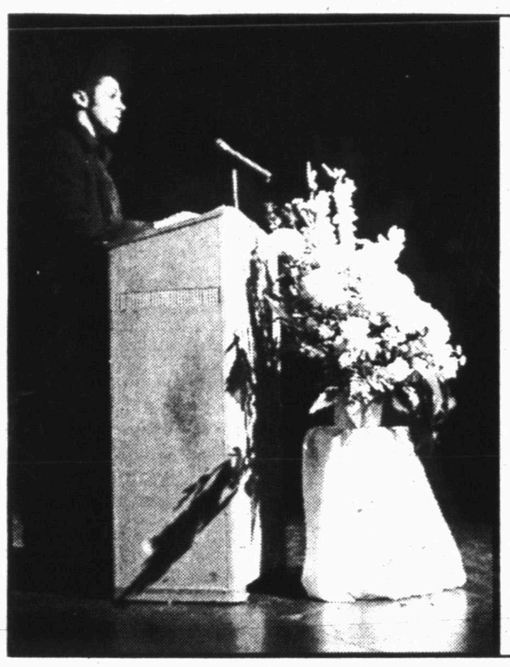
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TRIBUTE — A tribute for Jerry P. Worsham, longtime Snyder High School drama teacher, was held Monday afternoon in the auditorum named after him. Michael Gibson, drama student, was one of many who paid tribute to Worsham, who died May 15 after a two-year battle with leukemia. (SDN Staff Photo)

Demos choose former sheriff as 'stand-in' in general election

Keith Collier, who served as Scurry County sheriff for 32 years, will again have his name on the ballot for the office representing the Democratic Party in November's general election.

But the retired sheriff vows not to add any years to his total, as he will decline the office if elected.

Collier is the unanimous choice of the Scurry County Democratic executive committee Monday night to run for the office with the hope that the commissioners court then will appoint present sheriff Darren Jackson to the post.

Jackson was disqualified as the Democratic nominee because he affiliated himself with two political parties by voting in the Republican primary.

"Darren made an honest mistake, and it would be the county's loss to lose this dedicated public servant," said County Democratic chairman Jerry Gannaway.

That mistake also prevents Jackson from running as a write-in candidate. Since there were no Republican candidates for sheriff, the GOP may not nominate a candidate for the November general election ballot.

A potential roadblock in that scenario is the possibility of a declared write-in candidate,

Former DPS trooper Joe Salinas has said he has received encouragement to run for sheriff as a write-in, and that he is considering the action.

A write-in candidate would be required to pay a filing fee of $600 and declare for the office between Sept. 8 and Oct. 6. The general election is Nov. 7.

In a prepared statement this morning, Collier said that he and the Democratic Party had been encouraged by voters from both parties to retain Darren Jackson as the sheriff.

"I have agreed to be the nominee of the Democratic Party and if elected, I will decline the office," Collier said.

"If elected, your vote for Keith Collier in November would serve as encouragement for the commissioners' court to appoint Sheriff Darren Jackson to continue in the office."

Jackson said today he had received widespread support and encouragement from the citizens of the county to continue as sheriff.

"I assure you, Keith is enjoying retirement and is not seeking to serve another term," Jackson said.

"On election day in November, please remember that a vote for Keith Collier is a show of support for the commissioners court to re-appoint me as sheriff."

Gainer, Howard top students at Ira ISD

Ira High School's honor students for 1999-2000 are Jenson Gainer, valedictorian, and Katie Howard, salutatorian.

Gainer, the son of Joee and Joni Gainer, has a GPA of 97.85. Howard, the daughter of Rick and Paula Howard, has a GPA of 97.15.

Gainer has been one of the top five students in his class throughout high school. He was the treasurer of his freshman class and served as president his sophomore through senior years. Gainer has earned numerous accolades throughout high school. He was voted sophomore class favorite and received three departmental awards that year: Spanish, science and ag. He received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence and the Xerox Academic Excellence Award while in the 10th grade.

Gainer has received Who's Who recognition for the past two years. He was a homecoming escort as a junior and senior and he has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years, serving as this year's president. He is also a four-year member of FCA, and is serving his second consecutive year as treasurer.

Gainer competes in UIL and has served four years on the Student Council, including holding the office of treasurer as a sophomore and president for the past two years.

He has been active in FFA for four years, including receiving numerous awards and recognition. He shows animals at stock shows and competes in judging events such as livestock team and senior chapter conducting.

Gainer also is active in athletics, including football for the past three years and cross country for the last four, where he has earned numerous awards.

He also participated in basketball and track throughout high school and golf for the past three years.

His junior year, Jensen received the Fighting Heart Award and the Hero of the Year award. He was voted most popular boy this year.

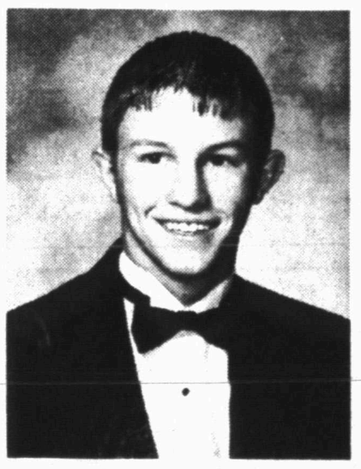
Gainer plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and major in aviation science.

Howard also had been one of the top five students in her class throughout high school. She received the perfect attendance award as a junior and has received Who's Who recognition for the past two years.

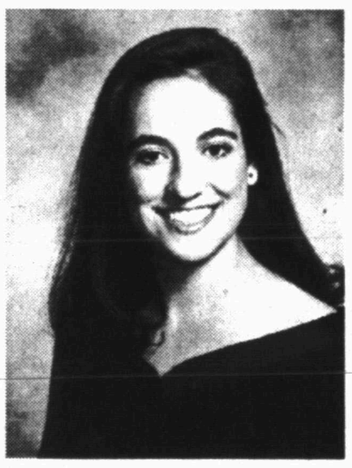
She was voted senior class favorite. Howard served as yearbook staff editor her junior and senior years. She was inducted into the National Honor Society three years ago. A member of FCA, Howard served as secretary her freshman and sophomore years. She is a cheerleader and participated in UIL competition.

Howard was a member of the one-act play crew for three years before joining the cast this year. She was selected to the all-star cast at zone and district level. She has served on the Student Council as a junior and senior and has been a member of FHA for four years where she has held office and was a member of the Star Event Team which was first at regional and fourth at state.

Howard received the business departmental award this year and plans to attend Howard Payne University.



Jenson Gainer



Katie Howard

Torch Run participants will present checks Wednesday

Local participants of the 2000 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Texas will gather at the Scurry County Courthouse at 9 a.m. Wednesday for a check presentation.

The volunteers will then begin their run toward Arlington for the 2000 Special Olympic Texas Summer Games.

Stops will be made in Colorado City and Sweetwater with a major run through Abilene beginning at 5 p.m.

The Abilene run will end at the Depot Park with a check presentation from area law enforcement officers.

Area officers will be joined in Abilene by an additional 85 to 100 officers who are carrying their area torches from El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Lubbock and will be overnighting in Abilene on their way to Arlington.

Special Olympics Texas is a privately-funded and non-profit organization that has been providing year-round athletic training and competition to children and adults with mental retardation and closely related developmental disabilities since 1969.

"Inspire Greatness" is the theme of the Special Olympics 31st Annual Summer Games.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run of Texas has raised more than $1.5 million during the past year to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Texas through athletic tournaments, T-shirt and cap sales and raffles. Several officers used their personal time to organize the project and say it is well worth the investment.

Area law enforcement has raised more than $150,000 over the past four years.

Today's blood drive ends at 7

The community-wide blood donation period continues through 7 this evening at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 1701 21st Street.

The drive moves to Cogdell Memorial Hospital on Wednesday where staff may donate blood from noon to 5 p.m.

On Thursday, employees of the Price Daniel Unit will host a drive from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Council members to be sworn in

Snyder's city council will meet briefly this evening in a special session to swear in newly-elected council members.

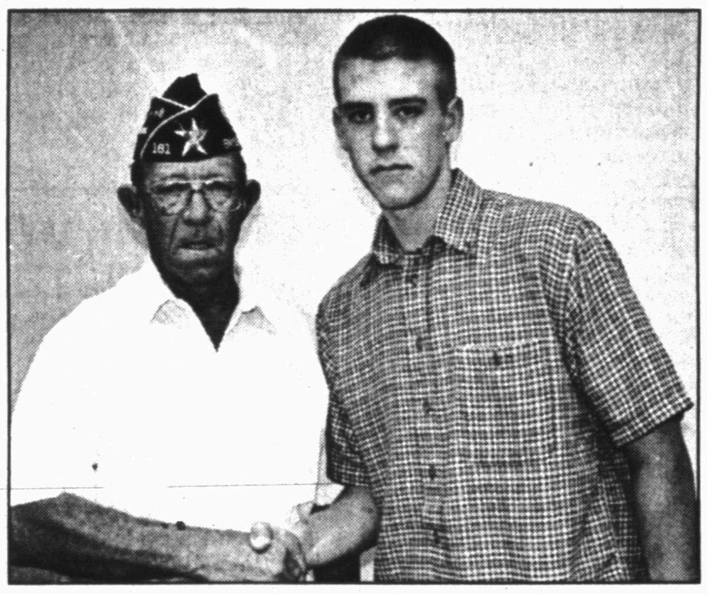
The oath of office will be administered at 6:30 to Vernest Tippens, David Harrell, James Jenkins and I.E. Martin.

A reception for the council members will immediately follow the oaths of office.

Tax office will close Thursday

The Scurry County tax office will be closed Thursday to conduct training with the Texas Department of Transportation.

The office will be open Friday during regular business hours.



GOING TO BOYS STATE — Kyle McClendon will attend Boys State June 3-9. He is pictured with Robert Neblett, adjutant of the local American Legion, the organization sponsoring his trip, along with the Kiwanis Club. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

McClendon selected to be Boys State representative

Shortly after the school year ends, Kyle McClendon will leave for the 58th Boys State to be held at the University of Texas in Austin June 3-9.

He is the son of Roy and Sheryl McClendon and is completing his junior year at Snyder High School.

McClendon said he was surprised, but pleased by his selection because he has always wanted to attend the annual session.

He participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum last October. He was recently inducted into the National Honor Society and has been listed in *Who's Who's Among American High School Students* and works part time at Fast Oil Exchange.

McClendon competed in speech contests as a freshman and was in drama his sophomore year. He has played baseball since his he was a freshman.

The local American Legion sponsors the annual trip, with assistance from the Snyder Kiwanis Club.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If misery is an option, so is the opposite."

The government has updated its study and has concluded that 40,000 Americans have a net worth in excess of $10 million.

We did a little more research and found there is not even a distant relative in the bunch.

Of that elite group, 13,000 of 'em had a net worth in excess of $20 million.

