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Deadline arrives to file for council, school boards

Five o'clock today is the deadline for candidate filing in the May city council and school trustee elections, and as it stands there are only a few contested races.

And as of noon, there was still no candidate for Snyder City Council's District 3. It's the only seat among 14 up for election that hadn't drawn at least one candidate.

There are contested races for Snyder, Ira and Western Texas College trustee places.

Four candidates are seeking just two at-large seats on the Snyder ISD board. They are incumbent Luann Burleson, TDCJ Lt. Danny Bass, Cogdell LVN Patricia Scott and Windham School District deputy regional director Bill Moss.

The two who receive the most votes in the May 2 election will serve on the board.

Place 4 on the Western Texas College board is contested. Dr. Jay Kidd, current board president, is being challenged by local chiropractor Dr. James Hanks.

At Ira, Place 7 incumbent Doug White is being challenged by Carl Smith, a former Ira ISD trustee.

There are also two seats in those elections which remained uncontested this morning. Carolyn Barbee, Place 5 incumbent on the WTC board, was still unopposed, as was Keith Clements, Place 6 incumbent on the Ira ISD board.

There were no contested seats on the Hermleigh ISD board either. If it stays that way through 5 o'clock, the school district will be able to waive an election. Running unopposed for at-large seats were incumbents David Higgins, Sherene Digby and Alan Culp.

Culp, appointed last year after Chip Roemisch moved from the district, was seeking to complete the remaining two years of a three-year term.

There are four candidates for five spots on the Snyder City Council and all were still unopposed today.

Terry Martin, who was appointed to an at-large seat last June, was seeking to be elected to the remaining year on that term.

All other single-member district council members were seeking re-election: Vernest Tippens, District 1; Jerry Webb, District 2; and I.E. Martin, District 4.

District 3, which has been vacant since last fall when Kerry Bredemeyer moved from the district, still did not have a candidate this morning.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A guy without a penny to his name should change his name."

That excuse was all wet...

A man ticketed in Great Falls, Mont. was doing 104 in a 44-mph zone. The driver offered the officer a novel excuse:

He was just air-drying his newly-washed truck.

The 28-year-old was cited for reckless driving and faces a maximum fine of $300 and up to 90 days in the pokey.

When stopped by a sheriff's deputy, the driver explained that he had just washed his pickup truck and was trying to dry it off.

He should have done it outside the 45-mph zone. The state of Montana dropped daytime speed limits on most highways when Congress repealed the federal speed law in 1995.

Montana law requires only to drive in a "reasonable and prudent" manner based on conditions.

And here's another explanation that didn't work during a traffic stop:

State police in Pennsylvania stopped a 24-year-old man along Interstate 80. After the stop, search and seizure, the man asked police to return a heirloom they had taken from his van.

The man told police the item was an antique that had been handed down for 15 years from one high school senior class to another.

There was one slight problem. The heirloom was a "water bong" used for smoking marijuana. His request for return of the heirloom was denied.

The man still faces possible charges: possession of marijuana and other drug-related paraphernalia.

Favorite excuses given justices of the peace:

--Was almost out of gas and was trying to get to a station as fast as I could.

--The baby needed changing and I couldn't stand the smell.

--Girlfriend had to go to the bathroom.

--Didn't know light was red, I'm colorblind.

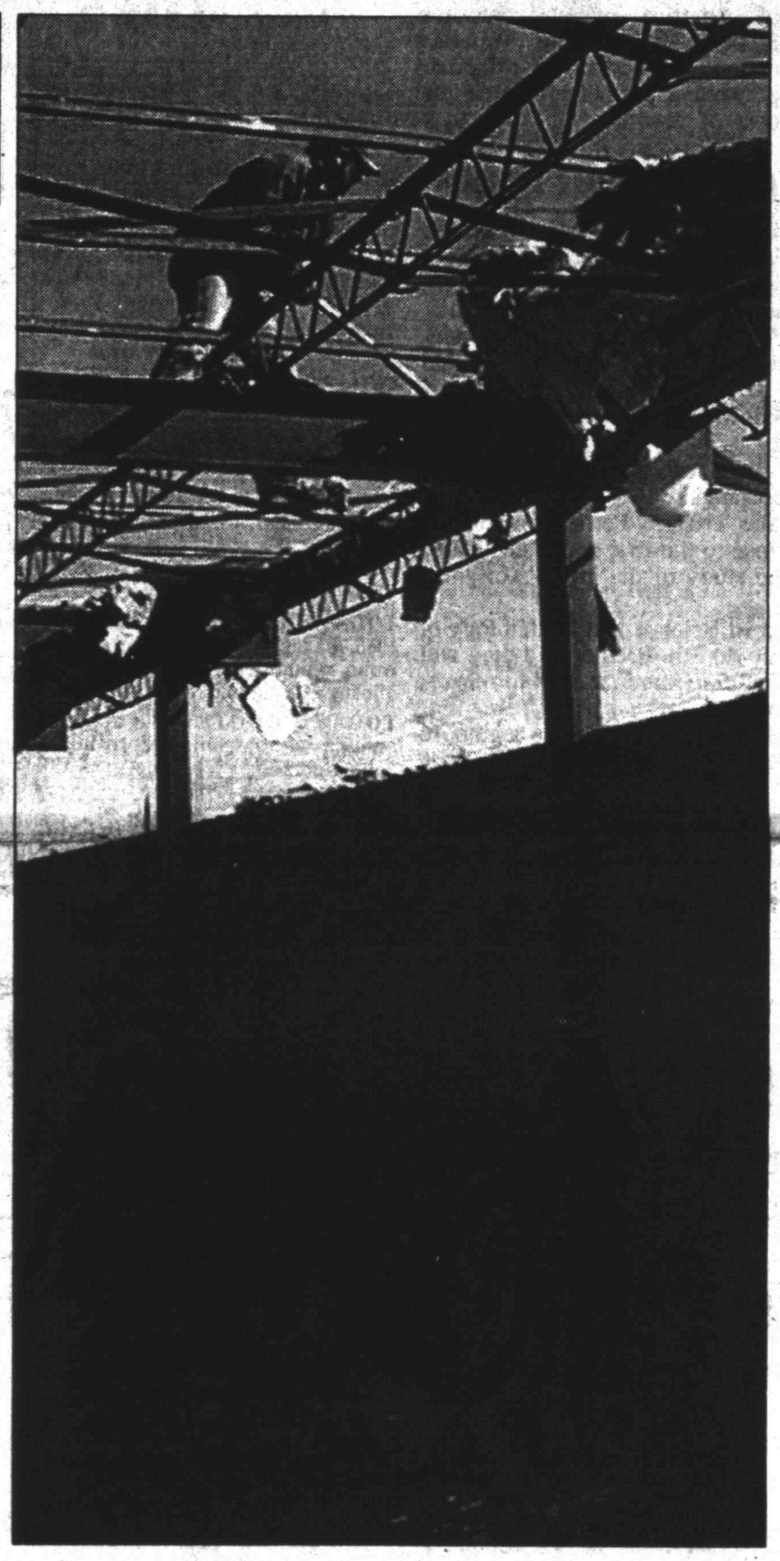
--Was hurrying to get off the radar screen.

--Gee, I didn't even know there were that many miles in an hour.

--I was running late for a funeral.

--I left my bra at a friend's house.

--My wife called and said she wanted to get pregnant.



A NEW LOOK — Lee Howard, of R and J Contractors of Snyder, tears off roofing on the old funeral home building at the intersection of College Avenue and Highway 350. The building is being renovated by the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church. (SDN Staff Photo)

Oil industry officials nervous but not panicky over low prices

From local, AP reports

That cheap gasoline Texas motorists are enjoying has the Texas oil industry nervous, but no one is ready to panic, oil industry officials say.

Although the 1986 oil bust is still fresh in their minds, West Texas oil industry people are hopeful it's just a speed-bump on the road to better prices and not something that will again derail the economy.

"Three months ago, things were as good as they could get," Kirk Edwards, president of Odessa Exploration, said Tuesday. "Nobody knows which way this thing will go or how long it will last."

The price of the benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude oil stood at $13.23 a barrel Tuesday, a five-cent drop from Monday, and the lowest price in almost a decade. On Monday the price tumbled 78 cents, about 5.5 percent.

Overall, oil prices have plummeted more than 40 percent since early last fall, when they were in the $23 range.

Local oilmen feel powerless because the factors driving the drop in prices is beyond their control.

"There's not a thing we can do out here that will have an effect on oil prices," said Steve McCoy, manager of contracts and marketing at Patterson Drilling's office in Midland. "We're the whipping boy."

McCoy said Patterson has not had to lay off any employees.

"We've got 49 rigs running in the Permain Basin, right now," said McCoy.

That compares with 69 last fall.

"We are trying very hard to keep our rigs and people busy," he added.

McCoy said the low oil prices have caused some cancellation in drilling programs, both with major and independent oil companies.

"Right now, we're seeing more curtailments from independents simply because they can change their programs faster than the majors."

The low prices are being blamed on overproduction in countries like Venezuela and Saudi Arabia, which is selling off its oil to service its national debt. Overproduction, combined with an unstable Asian market and a mild winter, triggered the decline back in September.

Some crews in the service sector will likely be trimmed if the prices continue to drop, Edwards said. But so far there are no reports of massive layoffs, he noted.

The natural gas industry is still thriving with prices 30 percent higher than at this time a year ago.

This means that companies with expanded portfolios can weather a "mini bust," Edwards said.

"It's a blip right now," Edwards said of the decline in oil prices. "But a blip that goes on for six months gets to be more of an event."

Ira water to be shut off

Due to an unforseen problem, the Ira Water Supply will not be able to conduct repairs today as planned.

Repairs have been rescheduled for Thursday and will begin at 8 a.m. Water will be shut off most of the day.

Publisher is soured on Willey book deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A publisher who discussed a book deal with Kathleen Willey's attorney said today he lost interest in the project partly because the account provided by the former White House volunteer on television was "a different story" than the one he heard from her lawyer.

Willey emerged from the shadows to describe a 1993 encounter with President Clinton following her testimony to a federal grand jury.

"The Kathleen Willey presented on (CBS') '60 Minutes' was a different person with a different story than the portrait that had been painted for me in the last couple of months," said Michael Viner, head of New Millennium Entertainment in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Viner told ABC's "Good Morning America" that Mrs. Willey's lawyer had approached him earlier, seeking $300,000 for a book that presented her as "a fan, a friend who cared about President Clinton." Viner said he had his doubts about the book idea even before her "60 Minutes" appearance.

Viner did not say that the lawyer, Daniel Gecker, had offered a different version of Mrs. Willey's Nov. 29, 1993, encounter with Clinton when the two men discussed the book project weeks before Mrs. Willey's televised account.

Gecker has acknowledged approaching Viner to determine if he would be interested in such a book but told The New York Times that Viner said the "60 Minutes" appearance could reignite interest in the book.

Gecker said he suspected Mrs. Willey's nationally televised allegation that Clinton made an unwanted sexual advance in the Oval Office would kill any chance for the book, the Times reported.

SS&L names board, officers

All officers and directors were re-elected as a result of Tuesday afternoon's stockholders meeting at Snyder Savings and Loan Association.

Re-elected as directors, with David Cotton again being named chairman of the board, were Dr. James Cave, Monte West, Keith Hackfeld, Charles Church, John Coffman, Daryl Calley and J.B. Tate Jr.

Tate was re-elected president and Calley was named vice president and comptroller. Kendra Stephens was re-elected vice president, compliance officer and secretary.

