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Lower than last year...

City sets new tax rate

Taxpayers within the city of Snyder will see a drop in the tax rate for the coming fiscal year as the city council Monday night adopted a rate of $.3935 per $100 valuation.

This is the effective tax rate, or the rate the city needs in order to raise the same amount of money as last year's rate of $.4021.

The council was able to lower the tax rate due to the increase in valuations in the city for the coming year.

Total taxable values for the city last year were $226,388,127. This year, taxable values are set at $234,265,854 — an increase of $7,877,727.

The council also adopted on first reading an ordinance setting the city's expenditures for the coming year in the amount of $8,391,570.

While this is slightly higher than last year's budget of $8,242,450, citizens will be paying the same rates for their water, sewer and sanitation services.

The city administration had not proposed an increase in utility rates.

Two items of business were tabled by the council.

No action was taken on bids for a belt press at the city's waste water treatment facility, nor was the Development Corporation of Snyder's budget considered.

Councilman Dayton Robertson was out of town and he requested that consideration of the belt press bids be delayed until next month when he can be present for the discussion.

The DCOS budget will be presented next month as well.

The council considered several ordinances last evening, including approval of a zone change in the 700 block of 26th Street from R3 to C1. Also approved was a zone change in the 1500 block of 16th Street from M1-R3.

Also okayed was an ordinance annexing a small tract of land just south of a planned senior housing development on South College Avenue, and an ordinance forbidding parking on Beaumont Street between 37th and 38th Street during the hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on school days.

This ordinance will be in effect when school starts next Wednesday.

Mayor David Holt presided, and council members in attendance were Vernest Tippens, Jerry Webb, Terry Martin and I.E. Martin.

SERIOUS INJURIES — Eight-year-old Gilberto Martinez is being tended to by Snyder EMS personnel Kristi Cox, right, and Cindy Josey, top right. Also assisting is Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson, left, and Lt. Steve Warren of the Snyder Police Department. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A day without sunshine is...well, like night."

Snyder's Stanley Noah doesn't get out as much as he used to, but his love and interest in his community remain keen.

Stanley, a long-time independent businessman who helped Snyder evolve, still gets frustrated about the lack of civic involvement and pride. Stanley paid his community dues, serving on the Snyder city council and being active in the chamber of commerce.

He brought us an article which had some excellent "food for thought."

Here are some of the highlights worth considering:

"Two reports this past week show why reviving civic spirit in America is probably the only cure for rampant public cynicism — and why that it is going to be devilishly difficult.

"The common conclusion: Americans must regain the habit of active citizenship and take more personal responsibility for what is happening in their communities...

"Despite peace and prosperity, people continue to feel alienated and disaffected. They are dissatisfied with government and distrustful of the way power is exercised by those who have it.

"The press, the churches, the schools, and elected officials at all levels have an important role to play.

"What is striking, however, is the common theme that it is only by becoming active participants in civic life — being players, not spectators — that genuine sense of empowerment and trust is likely to be rekindled.

"Citizenship begins with commitment rather than expertise. Citizens do not need special preparation, advanced education or bureaucratic permits to get involved.

"Active citizenship must be made a central precept of every youngster's education. Youngsters learn by example and both reports are candid about the difficulty of jarring millions of us adults out of our lethargy and cyunicism.

"The question is how to convince apathetic people that if they'll stop being apathetic, they'll be able to help society — and help themselves."

Stanley's right!

Hearing set Monday...

WTC gets more money, lowers proposed taxes

A "pleasant surprise" fell in the laps of Western Texas College trustees Monday evening, in the amount of $98,000.

Director of Fiscal Services Patricia Claxton, notified WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek moments before the scheduled public hearing on the proposed tax rate that the state had allotted an additional $98,000 to WTC based on enrollment.

The additional revenue means that the proposed tax rate of $.3275 is no longer necessary to fund the proposed 1998-1999 budget.

The new proposed rate is $.31, which is slightly over the effective rate of $.3065. The effective rate is the rate which will produce the same amount of tax dollars as last year.

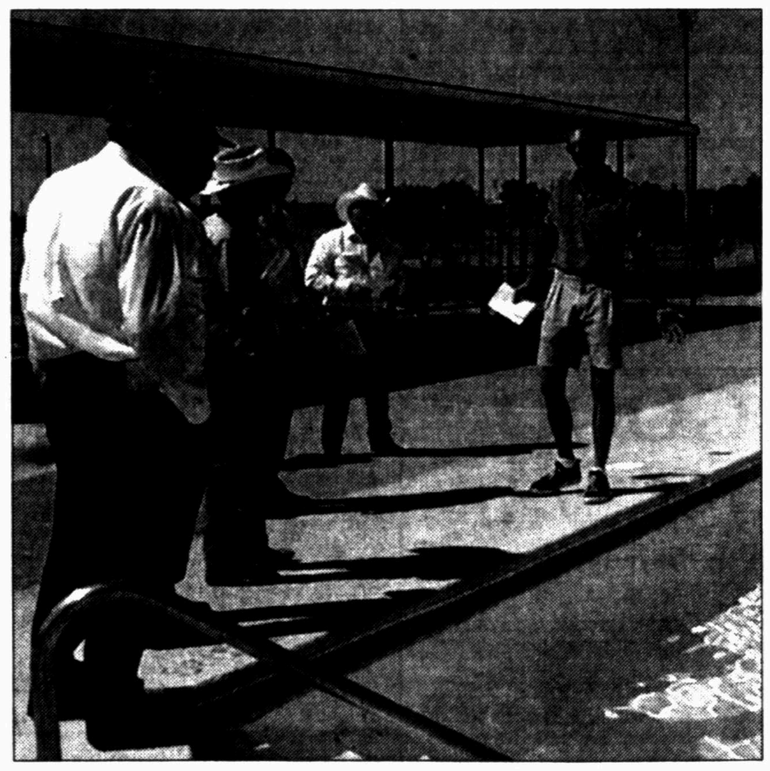
The board agreed set the proposed rate at its regular board meeting Monday.

Trustees are expected to adopt the proposed budget during that time also.

Dr. Krenek said of the additional state funds, "It is a very pleasant surprise. I think it reflects the health of the state."

Other than board members and WTC administrators, no others attended the hearing.

Dr. Jay Kidd presided and board members present included Lee Presswood, Eddie Peterson, R.C. Patton, Drew Bullard and Jackie Greene. Carolyn Barbee was absent.



COUNTY POOL STUDY — Commissioners met Monday and reconvened at the swimming pool in Towle Park to hear from pool manager Mike Harrison, right, and see first hand the needs of the swimming pool. Commissioners shown from left are Howard Limmer, Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

8-year-old hurt while jumping on vehicle hood

An eight-year-old Snyder youth is in serious condition at Lubbock's University Medical Center following an accident Monday afternoon in which he was run over by a vehicle.

Gilberto Martinez, 805 27th St., was first taken by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital following the report of the accident shortly after 1 p.m. in the 900 block of 27th Street.

He was then transferred by helicopter to the Lubbock hospital around 3:50 p.m.

According to police reports, a 1992 Dodge driven by Michelle Gonzalez, 19, of 904 27th St. was west-bound on 27th St.

Gonzalez told officers that Martinez jumped on the hood of her car and when she was trying to stop and make him get off, he fell off the car and the vehicle rolled over him.

He suffered visible wounds to his right arm and right leg.

No charges were filed.

Summer comes to end for Snyder teachers

The summer is over for teachers and administrators in the Snyder Independent School District as its annual convocation is set Wednesday.

The event will be held at Worsham Auditorium beginning at 9 a.m.

It will be preceded by a continental breakfast at 8 a.m.

The general session will be called to order by SHS student Sharika Wofford, followed by the invocation by Dr. Craig Curry, minister of the First United Methodist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by West Elementary sixth grader Logan West.

State Rep. David Counts, along with board of trustees president Mark McCormick and Snyder Mayor David Holt will speak before the keynote address by Supt. Gayle Lomax.

Other playform guests will include Snyder City Manager John Gayle and Western Texas College president Dr. Harry Krenek.

Others program participants include the SHS band led by director Walter Reneau, Susan Scott, Jacob Hodges, trustee Luann Burleson and Vicki Vargas.

The convocation will conclude at noon.

Grand jury indicts five people Monday

Five people were indicted by the Scurry County grand jury Monday, including a 30-year-old Snyder man who had been indicted last month for forgery charges. He had four indictments returned against him Monday — all for forgery.

Geronimo Garcia Costilla, of 2807 Ave. U was indicted for forging checks on the account of E.L. Farmer and Company during the months of April and May.

Costilla was charged with the same offense last month and has been in jail since he was arrested on June 23.

His bond on each offense is $5,000.

Costilla has had previous indictments in the Panhandle, being indicted for forgery in Randall County and for delivery of a controlled substance, forgery and two counts of burglary in Potter County.

Raymond Rodriguez Jr., 25, of 2506 W. 1st St. in Amarillo was indicted on two counts by the grand jury — for bail jumping and failure to appear.

Rodriguez failed to appear for a court date on July 9 following two indictments for forgery. His bond is set at $10,000 on each indictment.

Frank Bariones Alarcon, 58, of 2806 Ave. Y was indicted for a July 15 offense of driving while intoxicated, a third degree felony.

