercise are the overwhelming causes of obesity, doctors agree.

Dhurandhar suggested that the Ad-36 virus, from a common family of adenoviruses that typically cause mild respiratory infections, may play a role, too.

In statistics updated Monday, Dhurandhar compared 154 patients at the University of Wisconsin's obesity clinic with 45 lean people. Fifteen percent of the obese people showed signs of infection with Ad-36. They were not sick, but they carried antibodies to the virus, substances the immune system produces to fight infections.

None of the lean people had those antibodies.

Then Dhurandhar compared the two groups of obese patients.

The groups were equally overweight, yet they had significantly different levels of artery-clogging cholesterol and a related blood fat, triglycerides. Patients believed infected with Ad-36 had normal cholesterol and triglyceride levels.

The patients without signs of Ad-36 had elevated cholesterol and triglycerides.

More intriguing, Dhurandhar said: Men who showed signs of the virus lost 17.8 percent of their original weight during obesity-drug treatment while viral-free men lost just 11.1 percent. That's a statistically significant difference, but one not found in women, he said.

Antibodies aren't proof the virus caused obesity, but they are "tantalizing evidence," said co-researcher Dr. Richard Atkinson, a Wisconsin medicine professor who is president of the American Obesity Association. "We cannot prove the virus causes (human) obesity unless we inject people and they get fat," something clearly impossible.

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11% of Texas population foreign-born

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than two million people living in Texas last year were born outside the United States, accounting for one of the largest foreign-born populations nationally.

Eleven percent of the 19 million people living in Texas were born in another country, the Census Bureau said in a report issued today.

Some 24.5 million people in the United States last year were born elsewhere — accounting for 9.3 percent of the population. That figure is up sharply from the 4.8 percent low recorded in 1970 but remains well below the century's high of 14.7 percent in 1910.

California was the premier destination for the foreign-born, accounting for 8 million people. New York was second with 3 million. Three other states joined Texas with foreign-born populations of 1 million or more: Florida, New Jersey and Illinois.

Only six states had a higher percentage of foreign-born residents than Texas, led by California, with 25 percent. The other states are New York, 18 percent; Hawaii, 17 percent; Florida, 15 percent; New Jersey, 15 percent; and Nevada, 11 percent.

Overall, a third of the foreign-born have become naturalized citizens. The others are here temporarily, haven't yet lived here long enough to apply for citizenship or may have no intention of becoming citizens.

Included in the total is the illegal immigrant population, which the Immigration and Naturalization Services estimates at 5 million.

Mexico leads all other nations in being the originating point for the U.S. foreign-born population, accounting for 6.7 million, or 27 percent, of the total.

Recent arrivals are more likely to be living in poverty, have lower incomes and higher unemployment rates than native-born people. Recent arrivals had a median income of $10,875 in 1995, compared to the national average of $17,835 for native-born residents.

But Census researchers found that the initial economic hardship declines after six or more years of residence.

"In fact, those who arrived during the 1970s are doing as well as natives in terms of income," the report said.

The foreign-born were more likely to receive such welfare benefits as Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Supplemental Security Income. The rate of receiving cash public assistance benefits was 5.8 percent for the foreign-born, 4.5 percent for the native-born.

While foreign-born residents taken as a whole are no more likely than native-born residents to be enrolled in Medicaid, the numbers shoot up for the elderly foreign-born.

Twenty-one percent of foreign-born over the age of 65 were enrolled in Medicaid last year, compared to 8 percent of native-born senior citizens.

The Census researchers said a likely explanation of the gap may be because the elderly foreign-born didn't work in the United States long enough to be eligible for Medicare, which covers 99 percent of elderly native-born.

Those statistics helped drive last year's push on Capitol Hill to eliminate welfare benefits for legal immigrants.

As many as 500,000 legal immigrants will lose their SSI benefits this summer.

Authors of the welfare law said it was imperative to rein in SSI's costs, which have swelled in part because of the growing numbers of noncitizens on the program's rolls.

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Gore celebrates small steps taken to improve government

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — No deed is too small to earn someone a pat on the back from Vice President Al Gore when it comes to improving government.

Decisions to recycle Marine uniforms, mount a safety campaign for New Jersey highway workers and even put a number on a federal building so people can find it are being praised by Gore as signs "the era of better government has begun."

Gore, chief of the bureaucratic housecleaning, gave a pep talk Monday to more than 600 federal workers and private sector managers meeting to discuss ways to make government more efficient.

Claiming early success in the drive to answer phones faster, cut red tape and be polite, he said the effort to treat people like customers "will amaze the bench-warmers" who doubt it can be done.

Most federal agencies set standards for customer service under the National Performance Review started early in the first Clinton-Gore administration.

By their own first accounting, they have made inroads in achieving public satisfaction.

According to a customer survey by 150 agencies, previewed by Gore, the U.S. Customs Service has been answering all calls within a minute, almost all callers to the Social Security Administration are getting through in five minutes and the mail is moving faster.

"We've sure come a long way from the days when we weren't even sure who our customers were," Gore said at the Reinvention Revolution conference.

