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FAIRIES — The fairies in ***Midsummer Night's Dream*** are played by Valerie Haines, Haley Elkins, Hayli Henderson, Kelli Henderson, from left. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SHS to host area 4A one-act play contests

Snyder High School's one-act play cast and crew are gearing up for Friday's 4A area contest, which Snyder will host.

Local thespians are slated to perform William Shakespeare's A *Midsummer Night's Dream* around 5:15 p.m.

Levelland High School's *The Insanity of Mary Girard* will be the first play to be performed around 1:15 p.m. Other plays to follow approximately one hour apart will be Canyon High School's *Taming of the Shrew*; *Boys Next Door* by Caprock High School in Amarillo; Dumas High School's *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*. Big Spring High School's *And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson* will be the final play to perform at approximately 6:15 p.m.

The critic judge will be Gregory Schwab of Sul Ross University in Alpine.

Beth Bowen, SHS English teacher, will serve as contest manager. Lynda McCormack, high school speech instructor, will be the stage manager. Josh Gonzales and Randy Green will be her assistants.



Corey Knipe, left, and Mark Haines will perform in Snyder's entry in the contest.

Other crew members will be Jon Hensley, who will be in charge of lights; Buddy Whittenburg, sound; and Chance Greenwood and Jason McBroom, ropes.

On Saturday, SHS will also host the 5A area one act play contest. Schwab will also serve as the critic judge.

Jerry Worsham, SHS drama director, will serve as contest manager. Stage managers will be Jon Hensley, Corey Knipe, Josh Gonzales. Mark Haines will be in charge of lighting and Buddy Whittenburg will handle the sound.

On Saturday, Amarillo High School's *A Far Country* will be the first to take the stage at approximately 1 p.m. Other plays to perform, approximately one hour apart, will be Lubbock High School's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; Odessa Permian High School's *Lend Me A Tenor*; Abilene High School's *The White Rose*; Leander High School's *Middle Age White Guys*; and Temple High School's *The Miracle Worker*.

Snyder advanced to the area contest after nailing top play honors at district competition held March 21 at Big Spring High School.

SHS won state in 1995 with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. In all the school has won 13 state titles. Under Worsham's tenure, Snyder has advanced to the state contest 27 times.

Big Spring's *And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson* also advanced.

Along with top play honors, Snyder also collected five acting awards, more than any other school. Michael Gibson, who portrays the dual roles of Bottom and Pyramus, was named best actor.

Three others were named to the all star cast and one received honorable mention. Mark Haines, Hayli Henderson and Valerie Haines earned all star recognition and Corey Knipe received honorable mention.

Mark plays Puck, the mischievous elf. Hayli also plays dual roles: Hippolyta, queen of the Amazons, and Titania, queen of Oberon, king of the fairies. Valerie plays Peaseblossom, the main fairy.

Corey also has dual roles in the play. Besides Theseus, duke of Athens, heralso plays Oberon.

Others in the cast of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* include Chad Rice as Egeus and Peter Quince.

Liz Brown has the role of Hermia and Zach Allred portrays Lysander. Brandon McCraw is Demetrius and Cheryl Reed plays Helena.

Others are Austin Haire in the dual roles of Flute and Thisby; and Chris Shoemake, who will portray Snout and Wall.

Also in the cast are Kelli Henderson as Snug, Lion and Mustard Seed; Colby Stoker as StarVeling and Moon; and Haley Elkins as the Moth and Lady In Waiting.

Josh Gonzales is the stage manager. Randy Green serves as assistant stage manager.

Jon Hensley is the light tech and Buddy Whittenburg is in charge of sound tech.

Understudies include Josh Heaton, Sarah Cantu, Amy Braziel, Josh Ortegon, Morten Edwards.

A Midsummer Night's Dream is a comedy. It opens in Athens, Greece with wedding preparations for Theseus, Duke of Athens, and Hippolyta, queen of the Amazons. However, most of the action occurs in an enchanted forest outside Athens.

Shakespeare wrote A Midsummer Night's Dream between 1595-1600.

WTC rodeo teams ready to showcase their talents

Performing in front of a home crowd won't be an added pressure on the Western Texas rodeo squads. In fact, it's a chance for the WTC men and women to showcase their talents.

Western Texas College opens the chute on its collegiate rodeo tonight at 7 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

While on the road for the first six rodeos of the season, the WTC men and women wrangled their way into the top spots of the regional standings.

Both squads can extend their leads in the Southwest Region with a good showing this week, but neither team feels added pressure being at home.

"It's always nice to do well at your own rodeo, but I don't think we'll feel any more pressure than usual," said Wes Stevenson, a Westerner sophomore who leads the regional bareback standings. "We put pressure on ourselves to do well every week, because we want to be the best in the region. That won't change this week."

Like Stevenson, fellow sophomore Brandee B. ock sees this as an opportunity to show the community what the rodeo program can accomplish.

"We only get to compete here once a year, so this is a good chance to show everybody what a good program we have at WTC," said Brock who is tops in breakaway roping. "We won't try to do anything different, we'll just go out and do our best. That's what got us to where we are now."

Western Texas holds the regional lead over second-place Tarleton in both standings. The WTC men's advantage is 340 points, while the Lady Westerners' lead is 204 points.

WTC holds the top spot in three of the six men's events, and is runner-up in another. Stevenson in the bareback riding, Rawley McFarland in saddle bronc, and Luke Richards in steer wrestling lead their events, while Houston Hutto is second in the calf roping.

For the Lady Westerners, Brock's lead in breakaway roping is closely followed by teammate Kacy Henard in second place. Jill Childers sits second in the goat tying, but is only 16 points out of first place.

"The success we've had in the team standings is due to the individual performances of our men and women," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "They have to be focused on what they need to do in their individual events, in order for the team to have any success. Our men and women have done a good job of that."

The Western Texas squads have three days to display their talents. The rodeo continues Friday and Saturday with performances at 7 p.m. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the gate.

Total deposits are $224.6 million...

Bank deposits are up more than $5 million

Combined first-quarter bank deposits in Snyder gained more than $5 million over the same period in 1999.

Total deposits at four reporting financial institutions were $224.6 million, an increase of $5.4 million compared to call reports on March 31 of last year when deposits were $219.2 million.

The four reporting banks are West Texas State, Snyder National, Texas Savings Bank and American State Bank. FirstAmerican Bank, with an office in Snyder, does not report individual branch figures.

West Texas State Bank reported total deposits of $80.6 million, an increase of $3 million since the same period in 1999 and an increase of $2.6 million when compared to Dec. 31.

Snyder National Bank reported combined deposits of $88.8 million, a decline of $200,000 since the close of the first quarter last year and a drop of $3.4 million when evaluated against the 1999 year-end total.

Texas Savings Bank's total deposits were $33.1 million, a drop of $1.2 million when compared to the first quarter of 1999 and an increase of $200,000 since year-end.

American State Bank's first-quarter deposits were $22.1 million, an increase of $3.8 million compared to last year's first quarter and an increase of $1.9 million since the close of 1999.

Total loans at the same banking houses, sans American State Bank, were $101.3 million compared to $98.9 million reported at the end of the first quarter last year, a jump of $2.4 million.

Loans at West Texas were $43.3 million, an increase of $2 million compared to the first quarter of 1999 and a decrease of $2.2 million since year-end.

Snyder National's first-quarter loans totaled $27.4 million, an increase of $700,000 when compared to the same period last year and a drop of $900,000 when compared to 1999's fourth quarter.

Loans at Texas Savings Bank were $30.6 million, a decline of $300,000 when compared to the first three months of last year and a reduction of $500,000 when compared to the close of 1999.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Doing the job right the first time gets the job done. Doing it wrong repeatedly gives you job security."

Technology has replaced a lot of memories in the newspaper business – some of 'em good and some bad.

While we miss the manual Underwood typewriter, it is nice to be able to use a word processor for ease of editing.

Being able to bypass a cranky linotype operator ain't all bad, either. We remember one who couldn't hear or speak, but he was a whiz at letting a cub reporter know his disdain for getting the copy to him past deadline.

The use of a computer has also reduced, if not completely eliminated, the use of those informative little items we call fillers. They were used to fill space when a story came up short.

Not only were they useful in metal-type days, they gave newspaper types a lot of information with which they could lay on a boring brother-in-law at a family gathering.

Here's some examples of such valuable tidbits:

—Pearls melt in vinegar.

—It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.

—Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

—The three most valuable brand names are Marlboro, Coca-Cola and Budweiser – in that order.

—Humans are the only primates that don't have pigment in the palms of their hands.

—Ten percent of the Russian government's income comes from the sale of vodka.

—The sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog," uses every letter in the alphabet and was developed by Western Union to test telex/two communications.

—Average life span of a major league baseball is seven pitches.

—A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

—Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down – hence the expression "to get fired."

—The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for General Purpose vehicle, G.P.

—The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

—Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

—If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.

—Snails can sleep for three years without eating.

—Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a Friday the 13th.

—There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

With that kind of knowledge, all should be ready to go forth and conquer the world.

ASK US

Q—I've been seeing a large number of wasps, is there any reason why?

A—The mild winter contributes to a higher number of insects, including wasps, because there is not a winter kill. Also, as it gets warmer, wasps will come out of their wintering sites.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 87 degrees; low, 49; 7 a.m. Thursday, 54; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7:64 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 50-55. W-NW wind 5-15 mph; Friday, sunny, high around 85; N wind 10-20 mph.



Kaycee Westlund
Warm and Sunny

Sunset:
8:07 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:25 a.m.
Of 96 days in 2000, the sun has shone 93 days in Snyde

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Live life with a fire that is never extinguished.

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Attention bothers survivors; shooting anniversary nears

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Students and teachers have a message for the outside world as the anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre approaches: Thank you for everything. Now please leave us alone.

Mike Sheehan, student body president, urged well-wishers to send donations to other causes, rather than flooding nearby Clement Park with flowers again.

"We really want to thank the world," Sheehan said. "But we kind of want it to be a private day."

A group of 26 students and faculty members met with media members Wednesday night in an event set up by the school district. It was to be the only organized meeting for reporters before April 20, the one-year anniversary of the rampage that left 12 students, one teacher and teen gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold dead.

Tears flowed freely during the 90-minute session, at which counselors sat behind a curtain, ready to come to students' aid.

