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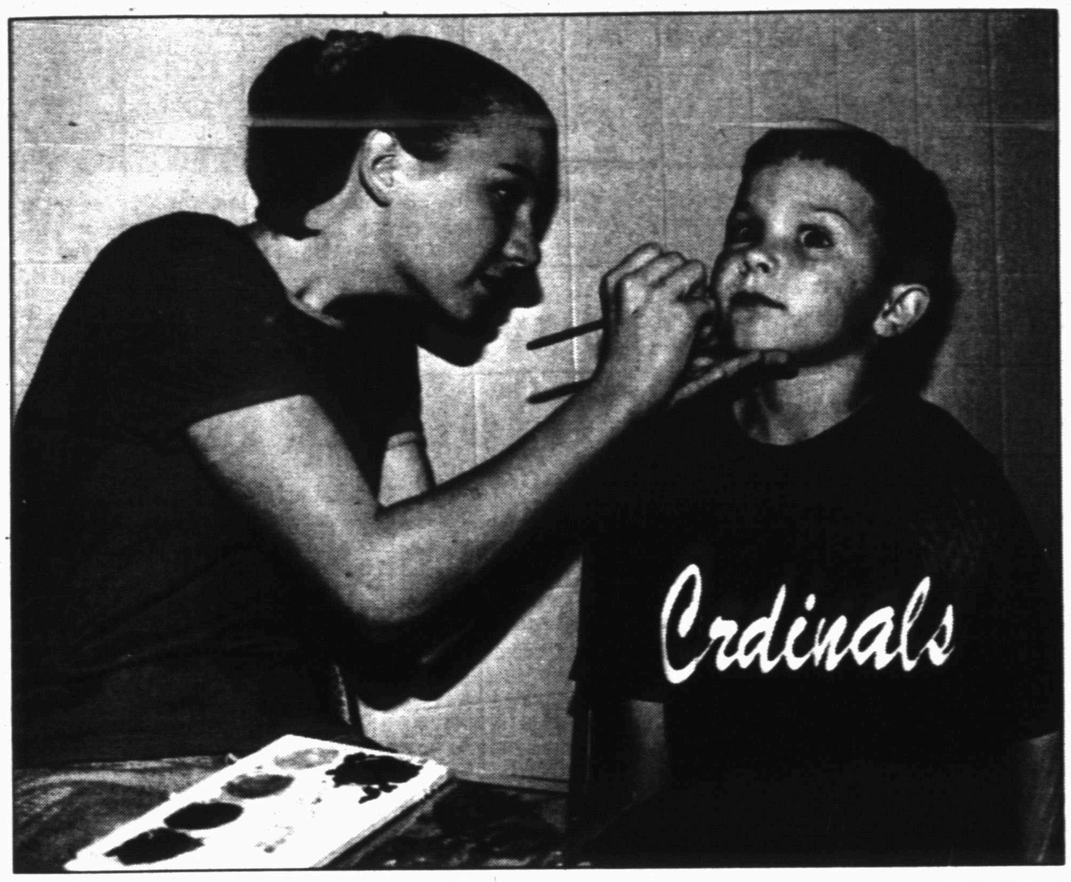
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Home Of Hank Clark



FACE PAINTING — While sixth graders and their parents visited Snyder Junior High School Monday night during its first showcase, Jeffrey Stewart was getting his face painted courtesy of Malorye Miller. Face painting was part of Janeen Patterson's drama display. Each department presented special displays designed to get future students acquainted with their new school. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Total now at 45...

Death toll increasing from killer tornadoes

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The death toll reached 45 today after fierce tornadoes destroyed entire neighborhoods in Oklahoma and Kansas. One monstrous twister chewed across miles of Tornado Alley for four hours.

The state medical examiner said 40 people were killed in Oklahoma alone in Monday's storms.

The combined death toll makes this the deadliest tornado outbreak since 90 people were killed on May 31, 1985, in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Ontario.

The largest twister formed about 45 miles southwest of Oklahoma City and cut a path at least a half-mile wide. While many tornadoes are short-lived, this one stayed on the ground for about four hours, said Wayne Ruff, a National Weather Service meteorologist. Local TV stations followed it with live broadcasts.

The damage "looks like the Murrah Building, but instead of nine stories tall, it's spread out over a large area," Oklahoma City assistant fire chief Jon Hansen said, referring to the federal building bombing in 1995.

In Washington, White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said President Clinton would act quickly on Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating's request for an emergency declaration. "My heart goes out to the people of Oklahoma and Kansas who suffered through a night of terror and devastation," Clinton said in a statement.

More severe thunderstorms with scattered tornadoes rippled across the Plains this morning, and tornado warnings were posted for parts of central Oklahoma. A tornado watch covered much of the rest of the state.

Hospitals in the Oklahoma City metro area treated 563 people for tornado-related injuries, police Capt. Charles Allen said.

Snyder trustees will canvass election results

Snyder Independent School district will convene at noon Wednesday in the school administration building in what was scheduled to be a routine meeting to canvass last Saturday's election results.

An oversight in following the established election process, however, will see the board adopt a resolution that should have been adopted prior to the election.

Snyder ISD Supt. Gayle Lomax said Tuesday that the administration had erred in not officially cancelling the portion of the election in which two at-large trustees were running unopposed.

Trustees Mark McCormick, Place 4 trustees and current board president, and Place 5 Trustee Janet Stribling were not on the ballot.

School districts, by law may cancel elections for unopposed candidates by adopting a board resolution to that effect, and declaring the incumbents re-elected.

Supt. Lomax said he contacted the Secretary of State's election division on Tuesday. An attorney with that office said the situation had not come up in the past, but the attorney did recommend that the board adopt the resolution at Wednesday's meeting.

"That's what we intend to do," Lomax said.

There was one contested race Saturday for Snyder school board. For Place 1, incumbent Glen Clardy defeated Ronnie Anderson, 25 to 17, representing a turnout of only 3.5 percent of eligible voters.

Annual MD lockup planned Wednesday

On Wednesday, numerous Snyder residents are going behind bars for good — for the good of Jerry's Kids, that is.

The jailbirds will be locked up between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Texas Savings Bank, 2619 College Ave.

Local jailbirds are showing their community awareness and support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association by being locked up in the temporary jail.

Jailbirds are asked to raise at least $600 as their bail. However, the sky's the limit as to the amount jailbirds can raise.

Three for DWI...

Grand jury indicts seven

Seven indictments were returned Monday by the Scurry County grand jury, including one for assault/family violence, and three for felony driving while intoxicated.

Hector Herrera Soberon, 37, of California Apartments #7 was indicted for the April 18 offense of hitting a family member in the face. Soberon is in jail on a $5,000 bond.

Soberon has two previous convictions in Scurry County for assault on a family member — both in 1998.

Pilar Luna Jr., 47, of 1856 Texas was indicted for the April 25 offense of driving while intoxicated.

He has previous convictions in Scurry, Howard and Mitchell counties for driving while intoxicated, and in Scurry County for felony possession of marijuana.

Joel Ray Selvera, 29, of 945 Chestnut in Colorado City was indicted for the April 10 offense of driving while intoxicated.

He has two previous convictions in Mitchell County for DWI, plus felony convictions for forgery and burglary of a vehicle in Mitchell County.

Jaime Martinez, 17, of 2017 Ave. N was indicted for the April 8 offense of spray painting graffiti on the county-owned Diamond M building.

An Arizona resident, Esteban Jimeneza Aguilar, 33, was indicted for the April 18 offense of possession of marijuana. His bond is set at $15,000.

One other person was indicted, but has not been arrested.

Stockholders meeting tonight

The annual stockholders meeting of the Farmers Co-Op Gin will be held this evening at 7 o'clock in Scurry County Coliseum.

Election of directors will highlight the meeting.

Robby Robinson is the manager for the gin located on the Roby Highway.

Weekend rains to help...

Water causing film on dishes

Ann Davis bought a new dishwasher about three months ago. Suddenly, glasses coming out of the dishwasher had a white film.

This week, the film made it appear that milk had been drunk from the glass. She decided to contact the appliance store.

"Roe's told me I was the 10th person with this problem," Mrs. Davis said. "That's when I realized it was the water, not the dishwasher."

Mrs. Davis, the mother-in-law of Snyder Mayor David Holt, then contacted City Engineer Beverly Coots. "She told me that it is the chemicals they have to put in the water to treat Spence water."

She was told by the engineer that vinegar would remove the film. "I handwashed the glasses, and it did help, but I'm not going to drink out of it."

Mrs. Davis said she had talked to other residents who are experiencing the same problem to some degree. "We have a new water filter system, why isn't it working?"

Darrell Callahan, city water department superintendent, said the white film left on dishes is the result of water pumped to Lake Thomas from Lake Spence.

Spence water is high in chlorides, about 2,000 parts per million, Callahan said. "It's the calcium choride that is causing the appearance problem.

"The water is safe to drink. In fact the complaints about the taste of the water has subsided," Callahan added.

The water superintendent said his wife had experienced the same problem. "It occurs during the drying cycle when the substance is encrusted on the glass. We've found that vinegar works well to cut down on the spotting."

Callahan said there are other products on the market to help counter the problem with film left on clean dishes.

Mayor Holt from the Austin office of State Rep. David Counts, said the thing that would help most would be fresh water, or rain, into Lake Thomas to help dilute the chlorides.

And improvement is on the way.

Storms that crossed Borden County Saturday and Sunday added as much as 2,000 acre-feet to the lake.

Because of the inflow, the Colorado Municipal Water District has ceased pumping Lake Spence water into the Thomas effective Monday.

Callahan said Snyder water meets all 10 of the primary components of safe water.

"We would like to have water from Lake Ivie, but we understand that the water district has to consider the cost of pumping the water from Lake Ivie. The state will not intervene as long as the drought persists," Callahan added.