Some of 'em have to be smiling.

One thing that is guaranteed to bring a frown, even to a zillionaire, is an IRS audit.

One Washington insider, despite being an election year, has suggested that the Infernal Revenue Service revive its old practice of in-depth audits of randomly selected taxpayers.

Such audits were stopped a few years back after loud protests from both taxpayers and legislators.

Back then one taxpayer described an audit like this: "An autopsy without the benefit of death."

These are the kind of stories that makes a working-stiff envious.

William Cunningham, the retiring chancellor of the University of Texas system, will get a year-long sabbatical, with a salary of $374,500, before returning to the classroom.

Wished ole UT would have posted that one. We would have taken the year-long vacation for half price and saved the Longhorns $187,000.

With graduation just around the corner, some students are having to think what they want to be when they grow up.

In those big cities where cars outnumber people, occupation seekers may want to start a P.company instead of an e.company.

P is for parking. Owners of parking garages smile all the way to the bank.

And don't worry about separation of church and state, parking is a priority.

University Baptist Church, just across from the UT campus, is going to build a parking garage estimated to cost between $8 and $9 million.

It will be leased to the UT weekdays, and worshippers can then park free on weekends.

And before you step on that roach, first look for a bar-code – it could be worth big bucks.

A pest exterminator in Florida has glued microscopic bar codes onto several dozens roaches for the Million Dollar Roach contest.

People are too serious, he contends. They need to laugh a little.

But, by hunting roaches?

ASK US

Q—Does the county judge charge to probate a will?

A—No. The only county fee is a state-mandated filing fee of $146.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 97 degrees; low, 66; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.97 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 65-70; S wind 10-20 mph; Wednesday, sunny, continued hot. High near 103. S wind 10-20 mph.



Abraham Arizmendi
Hot

Sunset: 8:38 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
Of 143 days in 2000, the sun has shone 140 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A person without forgiveness has lived a meaningless life.

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Ancient city found in Syria

CHICAGO (AP) — Archaeologists in Syria have uncovered the ruins of a 6,000-year-old city that suggests the rise of cities and civilization occurred earlier than previously thought.

Scientists from the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute found a protective city wall under a huge mound in northeastern Syria known as Tell Hamoukar. The wall and other evidence indicated a complex government dating back at least 6,000 years.

Until the discovery last year, the only cities uncovered by archaeologists dating back to 4000 B.C. were in Sumeria, between the Tigris and the Euphrates rivers in an area that is now Iraq.

The discovery at Hamoukar, dating from the same period, suggests that ideas behind cities may have predated the Sumerians, according to McGuire Gibson of the Oriental Institute.

"We need to reconsider our ideas about the beginnings of civilization, pushing the time further back," said Gibson, who plans to present the findings this week in Copenhagen, Denmark, at the International Conference on the Archaeology of the Ancient Middle East.

Gibson said that if Hamoukar was developing into a city at the same time the Sumerians were doing the same things, then archaeologists may have to consider if those ideas came from an even earlier culture.

Gil Stein, a Northwestern University archaeologist who specializes in the same region and time period, said in today's editions of the Chicago Tribune he thinks the find is significant.

"Traditionally, scholars had viewed southern Mesopotamia as the area where urbanized states first developed, before spreading to less advanced areas," he said.

This summer, the archaeologists will continue to dig in the hopes of finding portions or royal palaces and temples — structures that would confirm that the site is that of a previously unknown early civilization.

On the Net:
University of Chicago's Oriental Institute: http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/default.html

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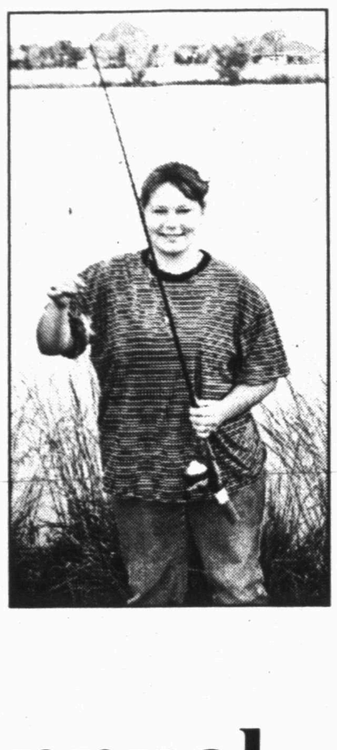


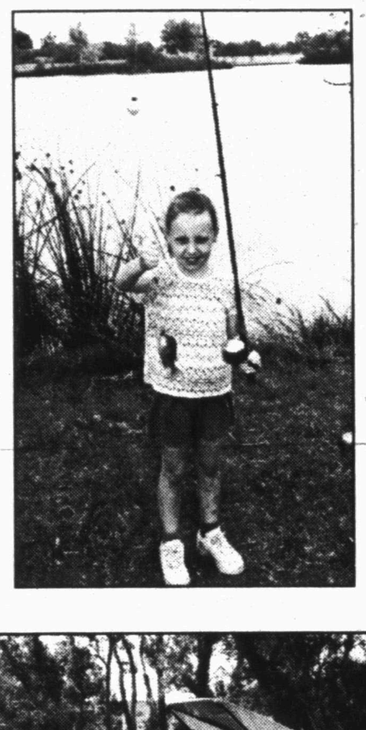


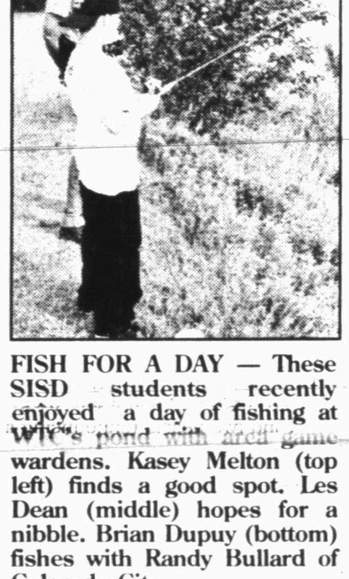


FISHERGIRL — Casha Sanderson displays a fish she caught, (bottom photo) with assistance from Shea Guinn of Rawls (top photo).









FISH FOR A DAY — These SISD students recently enjoyed a day of fishing at WW's pond with area game wardens. Kasey Melton (top left) finds a good spot. Les Dean (middle) hopes for a nibble. Brian Dupuy (bottom) fishes with Randy Bullard of Colorado City.

Annual game warden fish day



FUN FOR A DAY — Lorin Martin, (top two photos), catches a fish, after Sam Harris of Littlefield shows her how to bait a hook. Jonathan Barrow, (bottom photo) also caught a fish.

SDN Staff Photos
By Shirley A. Gorman

Witness killed; trial is delayed

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A murder trial has been postponed after a 15-year-old girl who was a key witness was fatally shot in the head the day before it was to begin.

Jennifer Rivera, who was shot near her home Sunday, died Monday night. Lawyers for murder defendant Charles Pona, 19, denied he was involved. He had been free on bail.

"There's no indication that my client had anything to do with this at all," defense attorney Joseph Voccola said.

Police Maj. Guido Laorenza said investigators were pursuing a suspect but he would not discuss specifics. It was too soon to know whether the girl's shooting was linked to the trial, he said.

"Is that something we're going to pursue as a possible motive? Yes. Can we verify that? No," Laorenza said.

A witness who lives near the girl said he heard three shots, then he and others ran to the corner and saw her on the ground bleeding.

Pona was scheduled to be tried Monday in the shooting death of Hector Feliciano, 17, last August, in what investigators believe was a drug-related attack.

Rivera, until recently a student at Roger Williams Middle School, had testified at Pona's bail hearing last year that she saw a person fitting his description fleeing the scene of the slaying, said Jim Martin, spokesman for the attorney general. He would not comment further.

Eva Quinonez, a teen-ager who said she was a friend and schoolmate of Rivera's, said the girl recently confided she had been threatened.

"She just told me that somebody was looking for her to kill her," Quinonez said.

She had not asked for police protection, Laorenza said.

Pona had been held in state prison since November, serving a six-month sentence for obstructing a police officer. He was released April 22, and posted $100,000 bail on the murder charge, Department of Corrections spokesman Al Bucci said.

Pona appeared Monday in Superior Court where a prosecutor asked that his bail be revoked. The judge refused, instead imposing an 11 p.m. curfew and requiring Pona to report to a court clerk daily.

Heston re-elected to unprecedented 3rd term

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — As Charlton Heston won an unprecedented third term as president of the National Rifle Association, he said his top priority was to ensure Al Gore's defeat in this year's presidential election.

"I intend to dedicate my remaining time as president of the NRA to ensure that the Second Amendment is safe from Al Gore and all those who threaten it," he said after he was unanimously re-elected Monday to serve another year.

Heston, who said he supports Republican George W. Bush, hinted that he might consider running for the NRA presidency again next year, when the convention moves to Kansas City. Previous NRA presidents have been limited to serving two one-year terms.

Also re-elected was executive vice president Wayne LaPierre, the organization's highest-ranking paid officer.

Heston's re-election concluded the NRA's 129th annual convention, where a record turnout of 52,000 gathered to discuss gun politics, attend educational seminars and view displays by more than 300 exhibitors.

During the four-day convention, one of the organization's aims was to respond to the Million Mom March held a week earlier in Washington, where demonstrators urged stricter gun controls.

The NRA showcased its own mothers, who argued that good parenting, gun-safety education and self-defense are valid alternatives to more gun-control laws.

The convention also welcomed the nation's largest gun maker, Smith & Wesson, although the reception was mixed because of its deal with the government to put child-proof locks on its pistols. NRA leaders and other gun makers criticized the deal, and some members shunned Smith & Wesson's exhibit.

And with the presidential election looming, the nation's largest gun lobby says an intensified debate over guns, constitutional rights and public safety has galvanized its membership.

The NRA says 1 million members have joined in the past year — 200,000 in the last six weeks — increasing its total membership to 3.6 million. Heston predicted the group will reach 4 million members by Election Day.

Heston said he was heartened by the record turnout at the convention in Charlotte, which opened on Friday. The previous record was 41,000 two years ago in Philadelphia.

"I think President Clinton's point of view on firearms has united a lot of people," the 75-year-old actor said. "He didn't realize that would be the case."

Heston said the message from the NRA's convention was simple.

"Let's put it this way, the Second Amendment is alive and well," he said with his signature clenched-teeth smile.

On the Net:
National Rifle Association: http://www.nra.org
Million Mom March: http://www.millionmommarch.com
Smith & Wesson: http://www.smith-wesson.com

Teen is convicted

TYLER (AP) — A jury has convicted an 18-year-old of capital murder in the death of a vacationing high school graduate from Tennessee.

Christina Martinez of Tyler received an automatic life sentence Monday because prosecutors did not seek the death penalty.

Adam Carrier, also 18, was stabbed and beaten to death on July 1.