"It's hard to move on when you have a vanload of people coming into the parking lot and taking pictures of where the library used to be, or coming up to you and asking you where the library is," senior Sarah Bay said. "Having pictures taken of where people died makes it hard."

Authorities have said tens of thousands of people could converge on the park outside the high school for the anniversary.

Some of the 23 people wounded in the attack, as well as some relatives of the dead, have told friends they plan to leave before the anniversary to avoid requests for interviews.

"It's becoming harder and harder as we approach April 20. I have knots in my stomach. It's hard to sleep," said Courtney Shakowski, a senior.

Shakowski and several students and teachers made clear the school — where reporters are not normally allowed — has become a sort of sanctuary.

Technology teacher Rich Long recalled seeing Anne-Marie Hochhalter in the halls with a smile on her face. Hochhalter remains paralyzed from her wounds, and her mother committed suicide last fall.

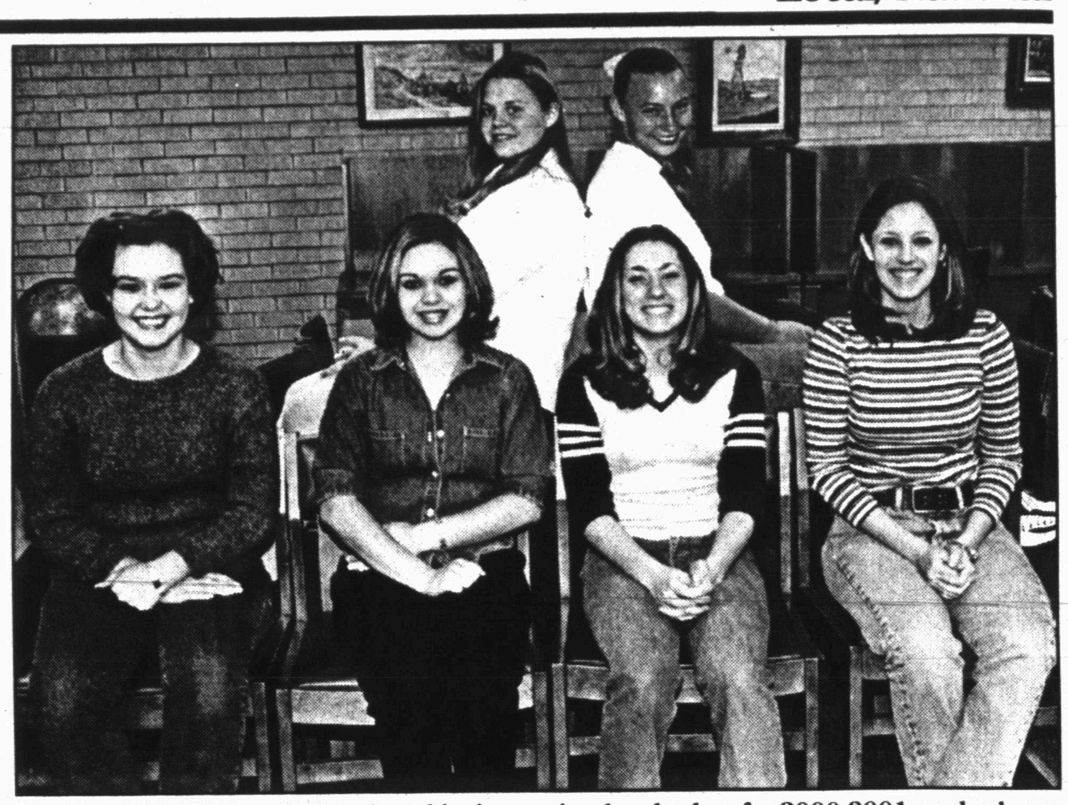
"Our family is the school. When I go there I know I am going to get support," said math teacher Alma Moore.

Sheehan said, "Sometimes it's tough just to walk down the halls. But when someone falls down, someone picks them up."

Others have been equally inspired.

"One of my best friends is Pat Ireland. Watching him heal has healed me," Matt Varney said. Ireland can walk but his range of motion is restricted.

Varney's voice broke as he added: "He can't do what he did before. He's such a tough guy ... Those two guys (Harris and Klebold) took away so much from him."



JV CHEERLEADERS — Newly elected junior varsity cheerleaders for 2000-2001 are back row from left, Jade Taggart, Chaelyn Robinson; front row from left, Nikki James, Ira Gonzales, Stacy Bunch, Melissa Maguire. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Water restrictions studied for Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The city's toughest water use restrictions in nearly 50 years are proposed as a result of a key reservoir's contamination by the gasoline additive MTBE.

City Council members were also urged to approve a $12 million pipeline to another major reservoir that was not affected by a gasoline spill last month.

Levels of the potentially cancer-causing chemical in Lake Tawakoni have been declining.

Judge sets May hearing for remedies against Microsoft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. will learn within weeks what penalties the government wants imposed against the software company for violating antitrust law, now that a federal judge has set a May 24 hearing to determine sanctions.

The Justice Department and 19 states suing Microsoft will have until April 28 to submit their proposed penalties, according to an order issued Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield. Microsoft would then have until May 10 to respond, and the government until May 17 to file its rebuttal.

Jackson gave the states the option to file a proposal separate from the federal government if the two parties fail to reach an agreement over remedies, but both assured the judge of their confidence in reaching consensus.

Jackson met privately with both sides in the case for a second consecutive day to help set a speedy schedule. He withdrew his previous request for both sides to provide him with the final offers made during attempts to reach an out-of-court settlement. Those talks, which collapsed last weekend, were overseen by Richard Posner, a federal appeals judge in Chicago.

"It occurs to me that at some point you may wish to go back to Judge Posner and, therefore, I am going to abandon any request that you submit any offers that may have been made in the course of mediation, either in the clear or under seal," Jackson said, according to a transcript of the meeting Wednesday.

A day earlier, Jackson told the attorneys he wanted to move through the remedial phase of the case quickly and suggested that any Microsoft appeal be taken directly to the Supreme Court.

"My transcendent objective is to get this thing before an appellate tribunal — one or another — as quickly as possible because I don't want to disrupt the economy or waste any more of yours or my time on a remedy if it's going to come back here," the judge said during that meeting.

As Jackson met Wednesday with attorneys in his chambers, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill just a few miles away. He later participated in an economic meeting at the White House with President Clinton and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

In his meetings with lawmakers, Gates expressed confidence that Microsoft would see Jackson's verdict overturned on appeal, but said he thought a speedy appellate process was unlikely because of the complexity of the issues involved, according to lawmakers who attended.

"I think that it is safe to say that Microsoft would prefer that it go through the regular process," said Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash.

Microsoft was found in violation of the Sherman Act in a sweeping verdict issued Monday by Jackson, who ruled that the company illegally used its monopoly power to punish clients who deal with rivals and to control the market for Internet browsers.

Industry experts say that the remedial options likely to be considered by Jackson range from breaking up Microsoft to milder sanctions.

Patterson buys WEK Drilling stock

Patterson Energy, Inc. has purchased the outstanding stock of WEK Drilling, Inc., a privately-held drilling company that operates primarily in southeast New Mexico.

The agreement includes the purchase of four fully operable contract-drilling rigs, and other related equipment and working capital for $7.2 million.

Three of the rigs have depth capacities greater than 12,000 feet, with the other rig having a depth rating of 10,500 feet.

The acquisition was funded using $5.66 million of proceeds from the company's existing credit facility, and 53,000 shares of the company's common stock valued at $29.06.

Patterson Energy, based in Snyder, is one of the leading providers of land-based drilling services in the United States.

The company currently owns 123 drilling rigs, of which 123 are operable. The company has operations in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah and Louisiana.

SSGT Rowe recently deployed to Bosnia

Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Thomas F. Rowe III is one of more than 700 Texas Army National Guard soldiers who recently deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina from Fort Hood at Killeen.

St. Rowe is a member of the 49th "Lone Star" Armored Division (AD) headquartered in Austin.

The eight-month mission of the 49th AD is to perform a headquarters function and provide a troop component to keep the peace and freedom in Bosnia, provide safety and security for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Balkans.

The deployed guardsmen are assigned to various Texas National Guard Units from surrounding cities; units include soldiers from Headquarters Company 49th AD, 249th Signal Battalion, 111th Engineer Battalion, 149 Military Police Company, and the 149th Personnel Services Battalion.

Rowe is the son of Estelle Rollins of Snyder.

Date Book

Thursday, April 6, 2000
Today is the 97th day of 2000 and the 18th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1712, slaves revolted in New York City.

On this day in 1896, the first modern-era Olympic games commenced, in Athens, Greece.

On this day in 1947, the first Tony awards were presented, in the grand ballroom of New York City's Waldorf Astoria hotel.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Raphael (1483-1520), artist; Lowell Thomas (1892-1981), journalist; Andre Previn (1929-), composer-conductor, is 71; Merle Haggard (1937-), singer-songwriter, is 63; Billy Dee Williams (1937-), actor, is 63; Michelle Phillips (1944-), actress, is 56; Marilu Henner (1952-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, Ron Blomberg became the first designated hitter in professional baseball.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "No man chooses evil because it is evil; he only mistakes it for happiness, the good he seeks." — Mary Wollstonecraft

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 4) and first quarter (April 11).

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Thrower gave program on Civil War prison

Jo Thrower gave a program on the Andersonville Civil War Prison to member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Andersonville was a Confederate prison built in February, 1864, to hold Union POWs. Located about 60 miles from Macon, Ga., the prison was an immense pen 1,000 feet long and 800 feet wide, and was known as one of the worst prison of the Civil War Prisons.

Six months after it was built, 39,899 prisoners had served time in the small enclosure.

When entering, prisoners were issued very limited rations, which consisted of mostly cornmeal and a little salt beef. They had to make their own shelter. The first men there made little huts of debris left over from the construction of the prison.

Some men were allowed to keep their tents on arrival at the prison. Some men had no shelter, no space to call their own or to sleep. The men in tents were miserable because when it rained the tents became soggy, mildewed and never dried out. They felt like they were living in an icebox.

The men were starved and suffered terribly from exposure. By the time the prison closed a year after being built the men were dying at a rate of 200 a day. They suffered from scurvy, diarrhea and dysentery.

