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Ask Us

Q.-What is the suggested date for planting cotton in Scurry County this year?

A.-The uniform date for planting cotton in Scurry County is Monday, May 22.

Local

Concert

The Snyder Junior High band concert is set for 7:30 tonight in the Worsham Auditorium.

Pond

Scurry County officials remind citizens that today's planned kill of fish and cleaning of the pond has been postponed.

Yearbooks

Snyder Junior High has several 1994-95 Tiger Times yearbooks for sale. They may be purchased for $14 at the office or Room 113.

One-Act

The final hometown performance of the state winning one-act play will be held at 8:45 tonight in the Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School. Admission is $2.

School Friday

Friday, originally scheduled as a school holiday, will be a regular school day for Snyder students and teachers. It will be used as a makeup for the bad weather day taken on Jan. 2.

Car wash

Snyder Youth Bowlers will have a car wash from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kmart parking lot. Proceeds will help send the bowlers to the state tournament.

Healthcare

A family supper will be held at Snyder Healthcare Center at 6 p.m. Thursday. Family members are asked to bring Mexican food, salad and desserts.

Junior high

Snyder Junior High graduation party will be held Saturday from 8 until 11 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall. The event is for 8th graders only, and admission is $3 per student.

Receptions

A retirement reception for SISD teachers Monette and Bob O'Day will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church.

A retirement reception honoring Dolores Ayala, an aide at East Elementary, will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the school library.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 83 degrees; low, 51 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 51 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 4.94 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the lower 50s. Light wind. Friday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 80s. South wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:35. Sunrise Friday, 7:35. Of 137 days in 1995, the sun has shone 126 days in Snyder.

DONATES BLOOD — Doris Spikes, who serves on the boards of Martha Ann Woman's Club and the American Cancer Society and is president of the Atheneum Study Club, took time to donate blood Wednesday at the United Blood Services drive, sponsored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Also pictured is UBS technician Gerald Johnson of Lubbock. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tank hijacker killed by police

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A man commandeered a 63-ton Army tank and rampaged through neighborhoods, flattening utility poles, fire hydrants and row upon row of cars before crashing on a freeway. He was shot and killed by police.

No bystanders were injured Wednesday evening after the theft from a National Guard armory. The tank's weapons — a 105 mm cannon, 12.7 mm anti-aircraft gun and 7.62 mm machine gun — were not loaded, said Maj. Ed Gale.

Police helplessly chased the tank until it crashed into a 3-foot-tall highway divider and got stuck.

"The guy was just going crazy," said Kelly Bird, who said he saw at least 25 cars flattened. "He was mowing cars over."

Tread marks led up to one 1983 Cadillac, which was smashed down to a height of 2½ feet.

The driver was identified as Shawn Nelson. Authorities were unsure how he managed to steal the M-60 tank from the armory, where 10 tanks were stored.

"He may have represented himself as a contractor," Gale said. "Someone in the Marine Corps or Army over the last 30 years would have the knowledge to disengage the safety systems."

The tank smashed through an armory gate about 6:45 p.m. and rumbled through quiet suburban neighborhoods at up to 30 mph. San Diego Gas and Electric officials said the tank bowled over power lines, knocking out electricity to about 5,100 customers in the area.

"He didn't go down the center of the street," said resident Bill Pinol. "It seems he just wanted to get the utilities and cause as much as damage without hurting people."

Tanks are not uncommon on the streets surrounding the armory. "But we don't expect them to attack us," said resident Lisa Zaliausks.

Nelson then drove onto Interstate 805 and Highway 163 before crashing into the divider, said police Capt. Skip DiCerchio.

Four officers leaped onto the tank and opened the hatch with bolt cutters. They shouted at Nelson to surrender, but he tried to restart the tank.

One shot was fired, and Nelson was hit in the neck, DiCerchio said. Cathy Spearnak of Sharp Memorial Hospital said Nelson died of "gunshot wounds."

House rejects Demo budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a giant step for the Republican revolution, the House moved toward passage today of a balanced budget plan, first rejecting a conservative Democratic alternative designed to cushion the blow on Medicare and other federal programs.

The vote was 325-100 to reject the rival plan, which would have erased deficits by 2002 without leaving room for the tax cuts Republicans approved earlier this spring.

Rep. John Kasich, the Ohio Republican who chairs the Budget Committee, countered: "It's in the right direction, but in the right direction is not good enough when you're in the middle of a revolution."

Several other alternatives remained to be voted on before Republican leaders put their own measure to a vote — confident of passage.

That blueprint would dramatically change the face of government, eliminating hundreds of federal programs.

Blood drive nets 95 pints

A total of 95 units were drawn in Snyder during a United Blood Services drive held Tuesday and Wednesday.

One-gallon pins were presented to Nona Williams, Wesley Everett, Jessie Pierson, Pat Helms, Shirley Tovar, Joee Gainer and Trish Payne.

A two-gallon pin was awarded to Bill Schiebel and a four-gallon pin was presented to Jack Fulford. Bill Wood was given a six-gallon pin.

Winners of gift certificates to Jaramillo's were Mark Henson, Mary Ramos, Paula Bazozowski, Sherry Dickerson, Shirley Tovar, Bill Payne and Jose Castillo. Certificates from the Spanish Inn went to Homer Godair, Edna Bilberry, Christine Smauley, Ida Stokes, Brian Crawford and Bill Daves.

Winner of Subway certificates were Mike Taylor, Sheila Green, Bob Travis, Sheila Harless, Pat Helms and Michael Velasquez.

Winner of a car wash from Todd's Car Wash was Wes Everett and Janet Spence. Winner of the Willow Park Sunday buffet for two was Sheila Green.

From Fort Worth...

Water district gets general manager

BIG SPRING — A Fort Worth engineer, 41-year-old John W. Grant, was chosen today to become the third general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

The CRMWD board approved the search committee's recommendation at this morning's board meeting. Grant will join the district June 26 and will succeed O.H. Ivie.

Ivie joined the water district in 1953 and has served as its chief executive officer since April 22, 1965. Ivie will retire on Oct. 1.

"We were pleasantly surprised by the number and quality of the candidates," said CRMWD board president John L. Taylor. "It was the opinion of the board that Mr. Grant's age, background and ability to join with existing district staff to form an exceptional management team were keys to the decision."

Taylor cited Grant's extended tenure at the engineering firm of Freese and Nichols as well as his association with the water transmission system as major factors in his selection.

"I'm excited about the opportunity before me," the general manager designee said. "To have the opportunity to work with the quality people who make up an organization like the CRMWD is a dream come true."

Grant has been with Freese and Nichols since 1976. He has served as an engineering technician, project designer, project manager and associate. Since 1991, Grant has been assistant department manager of the pump station and pipeline department.

In that capacity, Grant served as the number two person to L.B. Freese, one of the firm's senior partners. In this capacity he had oversight over a number of engineeers and technicians.

Taylor said Grant has been responsible for the professional quality of a number of multi-million dollar projects. Additionally, he has vast experience in

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JOHN GRANT

Volleyball, steaks awaiting seniors

There's just one week before Snyder High School seniors graduate. Meanwhile senior activities are in full swing.

The annual senior volleyball tournament will start at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the high school.

The traditional Senior Steak Supper will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Baccalaureate service is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

Speaker will be Dr. Don Newbury, president of Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

Dr. Newbury was president of Western Texas College in Snyder from 1981 to 1986.

Final exams for Snyder seniors will be Tuesday and Wednesday. On Friday, May 26, graduation practice will be held at 10 a.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Graduation will begin at 8 p.m. next Friday at the coliseum. In addition to diplomas, various scholarships to graduating seniors will be announced.

Following the ceremony, parents will host the traditional all-night senior party.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The wages of sin are never reduced, but rarely go unreported."

College graduation has already passed, and commencement time for the three county high schools is just around the corner.

While many will continue their formal education, others will be looking for a spot in an already-tight job market. Most of us have an image of the ideal job, but often we find that work is actually involved.

It's refreshing to find a person who actually enjoys his or her work.

An organization called 9to5 recently conducted a bad-boss contest in conjunction with last month's Secretary's Day observance.

The winners almost fit the Ripley's Believe It or Not category:

--One boss reportedly made his administrative assistant provide the urine sample for his annual drug test.

--A manager of a big-city restaurant made one of the waitresses wax the hair on his back.

A marketing manager required his administrative assistant to assemble a sexual device.

--The winner: a boss who had his assistant put his pet dog to sleep for him.

Some of those are so outrageous that just fetching coffee looks fairly reasonable.

On a brighter note, we read where they were looking for a famous golf saying to be inscribed in the Golf Hall of Fame in Pinehurst, N.C.

The first selected is one of the most often-used expressions that the bewildering game of golf has ever produced.

It's "Oh, No!"

Ira, Hermleigh graduation Friday

Fifteen due Ira diplomas

Fifteen seniors and sixteen eighth graders will graduate Friday night at Ira School. The joint ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the new gym.

Jack Darnell, pastor of Ira Church of God, will be the guest speaker. Tommy Hancock, principal, will present scholarships and recommend the high school and eighth grade candidates for graduation. Rick Howard, superintendent, and Kirby Sterling will present high school and eighth grade diplomas.

The honor students of both the senior and eighth grade classes will give short addresses. High school honor students include Kristi Sorrells, valedictorian, daughter of Ray and Betty Sorrells of Ira, and Jay Nettles, salutatorian, son of Eddie Nettles of Ira and Donna Nettles of Las Cruces, N.M.

Carla Smith, daughter of Carl and Debbie Smith of Ira, is the eighth grade valedictorian and Lindsy Josey, daughter of Rodney and Cindy Josey of Ira, is the salutatorian.

Billy Mebane, senior class vice president, will give the welcome and Jennifer Northcott, senior class president, will give the invocation. Jennifer Rankin, senior class treasurer, will give the benediction.

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Hermleigh

Class of 1995

Ira

Twelve march at Hermleigh

Hermleigh senior and eighth graders will graduate Friday in a joint ceremony beginning at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The theme is "All for one and one for all."

David Frazier, Snyder High School ag teacher, will be the guest speaker.

Short addresses will be given by the valedictorian and salutatorian of each graduating class.

High school honor students include valedictorian Chris Roemisch, son of Jay and Donna Roemisch, and salutatorian Charles Sweatt, son of James and Vivian Rinehart.

Representing the junior high will be Josh Hudgins, valedictorian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hudgins, and Jennifer Roemisch, salutatorian and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roemisch.

Clarence Spieker, principal, will present awards and Jerry Church, superintendent, and Milton Adams, school board president, will hand out diplomas.

Spieker will also introduce the speaker and Mary Spieker is in charge of the tassel ceremony.

Brendan Blair will give the invocation and Beatrice Garza will give the benediction. Bradley Roemisch will give the senior class history. RexAnne Clark will play both the processional and the

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Bill to force Lotto payment appears doomed in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — A New Jersey police officer appears to have little chance Texas lawmakers will be able to help him claim the $10.4 million he won in the Texas lottery last year.

With the Texas Legislature's session winding down, it seems like lawmakers won't get around to legislation aimed at preventing the lottery from getting into an expensive legal battle with Scott Wenner of Riverside, N.J.

Wenner's saga began when he paid $2 for the $1 ticket at a Pennsylvania hardware store that was selling tickets for a company called Pic-A-$tate, which actually bought the prize ticket at a north Houston liquor store.

The Texas Lottery Commission announced in January that Wenner wouldn't be paid because Texas law prevents the resale of tickets for higher prices and prohibits sales outside the state. The state also said that Pic-A-$tate was not licensed by Texas to sell lottery tickets.

