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Home of Eric Adam Romero

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Charm is an attribute that has become a habit."

When Darlie Routier of Rowlett was put on death row earlier this month, it shocked some when they realized she would become the seventh female on death row.

Routier was convicted of killing one of her two young sons who died in a brutal attack. The other six women on death row also have a violent history.

--One shot her husband for insurance money and dumped his body in a well.

--Another was convicted in a 1983 pick-axe slaying.

--One was found guilty of abduction and slaying of a three-month-old child found in a shallow grave near Temple.

--One is on death row since 1993 for the robbery, car jacking and murder of a Houston woman. The victim's throat was slashed five times as she begged for mercy.

--A wife and mother killed her family for insurance money.

--A female hitchhiker has been on death row since 1980 for strangling the Good Samaritan who picked her up and brought her to his home.

Right after the American Bar Association called for a moratorium on executions, the Associated Texans Against Crime countered that several facts were overlooked by the lawyers group.

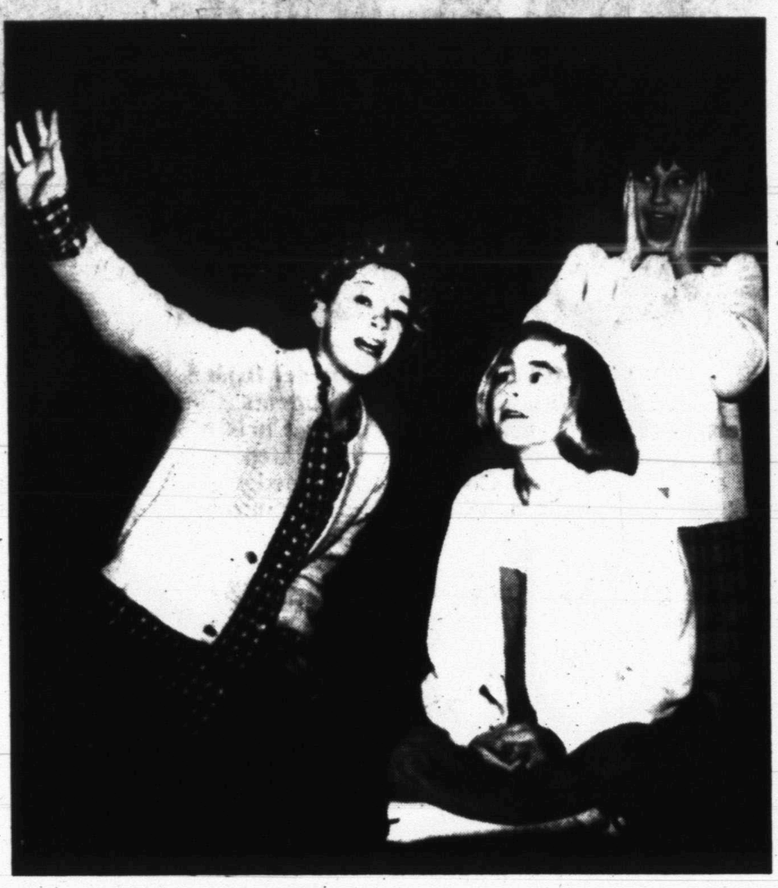
--In 1995, Texas executed 19 inmates, the most since execution was reinstated in 1982. In fiscal year 1995, 1,645 offenders were sentenced to prison for the crime of murder.

--There are 420 inmates on death row in Texas. In the past 10 years, there have been more than 10,000 murders in Texas.

--The average stay on death row is more than eight years.

--State law requires that Texas must provide legal counsel for death row inmates. Under its current budget, the Court of Criminal Appeals can pay attorneys $100 per hour for this service. Yet, few lawyers have come forward, and the president of the state bar called $100 an hour "a sacrificial amount" for most attorneys.

The ABA has 370,000 members. It seems it should have ample resources to provide representation that would meet its own high standards.



"ANNIE" BEGINS THURSDAY — Snyder Junior High choir and drama students will present "Annie" Thursday through Saturday. The musical will begin at 7 p.m. and reservations are being made by calling 573-6356. Tickets are $3 if purchased early and $4 at the door. All seats are reserved. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Cogdell to take another look at health insurance packages

Employee health insurance tops the agenda again for Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers, who meet at 8 o'clock Thursday morning.

The board had approved a two-tiered plan through Blue Cross earlier this month, but that has fallen through, Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer said this morning.

"We had made requests for proposals for a two-tiered plan and what they sent us looked like a two-tiered plan. Our consultant said it looked just like the 30 or 40 two-tiered plans he had seen from them before. But they said it wasn't meant to be a two-tiered plan. It was either or," said Reecer.

What the board thought it was approving was a plan which would allow employees two options. What Blue Cross was submitting, was actually two separate plans, officials learned.

Thursday, administrators will be presenting several other plans to the board.

The hospital began searching for a new plan when it learned that premiums would increase from $723,580 to an estimated $857,869.

Other agenda items before the board are routine — accounts payable and the financial, medical and nursing reports.

Street specs on DCOS agenda

Specifications for the paving of a road at the city's industrial park will be among the topics for Development Corporation of Snyder board members to consider when they convene at 4 p.m. Thursday.

The specifications, drawn up by the engineering firm of Freese & Nichols, are for the entry road into SnTx Park I, where Lorber Industries of Texas will soon begin construction of a new plant. Funding is through a USDA rural development grant of approximately $390,000. Plans are to go out for bids on the paving next Tuesday.

In other business, interest has been shown in reopening the old brick plant on Brick Plant Road and DCOS members will be updated on that information.

Local TU Electric manager Daryl Thomas will visit with the board concerning the utility company's willingness to work with DCOS and the industrial park.

Other items include a budget for marketing materials, consideration of new office hours for the Economic Development office and handling of overtime for the executive secretary.

DCOS Executive Director John DeLille will give his monthly report and the board will also consider financial statements, payment of bills and approval of previous minutes.

The board meets in the Economic Development office at American State Bank.

Social Security exemption rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of the Republican balanced budget amendment turned back a new attempt today to build a wall between Social Security and a balanced budget, moving another step toward a showdown on the proposed constitutional change.

The Senate, voting 67-33, rejected a proposal by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. that would have gradually weaned budget writers from reliance on the Social Security surplus.

On Tuesday, the Senate by a largely party-line 55-44 vote defeated a proposal by Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., that would have excluded the Social Security trust fund from future budget balancing calculations.

With those hurdles cleared, supporters of the constitutional amendment waited for an even more momentous decision — the planned announcement today by Sen. Bob Torricelli, D-N.J., on how he will vote.

Asked this morning whether he planned a personal plea for Torricelli's "no" vote, President Clinton laughed, said, "That's a good question," then flashed a thumbs-up.

New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman, a Republican, today called on Torricelli to keep his promise to back the amendment. "Keeping campaign promises is something New Jerseyans have come to expect," she said.

Torricelli, who voted for a balanced budget as a House member two years ago but has voiced reservations about the GOP-backed proposal, is the last undecided senator. His endorsement would give supporters the 67 votes, or two-thirds majority, needed for passage.

"I understand the enormity of the moment," Torricelli said as both sides lobbied for his support.

Torricelli spokesman Jim Jordan said today that Torricelli hasn't told anyone of how he will vote. "There are some nervous people on both sides. But he's genuinely undecided."

The outcome of the final vote came down to Torricelli after another Democratic freshman who had been uncommitted, Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, said Tuesday she would put aside her concerns over Social Security and vote for passage. A final Senate vote is expected early next week.

Landrieu and other Democrats backed Reid's substitute proposal, which would have barred Social Security trust funds from being used to balance the budget. The trust funds recorded a $66 billion surplus this year.

"We will protect the most important social program in the history of the world," Reid said.

Opponents responded that President Clinton, who opposes a constitutional amendment without Social Security protections, uses the trust fund surplus in his proposal to balance the budget by 2002. They said taking the trust fund off budget would force budget writers to find billions of dollars in new spending cuts or tax increases to obtain balance.

"There's no reason in the world to put the largest item in the budget outside of the purview of the balanced budget amendment," said Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. He said taking the trust fund off budget was a "risky gimmick" that could leave Social Security beneficiaries even more vulnerable.

Jury finds Jones guilty of assault

It took the jury about 20 minutes Tuesday to find a Price Daniel inmate guilty of assaulting a correctional officer.

The eight-man, four-woman jury convicted Carl Anthony Jones of assaulting Jerry Wayne Tatom in an incident that occurred on July 12, 1996 near the unit's gymnasium. Jones had originally entered a not-guilty plea to the charges.

The jury began deliberating the punishment phase this morning after receiving the charge from the court. At noon, the panel told 132nd District Court Judge Ernie Armstrong that it preferred to continue deliberations rather than break for lunch.

Jones is presently serving a prison sentence for an aggravated assault conviction in Nueces County. He is represented by Kandace Norris of Canyon, an attorney with the State Counsel for Offenders, a division of TDCJ.

District Attorney Dana Cooley is prosecuting the case.

Joel Griffin...

Tree planting at Stanfield to honor former principal

Joel Griffin devoted much of his adult life to children and education, so; it is only fitting that Stanfield, the school where he served the longest as principal, will plant a Chinese pistachis tree in his honor on Thursday.

The ceremony will get underway at 1 p.m. with a flag raising and pledge of allegiance featuring Cub Scout Pack 61. Lee McNair, business manager, will lead the prayer.

Lois A. Boles, Stanfield principal, will welcome guests.

Testimonials will be offered by Griffin's son, Joel Wayne Griffin Jr., and three retired educators, Frank Miller, Charles Anderson and Bobbie Taylor.

They will pay tribute to Griffin, the family man and World War II veteran as well as longtime educator.

Other family members attending will be his widow, Shine, daughter, Julia, and nephew, James Reynolds and his wife.

A reception will follow. Hostesses include Linda Cozart, Neoma Harlin, Carolyn Hamby and Carolyn Martin.

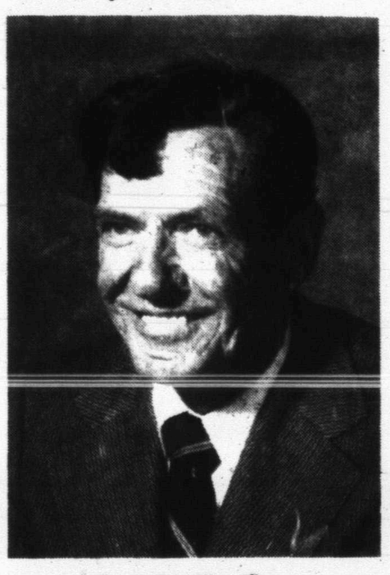
Griffin served as principal at Stanfield from 1964-1979, when he retired due to health reasons.

He died on March 31, 1994.

The Stanfield Parent Council purchased the tree. Mrs. Boles said the tree planting is in keeping with the ongoing beautification projects at Snyder schools.