The prison commandant, Henri Wirz, was a cruel man and did nothing to save the men. He became the only man tried and hung for war crimes against POWs during the Civil War. He was hung in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 10, 1865.

Anyone having an ancestor who spent time in Andersonville Prison and died there, the Scurry County Library has a book, *Roll of Honor Vol. III,* that lists the men whose deaths were recorded and who were buried at Andersonville.

DAR meets again on May 9 at the Snyder Country Club at noon. A program on ancestors will be given by Dorothy Campbell and Ann Smartt and Jo Flynn will be hostesses.



ANDERSONVILLE PRISON PROGRAM — Guest speaker and member, Jo Thrower, left, was introduced at the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting by Helen Hatter, DAR chaplain. Thrower, amember of the genealogy society, spoke on a Civil War prison. DAR meets every other month at the Snyder Country Club. (Contributed Photo)



BRIDAL SHOWER — Mrs. Clinton Albert Lewis, nee Stacey Renee Taylor, was honoree at a bridal shower held Dec. 2 in the Northside Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The couple married Dec. 23 in the church. From left are Jacquelyn Chorn, paternal grandmother of the bride from Hermleigh; Luvenia Fowler, maternal step-grandmother of the bride; Kathy Fowler, her mother; the honoree; Lila Cantrell, mother of the groom; Doris Stokes, maternal grandmother of the bride; and Emilee Marrow, sister of the bride from Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

The basic monetary unit of Tunisia is the dinar, and its fractional unit is the millime.

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By Phillip Alder



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♣ Q J 8		♣ 7 4 2
	South	
	♠ A 7 2	
	♥ K Q J	
	♦ Q J 9 4	
	♣ K 10 9	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Not worth the paper

By Phillip Alder

Do you agree with this claim of John Broadus Watson? "Give me a dozen healthy infants, well-formed, and my own specified world to bring them up in, and I'll guarantee to take any one at random and train him to become any type of specialist I might select — doctor, lawyer, artist, merchant chief and, yes, even beggarman and thief, regardless of his talents, penchants, tendencies, abilities, vocations, and race of his ancestors. I am going beyond the facts and I admit it, but so have the advocates of the contrary, and they have been doing it for many thousands of years."

Can you guarantee this three-no-trump contract after West leads the spade queen?

You start with five top tricks: two spades, one diamond and two clubs. You can get two more tricks from the hearts, and two from the diamonds — you know it is guaranteed that the finesse will lose in a bridge column! Yet, which red suit should you attack first?

You should play on the suit in which West, the dangerous opponent with the long suit, may have an entry. Although this line isn't 100 percent, correct technique is to duck the first trick, win the second with dummy's spade king, then play a heart. If West ducks, play another heart.

Let's assume West wins that trick and clears the spades. Now you take the diamond finesse. It loses, but you are safe (unless West found an unusual lead from a three-card spade suit).

I disagree with Watson. For example, he could never have made me a musician. And I know some geniuses who couldn't play bridge well to save their lives, as the expression goes.

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Community Calendar

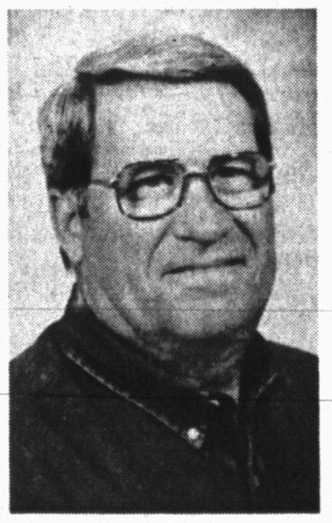
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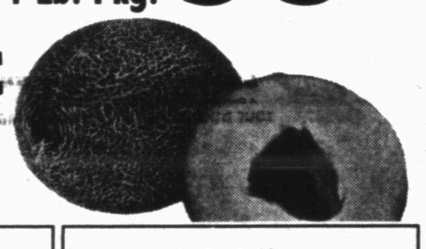


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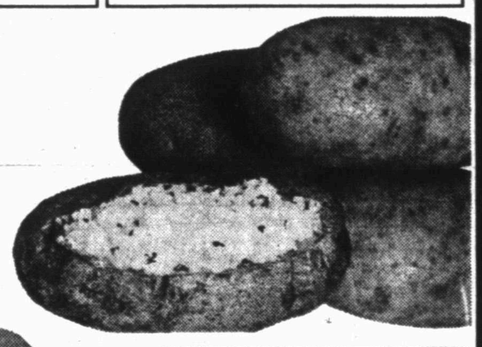
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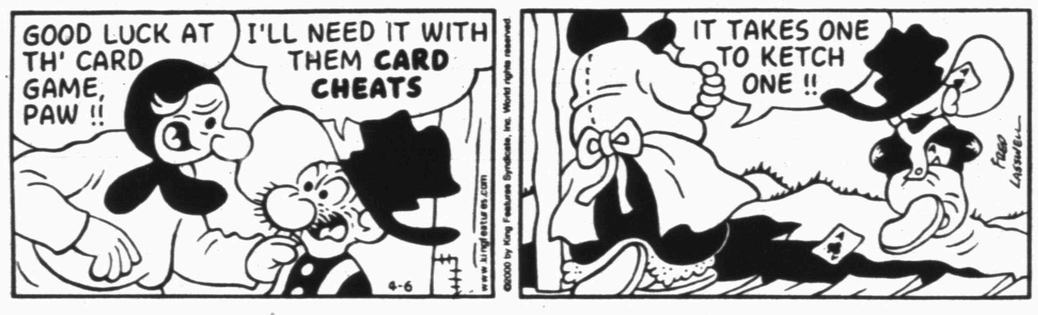
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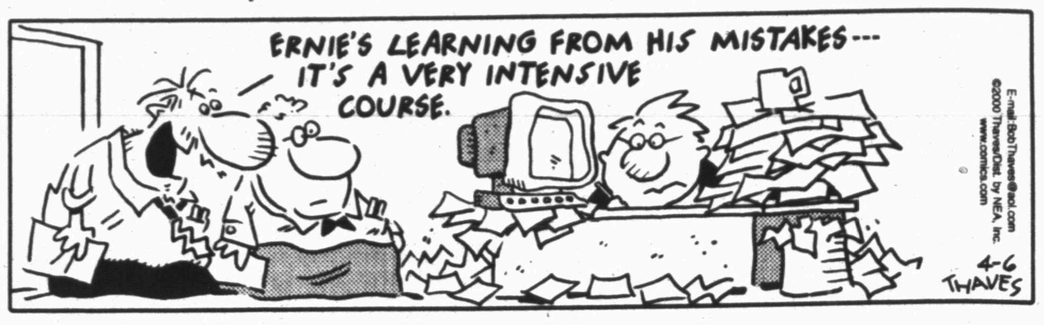
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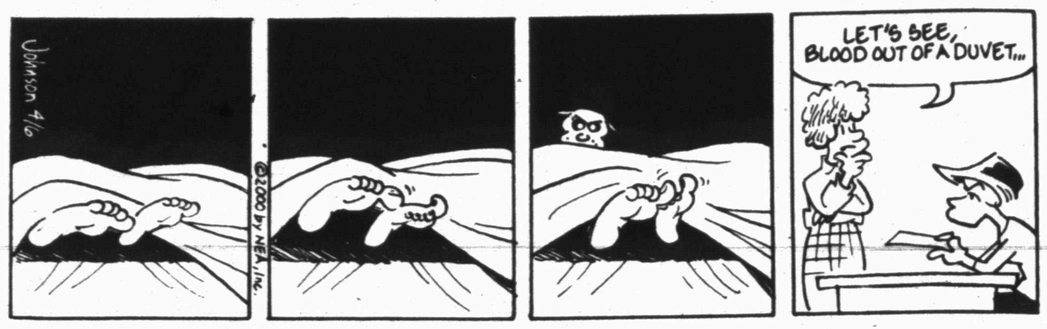
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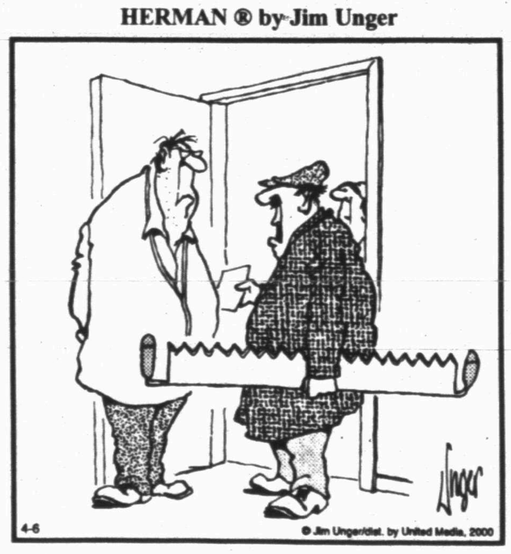
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ACROSS

1 Lemon-lime drink
7 Quilt, e.g.
13 Like O. Henry's stories
14 "Night of the —"
15 Grapefruit's relative
16 Seasoned
17 Sea pheasant
18 Builder's unit
20 Princely Italian family
21 Mediterranean vessel
23 Planet's path
27 Wise ones
32 Chicago airport
33 Noisy swallow
34 Martinique volcano
35 Of an ancient Greek dialect
36 Got ready to ride a horse
39 Babylonian hero
40 More certain
42 Not up yet
46 Chew it!
47 Got A+ on the test
51 Wolflike
53 Disregard
55 Conductor Andre —
56 Bowling target
57 "Remington —"
58 Sly ones

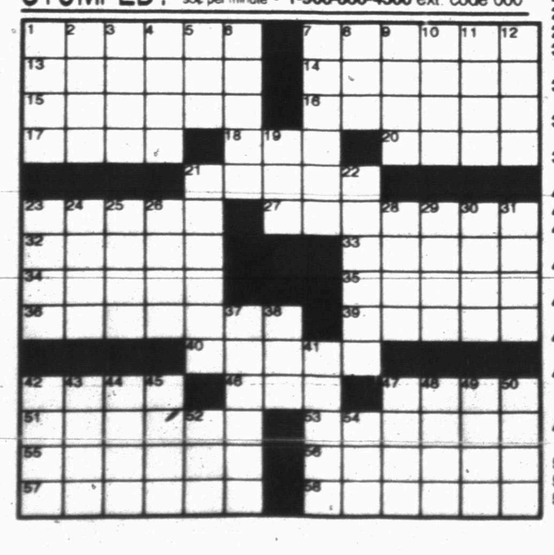
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1 Uses a straw
2 High-school dance
3 Italy's capital
4 Arrow poison
5 Sesame seed
6 French school
7 Close relative
8 Tiger Woods' org.
9 Dominate
10 Devours
11 Work without — — (be daring)
12 Florida county
19 Ear (comb. form)
21 Strengthens (oneself)
22 Less difficult
23 "How clumsy of me!"
24 Actress Perlman
25 Hairless
26 Made angry
28 Coagulate
29 Kind of moth
30 Name for Ireland
31 Animal welfare org.
37 City in Oregon
38 Actress Joanne —
41 Sends forth
42 Swiss peaks
43 Actor Lancaster
44 Fencing sword
45 Use the highboard
47 Actress Archer
48 Word in a Barry Manilow song
49 Actor Estrada
50 Cozy rooms
52 Zero
54 Army VIP

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham



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SPORTS

Players face tougher course at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — With their ranks reduced by one, Byron Nelson and Sam Snead teed off today on a chilly Georgia morning to begin the 64th Masters.