Wenner, 37, and his lawyers contend the ticket was purchased legally in Texas and the state has a legal and moral obligation to pay up.

A House committee approved the bill introduced by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, but it has not gone before the full House for a vote and it's not scheduled to be heard.

Wilson said he doubted his bill would get out of the House Calendars Committee because "they don't want to pay the money."

Unless action is taken on the bill, it will die at session's end May 29.

Joe Polino, Wenner's lawyer, says they have been unable to find out about the status of the bill from Wilson's office and have more or less given up hope that the Legislature will authorize the payment of the jackpot.

"We really do not expect any action on that front. Our next move will be in federal court where we will pursue the lawsuit," Polino said. "We feel we have a really good case, and we feel strongly that the state should pay."

Pick 3

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

5-6-5

(five, six, five)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $11 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 21, 27, 30, 31 and 33.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be $18 million.

FAA fires, suspends six inspectors over falsified pilot ratings

WASHINGTON (AP) — A desire to show off licenses to fly vintage airplanes cost some aviation inspectors and examiners their jobs and may lead to criminal charges.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday it has fired or suspended six inspectors and a dozen private examiners over the issuing of falsified pilot rating certificates. None of the faked ratings was used to fly in commercial service, the FAA said.

"It's amazing professionals would risk their entire careers in this kind of act," said Anthony J. Broderick, the FAA's associate administrator for regulation and certification.

The examiners and inspectors falsified documents to certify one another and friends as able to fly such planes as the World War II B-25 and B-17 bombers, C-46 cargo carrier, prewar Ford Tri-Motor and some types of corporate planes, Broderick said.

Of the six FAA inspectors investigated, two have retired, one was fired and one resigned in lieu of being fired. The other two have had their right to conduct inspections suspended and are still under investigation.

Of 12 designated examiners — private individuals who conduct pilot exams for a fee — being investigated, eight have had their powers to test pilots suspended, while the other four had already become inactive. In the one case where the investigation is complete, the examiner has lost his pilot's license.

In addition, 11 pilots are under investigation in the case, Broderick said. He withheld the names of those involved.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Avoid salt, sunning on next vacation

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: While on vacation in Mexico last year, my ankles swelled one day and by the next, my whole body was blown up. A local doctor gave me a shot and water pills and blamed the sun. This year in Hawaii, the same thing happened. What could cause this to happen to a person who has always enjoyed sunning?

DEAR READER: There are several reasons why a sudden change in climate might cause a person to retain excess salt and, hence, water in the body.

First, a trip to Mexico or Hawaii usually involves an alteration of diet. In your case, you may well have consumed more salt than usual, starting with airline fare and, perhaps, including fish and condiments.

When faced with a sudden influx of sodium, the body may take several days to adjust to the new salt load. Fluid retention (edema) often results, until the kidneys can excrete the excess mineral.

Such fluid accumulation may be worsened by a warm humid climate, as the metabolism strives to achieve a new balance. As you know, such an adjustment is common in northern climes as well, leading to an increase in blood volume that causes the lassitude we term "spring fever."

Finally, the sun also plays a role. Ultraviolet light readily burns untanned and unprotected skin. This produces an initial edema of the skin (and, often, the underlying tissues as well), until the skin adapts to the sun's effects.

During your next southern holiday, I recommend that you severely limit salt in your diet and go easy on the sun for the first few days. Further, you might ask your family physician if the use of a prescription diuretic, such as Dyazide, might help you avoid edema when you travel.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can a nurse tell a person's blood pressure by a pulse beat?

DEAR READER: The traditional Western medical teaching is that an observer, no matter how keen, cannot determine the blood pressure by feeling the pulse. In fact, tomes have been written about the correct method to obtain blood pressure readings with the standard cuff, the proper use of which takes training and experience.

Nonetheless, proponents of Eastern alternative medicine point to the fact that their practitioners claim to be able to discover an amazing array of information — including blood pressure — by carefully noting the quality of the pulse beat.

I am not qualified to judge whether this practice is valid. Because my training is in Western medicine, I prefer to obtain blood pressure readings with familiar equipment that I know is accurate and scientifically valid. I suspect that most nurses would agree.

To give you more information on hypertension (high blood pressure), I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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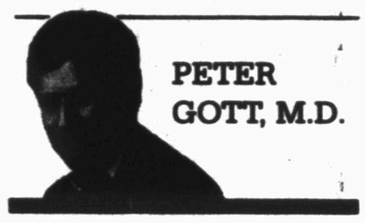

PETER GOTT, M.D.

Dear Abby by Abigail Van Buren

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'Silly' Advice to Pregnant Teen Meets With Stern Disapproval

DEAR ABBY: I have been a faithful reader of your column for many years. I felt I must write to you concerning your response to the 15-year-old girl signed "Sorry." She was in her seventh month of pregnancy, the baby's father was seeing another girl, and she said the only person who had treated her "halfway decent" was the nice lady at Planned Parenthood.

While the girl's story certainly serves as a sad example of the moral state of our society, I find it hard to understand why you did not take her at her word when she stated her purpose in writing was to "convince other young girls to say no to sex until they get married." She did not ask you for advice, and it seems obvious to me that, considering the fact that the Planned Parenthood Federation is the largest provider of abortions in the world, the "nice lady" who befriended her there has already taken care of her little problem. This is, of course, a tragedy since an innocent infant has been murdered. But your endorsement of this organization is also tragic.

I hope to God I am mistaken — that she is still pregnant. However, if this is the case, your suggestion about her contacting a "state agency" about child support is laughable. Don't you realize that, considering her story, her chances of collecting child support from her boyfriend are literally nonexistent?

Please, think before offering a minor in dire straits such silly advice. If, by some miracle, you publish this letter, I should be proud to have my name attached to it.

THOMAS M. D'ALESSANDRO,
STRATFORD, N.J.

DEAR MR. D'ALESSANDRO: I think it's safe to assume that the girl is still pregnant, since she stated in her letter that the baby is due in June.

But thank you for giving me the chance to point out that Planned Parenthood offers a wide range of reproductive health services that go far beyond abortion — although the agency prides itself on being a pro-choice organization. Among the other services Planned Parenthood provides are breast and pelvic exams; screening for sexually transmitted diseases for both men and women; premarital blood testing in those states that require it; contraceptive services; sterilization consultation and procedures for both men and women; and prenatal care, including professional advice on nutrition, exercise, pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum care.

I recommended that "Sorry" return to Planned Parenthood and speak to the "nice lady" because I knew the young woman would receive the reproductive health care she needed in a supportive atmosphere, as well as guidance through the maze of the child support bureaucracy. My advice still stands.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I am a college student who, like thousands of others, never thought I'd be writing to you. Here's my problem:

My stepsister is getting married on May 27, which is the same day that a close friend of mine is graduating from high school. This friend invited me first. Because of transportation problems, there is no way I can attend both events.

If you were in my place, which one would you attend? This is my stepsister's first wedding.

UNDECIDED IN
ANDERSON, S.C.

DEAR UNDECIDED: I would attend my stepsister's wedding. In all probability, your friend will have more occasions to celebrate, but your stepsister will have only one first wedding.

* * *

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

House panel OKs cable deregulation bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major telecommunications reform bill is moving forward in the House despite Democratic concerns that it doesn't protect cable television customers from excessive rate increases.

The bill, which would deregulate cable TV rates and let local, long-distance and cable companies into each others' businesses, cleared a key House panel Wednesday on a 24-5 vote.

The action came after the panel sidestepped two contentious proposals: The first would give cable customers better protections against excessive rate increases; the second would substantially deregulate the TV and radio industries and remove decades-old restrictions on media cross-ownership.

Instead, Reps. Edward Markey, D-Mass., architect of the rate increase protection proposal, and Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., author of the broadcast deregulation package, agreed to hold off on their amendments until next week when the full Commerce Committee considers the telecommunications measure.

Between now and then, Markey and Stearns hope to work out a compromise to get their provisions into the bill.

A similar measure is awaiting a floor vote in the Senate.

Markey must win over some GOP members — many of whom were against cable rate regulation back in 1992 — and Stearns needs to persuade Democrats, who are worried that his proposal will create local media giants that will have a stranglehold on public opinion and editorial diversity.

Markey's amendment includes permitting cable rates at all but small systems to be deregulated only when another competitor with "comparable video programming" is authorized to compete against the local cable company.

Under the current bill, small systems would be deregulated immediately and larger systems would be deregulated within 15 months after the bill's enactment — even if they don't compete against another system.

Stearns' proposal would repeal national limits on the number of TV and radio stations one company can own and do away with a host of local cross-ownership restrictions.

Other members also plan to seek changes in the bill.

Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Va., complained that bill was "too far tilted towards the interest of the long-distance industry" and that a last-minute revision requiring local phone companies to have competition in both residential and business services could delay their entry into long-distance by as much as five years.

He and others plan to offer an amendment making it easier for local phone companies to get into long-distance.

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., wants to change the bill to make clear that the only service federal regulators will have the power to make universally available is the same as it is now — telephone service.

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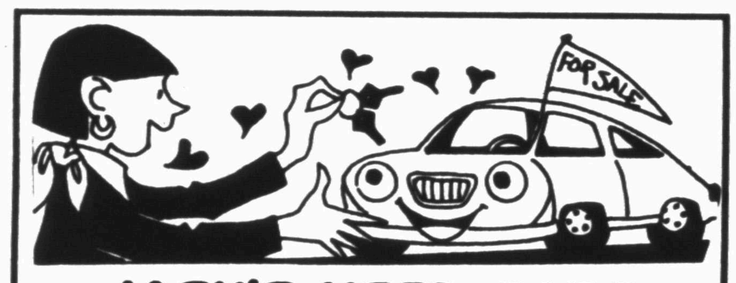

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PLANS SILVER TEA — Board members of the Martha Ann Woman's Club have completed plans for the annual Silver Tea to be held Sunday 3 to 4 p.m. MAWC officers include, from left, Christy Thompson, president; Doris Spikes, first vice president; Linda Walton, second vice president; standing, Gussie Gray, recording secretary; Jane Crenwelge, corresponding secretary; and Katy McKenzie and Frances Denman, co-treasurers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Silver Tea set Sunday

The annual Silver Tea that honors Martha Ann Woman's Club life members, founder members and past presidents will be Sunday from 3 to 4 p.m. in the clubhouse at 1600 Martha Ann Blvd.

Life membership for the woman's club is $270. 62, individual membership is $27.06 and non-club members dues are $37.88. Those interested in joining are invited to attend. Donations will be accepted at this annual affair.

A Father's Day Luncheon has been set for June 18, catered by Shirley McMillan. Tickets are $7.50 per adult and $3.50 for a child 10 or under. Reservations may be made by calling 573-3427.

Game days, including a luncheon, are held every fourth Wednesday of each month. Following the luncheon, games of choice are played, and reservations are necessary. Cost for the luncheon is $7.

The board expressed appreciation to all clubs who meet at the building and to all individuals who have helped in any way during the year.

Serving on the activity committee are Margaret Drum, Jan Harrell and Francine Noah.

SENIOR RECITAL — Mark Bullard and Jimmy Hall, standing from left, will be presented in their senior piano recital Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater at Western Texas College Mrs. Virgil Mott, their music teacher, invites the public to the concert. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Bullard and Jimmy is the son of Rick and Jamie Hall. (Contributed Photo)

Gardeners, consider microclimates

By JAMES E. WALTERS

PHOENIX (AP) — Take a walk around your yard. Aren't some places cooler, hotter, shadier, breezier?