Prosecutors said Martinez and five friends had plans to rob and possibly kill Carrier on July 1 as they partied on a Lake Palestine beach.

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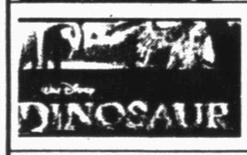
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Contributions to ACS help research programs in Texas

"Contributions to the American Cancer Society in Texas represent one of the best returns on the dollar that I know of," said Mark Cypert, Scurry Unit ACS.

Carol Haynes feels it is important for Scurry residents to know how the ACS invests their contributions. "We are proud of our fiscal record and I know our friends and neighbors will be even more willing to support the American Cancer Society when they learn how well their money is being spent," Carol said.

Contributions raised in 1998-99 will be invested during this fiscal year (Sept. 1, 1999—Aug. 31, 2000) in Texas:

Public Support Allocate to National Programs, 37 percent.

Prevention/Detection/Treatment, 25 percent.

Patient Service, 18 percent.

Fund-raising, 17 percent.

Management and General, 3 percent.

"These expenditures are in line with what contributors are interested in supporting," Cypert said. "And, as these figures show, we are concentrating our efforts on fulfilling our mission to support cancer research, education and services to patients."

"Last year the ACS sponsored research investigations in major Texas hospital, medical schools and universities totaling more than $11.5 million," said Haynes. "We are fortunate that so much promising research is taking place in Texas."

"Programs that help people are our priority," Cypert added. "We control our administrative costs and keep them within acceptable limits, because of the great volunteer involvement throughout the state."

ACS program benefit cancer patients (reach to recovery, transportation, support groups, etc.), help educate the public about cancer prevention and detection (videos, pamphlets, the Great American Smokeout and breast and prostate awareness campaigns), and inform the medical community about advances in cancer treatment and diagnosis. These programs and services are delivered and administered primarily through volunteers." Volunteers help maintain these impressive figures, and volunteers are responsible for the success we've had here in Scurry County," Cypert said.



RECRUITMENT GRANTS — Kaycee Marricle and Alesha Miller, from left, are Delta Kappa Gamma chapter recruitment grant recipients, shown with president Helen Mock in the photo at left. Both girls plan to attend Texas Tech as education majors. In the top photo, DKG officers installed were Patsy Williams, first vice president; Ralphene Cannon, second vice president; Jackie McNew, recording secretary; Judy Barkowsky, corresponding secretary; and not pictured, Pam Hart, president; and Jamie Hall, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

DKG officers installed

Members of Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International installed officers, celebrated Founders' Day with a program by Geraldine Parker and announced recipients of the chapter's recruitment grants.

The meeting was held May 8 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with Helen Mock presiding.

In the annual recognition of the 12 founders of the society, Parker called attention to 12 portraits displayed around an arrangment of 12 white roses.

Old newspaper brings $140,000

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A day-old newspaper isn't worth much. A 224-year-old newspaper, though, can get six figures — even if it buried the top story.

A 1776 Charleston newspaper that heralded the signing of the Declaration of Independence and printed the full text of the document was bought at auction last week by the Post and Courier Foundation.

The foundation, related to the company that publishes The Post and Courier of Charleston, bought the Aug. 2-14 issue of The South-Carolina and American General Gazette for $140,000 at Christie's Inc. auction Friday.

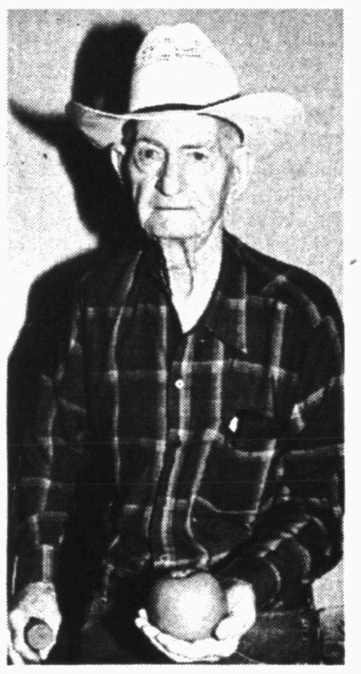
"I would certainly say it's the most important issue of that particular newspaper — it's the birth of the country," said Warren Ripley, president of the Charleston Library Society.

Although printed almost a month after the Declaration's signing, the story was considered breaking news, but obviously not overly important: It was on page 4.

"To our knowledge, it is the only surviving copy of the newspaper," said Chris Coover, Christie's manuscript and Americana specialist. "It's not fancy. In fact, it is quite modest in typography and layout. The Declaration isn't even on the first page. Hindsight."

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Tooth decay in Britain is so severe that it is expected that four out of 10 adults will have false teeth.



BIG TOMATO — Frank Pinkerton holds a 14-ounce tomato with a 11-¼ inch circumference. His early tomato is an A&M improved Merced and was grown in his garden at 708 27th. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; boardroom of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Martha Ann Woman's Club's game day and luncheon; $7.50 at the door and reservations necessary by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling573-3427; games will follow; serving begins at 11:30.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club business meeting and luncheon; airport terminal; 9 a.m.

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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 appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	05-23-00
	♠ A J 5 4	
	♥ J 5 3 2	
	♦ 7 2	
	♣ 7 6 3	
West		East
♠ K Q 10 8		♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ 8 4		♥ 10
♦ 10 9 6 3		♦ Q J 8 4
♣ K 5 4		♣ J 10 9 8
	South	
	♠ 6	
	♥ A K Q 9 7 6	
	♦ A K 5	
	♣ A Q 2	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Timing the losers to one

By Phillip Alder

Lots of activities involve timing — including bridge. If you sequence the plays correctly, you make your contract; whereas if you misstep, you fail.

Not only is the timing important in this deal, but you must also spot a maneuver that many overlook. How would you play in six hearts after West leads the spade king?

After two clubs (strong, artificial and forcing), two diamonds (negative) and two hearts (announcing a strong two-bid in that suit), North's raise to three hearts promises support with some useful values (usually 4-7 high-card points).

There were 11 top tricks: one spade, six hearts, two diamonds, one club and a diamond ruff in the dummy. The logical place to turn for number 12 was the club finesse. Yet you, like an expert, should always look for a way to avoid relying on a finesse. And making the logical assumption that West started with the king-queen of spades gives you that avoidance alternative.

However, you must ruff a spade in hand at trick two. Draw two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy and ruff another spade. Cash your top two diamonds and ruff the diamond five in the dummy. Finally, call for the spade jack and don't ruff — instead, discard the club two.

West is trapped, forced either to lead away from the club king into your ace-queen, or to return a diamond, permitting you to ruff in the dummy and to discard the club queen from hand.

You need three dummy entries: two to ruff spades and one for the loser-on-loser endplay. Those must be the spade ace at trick one, the heart jack and the diamond ruff.

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UT OF DALLAS GRAD — Somer Dennis Love, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High school, will graduate from the University of Texas at Dallas with a bachelor of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies. (Contributed Photo)

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: May 22 — Leland McCarty, Loretta Rios, Abbey Stephens, W.S. Thompson, Hollis Ward, Virginia Warren, Sherry Merritt, Casey Row and Zella White.

DISMISSALS: Susan Banks, Medrano girl, Olga Medrano, David Guzman and Virginia Warren.

CENSUS: 42 (Med./Surg.-14, Long-term Care-24, ICU-1, OB-2 and Nursery-1).

Births

Mary Isabel and Ryan Neil Eime of Bandera announce the birth of their daughter, Hope Mercedes Eime, at 9:56 a.m., May 13 in the Medina Community Hospital. Hope Mercedes weighed six pounds, one ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Luis and Ysabel Gutierrez of Spur and paternal grandmother is Dianne Eime of Snyder.

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Minister

"THE LORD HAS NEED OF IT"

When Jesus approached Bethany at Olivet, He sent two of His disciples to untie a colt. Just as Jesus had told them would happen, the owners asked, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it" **(Luke 19:29-34).** Through the owners' compliance, they contributed to the triumphal march into Jerusalem -- one of the most magnificent occasions in the history of the world. What would any disciple of Jesus give to be able to contribute something he owns for such an occasion.

This opportunity is gone forever, but the Master still has need of things we own. He can use our automobiles, our houses, our food, our telephones, our bank accounts, our cattle, our farms and ranches, our stocks and bonds. "To the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me" **(Matthew 25:40).** There is no disciple so poor that he doesn't have something the Master needs today.





Prepared Childbirth Classes
THURSDAYS 7-9 pm
(Total of Five Classes)
May 25 through June 22, 2000
Classes will be held at Board Room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 1700 Cogdell Boulevard
(South Parking Lot)

Instructors:
Bonnie Carroll, RN
Linda Briseno, RN

- Physiology of Pregnancy and Delivery
- Tips to Avoid Complications
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- Newborn Care
- Breast Feeding Techniques
- Tour of Hospital OB Department
- Sibling Class (for future big brothers and sisters included in final class)