Others named Tuesday were Doris Rollins, assistant vice president; and Mary Helen Green, head teller. Assistant secretaries are Jan Thomas, Denise Estes, Merribeth Kahlich Sally Herrington, Tresa Cornett and Magali Bernal.

New 'Lighthouse' envisioned

For more than nine years, members of Snyder's Lighthouse Assembly of God Church have been working to move into a new church home.

The church purchased a building in 1989 at the intersection of South College Avenue and Highway 350 for its new home, and members of the congregation have had various fund-raisers to help pay for the building.

Numerous "garage sales" at the building and food booths at many county events have helped finance the building project, and the church obtained title to the property in 1995.

The structure, which was being built by D.M. Cogdell as a funeral home before his death, was tied up in litigation for some 28 years and stood unfinished and deteriorating.

"It still may be a little messy around here for awhile," said contractor John Green, who is in the process of tearing off the old roof and installing a new one. "But it will soon take on an all-new look."

The pastor of the church is Danny Williams and he said the building will be completed in phases, to include the sanctuary, kitchen and classrooms.

The church is also going to construct a parking area and landscape the facility.

To provide even more money for improvements at their new location, the present church building and parsonage at 30th Street and Avenue G will be sold, said Williams.

DCOS board set to meet Thursday

Development Corporation of Snyder board will meet Thursday to take care of mostly routine items.

In addition to considering the monthly financial statements and approval of previous minutes, the board will consider amendments to the Lorber incentive agreement.

The meeting is set for 4 p.m. in the DCOS offices at American State Bank.

ASK US

Q—When was the annex building built at East Elementary?

A—In 1983. The main building was constructed in 1951.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 63 degrees; low, 38; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 43; .28 of an inch precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; 20% chance of storms. Low 45-50. Thursday, partly cloudy, windy. High around 65.



Sarah Covington
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 6:54 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:49 a.m.
Of 76 days in 1998, the sun has shone 74 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

May you live all the days of your life.

Jonathan Swift

TDCJ hotline gives victims peace of mind

FORT WORTH (AP) — A new hotline allows crime victims to keep round-the-clock tabs on assailants serving time within the state prison system.

A toll-free line set up this month allows victims to learn in moments whether an inmate has been transferred or considered for parole. Officials with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice expect the hotline to benefit 40,000 crime victims and survivors in the state of Texas.

Sybil Zimmerman, program administrator in the department's victims' services division, said the hotline will offer victims peace of mind.

"We have taken calls here from people who are scared to death because they think they might have seen their offender out on the street somewhere," she said. "With this new system, they will be able to call any time of the day or night and get the information they need. They won't have to wait until normal business hours."

La Vonne Skalias wishes such a hotline would have existed before. Ms. Skalias was raped in 1977. Her attacker was sentenced to 20 years in prison, but was released after serving six.

Ms. Skalias told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram she no idea the man had been released from prison until he burst through the locked door of her home and attacked her a second time seven years later.

"There was no structure for victims' notification back then," she said. "When he kicked in my bedroom door, that was my notification."

Ms. Skalias said the hotline has allowed her to keep tabs on her attacker, Lanny Gene Bevers Jr., who was sentenced to life imprisonment and won't be eligible for parole until November 2009.

"If he should escape, I want to know about it," she said. "As long as they are alive and breathing, there is a chance that they will get out."

The computerized voice system hotline supplements a state program which provides printed notices to victims when their assailants become eligible for release. A $200,000 grant has been provided by the governor's office to pay for the hotline.

The hotline allows a victim or survivor to punch in a personal identification number to learn where their attacker is being housed and receive information about parole hearings and transfers.

The information is provided in English or Spanish and victims can also request notification by the system anytime their offender is processed or released.

Before the hotline, Brenda O'Quin said she had to make as many as four phone calls to check on the status of a man who murdered her son.

"I'm one of those who does check up on where those guys are and what's being done to them," she said.

Her 17-year-old son, Michael McEachern, and a friend were shot and killed when two teen-agers stole McEachern's car stereo in August 1995.

Derrick Smith, 21, and Mark Edmondson, 18, both are serving life sentences for the capital murder. They will each be eligible for parole after 40 years.

"I realize that keeping those two in prison won't bring my son back, but you still don't want them getting out and doing it to someone else," she said.

For information about the Texas Criminal Justice System or the hotline call 800-848-4284.

Gas prices have fallen dramatically

NEW YORK (AP) — They are the words that rev up American drivers: cheap gas.

The average price of gas across the country has tumbled 23 cents per gallon since September to a nearly 10-year low, thanks in part to plunging crude oil prices.

Although oil prices wound up ending slightly higher Tuesday, energy researcher Trilby Lundberg of Los Angeles said the doubts about whether oil producing countries can keep a lid on output makes her think gas prices could keep falling.

"We are going to be very careful before we say it's over," she said. "It still sounds like shades of 1986 to me," when crude prices crashed in spectacular fashion.

Lundberg publishes the Lundberg Survey, which checks prices at 10,000 gasoline stations nationwide. While gas prices have risen over the past several weeks, she said Sunday that the average all-grade pump price was down 3 cents since Feb. 20.

That's the lowest price ever, once adjusted for inflation. By today's standards, gasoline pumped in the 1920s cost $2.50 a gallon, Lundberg said.

Regular self service gas, as of March 6, was selling at less than $1 at nearly half the nation's stations, while self- and full-service combined prices were just over $1.09.

Tom Osborne, a spokesman for the Virginia-based Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America, which represents 30,000 independent retailers nationally, said crude oil prices play only "a small part of the total cost of gasoline."

Brazilian scientists find dinosaur bones

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Brazilian scientists have discovered the bones of three dinosaurs they say lived 220 million years ago, one of the oldest ever found.

The bones were discovered in the southern city of Santa Maria, about 1,400 miles south of Brasilia. The first was unearthed in January and the other two in February, paleontologist Martha Richter said Tuesday in a telephone interview.

The plant-eating dinosaurs were known as prosauropods and date from the Triassic period, Richter said.

Professor Luiz Eduardo Analli of the Geosciences Institute in Sao Paulo called the find "extremely important."

"Due to its characteristics and the Triassic Period to which it belonged, the fossils must be very close to the first organisms called dinosaurs and will be decisive in the study of the group's origin," Analli said.

The bones are now at the Museum of Science and Technology of the Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul. Richter said they will be sent to Bristol University in England for examination by professor Max Cardoso Langert.

Richter said her team's discovery was the second in the region. In 1936, an American researcher found a post-Triassic dinosaur skeleton that is now at Harvard University.

Berry's World



Date Book

March 18, 1998

Today is the 77th day of 1998 and the 88th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1850, Henry Wells and William Fargo began the American Express.

On this day in 1902, Enrico Caruso became the first well-known performer to make a record.

On this day in 1931, Col. Jacob Schick invented the first electric razor.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), U.S. politician and lawyer; Grover Cleveland (1837-1908), U.S. president; Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908), composer; Peter Graves (1925-), actor, is 73; John Updike (1932-), writer, is 66; Charley Pride (1939-), singer, is 59; Wilson Pickett (1941-), singer, is 57; Bonnie Blair (1964-), speedskater, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn reinstated Hall of Fame stars Mickey Mantle and Willie Mays.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are cruel enough without meaning to be." — John Updike

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1925, a tornado passed through Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska, and caused 695 deaths.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 12) and last quarter (March 21).

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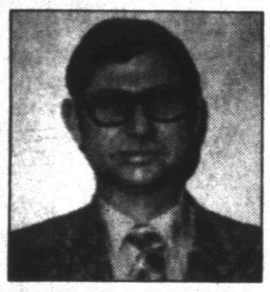
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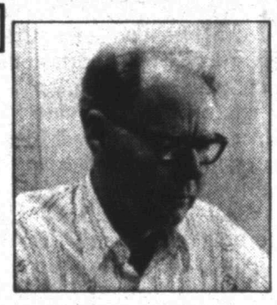
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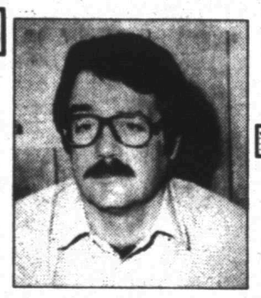
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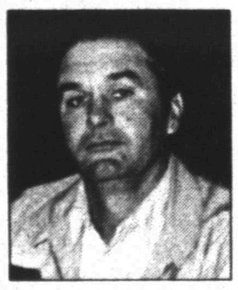
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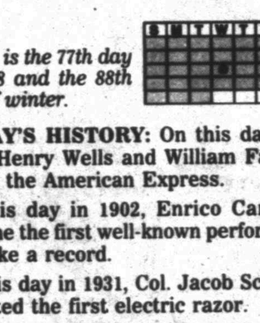
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Faces From The Past Entry Week 7

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9. Bell-Cypert-Seale _____
10. Nancy's Art Style _____

Name _____
Address _____
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN and their families are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Forrest Beavers 2. Ed Barkowsky 3. John Reed 4. Tommy Doyle 5. Durelle Gorman 6. Shannon Grantham 7. Gene Bowlin 8. Darlene Beard 9. Dan Dever 10. Jack Gorman, Sr.

Dethroned Miss Colorado wants title back

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Pageant officials were proud when Regina Flores became the first Hispanic to be crowned Miss Colorado. They said the bilingual beauty had the talent and poise to become Miss America.

Nine months later, things have gotten ugly.

Miss Flores has been stripped of the crown in a dispute over her public appearances, a furor that has led to allegations of racism. The beauty queen, who finished out of the running at the Miss America pageant last September, is now suing to get her crown back.

"It probably would have been a lot easier for me if I just went quietly, and I'm sure that's what they wanted me to do," she said. "But I knew what they did was wrong and I wasn't going to stand for it, especially when I go into classrooms and I tell kids all the time never to give up and to go for their dreams. I would be a hypocrite if I gave up."

Pageant officials dethroned the 22-year-old Miss Flores in December because, they said, she booked her own appearances, missed appearances and took a part-time job at a department store without approval.

"This contract is as serious as someone signing a contract to buy a house or lease an apartment. It only takes one violation," pageant director Vonnie Pederson said. "We don't have time to spend bickering and arguing. We absolutely could not do it anymore."

Miss Flores, a University of Colorado senior studying music education, denied violating her contract.

An arbitrator is scheduled to hear the dispute on April 23.

Miss Flores impressed the judges at the Miss Colorado pageant by singing "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" in English and Spanish and by saying that Americans should be multilingual but that English should be the nation's main language.

"I can see her going all the way. She has everything. She has a beautiful attitude and is very focused," Mrs. Pederson said shortly after Miss Flores won.

About a month into her reign, Miss Flores said, she complained about confusion over appearances and communication problems with the pageant booking agent. Mrs. Pederson and two other officials suggested that her mother, Ruth Flores, take over booking duties, Miss Flores said.

Mrs. Pederson denied agreeing to that.

During the dispute, a pageant official said she was called a racist by one of Miss Flores' relatives.

Miss Flores denied that, but said, "I certainly can't discard the possibility" that racism was involved. "Some racism is not something that people are aware of," she said.

Mrs. Pederson, who is also Hispanic, denied any racism.

The controversy has prompted at least four directors of various city pageants to resign, and has triggered the cancellation of several other city-level beauty contests. Organizers of one event canceled the appearance of runner-up Gina Waegle, who replaced Miss Flores as queen.