There, in brief, is the basic concept of microclimates. It also tells you why, while weather and climate of an area are important, the localized conditions — called microclimates — are so likely to determine your gardening success or disappointment.

Microclimates are also why gardening can never be an exact science. Local topography or architecture can create varying conditions around trees and shrubs.

Understanding this is mandatory if you're trying to grow plants not normally recommended for your area. It may be crucial even with regionally adapted plants.

In general, the factors creating a microclimate include sun, shade, east-facing versus west-facing exposures, overhangs, trees, walls and topography that affect temperature and air patterns.

Constant observations of your conditions are the only sure way to identify your microclimates.

The USDA Plant Hardiness map shows in detail the lowest temperatures that can be expected each year in 11 U.S. zones. While areas with similar growing conditions can be identified, the general conditions are not an infallible guide to exactly what grows where.

It is obvious that subtropical citrus will not survive outdoors in Minnesota but should flourish outdoors in certain areas of California, Texas, Florida and Arizona.

Even within an apparent citrus zone the microclimates can be crucial. Temperatures at Tucson, in the Sonoran Desert, vary depending on topography. Winter lows average in the upper 30s, but some areas fall into the 20s. So citrus can be grown in some locations while a short distance away it is too cold.

Sometimes just selecting a deciduous tree over an evergreen provides the required microclimate. A deciduous tree will be in full leaf and provide shade when the summer sun is the hottest, yet, after losing its leaves in the fall, it will allow the winter sun to provide warmth. Evergreens offer full-time shade.

Microclimates also can be created by such factors as installing a screen for wind protection.

Less obvious factors involving microclimates may be just as important.

Evergreen shrubs bordering a street may defoliate in some winters while those next to a house retain their leaves. Temperatures next to the house probably are somewhat insulated from general conditions and warmed by its radiation. Thus microclimates explain why some plants do fine through a winter while others nearby are frozen back and killed.

It helps to learn all you can about a plant's needs. Trees can be located so their growth rate will provide shade when required years later by developing plants.

Placing a bougainvillea on a south-facing wall will minimize winter-cold damage in Phoenix. They love the heat, and some winter warmth will be stored by the wall.

The same reflected sun and heat from a south-facing wall will harm roses. Roses flourish under morning sun and so need to be planted a few yards away in a location shaded from the hottest afternoon.

Many home citrus growers in Arizona believe they avoid frost damage in winters by trimming the lowest branches to a foot above the ground. This allows the winter sun to warm the ground under the leaf canopy during the day for protection on cool nights.

Plant hardiness is generally expressed by the degree of cold a plant withstands without being killed. Plants undergo a hardening process as temperatures and day length decrease in late summer and early fall. This enables them to eventually tolerate colder conditions.

So early frosts can damage or even kill plants that would be perfectly hardy later. Unseasonable warm spells in winter or early spring may reverse dormancy.

Plant parts also vary in their degree of hardiness to cold. Flower buds are less hardy than leaf buds. Roots are not as hardy as tops, but are protected from fluctuating air temperatures by the soil. And young plants are often less hardy than older ones.

Thus conditions may not be the same, even in about the same location, with the same plants, under identical temperatures.

Juneteenth celebration being planned

The Sweetwater Juneteenth Committee, sponsored by the Soul Patrol Club, will be held June 15-18 celebrating unity in the community.

The Soul Patrol Club, a group of young African American men who grew up in Sweetwater with a purpose of strengthening and assuring the area, has chosen "Unity In the Community" for this year's theme. Committee members are looking for Black, Anglo, Hispanic, young and old men and women to volunteer for program committees such as park staff, pageant, sports, entertainment, recreational, food service and the Youth Gospel Explosion Concert.

Contestants are being accepted for the 4- to 19-year-old fourth annual Miss Juneteeth pageant. Young ladies 13 to 19 must be a registered student of high school or college. Contestants must display talent in singing, public speaking (recital and essays) and modeling casual, evening and formal wear.

Winners of the twin pageant will receive crowns, banners, bouquets, gift certificates, a professional photo portfolio package for agencies and much more.

For information concerning Juneteenth celebration or young persons wanting to sing with the Mass Youth Choir in the Gospel Explosion should contact Amos at 915-235-5119 or Dennis at 915-235-6568.

In just two years — 1992-1994 — the percentage of American schools with computer networks more than quadrupled.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 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.

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

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Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 5-18-95
♠A 5 4
♥7 5
♦J 6 5
♣Q J 6 3 2

WEST
♠J 9 3 2
♥J 9 8 4 3
♦K 8 3 2
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EAST
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♥K 10 6
♦Q 9 7
♣K 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠K 7 6
♥A Q 2
♦A 10 4
♣A 9 5 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥4

It's raining what?

We have the expression "raining cats and dogs." Other countries have their own versions. For example, in Germany, it rains cobblers' apprentices; in South Africa, it rains grandmothers and knobkerries (a small club with a knobbed end); and in North Wales, it rains old women and sticks.

In bridge, there are many bidding systems, and in most deals all will lead to the same final contract. For example, in today's deal it would be cautious not to reach three no-trump. Yet having got there, not everyone would make it.

West led his fourth-highest heart, South capturing East's king with his ace. Then, thinking the sun was shining, South cashed the club ace. West's diamond discard was a fatal blow. South had to lose two club tricks to East. The defense plodded away at hearts, and West had the diamond king as an entry. South could take only eight tricks.

The declarer began with six top tricks: two spades, two hearts (after the lead), one diamond and one club. So he needed three more club tricks. But South overlooked the potential power of his nine. At trick two, South should have led a low club toward the dummy. Whatever the club distribution, South must get four tricks from the suit and nine in all.

Here, East wins dummy's jack with his king and returns the heart 10. South wins with the queen, plays a club to dummy's queen, finesses his club nine, unblocks the club ace, crosses to dummy's spade ace and cashes the club six.

A vindictive North would be wishing his partner would move to South Wales, where it rains knives and forks.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for $14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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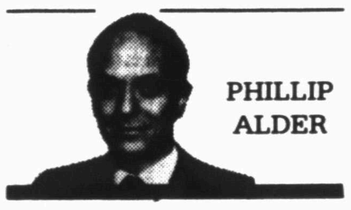

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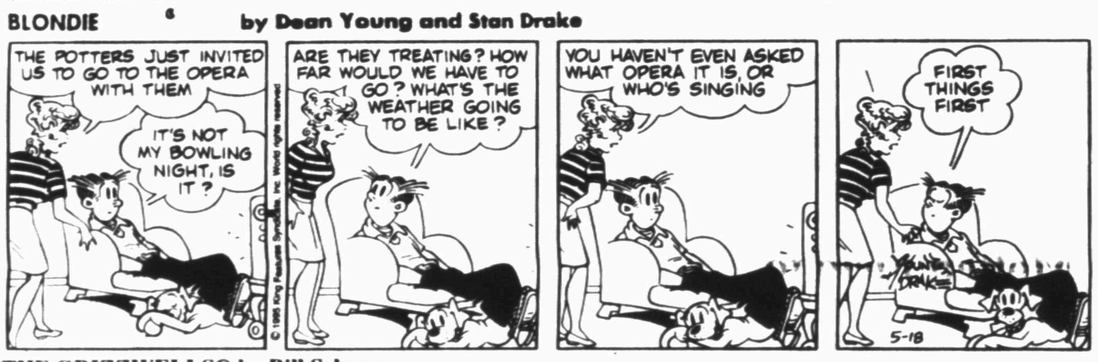

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ACROSS

1 Constituent
7 Overwhelmed
13 Helpless
14 Not long ago (2 wds.)
15 Actress Lily —
16 Race faster than
17 Mao — tung
18 Paving substances
20 Small island
21 Marine growth
24 Coaxed
27 Actor — Julia
31 Ranked
32 Artery
33 Texas shrine
34 Music genre
35 Folksinger Seeger
36 Writer of fiction
39 Control by two
41 Mist
44 Singer Eartha —
45 Watch pocket
48 Football legend Johnny —
50 — Marcos
53 Sullen
54 Actress Leigh
55 Wore away
56 Slip by

DOWN

1 Mongrel
2 Adam's grandson
3 Broadway musical
4 Barrel (abbr.)
5 Actor Wallach
6 — agency
7 Anchored
8 Handy (2 wds.)
9 Sandwich type (abbr.)
10 Movie star
11 Needle case
12 Fender-bender result
19 Solemn
21 Appeared
22 Taro root
23 Comically
24 Cover (a package)
25 — and hearty
26 Coup d'—
28 Wild sheep
29 South-western Indians
30 Endure
32 Cain's brother
36 Made sounds
37 Choose
38 — candle
40 Official proclamation
41 Offensive vapor
42 — — about
43 Copter's kin
45 Toss (a coin)
46 Poems
47 Cause of distress
49 Bushy clump
51 Wire measure
52 Zsa Zsa's sister

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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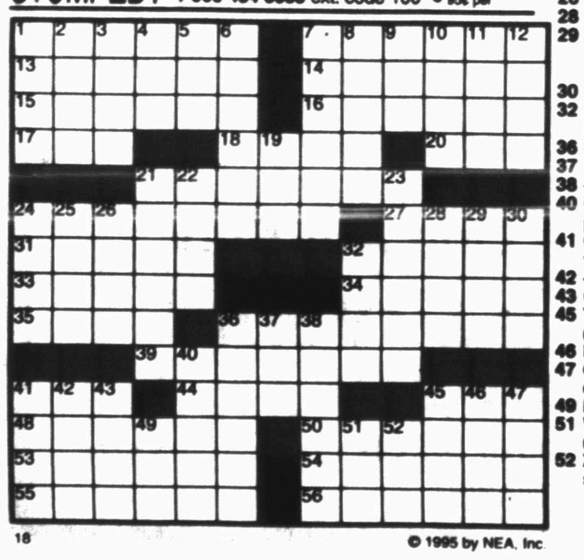

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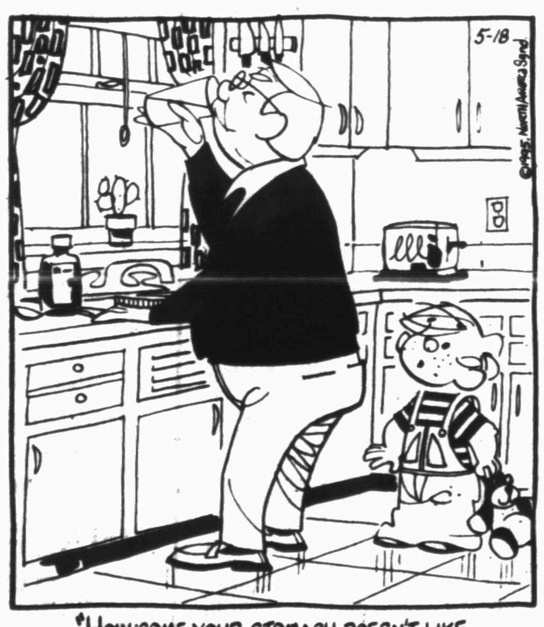


"HOW COME YOUR STOMACH DOESN'T LIKE THE SAME FOOD YOU LIKE, GRANDPA?"

To host Brewers...

Rangers' offense sweeps Blue Jays

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers' offense came alive in a three-game sweep of Toronto, battering Blue Jays pitching for 41 hits, 30 runs and hitting .376 in the series.

And the Rangers wonder how many runs they would have scored if they had their top long-ball threat, Juan Gonzalez, in the lineup. Gonzalez has yet to play a game due to a back injury, although he's expected to return within the next two weeks.