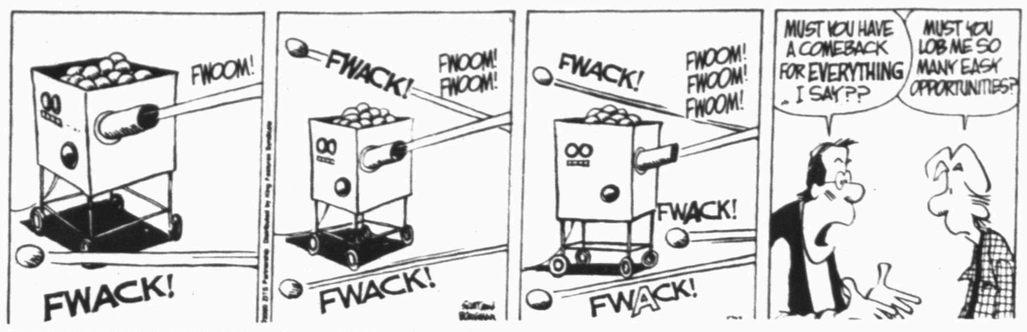
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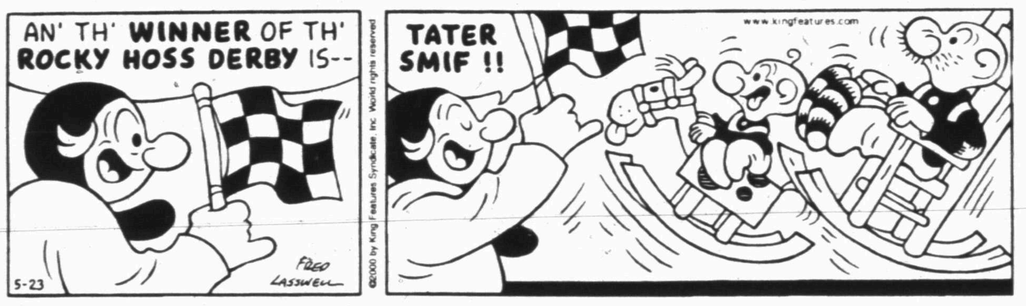
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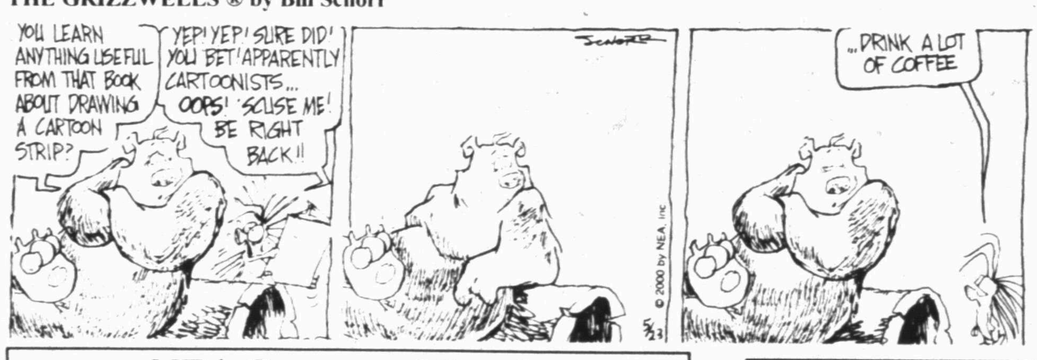
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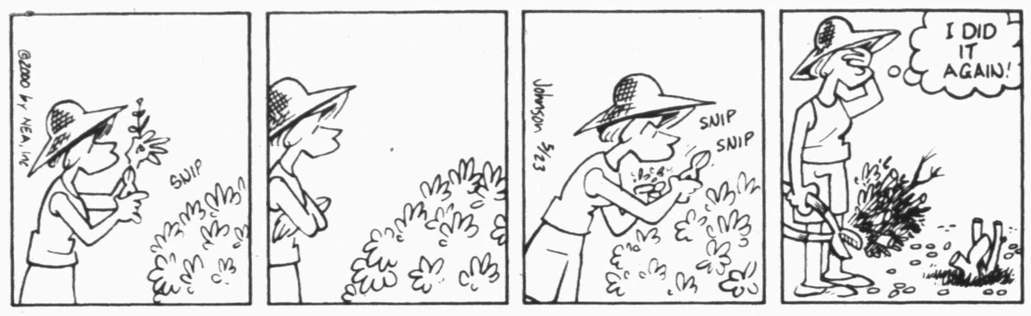
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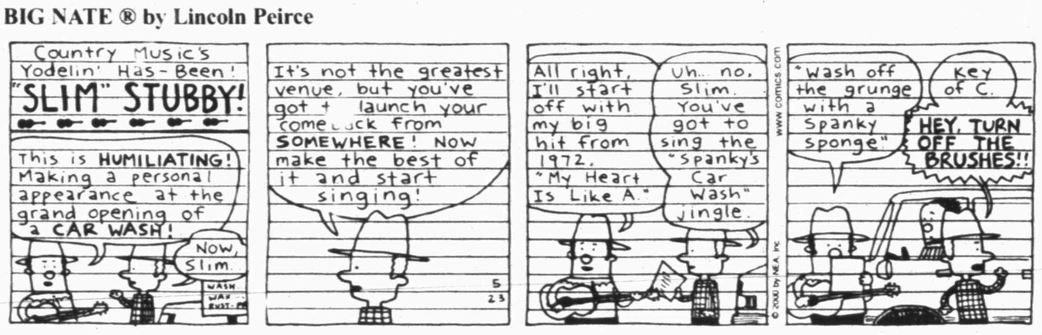
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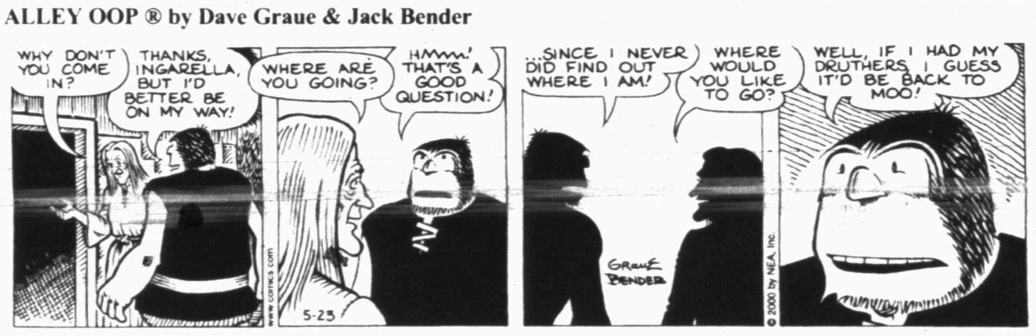
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"We're short of plates!"

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Easter flowers
7 Used a reel
13 Actress Lasser
14 "Seinfeld" regular
15 United
16 Walk childishly
17 Pt. Of USMA
18 Emulate Tom Hanks
20 Brought about
21 Solar disk
23 Once named
24 Mrs. Dick Tracy
25 Kind of cheese
27 Given to wandering
29 Pro — (for the time being)
31 Poetic time
32 Citrus drink
33 B.A. or Ph.D.
34 Hereditary
37 Former New York mayor
40 — Worth, Texas
41 Pekoe, e.g.
43 Caspian and Adriatic
45 Highest card
46 Pixie
47 Long inlet
48 Appetizer
51 Finds the sum
54 Leaves out speech sounds
55 Makes very happy
56 Trig term
57 Cure

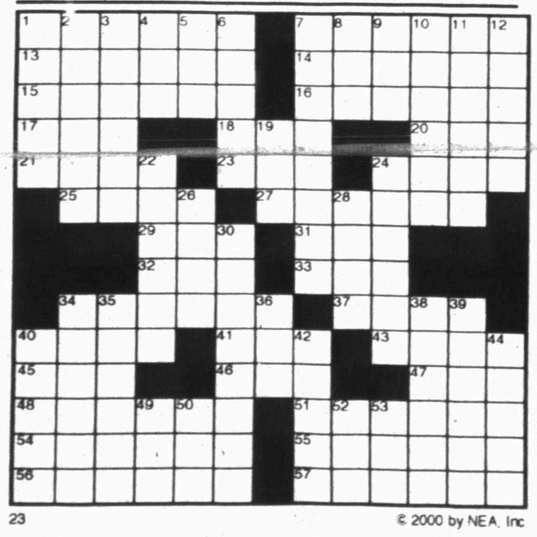
DOWN

1 Andes animal
2 Crystalline gem
3 Calmed
4 Roman three
5 "Japan" end
6 Type of car
7 Shackled
8 Workers' assn.
9 Down in the dumps
10 Concealed
11 Sign up for the Army
12 Homeowners' papers
19 Average grade
22 Swimming
24 Latin dances
26 Ancient Persian's neighbor
28 Give off fumes
30 Most pithy
34 Place
35 Conducive to peace
36 Astronaut's ferry
38 Waxy ointment
39 Summoned a taxi
40 Confronts
42 More suitable
44 Impudent
49 Ortho-dontists' grp.
50 Sty
52 Bullring cry
53 Highlander's cap

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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"WHEN DO YOUR EGG PLANTS HATCH?"

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



SPORTS

Texas teams qualify for NCAA tourney

By The Associated Press

The Texas Longhorns will travel to Arizona for their regional games, but the rest of the five Texas teams that made the NCAA Division I-A baseball tournament won't have to leave the state to play this week.

Baylor (45-15), the Big 12 regular-season champ, and Conference USA tournament champion Houston (44-15) are hosts for two of the NCAA's 16 four-team regional tournaments. The double-elimination tournaments will be played Friday through Sunday.

At Houston, the Cougars will host Princeton (24-18) of the Ivy League on Friday, while Rice (40-21) and Texas Tech (35-24) play in the other opening-day game there.

Baylor takes on Southland Conference champ Southwest Texas State University (33-27) on Friday in Waco, where San Jose (36-21) and Florida (41-21-1) make up the other first-round matchup.

Texas (40-18) plays Creighton (38-21) on Friday in Tempe, Ariz., where host Arizona State (42-13) plays Miami, Ohio (39-21) in its first-round game.

The winners of the 16 double-elimination tournaments advance to play in Super Regionals, best 2-of-3 series to determine the eight teams for the College World Series.

No more than two Texas can advance to the College World Series.

The regional winners from Houston and Baylor will play each other in one of the Super Regionals to determine one of the College World Series teams. That will leave just one CWS possibility, plus Texas if the Longhorns can advance all of the way.



SOFTBALL SIGNEE — Snyder High School senior Kristin Martinez signs a letter of intent Monday to play softball for Midland College. Also attending the signing were, front row from left, Kristin's parents Herman and Norma Martinez. On the back row were, SHS principal Larry Scott, Lady Chaparral coach Tommy Ramos, and Snyder coaches Robbie Dickenson, Sam Tipton and Mechelle Chrane. (SDN Staff Photo)

Regional semifinals...

Playoffs set for Moffett

Snyder's Moffett Field plays host to a pair of playoff series this week.

In the Class 4A regional semifinals, Weatherford and Canyon Randall will square off in a three-game series beginning at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Game 2 is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, with the third game to follow, if necessary.

The Kangaroos come in with a record of 29-3, while the Randall Raiders sport a 23-9 mark.

Also on tap at Moffett is a Class 2A regional semifinal match-up between Coahoma and Stamford at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Coahoma is 21-7 on the year, while Stamford is 16-8.

In other playoff action, the Ira Bulldogs take on the Cross Plains Buffaloes in a 1A area series beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday in Albany.

The Bulldogs and Buffaloes resume their series at 5 p.m. Friday.