The tree will add to the front landscape, Mrs. Boles said.

A few years ago, Stanfield also planted a tree in memory of student Ryan Canon.



Joel Griffin Sr.

Bush names three to TDCJ board

AUSTIN (AP) — Three people have been appointed to six-year terms on the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, which oversees the state's prison system and other criminal justice operations.

Named Tuesday by Gov. George W. Bush were: Patricia A. Day, Dallas, the executive director of Victims Outreach, which provides services to crime victims; Alfred C. Moran, Arlington, partner in an investment banking and consulting firm; and Alfred M. Stringfellow, San Antonio, president of an oil and gas and real estate development company.

The appointments require Senate confirmation.

The new board members replace vice chair Ellen J. Halbert of Austin, Rufus Duncan of Lufkin and Josh Allen of Beaumont. All three were appointed by former Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat.

The three new board members join chairman Allan Polunsky of San Antonio, Nancy Patton of Lubbock, John Ward of Gatesville, John David Franz of Hidalgo, Carol Vance of Houston and Carole Young of Dallas.

County museum, historical commission plan observance

Scurry County Museum and the Scurry County Historical Commission will host a Texas Independence Day observance in the museum Sunday.

A Texas Ranger exhibit on loan from the Heritage Museum in Big Spring will be featured, along with other related items.

A copy of "I'm Frank Hamer," who is ranked among the most famous Texas Rangers, will be given as a door prize. Hamer married Gladys Johnson, daughter of W.A. (Uncle Billy) Johnson, an early-day Scurry County rancher and banker, and lived in Scurry County for a time.

Other door prizes will be a copy of "From the Cookie to the Chef," a cookbook published locally during the Texas Sesquicentennial, and two other area history books.

Refreshments will be served. The museum will be open from 1-3 p.m.

Ira bees set on Thursday

Ira School will hold its spelling bees on Thursday.

Junior high students will begin at 8:15 a.m.

They will be immediately followed by the elementary division.

Cindy Shoults is the coordinator.

Snyder and Hermleigh schools have already determined their winners.

The county bee is slated for March 7.

ASK US

Q—When is the next arts and crafts show at the coliseum? How do you contact the person in charge?

A—The dates of the next show are April 26-27. The person to contact is Mel Prather in Big Spring, 915 263-7690.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 34; low, 31; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 34; .10 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 4.90 inches.

Area Forecast: Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Low 30-35. Thursday, partly cloudy. High around 60.



Brittany Fritz
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:40 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:13 a.m.
Of 56 days in 1997, the sun has shone 48 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Patience and delay achieve more than force and rage.

-La Fontaine

GTECH, lottery chairwoman continue their war of words

AUSTIN (AP) — A war of words is continuing between Texas Lottery Chairwoman Harriet Miers and the company whose lottery contract she wants to reopen for bids.

GTECH Vice President Mike Chambrello, in a Monday letter to Ms. Miers, contended that reopening the contract would be bad business and could hurt the lottery in the future.

"It is regrettable that you have apparently prejudged this matter," Chambrello wrote.

Ms. Miers fired back Tuesday, writing, "Needless to say, I do not agree with certain assumptions, characterizations and implications in your letter and I accept the letter as the advocacy piece it is.

"I have one mission: given the policy determination to have a state-run lottery, to ensure to the best of my ability that Texans are receiving maximum benefit from above-reproach operation of the lottery," she wrote.

Ms. Miers said in the letter that Chambrello has asked to meet privately with individual lottery commissioners, which she called "inconsistent with a public airing of issues that are critically important to the public."

"Additionally, as you know, the commissioners are restrained by the Open Meetings Law from meeting together except in an open meeting," she wrote.

A message left for GTECH spokesman Robert Rendine after business hours was not immediately returned. Ms. Miers sent the letter to Chambrello in care of Michael Boone of Dallas, who also did not immediately return a telephone message.

Rhode Island-based GTECH Corp. won the contract to run the lottery in 1992. The Lottery Commission last year granted a five-year contract extension without taking new bids.

Questions since have been raised about GTECH's hiring practices and the amount of money spent on lobbyists to influence legislation.

Ms. Miers has said she believes rebidding would ensure Texans aren't paying too much for GTECH services. The company has made more than $500 million from the Texas contract.

In a Feb. 18 letter to acting lottery director Kim Kiplin, Ms. Miers said she wanted a meeting as soon as possible to consider rebidding and other alternatives related to the contract. That meeting has been set for March 4.

In his Monday letter, Chambrello cited the success of Texas' lottery as a reason GTECH's contract shouldn't be reopened.

"This demonstrated success has returned $4 billion to the taxpayers of Texas. It has operated flawlessly," Chambrello wrote.



SHS BAND COMPETES — These Snyder High School band students recently competed in solo and ensemble competition in Lubbock. Students shown are front row, from left, Justin Willson, Trey Gorman, Casity Reneau, Corey Ballard, Christy Garner, Karomy Drum; middle row: Krista Villarreal, David Thames, Michael Borrego, George Aguilar, Melanie Gibson, Sarah Lilly; back row, Thomas Bishop, Josh Coronado, Jack Hedges, Nick Means, James Aguilar, Joey Steakley. Audra Lilly is not pictured. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Snaring snakes debate heads to U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton wants Congress to spend $1 million to help attack brown tree snakes in Guam and keep them from spreading to Hawaii and the continental United States.

Alaska Sen. Frank Murkowski has another idea — a $1 bounty per snake.

"If you paid kids $1 a snake, wouldn't it do some good?" Murkowski asked Tuesday during a Senate budget hearing.

"No," answered Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt. He said the $1 million is needed to pay for new research to combat the millions of non-poisonous snakes overrunning Guam and other parts of the Pacific.

"How do you know?" Murkowski countered.

"If I was out there with $1 bills and a 12-year-old kid, I think I'd get some snakes," the Republican senator continued.

"I'll go out with my pile of dollar bills and you come out with your scientists and we'll see who gets more snakes," Murkowski told Babbitt.

Babbitt replied, "You'll get a lot of snakes, but you wouldn't solve the problem."

Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources, brought the matter up in accusing the Clinton administration of misguided spending priorities at the Interior Department.

Babbitt said one of the brown tree snakes recently was found at Honolulu International Airport in Hawaii. Seven have been found in Hawaii since 1981.

"The brown tree snake is a major disaster looming across the Pacific, pointed at Hawaii and perhaps the southern United States," Babbitt said.

Population counts of the snake have risen as high as 2,000 to 3,000 snakes per square mile in Guam, he said.

"The entire island has been overrun," Babbit said. "Plant species are going extinct. They are everywhere, shorting out power lines, coming in through plumbing systems. It's a mess."

Berry's World



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"This seems to be one of the few remaining places around where one can still smoke."

Annie

presented by Drama & Choral Departments
Feb. 27, 28 & March 1 7:00 p.m.
Snyder Junior High School Auditorium
Reserved Seats $3 In Advance
$4 At Door

New star, recent Grammy nod are latest laurels for Texas DJ

ARLINGTON (AP) — Disc jockey Bill Mack remembers the first time he heard LeAnn Rimes sing on stage, her warm, throaty voice so much like Patsy Cline's that the hair on his arms stood up.

After he heard the girl singing "Crazy" — the Willie Nelson tune Ms. Cline made famous — he sent a copy of his song "Blue" to Miss Rimes' father. Mack had sent the same song to Ms. Cline, but nothing came of it before her death in a plane crash in 1963.

This time, it worked.

Mack could win his first Grammy Award in New York City tonight for the song that made Miss Rimes, 14, a country star.

"Blue" is nominated for song of the year and best country song. Miss Rimes, named best new country artist at last month's American Music Awards, is also up for best new artist and best female country vocal performance.

Other favorites at the 34th annual awards show at Madison Square Garden include Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, with a record-tying 12 nominations — four as a producer, seven as a songwriter and one as a singer. The rock group Smashing Pumpkins was nominated for seven awards, while Tracy Chapman and Vince Gill each had five.

The accolades are a big surprise for the 65-year-old Mack, a Texas Panhandle native better known as a DJ. He considers songwriting a hobby, despite penning 200 songs he says have been recorded by 60 artists.

The success of "Blue" and Miss Rimes almost didn't happen.

"I got her dad a copy of 'Blue,' and he tossed it aside because he thought it was too mature for her," Mack said. "And she heard it and said, 'Daddy, I want to do that song.'"

"Blue" sold more than 100,000 copies in the first three weeks of its June release, making Miss Rimes, then 13, the youngest female artist to hit the country charts since Tanya Tucker and Marie Osmond.

"When I heard her sing on stage, the hair stood up on my arms," Mack said.

Mack is in the Country Music Disc Jockey Hall of Fame, but it wasn't until now that he has received widespread attention for his songs. The closest he has been to songwriting fame was when George Strait hit the charts with Mack's "Drinking Champagne" in 1990.

Mack, an early champion of Loretta Lynn and Ms. Tucker, is best known as radio's "Midnight Cowboy," broadcasting country music to late-night listeners for most of the past 27 years on Fort Worth station WBAP.

His "All-Night Trucking Show" has 50,000-watt affiliates across the Midwest and West, reaching listeners from Canada to Mexico and from the Appalachians to the Rockies.

Despite the success of "Blue," Mack doesn't fancy himself anything more than a DJ, even though he took four days off this week for the awards show.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1997

In the year ahead you might be given a marvelous opportunity to be involved in something another has created or has under way. You will make a valuable contribution that will not be financial.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are both a doer and a talker today, yet you'll still get a favorable grade. Your marks will be higher however, if you're more industrious and less vocal. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro- Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you may be confronted by an awkward choice as to where you should devote your efforts and resources. Put the needs of loved ones at the head of the list.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Friends will be more receptive to you today if you don't try to dominate developments. Just be one of the guys instead of trying to be an unelected group leader.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something meaningful might develop for you today that could have a favorable effect on your career. However, don't announce potential happenings before they occur.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make it a point today not to put on airs in order to impress others. By the same token, don't be in awe of individuals who see themselves as hotshots.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be prepared today to do everything you can to help someone you love. Even if you go to extremes, it's excusable if it is for a noble purpose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Wherever you go, you're likely to be the center of attention today. Have a good time and enjoy yourself, but be disciplined against overindulgence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Boldness, effort and dedication will earn you the rewards you desire today, but wishful thinking won't. Now is the time to be a doer, not a talker.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your social plans could sputter today if they include too many people you do not know well. You will have more fun if the group is at ease with one another.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This should be a rewarding day for you, yet it might not live up to your expectations. Just remember, in order to accumulate, you must be realistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Let your heart rule your head today with persons with whom you have emotional bonds. Fulfilling these desires before material ones will be more gratifying.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your chances for acquisition look strong today, but not due to luck. Good things will transpire only in areas where you work for what you want.