Dean Palmer was the Rangers' hitting star Wednesday night, homering in the second and third innings to spark his team's nine-run outburst and lead the Rangers to a 12-7 victory, their fifth win in their last seven games.

"The encouraging thing is that everybody's picking up their game a little (without Gonzalez)," Rangers designated hitter Mickey Tettleton said. "Injuries are a part of the game but he's a big part of our offense.

"You can't expect 10 runs a night. But as a whole we're swinging the bats really well. We were down but it was early in the game. There was a lot of baseball left. It looked like it was going to be a slugfest."

Palmer's fourth and fifth homers gave him the eighth two-homer game of his career to power the Rangers to their fourth home victory in their last five starts after opening the season 2-6 at The Ballpark in Arlington.

Texas got its first three-game series sweep at home since Sept. 6-8, 1993 against the New York Yankees, moving to within a game of .500 (10-11).

Palmer and Benji Gil drove in three runs each and Mark McLemore went 3-for-4 in Texas' 15-hit attack.

Kevin Gross (1-3) was the beneficiary of the hot Rangers bats, picking up his first American League victory despite a nearly-disastrous second when he was pounded for five runs and three homers.

Then the Rangers answered with their six-run second.

"We got down in the second but it didn't seem to affect us," Palmer said. "The way we've been swinging the bats, we felt we still had a chance to come back."

The best news for Gross was that he only walked two in his 5 1-3 innings after walking a total of 18 over 12 2-3 innings in his previous three starts. Ed Vosberg pitched the final three innings for his first major league save.

Former Ranger Danny Darwin (1-2), Toronto's 39-year-old starter, soon got a taste of Gross' second-inning misadventures when the Rangers took a 6-5 lead on seven hits.

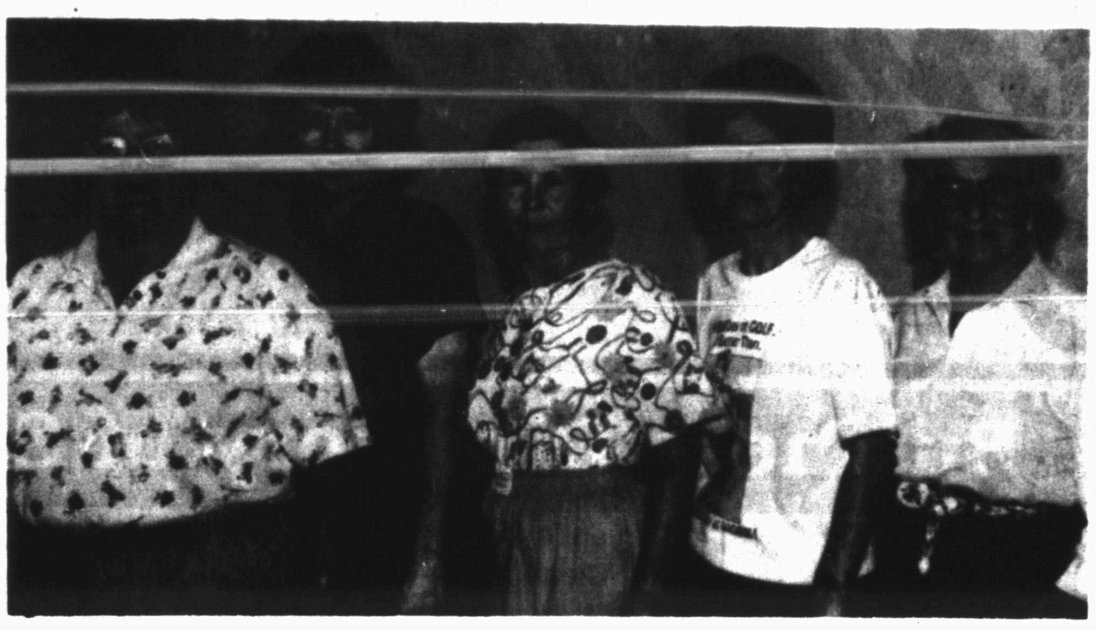
Texas chased Darwin in the third when Palmer led off with his second homer of the game, McLemore singled and Rusty Greer sent him to third on a double.

Darwin had a miserable outing, allowing nine runs on 10 hits over 2 1-3 innings to watch his ERA swell from 4.96 to 8.68.

"I've had bad games but this has got to be one of my worst ones ever," Darwin said. "We just ran into a hot team. Right now they're in a zone."

Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said his team would welcome their day off on Thursday.

"I don't like losing anytime," he said. "Tonight was different. We did get the lead but it didn't last 10 minutes. We could use a day off, that's for sure."



TOURNAMENT WINNERS — Three flights of Partnership Match Play concluded a two-day tournament on Wednesday with Kaye Cypert and Carolyn Greene winners of the championship flight; Gwen Sealy and Peggy Hardin; first flight; and Gertrude League, second flight. Not pictured are second place winners Finnie Seale and Stacy Reed, championship flight; Donna Stehley and Martha Fagin, first flight; and Elsie Boren, second flight. Closest to the pin was won by Carolyn Greene and Kaye Cypert won the accuracy drive.(SDN Staff Photo)

Astros dump Mets, 7-2

HOUSTON (AP) — It was almost like being on the road for the Houston Astros.

After scoring only 14 runs in their first seven home games, Luis Gonzalez tied a career-high with four hits, including a two-run triple in a three-run first inning as Houston beat the New York Mets 7-2 Wednesday night.

"We're struggling now offensively," Gonzalez said. "Tonight we tried not to do too much and obviously it worked."

It's been a different story on the road this season. In nine games, the Astros scored 72 runs and posted an 8-3 record. With Wednesday's victory, they are 2-6 at home.

"We had a hitters' meeting last night and talked about our approach to the game tonight," Gonzalez said. "We relaxed and used the whole field and we got the early lead."

The Astros pelted the Mets' pitching staff for 14 hits, their highest output at home this season and showed signs of breaking out of their Astrodome doldrums.

Greg Swindell (2-1) pitched seven innings and got the victory, benefiting from the Astros' early lead.

"On the road trip we scored early and got on a roll," Swindell said. "Tonight was the first sign of that kind of roll at home. Everyone loosens up. I'm not to the point year that I want to be. That short spring training really hurt."

At last, manager Terry Collins got a chance to smile.

"That was nice," Collins said. "Before tonight, every time you looked up we were behind. But we adjusted out to the big lead and [illegible]."

A big first inning set up the Astros' victory.

James Mouton, Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell had singles to start the game. Two outs later, Craig Shipley's ground-rule double scored Biggio and Gonzalez's triple drove in Bagwell and Shipley.

Mouton got his first home run since July 3 on the first pitch of the second inning. He scored again in the fourth when he was hit by a pitch, stole second and scored on Biggio's single.

Mouton, who stepped into the starting lineup because Phil Plantier is hurt, may be ready to play every day.

"I think so," manager Terry Collins said. "I don't know why not. He's made some adjustments at the plate and he knows what he has to do. He looks more relaxed."

In playoffs...

Rockets try to stay alive

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets still are on the verge of elimination from the NBA playoffs. At least they've got the Phoenix Suns thinking about their comeback reputation.

"Now we've got to go back to Houston and they smell blood," Suns guard Elliott Perry said.

"The heart of a champion doesn't die easily and in the Rockets' case, I don't think it ever will," Suns guard Kevin Johnson said.

The Suns had the Rockets wobbling Tuesday night before allowing them to rally for an inspiring 103-97 overtime victory that cut the Phoenix lead in the series to 3-2 and forced Game 6 in The Summit.

"We just don't want to die," Rockets forward Chucky Brown said. "It's like cornering an animal. You don't know what they'll do."

Houston has been hard to kill in the playoffs. Over the last three seasons the Rockets have an 8-1 record when facing elimination in a playoff series.

"We're getting a tough series," Charles Barkley said. "I don't think before this series started people expected us to beat them 4-1. And it didn't happen. We just have to go to Houston and play well."

The Rockets seek to become the fifth team in NBA playoff history to win an NBA playoff series after trailing 3-1. Houston is beginning to believe it can do it, even playing short-handed without Vernon Maxwell and Carl Herrera and with Clyde Drexler slowed by the flu.

"Anytime it looks like our chances are slim, that means we can play looser," Hakeem Olajuwon said. "And when we're playing loose, we play like we don't have anything to lose. We just go out and do our best."

NBA Playoffs

Saturday, May 13
Houston 118, Phoenix 85
Indiana 98, New York 84
Sunday, May 14
Phoenix 114, Houston 110
San Antonio 80, L.A. Lakers 71
Chicago 106, Orlando 95
Tuesday, May 16
Orlando 103, Chicago 95, Orlando leads series 3-2
L.A. Lakers 98, San Antonio 96, OT, San Antonio leads series 3-2
Houston 103, Phoenix 97, OT, Phoenix leads series 3-2
Wednesday, May 17
New York 96, Indiana 95, Indiana leads series 3-2
Thursday, May 18
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m. (TBS)
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m. (TNT)
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 11 p.m. (TNT)
Friday, May 19
New York at Indiana, 8 p.m. (TNT)

Baseball at glance

American League
At A Glance
By The Associated Press

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	13	5	.722	-
New York	10	8	.556	3
Toronto	9	11	.450	5
Detroit	8	11	.421	5½
Baltimore	7	11	.389	6
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	12	5	.706	-
Milwaukee	10	9	.526	3
KansasCity	8	10	.444	4½
Chicago	7	11	.389	5½
Minnesota	7	13	.350	6½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	10	8	.556	-
California	11	9	.550	-
Oakland	10	10	.500	1
Texas	10	11	.476	1½

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 9, Baltimore 8
Cleveland 10, New York 5
Texas 6, Toronto 1
Kansas City 4, Seattle 2, 4½ innings, rain
California 9, Minnesota 6
Oakland 7, Chicago 1, 5 innings, rain
Boston 5, Milwaukee 0
Wednesday's Games
Boston 8, Milwaukee 2
Cleveland at New York, ppd., rain
Baltimore 7, Detroit 4
Texas 12, Toronto 7
Seattle 4, Kansas City 0
Minnesota 7, California 3
Chicago 6, Oakland 4
Thursday's Games
California (Boskie 1-0) at Minnesota (Mahomes 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Martinez 3-0) at Boston (Eshelman 3-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Wells 1-2) at Baltimore (Mussina 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Miranda 1-1) at Texas (Pavlik 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (T.Davis 2-0) at Kansas City (Appier 4-1), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Stewart 2-2) at Chicago (Fernandez 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	15	5	.750	-
Montreal	12	9	.571	3½
Atlanta	10	10	.500	5
NewYork	8	12	.400	7
Florida	5	15	.250	10
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	12	7	.632	-
Houston	10	9	.526	2
Cincinnati	9	10	.474	3
St.Louis	9	12	.429	4
Pittsburgh	6	13	.316	6
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	13	7	.650	-
SanFrancisco	11	10	.524	2½
LosAngeles	10	10	.500	3
SanDiego	10	11	.476	3½

Tuesday's Games
Chicago 2, San Francisco 0
Philadelphia 9, Florida 7, 10 innings
Montreal 7, Cincinnati 3
Atlanta 15, Colorado 3
New York 1, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 2, Los Angeles 0
San Diego 1, St. Louis 0
Wednesday's Games
San Francisco 2, Chicago 1
Colorado 6, Atlanta 5
Houston 7, New York 2
Cincinnati 6, Montreal 2
Philadelphia 3, Florida 1, 13 innings
Pittsburgh 3, Los Angeles 2
San Diego 2, St. Louis 1
Thursday's Games
St. Louis (Frascatore 1-0) at San Francisco (Bautista 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Freeman 0-1) at Atlanta (Glavine 2-1), 7:40 p.m.
New York (Mlicki 1-0) at Houston (Drabek 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Loaiza 1-1) at Los Angeles (Astacio 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Moffett Field to host playoff tilts

Snyder's Moffett Field in Towle Park will be the location of two Class AAA baseball playoff games today and Friday.