Alarcon had previously been convicted of DWI in March, 1989 in Travis County, and in January, 1990 in Scurry County.

His bond is set at $5,000.

Moses Joe Morin Jr. was indicted for the July 31 offense of assault/family violence.

Morin, 30, of 804 27th St. had been convicted two times previously in Scurry County for assault against a family member.

His bond is set at $5,000.

Jenny Ann Arispe, 19, of 1245 N. Ave. R was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, a state jail felony.

Arispe is accused of having less than one ounce of cocaine in her possession on June 9 of this year.

Her bond is $5,000.

Renovations needed at Towle Park pool

Repairs are needed at Towle Park swimming pool, County Judge Ricky Fritz said Monday after he and commissioners toured the facility.

"We feel like we are going to have to make repairs," the judge said. "We have asked pool manager Mike Harrison to get an itemized list and bids on everything so we can discuss them during budget time."

Scurry County Commissioners Court, which met in special session Monday, recessed at 10:30 a.m. before reconvening at the pool.

Some of the needed repairs include painting the pool and outside walls of the building, installing new vacuum hoses and repairing or replacing diving boards.

Fritz also said the built-in stairs used to get in and out of the pool have crumbled.

He said, however, the pool is not dangerous. "I think unsightly is how I would describe it."

Also, Fritz said, the pump room needs some electrical and plumbing work.

The pool is also in need of a new chlorine injector system.

Frtiz predicted a lot of the work can be done by the inmate workforce, with the exception of plumbing and electrical.

ASK US

Q.-If the bond issue passes, they have told us the additional taxes on the cost of a house, what about farm land?

A—See Page 10 for answer.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 101 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 71; .07 of an inch precipitation; total for 1998, 5.82 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; 30% chance of storms. Low, upper 60s. NE wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, 30% chance of storms. High, upper 80s. N-NE wind 5-15 mph.

Cinthia Arellano
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:37 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.
Of 215 days in 1998, the sun has shone 213 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"People who make no mistakes lack boldness and the spirit of adventure. They are the brakes on the wheels of progress."

Dale E. Turner

Recently orphaned toddler could have 2nd shock in store

BUENA VISTA, Va. (AP) — A few weeks ago, after much procrastination, Rebecca Chittum's grandparents finally told her that the people she's known as mommy and daddy for three years had been killed in a car crash.

Kevin Chittum and Tamara Whitney Rogers were in heaven, they said.

Now, the grandparents may have to tell Rebecca something just as difficult: that there was a mix-up in the hospital where she was born and her biological mother is a total stranger who lives about 70 miles away.

"This is just awful," Rosa Chittum, Rebecca's paternal grandmother, said Monday.

"I don't have any idea how they're going to tell her," said Mary Watts, Rebecca's great aunt. "My sister's about going crazy."

Lawyers representing the families of Rebecca and the girl who went home with her biological mother told today's Richmond Times-Dispatch that they have agreed to work on an arrangement that would keep each child in the family she knows while allowing the other families to develop a relationship with the children.

Earlier, some of the family members raising Rebecca since the death of her parents had said they hoped to switch the children, though child experts had warned that could be traumatic for the young girls.

"All the parties have come together," said Cynthia A Johnson, the attorney for Paula Johnson, who is raising the other girl, Callie Marie. The attorney, who is not related to her client, planned to accompany Ms. Johnson to a news conference this afternoon in Charlottesville.

The hospital, meanwhile, has not said conclusively that Ms. Johnson is Rebecca's mother, or that Ms. Rogers was Callie Marie's mother.

Mrs. Chittum's son, her would-be daughter-in-law, a daughter, granddaughter and two neighborhood children were killed in the crash July 4th. It happened one day after Ms. Johnson, who gave birth at the same time as Ms. Rogers in the University of Virginia Medical Center, learned that the girl she has raised ever since is not the one she delivered back in July 1995.

In a statement Monday, Ms. Johnson said she had met Ms. Rogers at the hospital.

"I remember Whitney from the hospital as a warm and enthusiastic person. My heart goes out to the families for their losses. Their pain is more than anyone should have to bear," she said.

While initial blood tests indicated Rebecca is not the baby Ms. Rogers delivered, Rebecca's grandparents have so far refused to allow a DNA analysis that would show for certain if they are Rebecca's blood relatives.

"They want to know, but they don't want to know," their attorney, Pete Robey, said. And either way, he said, the grandparents on both sides of Rebecca's family want to continue sharing custody of the child.

"The grandparents dearly love this child they have and they very much want for her to stay right here in Buena Vista where she has been loved and raised with the only family she has ever known," Robey said.

Albertson's merging with American to become No. 1

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A huge national grocery and drug store chain that reaches from coast to coast in 37 states will be created now that Albertson's Inc. announced the purchase of American Stores Co. for $8.3 billion.

The deal, announced Monday, will create a supermarket giant with more than 2,470 stores and annual revenues topping $36 billion. That would put it ahead of current No. 1 Kroger and Safeway, the nation's second-largest grocery chain.

For Albertson's and American Stores — owner of Acme, Jewel and Lucky stores — the deal is historic. In 1939, the family of American Stores founder Samuel Skaggs lent Joe Albertson the money to buy his first Albertson's grocery store.

On Wall Street, investors cheered the deal. American Stores stock shot up $5.31¼, or 23 percent, to $28.50 as the most active issue on the New York Stock Exchange. Albertson's shares rose 50 cents to $48.50, also on the NYSE.

Albertson's corporate headquarters will remain in Boise, Idaho, and the company will keep its name. Albertson's intends to retain both companies' current store names, although some individual store names may change.

Albertson's operates in the Midwest, West and Southern states. American Stores is spread across the country from Boston to California with most of its stores in California and Texas.

As supermarkets themselves have grown into vast emporiums in recent years, the companies that operate them have also been striving to get ever larger as well. Increased size gives the store companies greater strength in bargaining with suppliers.

UNLOADING PAPER — Simon Gutierrez, left, and Terry Keller unload boxes of paper at West Elementary in preparation for the first day of class which begins on Aug. 12. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

English-only education starts to take effect in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Esther Castruita's convictions took a back seat to reality on the first day of classes under a law mandating English-only instruction.

Calling the switch "more emotional than hectic," Ms. Castruita — principal of Hughes Elementary School in Cudahy and a bilingual education supporter — vowed Monday to adapt to the new law that virtually eliminates classes not taught in English.

Nevertheless, she said: "We are bidding farewell to a very dear friend, a bilingual friend that we believe in. It's like mourning, but now the denial phase is over."

Her school is part of the Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second largest. Of its 687,000 students, about 312,000 have limited English proficiency.

Monday, the first day of class at 50 schools, was also the first school day under the new law.

"They should have done something about it years ago," said Sylvia Velaz, whose 9-year old daughter, Jasmine, attends fourth grade at Hughes. "I don't think bilingual education works very well. If they're kept in an environment where they're speaking Spanish all the time, it won't do anything."

Voters in June overwhelmingly approved the new law, which still requires that children who have limited English ability be placed in a one-year immersion course. After 30 days, parents can get a waiver to put their child back in bilingual education under limited conditions.

Critics have said the law is yet another strike against immigrants in California, where voters have already removed health, education and welfare benefits for immigrants, and the University of California has banned affirmative action.

In Lucia Espinoza's combination second- and third-grade class at Hughes, her 13 students sat cross-legged at her feet as she read a story to them about a boy who did not like school and walked to class slowly.

"Who can show me how you walk slowly?" Ms. Espinoza asked. A boy raised his hand and shuffled across the rug in front of his classmates.

The simple exchange was a lesson in comprehension. The children did not actually say the word "slowly," but they could grasp its meaning. Later, they will learn to read it.

An immersion class is active and noisy as children learn English through visuals, such as words and pictures on the walls, role-playing, puppetry and being read to aloud.

"Children are very, very resilient," said Victor Chavira, a fourth-grade teacher at Hughes. "They will adapt. But how well they adapt remains to be seen. It's a gray area."

Teacher Isabel Rodriguez, who teaches first grade at Theresa Hughes Elementary School, said she was frustrated on the first day.

"They're anxious anyway because it's their first day of school, and I was unable to console them in their language," said Ms. Rodriguez, 28. "So I had to use simple, basic words in English to tell them that everything will be all right."

Correction

In Sunday's Back to Basics column, the time the ASSET test will be administered on Aug. 18 was incorrectly listed. The correct time will be noon to 4 p.m.

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Berry's World

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"Have you ever wondered about what's going on OUTSIDE the Beltway?"

GOOD NEWS

By Wayne Horton

It's a settled fact that we are saved by grace and not works. God paid the price simply because He loves us. Otherwise we'd all go around boasting. (Cf. Ephesians 2:8, 9).

It's dangerous to teach salvation by grace. Two erroneous responses are possible: First, one might get the idea that he can do anything he desires and still have God's approval in his life. We call that "Cheap Grace" and it does indeed cheapen the Gospel. Second, a person might just relax and not really do anything bad but just not do anything positive for the Gospel's sake. She becomes apathetic, kind of like what the Old Testament referred to as "at ease in Zion." Both these responses reveal a misunderstanding of Salvation by Grace and are destructive to our relationship to God.