Miss Flores is not the first beauty queen to lose her crown. In 1996, Helen Goldsby was fired as Miss New York because she took a role in a Broadway play.

Miss Colorado 1991 Colleen Walker was reprimanded when she began booking her own appearances. She has said she now understands that bookings need to be handled by pageant officials for consistency.

Either way the arbitrator rules, a new Miss Colorado will be crowned on June 13.

"If I get my title back," Miss Flores said, "I will at least have it for a month and it'll help restore my reputation and it will prove that what they did was wrong."

Two brothers found guilty

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Two brothers who led three train-hopping teen-agers to a littered park and shot them in the head — one fatally — can expect to spend the rest of their lives in prison.

A jury on Tuesday convicted Tyrone Reyes, 17, and Terrance Reyes, 19, of first-degree murder in the June 19, 1997, attacks that cost 14-year-old Michael Carter his life. His girlfriend was raped and shot and another friend was shot and wounded.

"I just said to myself, 'They did this and they're going down,'" Carter's mother, Joan Boyce, told the Detroit Free Press. During the trial, she kept a photo of her dead son and her other two children on the floor before her.

The brothers' relatives wept as they were led from the courtroom in shackles.

The murder convictions carry mandatory life prison sentences. The Reyes brothers also were convicted of kidnapping, rape, assault with intent to murder, armed robbery and weapons charges.

Carter and his 15-year-old friends had hopped a slow-moving freight train in suburban Highland Township, intending to visit friends a few miles away in Holly. But they didn't jump off until the train had traveled another 15 miles down the tracks to a gritty section of Flint.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Your material and social trends look promising for the year ahead. To be truly successful, you'll have to budget your time and resources better than you did in the last cycle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not deal in half-measures today nor perform beneath your competence level. You will have to go all-out if you hope to be an achiever. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not offer unsolicited advice today that could result in an embarrassing development. Even though your suggestions are good, they might be rejected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be careful in joint endeavors today. You could get involved in something where you'll be manipulated into shouldering the greater portion of the burdens.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Weigh both sides of the issue carefully today before rendering a judgment or a major decision. Impulsive selections could lead to poor choices.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, it might be advisable to work for what offers you an immediate return instead of banking on expectations of future rewards.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Appreciate friends today not for what they can do for you, but the warmth with which they embrace a relationship. Do not make them feel used.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will be open-minded and receptive today, but you might listen more intently to people who offer bad advice than to those who offer wise counsel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When the spirit moves you, you can be a very industrious individual. Today, however, you might talk more about your intentions than demonstrating them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do things today in ways that can serve both your energies and your resources. Do not play too hard nor spend too lavishly; each are critical zones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Guard against inclinations to exaggerate a bit today. Your embellishment might make for a more colorful tale, but the content won't be believed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A close friend may need your help today. Jump in and do what you can to assist, but forego boasting about your deeds to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you spend time with pals who are positioned better than you are financially, don't try to match their expenditures; it could lead to an empty purse.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Husband Tired of Position In Home Cleaning Lineup

DEAR ABBY: I desperately need some advice. I have been married for 12 years to a woman who is very self-centered. Her main concern is her job. She couldn't care less if we live in a pigsty. She feels that her long hours at work excuse her from any home responsibilities.

I realize that people have certain obligations to their jobs, but I have talked to her co-workers who have similar workloads, and most of them get their work done during regular office hours and don't have to stay late.

Abby, I am ashamed to have guests come to our home. She does clean before her co-workers come over, but otherwise she doesn't bother. You can't even get into our bedroom because of wall-to-wall clothes piled all over. And our children are patterning their lifestyles after hers.

I do more than my share around the house. I am the main caregiver to our children, and I'm the one who stays home with them when they're sick.

To make a point, I recently stopped cleaning. Now no one cleans.

I have talked to my wife about this. She assures me she'll do better, but nothing changes. This has begun to affect my feelings for her. I'm very family-oriented, but if changes are not made soon, our marriage may not survive. Do you have a solution for us?

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DEAR TIRED: Your wife may be living under the delusion that she can be "supermom/superwife," juggling marriage, children, career and housework — but she has dropped the ball. She is fortunate to have such a caring, responsible helpmate as you. However, it is unfair that you should be left to juggle all of the in-home responsibilities.

Since both of you are working, do yourselves a favor and arrange for a cleaning service to help you with the housekeeping responsibilities. The peace of mind will be well worth the financial sacrifice.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to the letter from the young man whose parents disapproved of his love for an older woman with a child. The parents refused to meet the woman.

I recently received a phone call from Emmet Aanonson of Clearwater, Minn., a dear friend who was married for 53 years to Frances, a woman 17 years his senior. He insists that age has nothing to do with love.

In their youth, it was hard on Emmet and Frances because of family disapproval. His family refused to believe that a good-looking 20-year-old man could really love a 37-year-old woman with two nearly grown children.

Emmet said he did love her — until her dying day at age 90. I was with them when she died, and he is terribly lonely without her.

At one time, Frances was named outstanding senior citizen of our county. Emmet, who was a long-haul trucker, had told her he wouldn't be with her on her big day. I'll never forget when Frances spotted him at the ceremony, and the loving kiss and hug between them. Emmet had driven all night to be with her. Many times, as Emmet and I were with her at the end of her life, she would fight to come back for him.

I promised Emmet I would write to you for him because he wants that couple to know that love conquers all.

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DEAR MARDEL: And I'm printing your letter so that *everyone* will know it.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Tossed from an eighth-floor balcony by a woman police said was his grandmother, a 2-year-old boy suffered only a broken arm and bruises. Tree limbs broke his fall and he landed in a flower bed.

His grandmother, 55-year-old Ruby Owens, was arrested Tuesday on child assault and endangerment charges and ordered to undergo psychiatric testing, said police spokesman Joseph Pentangelo.

She was found wandering the streets of her Brooklyn neighborhood in her nightgown a half-hour after the boy was picked up. Police had responded to a neighbor's call.

The boy was hospitalized in stable condition Tuesday.

Police said Owens, who lived in the apartment in a high-rise building with the child's 19-year-old mother, was baby-sitting when she took him out on the terrace around midnight and dropped him.



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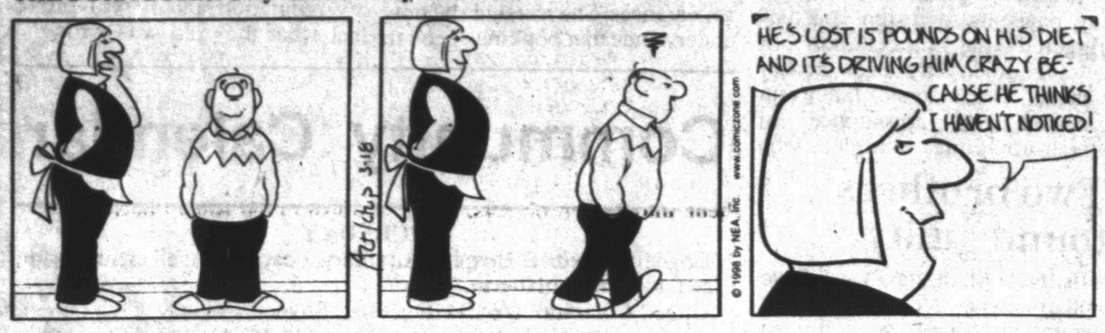
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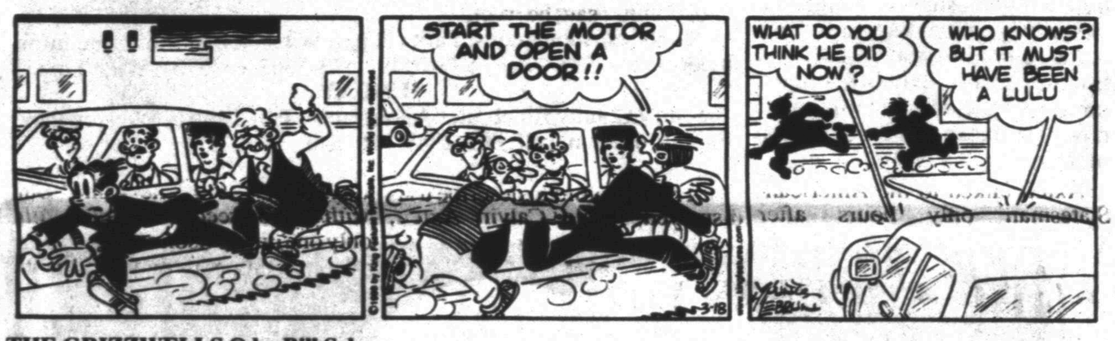
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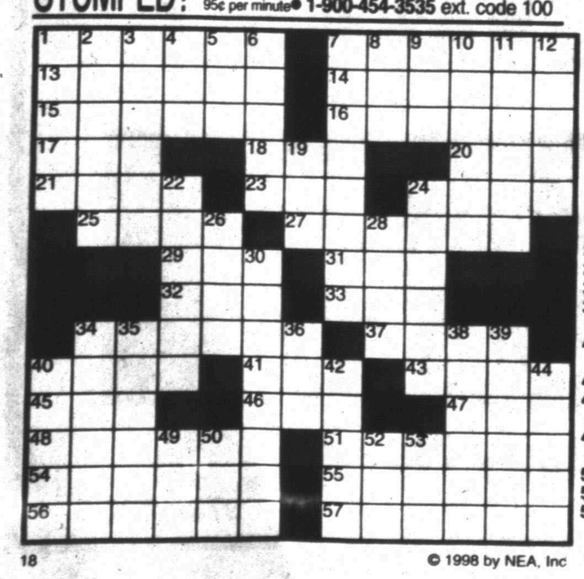
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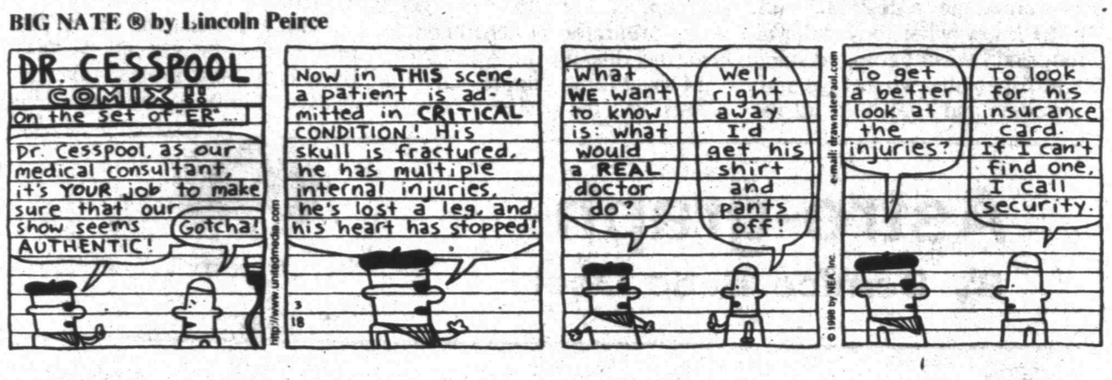
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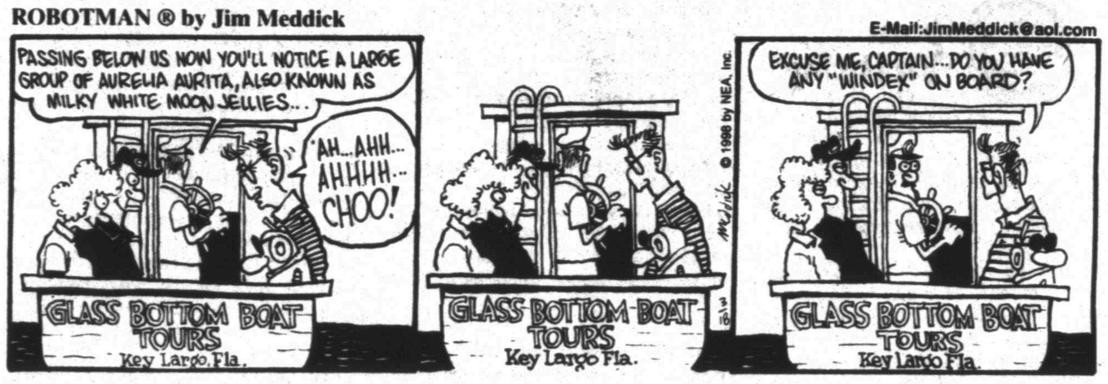
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SPORTS



UNDEFEATED — The Bulls posted a 17-0 record to win the Minor League Division of Snyder Little Dribblers. Members of the Bulls are, front row, left to right, Austin Lyle, Jared Scott, Jay Weaver, Eric Martinez, Blake Seale, Matt Schoolcraft and James Castro. On the back row are coaches Randy Weaver and Mark Seale. (Contributed Photo)

Hoop stars unhappy at UT

AUSTIN (AP) — Gabe Muoneke, a sophomore forward on the Texas basketball team, today said he and three other star players who are unhappy playing for Longhorns coach Tom Penders are not trying to force Penders out.