"We can't and won't stop until the job is done. That is what will amaze the bench-warmers."

Bureaucratic efficiency is one of Gore's less glamorous specialities as he tries to make his own mark before an expected presidential run in 2000.

The government-wide campaign is as broad as revamping the handling of tax complaints and permit forms and as narrow as listing passport offices under P in the phone book instead of S for the State Department.

The conference celebrated modest triumphs of common sense.

The Forest Service won applause for putting a number on its building and having satisfactory hours of operation and information services.

At the Patent and Trademark Office, the survey found "the public was treated courteously 80.8 percent of the time and directed promptly to the proper office or person 60.4 percent of the time," still leaving plenty of people treated rudely or inefficiently.

Michael Urquhart, in charge of Gore's streamlining at the Labor Department, said it's tough to sell some employees on innovation and efficiency because they worry they will work themselves out of a job.

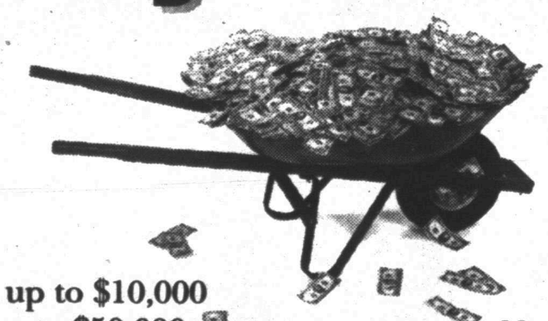
"A lot of people feel they are targets in this, not participants," he said. Employees have been assured of reassignment if their jobs are lost.

Holding up a pair of oversized pants, Deborah Ruiz of the Marine Corps Recruit training depot told Gore how the depot began reissuing uniforms that had been shelved after plump recruits went through boot camp and emerged thinner.

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GOP can't keep up with high expectations

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stay tuned: Congress is back from spring break with its Republican leaders defending a sluggish pace that contrasts starkly with the outburst of action after the GOP takeover two years ago.

Actually, this year's start is more in keeping with customary congressional ways than the frenzied House pace that began the last Congress.

But the pace in 1995 planted expectations — about and within Republican congressional ranks — that can't be matched now.

"I mean, everything is backed up, waiting on the budget," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Monday, blaming President Clinton for the slowdown in efforts to write a plan that would end deficits in 2002.

Lott said he'd hoped talks between White House and congressional budget aides would produce something during the two-week recess, but it didn't happen.

"We have run out of time to wait for leadership from the White House on the budget issue," Lott said. The White House rebuttal is that Clinton already has provided it, and that Congress should produce its budget, a Republican alternative to his.

An initial congressional budget is due in a week, but the timetable won't be met. It seldom is.

Nor are there signs of a stepped-up pace on other legislation. First up in the House is a bill to prohibit the use of federal funds to subsidize or promote assisted suicides, thus banning something that isn't happening.

"Some people were so used to the 100 days in 1995 they thought if we didn't have a boiled egg in three minutes, you couldn't fix an omelet," House Speaker Newt Gingrich said.

AP analysis

"Our values have not changed," he added.

His situation certainly has, though. Ardent conservatives are griping about his leadership, demanding an agenda that would include action soon on a GOP tax cut, which he'd suggested could await a commitment to balancing the budget. He has yet to pay, or say how he'll pay, a $300,000 fine imposed by the House along with a reprimand for ethics violations.

Exactly two years ago, Gingrich was accorded 30 minutes of prime-time television to boast of the 94-day burst in which Republicans marked their House takeover after 40 years in the minority by approving nine of the 10 major bills in their "Contract With America."

In the end, little of it became law, and what did was a product of compromise with Clinton. The more traditional process of legislating took hold after the theatrical beginning.

Two 1995 GOP centerpieces that didn't make it through Congress were tried again this year, but both the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and the amendment to permit congressional term limits were blocked again.

Overall, the slower start has Democrats, and some Republicans, arguing that this time, too little is being done.

Lott said the pace will pick up. "It's not as if we don't have a plan," he told a conservative group Monday. "Just be calm; we'll get there."

Before the recess, the House had met 27 days this year, compared with 53 during the opening GOP drive in 1995, which also included marathon sessions. The Senate has been in session 37 days.

Under Democratic control in 1993, the House was in session 39 days, the Senate 45, over the same period.

But days in session don't fully measure what's happening. In the early going, the real work is done by congressional committees, considering and drafting legislation for action later.

That process also has been lagging this time, in part because Republicans lack a clear, consensus agenda.

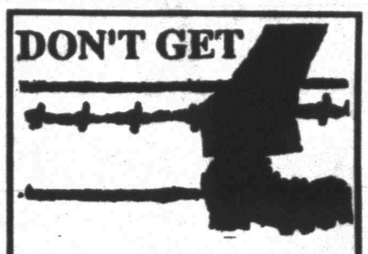
Major bills seldom pass Congress at the start unless they are leftover issues from the year before, as in the case of the 10 percent airline tax renewal that took effect a month ago.

Actually, the showpiece measures of the last Congress, including the welfare overhaul and the crime bill, were delivered in its final days, long after the theatrical start-up.