Allowing God to save you with His works and not yours does not mean that He is not interested in your obedience to His word. My friends, a Faith that saves is a Faith that acts. Jesus said, "If you love me, you WILL keep my commandments." Folks, if we ever realize the depth of depravity from which He lifted us, our love will overflow and we will serve Him with all our hearts. On the other hand, if we continue in "Cheap Grace" or remain "at ease in Zion", we will be lost for eternity in Hell. (Yes, Hell IS still in the Bible! And it IS a real place!)

Show me a "Lukewarm" Christian and I'll show you a person who doesn't love God. Find a person who loves God and you'll find a person who is actively and energetically obeying God.

Salvation by Grace does not negate the need for obedience to God. Understanding God's Grace motivates us to love Him and love to obey Him. Understanding God's grace will make us like the old preacher who said, "I'm on my way to Heaven and I'm enjoying the trip." And, now, wouldn't that be Good News?!

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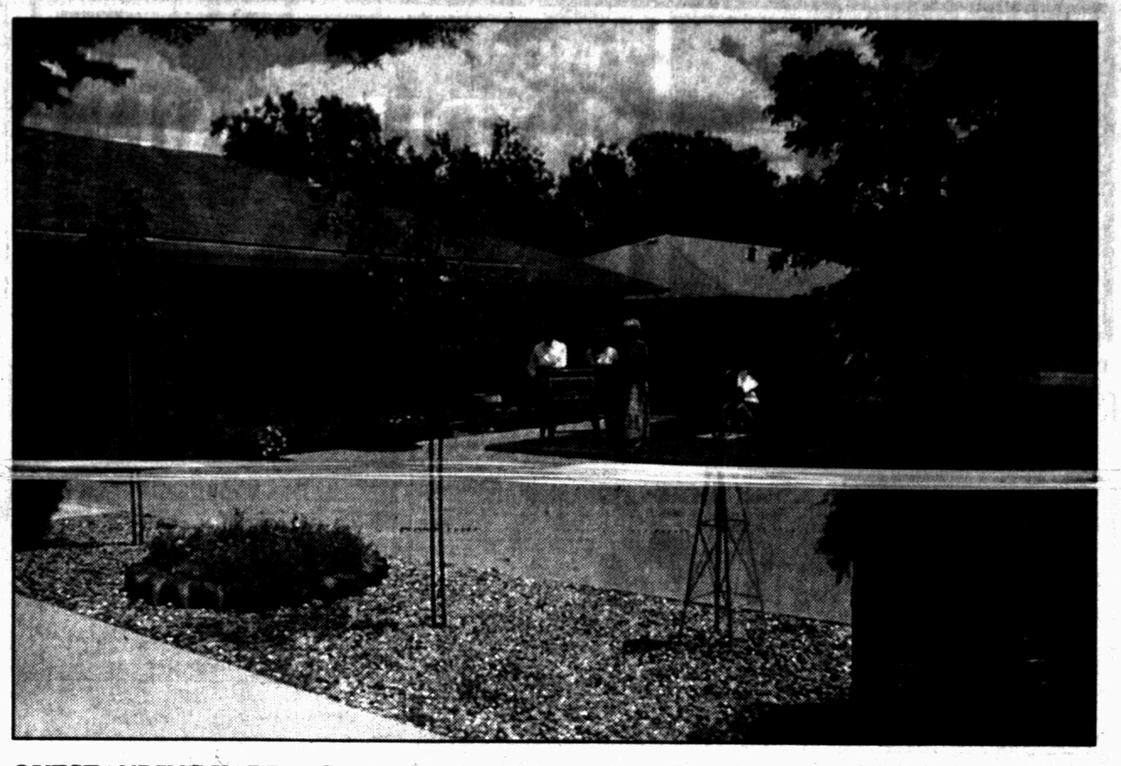
BABY SHOWER — Beatrix Potter was the theme for a baby shower honoring Lei Holloway of Abilene. The recent shower was held at the East Side Church of Christ multi-purpose building. Future maternal grandmother, June Holcomb; the honoree; future paternal grandmother, Debby Loving of North Richland Hills; and future great-paternal grandmother, Lavonia Loving of Abilene, are pictured from left. (Contributed Photo)



OUTSTANDING YARD — Snyder Garden Club members chose the home of Jack and Veleri Dunn, 4104 Kerrville, to honor as the Small Yard of the Month. Veleri is shown at left along with garden club members Maribeth Vestal and B.B. Boren. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bonding with your children is vital to a good relationship. Build a special memory with your child today because happy memories will last a lifetime.

—Children's Trust Fund of Texas

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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	South ♠ A Q 10 8 5 4 ♥ 8 ♦ K ♣ A J 7 6 2	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
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Opening lead: ♥ A

An interlude in London

By Phillip Alder

On a visit to London last spring, I dropped into the TGR Bridge Club near Marble Arch. I watched a few Chicago stanzas being played for the "small" sum of about $1.63 a point!

I was surprised at the defense found on this deal by a world championship silver medalist. Cover the East and South hands. Defending against five spades, you lead the heart ace: three, four, eight. What now?

South's four-spade opening was a reasonable gambit. As a slam was unlikely opposite a passed partner, South hoped to make life difficult for West.

After West's five-heart overcall, North had a problem. Could they beat five hearts? (As it happens, yes, by two tricks.) If not, five spades would be a cheap sacrifice. So, North bid on.

East has either one heart or three. (With a doubleton, he would have started an echo by playing his higher card.) If East began with only one heart, the contract is going down via a heart ruff and the diamond ace. If East has three hearts, though, how will the defense prevail?

A club switch may be necessary, but doesn't work here. The winning play, which looks right to me, is to cash the diamond ace at trick two. South cannot be ruffing since if East had all seven of the missing diamonds, he would have opened three diamonds. And with this layout the defenders eventually come to a club trick for one down.

However, West continued with a second heart at trick two, permitting declarer to ditch his diamond king. Then a spade to the queen saw the contract home.

North and South each won $733 instead of losing $81.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group; 12:30 p.m.

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.;.

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180; potluck supper at 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; The Shack; 7 p.m.

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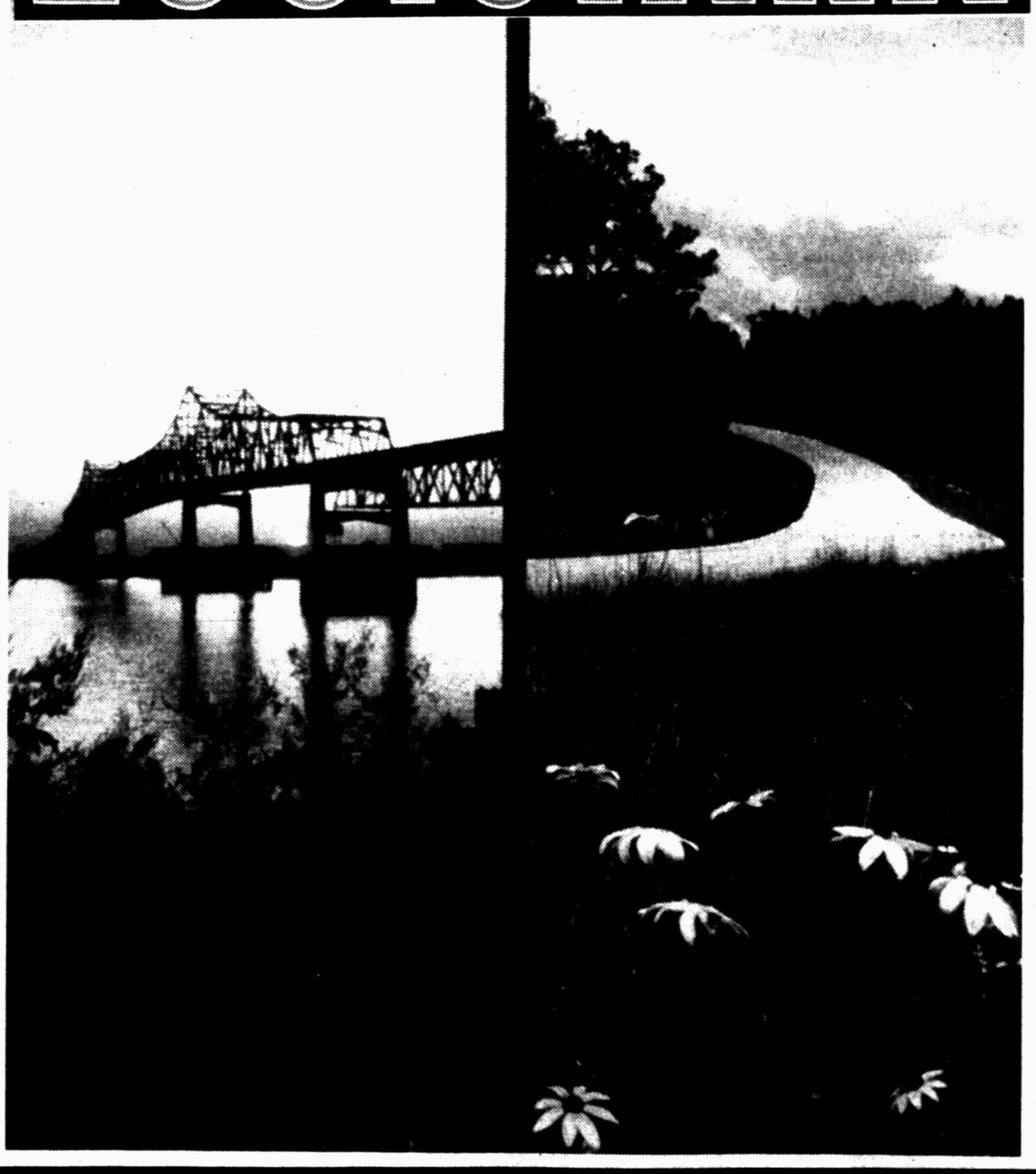