CLEAR CHOICE — Snyder resident Ann Davis holds up two glasses, one of which was washed in a new dishwasher and shows the effects of chemicals added to city water to combat chlorides found in Lake Spence water pumped into Lake Thomas. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some folks build castles in the air — because the real estate is cheap."

Saturday's local elections are now history. If the low voter turnout trend continues, then elections may also become history.

There were few issues locally, but some big towns get as many yard signs and billboards as do those campaigns when candidates are running for paying jobs.

One of our favorite political misspeaks of the season occurred in Dallas.

In some races, candidates have actually accused the opposing campaign camp of destroying yard signs and materials.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, who successfully ran for re-election, made the following announcement about the opening of his campaign headquarters with a news release.

"Volunteers are needed to help deliver yard signs, stuff and decimate campaign materials and work on busy phone banks..."

A spokesman for the mayor's campaign took the blame for miscue, using the word decimate instead of disseminate.

It was an honest mistake, not the mayor's, said the campaign spokesman.

Surprise, surprise!

When a poll asked women if they would prefer a four-day workweek or a 20 percent pay increase, 62 percent opted for the shorter week.

For those who preferred both a four-day work week and a pay boost, it was 100 percent.

Same for the guys — no poll necessary.

Mike Reed, Snyder native and Lubbock attorney, often sends us humorous items or other comments. This joke was on us, unfortunately.

Reed correctly noted that we recently were one day off on the date of the newspaper.

Reed, a former Snyder school board president, wrote:

"Roy, you have a choice of conclusions:

"1. I read every inch of your paper; or

"2. This boy has too much time on his hands!!"

Mike, keep on proofreading. Incidently, your subscription expires next month. Send money —soon!

ASK US

Q—When is the county going to let people fish in Towle Park Pond?

A—There are no immediate plans to do so, said Pct. 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer, whose precinct the pond is in. Limmer said he is in favor of it, but it would take a vote of the entire court.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 85 degrees; low, 62; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 69; no precipitation; total for 1999, 5.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Lows, mid 50s. Wednesday, sunny with highs 80-85.



Erica Lee
Sunny

Sunset: 8:25 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:55 a.m.
Of 123 days in 1999, 116 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The farther backward you look, the farther forward you are likely to see."

Winston Churchill

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Two garner area awards

Two local first place Soil and Water Conservation District conservation winners will also be recognized as Area I winners tonight at an awards banquet in Plainview which begins at 7.

Brent Murphy of Borden County is the resident conservation rancher winner and Joyce Lionberger of Hermleigh is the conservation teacher. Both will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas Soil and and Water Conservation Program.

Other awards to be presented include outstanding conservation district, resident conservation farmer, absentee conservation farmer/rancher, water quality management plan, business/professional individual, wildlife conservationist, and conservation homemaker.

Additional awards include outstanding posters and essays on soil and water conservation by youth in the area.

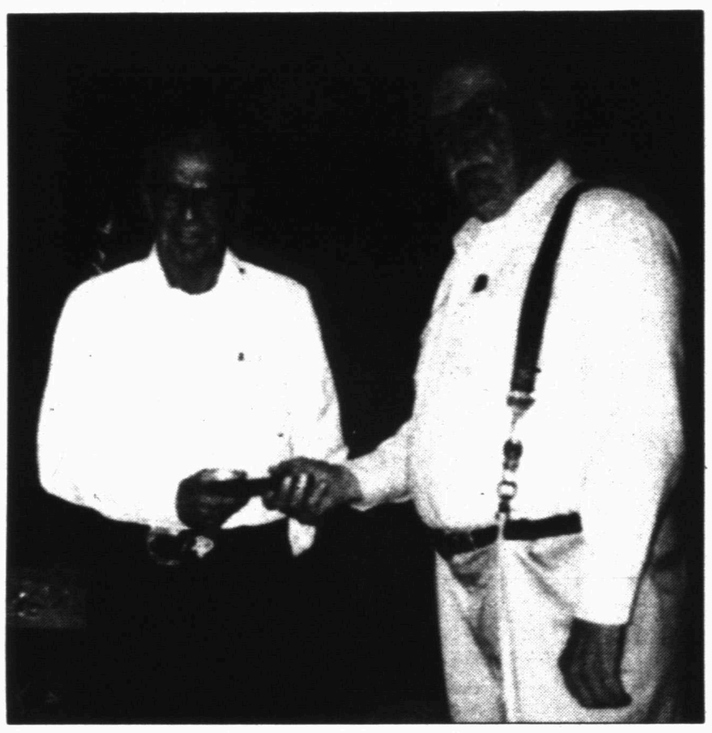
The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor a soil and water conservation district and individuals who have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of the renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the Area Conservation Awards Program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the 216 local soil and water conservation districts in Texas.

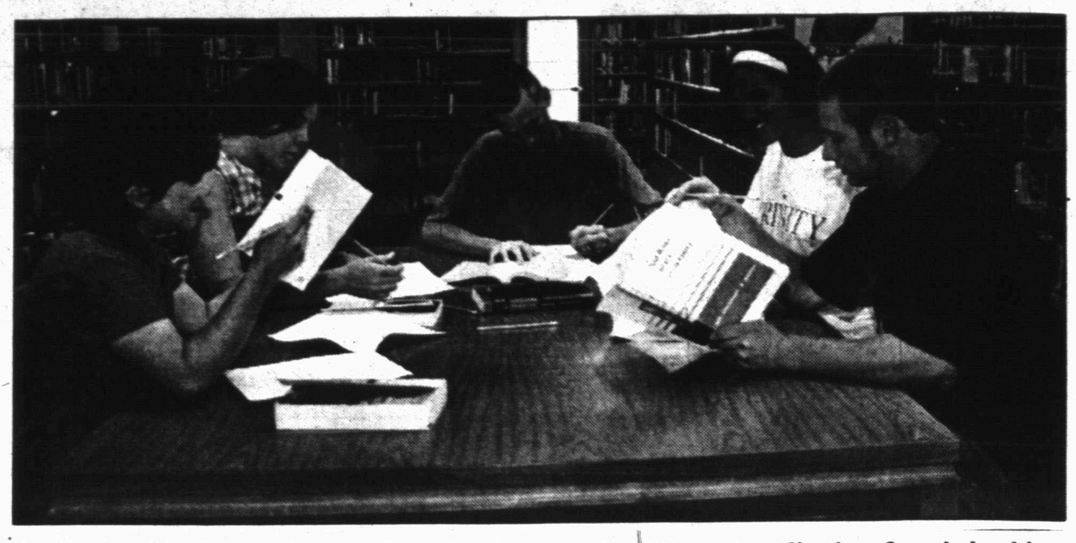
Every U.S. president has worn eyeglasses, though many chose not to wear them in public.



OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION TEACHER — Each year the Soil and Water Conservation District recognizes an outstanding conservation teacher. In 1998, Joyce Lionberger of Hermleigh, left, was recognized with this award. The presentation was made by the 1997 recipient, Mrs. Tommy Echols. (Contributed Photo)



OUTSTANDING RANCHER — Every year the Soil and Water Conservation District recognizes a rancher for his outstanding achievements in protecting our natural recources. Brent Murphy of Borden County was presented the award in 1998. Murphy's grazing management program allows proper harvesting of the grass while maintaining enough cover to prevent wind and water erosion. Joe Canon (1997 recipient) presented Murphy with his award. (Contributed Photo)



SCHOLARSHIPS — Snyder High School seniors are busy filling out applications for scholarships. From left clockwise are Lina Alvarez, Katy Cooper, Dusty Ashby, Alicia Peoples, Sam Bedell. Contact the counseling office for more information. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Report: Bush willing to call special session for tax relief

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush might be willing to stay on his front porch a little longer.

The Austin American-Statesman, citing several lawmakers it didn't identify, reported today that Bush is willing to call a special legislative session to secure approval for $2 billion in tax cuts.

Bush, the early front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination, has said he won't leave Texas to campaign during the legislative session, which ends May 31. A special session presumably would delay the official campaign and allow Bush to continue his front porch strategy from Austin.

One lawmaker told the newspaper that Bush has said: "My front porch strategy is working well enough that I may as well stay here for the summer." The lawmaker couldn't say whether Bush was making a threat or a simple comment, the newspaper said.

One lawmaker, holding two fingers less than an inch apart, said: "We're this close to a special session."

Asked if the governor has indicated a willingness to call a special session, Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said, "Not that I am aware of."

"The governor believes we have ample time to enact significant tax cuts and education reform between now and May 31," McClellan told the newspaper.

Texas governors can call special sessions for up to 30 days and can set the agenda. An agenda regarding education spending or tax cuts, however, would be broad topics under which lawmakers could consider a host of ideas.

The Senate has already approved a bill that supporters say cuts property taxes by $1 billion. The bill also would raise the minimum teacher salary schedule by $4,000.

In the House, Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, has questioned the level of tax cuts in the Senate bill. Sadler, chairman of the House Public Education Committee, has offered an alternative with $500 million in property tax cuts and more than $3 billion for teachers' pay and increased school spending. The issue is expected to be debated in the education committee this week.

Other tax cuts, including some for businesses and some for consumers, have passed the Senate and are likely to start being considered by the full House next week.

Along with other issues, Bush put tax cuts and teachers' compensation at the top of his agenda this year. He originally called for $2 billion in property tax cuts, $307 million in business tax cuts and $330 million in sales tax cuts.

The Senate's proposed state budget has room for about $1.5 billion in overall tax cuts and the House's version of the state budget has room for $3 billion in new education spending and tax cuts and another $700 million available for other things, like sales and business tax cuts.

One source told the Statesman that Bush now wants $2 billion in total tax cuts. Told that he could get $1.5 billion, the governor said he was willing to wait for $2 billion, the source said.

None of the sources took Bush's comments as threats or a line in the sand. Instead, they said Bush appeared to be making clear that his potential presidential bid could wait beyond May 31.