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"We went to the store for sour cream and to check our numbers. We never did get the sour cream."

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Their System:
"I picked the first and last number, the age of my sons, how long we've been married and the number of grandkids."

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First Purchase:
"I bought a tiller."

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What She Did With Her Ticket:
"I signed it immediately and took it home and put it in a sealed plastic bag."

*Paid over 20 years.



"I saw that *all six numbers* matched, and I just *went to dancing.*"

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LOTTO TEXAS

OVER 200 MILLIONAIRES AND STILL COUNTING

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POSTER CONTEST WINNER — Stephanie Ervin has won the local Ryan White Foundation Poster Contest, sponsored jointly by the foundation and Western Texas College's Phi Theta Kappa, an international honors fraternity. Paul Rucker of Lubbock, PTK executive board member, presented Ervin a gift certificate on Friday. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Stephanie Ervin...

Snyder 8th grader wins poster contest

An eighth grader at Snyder Junior High School has won the local junior high division award in the Ryan White Foundation Poster Contest, sponsored locally by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honors fraternity at Western Texas College.

Paul Rucker of Lubbock, PTK executive board member, presented Stephanie Ervin a certificate on Friday.

Other winners included Scott Reston, second place, and Zach Allred, third.

Stepanie's poster is now eligible to compete for the top national prize to be awarded to one junior high student and one high school student.

The top winners will receive the following prizes:

—A $500 scholarship to be applied to any educational program of choice and approved by the Foundation.

—A commemorative framed copy of his/her poster and a certificate of award.

—An invitation to the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Dallas, for the unveiling of the 1997 Ryan White Foudation Post Contest winners.

Each winning school will also benefit by receiving $1,000 worth of classroom maps and globes from the George F. Cram Company.

Students in grades 6-12 were invited to compete.

Two art classes at SJHS entered the contest. Posters were locker size.

The theme for the 1997 poster contest is "Compassion, Understanding, and Education: It Makes A Difference."

The Ryan White Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society collaborated this year to present the third annual Ryan White Foundation National Poster Contest.

Each Phi Theta Kappa region selected 10 finalists from junior high and high school entries. The Ryan White Foundation will select the top winner from each group.

A panel of student judges will select one junior high school and high school winner from across the U.S. The selected posters will be printed and distributed nationally.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges.

Date Book

Feb. 26, 1997

Today is the 57th day of 1997 and the 68th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the island of Elba.

On this day in 1919, an act of Congress established Grand Canyon National Park.

On this day in 1993, terrorists detonated a bomb in the garage beneath the World Trade Center in New York City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Christopher Marlowe (1564-1593), writer; Victor Hugo (1802-1885), writer; Honore Daumier (1808-1879), artist; Buffalo Bill Cody (1846-1917), Western scout-hunter; Grover Cleveland Alexander (1887-1950), baseball great; Tex Avery (1908-1980), animator; Jackie Gleason (1916-1987), comedian; Tony Randall (1920-), actor, is 77; Fats Domino (1928-), musician, is 69; Johnny Cash (1932-), singer-songwriter, is 65.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1925, billiard player Joe Schaeffer ran 400 consecutive balls in 70 minutes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Accurst be he that first invented war." — Christopher Marlowe

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, afternoon storms tore the roofs from houses in Harare, Zimbabwe.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 22) and last quarter (March 2).

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m., for more information, call 573-6534.

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

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Photographer charged with sexual assault, videotaping

DOVER, N.H. (AP) — "Attention Models!!!" read the sign in the basement dressing room of a Lawrence Ring, a photographer who shot bridal portraits and portfolios for aspiring models.

"Please! No undergarments," said the sign. "Why? Because pantyhose, panties and bras cause unsightly lines and bulges which are unacceptable for glamorous or model shows."

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"They realize now they may have been taped," Sgt. Anthony Colarusso said Tuesday. "They're very upset because they don't feel they did anything wrong — and they didn't."

Ring has been charged with sexual assault after a 15-year-old girl told police he seduced her into having sex with him while a camera was running a few weeks ago. Ring has not been charged with making or distributing child pornography.

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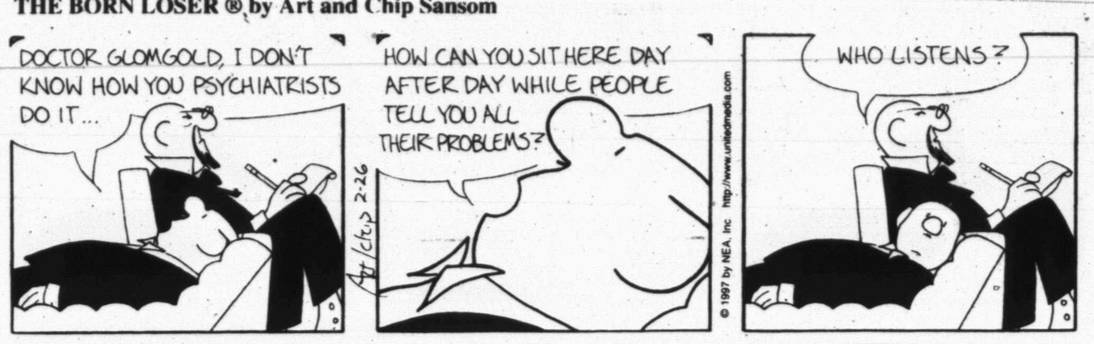
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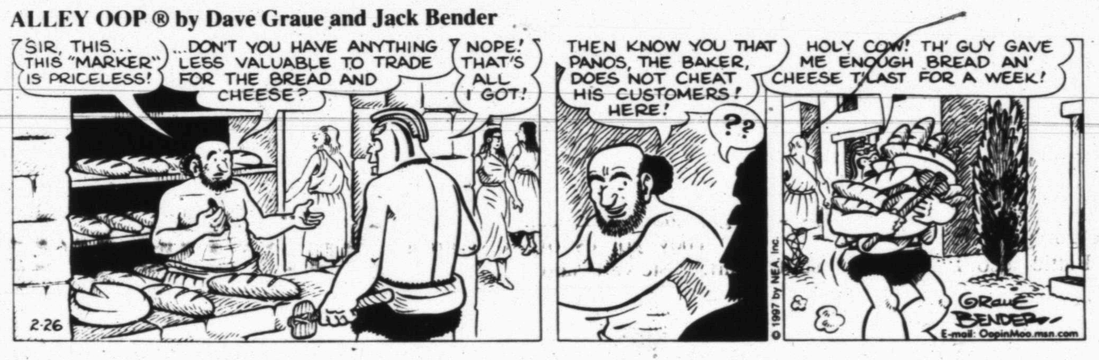
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15 Amazon snake
16 Coarse hair
17 Pillar
18 Enthusiastic applause
20 Diminutive suffix
23 Important time periods
24 Footrest
28 Hiding place
31 Labor org.
32 Holier — thou
34 Grafted, in heraldry
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37 City in Utah
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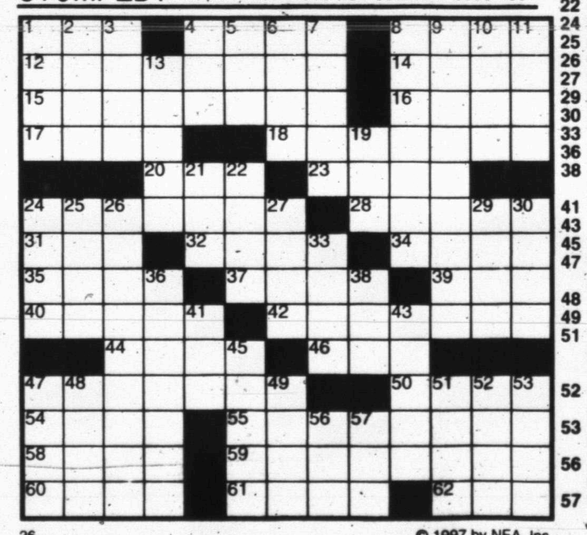
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5 Metal for cans
6 Take apart
7 — — at the office
8 Having made a will
9 Gesture of respect
10 Inflict on (2 wds.)
11 College official
13 Metrical stress
19 Letters of the alphabet
21 Destiny
22 Repeat
24 Strikes
25 Mil. fugitive
26 Cajole
27 Small vehicle
29 Headliner
30 Skirt edges
33 Tidy
36 Gods
38 Alps, e.g. (abbr.)
41 Casual top
43 — cotta
45 Propel
47 Response to a bad pun?
48 Woe is me!
49 Haze
51 Let — — (Beatles song)
52 Shopping area
53 Vehicle on runners
56 Actress Farrow
57 Quaint

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SPORTS

WTC still hunting win in final league contest

HOBBS, N.M. — A victory Thursday night has little meaning - except in the pride category.

The Lady Westerners will hope to end a 11-game losing streak and gain a building-block victory for next season when they travel to New Mexico Junior College for the final game of the season.

Coach Anthony Portley is hoping that the third time is the charm. In two previous meetings with the Lady Thunderbirds, WTC were victims by scores of 64-57 and 80-41.

The conference game begins at 6:30 p.m. (MST). The Westerners are 4-25 for the season and have a 2-13 league mark.

Over Missouri...

Raiders come from behind for victory

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — An early 14-point deficit was no big deal for Texas Tech, which simply fed Cory Carr more often.

Carr had 30 points and was 7-for-13 from 3-point range as Texas Tech (17-8, 9-6 Big 12) put away Missouri with a 19-1 run that began late in the first half in an 84-73 victory Tuesday night.

The Big 12's leading scorer made only two of six shots in the first half and clanked a few as Missouri got an emotional start in its home finale and jumped to a 15-1 lead. He hit five of his first eight after the break, four of them from 3-point range.

"When he gets a fever like that, we want to get him the ball," coach James Dickey said.

"He's able to put up some numbers in bunches," teammate Tony Battie said. "When you're on the road, you have to give him the ball."

Carr's 3-point output tied his career best, which is also the school record, and tied a Hearnes Center record for an opponent.

"I was moving without the ball and guys were looking to screen for me, get me open," Carr said. "I got great looks."

Battie also had a slow start, getting his first basket with 7:07 left in the first half, but finished with 17 points and 15 rebounds before fouling out with 2:02 left.

They formed a potent 1-2 punch during the run that began with 3:04 left in the first half and Tech trailing 40-27 ended when Battie scored from the lane with 16:48 remaining for a 46-41 lead. Carr hit three 3-pointers and Battie had six points.

"Everything was clicking there for a while," Battie said. "We had the complete inside-outside going."

Missouri responded by launching batches of 3-point attempts. The Tigers' best outside threat, Jason Sutherland, was 2-for-11 from long range and Missouri was 7-for-29 overall.

Missouri shot 47.1 percent in the first half, 37 percent the rest of the way.

"When you live by it, you're going to die by it," Missouri coach Norm Stewart said. "That's exactly what happened. You've got to get to the basket a little more than we were able to."