"I want to make it clear that everything is on an individual basis," Muoneke said. "Four players didn't come together and say, 'Let's do this.' Everybody has their own reasons."

Luke Axtell, a freshman standout on the Texas team, told the Austin American-Statesman that he can no longer play for Penders. He asked for and received permission to transfer from Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds.

Axtell said 7-foot freshman center Chris Mihm and freshman point guard Bernard Smith also may leave.

Neither Penders nor Dodds returned calls from The Associated Press today.

Muoneke said the four players went to Dodds' home on March 9 — the day after Texas was eliminated from the Big 12 Conference tournament — to tell him of their unhappiness.

"I think there's a lot of dishonesty in the program, and it starts at the top," said Axtell, who called the Austin newspaper from West Texas, where he is on spring break.

"Things are said to people that have no truth, and I was fed all that stuff," Axtell said.

"Most everybody wants to get out. You can't play for somebody you don't respect, and you can't respect somebody who lies to you all the time."

Anthony Goode, a backup sophomore point guard on the team, has already said he is transferring, unhappy with his playing time.

Axtell talked to the American-Statesman only hours after Penders announced in a news release that he had suspended the 6-foot-9 shooting guard indefinitely for academic reasons.

He and the other players are unhappy, Axtell said, over a variety of issues, ranging from Penders' treatment of them, verbal abuse and his failure to develop them into better players.

Axtell said he asked for and received his release by Dodds.

"I love the university, and I love Austin, but it wouldn't matter if Dean Smith came here as an assistant coach. (Penders) is still running the show."

Muoneke, reached at home in Houston today, said he remains uncertain about his future. He acknowledged he is considering leaving.

"I have been in college for two years and I haven't developed like other players I was on the same level with in high school," Muoneke said. "I also want to play somewhere where honesty is 100 percent, where yes is yes and no is no. This whole thing with Luke is a surprise. Luke's a good Christian, and we never heard anything about his academics before. I don't blame Luke for being mad."

Muoneke said he hasn't officially asked for his release from Dodds.

"I'll probably make a decision in a week," Muoneke said.

Gary Mihm told the American-Statesman his son was out of town, but confirmed that Chris might change schools if some of his teammates leave.

"Chris has said he will consider transferring if the other guys left," the player's father said. "If the guts of the team were gone, he would consider transferring."

News of the academic suspension stunned the Axtells.

"The best word to describe us is dismayed," said Calvin Axtell, Luke's father. "No one contacted Luke and us that this was about to happen."

In the written statement, Penders said Axtell had refused to go to study hall or attend sessions with his tutors.

The Longhorns struggled to a 14-17 record and a 10th-place finish in the Big 12 despite being picked third in the preseason coaches' and media polls.

Penders, 52, is the winningest basketball coach in school history with a 208-110 record over 10 years and eight trips to the NCAA playoffs. His overall tournament record is 12-9.

Wilson fans 9 Mustangs in 2-1 win

When Wes Wilson needed to pitch his best — he did.

Wilson struck out nine Mustangs, en route to a 2-1 Snyder JV win Tuesday over Sweetwater at Moffett Field.

Lightning halted the contest in the top of the fifth inning, but not before Wilson had created some thunder of his own.

Twice Wilson fanned opposing batters for the third out, leaving Mustangs stranded in scoring position.

In the top of the first, with runners on first and second following walks, the Tiger pitcher struck out Sweetwater leftfielder Anthony De LaCruz to end the inning.

Then in the fourth, Wilson surrendered two walks and double, as the Mustangs scored their only run of the game. But with men on second and third with only one out, Wilson struck out the next two hitters to end the threat.

The Tigers posted a run in the second when Wilson reached base on an error and later scored on a wild pitch.

The winning run came in the fourth. Collin Jones led off with a single to left field, followed two batters later by a Matthew Grimmett base hit to right.

With two outs, Josh Ward then drove in Jones for a 2-1 Snyder advantage.

The Tigers will be back on the diamond Monday at San Angelo Lake View, beginning at 4 o'clock.

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Snyder: Martinez, double; Hester, Jones, Grimmett and Ward, single. Wilson (WP), 5⅔ innings, 2 H, 4 BB, 9 SO.

Phi Slama Jama alum will return as coach of Cougars

HOUSTON (AP) — Clyde Drexler is poised to take the next step, back to where he started.

Drexler, who joined Hakeem Olajuwon to star on two of the University of Houston's Final Four teams of the 1980s, will retire from the NBA after this season to coach his alma mater, sources told The Associated Press on Tuesday night.

"Coaching is like a natural progression for a player," Drexler said after his 15 points and nine assists in a 96-91 victory over Milwaukee.

"It's like an actor wants to direct after your career is over. I hate to be presumptuous, but I think I know the game pretty well."

Drexler, a likely Hall of Famer, will receive a four-year contract worth $1.2 million. Also, Reid Gettys, David Rose and George Walker will become assistant coaches. All are former Houston players under long-time coach Guy Lewis.

Sources close to the Cougars, who spoke on the condition they not be identified, confirmed Drexler is the school's next coach, replacing the fired Alvin Brooks.

Lewis, who led the Cougars during their glory years, declined to confirm he will act as a consultant to his former players.

"I don't know what a consultant does, but I'll do anything I can to help the program," Lewis said. "I'll tell you one thing, I'm not going to be the coach."

Drexler played three seasons for the Cougars during the Phi Slama Jama era, along with Olajuwon. Drexler played on the Cougars' Final Four teams of 1982 and 1983. They made it again in 1984 with Olajuwon after Drexler left for the Portland Trail Blazers.

Olajuwon and the Rockets won NBA titles in 1994 and 1995, with Drexler being traded to the second championship team.

After Lewis retired in 1986, coach Pat Foster was able to keep the Cougars winning, including the 1992 Southwest Conference title.

But the team was 54-83 in five seasons under Brooks, including 9-19 this season. Attendance and student enthusiasm also flagged during Brooks' tenure.

A Phi Slama Jama reunion led by Drexler could be just what the school needs to rekindle the program.

Stevens enjoying success in Texas

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Lee Stevens isn't sure if he's having fun because he's hitting well or he's hitting well because he's having fun.

The Texas Rangers don't really care to solve the riddle if Stevens can put up another outstanding season in 1998.

Stevens used to be miserable with his job until he took a tour of baseball duty in Japan and learned to relax and enjoy his chosen occupation and it paid off last season with a career year.

"I didn't have any fun with the game early in my career," Stevens said. "I took it as life and death. It was my job and it's still my job but I took it way too serious. I used to be happy only when everything was going just right. My slumps lasted longer."

Then, Stevens got a taste of Japanese culture while playing for the Kinitetsu Buffaloes in the Japanese Pacific league in 1994 and 1995.

"They have a different perspective, it's a whole different world," he said. "I wanted to honor and respect their culture because they have a lot of different ways of doing things. That's helped tone me down a lot."

A milder Stevens returned to the United States and played the 1996 season with the Rangers' Triple-A Oklahoma City team.

"When I came back from Japan, I tried to respect them and I carried it back here and I've been more professional and had more respect for people. I respect a lot more of what I have here after going to Japan."

Stevens hit .300 in a career high 137 games for the Rangers last season. He drove in 74 runs and hit 21 homers. He was a valuable replacement for designed hitter Mickey Tettleton, first baseman Will Clark and right fielder Juan Gonzalez.

"I'm trying to pick up where I left off last year," Stevens said. "I've learned from my mistakes. I'm still an intense person but I've learned to harness it and use it to my advantage, instead of a disadvantage by being angry or whatever."

Astro hurler overpowers St. Louis, 5-1

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Mike Hampton pitched six strong innings and Craig Biggio hit a two-run single in the Houston Astros' 5-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals Tuesday.

Hampton (2-1), the Astros' No. 2 starter, allowed six hits and one run in his longest outing of the spring.

Biggio drove in two runs with a two-out single in the fourth inning off rookie Manny Aybar (0-1).

The Astros' scored in the first inning on Jeff Bagwell's sacrifice fly. Moises Alou's check-swing single off Curtis King got the Astros another run in the fifth and Tony Eusebio's grounder scored another run in the ninth.

Cardinals outfielder Vince Coleman had three hits in the game, including a single in the first inning. Coleman scored after his first-inning single on Gary Gaetti's grounder to third.

Freshmen edge Ponies

Snyder's freshman baseball team can manufacture runs.

The Tigers managed only one hit, but turned seven walks and two errors into four runs to topple Sweetwater, 4-3, Tuesday at Moffett Field.

Snyder's only hit of the contest was a Jesse Haines double to right field in the third inning.

The Mustangs took the early lead, scoring two runs in the top of the first.

The Tigers answered back with three in the third, before posting the winning run in the fifth.

Jeremy Bowden led off with a walk, then stole second base. Ralph Ramon advanced him to third with a hit back to the pitcher. Bowden then stole home to score the winning run.

Ramon pitched all seven innings to pick up the win for Snyder. The Snyder hurler gave up seven hits, while walking one and striking out five.

The Tigers will be back in action Monday when they host Rotan at 5 o'clock.

Sports Briefs

Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its monthly tournament Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

Format will be a two-man scramble. Entry fee is $5. Anyone wishing to become a member of the MGA is welcome.

For more information contact the WTC pro shop at 573-8511 ext. 285.

All-Star tryouts

Tryouts for Little Dribblers Senior All-Stars will be held Monday at 6 p.m. in the Snyder High School gymnasium.

Two teams will be chosen. A $35 membership fee to the Boys and Girls Club must be paid by all players selected.