Things tend to start moving when deadlines loom. And probably will again.

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

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'Digital giveaway of century' criticized

LAS VEGAS (AP) — They're the airwaves equivalent of prime beach-front property, and the nation's broadcasters will be getting them free: television channels worth billions of dollars for digital TV. Critics say it's the biggest giveaway of public property this century.

"This gift takes federal largesse to a breathtaking new level," complains Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who has tried repeatedly to force broadcasters to bid on the channels at a government auction.

Says rival cable industry chief Decker Anstrom: It "makes the sale of Manhattan for a few beads look like a hard bargain."

The broadcasting industry, which is meeting here this week, has thwarted thus far efforts in Congress to force them to pay for the new airwave space. Even Bob Dole, when he ran the Senate, couldn't make that happen.

The second channels have been estimated to be worth as much as $70 billion.

Broadcasters bristle at words like "gift" and "giveaway." They say the channels are simply on loan. Once they switch to digital and its cinema-quality pictures, broadcasters will return their existing analog TV channels to the government, which will auction them for non-broadcast uses like mobile phone service, two-way paging and wireless Internet access.

"We believe the digital transition is a necessity (for broadcasters) to remain competitive with alternative delivery systems," said Michael Jordan, chairman of Westinghouse Electric Corp., owner of CBS.

Because digital technology is more efficient than existing analog, broadcasters will use one-third less spectrum than they now use once the switch to digital is complete, said National Association of Broadcasters President Eddie Fritts. "Most people outside the Beltway would consider our return of the spectrum a giveback, not a giveaway."

But the new digital technology gives stations the equivalent of five extra channels on the same-size slice of the airwaves they are allotted. Thus, they could choose to use the extra space to provide new services — possibly for a fee — like an all-sports channel or stock quotes fed to laptop computers.

Given that, President Clinton says broadcasters should have more public-interest obligations in exchange for using the nation's airwaves for free. Current obligations include educational shows for children, public-affairs shows and low-cost political ads.

Teachers suspended for using Chicano-oriented materials

VAUGHN, N.M. (AP) — Groups ranging from the American Civil Liberties Union to college professors are supporting two Vaughn teachers suspended for teaching Chicano-oriented materials.

Patsy and Nadine Cordova were ordered earlier this year by Arthur Martinez, Vaughn's school superintendent, to return to a traditional curriculum.

The sisters were suspended with pay Feb. 28 and were threatened with dismissal after introducing a "teaching tolerance" curriculum in their language arts and skills for living courses.

Martinez and the Vaughn school board have refused to discuss the issue.

But in letters to the teachers, Martinez cited pressure from the community and the board for his action and his withdrawal of support for the MEChA club sponsored by the teachers.

MEChA, a leadership organization for Hispanic youth, had attracted 23 of the district's 68 middle and high school students.

The Cordovas said no one complained to them about their teaching methods.

"It's never been made clear to us who was complaining about what we were doing," said Nadine Cordova.

The Cordovas have said they were told to stop using Chicano-oriented materials in their classrooms on grounds they were promoting racism and were detracting from the children's education.

They complied, but later introduced new material on racial and religious tolerance because they said their students were bored.

No hearing date has been set for the teachers, said Ernest Aragon, Vaughn school board president.

The Cordovas have requested the hearing be public.

"We think it needs to be public because we have nothing to hide," Nadine Cordova said. "I think we'll be vindicated when it all comes out."

Two ACLU lawyers will represent the Cordovas in their battle to teach Hispanic literature, history and art.

They've been asked to tell their story to organizations in Seattle, Los Angeles and Fresno, Calif., and radio stations in Albuquerque.

The SouthWest Organizing Project, an activist group, said it would pay for the Cordovas to attend a national conference on Chicano studies in Sacramento, Calif., later this month.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is a balanced diet enough?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read about people who swear that consuming hydrogen peroxide, various vitamin/mineral supplements, kelp, algae, and so forth, leads to a healthier, more independent life. Is there validity to these claims? I'm in my 60s, disdain all this stuff, eat a balanced diet, and never felt better.

DEAR READER: Despite the promotional claims by purveyors of health foods and vitamin/mineral supplements, healthy adults of any age usually do not require these products. A balanced diet ordinarily meets most nutritional requirements. (Ill patients may need certain supplements, however.)

Many authorities now believe that, in the main, a healthy body remains that way without too much tinkering, providing we don't mess up our health by smoking, drinking, using drugs, engaging in risky behavior, gorging on dietary fat, and failing to pay close attention to the cues our bodies give us when something's wrong.

Also, it's fair to say, our degree of health and independence may rely heavily on genes — as well as on our attitudes: If we believe that our bodies are imperfect machines subject to various breakdowns, that's what we'll get. You're to be congratulated on living a prudent lifestyle and spending your money more sensibly on things other than unnecessary nutritional supplements or pseudo fountains-of-youth.

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

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Consider using tick repellent that is applied to clothing, not to the bare skin.