At 6 p.m. today, District 6-3A champ Abilene Wylie will square off against Seminole, runnerup in District 5.

At 6:30 p.m. Friday, Brownfield, the champion of District 5, takes on Eastland, the runnerup in District 6.

Little Dribbler Tournament

Girls Little Dribblers Tournament action continues tonight with the championship games set for Saturday. All games are being played at Travis Gym.

Tonight in the junior division, the Spurs will face Little Raiders at 5:30 p.m. and the Orange Crush will meet Sharpshooters at 6:30 p.m. In major division action, Fast Break will challenge the Globetrotters at 7:30 and the Rebels will meet the Jazz at 8:30.

Saturday, the junior division championship tilt is at 4 p.m. and the major division title game is at 5 p.m. Closing ceremonies will follow at which time the all-stars will be announced.

Tuesday's Results
Junior Division
Little Raiders 18, Tuff Stuff 13. Little Raiders: Katie Kerley 8; Cindy Nachlinger 4; Jacque Alvarez 2; Erin Burleson 2; Magan Riley 2. Tuff Stuff: Zipporah Peoples 10; Desiree Braziel 2; Terri Marshall 1.
Sharpshooters 18, Rockets 16. Sharpshooters: Ashlee Grantham 10; Stacey Vaughn 6; Dara Chambers 2. Rockets: Romana Zamora 7; Amanda Calley 3; Rachel Cave 2; Afton Schwertner 2; Lindsey Wilson 2.
Major Division
Globetrotters 30, Bull-etts 28. Callie Banc 20; Andra Lancaster 4; Davi Barnes 2, Lindsey Bunch 2; Dixie Yanrich 2. Bull-etts: T'Leah Eicke 12; Taylor Daniell 8; Morgan Clements 4; Natalie Alexander 2.
Jazz 33, Jammers 22. Katie Voss 12; Kameron Kallemeyn 11; Kristin Murray 6; Elvia Barrera 2; Whitney Graham 2. Jammers: Chasity Perales 13; Chanel Luera 4; Lori Chesser 2; Marcy Wilson 2; Kallie Billingsly 1.

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Snyder Youth Baseball

PONY LEAGUE
Dodgers 7, Stars 5

T.J. Whetsel hurled the Dodgers to a 7-5 triumph over the Stars Tuesday night in Pony League action.

Whetsel allowed just four hits and drove in two runs. Paul Camp was the losing pitcher.

For the Dodgers, Todd Hall got the only extra base hit, a double. Singles were collected by Randy Green, Toby Zalman and Ray Jasso.

Getting singles for the Stars were Steven Burton, Marcus McClain, Sonny Cumbie and Paul Camp.

Rebels 13, Reds 3

David Smith tossed a one-hitter Tuesday night as the Rebels thrashed the Reds, 13-3, in Pony League play.

Glen Burk was the losing pitcher and gave up a triple to Ben Boyd and a double to Tyrel Sterling. David Smith and Bebos Martinez accounted for two singles. Brian Gordon got the lone Reds' hit, a double.

LITTLE LEAGUE
Astros 23, Cubs 16

The Astros outscored the Cubs, 23-16, Wednesday in Snyder Little League play. Shawn Roemisch was the winning pitcher, and Britt Sharrock was tagged with the loss.

LaBow Rivers led the offensive attack for the Astros with a home-run,a triple and three singles. Garrett Luft collected three singles while Heath Pinkerton smashed two doubles and a single. Other base hits were added by Jason Williams, Wes Martin, Braden Doolittle, Daniel Highfield, Shawn Roemisch, Jeremy Roemisch and Brandon Carnes.

For the Cubs, Ryan Braziel and Charlie Gorman each connected for two doubles and a single. Allan Smith and Britt Sharrock combined for two singles apiece while other base hits came off the bats of James Villereal, Josh Green and Craig Forbes.

Farm League
Cubs 12, Giants 5

The Cubs notched a 12-5 victory over the Giants Tuesday night in Farm League action. Will Davis was the winning pitcher, and Josh Wilson was tagged with the mound loss.

For the Cubs, Clint Brasual was the top offensive producer with two singles while Clinton Blume, Travis Thompson and Justin Boyd each added a single.

For the Giants, Tucker Early cracked a triple and single while Josh Wilson, Trey Woolsey and Kris Hatley each contributed a base hit.

Braves 17, Indians 3

Blake Grimmett held the Indians to just three hits at the Braves scapled the Indians, 17-3, Tuesday night in Farm League action.

Ty Collier was the losing pitcher. For the Braves, Ryan McKamie bagged a triple and two singles while Cody Wall clubbed a triple and single. Michael Fletcher snatched a double and single while Blake Grimmett added two doubles. Timothy Pinkerton picked up a double while Matthew Vasquez knocked two singles. Joshua Gutierrez also picked up a single.

For the Indians, Rey Loyola and Dustin Sargent garnered the only base hits.

8-9 Year Old League

The Rangers outscored the Cubs 17-12 Tuesday night in league action. No other information was turned in.

Girls Softball
Flash 16, Sluggers 6

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Texas apparently first with home-rule plans

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas apparently would become the first state to free entire school districts from a laundry list of regulations through home-rule charters if a pending education reform bill becomes law.

"To my knowledge, it has not been done anywhere else," said Andrea DiLorenzo of the National Education Association.

Others, including Gov. George W. Bush's spokeswoman Karen Hughes, also said they hadn't heard of another state trying home-rule school districts, an idea championed by Bush.

"This plan puts Texas on the leading edge of education reform across the country, and it's based on the idea that local teachers and educators know best how to educate children from their communities," Ms. Hughes said Wednesday.

But minority lawmakers, teacher groups and others say they're worried.

"We've had a concern around the fact that the driving force behind the home-rule movement seems to be economics," said Richard Kouri of the NEA-affiliated Texas State Teachers Association.

"Given the budget crunch we're going to see in a lot of districts over the next couple of years, that's going to be the engine driving decision-making in an awful lot of cases," he said.

Some black and Hispanic lawmakers have expressed concern that home-rule districts are untried, would lead to school segregation and would allow freedom from such important regulations as class-size limits.

"Don't throw me back to the 1950s," Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, who is black, said during a House debate.

The home-rule idea is related to proposals for school campus charters, which are being tried in a dozen states. They also are included in the Texas bill, which is awaiting a final OK by a House-Senate conference committee.

The school charter idea would allow groups of parents, teachers or other entities to create schools with public money but without having to follow many state regulations.

The home-rule district takes the idea to a bigger scale: It would allow a local charter commission made up largely of educators and parents to draw up an education plan for an entire Texas school district.

If approved by voters, home-rule districts would be freed from numerous areas of state regulation, such as educator rights and benefits; requirements for dealing with disruptive students; and, for the most part, limits of 22 students per teacher in the lower grade. Class-size restrictions would apply only to campuses performing below acceptable academic levels.

The districts would have to follow some rules. Most importantly, backers say, students would be required to take statewide academic skills tests.

"The safety net in this system, and in everything else we put in this bill, is the accountability system," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, bill sponsor.

"If they show any sign of backsliding in their test scores, that will trigger putting one of these home rules at least on probation. And the State Board (of Education) has the authority, if they slide back far enough, to simply rescind their charter."

Ms. Hughes said the idea, which is supported by the Texas Association of School Boards, developed out of Bush's talks with Ratliff and educators.

"Teachers would tell him, 'We think we could do a better job if only the state didn't make us do X-Y-Z,'" she said. "This plan was designed to remove those 'if onlys.'"

Ratliff said home-rule school districts would remain subject to federal rules, including those on racial desegregation. If they save money while improving education, he said, that's fine.

"If they have some magic methodology that says that they have a technique to teach 30 kids (per class) which creates a better-educated student, what in the world does the state care?" he asked.

"And if they don't, if a crowded classroom results in a lessening of the student learning, then we yank 'em up short."

Ratliff and Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, House sponsor of the bill, have said they don't expect a rush by many of Texas' 1,000-plus school districts toward home-rule.

Because the education overhaul bill would ease many state controls on all school districts, home rule may not be that attractive, Ratliff said.

Precautions against sun exposure urged

For many people in Scurry County, summer means more time to spend outdoors fishing, boating, going to the beach and camping. But many outdoor lovers may be putting themselves at risk without even knowing it.

Though more than 600,000 cases of skin cancer are reported each year, it is one of the most curable and preventable forms of cancer.

Still, cases of malignant melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, are rising rapidly. This year, one out of 100 Americans will develop malignant melanoma. By 2000, the number is expected to reach one in 75.

Outdoor lovers in Texas are especially susceptible to skin cancer. Studies have shown that the proportion of skin cancer in the southern and southwestern states is greater than anywhere else in the country. The incidence of skin cancer in the Dallas/Fort Worth area is two times that in St. Paul, Minn.

The American Cancer Society offers a few tips to help people reduce their risk of skin cancer:

•Use a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15 during all outdoor activities. Avoid sunburn altogether.

•Avoid direct exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. If you go outdoors, wear a hat and protective clothing.

•Don't go to tanning salons or use sunlamps — they expose your skin to harmful ultraviolet rays.

•Check your skin regularly for unusual blemishes, moles or other markings on the skin. Have a doctor check any that change in size or color.

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Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Delbert Boyle, 3797 Sunset; Patricia Hood, 3708 Ave. U; Jesse Perry, Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Amy Floyd, Robin Thurmond, Myrthal Callaway, Johnnie Tatom, Delbert Boyle, Glenda Smith and baby, Marcus Horne, Tammy McBroom.

CENSUS: 54 (Med.-16, Long-term Care-33, OB-3, Nursery-2).

4-H livestock judging team in district meet

The 4-H Livestock Judging team recently competed in the district judging contest held on April 22 at the Texas Tech University Farm. The teams competed against 50 4-H teams from the South Plains area.

The team members were required to analyze, evaluate, and place eight classes of sheep, swine and cattle. The animals were evaluated on breeding quality and carcass merit. The team placed 5th overall in the contest and 5th in the sheep division. Malorye Miller earned 1st high individual in the swine division.

The judging team also participated in the Western Texas College, Tarleton State University and the Nolan County Livestock Show Judging Contests. At the WTC contest the team placed 2nd overall. Jenise Judah placed 2nd overall in the contest while teammate Stephanie Perkins won 4th place. Dana Stribling earned top five honors in the sheep division at the Nolan County contest. Team members include Jenise Judah, Stephanie Perkins, Morgan Miller, Dana Stribling, Jamie Jones, Stacy Perkins, Malorye Miller, Jared Boyd and Justin Boyd.

Texas health officials say, 'Don't give up on WIC yet'

Texas health officials have urged news-watching Texans not to give up on the WIC program in this state. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) has funds through Oct. 1, 1995, including resources for expansion. As many as 100,000 more participants may be served with current funding.

"We want people to know that the Texas WIC program is in full force today," Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, said. "Regardless of any changes for WIC on a national level after Oct. 1, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) plans to carry on some kind of similar services for the women, infants and children of Texas. We encourage qualified people to enroll for WIC benefits.