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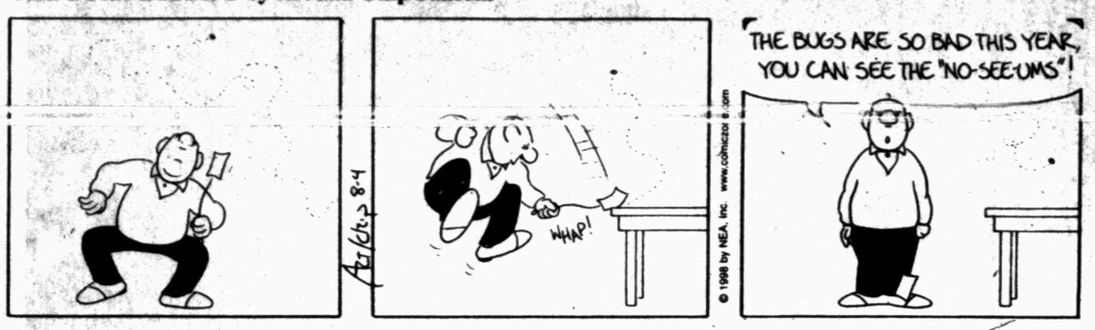

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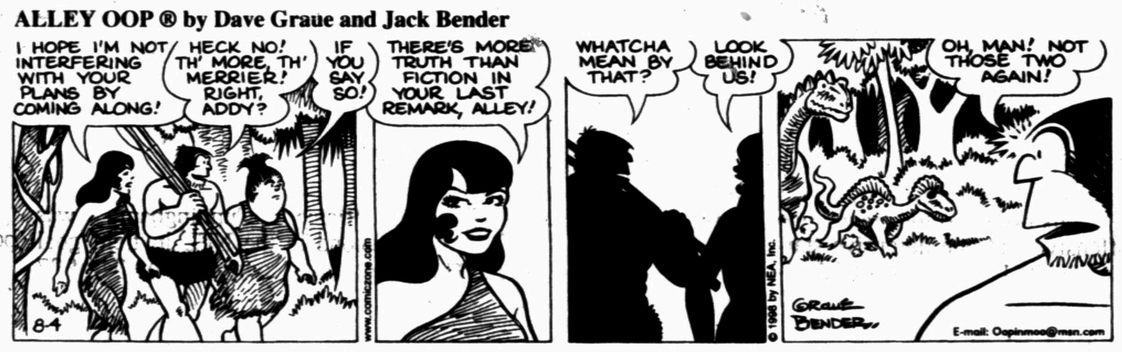

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Floats lightly
6 Captivate
12 Lobe
13 Last
14 Ceremony
15 Took a break
16 — de France
17 Roman 3
19 Mohammedan leader
20 Architect Saarinen
22 Hosiery shade
23 Like — — of bricks
24 Actress Cannon
26 Spruce up
28 Nourished
30 Comedian Caesar
31 Ending for glass or opal
32 Nahoor sheep
33 Ancient Jewish ascetic
36 Identical sibling
39 One of the March girls
40 Use experimentally
42 Words of denial
44 Bullfight cheer
45 E.T.'s transport
46 Robert E. —
47 Come into sight
50 — down (inverted)
53 Overturn (a government)
54 Made a home in a tree
55 Pilfers
56 Avarice

DOWN

1 Sobbed loudly
2 Blood vessel
3 Winter ailment
4 Chinese pagoda
5 Banana — (fountain treat)
6 Strangeness
7 Compass pt.
8 Classified items
9 Change genetically
10 Beaver State
11 Part of a fortification
12 Buffalo's lake
18 Author Fleming
21 Like a stupid clumsy person
23 Very early (2 wds.)
25 Hawaiian goose
27 You — seen nothing yet!
29 False teeth
33 Fish trap
34 Siberian treeless tract
35 Building lot
37 Crystalline gem
38 Had to have
39 Yachts
41 Not old
43 Flower starter
48 Clean-air org.
49 Everyone
51 — annum
52 Opp. of NNW

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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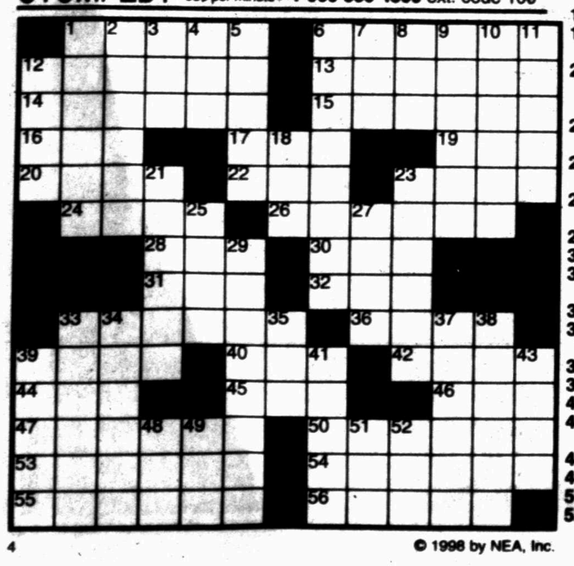

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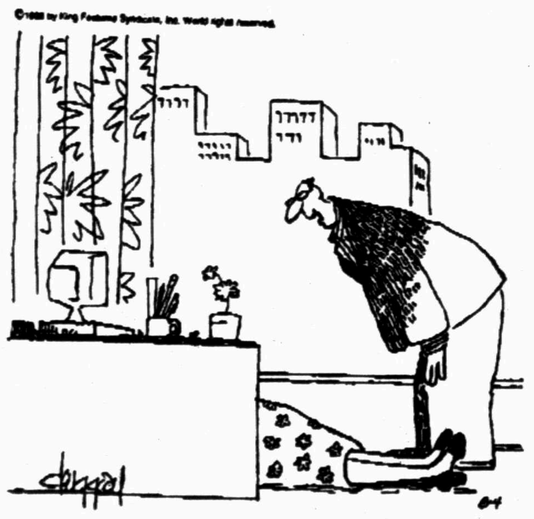

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SPORTS

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL? — Snyder coaches (from left) Derek Price, Charles Bollinger, Chris Henson and Ralph Ramon stack helmets in preparation of summer workouts which begin Wednesday. Tiger football practice will start at 4:30, with the Lady Tiger volleyball workout slated for 4 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

NCAA sanctions announced...

Probation, scholarship losses added to Texas Tech penalty

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech today received an additional year of probation from the NCAA and lost further scholarships in four sports because of rampant rules violations.

The penalties were added to those the school imposed on itself. The scholarship losses will affect the football, baseball and men's and women's basketball teams

The NCAA announcement concludes an episode that began in March 1995 and has slowly unfolded. The NCAA began investigating in February 1996 and the school conducted an internal audit in October 1997.

In April, Tech put itself on three years' probation and limited its scholarships in six sports. Today, the NCAA did not take any more scholarships from the men's golf and men's track teams.

Tech has admitted allowing 81 athletes to compete while academically ineligible from 1991-97, and that four sports awarded too much scholarship money.

The school also improperly paid 66 athletes' fees to take the Texas Academic Skills Program test.

Tech also admitted to several infractions stemming from booster money that was given to athletes. In one case, the money was used to pay an athlete's bail bond.

Investigations by the school and the NCAA found rampant rules violations and errors in academic certification and financial aid distribution.

The NCAA also announced the school may have to repay up to 90 percent of the revenues generated from an appearance in the 1996 men's basketball tournament.

The NCAA is taking away 18 football scholarships over three years; the school had volunteered to give up 14 over two years. The men's basketball team will lose seven over three years, one more than the school suggested.

Tech offered to lose 7½ baseball scholarships through 2002, but the NCAA raised that by three.

The women's basketball team would not have lost a scholarship under the school's recommendations, but the NCAA is taking away one in 1999-2000.

Texas Tech officials did not immediately comment. A conference call was scheduled for noon EDT.

Tech officials had hoped their stiff internal punishment would pacify the NCAA. While the governing body raised the school's penalties, it did not impose bans on postseason play or television restrictions.

Because none of Tech's programs was on probation, the school was not in jeopardy of receiving the "death penalty." However, the school's ongoing problems and the way it handled the investigation left it open to more severe penalties than it received.

Since the NCAA investigation began, the athletic department has been restructured, several new compliance officers have been hired, and the budget was cut. Many of the individuals identified in the NCAA letter no longer work for Tech.

Three athletic department employees were fired, two resigned and Bob Bockrath, the athletic director under whose watch many of the violations occurred, took a similar post at Alabama in 1996.

Area teams set for grid season

District 6 Six-Man has two new teams and a new head coach for the upcoming season.

But some things never change — Borden County is still the team to beat.

The defending state champion Coyotes begin their title defense Wednesday as summer workouts begin across the state.

Borden County, Ira, Hermleigh and Westbrook are holdovers from the old District 6. They will be joined in loop play by newcomers Sands and Grady. Gone are Highland and Loraine, which are now members of District 10.