Stewart started an all-senior lineup for Missouri's final regular-season home game, including seldom-used point guard Chip Walther and forward Dustin Reeve. Walther got the team off to a quick start with a pair of 3-pointers and finished with 11 points, one short of his career high, and six assists.

"They got us off to a great start," Stewart said.

Texas Tech missed its first six shots and five of its first six free throws.

It didn't last. It was a familiar story for Missouri, which previously fell apart in the second half against Colorado, Wake Forest and Kansas.

UT rips Aggies, 68-57

AUSTIN (AP) — Reggie Freeman suffered through his second poor shooting performance in a row Tuesday night against Texas A&M.

But Kris Clack wasn't going to let the Freeman chill lead the Longhorns to a second loss in a row.

Clack scored 23 points to help carry cold-shooting Texas past Texas A&M 68-57 Tuesday night.

Texas (16-9, 10-5 Big 12) clinched one of the top two seeds in the Big 12 Conference tournament and tallied the 1,300th win for the program, including eight straight victories over the Aggies.

The Longhorns now have eight wins in a row over the Aggies.

Texas A&M (9-16, 3-12) closed to 61-55 as Tracey Anderson buried a 3-pointer with 1:52 left.

But the Longhorns outscored A&M 10-5 in the last four minutes to clinch the win.

Texas' shooting slump had led to a loss on Saturday against Texas Tech, in which Clack scored 12 pints.

"I put too much pressure on myself before," Clack said. "Today, I just came out and played basketball."

Clack scored 12 of his 23 points on 4-of-9 shooting from 3-point range. The four 3-pointers mark a career high for Clack.

"Today is the first day I've seen him shoot threes like he does in practice," said Texas coach Tom Penders. "Hopefully he'll get a little confidence for postseason play."

SDN Sports Briefs

JV game cancelled

Thursday's scheduled junior varsity softball game at Clyde has been cancelled.

Levelland in state tourney

The Levelland Loboettes, champions of District 2-4A, will play Waco Midway at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the state tournament in Austin.

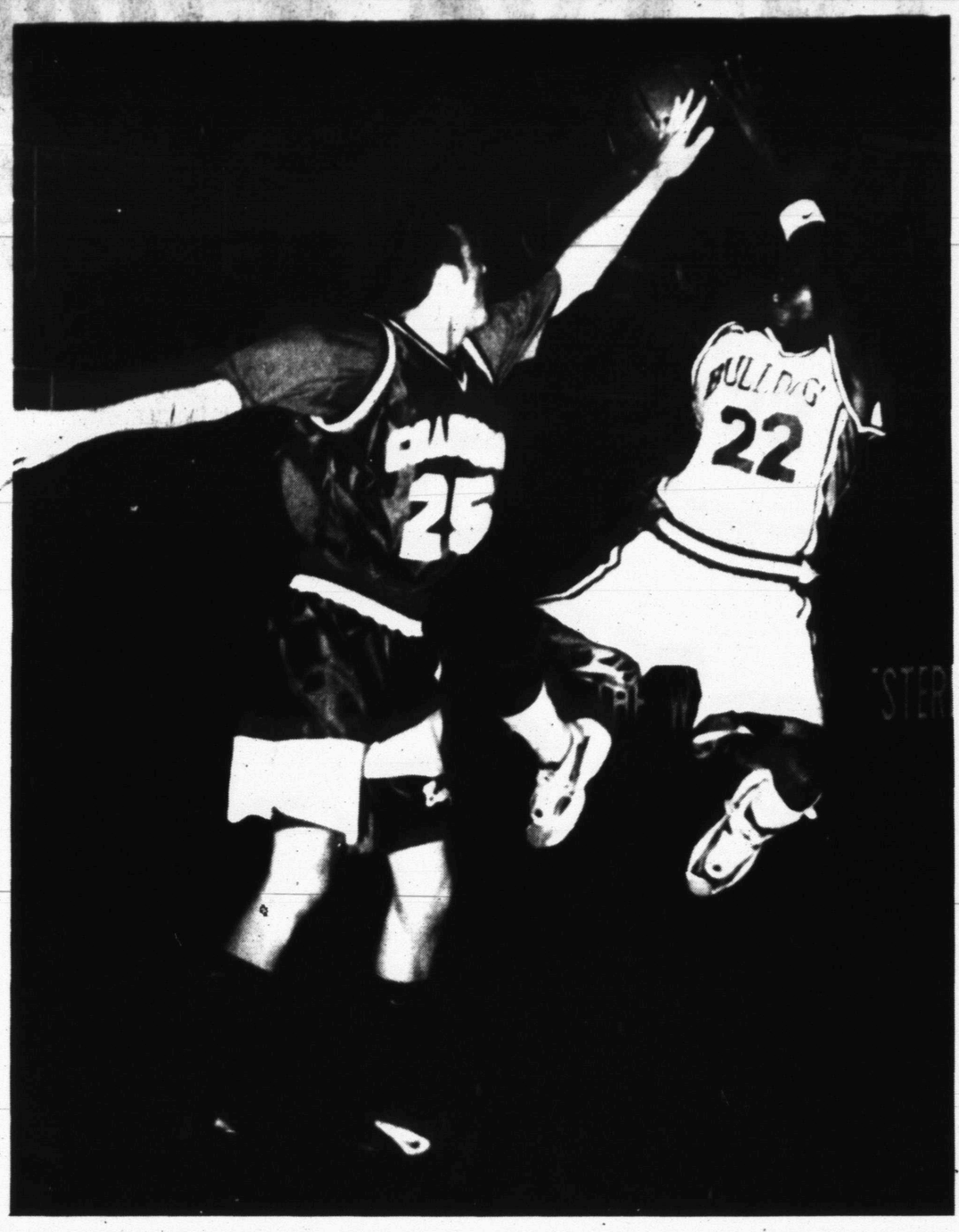
Levelland, who upset the defending state champion Canyon Lady Eagles, 24-22, enters the state finals with a 30-3 record. Waco's won-loss ledger is 29-6.

Soccer sign-ups

The Snyder Soccer Association will hold sign-ups for the upcoming season.

All girls and boys must be four years old on or before July 31, 1997. There is a $20 fee for each player, and each child must bring their birth certificate and social securtiy number.

The sign-ups will take place in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center on Thursday and Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30.



TWO OF EIGHTEEN - Tahoka's Rocky Moore pushes a shot by Coahoma's Robert Lain during action Tuesday night at Scurry County Coliseum. Moore scored 18 points as the Bulldogs defeated Coahoma in an area playoff game, 53-44. Following Tahoka's win, Shallowater derailed previously undefeated Tuscola Jim Ned in overtime, 67-65. (SDN Staff Photo)

Seattle wins low-scoring contest, but Rockets hum

By The Associated Press

How low can they go in the low-scoring NBA?

Very low, indeed.

The Seattle SuperSonics beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 72-66 Tuesday night in one of the lowest-scoring games in modern NBA history.

How ugly was it?

"A couple of times I looked in the stands and I was amazed people were still there," Seattle's Hersey Hawkins said.

The 138 combined points were the seventh fewest since the shot clock was introduced in the 1954-55 season. But it wasn't even the lowest-scoring game the defensive-minded Cavs have been involved in this month. On Feb. 1, they lost to Miami 71-66.

"I feel like we just won a regional high school tournament," Sonics coach George Karl said. "Hey, a three-point lead in this one was insurmountable."

The Sonics set season lows with their 72 points and 35 percent shooting from the field. But they managed to win their seventh straight game by outscoring the Cavs by 14 points at the free-throw line.

"That was ugly basketball," Seattle's Detlef Schrempf said. "I don't know how y'all stand it."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New Jersey 97, Sacramento 90; Washington 108, Indiana 87; Houston 100, Los Angeles Lakers 96; Utah 110, New York 99; Dallas 86, Charlotte 84; Toronto 124, Denver 122 in overtime; and Los Angeles Clippers 98, Philadelphia 93.

Rockets 100, Lakers 96

At Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon scored eight straight points in the final 4:08 for the Rockets, who lost Brent Price for the season with a knee injury. Price, who missed the first 27 games with a broken elbow, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the second quarter. Charles Barkley led the Rockets with 26 points and 17 rebounds, while Olajuwon scored 25.

Mavericks 86, Hornets 84

At Dallas, rookie Erick Strickland scored a career-high 17 points, including two free throws with 3.9 seconds left, as the Mavericks snapped Charlotte's five-game winning streak. The Hornets had a chance to win, but Vlade Divac missed a 3-pointer with one second left. Glen Rice led the Hornets with 29 points, while Anthony Mason had 16 points and 22 rebounds.

Nets 97, Kings 90

At East Rutherford, Sam Cassell had two baskets and two assists in a key fourth-quarter run and New Jersey held Sacramento scoreless in the final 4:46. Kendall Gill led the Nets with 28 points and 10 rebounds, and Cassell added 23 points, including a clinching 3-pointer with 29 seconds left. Mitch Richmond scored 32 for the Kings, but was 3-of-15 from the field in the second half.

Bullets 108, Pacers 87

At Landover, Juwan Howard scored 20 of his 28 points in the first half as Washington built a 21-point lead and cruised past Indiana to end a three-game losing streak. Howard also had 11 rebounds and nine assists, barely missing the first triple-double of his NBA career. Reggie Miller and Rik Smits had 14 points apiece for Indiana, but they were a combined 9-of-25 from the field.

Raptors 124, Nuggets 122

At Denver, Damon Stoudamire scored nine of his career-high 35 points in overtime as Toronto blew a lead in the last 48 seconds of regulation before rallying to beat the Nuggets. Doug Christie added 27 points and had a team-record nine steals for the Raptors, who shot 57 percent from the field and forced 22 turnovers.

Jazz 110, Knicks 99

At Salt Lake City, Karl Malone scored 33 points for Utah, including four in a row late in the fourth quarter after he was whistled for the game's ninth technical foul. Malone, who pulled his hamstring in the first quarter and was flattened by a Charlie Ward pick in the third quarter, helped Utah win for the 26th time in 29 home games. Patrick Ewing led the Knicks with 28 points.

College scores

By The Associated Press

EAST
Illinois 87, Penn St. 65
Pittsburgh 77, Connecticut 74
St. Joseph's 78, Massachusetts 63

SOUTH
Kentucky 74, Tennessee 64
McNeese St. 103, Southern U. 95
Virginia 58, Virginia Tech 57
Wake Forest 71, Georgia Tech 55

MIDWEST
Cincinnati 63, Southern Miss. 49
Marquette 56, St. Louis 54
Notre Dame 69, Miami 60
Texas Tech 84, Missouri 73

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Texas 68, Texas A&M 57

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S. Utah 76, UC Irvine 65

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Shallowater, Tahoka get playoff wins

Tahoka and Shallowater advanced to the Class 2A regional tournament with victories Tuesday night in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Tahoka cruised to a 53-44 win over Coahoma, but Shallowater's road in the playoffs had previously undefeated Jim Ned as an obstacle.