If you're unlucky enough to be bitten by a tick, remove the insect and apply ice or a cool compress to the site for about an hour. This will minimize the spread of the anti-coagulant in the skin, and will reduce the release of histamine, which reacts with the substance to cause the itching. Then apply Benadryl cream to the area.

If these simple steps are ineffective, seek further advice from an allergist.

Remember that a rash occurring one to three weeks after the tick bite may represent Lyme disease, a serious bacterial infection that needs medical attention.

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Chairman of the Board
Rt. 10 Box 400
Lubbock, Texas 79404

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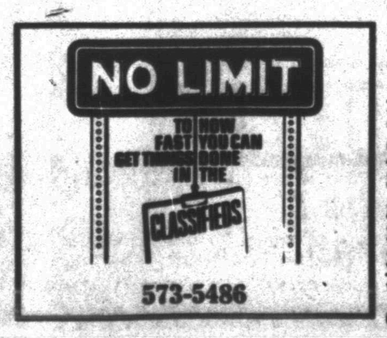
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210 WOMAN'S COLUMN

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to John Gayle, City Manager of the City of Snyder, will be received at the office of the City Engineer in the City Hall until 2:00 p.m., April 29, 1997, for the construction of the following item:

Lorber Street Water and Sanitary Sewer Improvements

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

A prebid conference for the project will be held at the City Hall, City of Snyder, 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas, at 2:00 p.m., April 22, 1997.

Direct questions related to the design of the project to Jerry Fleming, Freese and Nichols, Inc., (817) 735-7300, 4055 International Plaza, Suite 200, Fort Worth, Texas 76109-4895.

This project includes construction of approximately 1,413 L.F. of 10-inch gravity sewer PVC pipe; 2,512 L.F. of 12-inch C-900 PVC water pipe; related manholes, valves, fittings and connections; fire hydrants; necessary fittings and adapters.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the City Manager at 1925 24th. Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, and the offices of Freese and Nichols, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4055 International Plaza, Suite 200, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, Telephone (817) 735-7300. Contract documents, including plans and specifications may be procured from Freese and Nichols, Inc., at the above address as follows:

Cost: $50.00 per set -- Non-Refundable

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Snyder in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the prevailing wage rates, as established by the Davis Bacon Wage Rates and as hereinafter set forth in the Contract Documents hereinbefore described and which are made a part hereof, must be paid on this project.

In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age of national origin.

All contractors/subcontractors which are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the (Owner) reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

Contract will be awarded within 30 days after bid opening.

CITY OF SNYDER

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Snyder Industrial Park Elevated Water Storage Tank

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This project includes construction of a 250,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, fittings and site development.

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Study: reducing salt for infants healthy

DALLAS (AP) — The amount of salt in newborns' diets could affect their blood pressure later in life, researchers say.

In the study of 167 Dutch children, those who had been on a low-sodium diet during their first six months of life had lower blood pressure 15 years later, compared with those who ate a normal amount of sodium as infants.

The researchers, led by Johanna M. Geleijnse of Erasmus University Medical School in the Netherlands, speculated that salt might affect infants' sympathetic nervous system, which controls the body's response to alarm by speeding the heart rate and raising blood pressure.

Another possible explanation is that high levels of salt in infancy could damage immature kidneys, which in turn could affect blood pressure later in life.

"Environmental exposures in utero and in infancy may be more important in relation to cardiovascular disease than exposures in adulthood, as 'programming' of different systems and organs in the body occurs very early in life," the researchers said.

The study was published Monday in Hypertension, a journal of the American Heart Association.

"I'm very impressed," said Dr. Norman Kaplan, head of the hypertension division at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Even though it's not a massive study and there's a lot of explanations, it's the first time to my knowledge this has been shown in people."

The low-sodium diet in the 1980 experiment contained 120 milligrams of sodium per day, equivalent to about five-eighths of a teaspoon of table salt. The normal amount of sodium was defined as 330 milligrams per day, or about 1½ teaspoons of table salt.

One of the United States' best-selling formulas, Abbott Laboratories' Similac, contains 27 milligrams of sodium per 5-ounce serving, or 270 milligrams for the typical 10 servings per day. Abbott's Isomil, a soy formula, contains 44 milligrams of sodium per serving.

The research team contacted as many as possible of the 466 children in the study. Of the 167 who participated in the follow-up study, 71 had originally been assigned to the low-sodium diets and 96 to the normal sodium group.

Researchers measured the 15-year-olds' blood pressure and heart rate. After adjusting for height and weight, education, mother's blood pressure and other factors, they found that systolic blood pressure — the higher of the two numbers in a blood-pressure reading — was 3.6 points lower in the low-sodium group than in the normal-sodium group. Diastolic blood pressure was 2.2 points lower.

New study shows walking can be hazardous for pedestrians

WASHINGTON (AP) — Walking may be hazardous to your health, especially if someone else is driving nearby, according to a study released today.

The study by two Washington-based public-interest groups calls for changes in federal law to make streets safer for pedestrians.

"Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent every year to make America's roads safer, yet this investment is failing to ensure the safety of all of us who engage in the most basic form of transportation — walking," charges the report by the Surface Transportation Policy Project and the Environmental Working Group.