Sands brings to the league two offensive and one defensive starter from its 11-2 state quarterfinalist team of a year ago.

Grady returns six starters from its 7-4 squad which also advanced to the playoffs.

The other district change in the offseason came in the coaching ranks. Toby Goodwin is the new head man at Ira, replacing Russell Gee.

Goodwin, a Snyder High graduate, inherits a Bulldog team which finished 1-9 in '97. But all 12 starters will be back for Ira, which is looking for its first winning season since 1992.

The Bulldogs will begin summer practice at 7:30 Wednesday morning, with their second workout starting at 5 p.m.

Ira travels to Blackwell Aug. 20 and to Trent Aug. 28 for scrimmages, before opening the season at home Sept. 4 against Loop.

Hermleigh will also begin workouts at 7:30 Wednesday morning. The Cardinals will break at 10 a.m., before resuming practice at 11 and continuing until 1 p.m.

Hermleigh coach Juan Rios led his squad to a 6-4 mark last year, but the biggest problem facing the Cardinals in '98 could be numbers. Rios is expecting only 12-14 players to report for workouts.

The Cards scrimmage Three Way at Wilson Aug. 21 and Paint Creek at home Aug. 28. Hermleigh hosts Highland in its non-district opener Sept. 4.

Borden County, pre-season ranked No. 1 by *Texas Football*, begins the chase for back-to-back state titles with its first workout at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The Coyotes return three defensive and three offensive starters from its 15-0 squad of a year ago, including all-staters QB Colt McCook, RB Fernando Baeza and DL Ryan Grant.

Borden head coach Bobby Avery will take his squad to Dawson for its first scrimmage Aug. 20. The Coyotes then scrimmage Jayton in Gail Aug. 28, before kicking off its non-district schedule at home Sept. 4 against Wilson.

Cowboy kicker takes blame for loss

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — How odd for the Dallas Cowboys to lose a game because their placekicker malfunctioned.

Last year it was the only offense they had.

Richie Cunningham was second in the NFL in field goal accuracy, connecting on 34 of 37 attempts as the Cowboys offense bogged down inside the 20-yard line, that so-called "Red Zone" area.

In one stretch he made 18 in a row including a game winner from 43-yards out against Washington for a 17-14 win at the final gun.

He broke Chris Boniol's club record of 32.

Also, he made all 24 of his extra point attempts.

So, Dallas loses Friday night 20-19 to Seattle in a preseason game because Cunningham missed an extra point and a 43-yard field goal attempt.

Cunningham took the heat but he wasn't all to blame. His regular center, Dale Hellestrae wasn't in the game. Hellestrae is one of the most accurate snappers in the NFL. In fact, to prove a point one day at Valley Ranch, he snapped a ball through the open window of a car moving at 30 mph.

Steve Scifres was the snapper against Seattle.

What Cunningham saw was less than accurate snaps.

"They were not bad snaps," Gailey said. "It's just not the same rhythm. So your stride is a little bit off just enough to make you miss."

For his part, Cunningham took it like a pro.

Such is the life of a placekicker in the NFL.

Marlins rout Astros, 11-3

MIAMI (AP) — Struggling rookie Andy Larkin pitched 6 2-3 strong innings and Gregg Zaun matched a career high with four RBIs to help the Florida Marlins beat the Houston Astros 11-3 Monday night.

Florida's Craig Counsell was hit in the jaw by a pitch from C.J. Nitkowski in the eighth inning. Counsell remained on his feet but immediately left the game for treatment.

Nitkowski, who had hit the two previous batters to load the bases, was taken out of the game after he hit Counsell. It was the third time in the major leagues since 1900 that a pitcher had hit three consecutive batters — Dock Ellis of Pittsburgh did it in 1974 and Wilbur Wood of the Chicago White Sox did it in 1977.

Steady light rain that fell for the final five innings may have contributed to Nitkowski's wildness. The crowd of 14,484 dwindled to perhaps a thousand by the end.

Larkin (3-6) allowed five hits and three runs, lowering his ERA from 7.97 to 7.58. He raised his batting average from .083 to .160 with singles in his first two at-bats.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	74	38	.661	-
NewYork	58	51	.532	14½
Philadelphia	55	55	.500	18
Montreal	44	68	.393	30
Florida	40	73	.354	34½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	67	45	.598	-
Chicago	63	50	.558	4½
Milwaukee	57	55	.509	10
St.Louis	51	60	.459	15½
Cincinnati	50	62	.446	17
Pittsburgh	50	62	.446	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	72	40	.643	-
SanFrancisco	61	51	.545	11
LosAngeles	58	54	.518	14
Colorado	50	62	.446	22
Arizona	42	70	.375	30

Monday's Games

San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 1
Montreal 6, San Diego 1
Florida 11, Houston 3
Colorado 7, Pittsburgh 2
Los Angeles 8, N.Y. Mets 5
Arizona 6, Chicago Cubs 5
Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 5

Tuesday's Games

Los Angeles (Park 10-5) at Montreal (Thurman 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 12-7) at Florida (Hernandez 9-7), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Kile 7-13) at Pittsburgh (Peters 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 8-5) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 10-4), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 1-2) at Atlanta (Smoltz 9-2), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Daal 5-5) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 12-7), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 2-1) at Milwaukee (Karl 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Beech 3-7) at San Diego (Hitchcock 4-4), 10:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	78	28	.736	-
Boston	65	45	.591	15
Baltimore	56	55	.505	24½
Toronto	56	56	.500	25
TampaBay	43	66	.394	36½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	62	49	.559	-
Minnesota	51	58	.468	10
KansasCity	49	61	.445	12½
Chicago	48	62	.436	13½
Detroit	46	63	.422	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	59	51	.536	-
Anaheim	59	52	.532	½
Oakland	50	61	.450	9½
Seattle	50	61	.450	9½

Monday's Games

Chicago White Sox 6, Tampa Bay 1
Seattle 3, Boston 1
N.Y. Yankees 14, Oakland 1
Anaheim 11, Cleveland 4

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 6-2) at Oakland (Witasick 0-0), 6:30 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Parque 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Saunders 3-9), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Florie 5-5) at Baltimore (Mussina 9-5), 7:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Pichardo 5-8) at Minnesota (Milton 6-7), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 6-5) at Texas (Stottlemyre 0-0), 8:35 p.m.
Boston (Avery 7-4) at Seattle (Swift 9-6), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Buddie 3-0) at Oakland (Rogers 11-4), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 10-8) at Anaheim (Finley 8-5), 10:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Junior high football

All Snyder 8th graders wanting to play football must be at the SJHS field house Monday between 4 and 6 p.m. for the issuing of equipment.

Equipment will be issued to 7th graders next Tuesday between 4 and 6 p.m. at the field house.

Any junior high students interested in being a student manager should also report to the field house.

Kiwanis tournament

The Kiwanis Golf Tournament, benefitting the Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship Fund, will be Saturday at Western Texas College.

Format will be a four-person scramble with cash prizes awarded to the top four teams. Entry fee is $30 per person and the field is limited to 24 teams.

There will be closest to the hole and longest drive contests, as well as a $10,000 prize for a hole-in-one.

For more information, contact Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267, or call Melanie or Linda at 573-4041.

Blowout Partnership

The 10th annual Blowout Partnership will be held Aug. 15-16 at Snyder Country Club. Format is a two-man lowball. Field is limited to the first 64 teams and entry fee is $300 per team.

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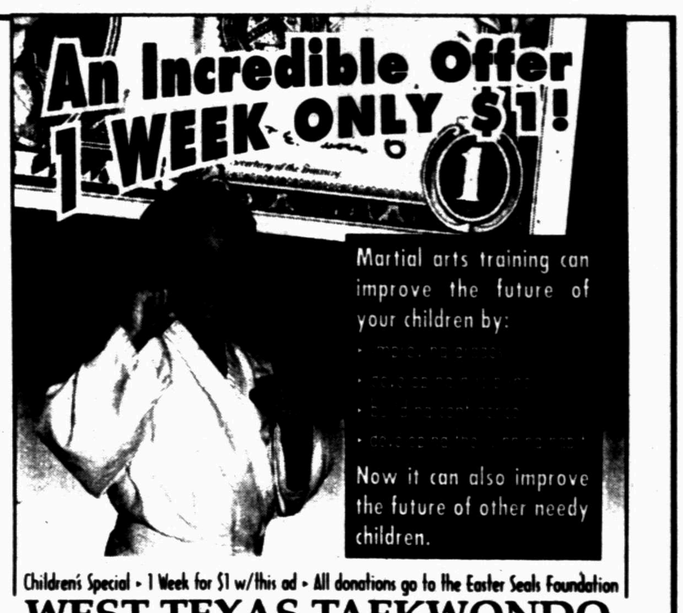

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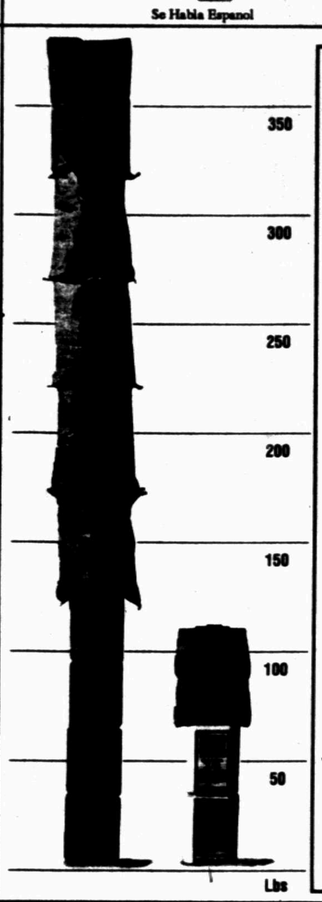

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George Strait becomes most-nominated singer in CM Association

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — George Strait became the most-nominated performer in Country Music Association history today, getting five nominations — including one as Entertainer of the Year.