"This is not merely a food assistance program," said Dr. Smith, "It is some families' front-line contact with health care. WIC clinics provide counseling, immunizations, screenings for such problems as anemia and ultimately help to prevent developmental problems that affect learning."

Smith noted that WIC is one of several programs which may undergo proposed nationwide changes. In Texas, WIC serves 600,000 participants, most of whom are children who are younger than five. WIC is funded by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"Some directors of local WIC agencies have reported that participation has ebbed because of news reports that Congress is discussing major changes in the program," Dennis H. Bach, chief of TDH's Bureau of Nutrition Services, said, "We want to be sure people understand that any changes in the program will not take effect until October of this year."

The 20-year-old WIC program provides clients with nutritious food, nutrition education, immunizations and referrals to other health care services, says Ann Latham of Outreach Health Services WIC. "We're always glad to see a new face," she added.

WIC services are available to pregnant women, women who are breastfeeding, women who have had a baby in the past 6 months, and children younger than 5 years. Eligibility is based on income and nutritional risk.

Studies have shown that WIC saves taxpayers money by reducing costs associated with childhood anemia, infant mortality, premature births and other nutritional related problems, Bach explained.

"The discussions going on in Congress about the WIC program do not effect funding for this fiscal year," Bach said. "Texas WIC has been expanding and will continue to grow. Since 1990, WIC has grown from about 340,000 participants per month to more than 633,000 today at more than 600 clinics in Texas," he added.

Area residents who have questions about WIC should call Ann Latham at (817) 888-2017. Outreach Health Services WIC is located at the Snyder Field Office, 5304 Trinity Blvd, Suite A.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	67¼	66⅝	67	— ⅛
AT&T Corp	51⅝	51	51⅛	— ⅛
AirTouch		26⅝	26⅝	26⅝
Albertsons		29⅝	29⅝	29⅝
Allstate	40⅝	39⅝	40	— ⅛
Allied	24⅝	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
AmStores	25⅛	25	25	— ⅛
Ameritech	44⅛	43⅝	43⅝	+ ⅛
Amoco	68⅛	67⅞	68⅛	+ ⅛
AndrtPr	41⅛	40	11-16	40⅝
Armstrac	7	6⅞	6⅞	— ⅛
AtlRichfld	115⅝	114⅝	114⅝	— ⅝
ATMOS Egy		19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
Avnet	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	23	22⅝	22⅝	— ⅛
BancTexas	⅛	⅛	⅛	—1-16
BellAtl		54⅛	53⅝	53⅝
BellSouth	62	61⅝	61⅝	— ⅝
BethSteel		15⅛	14⅞	15
BritPet	86⅛	85⅛	85⅝	—1⅛
Caterpillar s	62⅛	61⅛	61⅛	—1⅝
CnSoWst		24⅝	24⅛	24⅝
Chevron	48⅛	48⅛	48⅛	— ⅛
Chrysler	43⅝	42⅞	43⅝	— ⅛
Coastal	30⅞	30⅝	30⅞	— ⅛
CocaCola	58⅝	57⅞	58⅛	+ ⅛
ColgatePalm	71⅛	71⅛	71⅛	— ⅛
ComclMetals	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	+ ⅛
Cooperin	38⅛	38⅛	38⅛	— ⅛
CyprusAmax		26⅛	25⅞	26
DallSemico	19⅞	19⅞	19⅞	+ ⅛
DeltaAirl		64	63⅞	63⅞
DigitalEq	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅛
Dillard		27⅞	27⅞	27⅞
DowChem	73⅛	72⅛	72⅛	+ ⅛
Dresserind	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	— ⅛
DuPont	67⅞	67⅞	67⅞	— ⅛
EastmanChem	58	57⅞	57⅞	— ⅛
EstKodak	60⅛	59⅝	59⅝	— ⅛
Eljerlnd		5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Enserch	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	— ⅛
Entergy	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
Exxon	71⅛	70⅞	71⅛	— ⅛
Fluorlnd	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	— ⅛
FordMotor s	29	28⅛	28⅝	— ⅛
GTE Cp	33	32⅝	32⅝	+ ⅝
GenDynam	45⅝	45⅛	45⅝	—1
GenElec		57⅞	57	57⅞
GenMills	60⅛	59⅝	59⅝	— ⅞
GenMotors	46⅞	46⅛	46⅝	— ⅝
GenMotors E	42⅛	42	42	— ⅛
GnPacif	80⅛	79⅞	79⅞	— ⅝
GlobelMar		4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
Goodrich		48⅛	47⅞	48⅛
Goodyear s	41⅛	40⅝	40⅝	— ⅛
GtAtlPac	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
Halliburts	38⅝	38	38	— ⅛
Hasbro ADS		18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
HartfeHaals	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
HoustInd	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛	— ⅛
IBM	95⅛	94⅝	94⅝	— ⅛
IntlPaper	80⅝	79⅝	80⅝	— ⅝
JohnsnJns	62⅛	61⅛	62	—2⅛
K mart	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	+ ⅛
Kroger		26⅛	26	26
Limos	36	35⅞	35⅞	— ⅛
Lowes Cos	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	— ⅛
Lubys	19⅛	18⅝	19	+ ⅝
Maxus		5⅝	5⅝	5⅝
MayDptStrs		37⅛	37⅛	37⅛
Medtronic s	75⅛	75	75⅛	— ⅝
Mobil		100⅛	100⅛	100⅛
Monsanto	83⅝	82⅞	83⅝	— ⅛
Motorola	60	59⅝	59⅝	— ⅛
Nationsbk	55⅛	54⅛	54⅝	— ⅛
Navistar	16⅛	15⅞	15⅞	— ⅛
NoranEngy		6⅝	6⅛	6⅝
Nynex	40⅝	40⅝	40⅝	— ⅝
OryxEngy		13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
PacTelesis	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅛
PaineWCp	24⅝	24⅛	24⅝	— ⅛
Penney JC	45⅛	45⅛	45⅛	— ⅛
Pennzoil	50⅝	50⅛	50⅝	+ ⅛
PepBoys	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	+ ⅛
PepsiCo	45⅛	44⅝	44⅝	— ⅛
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PhilipPet	37	36⅝	36⅝	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	8	7⅞	8	+ ⅛
Polaroid	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛	— ⅝
Praxair	24⅝	24⅛	24⅝	— ⅛
ProctGamble	69⅛	68⅝	68⅝	— ⅛
PubSvcNwHdx	13⅝	13⅛	13⅝	+ ⅛
RoyalDutch	123⅝	123⅝	123⅝	—1⅛
SBC Comm	43⅝	43⅛	43⅝	+ ⅛
SFePacCp s	23⅛	23	23	— ⅛
SaraLee	27	26⅝	26⅝	— ⅛
SanRosb	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛	— ⅝
SherwinW	37⅛	36⅝	36⅝	— ⅝
SouthBchADS	38⅛	38⅛	38⅛	— ⅛
SouthBc spt		38⅛	37⅛	37⅛
SouthernCo	21⅛	21	21	— ⅛
SwstAirlines		21⅛	21	21
Sprint	33⅛	33	33	— ⅛
SterlingChm		11⅛	11⅛	11⅛
SunCo		31⅝	31⅝	31⅝
TNP Ent	16	16	16	— ⅛
Tandy	48⅛	48	31-128	48⅛ — ⅛
Tenneco	46⅛	45⅛	45⅝	— ⅛
Texaco	47⅛	46⅝	46⅝	— ⅛
TexasInd	68⅛	67⅞	67⅞	— ⅛
TexasInst		38⅛	38⅛	38⅛
TexUtil	120⅝	118⅝	120⅝	+1⅛
Textron	34	33⅝	33⅝	— ⅝
Travelers	58⅝	58	58⅛	— ⅛
Trinityind	42⅛	41⅝	42⅛	— ⅛
TritonEngy	40⅝	40	40	— ⅛
Tyler	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	+ ⅛
US West		3⅝	3⅝	3⅝
USX Delhi	40	39⅝	39⅝	— ⅝
USX-Marathn		12	11⅞	12
USX-USS		19⅛	19	19⅛
UnCarbide	32⅝	32⅛	32⅛	— ⅛
UnPac	30⅝	30⅛	30⅛	— ⅛
UnitedTech	55⅛	55⅛	55⅝	— ⅛
Unocal	74	73⅛	73⅛	— ⅛
WalMart	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	25	24⅝	24⅝	— ⅛
WestghEl	19⅝	19	19	— ⅝
WinnDixie	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	— ⅛
Woolworth	56	55⅞	55⅞	— ⅛
XeroxCp	15⅝	15	15⅛	— ⅝
ZenithE	121⅛	119⅝	119⅝	—2⅝
	8⅛	7⅞	8⅛	— ⅛

Ira

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Honor guards are Misty Chance and Jeremy Howard.

The processional for both classes will be "Pomp and Circumstance" and the recessional will be "Today."

The senior class song is "Goodbye To Romance." Class colors are hunter green and burgundy. The class flower is the sunflower and class motto is "Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Make the most of it."

Graduating seniors include Margarita Aguinaga, Cody Travis Collom, James Justin Donelson, Brian Allen Garmer, Billy Weldon Mebane, Jay Edward Nettles, Jennifer Lynn Northcott, Tucker Thomas Collier, Debra Louise Perez, Jennifer Ann Rankin, Jessica Denise Clark Reeves, Judy Rosemary Sanchez, Susan Anita Shoults, Kristi Elizabeth Sorrells, and Ricky Joe Stroud.

The following scholarships were announced during the awards program on Monday morning.

Sorrells: The highest ranking student, she will receive a tuition exemption for one year to any public college or university in Texas. Also, members of the Independent College and Universities of Texas awards a certificate which lists scholarships available to the highest ranking student to private and independent colleges and universities. She has also been awarded a $300 scholarship to the college of her choice from the Men's Club at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Nettles: The second highest ranking student, will also receive a certificate from ICUT and a $1,000 scholarship to the college of his choice from West Texas State Bank.

Collum: Vision of American Scholarships sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, district, $300, area $300 and a $200 judging scholarship to Western Texas College.

Donelson: $500 Caprock Electric Scholarship given each year to a senior showman during the county stock show, a $500 Scurry County Farm Bureau Scholarship to the university of his choice, a $400 South Plains Fair Scholarship to Western Texas College and a $6,000 National FFA Scholarship to the college of his choice. He also qualifies for the final interview for the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Scholarship valued at $8,000.

Northcott: $600 Betty Burrow Memorial Scholarship to Western Texas College. This scholarship is given in memory of Betty Burrow who taught school in Ira for 23 years.

Stroud: $300 South Plains Fair Scholarship to WTC and a $200 judging scholarship to Western Texas College.

Graduating eighth graders include Carlos Jorge Espinosa, Tabitha Sheree Gilbreth, Jason Ray Green, Emily Autumn Hardy, Jeremy Paul Haynes, Perry Lyn Jamison, Lindsy Lee Josey, Amber Faith Martinez, Cesar Augusto Mujica, Audra Marie Oliver, Erica Garcia Perez, Terri Rebecca Robinson, John Tye Shirley, Carla Renea Smith, Billy Don Stone, Candice Brook Wilkes.

The 1961 New York Yankees hit 240 home runs, a major league record.

Hermleigh

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recessional for the junior high. A red rose ceremony will close the program.

Seniors receiving scholarships include Brandy Atkinson, $100 Dora E. Cunningham Scholarship to Western Texas College; Charles Sweatt, Farm Bureau Scholarship and Presidential Scholarship to McMurry; and Chris Roemisch, a Dora E. Cunningham Scholarship to WTC and a valedictorian scholarship presented by the state for tuition and fees.