A moment of silence for the late Gene Sarazen preceded the honorary tee shots from the aging former winners onto a course that has changed markedly from Snead's last Masters win in 1954.

Sarazen, known as the "Squire," died last year at the age of 97, a month after he joined Nelson and Snead on the first tee at Augusta National.

As the rest of the field followed for real today, they found a course that is slicker, hairier, longer and more full of trees than anyone could have imagined when Nelson won in 1937 and 1942 and Snead in 1949, 1952 and 1954.

It also contained one Tiger and that might be the biggest difference by itself.

"He's going to be a hard guy to beat," Greg Norman said.

Woods had a midmorning tee time, and promptly found the new rough with his first drive on No. 1. It made little difference, though, as he hit a wedge on the green and made par.

Playing just in front of Woods, Sergio Garcia birdied his first two holes of the tournament, as did Steve Jones.

Rocco Mediate had the early shot of the day, sinking an iron from the fairway on No. 3 for an eagle. Mediate shot a 2-under 34 on the front nine.

The conditions were ideal early, but the wind began picking up and club selection grew increasingly difficult. The scores reflected it, with Mediate the only one of the first 10 players to make the turn under par.

Woods w the most dominant favorite for the Masters since Jack Nicklaus was in his prime, bringing a game to Augusta National this spring that far more refined than the one he used to rout the field three years ago.

He's won 10 times since finishing nine shots behind Jose Maria Olazabal here last year. Woods has finished either first or second 10 times in his last 11 tournaments.

Even the latest changes to the course seem to favor his kind of game, as if Woods needs any help.

"It's helping anybody who can hit the ball long and high," said Woods, who does just that.

A year after first introducing a light cut of rough, Augusta National's grass looks like it's on steroids, spreading into fairways that in the past were carefully coifed.

"I've seen more changes this year than I have in a long time," said Tom Watson, who has won twice here in 26 appearances. "Some people call them subtle changes, but I've seen a lot of change."

The rough is meant to protect par, and players are predicting higher scores this week.



GETTING READY — Members of the Western Texas rodeo squad ride in preparation of tonight's opening performance of the WTC collegiate rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum. Fifteen WTC competitors will ride during tonight's performance, which gets underway at 7 o'clock. (SDN Staff Photo)

Busy night ahead for Westerners

Western Texas has 15 competitors scheduled to ride in tonight's opening performance of the WTC collegiate rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum.

Following tonight's 7 o'clock performance, nine more WTC team members will compete during slack.

The lone bareback rider for Western Texas this evening will be Wes Stevenson, who leads the regional standings.

On the draw sheet for bull riding are Wacey Barta and Wes Dinwiddie, with Kent Aikin getting his turn during slack.

Jeff Cavey, Bill Herbert, Rawley McFarland, Bobby Sellers and Harper Sharp are due up in the saddle bronc event, with Justin Herrington, Houston Hutto and Tyke Salazar scheduled for calf roping slack.

Luke Richards will put his regional lead on the line in the steer wrestling, with Bill Hebert and Rodney Topper to follow during slack.

Cimaron Boardman, Ryan Brewer, Dawson Burns and Cody Lawrence will be up in the team roping to round out WTC's men's squad.

On tap for the Lady Westerners are Brandee Brock and Sequin Downey in barrel racing. Jill Childers and Tibba Smith will get their turn during slack.

Brock will also compete in the breakaway roping, along with Erin Kelly. Downey's up during slack.

Brock will see her final action of the night in the goat tying.

The rodeo continues Friday with the finals slated for Saturday night.

Jones admits Gailey mistake

DALLAS (AP) — Hiring Chan Gailey and allowing him to employ an offensive strategy for the Dallas Cowboys that failed to get the most out of Troy Aikman and other Super Bowl holdovers didn't make sense, owner Jerry Jones said Wednesday.

"It was not my best move," Jones told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions.

Jones tempered his acknowledgment, saying he will always regret that Gailey didn't coach the Cowboys longer and believes one day Gailey will lead another NFL team to the Super Bowl as head coach.

Gailey, now the offensive coordinator for the Miami Dolphins, said in response to Jones' remarks: "I always thought Jerry wanted to win and do the best for the team."

Jones fired Gailey in January, two days after his second season ended just like the first: with a blowout loss in the first round of the playoffs.

Jones said two years ago he considered keeping the initial offense in place and tweaking the system. Instead he decided to hire Gailey.

The early results were favorable. The Cowboys scored 30 or more points in seven of the team's first 12 games under Gailey.

But injuries, poor execution and the reluctance of key players to embrace the new philosophy tainted the plan. Dallas broke the 30-point barrier just once in Gailey's final 19 regular-season games. The team scraped together a total of 17 points in its two playoff losses.

"In fairness to Chan and his offensive system, we created a very narrow window of success," Jones said.

Sports Briefs

Lajitas tournament cancelled

The Lajitas golf tournament scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled, due to the death of Snyder resident Bill Moss. Moss was an organizer of the event.

MGA monthly tourney scheduled

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will have its monthly tournament Saturday at 1:30. Format will be two-man low total, less the handicap. Entry fee is $6.

SCC to host Pro-Am

The Snyder Country Club Pro-Am golf tournament will be April 17, with shotgun starts at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Teams will be comprised of a local PGA pro, his guest and SCC members. Format is team low-ball, using full handicaps.

Entry fee is $35. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Lions Club to host tourney

The Lions Club golf tournament will be April 29 at Western Texas College. Format is a four-person scramble, and each team must have a combined handicap of at least 50.

Entry fee is $50 per player, including green fee, cart rental and lunch. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five teams, with $1,000 going to the winners. Hole-in-one prizes are a $5,000 CD and a 2000 Ford Ranger pick-up.

The field is limited to the first 20 paid teams. For more information, call 573-7627 or 573-1423.

Registration here for PDU tourney

The Price Daniel Unit golf tournament to benefit Special Olympics will be held April 29 at Snyder Country Club. Format is a four-man scramble.

Entry fee is $45 per player, and includes green fee, cart and dinner. Hole-in-one prizes include a car and cruise to the Bahamas.

Registration deadline is April 15. Entry forms can be picked up at the pro shop.

WTC tourney scheduled

A golf tournament to benefit the WTC Student Chapter of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America will be held April 15-16. Format will be a three-man scramble, with teams flighted after the first round.

Entry fee is $150 per team, not including cart. First and second places will receive pro shop gift certificates.

Field limited to the first 20 teams. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

SCC holds weekly events

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play Tuesday's at 7 p.m. at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

The Duncan Classic will be April 15 at 10 a.m. Only sanctioned pitchers can participate in the tournament, and pitchers must sign-up by 9 a.m.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Softball tourney scheduled

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will host a men's softball tournament April 14-16 at Winston Field.

Deadline to enter is next Thursday, and entry fee is $110 per team. Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams.

For more information, call Ricky Garcia at 573-5906, Henry Ramos at 573-2037, or Ygnacio Benitez at 573-6401.

Five local competitors headed to state event

Five local competitors have their sights set on the Junior State TaeKwonDo Championships.

Jordan Gafford, Alex Jaramillo, Ryan Beall, D'Norris Smith and Ronnie Martinez will compete in the state event to be held April 15 in Dallas.

Gafford and Jaramillo are coming off gold medals at the FMT TaeKwonDo Championships in Fort Worth over the weekend.

Both are blue belts, with Gafford competing in the 8 and 9-year-old heavyweight division, while Jaramillo is in the 6 and 7-year-old lightweight classification.

Smith is another blue belt who will be entered in the 8-9 age group in the super-heavyweight division.

Beall and Martinez are both black belts in the 14-16 age class. Beall is a lightweight, and Martinez is a welterweight.

The top three from each weight class and age division will advance to the Junior National Olympics July 15-19 in San Antonio.

The winners in the 14-16 age group at San Antonio will earn a spot on the U.S. Junior World Team.

Approximately 2,000 competitors will be entered in the state tournament, with over 8,000 expected to be on hand at the national meet.

Girls' Little Dribblers

Rockets 24, Mystics 12

Rockets: Erin Hogan, 9; Marci Pinkerton and Amanda Sanchez, 6; Tilatha Akins, 3. **Mystics:** Shaquita Sneed, 12.

Lady Raiders 34, Jawbreakers 21

Lady Raiders: Glyn Wright, 18; Alana Culp, 8; Wendy Reed, 6; Ashlie Pruitt, 2. **Jawbreakers:** Sirena Medrano, 12; Jessica Taylor, 8; LaCree Tippens, 1.