NCAA Baseball Tournament

COLLEGE BASEBALL PLAYOFFS
All Times EDT
REGIONALS
Double Elimination
At Yogi Berra Park
Montclair, N.J.
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — Penn State (41-16) vs. North Carolina (44-15), 4 p.m.
Game 1 — Army (24-18-1) at Rutgers (39-16), 7:30 p.m.
At Sarge Frye Stadium
Columbia, S.C.
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — Seton Hall (40-16) vs. Wake Forest (39-18-1), 2 p.m.
Game 1 — Liberty (35-21) at South Carolina (52-8), 7 p.m.
At Doug Kingsmore Stadium
Clemson, S.C.
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — Illinois (40-21) vs. Old Dominion (33-22-1), 2 p.m.
Game 1 — Middle Tennessee State (37-21) at Clemson (45-16), 7 p.m.
At Russ Chandler Stadium
Atlanta
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — Stetson (46-14) vs. Auburn (40-18), 3 p.m.
Game 1 — Georgia Southern (39-21) at Georgia Tech (47-14), 7 p.m.
At Mark Light Stadium
Coral Gables, Fla.
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — Florida International (40-18) vs. Florida Atlantic (42-17), 3:30 p.m.
Game 1 — Wagner (24-28-1) at Miami (37-17-1), 7 p.m.
At Dick Howser Stadium
Tallahassee, Fla.
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — Evansville (40-20) vs. Central Florida (41-17), 3 p.m.
Game 1 — Bethune-Cookman (33-27) at Florida State (45-15), 7 p.m.
At Seibert Stadium
Minneapolis
Friday, May 26
Game 1 — Butler (31-26) vs. Nebraska (47-15), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Wichita State (42-19) at Minnesota (37-22), 8 p.m.
At Polk-DeMent Stadium
Starkville, Miss.
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — Notre Dame (43-16) vs. Tulane (37-20-1), 3 p.m.
Game 1 — South Alabama (27-31) at Mississippi State (38-17), 7 p.m.
At Tigue Moore Field
Lafayette, La.
Friday, May 26
Game 1 — Marist (32-17-2) vs. East Carolina (44-16), 4 p.m.
Game 2 — McNeese State (39-18) at Louisiana-Lafayette (42-17), 8 p.m.
At Alex Box Stadium
Baton Rouge, La.
Friday, May 26
Game 1 — Jackson State (26-28) at LSU (43-17), 3 p.m.
Game 2 — Louisiana-Monroe (39-20) vs. New Orleans (37-23), 8 p.m.
At The Bricktown Ball Park
Oklahoma City
Friday, May 26
Game 1 — Delaware (37-18) vs. UCLA (35-24), 4 p.m.
Game 2 — Oral Roberts (48-13) vs. Oklahoma (39-21), 8 p.m.
At Cougar Field
Houston
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — Texas Tech (35-24) vs. Rice (40-21), 4 p.m.
Game 1 — Princeton (24-18) at Houston (44-15), 8 p.m.
At Ferrell Field
Waco, Texas
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — San Jose State (36-20) vs. Florida (41-21-1), 3 p.m.
Game 1 — Southwest Texas State (33-27) at Baylor (45-15), 8 p.m.
At Packard Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — Creighton (38-21) vs. Texas (40-18), 6 p.m.
Game 1 — Miami, Ohio (39-21) at Arizona State (42-13), 10 p.m.
At Goodwin Field
Fullerton, Calif.
Friday, May 26
Game 1 — Virginia Tech (34-23-2) vs. Southern California (38-18), 6 p.m.
Game 2 — Loyola Marymount (39-17) at Cal State Fullerton (36-19), 10 p.m.
At Sunken Diamond
Palo Alto, Calif.
Friday, May 26
Game 2 — Nevada (37-17) vs. Alabama (38-22), 6 p.m.
Game 1 — Fresno State (40-19) at Stanford (42-13), 10 p.m.

Michael Irvin urged to retire

FORT WORTH (AP) — Doctors have reportedly advised free agent wide receiver Michael Irvin to retire because of a spinal condition.

The Dallas Cowboys' all-time leading receiver is uncertain when he would announce his retirement, a source told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions.

The member of the Cowboys' organization, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Irvin has spinal stenosis, a congenital condition that could cause permanent paralysis, and that he met with the player about it at the team's Valley Ranch training headquarters in Irving, Texas, in the past week.

"I know it's hard on him," Dallas running back Emmitt Smith said Monday. "It's hard on any man that has to put down the game in the fashion that he has to put it down. It's a tough situation.

"Nobody wants to go out like that," Smith said.

Cowboys assistant director of public relations Brett Daniels said the team has not heard anything official from Irvin.

"The decision is in Michael's hands right now," Daniels said. "It's all kind of up to what Michael wants to do."

Known as "The Playmaker," Irvin has established himself over 12 seasons as the greatest receiver in Cowboys' history and one of the NFL's best ever. His final catch was the 750th of his career, tying him for No. 9 in league history.

But Irvin, 34, hasn't played since sustaining temporary paralysis after awkwardly slamming his head into the ground after a catch Oct. 10 in Philadelphia. He later learned he has a genetic condition — a narrow spinal cord — that makes him more susceptible to serious injury if he takes another blow to the head or neck.

The neck problems forced Irvin to go on injured reserve Dec. 4, officially ending his season.

Irvin holds every significant receiving record for the Cowboys and is 10th in receptions and yards in NFL history.

The 11th pick overall in the 1988 draft, Irvin signed a six-year contract extension worth $22 million last season before becoming a free agent.

The Cowboys have already moved to replace Irvin in the lineup with their February trade for Joey Galloway. Irvin does not have to make a retirement decision by next week when teams announce their June cuts.

Brewers sweep Astros

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The fans who paid $1 to sit in the bleachers for a doubleheader at County Stadium got quite a show for their buck.

The Milwaukee Brewers made the biggest ninth-inning comeback in their history in the first game of a doubleheader Monday, scoring seven runs in the ninth before Jose Hernandez's solo homer in the 10th beat the Houston Astros 10-9.

In the second game, Jeromy Burnitz hit a three-run homer and Jason Bere pitched eight strong innings as the Brewers swept the twinbill with a 6-1 victory over the reeling Astros.

Burnitz and Charlie Hayes hit back-to-back homers off Kip Gross (0-1) in the third inning.

Ron Belliard added a two-run double in the fourth, while Bere (3-3) scattered seven hits and cruised into the eighth inning before allowing a solo homer to Ken Caminiti.

All the drama was in the first game. Milwaukee was down 9-2 entering the bottom of the ninth before scoring seven runs.

Basketball camp to be held at SHS

Western Texas College basketball coach Valery Jackson will host a Girls' Little Dribblers basketball clinic Friday and Saturday at the Snyder High School gym.

Session 1 will include incoming third through fifth graders and will meet from 9 a.m. until noon.

Session 2 will include incoming sixth and seventh graders and will run from 2 to 5 p.m.

Registration for Session 1 will be at 8 a.m. Friday, with Session 2 registration scheduled for 1 p.m.

Cost of the two-day clinic is $35 per camper.

Sports Briefs

Basketball clinic scheduled

The Sam Tipton 2000 Basketball Camp will be held June 20-23 at Snyder High School.

The co-ed division is open to incoming third through sixth graders and will run from 9 a.m. until noon. Seventh through ninth grade girls only will be from 1 until 4 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Deadline to register is Friday.

For more information, call Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30, or 573-4437.

WTC sets junior golf clinic

The WTC Junior Golf Clinic will be held June 5-9. Ages 8-12 will meet from 8 until 10 a.m, while ages 13-17 will run from 10 a.m. until noon.

Snyder High School golf coaches Matt Glenn and Ricky Hunter will cover the full swing, short game, putting, trouble shots, rules and etiquette. Video swing analysis will also be provided.

The camp will be limited to the first 50 players to sign up. Cost is $75.

Players can register in person June 4 from 1 to 3 p.m., or by calling the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Baseball camps scheduled

Snyder Baseball Camp will begin Monday and run through June 2 for ages 7 and up. Sessions will run from 9 to 11 a.m., and will stress the fundamentals of throwing, fielding, hitting and base running. Cost is $40.

Snyder Advanced Baseball Camp will be June 5-9, and cost is $40.

For more information, contact Coach Herrera at 573-1355, or Coach Bollinger at 573-5734.

NBA Conference Finals

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Monday, May 22
Portland 106, L.A. Lakers 77, series tied 1-1
Tuesday, May 23
New York at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 25
New York at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 26
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 27
Indiana at New York, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 28
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 3:30 p.m.
Monday, May 29
Indiana at New York, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 30
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31
New York at Indiana, 9 p.m., if necessary
Friday, June 2
Indiana at New York, TBA, if necessary
L.A. Lakers at Portland, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, June 4
New York at Indiana, TBA, if necessary
Portland at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, May 21
Dallas 4, Colorado 1, series tied 2-2
Monday, May 22
New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 1, Philadelphia leads series 3-2
Tuesday, May 23
Colorado at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 25
Dallas at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 26
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary
Saturday, May 27
Colorado at Dallas, TBA, if necessary

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	30	13	.698	—
Montreal	24	17	.585	5
New York	24	21	.533	7
Florida	22	23	.489	9
Philadelphia	15	27	.357	14½
Central Division				
St. Louis	25	18	.581	—
Cincinnati	24	20	.545	1½
Pittsburgh	19	23	.452	5½
Milwaukee	19	25	.432	6½
Chicago	17	28	.377	9
Houston	15	28	.349	10
West Division				
Arizona	27	16	.628	—
Los Angeles	25	17	.595	1½
Colorado	21	20	.512	5
San Francisco	19	22	.463	7
San Diego	18	26	.409	9½

Monday's Games
Milwaukee 10, Houston 9, 10 innings, 1st game
Milwaukee 6, Houston 1, 2nd game
San Diego 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Los Angeles 4, Cincinnati 3, 14 innings
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 5-0) at San Diego (Spencer 1-1), 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 4-2) at Milwaukee (Wright 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 3-2) at Houston (Holt 1-6), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 5-2) at St. Louis (Kile 6-2), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-2) at Colorado (Arrojo 1-4), 9:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 1-1) at Arizona (B.Anderson 3-0), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 0-0) at Los Angeles (Gagne 0-2), 10:10 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 4-1) at San Francisco (Rueter 2-2), 10:15 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Atlanta (Maddux 5-1) at Milwaukee (Haynes 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 1-2) at Houston (Dotel 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Nunez 0-3) at St. Louis (Stephenson 6-0), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Valdes 1-1) at Colorado (Astacio 5-2), 9:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-3) at Arizona (Stottlemyre 7-2), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 2-6) at Los Angeles (Park 4-3), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (B.J.Jones 1-1) at San Diego (Meadows 4-3), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 1-0) at San Francisco (Estes 2-2), 10:15 p.m.

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West Division				
Seattle	23	18	.561	—
Texas	23	20	.535	1
Anaheim	22	22	.500	2½
Oakland	22	23	.489	3

Monday's Game
Toronto 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Only game scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Cleveland (Colon 4-1) at Detroit (Nitkowski 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 1-4) at Baltimore (Rapp 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 3-5) at Boston (P.Martinez 7-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Olivares 3-4) at Tampa Bay (Eiland 1-1), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Helling 6-1) at Kansas City (Batista 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Cooper 0-0) at Minnesota (Mays 1-5), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Wells 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Cleveland (Brower 0-0) at Detroit (Weaver 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 5-0) at Baltimore (Ponson 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
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Oakland (Appier 3-3) at Tampa Bay (Gooden 2-2), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 3-4) at Kansas City (Suppan 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 1-1) at Minnesota (Redman 3-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 3-3), 8:05 p.m.