Between 1986 and 1995 an average of 6,129 pedestrians were struck and killed each year on America's streets and highways, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data cited in the report.

Congress is working on a complex bill to fund transportation programs over the next several years, and the groups want part of the money in that bill earmarked for pedestrian safety improvements.

They advocate "traffic calming" — the installation of speed bumps, traffic circles and other devices in residential neighborhoods to slow cars. In addition, the groups want funds provided for more sidewalks, improved design of areas for walkers, handrails for the infirm, altered traffic patterns and increased public education and law enforcement for pedestrian safety.

Besides the 6,100 deaths, the study estimated 110,000 people are injured annually when struck by cars, with the elderly most at risk.

Senior citizens make up 13 percent of the population but 23 percent of pedestrian fatalities, the report found.

Not surprisingly, the largest cities had the most pedestrian deaths, but that doesn't mean they are the most dangerous, the report concludes.

Hazardous space prompts recall of 3,100 bunk beds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Manufacturers are recalling 3,100 wooden and metal bunk beds because openings on the top bunk can trap a child's head.

In announcing the recalls Monday, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said 38 children have died after getting their heads caught in such a space.

Since November 1994, manufacturers have recalled more than 511,400 wooden bunk beds with similar hazards. Manufacturers also have identified dangers in metal bunk beds.

The voluntary standard for bunk beds is less than 3.5 inches of space between the guardrail and bed frame and in the head and foot boards on the top bunk. The beds also must have guard rails on both sides of the top bunk.

The agency said consumers should stop using the recalled beds and should call the company or contact the retailer for a replacement guardrail, retrofit kit or instructions to help eliminate the potential entrapment hazard.

The manufacturers participating in this recall are:

—Acme Trading Corp., of Vernon, Calif. Metal bunk bed, model 2441; distributed from July 1996 to January 1997 in California, Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon and Texas. (213) 623-0000.

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Austin Briefs

AG might lose child-support work

AUSTIN (AP) — After testimony that the attorney general's office has mishandled its duties enforcing child-support collection, the Senate Jurisprudence Committee voted to move the job to a new agency.

Under a bill by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, child-support collection would be moved to the Texas Family Support Commission. The commission, which would be created by the bill, would be headed by a six-member panel appointed by the governor.

The committee voted 5-1 on Monday to approve the bill, which now heads to the full Senate for consideration. Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio, was the only dissenting vote.

Harris said the attorney general's office has repeatedly failed to make deadlines to launch a new automated child-support division, has failed to collect interest on back cases and has fallen short in attracting federal matching funds.

"Politics aside, we have to get this into a free-standing agency and start worrying about the children, getting money collected and receiving federal matching funds," Harris said.

Ron Dusek, spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, said Morales' record on child support is among the nation's best. He said Morales increased collections by 239 percent over a five-year period, ending Aug. 31, 1995.

"This is the greatest increase in the nation," Dusek said, citing federal government statistics.

Rep. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, the House sponsor of the bill, testified that only half of the state's current child-support caseload of 900,000 has court orders requiring payment. Only 200,000 cases are actually being paid, she said.

"That means about 81 percent of the women who walk through the door of the child-support division never get any help," Ms. Van de Putte said.

David Shelton, president of the Texas Fathers' Alliance, a group representing fathers who pay or receive child support, said he was in favor of the bill.

3 judicial selection plans approved

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans would have a new way of selecting judges under three different proposals approved by the Senate Jurisprudence Committee.

Only one plan appeared to have enough support to take the next step of being considered by the full Senate.

That's a Republican-backed proposal that would make major changes only in the way appeals court judges are selected. The plan by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, would set up a system in which appellate judges would be appointed and then subject to election to keep their seats.

The other two proposals, sponsored by minority lawmakers, would go further by also changing selection of state district judges.

Those plans would set up nonpartisan elections for district judges and, in the largest counties, elect candidates from smaller districts. Such changes are meant to boost minority representation on Texas' largely white bench.

"We think that the Texas judiciary is a national disgrace because it is virtually all white," Sen. Rodney Ellis, who is black, said of his proposal.

But Ellis, D-Houston, said he doesn't yet have enough support for his bill to be brought up for consideration by the full Senate. The proposal by Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Galena Park, differs little from Ellis'.

Duncan said he has enough support for Senate consideration and, if it passes there, for House approval as well.

Ellis said if he can't pass his proposal, or one similar to it, he would try to kill Duncan's measure. He said Duncan's proposal would address only concerns about the current high-dollar election system, not diversity concerns.

Duncan's judicial selection measures are SJR25 and SB621.
Ellis' judicial selection measures are SJR23 and SB409.
Gallegos' judicial selection measures are SJR26 and SB628.

Senate OKs minimum wage bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Following a failed effort in Houston to make that city's minimum wage the nation's highest, the Texas Senate has OK'd a bill to keep cities from imposing a higher minimum salary than the rest of the state.

"This is a bill that protects the state economy," Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston, said of his measure, which was OK'd 27-3 Monday.

As state law currently stands, Lindsay said, business owners attracted by low wage rates may be leery of moving into Texas because cities could decide to raise minimum salaries within their limits.