National Basketball Association

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	47	26	.644	—
x-New York	45	28	.616	2
Philadelphia	43	31	.581	4½
Orlando	38	36	.514	9½
New Jersey	31	44	.413	17
Boston	30	45	.400	18
Washington	27	47	.365	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	50	24	.676	—
Charlotte	42	31	.575	7½
Toronto	40	34	.541	10
Detroit	39	35	.527	11
Milwaukee	36	38	.486	14
Cleveland	29	45	.392	21
Atlanta	26	48	.351	24
Chicago	15	59	.203	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	50	23	.685	—
x-San Antonio	47	28	.627	4
x-Minnesota	45	29	.608	5½
Dallas	33	41	.446	17½
Denver	30	44	.405	20½
Houston	29	46	.387	22
Vancouver	20	53	.274	30

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Lakers	64	12	.842	—
x-Portland	54	20	.730	9
x-Phoenix	48	26	.649	15
x-Sacramento	43	31	.581	20
x-Seattle	42	32	.568	21
Golden State	17	58	.227	46½
L.A. Clippers	14	60	.189	49

x-clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 107, Atlanta 86
Detroit 111, Boston 106
Indiana 105, New Jersey 101
Sacramento 108, San Antonio 98
Houston 118, Portland 105
L.A. Lakers 111, Golden State 104

Thursday's Games

Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte vs. Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League

All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	2	1	.667	—
New York	2	2	.500	½
Florida	1	2	.333	1
Montreal	1	2	.333	1
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	1½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	2	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	—
St. Louis	2	0	1.000	—
Chicago	1	3	.250	2½
Cincinnati	0	2	.000	2
Pittsburgh	0	2	.000	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	2	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	½
San Francisco	2	1	.667	½
San Diego	1	1	.500	1
Colorado	1	2	.333	1½

Wednesday's Games

Houston 11, Pittsburgh 2
Montreal 6, Los Angeles 5
San Francisco 11, Florida 9
Milwaukee 8, Cincinnati 5
St. Louis 10, Chicago Cubs 4
San Diego 4, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 9, Colorado 6
Arizona 11, Philadelphia 3

Thursday's Games

San Francisco (Nathan 0-0) at Florida (Sanchez 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Farnsworth 0-0) at St. Louis (Stephenson 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Holt 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 0-0) at Montreal (Pavano 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Navarro 0-0) at Cincinnati (Villone 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 0-0) at Arizona (Daal 0-0), 9:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

American League

All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	2	1	.667	—
Toronto	2	1	.667	—
Boston	1	1	.500	½
Baltimore	1	1	.500	½
Tampa Bay	1	2	.333	1½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	2	1	.667	—
Cleveland	1	1	.500	½
Chicago	1	2	.333	1
Detroit	1	2	.333	1
Kansas City	1	2	.333	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
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Texas	2	1	.667	—
Seattle	1	1	.500	½
Anaheim	1	2	.333	1

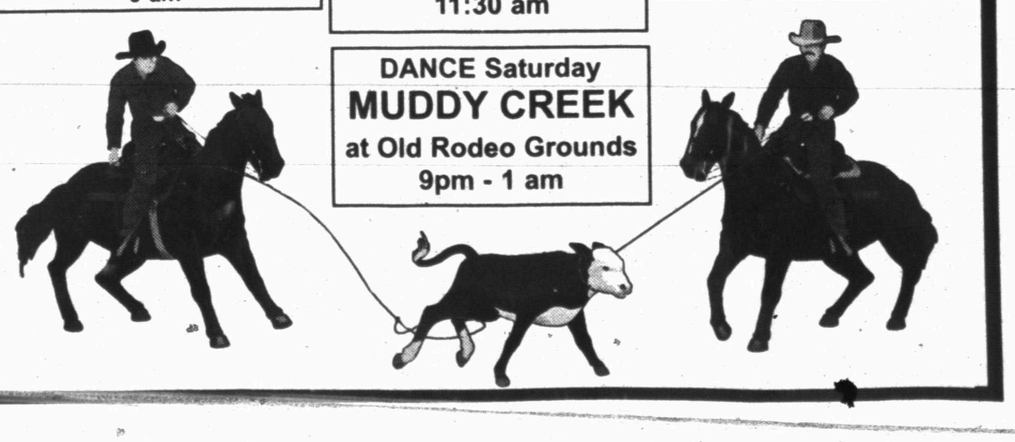
Wednesday's Games

Oakland 8, Detroit 2
Chicago White Sox 12, Texas 8
Kansas City 4, Toronto 3
Baltimore 11, Cleveland 7
Minnesota 10, Tampa Bay 7
Seattle 9, Boston 3
Anaheim 12, N.Y. Yankees 6

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Durbin 0-0) at Toronto (Escobar 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wheeler 0-0) at Minnesota (Mays 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 0-0) at Baltimore (Rapp 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 0-0) at Texas (Loaiza 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Fassero 0-0) at Seattle (Sele 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

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Some say position of sun, six planets will mean trouble

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Don't put away that Y2K survival kit just yet.

Next month, the sun and six of the planets, including Earth, will line up like cosmic billiard balls — an alignment that has doomsayers predicting the end of the world. Again.

Some astrologers believe the alignment could shift the Earth's poles, trigger earthquakes and ruin the stock market.

Tonight, in a celestial preview, three planets and the crescent moon will appear close together in the sky as they march toward the grand alignment.

Astronomers say there is no need to worry. They, too, are bracing for the May 5-16 alignment. They will be busy debunking end-of-the-world predictions, just as they did in 1982 and 1962. Such alignments occur about once every 20 years.

"If people are determined to be anxious about something, I think it would be a lot better if they were anxious about their driving on the freeways," said E.C. Krupp, director of the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles.

Tonight, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn will appear bunched up in the sky of the western United States. Remember, there's no risk of a collision: The moon is 239,000 miles away from Earth; Mars 216 million miles away; Jupiter 543 million miles away, and Saturn 927 million miles away.

The May alignment will involve the sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. It won't be visible because of the sun's glare.

"It's very pretty," said Dennis Mammana, astronomer at San Diego's Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. "I think that's the limit to the significance of this thing."

Every planetary alignment brings a new round of doomsday predictions.

A book called "The Jupiter Effect" received wide attention with its false prediction that California would be rocked by a major earthquake indirectly caused by the 1982 alignment.

Another book, ominously titled "5/5/2000: Ice, The Ultimate Disaster," predicts the alignment and increased solar activity will unleash a complex chain of events causing the Earth's crust to slide and poles to shift.

"Quite frankly, it would be a geological Armageddon," author Richard Noone said. "You'd have volcanism going on globally. Earthquakes beyond the scale anything Richter ever dreamed of. Tsunamis hundreds of feet high, sweeping hundreds of miles inland."

The 390-page book uses "pole shifting" to explain everything from the disappearance of the civilization that built the pyramids to why woolly mammoths appear to have been flash-frozen in Siberia. Noone has moved his family to safety in Georgia.

Astronomers say there's nothing to worry about because the extra pull and stretching from the aligned planets is a small fraction of the moon's tidal and gravitational strength.

Astrologers also say the planetary alignment signals a change from the Age of Pisces to the Age of Aquarius.

That's not a good thing.

The "pileup of energy" is going to lead to "some very serious reversals in the stock market," said astrologer Norman Arens. He also predicts cataclysmic quakes, floods and volcanoes as well as a movement away from 2,000-year-old Christian principles.

Mammana countered that nobody has ever been able to explain how rocks in space can influence lives.

"It's a shame that they have to fall into the traps of things like this," he said. "The universe is a grand and wonderful place, and the fact that we can understand it and predict the way it behaves is a wonderful testament to our intelligence and our ingenuity."

Markets

Midday Stocks

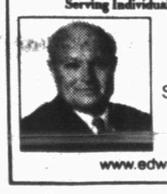
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Alltel	65 1/2	63 7/8	65 7-16	+ 1 13-16
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Hermleigh will compete in solar car race Saturday

With their eyes on a prize at Texas Motor Speedway, students at Hermleigh Junior High School are putting finishing touches on their solar model cars for the fifth annual TXU Electric and Gas racing competition.

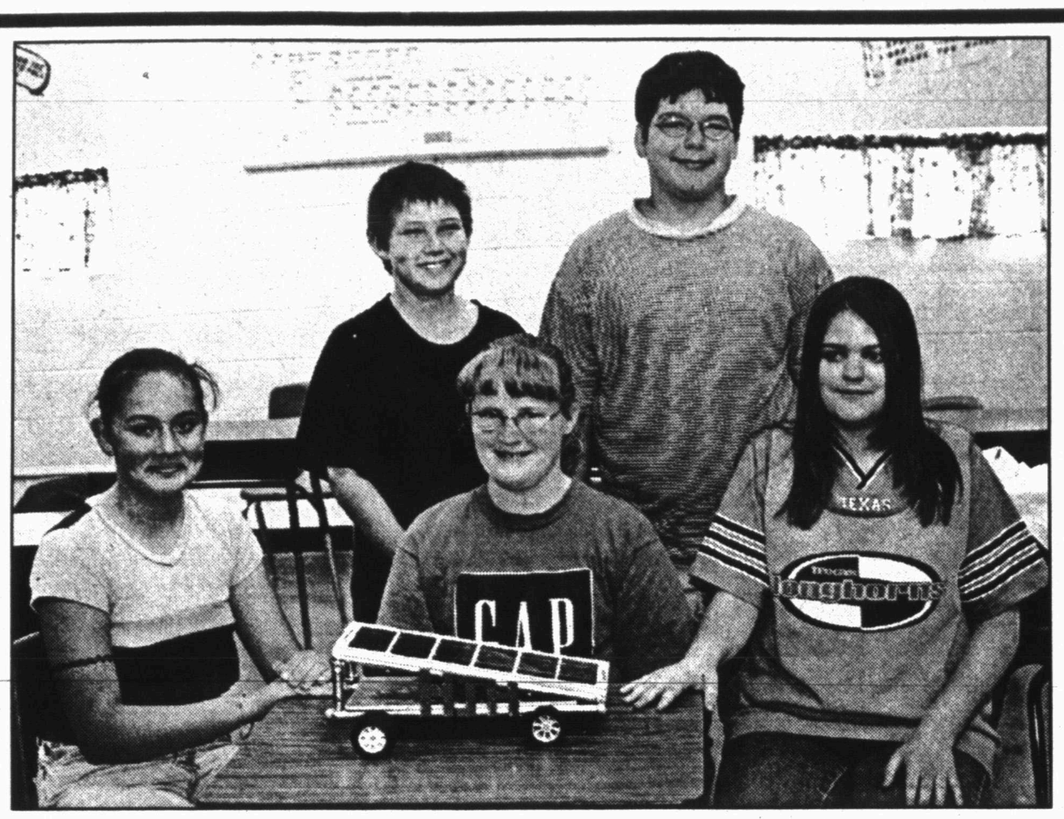
The students' first challenge will be the Abilene Area qualifying race on Saturday at Clack Middle School. Four winning teams from the Abilene area will then advance to the championship "Race of the Century" at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth April 29.