For more information contact the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	45	21	.682	-
NewYork	36	29	.554	8½
NewJersey	34	32	.515	11
Washington	34	32	.515	11
Orlando	33	32	.508	11½
Boston	29	36	.446	15½
Philadelphia	24	40	.375	20

Central Division

Chicago	49	17	.742	-
Indiana	45	20	.692	3½
Charlotte	41	24	.631	7½
Atlanta	39	25	.609	9
Cleveland	35	30	.538	13½
Detroit	30	35	.462	18½
Milwaukee	29	36	.446	19½
Toronto	14	50	.219	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	48	16	.750	-
x-SanAntonio	44	21	.677	4½
Houston	34	31	.523	14½
Minnesota	33	32	.508	15½
Vancouver	15	49	.234	33
Dallas	15	51	.227	34
Denver	8	59	.119	41½

Pacific Division

x-Seattle	49	15	.766	-
x-L.A.Lakers	45	19	.703	4
x-Phoenix	44	21	.677	5½
Portland	36	28	.563	13
Sacramento	26	41	.388	24½
L.A.Clippers	15	50	.231	34½
GoldenState	14	51	.215	35½

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Monday's Games

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Charlotte 109, Denver 87
Utah 102, Minnesota 96
Chicago 88, New Jersey 72
San Antonio 96, Milwaukee 85
Seattle 101, L.A. Lakers 89

Tuesday's Games

Denver 90, Washington 89
Atlanta 117, Toronto 105
New York 100, Philadelphia 96
Orlando 99, Vancouver 92
Chicago 90, Indiana 84
Dallas 99, Boston 93
Houston 96, Milwaukee 91
Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80
Cleveland 96, Portland 82
L.A. Clippers 107, Golden State 102

Wednesday's Games

Vancouver at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

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Atlantic Division

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NewJersey	40	17	9	89	188	131
Philadelphia	35	20	10	80	193	148
Washington	30	25	11	71	178	172
N.Y.Rangers	21	29	17	59	167	187
N.Y.Islanders	22	34	9	53	167	184
Florida	18	36	12	48	157	203
TampaBay	14	43	9	37	125	212

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	34	19	14	82	188	156
Montreal	32	25	9	73	193	167
Boston	29	24	13	71	174	160
Buffalo	27	24	15	69	166	156
Ottawa	27	29	10	64	156	164
Carolina	26	32	7	59	160	177

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	40	16	10	90	201	135
Detroit	36	19	13	85	202	161
St.Louis	36	24	8	80	202	161
Phoenix	26	29	12	64	181	189
Chicago	26	30	11	63	167	165
Toronto	24	34	8	56	155	188

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	34	19	16	84	203	172
LosAngeles	31	25	11	73	194	177
Edmonton	26	32	10	62	174	192
SanJose	27	32	7	61	163	176
Vancouver	21	36	11	53	191	236
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Monday's Games

Washington 2, Phoenix 1
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
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Tuesday's Games

Chicago 5, Buffalo 3
Vancouver 4, Florida 2
Detroit 4, Edmonton 3
Dallas 4, Los Angeles 3

Wednesday's Games

Edmonton at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
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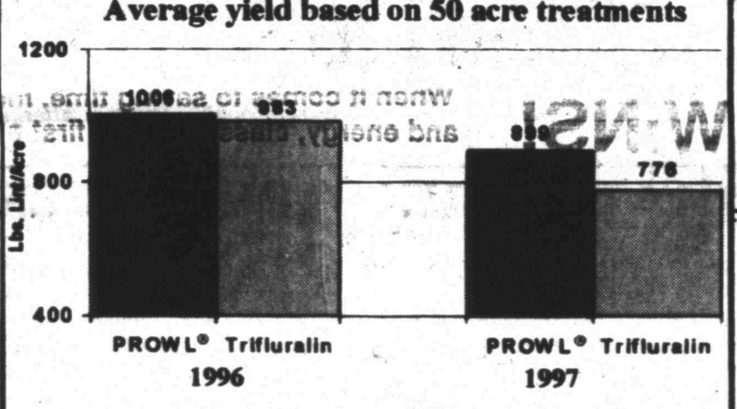
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Caterpillar makes modified contract offer

EAST PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — An offer by Caterpillar Inc. to rehire some 200 workers could mean an end to labor strife that has stretched over 6½ years.

The United Auto Workers union says the fate of the workers, who the union believes were fired illegally during the years of disputes, had led workers to reject the company's contract offer last month despite the UAW's endorsement.

Caterpillar Inc. on Monday offered to take back all those workers, and UAW Vice President Richard Shoemaker said Tuesday night that the union is again recommending members ratify the proposed contract.

He said the union hasn't corrected every problem with the contract, but "we are extremely pleased with the progress we made."

Caterpillar Vice President Wayne Zimmerman said in a statement that the company concluded "it was in the best interest of all employees to take this final step to get this dispute behind us and move forward."

Locals must vote by Sunday. The dispute involves roughly 13,000 Caterpillar workers, most of them at plants in Aurora, Decatur, East Peoria and Pontiac. It also covers smaller numbers in Pennsylvania, Colorado and Tennessee.

The UAW has not had a contract with Caterpillar, the world's leading maker of earth-moving equipment, since September 1991. UAW leaders wanting to end years of friction with the company had recommended that members ratify the company's previous offer last month, even without the rehiring of the 200 workers.

Instead, 58 percent of the voting members rejected it.

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Births

Kenny and Korie Burns of Levelland, formerly of Snyder, are parents of a daughter born March 17 in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. Sydney MaKay weighed four pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Glen and Pam Smartt of McCamey. Paternal grandparents are Cy and Ronna Posey of McCamey. Great-grandparents are Strick and Alma Posey of Snyder.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

New treatment for vascular disease

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard that some Boston doctors have discovered a way to treat patients with vascular disease by helping people grow new blood vessels. Is this possible?

DEAR READER: As hard as it is to believe, this novel technique shows great promise.

Researchers from St. Elizabeth's Medical Center and Tufts University School of Medicine will soon publish a report in which they describe a revolutionary treatment to bypass clogged arteries in the legs. They injected a substance called vascular endothelial growth factor DNA (VegF DNA) into muscle tissue near blocked blood vessels. Miraculously, nine out of 10 patients developed a new network of veins that markedly improved blood flow around the narrowed arteries: Four patients, who were scheduled for amputation, no longer required surgery; six others experienced a dramatic improvement in pain.

This method of gene therapy will be a major breakthrough, provided the Boston results are confirmed by further, independent testing.

Here's the really good news. The Boston doctors have successfully injected VegF DNA into the heart muscle of pigs with severe coronary blockages, indicating the possibility that this therapy may eventually help millions of men and women with cardiac disease. Our grandchildren may well see the day when patients who are at high risk for heart attacks can be treated with gene therapy and won't have to take medicine or undergo coronary artery bypass grafting.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: The column in which you condoned oral sex between a husband and wife was very offensive to me. Don't you think that there are enough SICK PEOPLE ALREADY?

And from another reader:

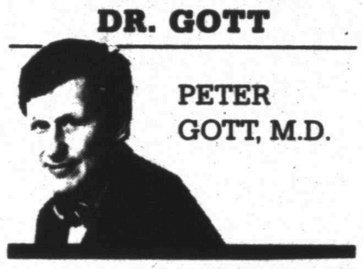
DEAR DR. GOTT: I couldn't agree more with your column about oral sex between a man and his wife. Through commitment, communication and creativity, my sex life gets better every year. Are there any health risks from this practice?

DEAR READERS: Oral sex is not for everyone, but I do not believe that people who engage in it are abnormal or sick. It's simply a form of sexual expression that can add another dimension to a satisfying sex life. This is not merely my view. Most sex therapists agree that oral sex is appropriate behavior between consenting adults.

Like any other sexual activity, however, oral sex can spread diseases, ranging from herpes to AIDS. Therefore, a participant must be extremely prudent in his or her choice of partners. (Just don't get caught on tape bragging about it.) If both partners are free of sexually transmitted diseases, oral sex is harmless.

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Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMIT AMENDMENT

THE CITY OF SNYDER, P.O. Box 1341, Snyder, Texas 79550 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a permit amendment (Proposed Permit Amendment No. MSW 1463-A) to authorize lateral expansion and an increase in fill height and depth to the Type I municipal solid waste management facility. The lateral expansion will regain 42 acres of fill area that were reduced by a 1994 permit modification and will increase the capacity and site life of the landfill. The site covers appoximately 142.5 acres and currently receives an estimated 21,000 tons per year. The total disposal capacity of the landfill is approximately 11,200,000 cubic yards. The permitee is authorized to dispose of municipal solid waste resulting from or incidental to municipal, community, commercial, institutional, and recreational activities; municipal solid waste resulting from construction or demolition projects, Class 2 industrial solid waste, Class 3 industrial solid waste, and special wastes that are properly identified. The site is authorized to operate from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The waste management facility is located on U.S. Highway 84 approximately 3.5 miles southeast of the City of Snyder in Scurry County, Texas (latitude 32° 40'40" north, longitude 100° 48'40" west). The site entrance is located along FM 1673 approximately 2,500 feet north of the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and FM 1673.

The Executive Director of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, will authorize the operation of this facility. A copy of the draft permit is available for inspection in the Office of the Chief Clerk, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753. The Executive Director has also prepared a summary of the applicant's compliance history, copies of which are available upon request.

The Executive Director will issue the permit unless a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice. To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the name of the applicant and the permit number, (3) the statement "I/We request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you would be adversely affected by the granting of the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

Request for hearing on this application must be submitted in writing during the 30-day notice period to the Chief Clerk's Office, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. Written public comments may also be submitted to the Chief Clerk's Office during the notice period. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the infomation contained in this notice, or inquire about other agency permit applications or permiting processes, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free at 1-800-687-4040.

Issued this 17th day of March, 1998.

(SEAL)