If Houston voters had approved a January ballot measure, that city's minimum wage would have been raised from the federal $4.75 an hour to $6.50.

Allowing cities to set higher minimum wage levels also puts businesses within cities at a competitive disadvantage to those that are outside city limits, he said.

Opponents, however, said local communities should have the power to decide their own minimum wage levels and that the state shouldn't shut off a possible avenue for low-paid workers to get a raise.

"I'm for local control," said Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, who voted against the bill with Democratic Sens. Mario Gallegos of Galena Park and Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi.

Barrientos added, "Don't you also believe people have a right to make a decent wage?"

Texas AFL-CIO spokesman Ed Sills said he doesn't know of any Texas cities that have imposed a minimum wage higher than the rest of the state.

But he said it's important to leave the option in the law, particularly for categories of employees such as farm workers who aren't covered by the federal minimum wage. Sills said those workers fall under the state minimum wage of $3.35 an hour.

The minimum wage bill is SB571.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 9, 1997

Positive opportunities may come your way in the year ahead from sources you've left untapped. These benefits have always been within your grasp, but this might be the first time you'll recognize them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It will benefit you today to try to associate with persons in your field of endeavor. A good exchange of information could benefit all who partake in the conversation. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid being too self-seeking regarding your objectives today. It is important first to show others how they can benefit as much as you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If there is something you want to do today that has broad ramifications, do it secretly. This will eliminate ineffective suggestions from others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might be too restless today for precise matters. Try to focus on these activities tomorrow when your mind is more receptive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might be able to derive a profit from something that has little value to your associates. It will have real worth to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Making hasty judgments could put you on the path to complications today. Let patience be your ally in the workplace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you feel certain your ideas are better than those of your associates today, push forward. Don't let anyone dissuade you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It may be wise to get an outsider's opinion today, especially if you and your mate can't reconcile a specific issue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Strive to keep an orderly agenda today. Clear up essential old tasks before pursuing newer endeavors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to get together socially this afternoon with a person who wishes to further your interests. The meeting could be fruitful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A domestic matter should be kept secret if possible today. If you must air it out, do so only within your family.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be open-minded today regarding ideas that affect you and your mate. Together, concoct a solution that best serves both your needs.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Obituaries

Drake Landon

Infant

Drake Kaemon Landon, infant son of Courtney Landon and Greg Jones, died at 7:40 p.m. Monday, April 7, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service is set for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors include his father, Greg Jones of Snyder; his mother, Courtney Landon of Snyder; his grandparents, Deborah and Barrie Bowlin of Snyder, Curtis and Traci Landon of San Angelo and Aubrey and Setsuko Jones of Snyder; his great-grandparents, Howard and Rosemary Jones of Snyder, Vergie Howard of Snyder, Charles and Joyce Landon of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Nobuyoci Nakamura of Japan.

Buck Logan

1910-1997

L.D. "Buck" Logan, founder of the Snyder Little League and namesake of the little league baseball park, died at 12:50 a.m. today in Kristi Lee Manor in Colorado City.

Services for Mr. Logan, 86, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 27, 1910 in Snyder, he married Mavis Webb on Dec. 29, 1937 in Snyder.

Mr. Logan was active in the Snyder Little League program for 45 years, and was manager of the Cardinals during those years. In 1982, Logan Field was named in his honor.

Mr. Logan was a Methodist and stock farmer. He raised Charlois and Limosine cattle and was the first rancher in Scurry County to raise purebred Charlois.

Survivors include his wife, Mavis Logan of Snyder; two daughters, Kay Price of Snyder and Jane Spikes of Dallas; a sister, Babe Miller of Snyder; three grandchildren, Drew Price of Snyder, Kell Spikes of Dallas and Kristi Spikes of Hollywood, Calif.; a great-grandchild, Tanner Price of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A.C. Carthel

1917-1997

FLOYDADA — A.C. Carthel, 79, of Floydada died Sunday, April 6, at his home in Floydada.

He was the father of A.C. "Alden" Carthel of Snyder.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Floydada First Baptist Church. Frank Duckwork, minister of the West College and Third Street Church of Christ in Lockney, will officiate, assited by Mike Holster, First Baptist Church minister of music.

Interment will follow in the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Born June 25, 1917 in Lockney, he graduated from Lockney High School in 1935. He married Dorothy Byars on Nov. 24, 1937 in Lockney.

Mr. Carthel was a retired Phillips 66 butane dealer in Floydada. He was a Mason for 50 years, a Shriner and a member of the West Side Church of Christ in Floydada.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Gloria Johnson in 1973, and by a sister, Rosa Lee Cooley in 1983.

Survivors also include his wife, Dorothy Carthel of Floydada; a daughter, Cindy Jefferies of Floydada; five brothers, Cap Carthel, Cecil Carthel and Lavim Carthel, all of Lockney, Aaron Carthel of Floydada and Ray Gene Carthel of Texarkana; three sisters, Velma Harrison of Lockney, Dee Ritchey of Amarillo and Lillian Rogers of Lovington, N.M.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Family Hospice of the Plains, 7109 Olton Road in Plainview.