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Coastal	57 7-16	56 5-16	56⅜	— ⅝
CocaCola	50 3-16	49 13-16	49⅜	—13-16
ColgatePal	57⅜	55 11-16	56 11-16	+ ⅛
ComclMetals	27 15-16	27⅞	27⅞	— 1-16
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DallSemicn s	38 3-16	36 9-16	38	+ 1 1-16
DeltaAirl	55 9-16	53½	55½	+ 2⅛
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DowChem	115 15-16	114¼	114 11-16	+ ⅝
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Goodrich	34 15-16	34 7-16	34 13-16	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	24⅞	24½	24 13-16	+ 11-16
GtAtlPac	18 15-16	18¾	18 15-16	+ 3-16
Halliburtn	48 11-16	46⅞	48 5-16	+ 15-16
Hanson ADS	37 1-16	36⅜	37 1-16	+ 1 15-16
HarteHanks	23⅞	23¼	23⅞	+ ¼
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IntlPaper	38⅛	36¾	37⅛	—1 1-16
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K mart	7 15-16	7¾	7 13-16	
Kroger Co s	20¼	19 13-16	20 3-16	+ 3-16
Litton	42⅜	41	42⅜	+ 1⅜
LockheedM	24¾	24⅛	24⅛	+ 9-16
Lowes Cos	49 7-16	48⅝	49⅛	+ ¼
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LucentTech	55 7-16	54 9-16	55 5-16	+ 13-16
MayDeptStr	29¾	29 5-16	29 9-16	
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Motorola	89½	87½	88¾	+ ⅞
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NCR Corp	38	37¼	37⅝	+ 5-16
Navistar	33 15-16	33⅜	33 9-16	+ 11-16
Penney JC	18⅛	17 15-16	18 1-16	+ 1-16
PepBoys	7⅝	7¼	7 5-16	
PepsiCo	39 9-16	39 3-16	39¼	— ½
Pharmacia	53⅞	52 13-16	52⅞	— 5-16
PhelpDodge	52⅞	51 7-16	52¾	+ 11-16
PhilipPet	55 5-16	54½	55⅛	+ 11-16
PilgrmPrd B	8	8	8	— 1-16
Polaroid	18 5-16	18	18⅛	+ ½
Praxair	48⅜	46½	48⅛	+ 1⅛
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PubS NwMx	16 7-16	16⅜	16 7-16	
ReliantEngy	28¾	28⅜	28⅜	+ ⅛
RoyalDut	62 11-16	62	62 3-16	—13-16
SBC Comm	42 7-16	41⅞	41⅞	— ⅝
SaraLee	17⅝	17½	17½	
Scripps EW	46 15-16	46⅜	46¾	— 1-16
SearsRoeb	38 1-16	37 11-16	38	+ ¼
SherwinW	26⅜	26	26	— ⅜
SmithklBchm	65⅝	65	65⅜	—1 7-16
SouthernCo	26 3-16	25 11-16	25⅞	— 1-16
SwstAirl s	20½	20⅛	20 7-16	+ 3-16
SprintFON	56 15-16	54¾	55 7-16	—77-128
SprintPCS s	51⅞	50 9-16	51 3-16	+ 9-16
Sunoco Inc	32 5-16	32 1-16	32 3-16	— ⅛
TXU Corp	35	34⅝	34 13-16	— 3-16
Tandy s	46	45 5-16	45 11-16	+ ⅛
TempleInland	52⅞	51½	51⅞	— 1½
Texaco	57⅞	56 15-16	57 9-16	+ ½
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RR killer gets death penalty

HOUSTON (AP) — A year after his killing spree caught the nation's attention, the train-riding Mexican drifter accused of killing nine people in three states has been sentenced to death.

A jury decided Monday on the death penalty for Angel Maturino Resendiz for the murder of a Houston-area physician.

"They found it difficult, but because of what we presented they didn't have a choice," prosecutor Devon Anderson said of the decision.

Maturino Resendiz had admitted to the killings and sought capital punishment over the objections of his attorneys, who argued that their client is insane.

When asked by State District Judge Bill Harmon if he had anything to say before being sentenced, Maturino Resendiz said he was tricked into surrendering to authorities.

"That police officer lied under oath, and I don't think that it's right," Maturino Resendiz said, pointing to Texas Ranger Sgt. Drew Carter. "He lied under oath."

Maturino Resendiz, who was on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List, surrendered to Carter on the American side of the border with Mexico after the officer brokered a deal with the suspect's sister. The defense said the family was misled to believe that if Maturino Resendiz surrendered, he would not be subject to the death penalty.

Harmon ignored the comment and told him an appeal of his death sentence was automatic. The drifter has said he would drop all appeals, which would mean he could be executed within a year if the review of his case finds no errors.

Defense attorney Allen Tanner said Maturino Resendiz had been tricked into surrendering on the Texas side of the border so he could be eligible for the death penalty, which Mexico does not impose.

"This is a case of where our government lured a sick man across the bridge promising him and his family he would receive humane treatment," Tanner said. "He received humane treatment and now it's time to kill him."

Maturino Resendiz was convicted Thursday of capital murder for the death of Dr. Claudia Benton, who was beaten, stabbed and raped in her home just before Christmas 1998.

"It's been difficult, it's been hard, but there's nothing I'll have to do in my life that's harder than telling my daughters their mother's been murdered," said the victim's husband, George Benton.

During the punishment phase of the trial, prosecutors offered details of the slayings, the most powerful testimony coming Monday with the prosecution's final witness.

The woman, whose name was withheld, testified about being beaten and raped along a Lexington, Ky., railroad line in the early hours of Aug. 29, 1997.

Maturino Resendiz emerged from the darkness as the woman and her boyfriend, fellow University of Kentucky student Christopher Maier, 21, trekked between fraternity parties. At first the attacker robbed them with a sharp object in his hand, she said.

Then, the drifter tied them up and dragged Maier away.

"Chris was saying, 'Don't hurt her, leave her alone,'" the woman said, fighting through tears. "He came over and hit Chris.

"I heard Chris gurgling and asked (Maturino Resendiz) to go make sure Chris' head was turned to the side to make sure Chris wouldn't choke on his own blood," she continued. "He did, and then said, 'He's gone. You won't have to worry about him anymore.' "

Failure of 'black box' slows investigation

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP)— With no "black box" data to analyze, federal investigators predicted a difficult task in determining the cause of a weekend plane crash that killed 19 people.

The charter airplane's cockpit voice recorder is blank, said George Black, a National Transportation Safety Board investigator.

"There are no sounds from the cockpit on the tape," Black said. "This seriously hampers the investigation, let's face it."

He said the recorder may have been specially modified to operate on the plane's power source, a possibility that was still being checked.

The plane did not have the other type of "black box" recorder, the one that takes down flight data such as speed and altitude, because it was not required for the model of airplane, a Jetstream 31.

Everyone aboard were killed Sunday when the twin-engine turboprop crashed in the rain nine miles away from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. It was carrying passengers home from a gambling trip to Atlantic City, N.J.

Investigators will rely on the wreckage, witnesses, radar data and a conversation between the two pilots and air traffic controllers. The pilots said they had lost both engines.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Extended-family celebration can be richer for the size

DEAR ABBY: I agree with your answer to "Caught in the Middle," whose new girlfriend resents his ex-wife's being present for their 6-year-old son's special days. Throughout the many years that I have been married to my second husband, we have welcomed his two ex-wives, my three stepchildren and all their spouses to join us for special occasions as an all-inclusive extended family. There have been a few instances when none of the children were able to join us for a holiday celebration, but we were pleased that the ex-wives still attended. Our extended family has enriched our lives.

Divorce between parents needn't mean one of them must also separate from the children — the parental relationship still remains.

Rather than disrupting an apparently cordial relationship that is being maintained for the benefit of a young boy, the new girlfriend should realize that the mother's interest in sharing time with her child for holiday events that include other family members isn't "weird." To deny the ex-wife access to her son's special activities would be detrimental to all concerned. — **MARY JANE SCHONEBERGER, PHOENIX**

DEAR MARY JANE: Were it within my power to do so, I would nominate you for a Medal of Common Sense and Magnanimity. You are terrific, and your husband is a lucky man.

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DEAR ABBY: I hope you will print this for the poor teen-age girl who was ridiculed for not wearing a bra. I suggest that she's simply more sophisticated than her ignorant classmates, and also the average 16-year-old.

I have been a fashion model for more than 20 years. Understanding the proper undergarments — or an appropriate lack thereof — is an elementary concept to anyone in the fashion industry or even a well-groomed person in general.

Although it would be inappropriate for a buxom woman to go braless, I occasionally teach modeling to teens, and it's like pulling teeth to get them to understand that while modesty should, of course, be preserved, sometimes ALL undergarments have to come off. Any lines under clothing or display of underwear that is not part of a "look" and clearly intended to show, is a no-no.

How sad that people persist in being unnecessarily unkind over insignificant matters when that energy could so easily be channeled to do good in the world. It's time for her "friends" to grow up. — **DEBBI IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR DEBBI: You're absolutely right. Her classmates' obsession with her underwear — or lack of it — shows a lack of more important things to think about. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for the poor "braless" girl who is facing cruelty at school.

This may be a perfect opportunity to expose her ignorant classmates to the history of women's lib in America. Many of her classmates can look forward to career opportunities that may have remained inaccessible without the activism of braless, unshaven women in the late '60s.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

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Wednesday, May 24, 2000

A noticeable upswing in your social life is in the offing for you in the year ahead. Contacts you make will not only be fun but will be helpful in furthering your other ambitions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What is likely to dominate your persona today is leadership, good judgment and initiative. These admirable qualities, used wisely, could further your personal interests. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Move swiftly today should opportunity knock. Developments not orchestrated by you could present themselves and bolster your career or financial position when recognized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The enthusiasm you exhibit today will be contagious, and you will easily infuse others with enthusiasm for your interests. With their support, you'll easily achieve your aims.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though the key to your success might be being single-minded in your goals, it may well be your imaginative thinking today in executing your plans that makes it all possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) What you need today to be at your best are involvements that are mentally stimulating, yet possess elements of physical activity. Team up with pals who can offer these components.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're prepared to dedicate your energies, imagination and creativity today, a matter that has been hanging can be successfully finalized to your satisfaction. Get on it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Although you possess great mental agility, you'll be far more effective today if you get involved with those who also possess dexterity in their thinking. You'll stimulate each other.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have the faculty today for staying with a situation that takes physical stamina as well as mental prowess in bringing it to a successful financial conclusion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The fun-loving mood you're in today should please companions, but what is far more gratifying to all is that this bright, positive attitude takes everyone's minds off their problems.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't rock the boat — just let events run their natural courses today. Things will work out to your ultimate advantage, even if early indicators don't signal the good weather ahead for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) As you set your schedule of events today, try to select activities with active friends or associates who stimulate you mentally and don't take themselves too seriously.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be alert today for a brain storm that comes about through mind jousting with others. A chance remark or thought that is offered as a possibility could lay a golden egg.

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Bush would reduce U.S. nuclear arsenal

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush said today that he would reduce America's nuclear arsenal to its "lowest possible number" without compromising U.S. national security, if elected president.