Strait, 46, a Texas-based traditional country music singer, now has 47 CMA award nominations over his 17-year career, surpassing Merle Haggard's record of 43.

Strait has won 10 CMA awards, including best male vocalist and album for the past two years. He was named best entertainer in 1989 and 1990.

Singers Deana Carter, Neal McCoy and Jo Dee Messina announced the nominations at a morning news conference. The winners will be announced on Sept. 23.

Carter and Messina both were nominated for best video, for Messina's "Bye Bye" and Carter's "Did I Shave My Legs for This?"

Strait also was nominated for best male vocalist, album ("One Step at a Time"), music video ("Carrying Your Love With Me") and single ("I Just Want to Dance With You").

Folk singer-songwriter John Prine picked up a nomination for Song of the Year for co-writing Strait's hit "I Just Want to Dance With You" with Roger Cook.

Last year's Entertainer of the Year, Garth Brooks, got four nominations: best entertainer, male vocalist, vocal event ("In Another's Eyes" with Trisha Yearwood) and album ("Sevens"). Faith Hill, Patty Loveless and Tim McGraw also got four nominations apiece.

Rounding out the best entertainer category with Strait and Brooks are Vince Gill, McGraw and the duo Brooks & Dunn. The best male vocalist nominees are Strait, Brooks, Gill, McGraw and Collin Raye.

The 6,100 industry workers who vote on the awards snubbed two popular singers. Neither Alan Jackson nor LeAnn Rimes got any nominations.

Hill, Loveless, Martina McBride, Lee Ann Womack and Yearwood will compete for best female vocalist. Up for best vocal group are Alabama, Diamond Rio, the Dixie Chicks, The Mavericks and Sawyer Brown.

Competing with Strait and Brooks for best album are Shania Twain with her "Come On Over," McGraw with "Everywhere" and Loveless with "Long Stretch of Lonesome."

Elvis Presley, Tammy Wynette and George Morgan, and country music business executive E.W. "Bud" Wendell, will be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame during the awards show.

Gill will be host of the show for the seventh consecutive year.

Religion needed back in schools, school leader says

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Allowing religious clubs on campus could help prevent tragedies like last year's fatal shooting at Pearl High School, a local school leader says.

"When you take religion out of the schools, other things take its place...It gives a signal that religion is not important," district Superintendent Bill Dodson said Monday at a state-sponsored school safety conference.

In October 1997, Pearl High student Luke Woodham gunned down two students and wounded seven others. He is serving two life prison terms, plus 20 years for each count of assault.

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Births

Debra and Rocky Graham of McKinney are parents of an eight-pound, 4½-ounce son, Jaret Scott Graham, born on Aug. 2. He is also welcomed by two brothers, Wesley and Brady Murphy.

Grandparents are Wallace and Bobbie Combest of Snyder and Mike and Carole Graham of Vidor.

GM faces UAW opposition over Delphi sale

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. could face another ugly confrontation with the United Auto Workers, this time over its plan to discard its big Delphi parts business by the end of next year.

GM announced Monday that it will offer up to 20 percent of Delphi Automotive Systems in a public stock offering early next year, then turn over the remaining part of the company to GM shareholders by year's end.

The move will further reduce the size of the No. 1 automaker and mark a drastic shift away from GM's history as a vertically integrated automaker that made most of its parts and assembled them into finished cars and trucks.

Though the announcement came less than a week after GM settled a rancorous dispute with the UAW with promises not to sell or close several plants, the Delphi selloff had been under discussion for more than a year.

GM's move adds a new layer of complexity into its already poor relationship with the union. The Delphi sale, announced at the conclusion of GM's board meeting in Detroit, was met with a terse and less-than-cooperative statement from the UAW.

"Should GM decide to proceed with the sale as announced, the UAW's record is clear: We can and will aggressively work to protect the rights and interests of UAW members impacted by the sale," UAW Vice President Richard Shoemaker said.

The union said it would not comment further until additional details and a precise timetable for the divestiture were made available. The future of Delphi and its less profitable plants is expected to be a major issue in next year's national contract talks.

GM went out of its way to emphasize that it would work closely with the UAW, which settled two crippling strikes against the automaker last week that virtually shut down production and cost GM more than $2.2 billion.

"We intend to use this opportunity to engage in high-level dialogue with the leadership of the UAW and our other unions, and to enter a more constructive relationship with the employees of what will be a new Fortune 25 company," Delphi President J.T. Battenberg III said.

As part of the strike settlement, GM promised not to sell or close two Delphi brake plants in Dayton, Ohio, and a parts plant in Flint, Mich., before the end of 1999.

It was unclear how Monday's announcement would affect that promise. But Battenberg said the new Delphi will assume terms of GM's union contracts, including last week's settlements.

For GM, a major benefit of the sale is it can turn to lower-cost, nonunion suppliers for more of its parts, as do Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. Delphi, meanwhile, will be freer to close unprofitable plants and attract contracts from other automakers.

"The fact is, for competitive reasons, many manufacturers simply refuse to buy components from Delphi as long as it's part of General Motors," GM chairman Jack Smith said in a letter to GM employees.

Analyst Joe Phillippi of Lehman Brothers said he was surprised GM decided to go with a full spin-off of Delphi so quickly, but that the move made sense.

"They just realized there's going to be enough pain in the short-term, so why prolong it?" Phillippi said. "There's going to be enough of a hue and cry from the UAW that you might as well get it done all at once."

Selling off Delphi will force major changes, Phillippi said.

"Once this occurs, GM is clearly not going to feel as though it's under any pressure to buy from Delphi merely to preserve UAW jobs," he said. "

Delphi is the largest supplier of automotive parts in the world, with about 200,000 workers worldwide.

Gym classes, education pay off for kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — So much for a carefree childhood: Doctors say even 9-year-olds have cholesterol problems, but they've found a simple school program that can significantly lower the artery-clogging fat.

A study in North Carolina schools found positive results in just two months with some educational material from the American Heart Association, $100 per school for gym equipment to give kids a fun aerobic workout and a little teacher training.

Now the National Institutes of Health hopes schools nationwide will copy the program.

"We're very excited about this," said Patricia Grady, director of the National Institute of Nursing Research, which funded the study. "This is an opportunity to reach children at an early age and positively influence their lives."

Doctors have increasing evidence that heart disease takes root in early childhood. Autopsies of young children killed in accidents have found their arteries already clogging.

The risks are on the rise: Studies show more and more children are obese, and fewer exercise. Some schools even have cut back on gym class.

Researchers at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, studied 422 third- and fourth-graders around the state who got little physical activity and were obese or had high cholesterol.

The children's cholesterol levels averaged 179 — borderline high, equivalent to a level of 200 in an adult. For an adult at that level, doctors would prescribe serious diet and exercise and occasionally medication. (More dangerous cholesterol levels are 200 in a child, equal to 240 in an adult). The overweight children were at least 15 pounds too heavy; one child weighed 200 pounds.

The children were divided into three groups. In one, teachers taught healthy nutrition habits during regular classes two days a week, plus gym class that kept kids moving for 20 minutes, three times a week.

A second, "control" group got the state's routine health and physical education classes, which featured little aerobic activity. A third group of children was removed from class a part of each day for individualized instruction from nurses, plus the vigorous exercise.

In classes that got the heart-healthy education, students' cholesterol dropped almost 12 points in just two months, lead researcher Joanne Harrell reports in the journal Pediatrics.

Kids who got nurses' instruction had cholesterol drops of 10 points — showing, surprisingly, that the classroom-based program was more effective than the individualized instruction. The control classes had cholesterol drops of 2 points, presumably because children's cholesterol does fluctuate somewhat.

"I was very surprised," said Harrell, a UNC nursing professor. "I was convinced the nurses would do better."

She says stressing fun, high-aerobic activity probably was key — kids ran relays or played tag instead of doing boring sit-ups or standing around awaiting a turn at bat.

Parents weren't involved in the study, so kids' at-home diets presumably didn't change much.

Parents probably are confused about cholesterol and kids, Grady said. Infants and toddlers do need a certain amount of fat to grow healthy, but once they reach school, it's hard for parents to know what their children eat. Plus, the fast-food restaurants that make up more of children's diets today have only recently started posting nutritional information so people can make healthier selections.

In the UNC program, children were taught what foods are high in fat, urged to choose low-fat milk, and shown what "healthy" servings of treats like ice cream look like so they might remember when to stop indulging.

Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL) -- A drug that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain has been formulated into a new product known as **"Arthur Itis,"** and is being called a *"Medical Miracle"* by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that **Arthur Itis**, relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. **Arthur Itis**, is available immediately without a prescription in an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream or new roll-on lotion form. **Arthur Itis**, is guaranteed to work or your money back.