A final shot at the buzzer in overtime gave the Shallowater Mustangs a 67-65 victory, ending a 31-game win streak by Jim Ned.

Cole Roberts, who paced the Mustangs with 26 points and 20 rebounds, sank a turnaround bank shot as the overtime ended to seal the victory.

Shallowater (27-5) now faces Stratford at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Abilene's Moody Coliseum regional semifinals.

In another Class 2A game in the Scurry County Coliseum, the Tahoka Bulldogs eliminated Coahoma, 53-44.

Tahoka, (27-6) was led by Rocky Moore's 18 points. Coahoma took an early 8-3 lead, but was overcome by Tahoka's nine-point run. Top scorer for Coahoma (22-10) was Blake Nichols with 14 points.

Tahoka will take on Idalou Friday in the regional tournament in Abilene.

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Cleveland	30	24	.556	18½
Indiana	25	29	.463	23½
Milwaukee	25	29	.463	23½
Toronto	20	35	.364	29

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Vancouver	11	47	.190	30
Pacific Division				
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L.A.Clippers	23	29	.442	15
Sacramento	24	31	.436	15½
GoldenState	20	33	.377	18½
Phoenix	20	36	.357	20

Monday's Games
Orlando 93, Detroit 84
Atlanta 106, Golden State 100
Chicago 116, Portland 89
Charlotte 96, San Antonio 84

Tuesday's Games
New Jersey 97, Sacramento 90
Washington 108, Indiana 87
Seattle 72, Cleveland 66
Houston 100, L.A. Lakers 96
Utah 110, New York 99
Dallas 86, Charlotte 84
Toronto 124, Denver 122, OT
L.A. Clippers 98, Philadelphia 93

Wednesday's Games
Sacramento at Boston, 7 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New York at Portland, 10 p.m
L.A. Clippers at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.



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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-with:* PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Michael Jackson testifies in lawsuit via videotape

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson involved in the day-to-day running of his Neverland Ranch? Nah. But he did once tell the workers to smile.

Jackson testified via videotape Tuesday for a lawsuit filed by five former employees of the Santa Barbara County ranch. They say they were fired or forced to quit after cooperating in a grand jury probe into child molestation claims against the star.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is mini-stroke to blame?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 72-year-old sister has, on three occasions, lost vision in her left eye. After the second instance, her doctor prescribed Coumadin for a presumed "mini-stroke." Her prothrombin time is 14 seconds. An MRI was normal. A carotid Doppler failed to reveal any blockages. Is she receiving appropriate therapy?

DEAR READER: Older people may experience the effects of periodic blood clots to the brain. Sudden, temporary loss of vision in one eye, brief periods of confusion and forgetfulness or short-lived weakness may indicate that a "mini-stroke" (or TIA, transient ischemic attack) has occurred.

The diagnosis may be difficult to make, because definitive tests, such as MRI or CT scans, may be normal in the presence of tiny strokes. Under such circumstances, physicians often prescribe anti-coagulant drugs, such as Coumadin. Also, these patients frequently undergo carotid ultrasound/Doppler examinations to determine if blockages in the neck arteries are a source of blood clots. Even with normal test results, however, anti-coagulant therapy may be advisable.

Your sister has a clinical presentation that suggests small strokes: Tiny blood clots formed in one of her arteries, broke off and were carried to the brain, where they produced temporary visual disturbances. I believe that her doctor was correct to prescribe Coumadin, because — if left untreated — the next blood clots could cause more widespread, permanent damage, perhaps death.

However, now that she is taking Coumadin, the speed with which her blood coagulates must be monitored with a blood test called the prothrombin time. In an untreated person, the prothrombin time is about 12 seconds. Patients on therapy should clot more slowly, at about 18 to 20 seconds.

Therefore, while your sister is taking treatment, it isn't enough. She needs more of the drug to raise her blood test into the therapeutic range. She should return to her doctor, who will modify the dose of Coumadin.

Although full-dose Coumadin therapy is no guarantee that your sister may avoid a future stroke, it will certainly help prevent such a consequence.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: During a surgical procedure, my 15-year-old son lost all his hair. Five years later, his scalp hair is still scarce. Is this common?

DEAR READER: For reasons that remain a mystery, some people will lose all their hair in stressful situations, such as surgery, divorce, bankruptcy, and so forth. Fortunately, this reaction is distinctly unusual.

When it occurs, however, the consequences (primarily, psychological devastation) are enormous. No one — especially a healthy young person — welcomes being as bald as a billiard ball overnight.

I am glad to report that, in most cases, the hair grows back. This process may be aided by using Rogaine, which is now available without a prescription. Although your son's hair growth may be less than ideal, it should improve with time; if not, I suggest that you take him to a dermatologist.

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Sacrifice what you hold most dear

By Phillip Alder

John Osborne, the British playwright, wrote, "The whole point of a sacrifice is that you give up something you never really wanted in the first place."

Today's deal is the antithesis of this. It occurred at the TGR club in London and was reported by Robert Sheehan in The Times.

North's two spades showed, by agreement, a strong red two-suiter. However, I think two spades should be natural. With length in the two unbid suits, North should jump to two notrump: the Unusual No-Trump.

At the table, East saved in seven clubs over six hearts. This was doubled and went four down, giving North-South 650 points (800 minus 150 for honors). This was reasonable business if they were making six hearts. But were they?

West leads the spade king. After winning with dummy's ace, declarer cashes dummy's heart ace. Now the spotlight falls on East. Presumably he passed over six hearts because he could see the potential for two defensive tricks: the heart king and a black-suit trick. However, if East plays his low heart here, the contract makes. Declarer continues with another trump, putting East in. Having no spade to return, East must watch declarer discard all four of his spade losers on dummy's diamonds.

East should see this coming and sacrifice the heart king under dummy's ace. Then, when declarer perforce continues with a second trump, West wins and cashes the spade queen. But would East have had the courage to make the play?

North 02-26-97
♠ A 4
♥ A J 10 3 2
♦ A K Q 10 6 5
♣ ---

West	East
♠ K Q 10 5 3	♠ 6
♥ Q 5	♥ K 4
♦ 7 3 2	♦ J 8
♣ 9 3 2	♣ A K Q J 10 8 7 6

South
♠ J 9 8 7 2
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ 9 4
♣ 5 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	2 ♠	5 ♣
Pass	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 ♥	6 ♣	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

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Family doctor faces charges of altering druglord's looks

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Prosecutors say Richie Ramos knew police were closing in on his drug empire when he asked his family doctor to make him thinner, alter the shape of his nose, remove scars and change his fingerprints.

When Ramos left Dr. Jose Castillo's office in 1990, he looked like a different man, investigators said.

"He used to be a round person. Like a snowman," Philadelphia Detective James Moffit said Tuesday. "(Later) he looked like a girl, ... thin, emaciated."

The new look helped Ramos elude police for the next 18 months. Eventually, he was caught and sentenced to 30 years in prison without parole. When asked how he changed his appearance, Ramos identified Castillo, a surgeon beloved in the Hispanic community for providing low-cost or free care to the poor.

A federal jury begins deliberations today to determine if Castillo illegally helped Philadelphia's most notorious drug kingpin.

"I'm shocked. It's like Mr. Rogers being on trial. He's like Mr. Rogers, he's that nice," said Dianna McKenzie, whose family has trusted Castillo as their doctor for years. "It's just his nature to help people."

Both sides agree Castillo operated on Ramos. The question is whether the intent was to alter the druglord's appearance and whether Castillo knew Ramos was a wanted man.

Castillo, 68, is charged with conspiracy to harbor a fugitive and obstruction of justice. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in jail and the loss of his medical license.

Defense attorneys said Castillo's involvement is limited to a one-day surgery to relieve infected burns caused by a backyard barbecue. The damage required removal of burned skin from Ramos' stomach, fingertips and face, Castillo said.

Castillo said he didn't know Ramos was a drug dealer or in trouble. Castillo's records show the surgery was May 14, 1990, more than four months before Ramos was indicted on drug charges.

Ramos contradicted that last week in court, testifying that he had his features changed in several operations while he was a fugitive. But Ramos refused to identify Castillo in court last week.

"I won't say that. I can't live with myself," said Ramos, who police said led a family drug ring that sold about $20 million worth of cocaine and crack from 1987 to 1990.

Prosecutors said Ramos visited Castillo's office at night five or six times for operations.

Prosecutors say Ramos could not have had surgery on May 14, 1990, because he met with investigators six days later and showed no signs of an operation.

The case has stunned Philadelphia's Hispanic community. Castillo, a native of Mexico, hosts a Spanish-language medical advice program and has been praised by the White House and the Consul General of Mexico.

"Good people often do strange things and bad people often do good things," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Zauzmar, who helped prosecute Ramos.

"Why would he jeopardize himself for this guy?" said Mike Davis, 26, whose family has known Castillo for more than 20 years. "A man of his credentials and what he's done for the community, it just doesn't make sense."

The Phoenicians mined tin in Southwestern England in the 13th century B.C.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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It Takes Time to Discover That Infatuation Isn't Love

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am 15 years old and my boyfriend just told me that he loves me. He has opened his heart to me, and I'm afraid that I have nothing to say to him in return.

I know what I feel for him is more than a crush. My emotions are too strong to just "like" him. I love to be around him, I love to talk to him, and I love it when we embrace. I just don't know if I love him.

I know he's not saying this to get me into bed. We were longtime friends before we went on a date. Besides, he's way too shy for that. It took us two months before we actually kissed.

All I know is I cannot concentrate on my school work. I want to talk with him 24 hours a day. When I am with him I feel like I am on cloud nine, and he can pull me out of my darkest moods. Please help me. Do you think that what I'm feeling could be love?

CUPID-CRAZED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CUPID-CRAZED: You are not the first teen-ager to ask this question. As I explain in my booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know," the crazy, mixed-up feelings you are experiencing are better known as infatuation. Infatuation can possibly be the first step toward love, but is not, in itself, love.

During your teens, you will have a number of infatuations. Through a few of these — and experience — you will acquire a better sense of what love is.

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DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Sitting on the Sidelines in New York," whose husband leaves her sitting at the table and dances with every other woman in the room, disregards the fact that she is upset. The reason she is upset — jealousy, insecurity or whatever — is unimportant.

If her husband loves her, he'll recognize that his behavior bothers her and change it, or compromise. Otherwise, he is being selfish and having his fun at her expense. It doesn't matter how good he is otherwise, what other people say, or even if his wife's complaints are unjustified. She is upset — and it needs to be dealt with.

Yes, "Sitting on the Sidelines" should learn to dance if she doesn't know how. Maybe she also needs to work on her self-esteem. But when a partner in a relationship fails to change hurtful behavior, the couple is heading for trouble. I know. I've been there, and the woman I still love is no longer with me because I didn't act on it.