The likely Republican nominee made his announcement at a news conference with retired Gen. Colin Powell and other foreign policy officials from previous GOP administrations.

"We should not keep weapons that our military planners do not need," Bush declared. "These unneeded weapons are expensive relics of dead conflicts. ... America should lead by example."

Bush said he wanted to bring America's nuclear arsenal below the levels in the START II treaty with Russia, which calls for each side to reduce warheads from 6,000 to between 3,000 and 3,500. The United States and Russia are now negotiating a START III treaty that could cut warheads by an additional 1,000.

Bush's chief foreign affairs adviser, Condoleeza Rice, said afterward that the United States would make its missile cuts whether or not Russia agrees to the reductions.

Rice also seemed to link the reductions to the development of an anti-ballistic missile system, which could be years in the making.

She said Bush would determine the nuclear arsenal level after a review of the nation's security needs and capabilities, including the feasibility of a missile defense system.

Asked if the reductions would be contingent on such a system, Rice said, "It's difficult to answer. I think he would hope those would proceed in parallel."

The Texas governor said he also wants to remove as many nuclear weapons as possible that are on high-alert status.

"Preparation for quick launch, within minutes after warning of attack, was the rule during an era of superpower rivalry," he said. "But today, for two nations at peace, keeping so many weapons at high alert, may create unacceptable risks of accidental or unauthorized launch."

Bush said he still wants the United States to develop a national missile defense system despite Russian objections. "START III should not be an excuse to limit our ability to build a missile defense system," he said.

On reducing weapons, Powell said, "We can go down further, I believe, with the proper political guidance given to our military leaders and the kind of assessment that Governor Bush has called for this morning and he would assign to his secretary of defense."

Astronauts begin replacing batteries on the space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts today finished replacing two crucial batteries aboard the international space station after opening up the vacant outpost for the first time in a year.

Minutes after cracking open the brightly lit Unity module late Monday, American astronaut Susan Helms and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev headed in.

Only two of the six Russian-made batteries were working. The other four were dead or dying because of careless overcharging by Russian engineers. They are being replaced to restore full electrical power to the anemic space station.

Pushing aside piles of supplies, Helms and Usachev pulled up the floor of the Russian control module — named Zarya, or Sunrise — to get to the batteries. They replaced two of them in just over five hours, finishing well ahead of schedule early today.

"A lot of the credit goes to the crew working together before the flight to work out the choreography," flight director Phil Engelauf said. "They really worked this down to a science, like a pit crew working on a race car."

Russia's space program is picking up the tab for the batteries. Each one costs $252,000.

James Voss, who will join Helms and Usachev as a space station resident next year, was close behind them as they led the way into the space station.

"Glad you left the lights on for us," Voss told Mission Control.

Once inside, the seven Atlantis crewmates took air samples and checked the carbon-dioxide level to make sure it was safe.

The air was fine, although the thermometer was in the mid-80s. It was hot enough to prompt astronaut Jeffrey Williams, a Wisconsin native, to strip down to his shorts. The temperature eventually dropped to the high 70s.

Senate to vote on FEC nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate leaders today agreed to a vote on a Federal Election Commission nominee who opposes campaign spending limits, clearing a logjam of Clinton nominations.

FEC nominee Bradley Smith of Ohio, who raised the ire of Democrats and campaign reform advocates with his statement that government should not limit the size of campaign contributions, will be voted on by the Republican-controlled Senate on Wednesday, said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

Smith, who teaches at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, said Monday he feels confident of his chances if he gets a vote. "I think everybody agrees a majority of the Senate would vote to confirm me," he said.

Lott, R-Miss., and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., agreed last week to a vote on Smith in exchange for getting 16 federal judicial nominees and several other Clinton nominations through the Senate. But the agreement was derailed Monday after some Democrats refused to start the debate, complaining that most of the senators had not yet returned to Washington.

Lott said today an agreement had been reached to start 10 hours of Smith debate today with the vote coming Wednesday.

Most of the 64 nominations stuck in the Senate would be cleared, with votes only on one other FEC board member, Danny McDonald, and two judges, Timothy Dyk, who wants to be a U.S. Circuit Court judge in the District of Columbia and Gerald Lynch, who was nominated to be a U.S. District judge in New York.

Smith has been the bargaining chip for Democrats to get some of President Clinton's judicial nominations through the Senate. Republicans, looking to regain the White House after eight years of Clinton's presidency, have done little this year to expedite approval of Clinton's nominees.

Only seven judges have been approved by the Senate this year. In addition to the 16 on the Senate calendar, 36 are awaiting approval by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Several Democrats and campaign reform advocates say Smith is an unacceptable choice for the FEC.

Obituaries

Lynda Robinson

1949-2000

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Lynda Robinson of Snyder.

Mrs. Robinson, 50, died Monday, May 22, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a sudden illness.

Mrs. Robinson was born Aug. 9, 1949 in Snyder.

Survivors include her parents, Charles and Johnnie Taylor of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Carroll and Wade Spencer of Snyder; a sister, Judy Taylor of Tennessee; three granddaughters, Somer Powell, Elizabeth Powell and Aaren Walker; and two nieces, Pamela Hogan of Tennessee and Amber Bowlin of Florida.

Mary Kyle

1946-2000

CLAIREMONT – Graveside service for Mary Ellen Kyle of Clairemont, a former resident of Snyder, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Clairemont Cemetery with Louis Wolfson officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Mrs. Kyle, 54, died Saturday, May 21, in the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix.

Born Jan. 1, 1946 in Groton, N.Y., she married Eddwin Kyle on Sept. 19, 1991 in Ruidoso, N.M.

Mrs. Kyle attended the University of Michigan and was employed by Treemont Retirement Centers for a number of years.

Survivors include her husband, Eddwin Kyle of Clairemont; a daughter, Shaina Moss, a senior at Texas A&M University; and a sister, Nancy Healey of San Francisco.

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Police investigate items not being paid for at Wal-Mart

Snyder police are investigating an incident at Wal-Mart involving two employees who are alleged to have allowed customers to leave the store without paying for all their merchandise.

Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner said the offenses could have begun as early as January.

The sergeant said various items ranging from small items to a camcorder were allowed to pass through the checkouts.

The incident is being investigated as felony theft because the total merchandise amount is believed to be over $1,500.

Police were contacted at 7:03 p.m. Monday by Wal-Mart manager R.J. Youngclaus.

Officers filed two other offense reports on Monday.

Stella Herrera notified officers at 10:39 a.m. that someone had taken a money order in the amount of $199 from her and cashed it at United on May 3. An offense report for forgery was submitted.

At 6:14 p.m., Mike Elkins contacted officers in reference to three windows being broken on his 1997 Ford Expedition while it was parked at his residence. A report was taken for Class A criminal mischief.

Two arrests were also made Monday.

A 44-year-old woman was arrested at the Justice of the Peace office at 10:35 p.m. to lay out fines for violation of the compulsory school attendance law.

At 9:39 p.m., deputies took a 40-year-old man into custody in the 900 block of Avenue Q on a misdemeanor warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Department of Public Safety troopers investigated a one-vehicle accident at 6:10 a.m. Monday 12.5 miles east of Snyder on U.S. Hwy. 84. A 1994 Freightliner truck-tractor was heading eastbound when it drove off the right side of the road and overturned. The driver, Randel Leroy Norris, 44, of Decator, Ala., was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by Snyder EMS where he was treated for minor injuries.

City officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at 4:35 p.m. in the 3600 block of College. Involved were a 1993 Ford Tempo driven by Linda Cummings Trujillo, 46, of 512 24th Street and a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Casey Shea Row, 17, of Hermleigh.

Row was transported by Snyder EMS to CMH where he was admitted for observation and released around noon today.

Trujillo and three passengers in her vehicle, 24-year-old Melanie Sullenger, two-year-old Kyra Sullenger, and 4½ month-old Jordan Poe, were transported to Cogdell by private vehicle where they were treated and released.

Army general will not be promoted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has quietly dropped plans to make Maj. Gen. Larry G. Smith the service's deputy inspector general, two months after word leaked that he been accused of sexual harassment by the Army's highest-ranking female officer.

In an internal notice dated Friday, in which it listed several new assignments for general officers, the Army said Maj. Gen. Joseph R. Inge had been selected to be deputy inspector general. He is commanding general of the U.S. Army Japan/9th Theater Army Area Command.

The list made no mention of Smith, whose status has been officially described as "on hold" since November. He was announced Aug. 27 as the next deputy inspector general, but he never took the post.

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Project Graduation 2000

Anyone interested in making donations of cash or merchandise for Project Graduation for the SHS class of 2000 may call 574-6080 for additional information.

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. today in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday in the school library. Tonight's topic is "Harmony at Home." Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Thursday in the testing center at WTC. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 573-0284 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Ira School reception

Ira School will host an informal come-and-go reception from 1-2 p.m. Saturday in the school cafeteria, honoring employees who will leave the district.

Kids College late registration

Late registration for Kids College will continue at the Continuing Education office at Western Texas College from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday through June 7. Registration forms and a check may also be mailed to WTC at 6200 College Avenue, Snyder 79549. Kids College starts June 12 and continues through June 22. For more information, contact Liffin Molter, director, 573-8511, ext. 223.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are " The Names of Jesus," followed by "Depression, the Dark Night of the Soul."

Miller Bros. Ranch centennial

The Miller Bros. will celebrate 100 years of ranching in Borden County beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at the Gail arena and show barn. There will be bronc riding, roping, cutting, barrel racing and more. Special guest is Bob Tallman.

Vacation Bible School

"Son Zone Discovery Center" is the theme of Vacation Bible School set from 9 to 11 a.m. June 5-7 at the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Good News Ocean Odyssey

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will host an ocean theme Vacation Bible School June 5-9. Children ages five-years-old through this year's sixth grade are welcome. Times will be 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to pre-register call the church office at 573-8596.

Weigh Down Workshop Seminar

Orientation and registration for the Weigh Down Workshop seminar will be at 7 p.m. June 5 at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Men and women are invited to learn this new way of dieting. Coordinator is Donna Nehring, 573-7471.

Dermott School reunion

The Dermott School reunion will be June 10 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Dermott School on the grounds of the coliseum.

Biker Sunday

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will sponsor a Biker Sunday, June 11. Services begin at 10:45 a.m. Bike rodeo games will follow. Door prizes will be given away. Free food and live entertainment will be provided, and there is no admission charged. The Christian Motorcyclists Association, a national organization, will operate the bike rodeo games.

Vacation Bible School

"Son Zone Discovery Center" Vacation Bible School will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 12-16 at North College Ave. Baptist Church. For more information call 573-7527 or 573-9540.

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

Computer courses

A variety of computer courses will be offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon during May and June. Night classes in May only are Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L. and refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Cash Five

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

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Pick 3

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

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Producers are desperate for workers to meet oil demand

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Oil companies are so desperate for workers that one producer in Oklahoma is recruiting released inmates at the prison gates. Producers in Alaska, meanwhile, are banding together to get workers trained; in Texas they are calling former hands and asking them to come back.