Ju Laine Hale

1927-1997

LUBBOCK — Funeral service is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Monterey Church of Christ for Ju Laine Hale, 69, who died Monday, April 7, in Lubbock.

Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in Snyder's Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Born in Duncan, Okla., she graduated from Texas Christian University where she also received her master's degree. She taught high school at Levertts Chapel in Overton for six years and in Fort Worth Paschal High School. She also worked as a counselor in Clinton, Iowa, for eight years and at Dunbar High School in Lubbock for 20 years.

Miss Hale was president of Phi Delta Kappa and was involved in girls summer camps in Texas and Tennessee for 30 years. She was a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, the National Education Association and a member of the Monterey Church of Christ.

Survivors include her mother, Thelma Glass of Lubbock, formerly of Snyder; three brothers, Frank Hale of San Angelo, Jerry Hale of Lubbock and David Hale of Alice.

The family suggests memorials to the Sunset International Bible Institute, 3723 34th in Lubbock.

Dick Traweek

1926-1997

MERKEL — J.E. "Dick" Traweek Sr., the brother of Bessie Callaway of Snyder, died Sunday, April 6.

Funeral service for Mr. Traweek, 70, was set for 4 p.m. today in the Merkel Calvary Baptist Church. The Rev. Bill Scott was to officiate and burial was to follow in the Memorial Cemetery in Spur.

Born in Truscott, Mr. Traweek had worked as a custodian with Caldwell, Merkel and Tye schools as well as the Abilene State School. He also worked for Tra-Tec Auto and was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Traweek also played bass in a local country and western band.

Survivors include a son, David Traweek of Merkel; three daughters, Ann Smith and Shirley McKee, both of Merkel, and Lois Galloway of Chandler, Ariz.; six brothers, C.B. Traweek of Burkburnett, Harry Traweek and Willard Traweek, both of Crowell, Jack Traweek of Brownwood, Otis Traweek of Weatherford and Rex Traweek of Big Lake; four other sisters, Leota Cogdell of Abilene, Glennie Owens of Crowell, Ura Owens of Vernon and Irene Rutherford of Gilliland; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Missing AF jet sought

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The search for a missing Air Force attack jet resumed this morning on a snow-covered Colorado mountain near the spot where radar last tracked the aircraft that vanished nearly a week ago.

Two Cessna 182s were in the air by 8 a.m., and more planes were going up later to search for the plane, nicknamed Warthog, that left Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson last Wednesday.

The search was focused on the 12,467-foot New York Mountain, about 10 miles south of Edwards, Colo.,

"We know he went off the radar there but there's a possibility of a 5-mile grid path. He could have glided in (any direction) up to a 5-mile radius, so that's where we're looking," said Lt. Cindy Butler of the Colorado Civil Air Patrol.

Peace officers respond to numerous complaints

Snyder area peace officers made one arrest, investigated a burglary and unlocked a lot of vehicles over the past 24 hours.

Snyder police were called to the Legends parking lot in reference to a fight in progress this morning, shortly after midnight. Officers arrested a 30-year-old man on a Lamesa Police Department warrant for failure to appear and for possession of marijuana, but not before taking the subject to Cogdell Hospital. He was treated at the emergency room for some minor injuries and then booked into jail.

Peggy Goswick contacted police at 7:19 p.m. Monday to report that a tool box had been taken from her home in the 3000 block of 38th Street. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

Warren Graham came to the Law Enforcement Center at 10:43 a.m. Monday to notify deputies that some dogs had killed his chickens.

A man contacted the sheriff's department at 4:09 p.m. Monday from the 600 block of Avenue Q to complain that his son had been assaulted by another juvenile. An offense report was filed.

At 12:55 a.m. today, a woman called for an ambulance in the 1200 block of 20th Street, saying her son had assaulted another male. The injured subject left before EMS or police arrived, and could not be located.

At 2:26 a.m., police were notified that the subject had returned and was throwing rocks at the residence. No damage was done.

Police also received several calls early this morning in reference to juveniles being in the area of 19th and 20th Streets and acting suspicious.

In between complaints, peace officers assisted 10 motorists who had locked their keys in their vehicles.

County court in recess

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"I think it was helpful. There was some good information," said Dr. Nussey. "Many of the questions were very pointed. We received some very satisfactory answers and there were some areas where we are still unclear on some things."

Dr. Nussey said the medical staff is now contacting physicians in other communities where CHS owns hospitals to get their thoughts on the company.

"I expect before the month is over we will have a much stronger idea, but we have some research to do before we can make an informed decision.

"I think we were all pleased with some aspects of Community Health Systems and their style of management, but we want to get some different viewpoints from others," Dr. Nussey said.

"We know people are interested in how we feel about this, and we want to make sure we are as informed as possible before making an announcement."

Bunk Beds

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—Chicken & Egg Furniture of Seattle. Horizontal and Spindle and Rung Blakely wooden bunk beds; distributed from 1987 to 1997 in California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin. (206) 623-6144.

—IEM Furniture of City of Commerce, Calif. Metal bunk beds, models 2155B, 2155G, 2155W, 2153B, 2153 G, 2153W; distributed from 1994 to 1996 in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. (213) 888-1688.