You men out there (and women), please listen to me: If it's hurting your partner and you truly love that person, then stop what you're doing. Discuss it with him or her and solve the problems to your mutual satisfaction. Otherwise, you may find yourself alone.

LOST MY LADY

DEAR LOST MY LADY: "Sitting on the Sidelines" indicated that her husband is an otherwise affectionate and attentive partner. As you point out, however, he is not perfect. If he were, he would have done exactly as you recommend. You have learned a very valuable lesson, and I thank you for passing it on.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 79-year-old woman and I'm in pretty good shape for my age. Even so, I tire more easily these days, and shopping in department stores has become harder than it used to be because there is no place to sit down and rest for a few minutes. My feet and legs get tired, and if I could just sit and rest, I would be able to continue shopping. As it is, I end up taking a catalog and leaving, because I can't walk or stand that long.

With department stores competing so heavily for business, wouldn't you think they could put a chair or two near the cash register for us older folks?

MAXINE, LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR MAXINE: I would think they could — and should — even though space in department stores is very valuable.

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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.)

Special ed student seeks grad honors

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — The parents of 18-year-old Laneka Webb say she deserves to graduate with honors even though she reads at a third-grade level and can't count money.

The mentally retarded senior at Denbigh High School has earned nothing but A's and B's for the last three years. But because she took special education courses, school officials say she isn't eligible for graduate honors.

Students need to graduate with at least a 3.0 grade point average in required courses to receive honors recognition. Students in special education courses are ineligible because they don't actually graduate; they receive a certificate, not a diploma.

Capitol Briefs

Senate Oks less early voting days

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans would have three fewer days to cast their ballots before an election under a bill passed by the state Senate.

The measure by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, was sent Tuesday to the House for consideration.

Currently, the early voting period begins the 20th day before election day. Under Carona's bill, it would begin the 17th day before an election. The early voting period would continue to run through the fourth day before election day.

Carona said that in Dallas County, under 15 percent of the total early votes are cast during the first five days of early voting, at an average cost of $25 per vote in polling expenses.

The early voting bill is SB292.

Vote due on raising arson penalty

AUSTIN (AP) — With a proposal to send church arsonists to prison long enough to get religion, a bill to increase the penalty for burning a place of worship won the endorsement of a Senate committee.

Sen. Rodney Ellis' bill would make burning a place of worship a first-degree felony, up from second-degree, requiring a lawbreaker to face a prison term of five to 99 years and as much as a $10,000 fine.

The bill got a unanimous vote Tuesday from the Senate Criminal Justice Committee and heads now to the full Senate.

"This bill sends a strong message to arsonists that our places of worship are off limits," said Ellis, D-Houston. "I think 99 years is long enough time for someone to get religion, if they burned a church."

The law would be the strongest in the nation — with more stringent punishments than the federal Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996. That law set the maximum prison sentence for damage to religious property that causes injury to people at 20 years.

The Texas bill pertains to all places of worship but follows a two-year period in which numerous black churches were burned.

Between Jan. 1995 and Dec. 17, 1996, 318 churches in America were victims of arson. In Texas, the Commission of Fire Protection identified 63 suspicious church fires since 1995.

Fires last Friday destroyed two churches: one in Houston, where former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan was baptized, and another at Port Lavaca, 110 miles southwest of Houston. Both are under investigation by the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

On Saturday, a two-alarm fire nearly destroyed the Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, which was being converted into a community center in memory of Barbara Jordan.

"This bill is important because of the continuing instances of African-American churches being burned," said Rev. Frank Garrett, of Giddings, who spoke at the committee hearing.

"It's a very important message for Texas to resound across the United States," Garrett said. "It's easy to get back from painting (graffiti), but it's hard to get back from ashes."

Ellis also is the author of two other bills addressing the recent attacks on churches.

The church arson bill is SB78. The insurance redlining bill is SB79. The hate crimes bill is SB80.

Bill advocates tenure review systems

AUSTIN (AP) — Job security for university professors might not be spelled t-e-n-u-r-e under a bill passed by the Texas Senate.

State universities would have to review tenured professors' performance at least once every six years under a bill by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo. It was approved Tuesday by senators and goes to the House for consideration.

Under the measure, universities would be required to establish a system for reviewing tenured professors, who traditionally have had strong job protection.

An unsatisfactory review could lead to disciplinary action, including dismissal.

The University of Texas System Board of Regents already has announced review guidelines. The Texas A&M University Board of Regents has passed a resolution requiring a review process.

The idea has raised concern among those who say tenure has protected professors who express unpopular ideas, and thus academic freedom. They cite policies that have allowed even tenured professors to be dismissed for cause, such as incompetence.

Supporters of review, however, say they've heard from parents, students and even professors concerned that some faculty slack off after being granted tenure.

"Academic freedom is one of the most important concepts that we have ... but so is accountability to taxpayers," who pick up the bulk of the tab for public higher education, said Bivins. He said his bill would provide a good balance.

Sen. Steve Ogden, whose district includes Texas A&M, opposed the bill and expressed concern about the potential for harmful effects.

"How do we keep this bill from having the very real, unintended consequence of this being used as a political weapon?" asked Ogden, R-Bryan.

Under Bivins' bill, tenured faculty members would face evaluation at least once every six years on how well they are carrying out their professional responsibilities, such as teaching, research and administration.

The review would be directed at professional development, but faculty members would be subject to disciplinary measures for such reasons as incompetence or unsatisfactory performance.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, added provisions to the bill that he said would give protection to faculty. They include requiring faculty input when designing the review system and recognizing professors' due process rights.

The professor review bill is SB149.

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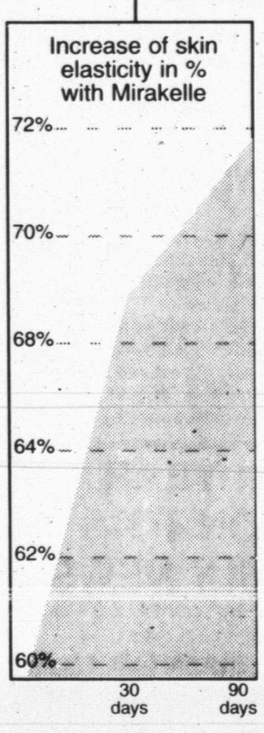
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Scurry County Country

Insect populations expected to show an increase this year

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Farmers, ranchers and homeowners alike will experience problems with insects in the coming months because of the mild and wet winter, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, Extension entomologist from Bryan, said many parts of Texas have experienced a wetter winter than last year. Therefore, he said, the insect populations are expected to be higher than normal.

"I would expect that we will see more insects," said Hoelscher. "The increased rainfall allows for different hosts such as weeds to develop, and this means that there will be more food for the insects and more insects in general."

Specifically, early indications have been that boll weevil populations will be higher than last year.

"We have had high boll weevil numbers for the past two years, but because of the wet weather, it looks like we may see even higher numbers this year," Hoelscher said. "This is not good news for the cotton producers."

Hoelscher also said beef and dairy cattle producers will have more trouble this spring with biting and sucking lice. He said the cooler temperatures in December and January facilitated an increase in lice populations.

Dr. Roger Gold, Extension entomologist from College Station, said homeowners also will have more insect problems this spring.

"We've had a mild winter so we predict that there will be a lot of fleas, termites and fire ants," Gold said.

He said termites have already begun swarming in South Texas and will begin swarming in Central Texas within the next 10 days.

"If after surveying your house you find that you have termites, you may need to seek a professional's help to make sure that you get rid of them," he said.

Gold also said homeowners should begin observing their yards now for fire ants.

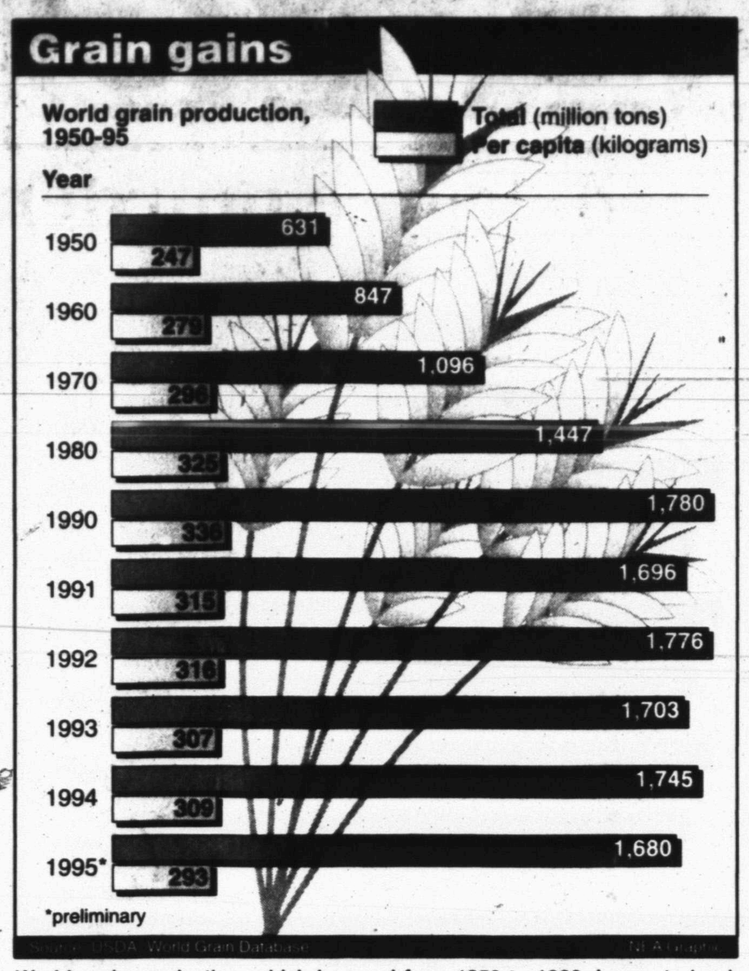
"If you start early you can prevent some problems as we move toward the spring," Gold said.

Dr. Bart Drees, Extension entomologist from Bryan, agreed. He said after the drought during the summer months last year, the ants will thrive on the recent rains, and will be in full force this spring.

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

SOUTH PLAINS: short. Recent moisture has helped wheat and pastures, but most areas need more. Some supplemental feeding of livestock still required. Land preparation, herbicide and fertilizer applications under way.

ROLLING PLAINS: adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges in good condition. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues across the district. Producers encouraged to scout for insects. Top dressing with fertilizer should increase as fields dry.



World grain production, which boomed from 1950 to 1980, began to level off somewhat during the 1990s, even decreasing in some years.

White House opposes cutting inheritance taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration opposes cutting inheritance taxes for farmers, a big issue with aging producers who want to turn operations over to their children.