Eugenia K. Brumm, Ph.D., Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	145	144⅛	144⅜	— 5-16
AT&T Corp	65	7-16	65⅛	65⅜ — ⅛
AirTouch	45⅝	45¼	45	9-16+ 3-16
Albertsons	54⅛	53⅜	54	3-16 — 3-16
AlldSignal s	42⅝	41⅛	42	3-16+ 9-16
Alltel	44¼	43	13-16	43⅝ — ⅛
AmOnline s	64	1-16	63⅜	63 15-16 — 1-16
AmStoress	25⅜	25	7-16	25 7-16 — ⅛
Ameritech s			47⅛	46 11-16 47
Amoco	84	15-16	84	7-16 84 13-16+ ⅛
AndarkPtr	60	11-16	60	1-16 60⅝+ ⅜
Amcolnc			6	5 13-16 6 + 1-16
AtlRichfld s	75	3-16	74⅜	75 1-16 — ⅛
ATMOS Egy	28	11-16	28⅜	28 11-16+ ⅛
Aviall			15⅛	14⅜ 15⅛+ ⅛
BakerHughes	39	9-16	38	3-16 39⅛+13-16
BellAtl	99	5-16	98⅞	99 1-16+ 3-16
BellSouth	61	7-16	61¼	61⅜ — 9-16
BethSteel	13	7-16	13⅛	13 7-16+ ⅛
BritPet s	82	1-16	81⅛	82 1-16+ 3-16
BurlNoSFe	103⅛	99⅞	102	11-16+ 1⅛
CBS Corp	31	15-16	31⅛	31⅛+ 9-16
Caterpillar s	58	3-16	57⅞	58⅛+ ⅜
CenSoWst	27⅛	27	27	1-16 — ⅛
Chevron	82⅛	81	82⅛+	1-16
Chrysler	43⅛	42⅜	43	5-16+ 5-16
Coastal	63⅜	62	15-16	63⅛+ 7-16
CocaCola	73¼	72⅜	73	9-16+ 1⅛
ColgatePalm s	85⅛	84⅛	85⅛+	⅛
ComclMetals	34¼	33⅜	33⅝	— 3-16
CooperIn	58⅜	57⅞	58⅛	+1 5-16
CyprusAmax	17⅜	16	13-16	16 13-16
DallSemicn	39	5-16	38⅝	38⅜ — ⅜
DeltaAird	122⅞	122⅛	122⅛	— ⅜
DigitalEq	49⅛	49	1-16	49 5-16+ 3-16
Dillards Inc			36⅜	36 1-16 36⅜
DowChem			93⅛	91⅛ 93⅜ — ⅛
DresserInd			42⅜	42 3-16 42⅝+ 9-16
DuPont s	66	1-16	65⅝	65 13-16 — 5-16
EastmanChem	67	5-16	66	13-16 67⅛+ 3-16
EstKodak	61	11-16	61⅛	61 7-16+ ⅛
EDS Corp			49⅞	49⅛ 49 9-16+ ⅛
Entergy			28⅜	28⅛ 28 3-16 — ⅛
Exxon			63⅛	62 15-16 63 7-16+ ⅜
FstBksAm			23⅜	23 13-16 23⅝+ ⅛
Flowers s	25	3-16	24	15-16 24 15-16 — 3-16
FordMotor			61	5-16 60 13-16 61⅛
GTE Cp			57	7-16 56⅞ 57 — 5-16
GenDynam	90⅛	89	15-16	89 15-16 — 9-16
GenElecs	80	79	11-16	79 15-16 — 1-16
GenMills			75⅜	74⅞ 75⅛+ ⅛
GenMotors	71	7-16	70	15-16 71⅜ — ⅜
GaPacGP s			68⅛	67 15-16 67 15-16
GlobalMar			22⅛	21⅛ 22 11-16+ ⅛
Goodrich			52	51 7-16 51 7-16 — 5-16
Goodyear s			71⅛	71 1-16 71⅜+ 5-16
GtAtlPac			31	30⅛ 30 9-16 — ⅜
Halliburtn s	44	5-16	43	5-16 44⅛+1 1-16
Hanson ADS	30	1-16	29	15-16 30 — 3-16
HarteHanks s	23¼	22	13-16	23 3-16 — 1-16
HomeDepot s			69⅛	68⅛ 68 9-16 — 15-16
HoustonInds			26	15-16 26 13-16 26⅛
IBM s	101	9-16	100	9-16 101 7-16+ 9-16
IntlPaper			51	1-16 50 5-16 50⅜ — 1⅛
JohnsonJn			75⅜	74⅞ 74⅞ — 3-16
K mart			16	13-16 16⅛ 16⅜+ 3-16
Kroger s			45⅜	45⅛ 45 3-16 — 13-16
Litton			61	1-16 60⅜ 60⅝ — 15-16
LockhdMart			117⅞	115⅝ 116⅜+ ⅜
Lowes Cos			69	7-16 68⅛ 68⅜ — 15-16
Lubys			18⅛	18 1-16 18⅛ — 1-16
LucentTech			119⅝	118⅜ 119⅛ — 9-16
LucentTch wi			60⅛	59⅛ 59 13-16 — ⅛
MayDeptStrs	64⅛	63	15-16	63 15-16+ 3-16
Medtronic s			52⅛	51⅜ 52⅛ — ⅛
Mobils	73	5-16	71	11-16 73⅛+1 5-16
Monsanto			51	50 3-16 51 + ⅜
MorganJP	133	15-16	132	133 9-16 — 1 11-16
Motorola			54⅜	53 15-16 54 3-16 — ⅜
NCR Corp			33⅛	32 7-16 32 9-16 — ⅜
NationsBk			70⅜	70 70 11-16+ ⅛
Navistar			34	1-16 33 15-16 34 1-16
Norwests			43⅜	43 1-16 43⅛ — 1-16
OryxEngy			23	11-16 23⅜ 23 9-16
Penney JC			74⅜	73 11-16 73⅞ — ⅜
Pennzoil			65⅛	64⅜ 64 15-16 — 1-16
PepBoys	25	7-16	25	3-16 25⅜ — 7-16
PepsiCo			43⅛	42⅝ 42 13-16 — ⅜
PhelpDodge			66⅛	66⅜ 66⅝+ ⅛
PhilipPet			48⅛	47 13-16 48 9-16+ ⅜
PilgrmPrd	13	15-16	13	13-16 13 13-16 — 1-16
Polaroid	45	7-16	45	5-16 45 7-16+ 1-16
Praxair			47	11-16 47⅛ 47⅜ — ⅛
ProctGamb s			84	5-16 83⅛ 84 + ⅛
PubSNwMx			23	1-16 22⅞ 23 + 3-16
RoyalDut s			53⅜	53⅛ 53⅜ — 5-16
SBC Comm	80	15-16	79	13-16 80⅛+11-16
SBC Comm wi			40⅞	40⅜ 40 7-16 — 1-16
SaraLee	60	1-16	59	9-16 59 9-16 — ⅜
Scripps EW	53	15-16	53⅜	53⅝ — 3-16
SearsRoeb			58¼	57⅞ 58⅛+13-16
SherwinW	35	1-16	34⅜	34 15-16+ ⅛
SmthBc ADS s	62	3-16	61	9-16 61⅛ — 1 3-16
SouthernCo			26	9-16 26⅛ 26 9-16+ ⅛
SwstAirl s	31	13-16	31⅛	31 11-16 — ⅛
Sprint			70	7-16 69⅛ 69⅝ — 1-16
SunCo	41	15-16	41	11-16 41⅛ — 1-16
TNP Ent			32⅝	32⅛ 32⅜+ ⅛
Tandy s			46⅛	45⅝ 46⅛+ ⅛
TempleInland	64	13-16	64	7-16 64 7-16 — ⅛
Tenneco			43¾	43⅛ 43⅜ — 3-16
Texaco s	57	3-16	56	7-16 57⅛+ 1
TexInd			54	5-16 53⅜ 54 + 1
TexasInst s	56⅛		54¼	56 1-16+11-16
TexUtil			40⅛	40⅛ 40⅛+ ⅛
Textron s			74⅛	73⅜ 74 — ⅛
Travelers s	60	15-16	60	60 13-16 — 3-16
TriconGlbR n	29	13-16	29⅝	29⅜ — ⅛
TrinityInds			53¼	52⅜ 53 + ⅛
TritonEngy	33	7-16	31⅛	33 7-16+1 11-16
Tyler			7	7-16 7⅛ 7 7-16
US WestCm	54	15-16	54	9-16 54 11-16 — ⅛
USWstMda	35⅛		35	3-16 35 5-16 — 1-16
USX-Marathn			35⅛	35 9-16 35⅝ — ⅛
USX-USS			39⅛	38⅛ 38⅝ — 9-16
UnCarbde	45	13-16	45⅛	45 13-16+ ⅛
UnionPacif			52⅛	52 52⅜ — 7-16
UnitedTech	91⅛		90	9-16 91 1-16+ 3-16
Unocal			38⅛	38¼ 38 7-16+ 1-16
WalMart	51	11-16	50⅜	50 15-16 — ⅜
WstnGasRs	17	15-16	17	13-16 17 13-16 — 1-16
WinnDixie			59⅛	58¼ 58⅛+ 3-16
Woolworth	26	5-16	25	11-16 26 3-16+ 7-16
Xerox Corp			96⅛	94⅜ 96⅝+1 3-16
ZenithE			7⅛	7 7⅛+ 1-16

Scurry County Country

America to celebrate annual Ag Day Friday

WACO — On Friday, America will celebrate Ag Day.

Ag Day is a part of the Agriculture Council of America's celebration of National Agriculture Week, this week. Organizers are using Ag Day to make the American public more aware of the enormous contributions of the U.S. agriculture industry.

"The United States is at the top of the worldwide agriculture market," said Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "Ag Day is an opportunity to make the public aware of the incredible impact agriculture has every day in our society, as well as celebrate the outstanding achievements of American farmers and ranchers."

Ag Day's 1998 theme is "Growing Tomorrows." This theme points to the increasing demand that will be placed on agriculture in the future. With the world's population at 5.5 billion today, it is expected to soar to 7.9 billion by the year 2020. Agriculture's ability to produce more and more food will be critical for this growing population.

Fortunately, America's farmers and ranchers have already made great progress in increasing productivity. For example, in 1960 the average farmer fed 25.8 people. By 1994, however, the average American farmer had increased his productivity five times, feeding 129 people both in the U.S. and abroad.

"Despite the booming population, American agriculture is up to the task," Stallman said. "Modern farming proactices and state-of-the-art technology have allowed American farmners and ranchers to produce more food than ever before on fewer acres."

Recent advances such as precision farming are playing a big role in increasing farm productivity. Sophisticated Global Positioning Systems help reduce waste by using satellites and computers to map out a field and let the faremr know exactly where and when he needs to plant seeds, apply fertilizer and crop protection chemicals. This not only increases crop yield, but saves money and protects the environment.

Biogenetics have also increased the amount of food that each plant produces. Geneticists isolate desirable plant traits (such as disease resistance) and incorporate them into new plants, resulting in much higher crop yeilds.

Ranchers have also used technology to produce leaner cuts of beef. Today's beef has 27 percent less fat than in 1985.

Farmers and ranchers have also worked hard to preserve the land. Farmers have employed contour farming (planting croips aroudn hillsides ranther than up and down) and reduced tillage practices to prevent erosion. Ranchers have addressed erosion by making use of sod waterways, diversions and catch basins.

Technological advances have helped boost agriculture to become America's top export, with average sales of $52 billion annually. In addition, the agriculture industry employes over 22 million Americans who produce, sell and trade the nation's food and fiber. By the 2000, agriculture is expected to generate one-quarter of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product.

James Madison, the fourth president of the United States, was born in 1751 in Port Conway, Va.

Congress authorized the establishment in 1802 of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Grain drain?

World grain harvested area, 1950-95

Year	Per Capita (hectares)	Total (mill. hectares)
1950	0.23	587
1960	0.21	639
1970	0.18	663
1980	0.16	722
1990	0.13	693
1995*	0.12	666

*preliminary

Source: USDA, ERS, "Production, Supply, and Demand View" (electronic database), January 1996; USDA, Grain: World Markets and Trade, January 1996.

NEA Graphic

While the amount of grain harvested worldwide increased between 1950 and 1980, the trend has been downward in the last 15 years.

Cotton marketing workshops planned

LUBBOCK — A farmer may not be able to control price, but he can control how and when he prices his crop, say agricultural economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The cotton farmer can take advantage of profitable pricing opportunities only if he is prepared to evaluate the various alternatives," said Dr. Jackie Smith, professor and Extension Service economist.

To help area farmers evaluate such opportunities, the Extension Service will hold a series of one-day, in-depth introductory cotton marketing workshops. The programs will be March 30 at Plainview, April 1 at Levelland, April 2 at Friona and April 3 at Seminole.

These educational programs support a statewide risk management initiative funded by the Texas Legislature. Instructors will be Dr. Carl Anderson, professor of agricultural economics and cotton marketing specialist with the Extension Service, College Stateion and Smith.

Participants must register for any of the four courses by March 25. Each workshop begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. The registration fee of $30 includes an extensive set of materials, but doesn't include lunch. Spouses are encouraged to attend; one fee will cover both and include one set of materials. A workshop at any site will be canceled if 10 registrations for that site haven't been received by March 25.