—Lewis Furniture Manufacturing Co. in Williamston, South Carolina. Wooden bunk bed, model 202; distributed from 1989 to January 1997 in Georgia and South Carolina. (864) 847-4281.

—Silver Eagle Corp., of Sacramento, Calif. Wooden bunk beds and loft beds when used in bunk configuration, model Loft-1, CBD-Bunk-TT, CSH-Bunk-TT, RBD-Loft, REC-Bunk-TT; distributed from 1995 to 1997 in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. (916) 925-6099.

Consumers who are not sure of the bunk bed manufacturer or who have other questions can call the CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772.

Officers work several mishaps

Snyder Police Department investigated several two-vehicle accidents over the past five days. Among them were these:

At 3:35 p.m. last Thursday, officers worked an accident in the 4000 block of Denison. Involved were a 1987 Ford pickup driven by Teddy Daniel Murray of 3606 Jacksboro and a 1986 Buick driven by Alecia Kay Broadway of 4503 Fredonia.

At 5:09 p.m. Friday, officers investigated an accident in the 3400 block of Apple. Involved were a 1978 Chevrolet pickup driven by Delores Sarabia of 1311 18th St. and a 1992 GMC pickup driven by Michael Duane Tatum, Clairemont Rt.

Officers worked an accident at 10:43 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of 33rd Street. Involved were a 1984 Ford van driven by Margaret Martinez Villa of 2204 Ave. I and a 1988 GMC Suburban driven by Ruben Olvera of 313 33rd St.

And at 5:34 p.m. Monday, police investigated an accident in the 400 block of 30th Street. Involved were a 1984 Lincoln driven by Wanda Callen York of 121 28th St. and a 1984 Ford pickup driven by Nancy Miles Lee of Rt. 2 Hermleigh.

Hospital

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What's Up?

4-H Horse Club

Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 tonight in the East Elementary cafeteria. Everyone is welcome.

Extended clinic hours

Scurry County Health Unit will have extended hours today until 7 p.m.

Classical guitar performance

A free classical guitar performance is set for 7:30 tonight in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College. Toby McWilliams and John Scott Ford, nationally-recognized guitarists, will perform.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 7 this evening in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited.

High school registration

High school students will register this week according to the following schedule:

Thursday	Sollis	periods 5, 6 & 7
Friday	Sollis	periods 1, 2 & 3
Friday	Millican	periods 1, 3 & 4

Texas Special Olympics

The Area 14 Texas Special Olympics Spring Games will be held Friday and Saturday in Abilene. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at Indian Stadium.

Golden K Fish Fry

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

Parents of seniors to meet

Parents of 1997 Snyder High School seniors will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, to plan graduation activities. The meeting will be held in the high school student center.

SNS needs financial help

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

Adult education classes

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

Senior Swimnastics

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

Free tax help provided

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

TASP review slated

Western Texas College instructors are offering a TASP review for students who will be taking the TASP test on April 19. Students may come to either the 1-2 p.m. or 5-6 p.m. session on April 17 in the 7D Building, Room 101. Call 573-8511, ext. 296, for more information.

Wildflower tours available

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

Cash 5

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

5-7-35-37-39

(five, seven, thirty-five, thirty-seven, thirty-nine)

Pick 3

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

3-1-7

(three, one, seven)

Council OKs resolutions

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did note that cable service was knocked out by an electrical storm during the Oscars telecast.

"By the time we got the service back on, the envelopes had been opened," said Kountz.

Besides the addition of the generator where the system goes on-line, Kountz said plans are to put back-up power units in the form of rechargeable battery units throughout the town.

He also said the company has plans to implement a new billing cycle which would allow customer's bills to come due at different times of the month, instead of only on first.

"Some people might not get paid until the 20th of the month; it will now be possible for the bill not to be due until after that time," said Kountz.

Mayor David Holt made note of a survey conducted by city staffers which indicates Snyder has comparable, and in many cases, lower, cable rates than area communities.

"I think past councils and the cable operators have all done a good job in keeping rates low," said Holt.

The mayor instructed Kountz to provide the city with the Federal Communication Commission regulations that allowed the rate increase without council approval.

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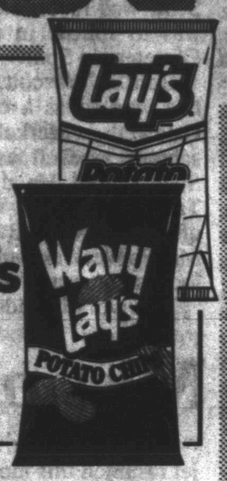
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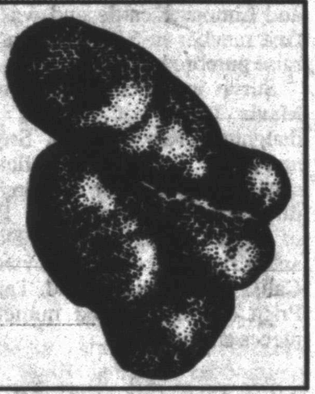


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