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Children's entertainer, Shari Lewis, dies at 65

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shari Lewis took a plain white sock and brought it to life as the spirited, squeaky-voiced puppet named Lamb Chop, charming children with both simple comedy and lessons about life.

Shari Lewis

The 12-time Emmy winner, diagnosed with uterine cancer in June, developed pneumonia while undergoing chemotherapy and died Sunday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, publicist Maggie Begley said Monday. She was 65.

Bob Keeshan, whose "The Captain Kangaroo Show" introduced the Lewis-Lamb Chop team, said Miss Lewis breathed life into the most mundane of props.

"Lamb Chop was an old white sock. What Shari did was bring her personality. ... She put all kinds of wonderful personality in that sock so you completely believed that was a gentle little lamb," he said.

Miss Lewis left TV in the 1960s but returned in recent years with the PBS children's series "Lamb Chop's Play-Along" and "The Charlie Horse Music Pizza." She stopped production six weeks ago to begin cancer treatments.

"She was a weaver of magic, bringing laughter, knowledge and joy to the hearts of children and adults alike," said PBS President Ervin S. Duggan.

The ventriloquist provided lessons on kid-sized issues like sharing and cheating with funny songs and the help of her furry sidekicks, including Charlie Horse and Hush Puppy. But it was the long-lashed, slyly impudent Lamb Chop who became her trademark.

"I think there's a simplicity to Lamb Chop that is an important part of her appeal," Miss Lewis said in a 1996 interview. "But I don't really know what it is that is the continuing element. I know that I don't like to lose, and that certainly is an element."

Miss Lewis, whose parents were educators in New York, studied at the city's High School of Music and Art and at the School of American Ballet.

She and Lamb Chop debuted on "The Captain Kangaroo Show" in the mid-'50s, which led to her own Saturday morning NBC program, "The Shari Lewis Show."

She became a Las Vegas performer, then did celebrity gameshows. When those went off the air, she conducted symphony orchestras and appeared in dramas and movies.

Miss Lewis wrote more than 60 books, created video and audiocassettes and performed on stage in "Lamb Chop on Broadway" and other musicals.

She also won a Peabody Award, the John F. Kennedy Center Award for Excellence and Creativity, seven Parents' Choice Awards and the Action for Children's Television Award.

The spokeswoman and members of her family said Miss Lewis was 65, but reference books listed her date of birth as Jan. 17, 1934, which would have made her 64.

Miss Lewis lived in Beverly Hills with her husband of 40 years, publisher Jeremy Tarcher. She also was survived by a sister and a daughter.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Free Speech for Students Doesn't End at School Door

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, a student complained that a teacher forbade the children to discuss "Dear Abby" because it was considered adult material, inappropriate for youngsters. You suggested the students ask the principal what the school's policy is about discussing items they've read in the newspaper.

While they are at it, the students should also ask what the school's policy is regarding the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Is this a school or a penitentiary? According to the student, this teacher also won't let the kids talk in private. Isn't that teacher disregarding freedom of speech? It also doesn't sound as though there is much freedom of assembly at recess while this teacher is in the guard tower.

From where I sit, the teacher should be applauding these kids for reading the newspaper.

PRESTON NEAL JONES,
HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

DEAR PRESTON: I couldn't agree more. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from students who were reprimanded by a teacher for discussing your column at recess infuriated me. I am a senior in high school, and during my 12 years in the school system, I have seen and experienced plenty of censorship. I have seen petitions ruthlessly squelched, and I know some schools ban certain books. However, the incident described in that letter takes the cake. That a teacher should censor a private discussion among friends (which she had no business listening to, I might add) is outrageous, disgusting and un-American.

The First Amendment, which grants Americans the freedom of speech and assembly (among other things), applies to everyone — even students. The Supreme Court upheld this principle in 1969, in the case of Tinker vs. Des Moines, when it stated: "It can hardly be argued that either students or teacher shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech at the schoolhouse gate." The court ruled that students have the right to express unpopular opinions as long as they are not being disruptive. Those students were not even expressing an unpopular opinion. They were practicing pure free speech — private speech among individuals — which happens to be the most protected form of speech under the Constitution.

CLAIRE BUSHEY,
WILMINGTON, DEL.

DEAR CLAIRE: You are absolutely correct. But I thought the teacher would accept it more readily if he or she heard it from the school principal, rather than the students. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter about the teacher who thinks that your column is only for adults: As kids we attended a Lutheran Bible study camp here in Colorado. I don't remember much about the camp — it's been so long ago — but one memory I do have is that we had a group chat about your column. It was led by the principal of our school.

He would read a question and then ask us to pretend that we were Abby and give our answers. I felt pretty good when I nailed your response to a T. As an adult now, I can hardly see where your column would be inappropriate for a child. Thank you for many enjoyable years of columns.

NATALIE MENTEN,
GOLDEN, COLO.

DEAR NATALIE: Thank you. Your letter made my day.

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Computers donated to groups

The Big Country Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area coordinated the donation of eight computers for the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club and Snyder Day Care Center.

The computers were donated by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to the RC&D Area for distribution.

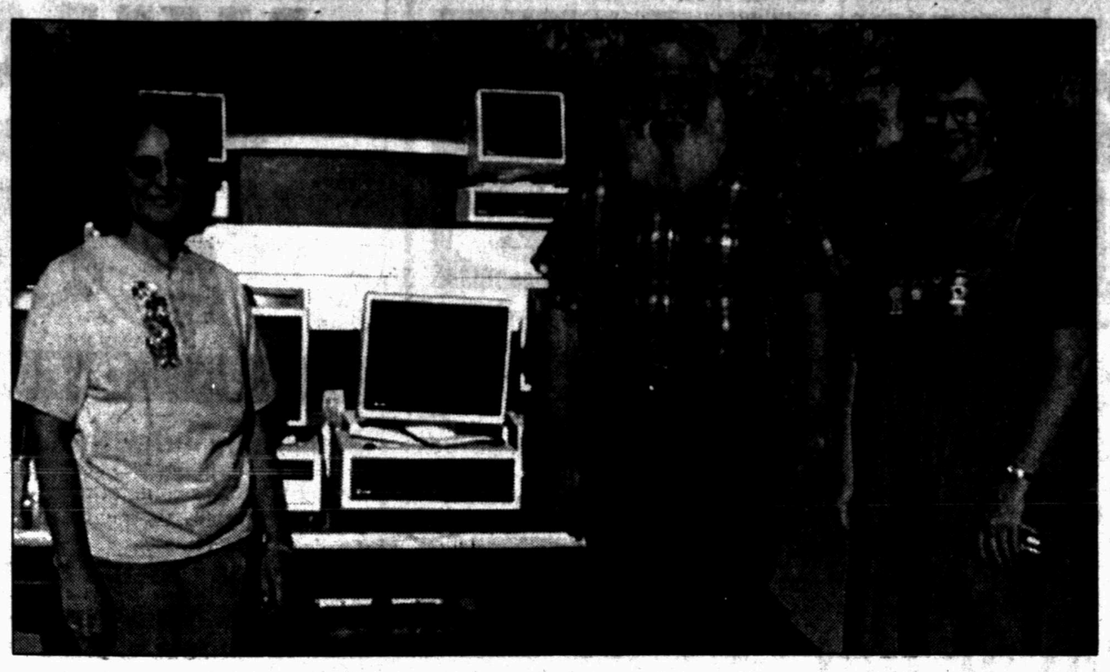
The Scurry County RC&D Committee includes the County Commissioners Court, Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, American State Bank, Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank and TU Electric.

It also includes City of Snyder, Snyder Chamber of Commerce, Scurry County Board of Development and Scurry County Museum.

Sid Hardegree serves as the Big Country RC&D area board of director representing Scurry County.

The RC&D is a program of the NRCS.

Terry Hefner is the Scurry County contact for the NRCS.



COMPUTERS DONATED — The Big Country Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area coordinated the donation of eight computers for the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club and Snyder Day Care Center. Jack McGlaun (center) accepted five computers on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club and Shirley Fritz (right) accepted three computers on behalf of the day care. Also pictured is Terry Hefner, contact for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. (SDN Staff Photo)

Man hangs himself with jumper cables

CONCORD, Calif. (AP) — A man who encountered his estranged wife at a Stevie Nicks concert shinnied up a utility pole and hanged himself with jumper cables as hundreds of people watched.

Roger Henrich, 38, of Lodi, climbed up the pole in a parking lot outside the Concord Pavilion Sunday night after arguing with his wife, who had a restraining order against him, police said.

By the time officers arrived, the man had taken a set of battery jumper cables and scaled the light pole.

"He wrapped one end around his neck and another end around the top of the pole," Sgt. Mike Gamble said. "He was threatening to jump, and security officers were trying to dissuade him from jumping. And at one point he either jumped or slipped and hanged himself."

FBI seizes documents, guns, spy books from man's cabin

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI agents searching the remote mountain cabin of a man charged with killing two police officers inside the Capitol found spy manuals, a diagram, ammunition and guns.

Russell E. Weston Jr.'s alleged motives are unclear, but investigators searched his cabin, his parents' Illinois home and other places for evidence Weston planned the July 24 killings.