Seniors graduating include Lori Dawn Anderson, Brandy Reshea Atkinson, Brendan Cade Blair, Ronald Andrew Cearly, Beatrice Martinez Garza, William Joseph Hall, Justin Clay Herrington, Katarina Mijailovic, Christopher Ray Roemisch, Ricardo Antonio Sosa and Charles Brian Sweatt.

Eighth graders who will graduate will include Jake Dudley Alexander, Eric Arellano, Thaddeus Wayne Baldwin, Summer Renea Barnes, Mario Sainz Gonzalez, Kenneth Dewayne Hancock, Joshua Clay Hudgins, Andrea Faye Rodriguez, Bradley Ken Roemisch, Jennifer Kae Roemisch, Joe Romero and Katie Woodworth.

CRMWD

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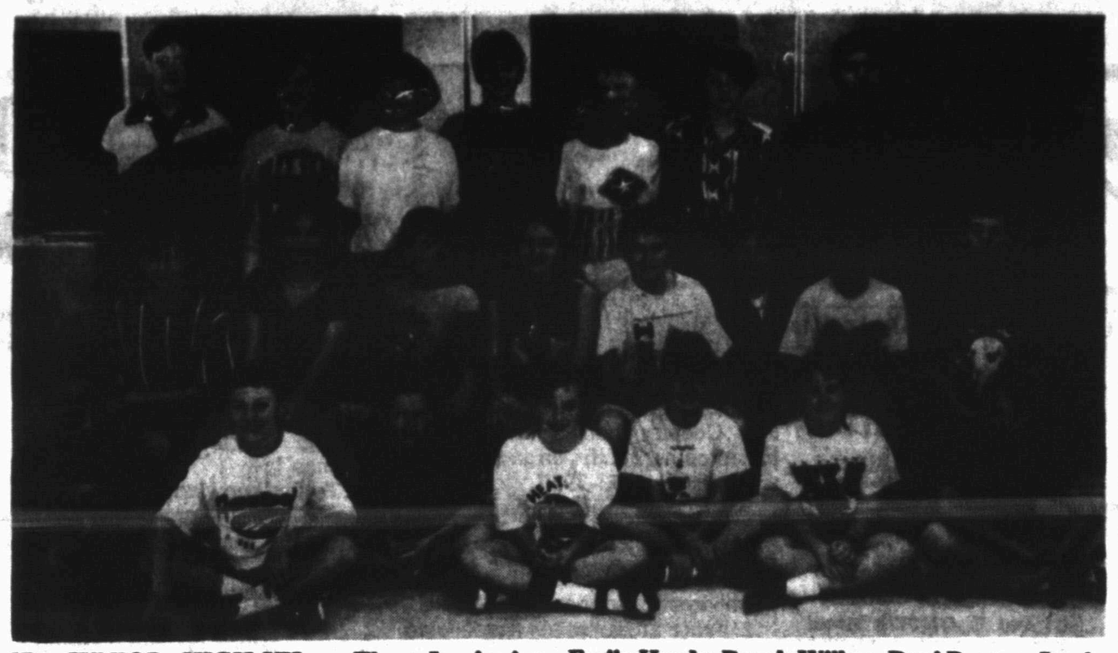
budgeting as well as performance review.

Grant attended the University of Texas at Arlington. He and his wife, Cindy, have two children.

John Fagin, a former Snyder mayor and a member of the CRMWD board, served as a member of the search committee.

The CRMWD was formed in 1949 and is comprised of member cities Snyder, Big Spring and Odessa. It also provides water to Abilene, Midland and San Angelo. It operates three reservoirs on the Colorado River and more than 400 miles of pipeline.

In other board action today, Joe Pickle, secretary-treasurer of the water district from May 31, 1949 until April 30 of this year, has been named secretary-treasurer emeritus.



IRA JUNIOR HIGH UIL — These Ira junior high students entered UIL contests during the 1994-1995 school year. Back row, (l-r) Tye Shirley, Amber Martinez, Lindsy Josey, Kacie Daves, Amber Haarmeyer, Cassie Marshall and Cesar Mujica; middle row: Jenson Gainer. Emily Hardy, Brook Wilkes, Davi Barnes, Jerek Brown, Katie Howard, Jose Juarez and Perry Jamison; front row: Josh Long, Bryce Wilkins, Trey Shirley, Kristen Harless, Tosha Walker, Heather Darnell and Drew Wall. (SDN Staff Photo)

IRA ELEMENTARY UIL — These Ira elementary students entered UIL contests during the 1994-1995 school year. Back row (l-r) Jessie Green, Aubrey Mathis, Loryn Brown, Todd Wall, Jerry Jamison, Case Hardy and Lecia Knight; middle row: Kendra Krop, Dani White, Colton Long, Brandon Crane, Colter Brown and Michael Allen; front row: Rusty Josey, John Gainer, Kevin Marshall, Alana Pulis and Matt Long. Lisa Long is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

House OKs 'property rights'

AUSTIN (AP) — The state House has tentatively approved a bill that would give Texans the power to sue state and local government over action that devalues their property.

The bill, dubbed the "Property Rights Preservation Act" by its backers, was approved Wednesday by the House. It requires a final vote of the House before heading to the Senate, which has approved a similar bill.

The measure would allow landowners to sue over government action restricting their use of private property and reducing market value of the property by 25 percent or more.

Its sponsor, Rep. Susan Combs, said the bill addresses "a sense of helplessness and frustration" landowners have experienced when government seizes their property and does not provide sufficient compensation.

She said the bill would make governmental entities think twice before taking a Texan's property.

"It will require us to do a look-before-we-leap analysis," said Ms. Combs, R-Austin.

Said co-sponsor Bob Turner, D-Voss: "It will provide security to those who own land."

Opponents contended the bill would subject the state to a slew of lawsuits and cost taxpayers millions of dollars.

"It's a lawyer's dream," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston. "Many people look to the state as a bag full of money."

Ms. Combs disagreed: "We do not intend for this to be a lawyer's dream bill. ... We do not intend to, nor will this bill, bankrupt the state. It is not a free-for-all."

One arrest noted during a busy day

One man was taken into custody early this morning on public intoxication charges and while no one was booked into the Scurry County Jail on Wednesday, local law enforcement personnel had a busy day.

The arrest today came at 2:57 a.m. as officers arrested a 20-year-old male for public intoxication in the 2900 block of Ave. J. Officers were responding to a 9-1-1 hangup call when the man was arrested.

A report of criminal mischief was made at 7:09 a.m. Wednesday in reference to a car being egged in the 400 block of 36th Street. The complaintant did not file a report due to no actual damage done to the vehicle.

A 9-1-1 hangup call was received at 7:56 a.m. Wednesday from the 4600 block of Avenue R. Officers responded to a dispute over property between the current tenants and a former tenant.

Officers were called to the 2400 block of 30th Street at 8:14 a.m. Wednesday in reference to a dispute between relatives over possession of a car.

Officers were called to the 3700 block of Austin at 8:30 a.m. in reference to a person stating a car, belonging to a Snyder High School student, that was partially blocking a driveway. Officers discovered the car belonged to her neighbor who upon notification, moved the car.

A person came to the police station at 9:24 a.m. to report some damage had been done to his vehicle while it was parked at Snyder High School. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for theft was made at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday in reference to persons buying furniture from the House of Antieks and then moving out of state and not paying for the items.

David Yanez, 321 19th St., notified the police department at 12:15 p.m. that some speakers had been stolen from his house.

Sherry Walker reported at 1:18 p.m. that someone had passed a forged check at Mr. Payroll.

A teacher at West Elementary called the police department at 1:37 p.m. in reference to a student tearing up some property in his classroom.

A report for a dog bite was made at 6:19 p.m. Wednesday at the emergency room at Cogdell Hospital. Bitten was a 13-year-old boy who was treated and released. The dog was picked up by the animal control officer and it will be observed for 10 days.

A report of criminal mischief was filed at 7:15 p.m. in the 100 block of Browning in reference to children throwing sticks at a vehicle.

A report of a prowler was made at 12:47 a.m. today from the 2300 block of Avenue H.

The fire department responded to a call of some brush on fire in front of the West Texas Tae Kwon Do Academy at 10:06 a.m. Apparently someone had thrown a lit cigarette into the brush and caused it to smolder.

The fire department also responded to a grass fire behind McDonald's Welding at 2:16 p.m. Wednesday.

More Ebola cases sought

KIKWIT, Zaire (AP) — Health workers went street-by-street through this quarantined city looking for new cases of Ebola, the lethal virus that has killed at least 87 people.

Zaire's government has quarantined Kikwit, a sultry tropical city of 600,000 people. It also has set up a 20-bed quarantine ward in the capital of Kinshasa, a city of 6 million people 250 miles to the west, in case the virus spreads.

The international Red Cross said today that three of its volunteers died of the Ebola virus this week, and fourth is near death. The workers became infected while collecting and burying bodies of Ebola victims in and around Kikwit.

"They were not wearing protective equipment as insufficient supplies were available at the time," the Red Cross said in a statement in Geneva.

Health workers have begun to convince the people of Kikwit that the ritual washing of loved ones' cadavers could transmit Ebola.

2nd blast for fed building

Nichols' hearing slated today

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The federal building wrecked by the huge blast of a 4,800-pound bomb will be brought down Tuesday by the relative whimper of 100 pounds of dynamite.

The explosives will be used to demolish the scarred shell despite concerns that a second blast might further traumatize residents, city officials said. They said dynamite would be safer and quicker than a wrecking ball.

Suspect Terry Nichols was due in court today for a preliminary hearing, where his case is likely to be turned over to a grand jury.

Nichols and his Army buddy Timothy McVeigh have been charged in the April 19 attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. They face the death penalty if convicted.

The death toll was lowered to 167 after medical examiners determined that remains thought to be those of an unidentified woman belonged to another victim. The total includes a nurse killed in the rescue effort.

Barring bad weather, the ruins of the building will be brought down in just eight seconds, sometime before 10 a.m. The exact time of the blast will be announced next week so residents aren't traumatized all over again.

Dynamite will be tucked in more than 200 strategic points to bring down the already weakened structure.

Obituaries

Jeanna Sumruld

1961-1995

Service for Jeanna Sumruld of Los Angeles, Calif., is pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Mrs. Sumruld, 32, a former Snyder resident, died today in Los Angeles.

Born on Nov. 30, 1961 in Scurry County, she had lived most of her life in Snyder, graduating from Snyder High School.

Survivors include three daughters, Christal Sumruld of Snyder, Bridgett Nicole Sumruld and Danielle Sumruld of Los Angeles; one son, Alex Sumruld of Los Angeles; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Sumruld of Snyder; two brothers, Richard Sumruld of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Roy Sumruld of Lubbock; and one sister, Sharon Sumruld of Snyder.

W.W. Dubose

1913-1995

ODESSA — Funeral service for W.W. "Bill" Dubose, 81, of Odessa is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home with Glenn Harlon and Clydell Chapman officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Dubose, who died Wednesday at his residence, was a former Snyder resident.