House considers bill that would ban gays from adopting children

AUSTIN (AP) — For Elizabeth Vilven, adoption isn't a question of gay vs. straight. Rather, it's one of who will provide loving and nurturing homes.

"I wasn't taught the birds and the birds or the bees and the bees. I was taught the birds and the bees," Ms. Vilven told House lawmakers Monday as they considered a bill that would ban state placement of children into homes with gay parents.

Ms. Vilven, a Houston graphic designer, told a packed committee room before the House State Affairs panel Monday that she was raised by two gay men and is heterosexual.

"I think they gave me the support to decide on my own," she said.

"This bill constitutes nothing more than government-sponsored discrimination against gays and lesbians. It would be very hard to know that our government would keep my fathers from being able to take care of me in a supportive, loving and caring home," Ms. Vilven said.

Others, however, contend that children should be brought up in the traditional household with parents of different sexes.

"We have a lot of children that we have to care for in Texas," said bill sponsor Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa. "We should be about placing them where it's best for them, with a father and mother."

Monday's hearing came just a few hours after a conservative legal group asked a judge to order the state to stop allowing homosexuals to adopt children or provide them with foster homes.

The Plano-based Liberty Legal Institute, which focuses on family and constitutional issues, filed the motion on behalf of Rebecca Bledsoe, a Child Protective Services supervisor who said she was demoted after removing a 3-year-old boy from a lesbian couple's home in Dallas two years ago.

Mrs. Bledsoe, currently a caseworker for CPS, is suing to return to her supervisory position.

The gay adoption bill is HB 382

Gates, wife donate $25 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Software mogul Bill Gates is tackling a different type of virus — he and his wife, Melinda, have donated $25 million to the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative.

"Bill and Melinda Gates' historic act of generosity will allow us to significantly accelerate the scientific effort," Dr. Seth Berkley, the AIDS initiative's president, said Monday.

Gates, chairman of the Microsoft Corp., said in a statement: "Melinda and I want our children — and all children — to grow up in a world without AIDS.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

A change in your philosophy and how you do things could be responsible for the great success that is in the offing for you in the year ahead. It will be the result of groundwork you've already laid.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Organize your assignments before beginning today if they are more numerous than usual. And if you're in the position to do so, exercise your authority and start delegating some of them out. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 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.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Hidden opportunities could be abound today. If you're alert, you might be able to profit from an arrangement someone else has already put together.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If a friend of yours needs someone to stand up for him or her, don't be a coward and say nothing in fear. Let others know exactly where you stand on the issue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today will be better than tomorrow for furthering your worldly ambitions, so set definite goals now and pursue them vigorously while the aspects favor you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're the one who can inspire others today with your boldness should challenging conditions develop that could effect everyone in your group. Set the example and they'll follow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If something you believe needs changing for the better, by all means, act on it. Don't let your destiny be controlled by the vicissitudes of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be resistant if some of your companions offer suggestions for activities that aren't in harmony with your ideas. Their thoughts could be more fun for the group than yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Attack today like a winner and not the underdog, and you can fare rather well in most situations, even when the stakes are more impressive than what you usually deal with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Especially when involved with social issues today, you can be the catalyst that binds others together. Get on the stick and organize something exciting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is an excellent day for finalizing issues or matters pertaining to your family, home or operating base. Begin early to close up all the gaps and put things to rest.

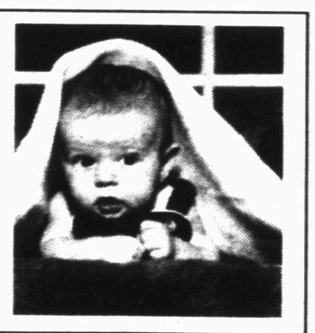
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make arrangements today to visit someone you've been eager to contact who hasn't been able to come to you. This person will happily go along with your plans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Aim high and don't be afraid to assert yourself to get what you want when striving for an important career objective today. You can be both bold and amicable at the same time.

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GOOD NEWS
By Wayne Horton

COUNTING BLESSINGS

A little boy who had just been fitted with glasses was asked, "Are you sorry you had to get glasses?" Without hesitation he replied, "No, I'm thankful for them because the glasses keep the boys from hitting me and the girls from kissing me!"

Well, I question the boy's reasoning but I sure like his positive attitude. I wonder if he knew what the Bible says? "BE JOYFUL ALWAYS. GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES." (1 Thessalonians 5:16, 18a). It's good advice for us all.

It's certainly true that we have much to be thankful for. Two things happened this past weekend in answer to many prayers.

First, wasn't it wonderful that Yugoslav president Milosevic released the three American military prisoners? I'm grateful for their return and I'm grateful for the work that Jesse Jackson did to help bring about their release. There are three sets of grateful parents somewhere in this country! Lots of yellow ribbons will be taken down now. (I think I'll leave mine as a reminder not to stop praying until all have returned from Kosovo.)

Secondly, I'm very thankful for the "Planting Rain" that God gave us on the weekend. I saw lots of smiling farmers on Sunday at church. God is good!

Finally, I'm thankful that the farmers I know who are rejoicing over the rain are the same farmers who are faithful in the dry season and even when they had to plow their crops under last year. They knew God had not abandoned them.

Thank you, Father, for your gracious gifts to your kids.

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SORORITY AWARDS — Beta Sigma Phi members received year-end awards at their recent meeting at the Country Club. Norma Cumbie (back row from left) was this year's Valentine Queen; Patricia Warren, Ms. Congeniality; Lois Cave, Program of the Year; in front, Dena Ellis, Girl of the Year; Marie Boone, President's Award. (Contributed Photo)

BSP sorority celebrates Founder Day

Beta Sigma Phi members of the Xi Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Snyder celebrated Founder's Day last Tuesday evening at the Snyder County Club. The annual dinner marked the 68th anniversary of the organization, founded in 1931.

President Dena Ellis served a mistress of ceremonies. Following the dinner, outgoing and new officers were recognized as well as committee chairmen.

Brenda Hedges gave the Founder's Day Pledge, followed by the message from international read by Jeanne Johnson. Janeen Patterson presented Dena Ellis, outgoing president, with a gift from chapter members.

Presentation of awards followed with Norma Cumbie receiving the Valentine Queen award. Dena Ellis has attended 18 years without missing a meeting and received the perfect attendance award; Carolyn Limmer, Mickey Baird and Wanda Early received their 30-year member pins; and Jeanne Johnson and Patricia Warren received 15-year pins.

The Program of the Year award went to Lois Cave for her book review from "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff." Warren was named Ms. Congeniality; and Marie Boone was presented the prestigious President's Award. Girl of the Year went to President Ellis.

Cave, the incoming president for 1999-2000, announced the Beta Sigma Phi international theme for the coming year, "New Century New Beginnings."

Hedges and Loretta Worthen presented the president's scrapbook to Ms. Ellis.

The celebration concluded with president Ellis leading the Closing Ritual and Mizpah.



BRIDAL SHOWER — Tamara Byrd, bride-elect of Brian Crawford, both of Lubbock, was honoree at a bridal shower on April 25 in the First Presbyterian Church. The couple are planning a 6 p.m., June 12 wedding ceremony at Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock. From left are Pam Snedeker, mother of the future groom; the honoree; Belinda Byrd, her mother from Crosbyton; and Mary Lee, her grandmother from Post. (Contributed Photo)

Scientists try to save Staccota's bones for historical museum

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — A scientist at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst has a whale of a task ahead of her.

She has been assigned the job of covering a dead, 60-ton whale with horse manure so microorganisms can eat away at the remaining flesh for a year to produce a skeleton for future study.

"It's not the first whale I've buried, but it's the biggest," said Katherine Doyle, collection manager for mammals at the university.

The rare white whale, dubbed Staccato, was discovered dead off the Cape Cod coast on April 20. Scientists hope its skeleton can be used for study — and one day form the centerpiece of a natural history museum at Amherst.

Staccato was shipped to the university last week after scientists from around New England finished examining the whale on Duck Harbor Beach in Wellfleet.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon

Alpha Study Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 3 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; no reservations necessary, cost is $30 and for more information call 573-2850; community room of Texas Savings Bank; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	05-04-99
	♠ 10 3 2	
	♥ Q 4 2	
	♦ A 10 6 5	
	♣ J 6 4	
West		**East**
♠ J 7 6 5 4		♠ K
♥ A 9		♥ J 7 3
♦ J 9 3 2		♦ 8 7 4
♣ A 7		♣ Q 10 9 8 5 3
	South	
	♠ A Q 9 8	
	♥ K 10 8 6 5	
	♦ K Q	
	♣ K 2	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

From a chilly island

By Phillip Alder

My second deal from the March issue of the International Bridge Press Association Bulletin occurred during the Icelandair Festival, played in snowy Reykjavik in mid-February.

It looks as though four hearts will make because of the favorable trump position. It is normal to start with low to the queen, planning to finesse the 10 on the second round. Do you see any way that East-West might defeat the game?

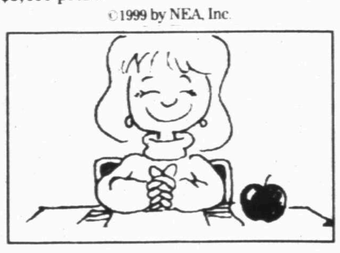
West was Barnet Shenkin, a Scotsman who lives in Boca Raton, Fla. East was Zia Mahmood, a Pakistani who divides his time primarily between London and New York.

First, Shenkin did well to find a spade lead, declarer capturing Zia's king with his ace. Declarer unblocked the king-queen of diamonds, Zia playing the seven and eight, his highest cards, as an attempt to send his partner a suit-preference signal for spades. (This technique of sending a suit-preference signal with *useless* cards is now standard for experts.)