Registration forms are available at offices of the Extension Service in the participating counties of Hale, Hockley, Cochran, Lubbock, Parmer, Castro, Bailey, Lamb, Gaines, Terry and Yoakum.

"All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly related to the futures market," Smith said. "This requires that much of the workshop involves a study of the basics of futures and options."

He suggested that producers wishing to attend but unfamiliar with the futures market visit their county agent before the workshop and check out an audiotape and a handout which introduce use of the futures market for forward pricing.

Topics which will be covered in each workshop are an overview of preview risk management, introduction to futures, localizing the futures-basis, introduction to options, estimating costs of production, comparison of pricing alternatives, developing a marketing plan, the cotton situation and outlook and organizing a marketing club.

Cotton

NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton futures No. 2 were lower in midday dealings today.

The average price for strict low middling 1 & 1-16 inch spot cotton advanced 10 points to 68.31 cents a pound Tuesday for the seven markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were $1.25 to $2.65 a bale lower than the previous close. May 70.17, Jul 71.40, Oct 73.25, Dec 74.30, Mar 75.25, May 75.65, Jul b76.20, Oct b72.75 and Dec b72.65.

n.a.- not available; n.q.-not quoted; a-asked; b-bid.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 797 head of cattle for the Thursday, Mach 12 Sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Calves and yearlings were steady.

Slaughter cows: 37 to 44; canners and low cutters: 28 to 36; slaughter bulls 46 to 52.
Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 90 to 115; 400 to 500; 85 to 100; 500 to 600, 85 to 95; 600 to 700, 73 to 82; 700 to 800, 70 to 76.
Feeder heifiers choice: 300 to 400, 82 to 95; 400 to 500, 75 to 87; 500 to 600, 73 to 82; 600 to 700, 68 to 75; 700 to 800, 65 to 70.
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 72.50 to 855 700 to 800, 65 to 72.
Cow and calf pairs, good: 600 to 800; grade, 450 to 550.
Springers: 350 to 650; baby calves: 100 to 200; doodlers: 150 to 225.



Town & Country Topics

By Katherine Roberts
Couny Extension Agent

Detect fat and when you do, you'll know where to start making changes. All fats and oils are high in calories, but you can make a healthier choice by selecting those with less saturated fat. Likewise, when you use lower fat milk products, you reduce fat, calories and cholesterol.

Can oil be substituted for margarine or shortening when baking cookies?

All three ingredients are fats but that doesn't make them interchangeable, as the example shows.

Example 1 Oil is 100 percent fat, margarine is an emulsion containing 80 percent fat and 20 percent water ("lite" margarine-type spreads contain a higher proportion of water). Substituting 1 cup oil for 1 cup margarine adds more fat than the recipe intended. Consequently, the cookies would feel and taste greasy.

Example 2 A well-textured cookie depends on thorough creaming of fat and sugar. Oil cannot be creamed so substituting it for a solid shortening is likely to change both texture and volume.

Can "lite" margarine-spreads be substituted for solid shortening when baking?

This is possible but it cannot be a direct substitution. Since lite or diet margarines have more water, the amount of liquid in the recipe also must be reduced. Rather than substituting reduced-fat margarines, try using less regular margarine. You won't have to alter the amount of liquid and you will save calories.

Dairy product comparison

Values are approximations for general comparison, check labels for specific values.

Did You Know?

You can use reduced-fat sour cream, lowfat or nonfat yogurt, or cottage cheese instead of regular sour cream in sauces and dips. Skim milk can be used instead of whole milk in most recipes. Evaporated milk can be substituted for whipping cream and evaporated skim milk can be substituted for regular evaporated milk in some recipes.

Extension programs serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Increased sorghum demand leads to new Jowar Foods mill

HEREFORD (AP) — As a livestock feed, sorghum has long been an indirect part of the U.S. food supply. Now, some Texas entrepreneurs are taking the direct approach.

Because of increasing demand for sorghum as a food product for humans, Jowar Foods Inc. recently completed a new mill that can make four times as much sorghum flour as the old one. Jowar's secretary-treasurer Armon Lauderback said the new facility, located up the road from this Texas Panhandle cattle center, already is grinding at full capacity.

"I didn't know whether this thing would work or not," said Lauderback, who handles the day-to-day operations of Jowar Foods out of his Hereford home. "Coming from the seed industry, I knew the potential was there, and I knew there was a niche market."

Naysayers, including many in the sorghum business, initially told Jowar management that people wouldn't be interested in eating something usually fed to animals.

"I have doubts whether sorghum has a bad image," said Charles Miller, Jowar's marketing director. "What sorghum has is lack of an image at all."

The company relies on exhaustive research by Miller's father, Fred Miller, a former Texas A&M University scientist who has spent 15 years developing white versions of the usually ruddy grain. Miller's variety has a more neutral flavor than milo, the markedly bitter sorghum fed to livestock.

Jowar, which means "sorghum" in Hindi, owns the patents to Miller's varieties.

"We're not bioengineering this stuff," Charles Miller said. "It's plain old plant breeding."

Developing tasty sorghum was one thing. Finding people willing to substitute it for traditional grains like wheat and corn was another task entirely. Jowar pinpointed two target markets: One that wanted it, the other that needed it.

Immigrants from some northern Indian provinces and elsewhere in Asia and Africa wanted it, Lauderback said. Mild-tasting sorghum was a staple in their homeland, but here they either relied on imports or ate the bitter domestic alternative.

Haresh Oberoi, owner of Houston-based ethnic foods distributor Dishaka USA, said food products made from traditional feed-type sorghum had existed, but "when (Jowar) came up with the right product, it sold easily."

Oberoi distributes Jowar products in Houston and major cities across the United States. While Jowar makes cereal, brownie mix and other items, Oberoi said the biggest seller is simple flour. Because Indian breads often are fried rather than baked, sorghum's inability to rise without additives doesn't hurt its marketability.

Stores receiving the products from Oberoi report steadily increasing demand, he said.

While some customers buy Jowar because they long for the old country, others do it out of necessity.

"Without question, (sorghum) is a pretty choice grain for a lot of reasons for people with celiac disease," said Scott Adams, who runs an Internet site dedicated to celiac, an intolerance for the gluten found in wheat and barley. "Breads (using Jowar flour) are much more like wheat or barley breads than any other alternative grain."

Gluten is the substance that makes dough rise and holds wheat-based bread together. Plenty of other grains can be mixed with gluten-like additives to somewhat resemble traditional wheat bread, but Adams said they usually fall short.

"A lot of times they end up coming out like a cake or something instead of something like real bread," said Adams, of San Francisco. "Sorghum is heartier, heavier and sticks together better. You don't have to use other varieties of flours with it."

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 806 head of cattle for the Saturday, March 14 Sale. The market on feeder and stocker calves under 600 pounds was steady to $1 lower. Packer cows, packer bulls were steady to $2 higher. Heavy feeder steers and heifers were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady.

Steers:
300 to 400: 96 to 110
400 to 500: 92 to 105
500 to 600: 85 to 94
600 to 700: 74 to 85
Heifers:
300 to 400: 90 to 108
400 to 500: 82 to 94
500 to 600: 76 to 82
600 to 700: 63 to 74
Young bred cows: 525 to 660.
Medium age to older bred cows: 400 to 500
Young cows and calves: 630 to 670.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 510 to 625
Packer cows: 27.50 to 43.25.
Packer bulls: 46 to 53.75

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

To pay for missions to Bosnia, Persian Gulf...

House GOP leaders seek spending cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders have decided that additional spending to pay for missions in Bosnia and the Persian Gulf must be fully paid for by cutting domestic programs.

That agreement came as a key Senate committee approved, with conditions, $1.8 billion to keep troops in Bosnia past June and to maintain U.S. troops in the Gulf on full alert.

The Senate Appropriations Committee also endorsed, by an identical 26-2 vote, an $18 billion package for the International Monetary Fund. That legislation, which also came with conditions, is considered essential to IMF efforts to rescue the faltering economies of Asia.

In the House, GOP leaders resolved that any extra spending for Bosnia and the Gulf this year must be matched with similar spending cuts so there is no effect on the budget.

"The leadership unanimously agreed the ... (spending) would be paid for, and the cuts would not come out of defense," Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said.

Republicans, in choosing programs for spending reductions, are likely to target Democratic and White House priorities, setting the stage for sharp clashes as Congress tries over the coming weeks to craft future budgets.

The Senate is moving two separate spending bills, one for the IMF and the other for the military operations plus some $610 million for disaster relief and $196 million to help fix the year 2000 computer problems at the Federal Aviation Administration and the Treasury Department.

Both came with conditions that are opposed by the administration.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said today that with the GOP leadership at odds over whether to submit one bill or two and whether to insert contentious abortion language, the chance of action is "about as bleak as it gets."

He said Senate Democrats would go along with the House idea of offsetting new defense spending with cuts elsewhere and still want to see a comprehensive bill that also would included money for paying U.S. back dues to the United Nations. "To separate out and further delay IMF and U.N. considerations is a real mistake, and it sends all the wrong messages," Daschle said.

The defense bill urges President Clinton to pressure U.S. allies to cover more of the costs of the Iraq effort.

U.S. troops should stay, Cohen says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Describing himself as a skeptic who has changed his mind, Secretary of Defense William Cohen urged Congress today to keep U.S. troops in Bosnia safeguarding the 1995 peace accords. But he said the force could be cut to 6,900 from the 8,500 now stationed in the former Yugoslav republic.

Cohen, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and military chiefs urged the House National Security Committee to support the Clinton administration's active role in implementing the terms of the Dayton accord.

Initially, the Americans in the NATO force were due to stay in Bosnia a year, then 18 months, and now President Clinton is extending their mission indefinitely. "We set the deadline because we believed it," Cohen said of Clinton's earlier plan. "We did not try to fool the American people."

Rep. Stephen E. Buyer, R-Ind., said, "It was almost shameful. No one believed it would be a year."

And the committee chairman, Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., said the Clinton administration wanted to keep the troops in Bosnia in an "open-ended" operation that had "little chance of success."

Spence said arming Muslim forces was "a recipe for disaster."

Area law officers investigate various theft reports Tuesday

Theft reports dominated local law enforcement activity Tuesday morning as gas, money and cooking equipment were targeted.

Deputies were called to the Hermleigh schools at 10 a.m. as someone had stolen gas from the district's pumps. An offense report for theft of gas was submitted.

A short time later, deputies investigated a report of kitchen equipment missing from the Great Western Motel restaurant. The theft is still under investigation.

Officers responded to a report of $30 missing from an employee at Snyder Healthcare Center around 11 a.m. The person said she did not want to file a report, but wanted officers to be aware of the incident.

Two male juveniles, ages 14 and 12, were located by their mother and she notified officers shortly after 11 a.m. The boys had been reported as runaways around midnight Monday.

Officers responded to a report of a reckless driver at 5:49 p.m. in the 2700 block of Avenue Y.

Officers and Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds were called to the 1500 block of College Avenue around 6:37 p.m. for an unattended death. Reynolds ruled natural causes in the death of an 80-year-old woman.

Former employee gets jail

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying democracy relies upon honest public officials, a federal judge today sentenced former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy's ex-chief of staff to an unusually harsh 27 months in prison for making false statements.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth said he departed from sentencing guidelines that called for only probation for Ronald H. Blackley because the offenses were committed when Blackley was in a top government position of trust.

"This court has a duty to send a message to other high government officials that there is a penalty to be paid for making false statements under oath," Lamberth said. "Our democracy depends upon trust between the people and government officials."