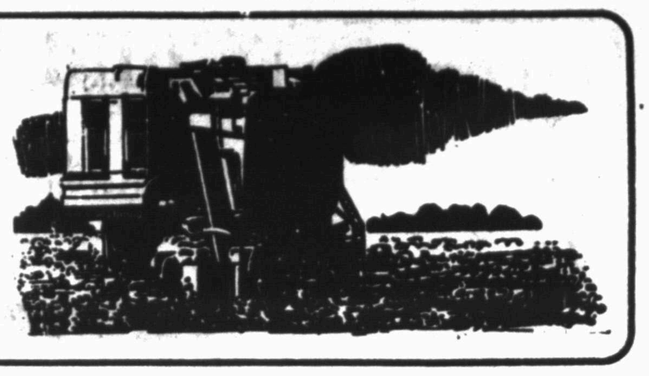
Born on Oct. 6, 1913, in Welch, La., he married Juanita Steveson on June 10, 1938 in Kermit. He established Dubose Drilling in 1949 in Snyder and moved the business to Odessa in 1960. He retired in 1979.

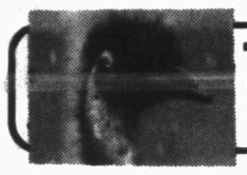
Survivors include his wife, Juanita Dubose of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Patsy Dubose of Odessa; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials in honor of his granddaughter, Shana Dubose, to Consumer Advisory Committee, MHMR, 3116 Kermit Hwy., Odessa, 79764.

Happy Birthday Dad

Scurry County Country





The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

As spring is coming to an end so is the emu hatching season. It is important not to view this time only as the ending of one hatching but the beginning of the next hatching season. We can do this by being prepared. For best results, one must not wait until the first egg arrives in the fall to start this procedure.

The same day or at least soon after the last egg is hatched, all incubators, hatchers, other equipment and the entire facility should be thoroughly cleaned with a disinfectant, being careful that moisture is not left on the cleaned areas. Everything should be dried with a clean towel or allowed to air or sun dry quickly.

Bacteria will begin to grow immediately, even on a clean disinfected area, if left wet. After everything is clean and dry close the incubator and hatcher, putting tape over all opening. Small items can be put into plastic bags or cans and sealed. You can rest easy and enjoy your summer knowing that this cleansing operation is behind you.

Take advantage of this opportunity to take inventory of what supplies will be needed for next year. As you clean up and put things away make a notation in a notebook of supplies you have on hand and the what is needed. Things you will have to order, such as filters, can be ordered early from this list. This gives you the opportunity to purchase items throughout the summer when they are found on sale.

For further information call, Pate Emu Farm. 573-5340.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,109 head of cattle for the May 11 sale. Cows were steady to $1 cheaper with yearlings and calves $1 cheaper. Trading and demand were fair.

Slaughter cows, (high dressing - cutters - utility) were 32.50 to 37.50; canners and low cutters, 27.50 to 32 and slaughter bulls 43 to 53.50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 85 to 101; 400 to 500, 68.50 to 85.50:; 500 to 600, 64 to 72.50; 600 to 700, 60.50 to 67.50; 700 to 800, 59.50 to 63w50.

Feeder heaifers choice: 300 to 400, 65 to 75; 400 to 500, 60 to 68.50; 500 to 600, 58.50 to 63.50; 600 to 700, 55 to 61.50; 700 to 800, 50 to 58.50.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 57.50 to 65; 700 to 800, 48.50 to 58.50.

Cow and calf pairs: good 400 to 710; grade 300 to 450

Springers 250 to 600; baby calves 50 to 175; doodlers 100 to 200.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — All classes of cattle were steady to higher on 700 head sold at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, May 13.

Heifers: 200-400 lbs., $70-85; 400-600 lbs.,$68-72; 600-800 lb., $60-68; Steers: 200-400 lb., $85-100; 400-600 lb., $75-85; 600-800 lb., $60-75.

Good Bred Cows: $550-$625; Older Bred Cows: $400-$500; Good Pairs: $700-750; Older Pairs: $500-$625.

Packer Cows: Good-$38-$43; Fat-$33-$35; Old Shelly-$25-$32; Packer Bulls: $45-$54.

In Lubbock...

Horticulture Information Day set

LUBBOCK — Area residents can get expert help with their lawns and gardens Saturday during the Lubbock County Horticulture Information Day at the Breedlove Dehydration Plant, 1818 North Martin Luther King Blvd., at the north loop.

The free program, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., will feature a dozen experts who will answer specific questions of individuals. There also will be special demonstrations on growing tomatoes, water gardening and fruit and vegetable preservation, small gas engine maintenance, and sharpening and care of tools, said Stanley Young, Lubbock County agricultural agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System.

The program is sponsored by the Extension Service, Lubbock Master Gardeners, South Plains Plant Society and Texas Tech University.

At 9:30 a.m. Dr. Roland Roberts, Extension vegetable specialist, will demonstrate steps in "Taming the Wild Llano Estacado Tomato." At 10:30 a.m., members of the Extension Service Master Food Preservers, will show proper ways to dehydrate and preserve fruits and vegetables. At 1:30 p.m., Karen Jackson, certified Master Gardener, will present "Water Gardening on the Arid Llano Estacado."

Experts and the problems and concerns with which they will help South Plains citizens throughout the day are:

Dr. Peter Dotray, Extension weed specialist and Texas Tech assistant professor, weed control; Dr. Lewis Eggenberger, retired professor of agricultural education and mechanization at Tech, small engines and tool maintenance; Dr. Michael Hickey Extension soil chemist, lawns and soil fertility; Mrs. Karen Jackson, certified master gardener, water gardening; Dr. Harold Kaufman, Extension plant pathologist, plant health and diseases; Dr. James Leser, Extension entomologist, landscape insect control; Mrs. Synthia McKinney, Tech horticulture instructor, flowers, annuals and perennials; Dr. Roberts, Extension vegetable specialist, vegetable gardening; Dr. Rose Mary Seymour, Extension engineer and irrigation specialist, irrigation; Dr. George Tereshkovich, Tech horticulture professor, shrubs and flowers, and Stanley Young, Lubbock County Extension agent, general information.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market at Sweetwater had a run of 718 head of cattle for the Wed., May 10 sale. Stocker and feeder cattle were steady to weak with pairs and bred cows higher. Packer cows and bulls were 1 cwt higher.

STEERS
300-400: 85-95
400-500: 77-87
500-600: 72-81
600-700: 64-72

HEIFERS
300-400: 74-85
400-500: 68-75
500-600: 63-69
600-700: 60-66

BRED COWS
Good: 500-600
Older and plainer: 375-500

PAIRS
Good: 600-700
Older and plainer: 500-600

PACKER COWS
Good: 34-40
Low yielding: 28-34.

PACKER BULLS
Good: 48-54.
Low yielding: 44-48.

Women now work on and off the farm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women on farms may no longer just be growing gardens, tending chickens or milking cows as in frontier days, but they're more likely to be working — on or off the farm — than other women.

Whether on the farm, running a farm on their own or with their husbands or in outside businesses, nearly three-quarters of farm women work, say two Agriculture Department economists.

By contrast, 53 percent of all women nationally work outside the home.

Janet E. Perry and Mary C. Ahearn based their findings on a 1991 survey of the nation's 2 million farm households. The survey looked at who ran the farm and how many hours the farmer and spouse spent in work on and off the farm, who worked off the farm and who earned what.

"Today, farm women make a wide variety of significant contributions to the household and farm business," the authors said in the June issue of Rural Development Perspectives, a USDA publication.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

SEVEN SMALL WAYS TO STOP ONE BIG PROBLEM

Taking a few small steps can often help you avoid big mistakes. This check list can help parents control their tempers when dealing with children:

•Take a deep breath. And then another. Then remember you are the adult.

•Before you speak, close your eyes and imagine you're hearing what your child is about to hear.

•Press your lips together and count to 10 before you speak. Even better, count to 20.

•Put your child in an observable time-out chair. (Remember the rule: one time-out minute for each year of age.)

•Phone a friend and talk to them.

•If there is someone who can watch the children, go outside and take a walk.

•Write or call for parenting information: Parenting, P.O. Box 2866, Chicago, Ill. 60690, (800-55-NCPCA).

The United States is one of only three industrialized countries that has not ratified a United Nations aggreement on worldwide women's rights.

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Words cannot express our appreciation to everyone who attended and supported our May Day activities. Hope to see you next year - May 4, 1996.

Child-killer reported executed today in Georgia

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — A man who raped and murdered a 12-year-old girl went to his death in the electric chair, less than two days after a storm knocked out power at the prison as the U.S. Supreme Court was issuing a stay.

Asked if he wanted a prayer Wednesday, Darrell Gene Devier said, "I'll take all I can get when it comes to that. I don't have no objection to a prayer."

The unidentified minister then prayed that God would "be with him to the end."

Nine friends of the victim's family, all wearing blue ribbons, cheered at the entrance to the prison and held up pictures of the girl as a hearse bearing Devier's body passed by.

The girl's parents, Roy and Mary Stoner, were inside the prison when Devier was executed, but did not watch his death.

"Today's execution, after waiting far too long, was a punishment," said Mrs Stoner's brother, Vince Stewart.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, May 19, 1995

In the year ahead, your imprint will be felt in more areas than it has been in the past. Success is now possible in venues where you previously met with only disappointment.

TAURUS (April 20-may 20) Collective ventures look especially promising for you at this time. See if there is room for you in a certain coalition that offers unique possibilities. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) One of your best assets today will be your ability to bring divergent interests together for a mutually beneficial purpose. You can do this instinctively.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you've been considering a change to improve your working conditions, try to implement it today. Delays could reduce its impact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Snap decisions you make today will prove better than those you ponder over with long deliberations. Trust your judgment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Timing will be extremely important today, especially if you are trying to close some type of deal. Do not act too quickly or wait too long to play your trump card.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Improving upon the ideas of others could be your best asset today. You may not be able to come up with the original concepts, but you'll know how to polish them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conditions in general look favorable for you today, but you'll have the best luck when you attempt to make or save money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This could be an extremely enjoyable day for you if you select your companions. Do not wait for others to put something together; take charge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Persons with your best interests at heart will watch out for both your material and your emotional needs today. They will do all they can to help you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Remain optimistic regarding the outcome of today's events. You are now in a cycle where expansive hopes have very good chances of being gratified.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your chances for success will be better today than they will be tomorrow. For best results, strike now while the iron is hot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Focus your energies and efforts on endeavors that give you a lucky feeling. Your expectations will probably be gratified in just the way you'd like.

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DATE BOOK

May 18, 1995

Today is the 138th day of 1995 and the 60th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1778, the British held a fair in Philadelphia as a cure for boredom. They called it the Mischianza Festival — or, "a little bit of everything."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), philosopher-mathematician; Walter Gropius (1883-1969), architect; Frank Capra (1897-1991), film director; Meredith Willson (1902-1984), composer-lyricist; Perry Como (1912-), singer, is 83; Margot Fonteyn (1919-1991), ballerina; John Paul II (1920-), pope, is 75; Pernell Roberts (1930-), actor, is 65; Brooks Robinson (1937-), baseball great, is 58; Reggie Jackson (1946-), baseball great, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, the Utah Stars claimed the ABA championship, defeating the Dan Issel-led Kentucky Colonels.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I'm beginning to see Brooks in my sleep. If I dropped this paper plate, he'd pick it up on one hop and throw me out at first." — Sparky Anderson on Brooks Robinson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1980, Washington's Mount St. Helens erupted, sending dust particles over much of the United States.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (May 14) and last quarter (May 21).

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Ride not blamed in girl's death

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Preliminary autopsy results show a Disney ride didn't cause any trauma that led to the death of a 4-year-old girl, authorities said.

Linda Elaine Baker of Galveston, Texas, slumped over and died Tuesday night while riding with her mother on Body Wars, a bumpy 4½-minute ride that simulates a trip through the human body. It's part of the Epcot '95 amusement park.

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