"Given the president's proposal to balance the budget and the competing demands for scarce resources, it is not possible to propose further reductions in taxes for farmers at this time," Keith Collins, the Agriculture Department's chief economist, told the Senate Agriculture Committee Tuesday.

With the average age of U.S. farmers approaching 60 years, momentum has been building in Congress to cut or even eliminate the federal estate tax, which can range up to 55 percent.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., called the administration's position "an alarming red light."

"At this point that's the position we have to take," Collins said.

Producers argue that the estate tax can make it financially impossible for their children to take over their farms.

The first $600,000 of inherited property — up to $1.2 million for a husband and wife with proper estate planning — is exempt from the tax. But many farms are worth far more than that because of increased real estate values.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., has proposed to abolish the tax. Other lawmakers want to raise the exemption for farmers and owners of small businesses. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., proposed an exemption for family-owned farms and businesses of $2 million.

The administration has proposed only to lower interest rates for heirs who pay their estate taxes on an installment plan.

In South Dakota, the average farm of 1,300 acres would be worth $1.4 million. Using a $600,000 exemption, the heirs of a farm like that would face estate taxes of $320,000.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 528 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 20 Sale. Cows were 2 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows (high dressing, cutters, utility) 34 to 40; Canner and low cutters 25 to 33; Slaughter bulls 38 to 44.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 75 to 88; 400 to 500, 73 to 83; 500 to 600, 70 to 77; 600 to 700, 65 to 73; 700 to 800, 63 to 68.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 62.50 to 70; 400 to 500, 60 to 67; 500 to 600, 60 to 65; 600 to 700, 58 to 64; 700 to 800, 58 to 63.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 65 to 75; 700 to 800, 57.50 to 62.

Cow and calf pairs, good: 450 to 800; grade: 350 to 450.

Springers: 300 to 575; baby calves: 50 to 130; doodlers 75 to 135.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a short, wet weather run Saturday, Feb. 22. Market was very active, demand good. Stocker and feeder steers $1 to $3 higher, light weights in very good demand. Heifer calves and feeder heifers $1 to $3 higher. Bred cows and pairs $50 to $75 higher. Packer cows and bulls steady.

Heifers:
200 to 400, 62 to 77
400 to 600, 60 to 68
600 to 800, 61 to 67.50.
Steers:
200 to 400, 70 to 1.00
400 to 500, 60 to 89
500 to 600, 64 to 76
600 to 800, 64 to 75.50.

Young bred cows: 475 to 600.
Medium age to older bred cows: 475 to 580
Young cows and calves: 550 to 710.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 475 to 560.
Packer cows: 28 to 40.25.
Packer bulls: 42 to 47.50.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market at Sweetwater had a run of 533 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Feb. 19, sale. All stocker and feeder cattle 2 to 4 highter with pairs and bred cows 50 dollars higher. Packer cows and bulls 3 to 4 higher.

STEERS
300-400: 82-94
400-500: 78-86
500-600: 74-81
600-700: 68-78

HEIFERS
300-400: 68-84
400-500: 66-77
500-600: 64-70
600-700: 62-67

BRED COWS
Good: 500-600
Older and Plainer: 350-500

PAIRS
Good: 575-705
Older Plainer: 400-500

PACKER COWS
Good: 36-40
Low Yielding: 28-35

PACKER BULLS
Good: 42-47
Low Yielding: 36-42

In Vermont...

Organic dairy farming studied

WESTFIELD, Vt. (AP) — Dairy farmer Dexter Randall isn't in the business for the money. He and his wife raised five kids on an income that never went over $15,000 a year.

He's in it for the independence, and because he loves working with the land and with animals.

"You have to love farming to go through what we've been through," said Randall, 51, who milks 97 cows on his 430-acre farm in Troy. "I've gotten refinanced probably six times over the last 18 years."

Dairy farming is harder than ever these days. Flat or falling milk prices have driven hundreds of farmers out of business in Vermont. Many who remain barely survive, their meager incomes subject to a complex milk-pricing structure over which they have no control.

To Randall and many other farmers, independence is tied to income, and both are going the way of the good living that dairy farming once provided.

But Randall and his neighbor, dairy farmer Jack Lazor, think farmers can do something about their sinking incomes and loss of independence. Troubled by the sight of struggling farms in their own community, the two men organized a meeting with several dozen neighbors on a snowy night in Westfield to talk about adding cooperation to the community's dairy farming mix.

Randall and Lazor want to organize a small organic cooperative in their northern community. To start, the cooperative would send its milk to the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery. Ultimately, the two would like their group to be able to process its milk with its own plant — maybe by taking over the Troy cheese plant, owned by Agri-Mark but sitting vacant.

"If you could have a group of farmers within a five- to 10-mile radius who were already cooperating with each other ... we could maybe take control of our own destiny," said Lazor, 45, a Connecticut native and Tufts University graduate who learned about farming in Wisconsin.

"We could process our own product, take it right straight through to the supermarket," Randall said. "We'd probably gain more control over the price and bring more money back to the farm, back where it belongs."

The St. Albans Co-op does not itself have an organic line, but officials there said it would be easy to start processing organic products. Organic farming relies on minimum use of artificial fertilizers and pesticides.

"We want to know what farmers would need to go organic," said Leon Berthiaume, general manager of the 600-farmer co-op, who attended the Westfield meeting.

It would be organic because Lazor and Randall believe that's the only way Vermont dairy farmers are going to get a fair price for their milk. The tiny organic market is not subject to the federal price controls that hold down conventional milk prices, Randall said.

They already know they would have a market for their cooperative's products. The demand for organic milk in New England is higher than the supply.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts,
County Extension Agent

Spread the word on air bags

The air bag in your car that is there to save your life could kill a young child.

Air bags have saved hundreds of lives and prevented thousands of serious injuries in motor vehicle crashes. Yet they can also be deadly if the front seat occupants are not restrained correctly.

An average size adult who is correctly belted is not likely to come in contact with the air bag until it is fully inflated. A fully inflated air bag spreads the force of the crash across a wide area of the body. For greatest protection with driver side and passenger side air bags, both the driver and front passengers should be correctly belted and the seats moved back as far as practical to allow ample space for the air bag to expand.

All vehicle occupants should wear the shoulder belt snugly across the chest and the lap belt tight and low over the pelvic area. All too often people wear the should belt too loose or under their arm. The shoulder belt must be snug and across the chest/shoulder area to restrain the upper torso when it is being thrust forward in the frontal crash. The lap belt holds the lower torso in position in the seat.

Unbelted or improperly belted children can easily slide off the seat during pre-crash braking, throwing them against the dashboard where the air bag can strike them on the head or neck with tremendous force before it is fully inflated. This force can be deadly. Therefore, for safety's sake, the back seat is the best seat for young children.

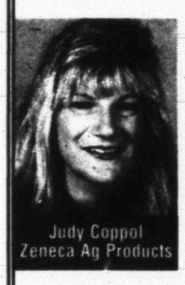
The correct way for young children to ride is in the back seat. Children under age one should ride in a rear-facing child safety seat in the back seat. Children over age one and 20 pounds should ride in a convertible child safety seat, forward facing/upright, in the back seat.

Children over 40 pounds should ride in a lap/shoulder belt positioning booster, in the back seat. Children should begin wearing a lap/shoulder belt only when the should belt fits correctly across the chest and does not hit across the child's neck or face.

Spread the word about air bags. They can save lives. Yet they can kill folks who are riding incorrectly restrained. Know how to protect those you love. Help them buckle up correctly.

Choosing The Right Insecticide For Corn

There are many factors that can have an impact on corn yields in our area. But, often the most troubling factors are natural events such as insect infestations both at the seedling and mature stages.


Judy Coppol
Zeneca Ag Products

To avoid insect problems in seedling corn, use a soil-applied insecticide at planting.

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As corn matures, scout for corn earworms and armyworms. The most common recommendation for controlling cutworms and other tough corn pests in mature corn is to use a postemergence insecticide, such as KARATE®. This broad-spectrum insecticide is newly labeled for corn and can control infestations of damaging insects that could greatly lower field, pop, seed or sweet corn yield and quality.

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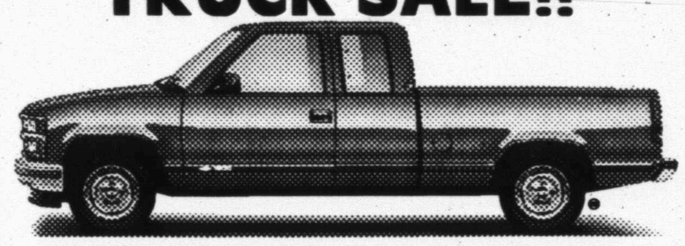
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Du Pont convicted of 3rd degree murder

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — John E. du Pont's conviction on lesser charges in the murder of an Olympic wrestler means the chemical fortune heir could be released from a mental hospital or prison in as few as five years.

A jury on Tuesday rejected du Pont's insanity defense and found him guilty but mentally ill in the killing of wrestler David Schultz on Jan. 26, 1996. The 58-year-old multimillionaire would have been sent to prison for life if he had been convicted of first-degree murder.

"It could have been a lot worse," defense lawyer Thomas Bergstrom said. "They came to a result we can live with."

Du Pont is undergoing treatment at Norristown State Hospital and will go to prison only if authorities deem he is cured. He also faces a $50,000 fine when sentenced on April 22.

The jury convicted him of third-degree murder, or murder without premeditation, which carries a maximum prison sentence of 20 to 40 years. But du Pont could be free after only five years because he has no previous convictions.

Appearing in court with a scraggly beard and long, greasy, gray hair, du Pont stared dispassionately ahead when the verdict was read. His lawyers embraced.

Schultz's father, Phillip, said the jury apparently compromised, "but I think he's going to be spending his life in prison, one way or another, metaphorically or in truth."

Despite jurors' refusal to return a first-degree murder conviction, District Attorney Patrick Meehan celebrated the verdict. "Some people thought that he might use money to triumph over justice," he said.

Schultz's widow, Nancy, plans to sue du Pont for damages resulting from her husband's death, Phillip Schultz said.

"It is comforting to know that du Pont is not above the law and he must now be held responsible for David's murder," Mrs. Schultz said.

Jurors, who have been sequestered for a week, declined to comment.

Both sides agreed that du Pont was suffering from a mental illness when he shot Schultz, 36, outside the wrestler's home on du Pont's suburban Philadelphia estate, Foxcatcher Farm.

Du Pont holed up in his mansion for two days after the shooting, negotiating with police on the telephone. He was captured when he walked outside to fix his heater.

Prosecutors said his illness stopped short of legal insanity, and that du Pont killed Schultz because he was jealous because of the respect the 1984 Olympic gold medalist commanded in the wrestling world.

Defense lawyers said du Pont was a paranoid schizophrenic who fancied himself as the Dalai Lama, the Christ Child and other grandiose figures, and believed Schultz was part of an international conspiracy to kill him. They said he could not tell right from wrong when he shot Schultz three times.