Next, South led a trump. The report says, "Shenkin paused for a moment." That sounds wrong. Shenkin usually pauses for quite some time! Eventually, he went in with the ace, Zia dropping the jack as another suit-preference signal for spades. Getting the message, Shenkin gave his partner a spade ruff. Back came the club 10. In desperation, declarer tried the king, so he went two down instead of one.

In the other room, Chicagoans Ralph Katz and Steve Garner made four hearts when West led the club ace. The swing gave Garner, Katz, Shenkin and Zia the victory and the $3,400 prize.

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There are all kinds of lies, big lies, little lies, and those in between. But God does not recognize man's shades of difference. It is difficult to speak the truth in every circumstance, especially when truthfulness embarrasses us or costs us money. But lies eat away at our souls **(Revelation 21:8).** It is truth that makes us free **(John 8:32).**

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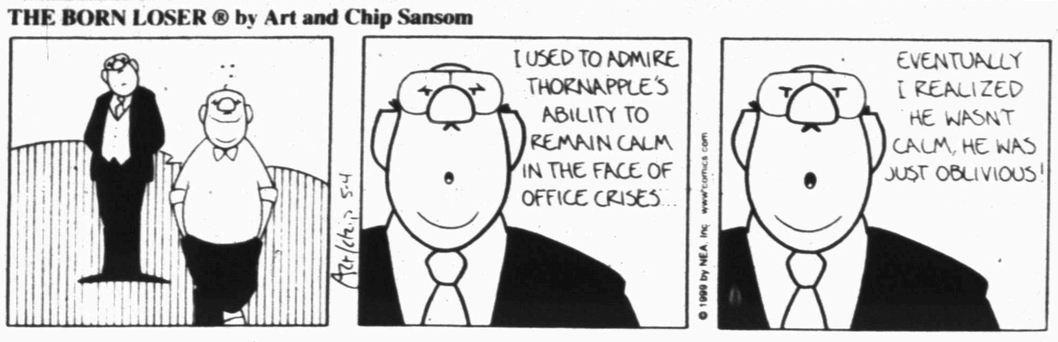
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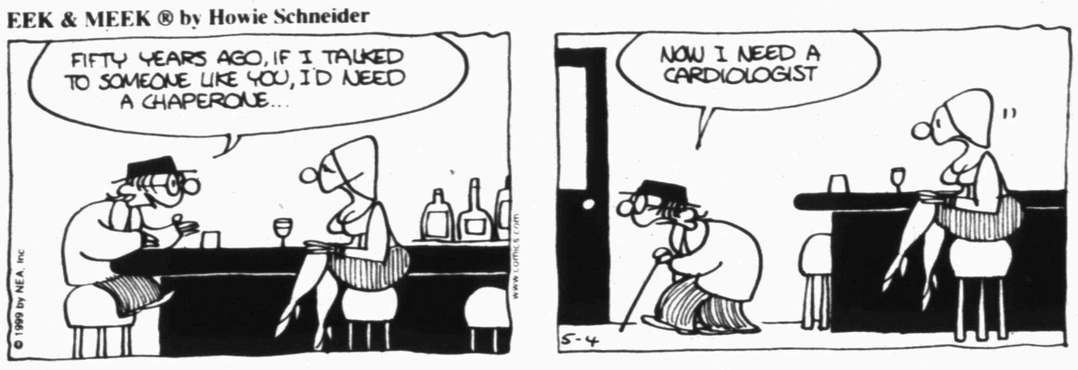
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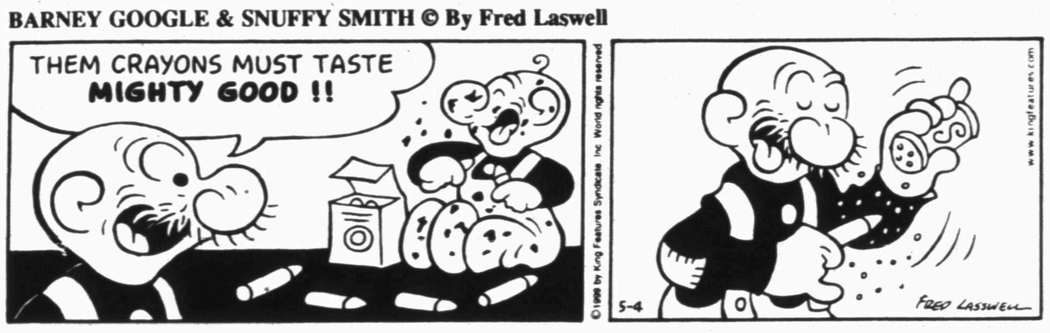
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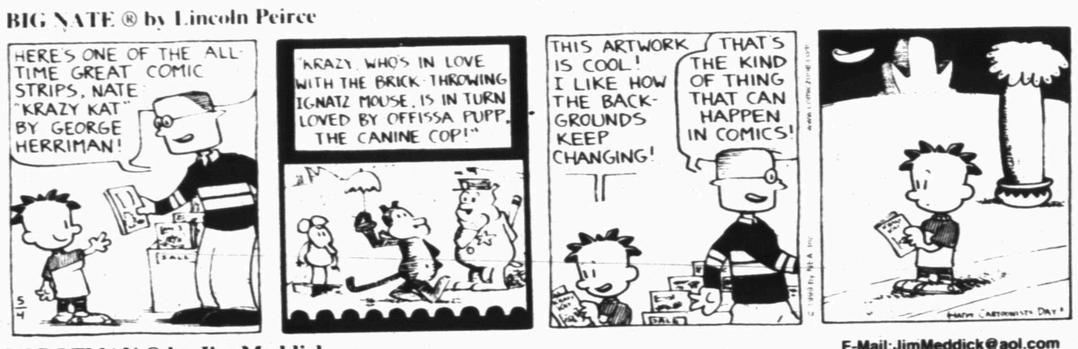
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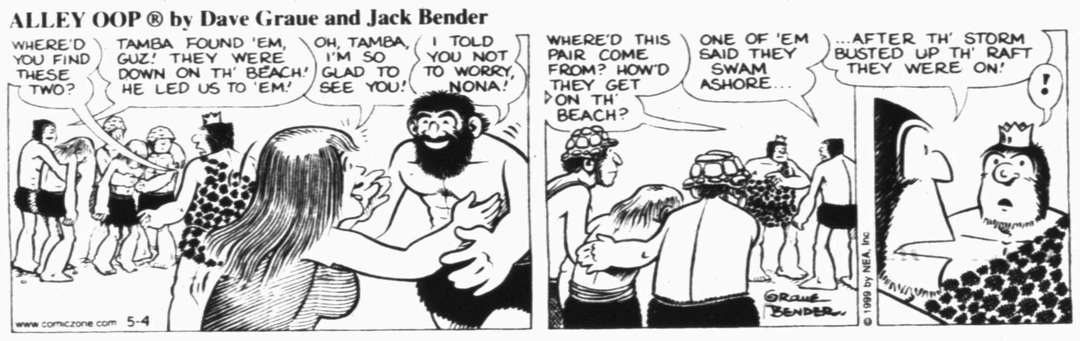
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16 Piano piece
17 Pub brew
18 Actor — Gulager
20 Barracks furnishing
21 Early Briton
23 Drivers' org.
24 Nile queen, for short
25 Actress — Cannon
27 Length measures
29 Ryan or Tilley
31 Traffic jam component
32 — Aviv
33 WWII area
34 Rated students
37 Small duck
40 Get ready for a test
41 Diving bird
43 Lamb pseudonym
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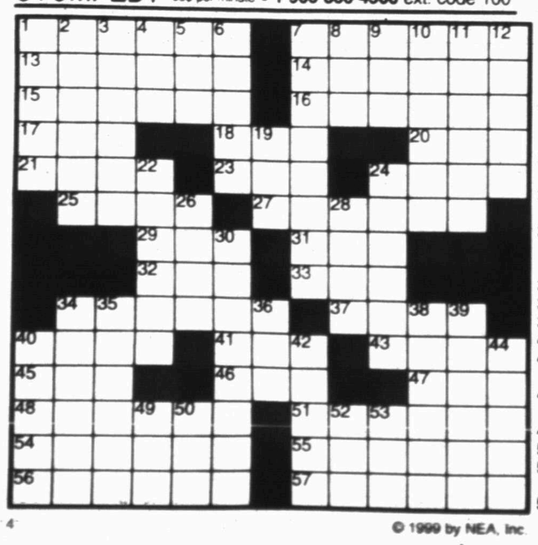
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7 Outflow
8 Sgt., e.g.
9 Chaney of horror flicks
10 Prophecy
11 Turns down
12 Muse of poetry
19 Medieval poem
22 Large gong
24 Automobile trim
26 Scholarship consideration
28 Broadway's longest-running show
30 Gatherers of grain
34 Andover rival
35 Lake Michigan city
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44 Conductor Previn
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Mary: What president did the most laundry?
Laurie: George **Wash**ington.

Gail: What do cows wear on their upper lips?
Ryan: A **moo**stache.

D.J.: What do frogs do when they come home from work?
Kevin: Read the flypaper.

Jennie: What does an elephant get after leaving his nose out in the rain?
Ty: A shrunk trunk.

Fun Facts

The northern raccoon and the crab-eating raccoon are very similar. The only differences are that a crab-eating raccoon has shorter fur and longer legs.

During the 1830s and 1840s, the Whig Party (a political party) in the United States used the raccoon as its emblem.



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5-4A All-District Softball Team...

Eight Lady Tigers earn honors



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Martinez



Rinehart



Tomlinson



Purcell



Newman



Mackey

After grabbing second place in their first year of District 5-4A softball competition, eight Lady Tigers racked up another honor when they were named to the 5-4A All-District Team.

Senior Starla Davis was voted co-offensive player of the year to highlight the list of honors for Snyder. The Lady Tiger catcher batted .375 this past season, with a team-leading 41 RBI and a slugging percentage of .570.