The competition is about more than speed, according to Daryl Thomas, TXU manager. Students can also claim trophies and cash prizes for their schools in four construction categories, most creative design, best use of recycled material, best use of school mascot and overall creativity.

"The races are also about education and the environment," Thomas said. "All of the competitors will win in terms of increased awareness of renewable energy sources and their hands-on experience with a developing technology that will help preserve the environment."

TXU Gas & Electric provides the basic model kits, including solar collectors. The construction, creativity and competitive spirit are provided by the students from grades 6-9.

The public is invited to view the qualifying race at noon on Saturday.



SOLAR CAR — For the fourth year, Hermleigh seventh graders have constructed a solar car which they will race Saturday in Abilene. Students who made the car are back row from left, Karl Smith, Justin Kelley; front row from left, Misty Ritch, Amy Botts, Shae Rinehart. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Bypass surgery helpful

By The Associated Press

Bypass surgery can dramatically reduce diabetics' risk of dying from a subsequent heart attack, according to a study in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh looked at 641 diabetics and 2,962 non-diabetics who had been treated for reduced blood flow to the heart with either bypass surgery or balloon angioplasty.

About 5 percent in each group had a first heart attack within the succeeding five years.

Among the diabetics, the differences in survival were dramatic: Only 17 percent of those who had undergone bypass surgery died after a heart attack, compared with 80 percent of those who had received angioplasty.

The study, like previous research, found that among non-diabetics, bypass surgery was no more effective than angioplasty in preventing deaths.

Diabetics with heart disease usually have much more extensive clogging of the arteries than non-diabetics, so when they suffer heart attacks their oxygen-starved hearts have a much harder time recovering.

However, the study suggests the heart recovers from a heart attack just as quickly in diabetics who have undergone bypass surgery as in non-diabetics, because bypass surgery is more effective long-term than angioplasty at maintaining healthy blood flow to the heart.

In bypass surgery, doctors cut away sections of badly damaged arteries leading to the heart, then graft pieces of healthy blood vessel — often from the patient's leg — in their place.

In balloon angioplasty, a tiny balloon is inflated inside a blood vessel to compress fatty buildup on the artery walls. Often, however, the procedure must be repeated because the arteries clog up again.

But the researchers, led by Dr. Katherine Detre, noted that newer research shows that stents — mesh tubes that are inserted during angioplasty — keep blood vessels open longer.

Several states eye if Smith & Wesson is being punished

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Smith & Wesson was lauded by many for exercising corporate responsibility earlier this year for agreeing to make its weapons more childproof

Gun groups and competitors, however, protested the deal. One group, Gun Owners of America, even urged its 200,000 members to boycott Smith & Wesson and to ask their dealers to stop carrying the company's products.

Now prosecutors in at least six states are investigating whether the gun industry is illegally trying to punish Smith & Wesson. Under antitrust law, it would be illegal for companies to collude to deprive Smith & Wesson of business opportunities.

"Exercising corporate responsibility should not be reason for your competitors to put a bull's eye on your back," said Nathan Barankin, a spokesman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

More than 20 subpoenas have been issued for firearms manufacturers, distributors and others, Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said Wednesday. He said the federal government also is studying the issue, but the Justice Department did not return a message seeking comment.

Smith & Wesson last month agreed to include safety locks with all handguns — external locks at first, and internal ones within two years. New guns will not accept magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition. Additionally, the company agreed to invest in "smart gun" technology that allows only the owner to pull the trigger, and to eliminate advertising that might attract children or criminals.

In exchange, a number of municipalities, states and the federal governments agreed not to sue the company over gun violence.

Now, Blumenthal said he had received reports of communication among companies, Internet postings, conversations or threats involving a ban on magazine ads for Smith & Wesson, and attempts to discourage lawyers from representing the manufacturer.

Blumenthal and the attorneys general of New York and Maryland began the investigation last week. Blumenthal said that California, Florida and Massachusetts are joining the probe.

"The indications are sufficiently strong that we believe a full-scale effort is justified," Blumenthal said.

Some Gulf War veterans die waiting for VA's judgment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decade after the U.S. victory in the Persian Gulf, veterans of the Iraqi war have the first glimmer of hope that sufferers from a variety of ailments known as Gulf War illnesses may automatically qualify for government compensation.

A new study to determine the rate of Lou Gehrig's disease among those who served in the conflict could open the door to automatic compensation.

The announcement comes too late for Rob Booker, who tried for nearly two years to qualify for compensation, arguing the Lou Gehrig's disease ravaging his body was connected to his service in the Gulf. The Department of Veterans Affairs investigation of his case dragged on because in almost all cases, Gulf War illnesses aren't automatically recognized by the government.

The VA finally agreed this week to grant Booker benefits. Unfortunately, the former Army national guardsman from Evergreen, Ala., died in February at age 35, leaving behind his wife, two daughters — ages 2 and 7 — and lots of frustration.

The family's compensation will amount to $1,300 a month in survivors' benefits.

In the study announced last month, the VA and other agencies will try to compare the rate of Gehrig's disease among the 700,000 veterans of the 1990-91 Gulf War to those diagnosed in the general population.

At least 28 Gulf conflict veterans have been diagnosed with possible amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), which destroys the brain and spinal cord nerve cells. It is the most deadly of so-called Gulf War illnesses, which also include severe reactions to certain smells, night sweats, lower back pain, diarrhea, cramps, fatigue and memory loss

If researchers establish a higher incidence among veterans, their finding could trigger a presumption that it was service-connected and lead to automatic compensation.

"We see this as a solid victory and a very positive move by the VA," said Paul Sullivan, spokesman for the National Gulf War Resources Center, a non-profit group. "It clearly opens the door."

Until then, Gulf veterans still must prove that ailments or injuries are connected to their service. About 136,000 veterans of the war have succeeded in securing disability payments.

For Booker's wife, Lynn, a study seems like a waste while sick and dying veterans are denied compensation. "They should use the money to help guys who need it," she said.

Some lawmakers share the Bookers' frustration.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., criticizes the VA for not giving Gulf veterans "the benefit of the doubt. The worst that could happen is you help someone who needs help."

And Rep. Bernard Sanders, a Vermont independent, said he is concerned that researchers on Gulf War illness "are not getting the kind of support we need from VA and the Department of Defense."

One researcher, Dr. Robert Haley, has concluded that Gulf veterans suffered brain injuries due to chemical exposure during the war. The chief of clinical epidemiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center also found the veterans have a higher death rate from auto accidents and suicides.

"People who have brain injuries have higher rates of automobile accidents and a higher rate of depression and suicide," Haley said. "We proposed that as an explanation and they (the VA) have not accepted it."

Dr. John R. Feussner, the VA's chief research and development officer, said the agency has been "very receptive to following leads that might help explain Gulf War illness." He said the agency is spending $160 million for 150 projects.

Those researchers are trying to learn whether Gulf veterans' ailments resulted from exposure to depleted uranium, tropical diseases, oil well fires or chemical weapons.

"Gulf War syndrome isn't as precise as fever or pneumonia. My fear is that people misunderstand how long it may take to clarify a difficult issue" and view the VA as "bad or inattentive," Feussner said.

He said that the 28 likely ALS diagnoses made so far would approximate the rate expected for the general population.

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ALS Association: http://www.alsa.org
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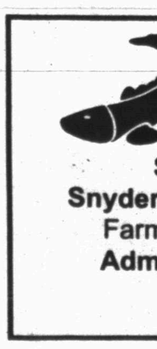
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Threats by cyberterrorists almost routine

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Threats from cyberterrorists have become almost routine at Oracle Corp., the leading developer of database software.

Last month, someone in Sudan tried to blackmail the company based in Redwood Shores with a threat to break into its system unless it paid an undisclosed sum of money.

A clear case for the FBI? Not at Oracle — or at hundreds of other high-tech victims of Internet cyberstalking.

"We've notified them of a couple of threats, but we didn't expect them to take any action," said Bill Maimone, Oracle's vice president of server technologies. "It seems so unlikely that they'd be able to do something."

As high-tech executives know, the Justice Department lacks the staff to investigate and prosecute most hackers. Many companies also are reluctant to undergo government scrutiny; they've got too many secrets.

As a result, cybercriminals are breaking into or paralyzing Web sites with little fear of retribution, costing the industry hundreds of millions of dollars.

At a Stanford University Law School conference on cybercrime Wednesday, Attorney General Janet pleaded for greater cooperation between the private and public sectors.

"It seems to me that we all have a common goal — to keep the nation's computer network secure, safe and reliable," Reno told the assembled CEOs and top prosecutors.

Many company leaders were unconvinced.

"High-tech businesses know they can't count on the Justice Department to handle their complaints," said John Palafoutas, a senior vice president of the American Electronics Association. "They know they must take care of their own security."

For the past four years, the Clinton administration has asked Congress for additional staff to prosecute computer crime. To date, the answer has been a consistent refusal.

There was just one cybercrime prosecution for every 50 private industry complaints in 1998, according to the latest Justice Department figures.

"We're only able to respond to a limited number of the complaints we receive because we're starved for resources," said Associate Deputy Attorney General John Bentivoglio.

While funding for prosecutors remains static, computer crime has quadrupled over the past three years, according to a survey by the FBI and San Francisco's Computer Security Institute.

Seventy-five percent of the hacking victims — most often corporations and government agencies — said it cost an average of $1 million per intrusion to investigate, repair and secure their systems.

Corporations spent $7.1 billion in 1999 on corporate security to protect themselves against cyberattacks and the bill could reach $17 billion by 2003, according to Internet analysts at Aberdeen Group in Boston, Mass.

Hackers know authorities are overwhelmed.

Two months have passed with no arrests in the Feb. 8 electronic assault that crippled Web sites at 10 major computer companies, including Silicon Valley powerhouses eBay, Yahoo! and ETrade.