The judge waived any fine because Blackley is unable to pay one, but he ordered Blackley to remain on probation for three years after his release from prison.

Obituaries

Dollie Grant

1917-1998

Dollie Elizabeth Grant, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 17, at her home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mrs. Grant, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Northside Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 22, 1917 in Eunice, N.M., she married W.H. Grant on Jan. 9, 1946 in Carlsbad, N.M. He died in 1990.

A resident of Snyder since 1946, Mrs. Grant was a homemaker and a member of the Northside Baptist Church.

One son, Wayne Grant, died on Feb. 18.

Survivors include two daughters, Jayne Clark of Bellaire and Barbara Stock of Houston; a sister, Helen Cozzens of Milan, N.M.; and five grandchildren.

Clint Karaback

1981-1998

AUSTIN — Clint Walton Karaback, beloved son of Ed and Marilyn Karaback, and brother of Christina Karaback and Kimberly McQuagge, died Monday, March 16, 1988.

Clint was born in Austin, Texas on October 9, 1981. He was a loving son and brother with sensitivity and compassion for others.

Clint was a sophomore at Crockett High School. He played the trombone for the Crockett Jazz Band, Honors Band, and Marching Band and expressed a desire to teach music in the future. He had also recently expressed an interest in attending the University of Texas and playing in the Longhorn Band.

Clint possessed many talents; among them were his skill at origami, his musicianship, and his clever wit and good humor. He shared each of these talents with passion, heart, and intellect.

Clint wanted to pursue marine biology and became interested in scuba diving. He was an advanced open water diver and was working on his third level of diving, Rescue. He was employed by GSI Scuba and Travel during the summers and volunteered time to help with their scuba summer camps.

Clint is survived by his parents, Ed and Marilyn and sister, Christina, all of Austin; sister Kimberly McQuagge and husband Ryan, along with his beloved nephew, little Andy, all of Plano, Texas; maternal grandparents, Virgil and Ann Walton, of Snyder, Texas; Uncle Larry Walton and wife Bebe, along with cousins Scott, Richard and Kimberly, all of North Little Rock, Arkansas; Aunt Carolyn (Suzy) Ali and husband; Hassan, along with cousins Laila, Dalalle, Muhammed and Halla, all of North Richland Hills, Texas; cousin Craig Bass of Austin, and cousin, Stephanie Bass of Georgia.

All Clint's beautiful memories will be cherished by his loved ones and the many friends he had made, who all know how much too short a time this wonderful person was with us. His death is a terrible and tragic event for all of those who will live the rest of their lives attempting to cope with his absence.

The family will receive visitors Wednesday, March 18, 1998 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home, 2620 South Congress Ave.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 19, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 126 W. Oltorf, with Reverend Harold Zink, C.S.C. officiating. Burial will be at Assumption Cemetery, 3650 S. I-35.

Pallbearers are George Greene, Eric Roth, Paul Wright, Robin Nordstrom, Josh Carr, and Justin Norris.

Arrangements by Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home, 2620 So. Congress Ave. 442-1446.

Paid Obituary

Baby turns out to be only a doll

CANYON (AP) — What seemed to be a horrific discovery has turned into a pleasant, if slightly embarrassing, surprise for authorities.

They thought they were performing an autopsy on a dead human fetus, but it turned out to be a doll.

"I saw it in the water," Randall County Justice of the Peace E. Jay Hail said of the discovery in a pool of standing water. "It did appear to be a fetus."

A plumber made the find around 9 a.m. Tuesday behind a store in Canyon, just south of Amarillo. He immediately called police.

Taking no chances, Hail ordered the apparent fetus slipped into a plastic bag, placed in a Styrofoam container and taken to Lubbock for an autopsy. Hail had estimated its development at five to six months and noted the umbilical cord had been severed.

Hail said the biggest concern was finding the mother. About 45 minutes later, Lubbock pathologists called him with the surprising news.

"We identified her mother," Hail said. "Her name was Mattel."

Hail said he and officers can't be too careful in such situations.

"If you're going to make an error, it's better to err in this direction than to err the other way," Hail said.

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One killed in office shooting

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A state employment bureau manager allegedly shot and killed one of his workers today and then critically wounded himself.

The gunman, identified as the director of business management for the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, shot the chief of the office services section in their workplace just before 9 a.m., authorities said.

Shasta S. Dotson, 40, of Columbus, who has worked at the bureau since 1983, died at the scene, said Lt. John Born, spokesman for the State Highway Patrol.

She was shot by William Evans, 51, of Columbus, an employee since 1985, Born said.

Evans was in critical condition at Grant Medical Center with a gunshot wound to the head, hospital spokeswoman Janet Porter said.

Broadcast reports said the two workers had previously dated. Agency spokesman Dave Garick could not confirm that report.

He said the shooting happened on the second floor of a six-story downtown building that houses about 500 employees. Work continued on the other floors, but the second-floor employees were allowed to go home after being interviewed by police and offered counseling.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Chamber banquet tickets

Friday is the last day to purchase Snyder Chamber of Commerce banquet tickets. Texas First Lady Laura Bush will be guest speaker. The banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the coliseum. Tickets are $15 each or $7.50 for children.

Princess Di Ty Beanie raffle

Snyder Lions Club is selling $1 chances for a Princess Di Ty Beanie Baby to be given away Tuesday. Tickets are available at various Snyder merchants and from Lions Club members.

Rotary fund-raiser

Snyder Rotary Club is selling $10 donations good for a chance for a round trip for two persons to London.

Horseshoe, washer tournaments

Horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments will be held Saturday at the coliseum courts. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. All ages are welcome.

Autograph party

Historic Scurry County will host an autograph party for Jean Everett from 1:30-3:30 Sunday at the Dermott School. Meet the author and have her sign a copy of her book, "Pioneer Profiles." Refreshments will be served. A portion of the proceeds from books sold will be donated to Historic Scurry County, Inc.

Entered Apprentice Degree

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have an Entered Apprentice Degree at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Lodge Hall. All Masons are invited.

Debt-free workshop slated

A workshop titled "Debt-free and Prosperous Living" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Western Texas College. Tuition is $29 and a $5 workbook is free with the purchase of the suggested $39 textbook. Reservations are required. Call 573-8511.

Diabetics meeting set

Diabetics are invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. March 26 in the new rehab services building at 5301 Trinity Blvd.

Economic development meet

Texas Department of Economic Development will unveil a major agribusiness initiative that includes Scurry County at a public meeting to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Planetarium show

A planetarium show, "Through The Eyes of Hubble," will debut Thursday, March 26 on the WTC campus with shows at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Shows will follow at 2 p.m. each Sunday through April. Special showings for school classes (best suited for grade 4 and above) can be arranged for any Friday in April by calling the science department secretary at WTC. There is no admission charge.

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Asssociation will sponsor a five-mile walk on Saturday, April 4, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park. Walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Outsiders basketball tourney

The Hermleigh Senior Class is sponsoring a 5-on-5 outsiders basketball tournament April 10-11. Entry fee is $100 per team with a maximum of 10 to a team. Entry deadline is March 28. Call 863-2766 or 766-2364.

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

SHS parents of Seniors '98'

Tuesday is the deadline to submit three pictures of graduates to Kathye Parker at SHS. Photos will be projected during the senior steak supper. So picture can be returned, write the student's name and address on the back of each pose and enclose them in a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Choir needs sheets and lumber

Snyder High School choir is in need of white sheets and lumber to help with the production of "Oklahoma." Anyone willing to donate these items is asked to call 573-2830.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
7-15-17-28-38

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-1-4

Cloning debate moves to state legislatures

NEW YORK (AP) — Having blocked anti-cloning legislation in Congress, drug makers are now scrambling to do the same with bills that would make the creation of carbon-copy humans illegal in 24 states.

Pharmaceutical companies say they agree with lawmakers who want to bar fringe scientists from turning out made-to-order humans.

But they argue that the anti-cloning bills are so broadly worded they could also prevent researchers from using routine techniques for developing new drugs.

Two trade groups have launched a state-by-state campaign to fight 50 anti-cloning bills being taken up this year in legislatures from California to Connecticut.

The bills, which emerged after Chicago scientist Richard Seed pledged in January to clone a human, ended drug makers' celebration over the decision by U.S. Senate leaders to put an anti-cloning bill on hold.

A patchwork of state laws would be "an absolute disaster for medical research," said Jeff Trewhitt, a spokesman for Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America.

Scientists already use cloning techniques to test how identical cells react to different substances. Researchers hope one day to grow new skin for burn victims and overcome the need for liver and kidney donors by cloning whole organs. Cloning-related research has already led to heart attack, cystic fibrosis and stroke drugs.

"This is not the movie 'Gattaca.' This is not 'Star Wars,'" Trewhitt said. "This is well-accepted biomedical research."

These states have taken up anti-cloning bills this year: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.

"I've got my walking boots on," Trewhitt said.

President Clinton has called for a federal ban on human cloning, but drug researchers point out that the Food and Drug Administration already requires anyone performing such research to file for permission.

If there has to be a law, industry groups prefer a federal ban forbidding only the cloning of a whole human being.

Anti-abortion activists fear cloned fetuses would be used as lab animals.

"Don't be mistaken. They're going to abort until they find a workable form" of clone, said Delaware state Sen. Donna Reed, a Republican. "I don't want that done with humans."

Drug makers were too late to block the first state anti-cloning law. On Oct. 4, California Gov. Pete Wilson signed a bill making it a crime to clone a human or to buy fetal cells to do so. Fines range up to $1 million.

"The bill is not the worst one we've seen," said Carl Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, based in Washington. "But it creates a precedent that is hard if not impossible to contend with."

Worse, he said, is a Florida bill that would forbid even the DNA fingerprinting used in the O.J. Simpson case.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-18-98
♠ 4 2
♥ Q 6 5
♦ 10 5 3
♣ K Q J 7 4

West
♠ J 3
♥ J 8 7 4 3
♦ A Q 9 7 6
♣ 10

East
♠ K 8
♥ 10 9 2
♦ J 8 4 2
♣ 9 5 3 2

South
♠ A Q 10 9 7 6 5
♥ A K
♦ K
♣ A 8 6

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

A push over the edge

By Phillip Alder

There are certain deals in which, from the viewpoint of all 52 cards, it appears that declarer cannot fail to make his contract. But in the real world, not blessed with X-ray vision, he finds the task less easy. In this deal, from last year's World Junior Camp in Italy, how do you think the play should go in the poor *six* spades after a heart lead, or the club-10 lead, or the diamond ace followed by a switch to the club 10?

It looks as if South must succeed because of the lucky trump position. However ... when West led a heart, declarer took his ace-king, played a club to dummy, and discarded his diamond king on the heart queen. Now he just needed to play the trump suit for one loser. Low to the queen is theoretically best, but South finessed his 10. West won with the jack and tried to cash the diamond ace, but declarer ruffed. Now South knew East had the spade king because West would have led the diamond ace at trick one if he had had that king. So, planning to enter the dummy to take the trump finesse, declarer led a club — but West ruffed!

After the club-10 lead, which looks like a lead from a doubleton, you might win in hand, cash the spade ace, unblock the ace-king of hearts, and lead a low club toward the dummy. That often succeeds, but not here.

Finally, if West cashes the diamond ace before exiting with a club, declarer will win in the dummy and play a spade to the queen. Fine — until West smoothly drops the jack. Thinking East still has king-doubleton of spades, won't South lead a low club to the dummy to repeat the trump finesse?

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