One Snyder sophomore and three juniors nabbed first team honors.

Outfielder Whitney Webb, one of only three sophomores to garner a spot on the first team, led the Lady Tigers in hitting with a .440 average.

Pitcher Kristin Martinez, second baseman Courtney Rinehart and short stop Christy Tomlinson, all juniors, also received first team recognition.

Martinez was 15-9 on the mound for Snyder with a 2.44 ERA. Rinehart, who missed several games due to injury, came back in district play to bat .375. Tomlinson was second on the team in hitting with a .431 average and 31 RBI.

Senior first baseman Darcee Purcell and sophomore outfielders Jennifer Newman and Cameron Mackey received honorable mention.

Snyder posted a 22-11 record this season, advancing to the postseason as the district's second place team. The Lady Tigers fell to Burleson in extra innings in the first round of the playoffs.

5-4A All-District Softball

MVP: Leesa Lopez, sr., P, Andrews.

Co-offensive players of the year: Starla Davis, sr., C, Snyder; Christina Robledo, sr., C, Ft. Stockton.

Co-defensive players of the year: Amy Curry, sr., 2B, Andrews; Ali Bane, sr., 1B, Andrews.

Coach of the year: Eddie Bane, Andrews.

First Team

Pitchers: Kristin Martinez, jr., Snyder; Jessica Canales, sr., Big Spring; Jessica Carrillo, jr., Ft. Stockton; Michelle Morales, sr., Lake View.

Catcher: Sandy Acosta, sr., Andrews.

First base: Kimberly Lockhart, sr., Ft. Stockton.

Second base: Courtney Rinehart, jr., Snyder.

Third base: Martha Castillo, sr., Sweetwater.

Short stop: Christy Tomlinson, jr., Snyder.

Outfielders: Whitney Webb, soph., Snyder; Cecily Paradez, sr., Big Spring; Lindsey James, soph., Andrews.

Utility player: Rosie Ruiz, jr., Andrews.

Honorable Mention

Snyder: Darcee Purcell, sr., 1B; Jennifer Newman, soph., RF; Cameron Mackey, soph., CF.

Errors plague Texas again; Tribe blasts Rangers, 10-4

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kenny Lofton went 4-for-5 with four RBIs including a two-run homer and a tiebreaking sacrifice fly, leading the Cleveland Indians past the Texas Rangers 10-4 Monday.

The Indians had 16 hits, including two each by Enrique Wilson, Roberto Alomar, Manny Ramirez, Travis Fryman and Sandy Alomar. Every starter had at least one except Jim Thome, who walked four times, and they all scored.

"Any time you take a convoluted road trip like this and come out 7-4, I think you've got to be happy," Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said.

Jaret Wright (3-0) won his second straight by allowing four runs — three earned — and six hits in six innings. All the runs came in the third inning, aided by two walks and his throwing error. He got out of the jam with two strikeouts.

Wright faced the minimum over his last three innings and the Rangers couldn't get a runner past first in the last six innings.

Lofton, who had been 0-for-12 since homering Friday, singled to open the game then hit his third homer of the season in the second inning, capping a four-run rally off Mike Morgan (4-2). Sandy Alomar and Einar Diaz drove in the first two runs.

"Kenny worked very hard in the offseason and very hard in spring training, probably as hard as I've ever seen him work," Hargrove said. "He paid a lot of attention to detail, especially with his hitting, and I think we're seeing those efforts pay off."

After Texas tied the game, Lofton put the Indians ahead again in the fourth with a long fly ball to right that scored Richie Sexson. He singled and scored on Travis Fryman's single in the sixth to make it 6-4.

Ramirez hit a two-run single in the sixth, giving him a major league-leading 34 RBIs on the season. Lofton added his fourth RBI in the seventh and the Indians' final run scored on third baseman Todd Zeile's error in the eighth. Lofton also reached on an error by shortstop Kelly Dransfeldt in the ninth.

"It was not a crisply played game," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said.

The Indians victory gave them a split in the four-game series. It was only the third victory in the Indians' last 10 games at The Ballpark.

Morgan, who left the stadium early the previous two days with stomach flu, lost for the second straight time since becoming the majors' first four-game winner.

Pitching on three days rest for the first time since July 1992, Morgan gave up five runs — four earned — on eight hits over three innings. He struck out three and walked one.

Texas' runs came on a two-run single by Mark McLemore, Wright's throwing error on a Rusty Greer grounder and a sacrifice fly by Juan Gonzalez.

Lofton's homer was the 39th allowed by Texas, the most in the majors. The Rangers have given up at least one in eight straight games.

Both teams are off Tuesday, which should help Cleveland heal some injuries.

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan SDN Sports Editor

Here's just a few points to ponder while waiting on this weekend's bi-district series between the Snyder Tigers and Brownwood Lions.

The Ira Bulldogs must have changed their diet.

After struggling through consecutive losing campaigns the Bulldogs have turned things around. Earlier this year, Ira started winning district football games, advanced to the boys' regional basketball tournament, and now it has a competitor headed to the state track meet.

Junior Logan Daves, who prior to this season had never made it out of district in track and field, will compete in the shot put May 14-15 in Austin.

"I thought I had some chance to go to state, but there were a couple of guys who were throwing a lot further than I was," Daves said. "I just started liking track more this season, and I've been working hard."

The reason for Daves' sudden fondness of track, and the most likely reason for the Bulldogs' recent athletic success, is the coaching staff.

"We have coaches who care and who work with us a lot, in every sport," Daves remarked. "They're really enthusiastic and they've taught us to compete. They've worked with us on fundamentals and shown us that our hard work will pay off."

Hats off to Bulldog coaches Toby Goodwin and Bubba Edwards, and good luck to Logan Daves.

Considering all of their responsibilities, the University Interscholastic League does a commendable job.

But after waiting a week to find out who the Lady Tigers would face in the first round of the softball playoffs, maybe one change should be made.

Under current rules, districts can choose whether ties in the final standings will be broken by head-to-head record, or by an extra playoff contest.

Perhaps it would be better if there was one standard that governed all districts. Ties should be broken by previous head-to-head competition.

After all, a team advances if it wins two out of three games in a playoff series. The same should be true if it wins two out of two games during district play.

Once again it seems the 4A Girls State Golf Tournament (which could also be renamed the Snyder-Highland Park Invitational) will be a two-team race. The event will be played Monday and Tuesday at Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin.

The Lady Tigers and Lady Scots, the top two teams the past two years, should run away and hide from the rest of the field.

Snyder will be making its sixth consecutive appearance in the state tourney. Highland Park is the only other school which has been there each of the past five years.

Snyder's average rank during the five-year run is 2.3, while Highland Park's is 3.0. The Lady Tigers avarage two-day total is 660.6, with the Lady Scots coming in at 662.6.

It's been a battle the past two years, and it shouldn't be any different come Monday.

Joining the two perennial powerhouses will be Pampa, Southlake Carroll, Montgomery, Brenham, Mission Sharyland and New Braunfels Canyon — all of which were about 75 strokes off the regional scores of Snyder and Highland Park.

Year	Snyder place/score	Highland Park place/score
1994	(5) 498	(2) 479
1995	(3) 673	(4) 689
1996	(3) 680	(6) 715
1997	(1) 634	(2) 641
1998	(2) 653	(1) 623
Avg.	(2.8) 660.6	(3.0) 662.6

State berths since '92: Snyder and Highland Park (6); El Campo, Austin Anderson and Bastrop (4); Montgomery, Andrews and Longview Pine Tree (3); Pampa and Grapevine Colleyville Heritage (2); Gregory-Portland, Ft. Stockton, Orange Little Cypress-Mauriceville, Burkburnett, Sherman, Austin Westlake, A&M Consolidated, New Braunfels Canyon, Mission Sharyland, Southlake Carroll and Brenham (1).

Sports Briefs

Tigers playoff series

The Snyder Tigers will face the Brownwood Lions in a three-game bi-district playoff series, beginning Friday at 7 p.m. at Crutcher Scott Field in Abilene.

Snyder will be the home team for the series opener, and the visitor for Game 2. Ticket prices will be $3 for adults and $2 for students.

ACS golf tournament

The American Cancer Society's Sword of Hope golf tournament will be Saturday at Western Texas College. Tee times will be at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The event will be a four-person scramble, with trophies awarded to the top three teams. Prizes will also be given for the longest drive and closest to the pin. Entry fees are $100 per team.

For more information, contact the WTC pro shop at 573-9291, or Wayne Monroney at 573-9920.

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

Pitching clinics scheduled

Pitching clinics for girls' fast-pitch softball are held every Wednesday. Classes are limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Steaking Mets top Astros

NEW YORK (AP) — Rick Reed pitched six solid innings in his first start since coming off the disabled list to lead the New York Mets to their sixth straight win, a 5-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Reed (2-0), making his first start since being placed on the DL with a slightly torn calf muscle April 12, allowed three runs and five hits while striking out six. At one point, the right-hander retired 11 straight against the National League's best hitting team.

Turk Wendell pitched two scoreless innings in relief and John Franco got three outs for his 10th save as the Mets snapped Houston's four-game winning streak.

The Mets loaded the bases against Astros starter Chris Holt (0-4) in the first inning and scored four times.