EBay, the leading Internet auction site with more than 4.1 million items up for sale at any given time, fights a constant battle against hacking, fraud and illegal deals.

"We only take the most serious matters to the FBI. They investigated a few, but there haven't been any prosecutions," said eBay's general counsel, Robert Chesnut.

Meanwhile, companies like eBay and Oracle rely on the help of private consultants to combat hackers — a decision that also helps keep their problems from being publicized.

"Information-sharing is a risky proposition with less than clear benefits," said Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America.

On The Net:

Department of Justice:
http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/cybercrime

CERT Coordination Center:
http://www.cert.org

Computer Security Institute:
http://www.gocsi.com

More corruption charges hit LAPD

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a Los Angeles police officer and a former officer for allegedly falsifying evidence during a case five years ago, charges similar to those raised in the current Rampart corruption scandal.

The civil rights indictment announced Wednesday charges Officer Edward Ruiz and former Officer John Taylor, who were assigned to the 77th Division, with framing a suspect and lying under oath.

"Obviously, these officers participated in an activity similar to Rampart," Police Chief Bernard C. Parks said. "We certainly are saddened by the fact that two officers have dishonored their badge."

The investigation into the Rampart division focuses on allegations that anti-gang officers lied under oath, falsified reports, planted evidence and in some cases shot unarmed suspects. So far, 50 people have had their convictions overturned and two dozen officers have left active duty.

The three-count grand jury indictment against Ruiz and Taylor accuses the officers of conspiring to frame Victor Tyson for possession of a concealed weapon. U.S. Attorney Alejandro Mayorkas said the officers were chasing two black men who dropped a revolver and escaped. Tyson, who was standing nearby, was arrested even though officers allegedly knew he was not one of the suspects.

Also Wednesday, the City Council unanimously agreed to settle lawsuits filed by two men, Ismael Jiminiz and Eduardo Hernandez, who said they were beaten and falsely arrested by anti-gang officers in the Rampart division. The settlement includes $400,000 for the men.

Police Cmdr. David J. Kalish said through a spokesman that he believes the settlement is the first stemming from the corruption scandal. The payments could mark the start of legal bills that some have estimated will cost the city tens of millions of dollars.

The council also voted 10-1 in favor of a resolution asking the U.S. Justice Department to become the lead coordinating agency in the corruption probe, which already involves federal and state agents.

Separately, the Police Commission announced the formation of a task force on the mentally disabled nearly a year after a police officer shot to death a mentally ill homeless woman.

Commissioner Dean Hansell, who will chair the Mentally Disabled Task Force, said the group wasn't specifically formed as a response to the May 21 shooting of Margaret Mitchell but it "certainly was relevant."

Officer Edward Larrigan shot Mitchell as he and his partner questioned her about a shopping cart they suspected was stolen. The officers said Mitchell lunged at them with a screwdriver.

Parks ruled the shooting was justified, but the civilian Police Commission, which oversees the department, found that it violated LAPD policy.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Too much sugar is bad for dad

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 65-year-old, trim father has a habit of drinking one cup of sugar in three quarts of iced tea every day. Will this sugar hurt him?

DEAR READER: Very likely. He is consuming too much sugar; in fact, he is drinking too much tea altogether. With time, his system may develop an inability to metabolize such a glucose load. This could cause a form of age-related diabetes, because his pancreas gland may become incapable of producing enough insulin to take care of the sugar. In addition, tea contains compounds — such as tannic acid and caffeine — that are unhealthful when consumed in large quantities.

I suggest that your father cut down to no more than two or three glasses of iced tea a day, sweetened with moderate amounts of sugar. He can supplement this with plain tap water or with juices. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." 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: I fought in North Africa in the early 1940s. In an army booklet, we were warned of a disease called yaws. I never knew anyone who had it. What is it?

DEAR READER: Certain microorganisms (called treponema) are larger than bacteria and can cause a disease that is identical to syphilis — with one exception: these treponema infections (known as yaws, pinta and "endemic" syphilis) are not spread by intimate contact, as is syphilis. Such infections, which were once common in underdeveloped regions of the world, were spread by non-sexual body contact.

Yaws begins as a raised rash at the site of contact; it appears to heal, then is followed by a generalized eruption in the skin. Eventually, the infection invades bone, causing fearsome ulcerations, particularly involving the nose. The disease is readily treated with penicillin, an antibiotic that was generally not available in the 1940s. Fortunately, the illness is not the public health problem it once was.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My urinalysis showed microhematuria. What is this?

DEAR READER: Hematuria means blood in the urine; microhematuria means that the blood is visible only through a microscope (or with sensitive dip-stick testing), not with the naked eye. Bleeding into the urine is always abnormal and should be investigated. It can arise from any source of irritation within the urinary tract including infection, tumors or stones.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, April 7, 2000

In the year ahead, you're likely to develop a more relaxed attitude that will serve you well, both commercially and socially. Look for brighter and more pleasant times.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Everyone needs to feel appreciated, so make it a point today to compliment those you feel are worthy of special notice. It will go a long way to solidifying relationships. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even in your business dealings today, if you let the other guy feel he's the only one who can gratify your requirements, it could gain you extra considerations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A pal you'll stand by today will not readily forget your true-blue qualities. What's more, you'll be elevated in the eyes of those who witness your loyalty.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) When under pressure today, you'll have good reserves upon which to draw that which you might not even know you possess. It'll feel good to know they exist.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you have some good information to impart today, do share it with others, but let your old stand-bys be the first to see if it is something they would appreciate knowing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone you may have never thought would offer support might go all out today to help you without even being asked. Your gratitude will gain you a new friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The wonderful way you'll have of relating to those with whom you'll be involved today will be imbued with harmony and pleasant memories.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone at work who may have unfairly judged you based upon distorted information could discover differently today. You and this person might even become very good friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today could be the exception to the rule of never letting your heart rule your head. When the circumstances warrant it, let compassion take precedence over practicality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Work you perform today that's instrumental in making pleasant changes for the entire family will be greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the entire clan. You'll be glad you did the job.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Expressions of sincere devotion will elevate the spirits of those you truly love and make the day a rousing success. Don't hold back your feelings.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The secret to success today is to first be the giver. Even when outward appearances make you think another person wouldn't respond, your success will negate this notion.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



New mom is living proof of blood donors value

DEAR ABBY: Last month I gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Unfortunately, after the delivery, I hemorrhaged so severely I needed an emergency hysterectomy.

I am alive today thanks to the quick action and skill of my physicians and nurses, and to the selfless gift of six units of blood from anonymous donors. My ability to hold and care for my beautiful daughter hinges on the fact that I received blood transfusions, a fact that makes me realize what a precious gift blood is.

When I finally regain my strength, I pledge to donate blood, and hope this letter will prompt others to follow my example.

Thank you, blood donors one and all, for a priceless gift. (By the way, my baby's name is Abby, and she is also a dear!) — **LITTLE ABBY'S MOM**

DEAR MOM: I am pleased that you and your dear "little Abby" are doing well. Thank you for the reminder that lifesaving blood is in short supply and donations are needed across the country. Potential blood donors should contact their nearest Red Cross Center or hospital with a blood bank.

P.S. If you've never thought of being a blood donor, please consider this:

WHAT GOOD IS A BLOOD DONOR?

A blood donor is good for people who go through windshields and red lights. For somebody with leukemia. For people being operated on. For barefoot kids who aren't careful. For people who are into feudin' and fightin'. For hemophiliacs and daredevils. For people undergoing dialysis while waiting for a kidney transplant. For people who fool around with guns. For little kids who manage to uncap a bottle of something poisonous.

A blood donor is good for people who have been badly burned. For new mothers who need transfusions. For new babies who need a complete change of blood supply. For people having open-heart surgery. For cancer patients. For people with severe hepatitis and anemia. For kids who fall out of trees or whatever. For anybody at any age with bleeding ulcers. For people who were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

A blood donor is good for people who are in a lot worse shape than most people you know.

A blood donor is good for life!

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DEAR ABBY: I have a pet peeve I have been intending to write you about for a long time. It's clothing manufacturers who put labels in clothing that are irritating to people with sensitive skin. Not only are they placed in the necklines of garments, but also in the waistband of panties and slacks. It wouldn't be so bad, but they sew them into the seam of the garment so if you want to rip them out you also rip the seam.

Henceforth, I'll check the label of every garment before I buy it to make sure the label can be easily removed. — **JEWELL IN FRESNO, CALIF.**

DEAR JEWELL: Your pet peeve happens to be one of mine as well, and I've been "itching" to say something about it for a long time.

If manufacturers want their brand names remembered, it should be for positive reasons, not for constant irritation.

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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 per booklet ($4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Warrants issued for top leaders of cult

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Uganda issued arrest warrants today for six doomsday cult leaders believed to have survived their sect's fiery end, which killed hundreds of their followers.

Police have failed to identify the bodies of Joseph Kibwetere, Credonia Mwerinde, Dominic Kataribabo and three less prominent leaders among the cult's dead, although many of the victims' corpses were burned or rotted beyond recognition.

"We believe they are alive and in hiding," said Erasmus Opia, acting director of the Criminal Investigation Division in Kampala. "We have no evidence to the contrary."

The six have been charged with murder, said Richard Buteera, director of public prosecution. Police have uncovered at least 924 bodies at several cult compounds.

The suspects face death by hanging if caught and convicted.

Uganda also has obtained international warrants through Interpol, in case any have fled the country, Opia said. No sightings of the cult leaders have been reported since the March 17 fire at the sect's chapel.

The other warrants were for Joseph Kasapurari, John Kamagara and Ursula Komuhangi — charged because articles of registration and other documents identified them as officials of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God, Opia said.

An explosive chapel fire in Kanungu burned alive 530 people, revealing to the world the deadly activities of the doomsday cult.

Marchers against Confederate flag demonstrate at statehouse

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Hundreds of marchers protesting the Confederate flag that flies above the Statehouse ended a five-day trek today, demonstrating on the building's steps as Gov. Jim Hodges joined their cry to remove the banner.

Several hundred people supporting the banner created a sea of Confederate flags on the Statehouse's north side as anti-flag demonstrators massed on the building's south side.

"We must, as South Carolinians, move forward and get this issue resolved, and we must move the flag from the dome," Hodges, a Democrat who has for months said the flag should be moved, told the crowd. "I don't know about you, but, frankly, I'm tired of the debate."

Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr., who organized the 120-mile "Get in Step" march, said it had "just been a wonderful, historical event."

More than 400 people walked down one of two city-bound lanes of a highway today, squeezing rush-hour cars into the other lane. Hundreds more joined the crowd at the Statehouse.

One was former Gov. David Beasley, whose attempt to lower the flag in 1995 was rebuffed by fellow Republicans who control the state House. Instead, they passed legislation giving the General Assembly sole power to take the flag down.

Pro-flag demonstrators, meanwhile, carried signs that said "Let My People Go" and "God Save the South" as some chanted "We want to vote," referring to state Attorney General Charlie Condon's call for a referendum on the issue.

Flag supporter Jerry Sullivan said Riley had a new nickname, "LBJ, Little Black Joe, because of what he's doing today."

The Legislature is squabbling over what to do about the flag. It was raised over the Statehouse in 1962 to commemorate the Civil War centennial, though critics suggest it was also to protest desegregation. Those who want it lowered say it represents hate and slavery. Supporters see it as a heritage symbol that honors Confederate war dead.

The state Senate on Wednesday took a small step and agreed to set a flag bill on priority status for floor debate, possibly on Wednesday.

Obituaries

Jean Bennett

1940-2000

Funeral service for Billie Jean Bennett, 59, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, officiating.



Jean Bennett

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bennett died Wednesday, April 5, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Born May 11, 1940 in Stamford, she married Roy Bennett on Dec. 3, 1955 in Rotan.

Mrs. Bennett had lived in Snyder from 1963-75 before moving to Kermit. She returned to Snyder in 1977. She had been employed by ASAP Answering Service the past 20 years.

A member of the First Baptist Church, she was preceded in death by a son, David Bennett, on Jan. 13, 1995.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Bennett of Snyder; a daughter, Tonya Herrera of Snyder; two sons, Roy Bennett Jr. of Jayton and Donald Bennett of Salado; three sisters, Stella Huffstutler of Leesburg, Carol Newton of Mount Pleasant and Bertha Shepherd of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; four brothers, Yuel Ulmer of Hobbs, N.M., Macon Ulmer of Lockney, Alvin Ulmer of Sagerton and Ray Ulmer of Hamlin; a great-aunt, Erna Hanson of Stamford; and six grandchildren, Rebecca, Melissa, Nicole and Kailey Bennett, Chris Richards and Savannah Herrera.

The family will greet friends from 6:30-7:30 this evening at the funeral home.

Friends are contributing to the Texas Church Builders Fund at the First Baptist Church, the Gideon International, Box 534 in Snyder, and the West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene 79605-9989.

A.M. Melton

1929-2000

A.M. Melton, longtime Hermleigh resident, died Wednesday, April 5, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Melton, 70, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born July 13, 1929 in Eastland, he married Rosalee Owens on Jan. 12, 1949 in Cisco.

Mr. Melton, a Baptist, moved to Snyder in 1950 and moved to Hermleigh in 1959. He was employed by Lone Star Gas from 1950-70. A master plumber, Mr. Melton owned and operated a plumbing business.

He was preceded in death by a son, Wayne Melton, in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalee Melton of Hermleigh; one son, James Melton of Snyder; six daughters, Cynthia Cox of Waco, Rita Melton of Clayton, N.M., Jeanne Braziel of Bakersfield, Calif., Caroline Granados of San Antonio, Susan Hembree of Hermleigh and Patti Kesner of Jacksonville, Fla.

George Vicary

1919-2000

George Vicary, longtime Hermleigh educator, died Tuesday, April 4, in Hoyt House in Sweetwater following a lengthy illness.



George Vicary

Funeral service for Mr. Vicary, 80, was set for 4 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Larry Cardin of Sweetwater, former minister of the Hermleigh Church of Christ, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

Born Aug. 12, 1919 in Michigan, he married Milton Joyce on June 4, 1942 in Snyder.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a B.S. degree, Mr. Vicary moved to Scurry County after World War II and began teaching a Young Farmers Program for veterans in Hermleigh. He then served as Hermleigh High School principal for 24 years until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Milton Vicary of Hermleigh; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Terry Row and Danna and Jimmy Barnes, all of Hermleigh; and five grandchildren, Robin Burney, Shaun Barnes, Summer Barnes, Casey Row and Shannon Barnes.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to the American Heart Association.

Keith Bamsey

1945-2000

AUSTIN - Keith A. Bamsey, a former Snyder resident, died Feb. 24, in Hope Hospice House in Ft. Myers, Fla.

Mr. Bamsey was buried at Beaukiss Community Cemetery near Austin on Feb. 26. On March 15, a memorial service was held at Vineyard Community Church in Cape Coral, Fla.



Keith Bamsey

Mr. Bamsey was a contract painter for 34 years, working in Snyder from 1992 to 1997. He was a cross-country truck driver for USXpress until Nov. 1998 when his cancer returned. He was a member of Vineyard Community Church in Cape Coral.

Preceding him in death were his mother, Florence Anne Gremmels, in 1990; and his father, Arthur Bamsey of Hiawatha, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Bamsey of Snyder; two daughters, Sherri Russell of Phoenix, Ariz., and Christine Minor of Dallas; two stepchildren, Max Thomas of Lubbock and Cindy Swink of Cape Coral; four sisters, Pat Baker of Neponset, Ill., Sandra Emmert of Marion, Iowa, Linda Dailey and Paula Wilson, both of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; two brothers, Larry Bamsey of Dallas and Garland Bamsey of Cedar Rapids; four grandsons; and 13 nieces and nephews.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 5 — Janie Alaniz, Christina Arnold, Lisa Brooks, R.L. Burditt, Mer ia Hunter, Edwardo Martinez, Emily Harding, Lisa Lee, Melba Light, Bertha White and Zella White.

DISMISSALS: R.L. Burditt, Claudia Gutierrez, Melba Light, Arlene Olivarez and Bonnie Strickland.

CENSUS: 50 (Med./Surg.-19, Long-term Care-24, ICU-3, OB-2 and Nursery-2)

Births

Joe and Edolina Thamez announce the birth of their son, Christopher Anthony Thamez, weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces, at 6:42 a.m. in a Hanover, Pa., hospital.

Christopher was welcomed home by his brothers, Michael, Peter, Justin, Zack and Zane, and a sister, Valerie. Grandparents are Al and Teresa Galindo of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. John Lopez of Rule.

Christina Arnold of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 6:02 p.m. on April 5 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces.

Danny and Lisa Brooks of Snyder are parents of a seven-pound, 6 ½-ounce daughter. She was born at 11:15 a.m. on April 5 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Two men jailed on Wednesday

Two individuals were taken into custody Wednesday by local law enforcement officers.

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 46-year-old male at 3:08 p.m. one mile north of Hermleigh on U.S. Hwy. 84 for driving while license suspended.

At 10:48 p.m., officers took a 34-year-old male into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, no motorcycle license, no liability insurance and failure to report address change. The subject was arrested in the 2600 block of Avenue M.

In other activity, an offense report for Class A assault was filed at 4:23 p.m.

At 6:38 p.m., officers took a report for assault/family violence.

Michael Brasher contacted officers at 8:06 p.m. to report his son's bicycle missing. An offense report was submitted for Class B theft.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 6:30 p.m. in the 2200 block of Avenue Z. Involved were a 1992 Chevrolet Caprice driven by Amy Jewell Reynolds, 16, of 111 Birch and a 1982 Datsun Maxima driven by Charles Spencer Smith, 53, of 701 School Street in Hermleigh.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tennis parents meeting

A meeting of 7th and 8th grade tennis parents will be held at 7 this evening at Texas Savings Bank.

GED exams

GED examinations will be administered Friday and again April 28 in the testing center at WTC. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297.

Brisket dinner

Church on the Rock will sponsor a brisket dinner as a fundraiser from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at 2214 42nd Street.

Benefit dance, BBQ

A benefit dance and barbecue for John Cagle will be begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder VFW. There will be a raffle and music by Texas Mesquite.

Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is set for from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Parish Center. Tickets are available at the door for $6 for adults and take-outs, and $3 for children under 12. The sausage dinner with all the trimmings is all-you-can eat. The festival will also have game booths, raffles and a country store. Sausage sold by the pound is $2.75 uncooked and $3.75 cooked.

Golden K fish fry

The Golden K Kiwanis will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center. Plates, including carryouts, are $6.50 each. Children under six may eat free.

Retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at the Shack. Mrs. Jo Ashley will present the program.

UW board meeting

Scurry County United Way board of directors will meet at noon Monday at the chamber of commerce office.

CHIP program signup

A representative of CHIP, a program to provide children's health coverage for parents who can't afford private insurance, will be in Snyder from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday. Applications and assistance will be available at 1212 37th St. at Winston Park. For more information call 1-800-592-7433, ext. 21.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday in the school library. The topic Tuesday is "Expanding Your Child's Math Ability." Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit's immunization clinic is held each Thursday in April from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

FBC worship service

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

Ladies Auxiliary election

Ladies Auxiliary for VFW Post 8231 will be held April 17. All members are urged to attend.

Sonshine School

Pre-registration for the Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is now in progress for the 2000-01 school year. Call 573-0549 or 573-1700 for more information.

Summer, fall pre-registration

Pre-registration for Children's Day out at the First United Methodist Church is underway through May 15 for the summer and fall. The program provides childcare on Tuesday and Thursdays during June and July. The fall session begins in August. Call Barbara at 573-4770 for more information.

King's Kids pre-registration

Pre-registration for King's Kids and Mother's Day Out for the 2000-01 school year is underway. King's Kids is offered Mondays and Wednesday for ages 1-5, and Mother's Day Out is Friday for ages three months to five years. Call the First Baptist Church for more information at 573-7401.

1990 SHS reunion

The 1990 senior class of SHS is planning a 10-year reunion in July. If you are a graduate, or have contact with a graduate, contact Anne Osborn @Echostar.com, or call Jennifer Pate at 915-223-9110 in San Angelo, or contact Shelley LaRoux at 574-1826, or mail information to 3209 40th St.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Pick 3

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

9-0-2

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The winning numbers were 20, 21, 25, 38, 39, 49

The ticket was worth an estimated $13 million.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $17 million.

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