With crude oil prices having recovered, some oil companies looking to drill are finding themselves helpless in the face of a shortage of experienced hands.

"There's nobody to work," said Dewey Bartlett Jr., president of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association. "After the last industry downturn many people said 'That's it. No more. I'm going to learn a new trade.' They are gone.

"One operator told me that he had become so desperate for experienced employees that he knows when the prison releases the parolees. He stands outside the gate and asks anyone if they want a job," Bartlett said.

There were 25,381 oil and gas workers in Oklahoma in the third quarter of 1999 — the most recent available — compared with 30,931 for the same period two years earlier, the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission reported. Similar declines have been reported in New Mexico and Texas.

But with oil prices having nearly tripled from early last year — trading Monday at around $29 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange — more and more rigs are coming online. And they need workers.

According to Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc., last week the number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States was 849. A year ago, with oil prices hovering in the mid-teens, only 518 rigs were drilling.

The biggest increases have occurred in Texas, which jumped from 177 to 308, and in New Mexico, up to 80 from 34.

Ray Peterson of UTI Drilling in Midland, Texas, said his company has been calling former workers and asking them to come back.

"It's the same old story whenever you lay them off, hire them back, lay them off and hire them back — you can expect people will leave," said Peterson, a senior vice president. "We're just doing the best we can to get the word out to those who left our industry that there is business again."

About 3,000 Oklahomans were laid off because of declining oil prices in 1997 and 1998, while Texas lost 14,600 jobs and Louisiana 3,400 positions. In total, 29,300 people lost their jobs in the major oil-producing states, according to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

Although the oil industry is still recovering from the 2-year bust, the rest of the economy soared. The unemployment rate, meanwhile, has fallen to a 30-year-low, making it harder for oil producers to fill shaky positions.

"There's equipment out here, but there's not people to do it," said John Bell, an independent producer and consultant based in Kermit, Texas.

In Alaska, companies that haven't had to do serious recruiting in 20 years have banded together to train workers for the estimated 500 jobs expected to open over the next decade.

The average worker on the North Slope is 50 years old, said Kitty Farnham, director of Alaska hiring and training for BP Amoco.

"We are suffering from really more of an aging issue and the fact careers have not been marketed," she said. "The jobs are excellent jobs."

In Oklahoma, some producers have been able to afford higher wages to attract experienced oil workers, but many are left without options. The wait to drill a new well in Oklahoma has been from one to 12 months.

Unskilled laborers such as roustabouts make about $7.50 per hour, including benefits, OIPA's Bartlett said. Other skilled positions would pay on average $10 to $12.50 per hour.

Date Book

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Today is the 144th day of 2000 and the 65th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1785, Benjamin Franklin announced in a letter that he had invented bifocal glasses.

On this day in 1891, the first U.S. railroad car to be fitted out as a chapel was dedicated in Cincinnati, Ohio.

On this day in 1950, the first experimental coal pipelines in the United States were built at Library, Pa., by the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778), botanist; Franz Mesmer (1734-1815), physician; Margaret Fuller (1810-1850), writer-educator; Douglas Fairbanks (1883-1939), actor; Helen O'Connell (1920-1993), singer; Rosemary Clooney (1928-), singer, is 72; Joan Collins (1933-), actress, is 67; John Newcombe (1943-), tennis great, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1876, Boston's Joe Borden pitched the first National League no-hitter.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Would that the simple maxim, that honesty is the best policy, might be laid to heart; that a sense of the true aim of life might elevate the tone of politics and trade till public and private honor became identical." — Margaret Fuller

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (May 18) and last quarter (May 26).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What causes clots?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered from thrombophlebitis for about two years, despite the use of elastic stockings. I have had the veins stripped in one leg and am now facing surgery on the other. Several members of my family have had thrombophlebitis. Also, I take birth control pills and I smoke. As you can see, I'm a prime candidate for clotting. What causes clots?

DEAR READER: You are certainly a prime candidate for something, and blood clots may be at the top of the list. In general, four factors accelerate blood clotting within the body: the presence of abnormal clotting factors, too sluggish a blood flow, too many blood cells and increased stickiness of blood cells. Admittedly, this is an oversimplification, but it is the clearest way to answer your question.

Abnormal clotting proteins are often the consequence of certain diseases, such as lupus. This diagnosis can easily be made by a battery of blood tests.

Blood flow can be reduced in a variety of circumstances. If veins become stretched and dilated, as is the case with varicosities and hemorrhoids, the blood flow within them slows down. As blood tends to stagnate, it is more likely to clot. This phenomenon is analogous to water in a subfreezing environment; rushing brook water does not turn to ice nearly as readily as does water in a quiet pond. You probably have inherited a weakness in the walls of your leg veins. As the veins balloon out, blood flow slows and clots form, causing thrombophlebitis.

Some diseases, such as leukemia and polycythemia, are marked by an over-abundance of blood cells. This predisposes an individual to clotting, because as viscosity increases, the blood flows less briskly and may coagulate inappropriately. These conditions can also be diagnosed by special testing.

Finally, an increase in stickiness of blood cells — particularly the tiny cells called platelets — will increase the risk of intravascular clotting. Smoking causes increased platelet stickiness. Therefore, it predisposes users to accelerated blood clotting. Furthermore, smoking reduces the level of oxygen in the blood stream, leading to increased production of red blood corpuscles, enhanced viscosity and stagnation. Some medications, such as birth control pills, add to this danger of smoking.

In summary, your genetic inheritance, consumption of cigarettes and use of birth control pills are working together to increase the likelihood of inappropriate intravascular coagulation. Because you have no control over your predisposition to varicose veins, you will have to take measures to reduce the other risk factors. Consequently, I urge you to stop smoking, consider changing to a barrier method of birth control, continue using elastic hose, have the most troublesome veins removed, undergo the blood tests I mentioned for clotting factors and thick blood, and follow your doctor's advice.

If these suggestions don't solve the problem, you may be a candidate for anticoagulant therapy, during which you take daily aspirin or a prescription drug called Coumadin to prevent your blood from coagulating so readily. Again, your doctor can advise you. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Microsoft tries for last word before hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is trying to use the government's words against it in a surprise brief arguing that the Justice Department once insisted that splitting up the company would be "against the public interest."

The government did not seek a breakup five years ago in a previous case against Microsoft, saying "such remedies would not necessarily benefit competition and would ... act against the public," Microsoft said in the document filed Monday.

The move came two days before a hearing on the issue is scheduled before U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

"The government had it right in 1995: The law does not countenance the dismemberment of Microsoft," the company told Jackson.

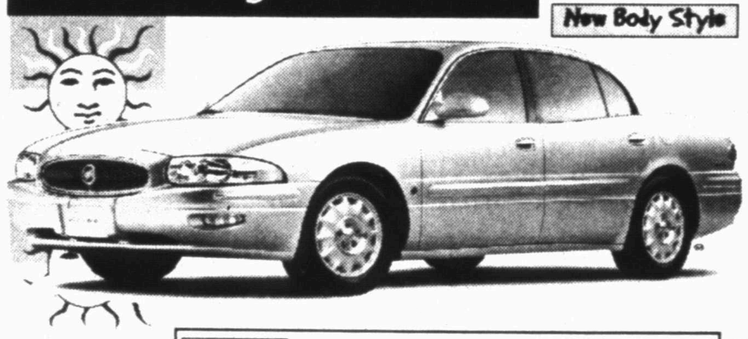
The 1995 case ended in a settlement and consent decree, which the government later accused Microsoft of violating. That action eventually led to the Justice Department and 19 states filing the current antitrust suit against the company in May 1998.

One of the state attorneys general leading the states' case said Microsoft engaged in behavior that was later found to violate antitrust law.

"The quotes from previous government submissions clearly seem irrelevant since they involve a different case with very distinct claims and legal issues at a different point in time," said Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, one of the state attorneys general leading the states' case.

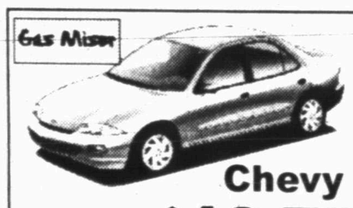
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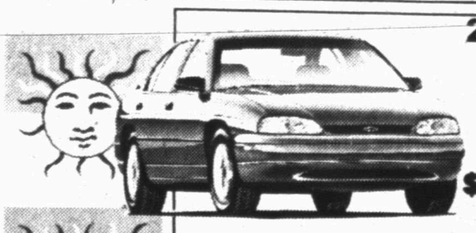
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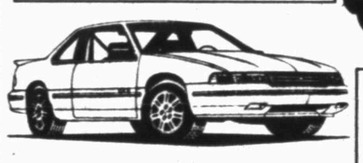


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• Bright White • Automatic
• 43K Miles - Sporty

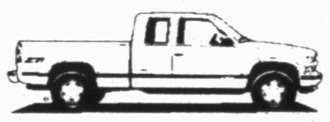
'99 Cadillac Deville
$28,500
• White Diamond • Tan Leather
• Loaded • Loaded • 23K Miles



'93 Chevy Lumina 2 Dr. Euro
$6,500
• 53K Miles - One Owner
• Automatic V-6
• Power Windows/Locks



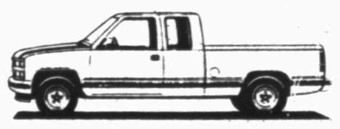
'98 Ford Mustang Bold Black
$12,500
• V-6 Automatic • 30K Miles
• Very Nice • One Owner - Loaded



'99 Chevy ExCab Z71
$22,750
• White, New Body Style
• 5.3 Vortec V-8 • Automatic
• Power Everything - New Tires
• One Owner - 43K Miles



'94 Chevy ExCab Z71 Lt. Blue
$13,350
•V-8 350, Automatic
• 4X4 Power Windows/Power Locks
• Just 83,000 Miles • Extra Nice



'97 3/4 Ton H.D. ExCab
$16,450
•Summit White
•Vortec 350 V-8 - Automatic
• Silverado - Power Windows/Locks
• Long Bed
• H.D. Equipment • 50K Miles

'95 Olds 88 Sedan
$8,500
• White • Tan Leather
•Loaded-Loaded • One Owner



'98 Chevy Tahoe 4 Door
$20,500
• Red • Tan Leather • Loaded LT
• 50K Miles

'99 Chevy Tahoe LS
$22,850
• 4 DR. 350 Vortec V-8
• Silverado LD
• Power Windows/Power Locks
•One Owner - Very Nice

'96 Chevy Tahoe 4X4 - 2 Door
$17,500
• Silver/Black • 350 V-8 - Automatic
• Push Button 4X4
• Grey Leather - New Tires• Must See

'97 3/4 Ton H.D. ExCab
$12,450
• White • Automatic • 350 V-8 • One Owner

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