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Florida	6	20	.231	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	15	10	.600	-
St.Louis	14	10	.583	½
Chicago	12	11	.522	2
Pittsburgh	12	12	.500	2½
Milwaukee	11	14	.440	4
Cincinnati	10	14	.417	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	16	11	.593	-
LosAngeles	15	11	.577	½
Arizona	14	13	.519	2
Colorado	10	12	.455	3½
SanDiego	10	15	.400	5

Monday's Games

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San Diego 9, Philadelphia 3
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Atlanta 4, St. Louis 2
Colorado 6, Chicago 1
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
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Toronto	15	12	.556	2½
TampaBay	14	13	.519	3½
Boston	12	13	.480	4½
Baltimore	7	17	.292	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	18	7	.720	-
Chicago	13	10	.565	4
Detroit	12	14	.462	6½
KansasCity	10	13	.435	7
Minnesota	10	15	.400	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	14	12	.538	-
Anaheim	12	14	.462	2
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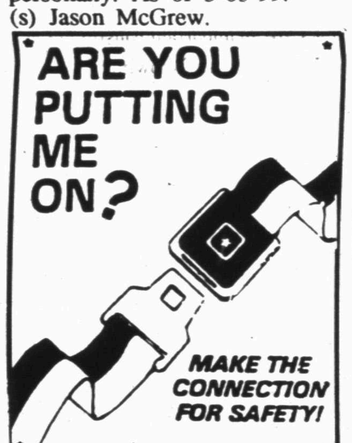
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DEAR READER: The Coumadin.

You raise two important issues.

First, there is no definitive research showing that Coumadin, when administered to patients in their 90s, will prevent strokes. Therefore, I question why he is taking such a powerful drug at all. The quality of his life has obviously been altered, he has become impossible to manage at home, and I am certain that his nursing home existence is upsetting to him. Why not give him drugs that will only improve his independence and make him comfortable? Coumadin is not in that category — for him.

In the second place, spontaneous bruising almost always means that the dose of Coumadin is excessive. When did he last have a test to measure the speed with which his blood coagulates? This measurement, called the prothrombin time, should be taken regularly, and his Coumadin dose adjusted accordingly. I suspect that he is presently over-medicated.

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Schools take threats, rumors seriously

WASHINGTON (AP) — The classroom-clearing bomb threats, rumors and other scares that followed the Littleton, Colo., school shooting took their toll. Students spent hours standing outside in parking lots and football fields; SAT exams were postponed; some schools shut down altogether.

Apparently none of the threats in the week after the April 20 Columbine High School shootings were substantiated. But schools took to heart what in other times and circumstances might have been dismissed as annoying pranks.

Copycat threats typically appear about a week after the event that inspired them, officials admit, but the scale of the Littleton massacre has changed the rules.

"Now, you will take every single kind of threat as if you know for certain it's going to occur because you don't have any choice," said Bruce Hunter, of the American Association of School Administrators. "It's considerable trouble, but it's worth it."

Schools nationwide are making the same call, even realizing they're at the mercy of copycats with bomb threats that turn out to be bogus. The student gunmen who shot to death 12 classmates and a teacher before killing themselves apparently had planted explosives at the 1,800-student school.

"Some schools have been more sensitive about it, but when it comes to security measures there's no such thing as overreacting," said Jesus Villahermosa, a deputy sheriff in Pierce County, Wash., who advises schools on security issues.

Villahermosa said at least 14 people statewide were arrested last week for bomb threats to schools.

Elsewhere:

— An Internet threat of a shooting Friday kept home all but 300 of the 2,100 students at a suburban Phoenix high school. Students feared that the April 30 anniversary of Adolf Hitler's suicide would spark a shooting. The Columbine killers struck on the Nazi leader's birthday.

— In Charlotte, N.C., on Friday classes and SAT testing scheduled at four schools were canceled. Police spent the weekend sweeping middle and high schools to make sure campuses were safe.

— District of Columbia schools, which received three days of threats last week, had to evacuate all 146 schools on one day.

Teachers can't keep lessons on track because most older students simply don't come back to school once it's cleared, said Barbara Bullock, president of the Washington Teachers Union.

"It's really interrupting instructional time," she said. "But God forbid the day you decide to ignore it."

Some officials blame the scrutiny. Nervous parents and a glaring media are watching every step, they say.

"These shootings are not the rule," said Villahermosa. "We need to quit focusing on them." He added that most school security issues involve non-custodial parents, turf battles that bring kids from other schools and drug dealing and abuse.

Since Columbine, said Hunter, "You can't say that you're not going to react anymore."

In the short-run, they say, they'll have to empty the buildings. Long-term, they hope peer pressure will take over. Enough canceled track meets, tests and band performances might make enough other kids sick of their peers' pranks.

Villahermosa just nabbed a student who's pulled the fire alarm at his school about a dozen times in the past two weeks; some buddies turned him in.

"They just got so tired of it," he said.

The courts appear to be coming down on pranksters too. An 18-year-old youth, who was not a student, faces fines of $2.6 million and 1,782 years in jail on dozens of charges in a phoned bomb threat that forced the evacuation of 66 schools in Schuylkill County, Pa.

Hunter predicts lawmakers will join schools in cracking down on threats and pranks. A Delaware legislator wants stiffer penalties for bomb threats, at least six months in prison for a first time, five years after that.

In Collier County in southwest Florida, officials are offering $50 rewards for legitimate information on students planning violence.

The policy affects all of the county's 34 schools and 34,000 students for the rest of the school year. Rewards will be given for information leading to the confiscation of weapons, firearms, bombs, confirmation of a bomb threat or another threat of violence.

"If it works, I may institute it permanently," interim Superintendent Dan White said Monday.



IN CONCERT — Justo Lamas of Buenos Aires, Argentina, presented a concert for Spanish language students Friday at Worsham Auditorium. Lamas released a CD in 1996 and one song, "Magdelena," climbed to the top of the Top 40 list in Argentina. Besides music, he also promotes a drug-free liftstyle. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Better flight recorders considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration is calling for faster installation of better flight recorders — the so-called black boxes — on Boeing 737 commercial jets.

The FAA proposal announced Monday comes in the wake of a National Transportation Safety Board finding that a jam in rudder-control valve caused the 1994 crash of USAir Flight 427 near Pittsburgh, killing all 132 people on board.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Social Snub Has Bride-to-Be Determined to Avoid Replay

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DEAR ABBY: I am an attractive, college-educated woman. For the past 18 months, I have been living with my boyfriend, "John," an attorney in a four-man firm. About six months ago, one of his partners threw a large, formal dinner to celebrate an important firm victory. Although I had met this partner and his wife (I'll call them Mel and Alice) many times, and they knew we lived together, the invitation came addressed to "John Doe and guest."

At the dinner, John was greeted warmly and introduced to the other guests, an assortment of accomplished and well-known local socialites. I was barely acknowledged and was left standing alone as John was escorted around the room. At dinner, I was seated at Alice's table. She never addressed a single comment to me, nor did she acknowledge any of my attempts to join the conversation.

Later, Alice approached each of the other ladies and invited them to join her for a tour of her beautiful home. She left me standing in the living room alone with the men. The snubbing was so pointed that later others commented on it to John. Being socially shy and insecure anyway, I was devastated.

John and I are being married soon. I do not want this nasty woman at my wedding. Even more, I do not want to give Alice the chance to snub me again by declining my invitation. John says we have no choice but to invite them. How should I handle this? It's eating me up.

STILL STEAMING IN S.F.

DEAR STILL STEAMING: I don't know what was eating your hostess, but don't let her appalling display of bad manners eat away at your self-esteem.

You have my sympathy, but if John feels it's necessary to invite his partners to the wedding, regard it as business and include everyone. It will be your chance to show one and all what a terrific life partner and helpmate John has selected. To do anything less than be gracious would reduce you to her level.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter about the teaching nun reminded me of the only teacher who treated me like I was someone special. His name was Mr. Fleming, and he was a teacher at Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook, Ill. I was a student there between 1966 and 1969.

I came from a large family. I had no confidence whatsoever and was suicidal at times. No one paid any attention to me, and I was going downhill. Then classes started, and all of a sudden there was this teacher who made each and every one of us feel important and that we could accomplish anything. Needless to say, there was always perfect attendance in his class.

The sister who instructed her students to each write down something nice about their fellow students was truly inspired. Luckily, I had Mr. Fleming — but for students who are not so fortunate, the sister's idea could be a real blessing. Teen-agers' feelings are so tender and fragile.

BEEN THERE IN PARKLAND, FLA.

DEAR BEEN THERE: Many former students have had teachers who influenced their lives in positive ways long after their school years were over. A wonderful way to repay the kindness is to write the teachers a letter and tell them what a difference they made. Such a letter would become a treasured keepsake.

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Five dead, up to 100 hurt in Kansas storms

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The howling storm ripped the roof off the Karr home as the family huddled in terror and disbelief.

"I was freaked out at that point. I was scared for my life," said 13-year-old Courtney Karr, who cowered with her 15-year-old sister, Jessie, and their parents as a killer tornado ripped their house apart.

Five people were killed and up to 100 people were injured by Monday night's twister in Wichita and its southern suburb of Haysville. Tornadoes spawned by the same storm killed more people in the Oklahoma City area 150 miles south.

Emergency officials surveyed the damage today and rescue workers went door-to-door looking for people who might be trapped or injured. Bob Thompson, a battalion chief for the Sedgwick County Fire Department, said there was a chance the death toll could rise.

"I don't think we've seen the end of it," he said.

Courtney watched in horror as the wind blew in the bay windows of her family's home.

"I've seen it on TV, but seeing it with my own eyes, tearing up my own home ... it is hard to explain," she said.

The family was trapped in the basement for about half an hour until the storm subsided.

The twister cut a path 3¼ miles wide and 10 miles long through Haysville and southern Wichita.

Most of the destruction was in Haysville, where parts of the older business district were demolished, including a bank, real estate company, chiropractor's office, a 10-unit apartment complex and several homes.

Railroad tracks were uprooted and sheet metal was wrapped around trees near the ruins of the two-block long Norland Plastics plant.

Gov. Bill Graves declared Sedgwick County a disaster area early today and ordered out the National Guard, which set up a temporary morgue and an aid station.

In Wichita, two trailer parks were devastated. Insulation and fragments of metal and lumber littered the ground.