Du Pont, a major contributor to amateur wrestling, sponsored the world-class Team Foxcatcher, which trained on his estate.

Obituaries

Wesley Smith

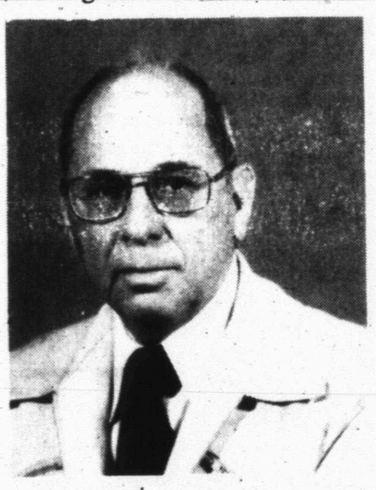
1917-1997

Wesley E. Smith, a former resident of Fluvanna, died at 1:34 a.m. today in the Mesquite Community Hospital. He was 79.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith, born July 4, 1917, moved to Mesquite 10 years ago. He married Eula Cleo Landrum on April 3, 1938 in Lubbock. She died in 1988. He was also preceded in death by three sons.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Smith of Richardson and Ann Franks of Crane; a sister, Inez Shaver of Oklahoma City; a brother, Bill Smith of Midland; and 10 grandchildren.



Buster Anderson

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1915-1997

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the 37th Street Church of Christ for Buster Anderson, a long-time Snyder resident and retired certified public accountant.

Homer Anderson, minister of the church, will officiate, assisted by Bill Looney. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Anderson 82, died Monday, Feb. 24, in Snyder Oaks Care Center following a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 3, 1915 in Hugo, Okla., he was the third of seven children born to John G. and Ruth Barron Anderson. In 1925 his family moved to Beckham County in Southwestern Oklahoma. He graduated from Delhi High School in 1934 and from Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Okla.

Mr. Anderson took a teaching and coaching job at Plainview, Okla. One of his students was Ronda Rodgers whom he later married on Nov. 6, 1943 in Erick, Okla.

Mr. Anderson served in the Army Air Corp. After World War II, Mr. Anderson returned to teaching and coaching at Berlin, Okla. In 1946, he became tax collector and business manager for the Spearman schools. In 1952, he entered Oklahoma University to study accounting and became a certified public accountant in 1954, working for Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, Kan.

In 1957, Mr. Anderson became business manager at Odessa Junior College, and in 1959 he became a partner in a CPA firm in Odessa. In 1960, Mr. Anderson moved to Snyder to open a branch office for the firm. Prior to his retirement, he was a partner in the family CPA firm of Anderson and Anderson.

Mr. Anderson served as a member of the Snyder ISD board of trustees from 1962-66 and was a past-president of the board. He was Boys' Club secretary for 30 years and served on the steering committee to establish Western Texas College. Mr. Anderson also coached Pony and Colt League baseball in Snyder and performed audits for both the city of Snyder and WTC. He was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Ronda Anderson of Snyder; two sons, Larry Anderson and Ronnie Anderson, both of Snyder; a brother, Fred Anderson of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Freada Weil of Grand Junction, Colo. and Georgia Anderson of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Ben Richardson

1933-1997

OZONA — Ben F. Richardson, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, at his home in Ozona. He was 63.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Dunn Cemetery in Scurry County with Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ, officiating.

Born May 14, 1933 in Snyder, Mr. Richardson had been a resident of Ozona for the past 11 years. He was retired from El Paso Natural Gas.

Mr. Richardson was preceded in death by his wife, Carroll Richardson, and a brother, George Richardson Jr.

Survivors include three daughters, Patty Johnson of Arlington, Dixie Terral of Joshua and Elizabeth Bates of Aurora, Colo.; a sister, Nancy Peacock of Purcell, Okla.; two brothers, E.J. Richardson of Snyder and Eddie Richardson of Salt Lake City; a sister-in-law, Eddie Jo Richardson of Snyder; and two grandchildren.

Justices think elderly land owner's suit OK

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Supreme Court justices voiced sympathy today for a Nevada landowner barred from building a home on her property, sentiments that may get her a day in court to claim she's entitled to just compensation.

"My goodness," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor told a Clinton administration lawyer during an hour-long argument session. "Why not give this poor elderly woman the right to go to court" and prove there was a "taking' of her property?

Lawyers for the administration and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency argued that 82-year-old Bernadine Suitum's six-year-old lawsuit isn't yet ripe for a ruling on its merits.

How the nation's highest court rules in Mrs. Suitum's case could affect land-use planners and landowners nationwide. In a decision expected by July, the justices could clarify what steps property owners can be required to take before claiming in court they improperly were prevented from building on their land.

"Why isn't (Mrs. Suitum's lawsuit) ripe under any theory?" Justice Steven G. Breyer asked planning agency lawyer Richard Lazarus.

The attorney's response was called "a very strange doctrine" by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices David H. Souter and Antonin Scalia also appeared hostile to arguments raised by Lazarus and Justice Department lawyer Lawrence Wallace.

If the court were to rule against Mrs. Suitum, states and communities could receive a green light to continue creative attempts at regulating land use without having to pay the compensation the Constitution's Fifth Amendment requires for "takings" of private property for public use.

A victory for Mrs. Suitum, however, could put a considerable crimp in such attempts.

Bail set at $1 million today for man who planted bomb

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Bail was set at $1 million today for an Orthodox Jewish man accused of planting a bomb in a synagogue before a speech by former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and blaming the act on an Islamic group.

Harry Shapiro, a 31-year-old former kosher butcher and theological student, was charged Tuesday with placing a destructive device and making a bomb threat. Police searched his home again today.

Shapiro, who attends another synagogue, did not speak during his first court appearance today. Duval County Judge Karen Cole set bail at $1 million and scheduled Shapiro's next court appearance for March 13. He rejected the argument by Shapiro's lawyer, Hank Coxe, that a $1 million bond was "tantamount to no bond."

Shapiro called 911 with a bomb threat on Feb. 13, the day Peres spoke at the Jacksonville Jewish Center before 1,500 people, police said. The caller, who warned of the bomb hours before the speech, identified himself as "the American fringe of Islamic Jihad."

Police searched the building before the speech, but the bomb was not found and the speech went on without incident.

On Saturday, nine days after the speech, three children attending a luncheon after a bat mitzvah found the bomb in a hallway behind the temple's sanctuary and tried to tear the tape off the packages's casing.

An adult grabbed the device and rushed it outside. Police arrived, evacuated about 750 people and detonated the bomb.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Luis Carrisalez, 903 Ave Q; Wyvone Davis, 2906 34th; Bruce Farmer, 1601 Keller; Danille Lambaren, Hermleigh; Alfred Lieb, 3774 Sunset; Parnell Robertson, 699 SCR 221; Kathy Bourbon, 211 Hickory; Brice Fuqua, Hermleigh; Dellene Leatherwood, 1370 N. Ave. L; Lori Martinez, 904 27th.

DISMISSALS: Felicity Medrano, Leon Scott.

CENSUS: 59 (Med., Surg.-21, Long-term Care-36, OB-1, Nursery-1).

One person is arrested

One person was arrested Tuesday as local law enforcement personnel had a relatively quiet day.

Robert Jessie Holden, 20, of 1172 N. Ave. P, was arrested at the adult probation office at 10:03 a.m. on a motion to adjudicate guilt for a felony offense.

Two reports for assault/family violence were submitted, one at 8:42 a.m. and the other at 8:32 p.m.

Officers were notified at 11:54 a.m. of a gas drive off from the Tiger Mart.

A complaint for loud music was made at 1:24 p.m. from the Western Crest Apartments.

At 3:19 p.m., the fire department was notified of a possible fire in the 3600 block of the Lamesa Highway. Firemen responded but no fire was located.

A woman requested to speak to an officer at 9:52 p.m. in reference to her 13-year-old son leaving his residence and threatening suicide. An offense report for threatening suicide was to be submitted.

What's Up?

'Annie' to debut Thursday

Snyder Junior High choir and drama departments will present "Annie" Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets are $3 if purchased early at the Junior High or $4 at the door. All seats are reserved. Call 573-6356 for reservations.

WTC drama set to begin

Western Texas College will present "The Dresser" beginning Thursday in the Fine Arts Theatre. The mature play will be on stage at 7:30 nightly through Saturday. A matinee has also been scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday.

Swap meet and car show

Snyder Wheels will sponsor a swap meet and car show this weekend at Scurry County Coliseum. The swap meet is free to the public and will be held all day Friday and Saturday. The car show will be from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m Saturday only. Car show tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under.

End of Winter dance slated

Scurry Youth Center, 1500 28th St., will hold an End of Winter dance from 9 p.m. to midnight Friday. Admission is $2 per person. A snack bar will be available. A new sound system and CDs will be featured.

Tiger baseball fund-raiser

Chances for a $500 trip certificate from Premier Travel will be sold for $2 each by Snyder baseball players, with a drawing set for 1 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds will be used to purchase baseball equipment and help with travel expenses. Contact any high school baseball player for tickets, or call 573-3155, 573-7145, 573-7437 or 573-3298.

Pancake Feast Saturday

Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club members are selling tickets for their annual pancake feast, set for Saturday in the West Elementary cafeteria. The all-you can eat feast will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are $4. Children under age 6 can eat free. You can have tickets delivered by calling 573-0972.

Barbecue luncheon slated

The 4th annual barbecue luncheon, a Noah Project fund-raiser, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under and are available at the door or in advance by calling 573-1822.

Senior Swimnastics

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

SNS needs financial help

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

Adult education classes

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

Free tax help provided

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

Windbreak seedlings available

Windbreak seedlings have arrived at the NRCS office at 5309 Big Spring Highway and are ready to be picked up. Several different kinds are available for purchase.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The second Bible tape, "God's Eternal Plan," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "God is My Strength."

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Snyder Bass Club

The Snyder Bass Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder National Bank.

Pick 3

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

4-9-7

(four, nine, seven)

Cash 5

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

2-25-33-36-38

(two, twenty-five, thirty-three, thirty-six, thirty-eight)

3 charged with burning black church

PERRY, Ga. (AP) — Three white men were charged Tuesday in the weekend burning of a predominantly black church.

Jason Wesley Cantrell, 22, Eric Anthony Shugart, 22, and Daryl Brent Patterson, 20, were each charged with first-degree arson, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said at news conference.

The fire early Saturday gutted the Oak Grove CME Church in the community of Elko, about 10 miles south of this central Georgia town.

The brick and wood church was more than 100 years old and had about 40 members.

Investigators were tipped by confidential sources who said the three men were involved.

Nationwide, more than 300 churches have been damaged by arson or bombings over the past two years, according to a recent U.S. Department of Justice report. Most were black churches, many of them in the South.