Datebook

May 4, 1999

Today is the 124th day of 1999 and the 46th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1904, the United States took possession of the area that would become the Panama Canal Zone.

On this day in 1959, Domenico Modugno won the record of the year award, for "Volare," at the first annual Grammy Awards.

On this day in 1970, National Guard troops opened fire on students protesters at Kent State University in Ohio, killing four and wounding 11.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Horace Mann (1796-1859), educator; Howard Da Silva (1909-1986), actor-director; Audrey Hepburn (1929-1993), actress; Roberta Peters (1930-), opera singer, is 69; George F. Will (1941-) political columnist, is 58; Randy Travis (1959-), singer, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Dave Kingman hit a pop fly that stuck to the ceiling of the Metrodome. He was credited with a ground-rule double.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever." — Horace Mann

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PRESENT PROGRAM — Three early childhood classes at West Elementary recently helped present a musical program. Esther Clarady's students (top photo) are from left, front row, David Groves, Gavian Hernandez, Michael Seale, LaTasha Seale, Fidel Solis, Joel Torres, Malinda Martinez; back row, Tyler Mayes, Steven Seale, Stephanie Hart, B.J. Rodriguez, Mario Hernandez, Mark Garcia, Andrew Breshers. Diane Hogan's students (middle photo) are from left, front row, Joey Alvarez, Tristan Farmer, Christopher Brasher, Bobby Martinez, LeAnn Hall; back row, Mario Ortega, Danny Gunderson, Amber Diaz, Kiersten Price, Chevy Wagner. Lisa Roemisch's students (bottom photo) are from left, front row, Haley Beall, Bennie Wright, James Boyer, Chaz Benningfield, Monica Torres; back row, Dominique Diaz, Timmy Hart, Rodney Parrish, Mikey Kirby, Victor Ruiz. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Soybean research may aid people with cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Department scientists are searching through leftovers from soybean oil and protein extraction for components that might help cancer-free people avoid the disease.

The idea, according to the Agricultural Research Service, is to turn DNA-friendly compounds, called chemoprotectants, into food additives and pharmaceuticals. Some natural and synthetic chemicals cause DNA disruptions that sometimes result in malignancies, but chemoprotectants help protect against irreversible cell damage, ARS said.

Soybeans and other foods contain substances called antioxidants that can help prevent cell mutations. Some of the antioxidant soy extracts, which are called isoflavones, are marketed as food additives.

ARS scientists at the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, Ill., and other scientists at the University of Illinois in Champaign are looking for new chemoprotectants.

The soy leftovers make up a gooey molasses that has been used as livestock feed. Chemoprotectants isolated from the leftovers could become, pound for pound, more valuable than the main processed soy products. A light brown powder called phytochemical concentrate, or PCC, isolated from the molasses, contains a mixture of these potent materials.

In the research, university scientists are exposing cell cultures of Chinese hamster lungs and ovaries to PCC components prepared by the ARS scientists. Then they challenge the cells with a chemical known to induce tumors. Later, they assess DNA breakage in the cells and identify the most protective PCCs.

In preliminary studies, mice fed certain PCC components seem to be protected from some forms of cell damage. These components include molecules that are much more antimutagenic than flavonoids, which are antioxidants found in many foods.

The research, supported in part by the United Soybean Board, may serve as a model for research on other foods, ARS said.

2 tests may catch cancer of prostate earlier than before

DALLAS (AP) — A new blood test combined with one already on the market could offer men a cheaper and less invasive way to determine their risk for prostate cancer, a new study says.

Dr. William J. Catalona, a professor of urologic surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis who conducted the study, said Monday the two tests also catch cancers earlier than the traditional timetable for biopsies.

Every year, an estimated 184,500 American men develop prostate cancer and more than 41,000 die from it, according to the American Cancer Society. Early detection increases the chances of survival.

Used in combination, the blood tests could become an early alternative to surgery since doctors are cautious about ordering biopsies for patients with slightly elevated levels of cancer markers, Catalona said.

Men age 40 and older, and those with high risks of prostate cancer, have typically received annual Tandem free prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, tests since the early 1990s.

The PSA test shows when protein levels rise in the bloodstream, an indicator of cancer, possibly because it escapes from the prostate as tissue is destroyed.

The new test, known as hK2, measures the human kallikrein 2 enzyme. Both it and the older test were developed by Hybritech Inc. of San Diego, which funded Catalona's study.

Catalona's team studied 937 men. The study showed that the two tests used together identified 91 percent of the men who were cancer-free and 40 percent of those who had prostate cancer and needed further evaluation.

The combination of tests could help catch as much as 95 percent of prostate cancers and reduce needless biopsies in the group by 20 percent, the researchers said.

"There is a need to catch cancer at a more curable level," said Catalona, who added that the hK2 test needs fine-tuning. He presented to his findings to a meeting of the American Urological Association.

Prostate trouble is a common problem for aging men. The walnut-sized gland, which is involved in semen production, frequently becomes enlarged in older men and is susceptible to cancer.

Currently, men with an intermediate PSA level of 2.5 to 4 nanograms per milliliter are often told to wait and have the test repeated later instead of having a biopsy immediately. A biopsy is more likely to be ordered when the PSA count is 4 or higher.

An expert not involved in the study said the PSA ranges are not an absolute guide to who needs biopsies but are instead a weathervane.

Dr. John Whitesel, chief of urology at the University of Colorado, said an additional test "certainly would help us diagnose sooner."

Poetry community stood by Smith

BOSTON (AP) — Patricia Smith, the columnist who was forced to resign from The Boston Globe, doesn't mince words in the title of her new one-woman show.

In "Professional Suicide, A Day or Two in the Life of a Woman Who Single-handedly Ruined American Journalism," Smith explores how she coped with the scandal and its aftermath.

Smith quit as a metro columnist for The Globe in June 1998, after she admitted fabricating people and quotes in some of her columns.

Smith, a poet, said her experiences last year drew her closer to other poets.

"When it was over, I realized that the only community that I felt I really owed anything to was the poetry community," Smith said Monday.

"Because when people in journalism who I thought were friends outside of our jobs just kind of freaked out and left skid marks running in the other direction, the poetry community rose up and went around me and just sheltered me," Smith said.

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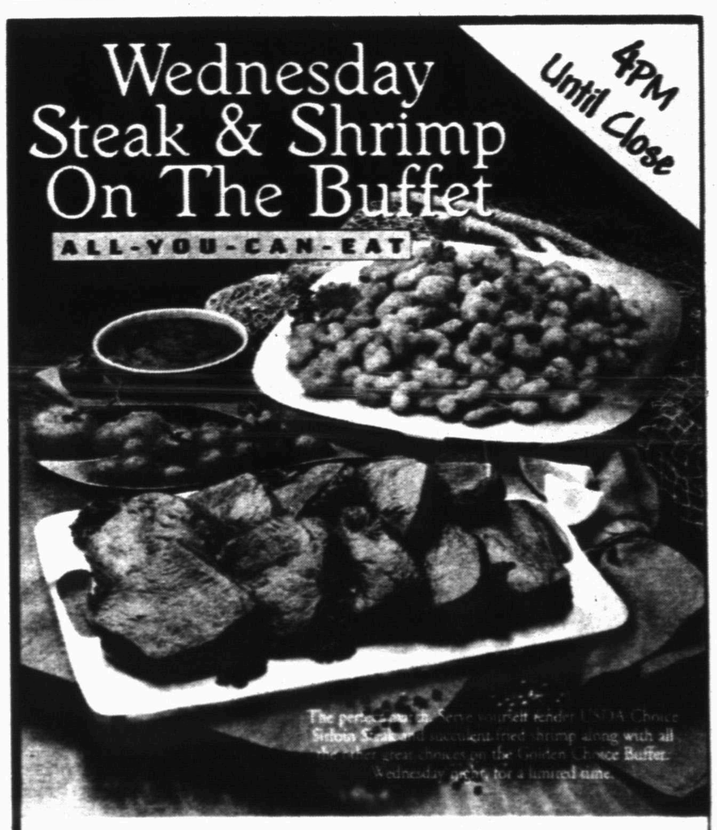
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In Kosovo...

Russian diplomacy pursues peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia's diplomatic offensive to bring peace to Kosovo is getting an unexpected boost from President Clinton, whose top foreign policy advisers met for a second day today with former Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

The president is offering both a pause in the deadly NATO bombing of Yugoslavia and negotiations on a peacekeeping force for Kosovo.

Clinton made the offer Monday with softer rhetoric than he has used since NATO began its air campaign March 24. The message is one that Chernomyrdin can take to Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, with a little more leverage than he had on his two previous rounds of talks with President Slobodan Milosevic.

Although U.S. officials said no breakthrough is expected, Chernomyrdin met for an hour today with Vice President Al Gore, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, national security adviser Sandy Berger and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott following a 2½-hour meeting Clinton held with Chernomyrdin on Monday.

Russian Ambassador Yury Ishakov telephoned Gore's office at 8:45 a.m. to request the meeting, a spokesman for the vice president said.

Later, Chernomyrdin was due to meet U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in New York.

On Capitol Hill, the Senate today set aside Sen. John McCain's effort to give President Clinton unsought authority to use "all necessary force" to win in Yugoslavia. McCain bitterly accused the president of being "prepared to lose a war" rather than consider ground forces.

The vote in the Republican-led chamber was 78-22, approving a leadership motion to table — or set aside — McCain's measure.

Clinton, meanwhile, was flying to NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, tonight for an update on the air war from NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana and then to Germany to meet with U.S. troops involved in humanitarian efforts and with some Kosovo refugees.

Car crashes into schoolyard, two children killed, 5 hurt

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — A Cadillac plowed into a crowd of children outside a day care center, killing two toddlers and injuring five other people. Witnesses said the driver appeared to act deliberately, and he was arrested for investigation of murder.

Steven Allen Abrams, 39, of Santa Ana may have been upset with the Southcoast Early Childhood Learning Center and intentionally crashed the car through a fence and into the schoolyard Monday evening, police said.

"He accelerated to about 35 mph to 40 mph and right when he got to the preschool, he made a sharp turn, and what witnesses say was intentional, ran into the schoolyard," Lt. Ron Smith said. The car came to a stop under a tree.

Police said they found Abrams in a daze behind the wheel but said there were no signs that he was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Police found no skid marks or other evidence that Abrams tried to stop the brown 1967 Cadillac, and Smith said he didn't express any remorse afterward.

Abrams was led away in handcuffs past a crowd of angry neighbors, parents and workers from a nearby church who jeered at him.

"You feel so helpless because you can't pull them out," said Adam Brown, a youth pastor from the Lighthouse Coastal Community Church, across the street from the school.

A 4-year-old girl, Sierra Soto, was pinned under the car and died at the scene. A 3-year-old boy, identified by the coroner as Brandon Wiener, was transported to Hoag Hospital but died about an hour after the accident.

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Couple arrested on felony charges for stealing dogs

Felony warrants out of Nolan County saw two subjects transported to jail Monday.

Johnny Fuentez and Claudette Sue Fuentez, both 39 and of 2104 41st Street, were arrested by officers at 7:09 p.m. in the 2100 block of 41st Street on outstanding Nolan County warrants for theft of service/dogs.

The pair were originally arrested in early March and charged with Class B Misdemeanor theft. The couple are accused of stealing several dogs in the Sweetwater area and selling them.

Over 13 days in February, three pit bulls, three pugs, one mini-Doberman, one boxer and two Chihuahuas were reported missing in Sweetwater.

One other felony arrest was made Monday.

Orlando Aviles, 36, of 1413 22nd Street was booked into the Scurry County Jail at 9:21 a.m. on a warrant for parole revocation.

An 18-year-old female was taken into custody by officers at 1:50 p.m. on a misdemeanor warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Deputies arrested an 18-year-old male at 4:40 p.m. at the sheriff's office on an outstanding warrant for criminal mischief.

In other activity, deputies filed an offense report for attempted suicide at 2:20 p.m. in reference to a 58-year-old male overdosing.

The man was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital. However, the hospital was unable to release any information concerning his condition.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 6:56 a.m. in the 1300 block of East Coliseum Drive. Involved were a 1988 Ford Ranger driven by Stephanie Shifflett, 22, of 4100 Brick Plant Road, Apt. 43, and a 1979 Chevrolet Capric Classic driven by Benito Benavidez of 2804 Avenue Q.

Obituaries



Mary Chauncy

Mary Chauncy

1909-1999

Graveside service for Mary Olive Chauncy, longtime Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Wayne Shuffield, her son-in-law, and Dr. Wayne Shuffield Jr., her grandson, will officiate.

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

Mrs. Chauncy, 89, died Sunday, May 2, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born on Nov. 23, 1909 in Eastland County, she married Cecil M. Chauncy on June 1, 1928 in Eastland. He died Oct. 15, 1964.

Mrs. Chauancy had worked as a cook for Battenfield-Jones Hospital, Cogdell Memorial Hospital and area nursing homes until her retirement.

Mrs. Chauncy was preceded in death by a daughter, Charlotte Shuffield; a daughter-in-law, Peggy Chauncy; and son-in-law, Larry Burrows.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Jimmie Roemisch of Hermleigh, and Belva Jean Burrows of Kermit; one son and daughter-in-law, Glen and Marilyn Chauncy of Snyder; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also surviving are three special friends — Tommie McGinty, Mary Pearson and Olivia Griffith.

Memorials may be made to the Charlotte Chauncy Shuffield Memorial Scholarship Fund at Hardin-Simmons University.

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Janetta Whetsel

1928-1999

Funeral service for Janetta Whetsel, 71, of Snyder is set for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Darold Baldwin, director of missions for the Sweetwater, Mitchell and Scurry Baptist Association, will officiate.

Burial will follow at 4 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of Big Spring First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Whetsel, a longtime Snyder resident, died Monday at her residence after a lengthy illness.

She was born on March 16, 1928 in Big Spring and married R.D. Whetsel on Jan. 1, 1948 in Big Spring. He died in 1990. Mrs. Whetsel had lived in Snyder since 1971 and was a member of Morningside Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and enjoyed doing volunteer work at East Elementary. She had previously lived in Wink.

Mrs. Whetsel was preceded in death by one sister, Bonnie Melton.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Duchess and Elbert Klein of Snyder; one son, Troy Whetsel of Bell Buckle, Tenn., her mother, Cleo Byers of Big Spring; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dewey Byers of Big Spring, Melvin and Shirley Byers of Siloam Springs, Ark., and Jimmy and Laverne Byers of Eden; a sister-in-law, Emily Whetsel of Forsan; a sister-in-law and niece who helped in her care, Bernice Little and Doylene Raney, both of Midland; one grandson, T.J. Whetsel of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to Vista Family Hospice, 3210 East 11th Place, Big Spring 79720, and the Allison Cancer Center, 301 N. Ave. N, Midland 79701.

Alice Loso

1905-1999

Graveside service for Alice Leone Loso is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Cemetery. Owen Sharp, family hospice chaplain, will officiate. Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Loso, 93, died Sunday, May 2, at her home in Snyder.

Born on Aug. 19, 1905 in Louise, Tex., she married Floyd Loso on Oct. 4, 1922 in Jackson County. He died in 1977. Mrs. Loso moved to Snyder in 1923 from Jackson County.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Loso; a daughter, Avalon Rogers; and a grandson, James Keene.

Survivors include two daughters, Olia Clifton of Snyder and Floy Keene of Camp Verde, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Ernest Corley

1918-1999

SWEETWATER — Ernest C. Corley, a former Scurry County resident, died at 1:45 a.m. today in Abilene's Coronado Nursing Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Corley, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Malcolm Brown will officiate and burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born June 14, 1918 in Mountain Air, N.M., he married Ruth Kidd in 1940 in Roscoe.

Mr. Corley attended Hermleigh schools and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a carpenter and a member of the First Baptist Church in Clyde where he had lived about 10 years before moving to Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Corley, in 1969.

Survivors include three daughters, Nita Rannefeld of Sweetwater, Sheryl Butman of Abilene and Ann Curtis of Baird; a son, David Corley of Arlington; two brothers, Blakley Fargason and Hugh Fargason, both of Dunn; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army or to the Medical Care Missions, 302 Medical Drive in Abilene.

Dr. Gott

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that he discontinue it. Make every effort to attend the next resident-evaluation meeting to discuss issues such as occupational/physical therapy, nutrition, comfort measures, drug treatment, long-term goals and other important topics. In this way, you (and your family) will be able to play an important role in your husband's care. Just because he is in a nursing home doesn't mean that your input, with respect to his management, should not be considered.

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ONGOINGS

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 tonight. A chapter and council meeting will follow.

"Spring Fling With God"

Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a "Spring Fling With God" celebration through Wednesday. John Barrett, Methodist evangelist from the New Mexico Conference, is the speaker. Each evening begins at 6:30 with Childrens Bible Bowl before the 7 p.m. service. Each day at noon there is a brown bag lunch. A nursery is provided.

National Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer will begin at 7 a.m. Thursday with a prayer time followed by a 7:30 Continental breakfast sponsored by East Side Church of Christ in its multipurpose building. A noon service, sponsored by First Baptist Church, will be held at Snyder City Hall.

Stanfield playground dedication

Dedication of the playground at Stanfield Elementary will be held from 9-11 a.m. Thursday. Everyone is invited to the come-and-go event.

All-Sports Banquet

The SHS All-Sports Banquet will be held from 7 to midnight Thursday at the Jack Greene Ranch. Tickets for non-varsity athletes, dates and parents may be purchased for $5 at the high school office before noon the day of the banquet. Dress will be school attire.

Support the Tigers

SHS Booster Club urges fans to wear Tiger Baseball shirts to the playoff game against Brownwood at 7:30 Friday in Abilene. To purchase a shirt, call 573-9416, 573-8817 or 574-6080.

Hermleigh Central Baptist Church

The church will conduct a study on Israel with Arlen Chitwood of Lawton, Okla. on Thursday at 6:30 p.m., Friday at 6:30 and 8 p.m., and Saturday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Ritz reservations

Reservations for the Ritz musical comedy, "Smoke on the Mountain," may be made by calling 573-8880 from 2 to 5 p.m. daily. Tickets are $7 and performances are set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 Sunday. Performances are also set May 14-15-16.

Senior Center May Day

May Day, the Senior Center annual fundraiser, will be held Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum, starting at 2 p.m. A barbecue meal will be served from 4:30 to 6 p.m., followed by the quilt auction.

Scout garage sale

Boy and Cub Scouts will hold a garage sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the former Lone Star Gas building at 27th and Ave. R. Proceeds will go to purchase scout awards. For information, call James Garvin at 573-3310.

Car wash

Hermleigh High School cheerleaders will be having a car wash from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at Long John Silver's. Donations will fund cheerleading camp and uniforms.

SHS class of 1939

The SHS classes of 1938 and 1940 are invited to the class of '39 coffee Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Retired teachers meeting

Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack for the installation of new officers.

Band boosters to meet

Snyder High School band boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the band hall.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira Sports Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, in the old gym. Cost of the meal is $6. All junior and senior high school athletes, parents and family are invited. Meals for athletes will be provided by the Ira Booster Club.

GED testing dates announced

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams Saturday, May 22, and Saturday, June 26, at 8:30 a.m. Any person who is not enrolled in high school, has not graduated from high school, is at least 16 years old, and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7½ hours to complete. Examinees need not take all tests in one sitting. For pre-registration and more details call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ext. 246.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of god, 1900 Trinity Blvd, is accepting items for their garade sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Cash Five

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

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