In the Rimini, Mont., cabin where Weston lived part-time, agents found a shotgun, a .22-caliber handgun, a plastic bottle of gun powder and books titled, "The Spy Game," "Don't Bug Me," and "Private Intelligence Secrets."

Prosecutors today said they have no objection to waiting a couple of weeks for Weston, who remains hospitalized in stable condition, to recover from gunshot wounds he received in the exchange of gunfire before appearing in court.

"The United States does not question the representation made by the defendant's counsel. . . as to his present medical condition," federal prosecutors Ronald Walutes and Erik Christian wrote in court papers filed today.

Weston was to undergo minor surgery on his left leg later today, said hospital spokeswoman Donna Lewis Johnson.

An FBI account of the cabin search was unsealed by a federal court in Montana on Monday. The account also revealed that agents seized various documents, including an envelope described as, "public info Freeman - CNN," and a "CIA packet."

It is unclear whether Weston was a sympathizer with the anti-government Montana Freemen, or whether he corresponded with news agencies such as CNN.

Agents also seized a partial copy of the Montana legal code, letters, a notebook and a suitcase containing a diagram. The search warrant account did not detail those findings.

Weston is charged with killing federal police officers and could face the death penalty if convicted.

"He is in no condition to be able to be brought to court," federal Public Defender A.J. Kramer wrote in papers filed Monday in U.S. District Court. Kramer suggested Aug. 18 or 19 for Weston's arraignment, which will be the first time he formally hears the charges against him.

The prosecution's papers filed today essentially agreed to the request.

Arraignments are supposed to take place within three days of a person's arrest but may be delayed at the request of one side or the other. In the meantime, Weston is held without bond and under heavy guard at D.C. General Hospital.

Researchers find protein linked to death of nerve cells

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The discovery of a protein that acts as a catalyst for the rapid destruction of nerve cells could lead to treatments to slow Alzheimer's disease and help cancer patients, researchers say.

Mark P. Mattson, a professor at the University of Kentucky's Sanders-Brown Research Center on Aging, announced Monday that he and fellow researcher Qing Guo found high levels of the protein "Par-4" in the brain nerve cells of Alzheimer's patients.

Depending on the part of the brain examined, Alzheimer's patients were found to have from four to 18 times the level of Par-4 compared to those without the disease.

Tests showed that preventing the genetic creation of the protein made the nerve cells more likely to survive, said Mattson, whose findings were published in the August issue of the journal Nature Medicine.

In Alzheimer's, where nerve cell death is the cause of the disease, blocking Par-4 could slow the disease's advance, and could also have application to other neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease and Lou Gehrig's disease, he said.

Any Par-4-based therapies for Alzheimer's would not be a cure for the degenerative disease but a way of slowing or preventing the death of irreplaceable nerve cells that are crucial to learning and memory, Mattson said. He added that such therapies are at least five to 10 years away.

Rudy Tanzi, an associate professor of neurology at Harvard, called the research promising, but said Par-4 is only one of a series of proteins involved in nerve cell death.

"It's not clear yet exactly which proteins in the cell death pathway are the best target" for Alzheimer's therapies, Tanzi said. "I would hope for the cause of Alzheimer's research that Par-4 turns out the be a better target than others, since so much progress now has been made."

In the United States, Alzheimer's disease affects around 4 million adults, most of them over 65. Experts say more than 100,000 deaths are attributed to the disease each year, making it the fourth-leading cause of death in the United States.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1998

Generally speaking, the year ahead should be happier and more fulfilling than the past one. Good results could develop from seeds you planted previously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You've neglected your duties, and this hasn't gone unnoticed by someone else. It's best to do what's expected of you before you're called to task. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today's activities should be fun, but there are indications you may take them too seriously. Be nice to everyone, even if you don't want to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Comparing your status and resources to your peers' is not a good game to play today. It could make you dislike a friend for what s/he has.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Kidding others might seem like an innocent lark for you today, but be careful whom you aim your barbs at. One of your targets may take your jousting to heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial matters are "iffy" today. You'll do okay if you don't let someone erratic do your thinking for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Indecisiveness could lead to your undoing today, so don't prolong weighty decisions. If you do, you may have to make a snap judgment with poor results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you may be anxious to do all you can for another, but the assignment could be frustrating and impossible. Take pride in the fact you tried.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The demands of a self-serving friend could annoy you more than usual at this time. Normally you tolerate it, but not today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you get involved in a competition today, don't do any boasting or coasting. Should you relax even for a moment, your competition may edge past you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Subdue inclinations to contradict others today. Companions won't appreciate your comments if they think you're being superior.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Joint endeavors could be problematic today, especially if you're involved in an arrangement where the liability falls on you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your mate won't want you making decisions for him/her today, or vice versa. For the sake of harmony, respect each other's wishes.

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Date Book

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Today is the 216th day of 1998 and the 45th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1892, Sunday-school teacher Lizzie Borden was arrested in Fall River, Mass., on suspicion of the hatchet murders of her father and stepmother.

On this day in 1957, the Everly Brothers sang "Wake Up, Little Susie" on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

On this day in 1993, police officers Stacey Koon and Laurence Powell were sentenced to 2-1/2 years in prison for violating the civil rights of Rodney King.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822), poet; Knut Hamsun (1859-1952), writer; Helen Thomas (1920-), journalist, is 78; Maurice "Rocket" Richard (1924-), hockey great, is 74; Mary Decker Slaney (1958-), track athlete, is 40; Roger Clemens (1962-), baseball star, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1936, six-foot-tall American sprinter Helen Stephens won the 100-meter dash at the Olympics in Berlin, Germany.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world." — Percy Bysshe Shelley

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1995, five- to six-foot waves damaged boats, sea walls and docks at the town of Lakeside, on Montana's Flathead Lake.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 31) and full moon (August 7).

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

How safe is Lyme disease vaccine?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I live in a part of the country where Lyme disease is prevalent. Is there a vaccine to prevent this disease?

DEAR READER: An advisory committee recently gave its approval, albeit grudgingly, for the Food and Drug Administration to license a vaccine for Lyme disease. I say "grudgingly" because the committee, although unanimous, hedged its vote with a list of concerns about the vaccine's long-term safety.

Called LYMErix, the vaccine is manufactured by SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals. As part of its approval, the committee called for further studies in elderly people and children, in patients with heart conditions and arthritis, and in large groups of individuals who have had previous Lyme disease. For example, preliminary reports indicate that some recipients may actually develop arthritis, cardiac disorders and neurological problems from the vaccine itself; also, patients with previous Lyme disease often suffer adverse side effects when given the vaccine. Finally, neither the appropriate sequence of shots nor their long-term consequences are precisely known.

At present, SmithKline Beecham is testing the vaccine further. Experts predict that it will be approved and available to the public within about a year.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." 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 have a mental condition that causes me to live constantly in a dream world. What treatment do you recommend?

DEAR READER: From your brief description, I wouldn't hazard a guess about your diagnosis. On one hand, you might be an elected official. In my experience, politicians often live in a dream world all their own.

Seriously, your dream-world complaint could represent a treatable mental illness, such as depression or schizophrenia. In this instance, professional medical help would be your best option. For example, after interviewing you, a qualified psychiatrist could probably diagnose your illness and prescribe appropriate therapy.

Rather than worrying about your thought processes, you should seek medical attention. Ask your primary-care physician for a referral.

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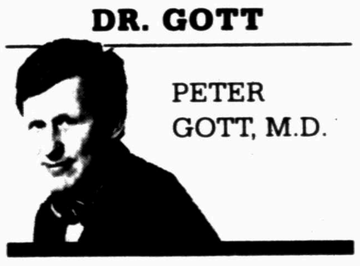

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Rehnquist clears way for questioning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turning aside an urgent White House appeal for the second time in a month, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist cleared the way today for prosecutors to question White House lawyers about their advice to President Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky case.

Rehnquist refused to postpone a federal appeals court ruling that White House lawyers could not invoke attorney-client privilege and must answer questions before a federal grand jury investigating an alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

That ruling involved presidential lawyer and confidant Bruce Lindsey, who as a result of Rehnquist's decision will have to testify after he completes his recovery from back surgery last week.

Another White House lawyer, Lanny Breuer, was subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury and arrived this morning at the courthouse. "My plan is to go up to the grand jury room," Breuer said. Asked about the fuss over his testimony, he laughed and said, "I'm honored."

The court rulings on the last-ditch effort to block Lindsey's testimony left open the possibility that Breuer could also refuse to answer questions on the grounds of attorney-client privilege like Lindsey.

If Breuer did so, prosecutors would have to go to U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, who oversees the grand jury, and seek to compel him to answer. The White House would then have the option of going back to the federal appeals court and Rehnquist seeking a stay of his testimony.

RAIN! Parts of N. Texas get wet for first time in a month

DALLAS (AP) — It was a sight for sore eyes.

Some even went so far as to call the little pitter-patter that started Monday afternoon in nearly every county in North Texas a blessing.

"I'm just thankful — with the heat being so bad — that God has blessed us with some rain to ease things on us," said Connie Sazell, who lives near Wichita Falls.

Ms. Sazell said the rain in Wichita Falls, 125 miles northwest of Dallas, started with a drop and then came pouring down minutes later. She said at least 2 inches of rain fell in her front yard by the time the storm ended 30 minutes later.

"It came down pretty hard," she said. "We had limbs blown out of our trees. I looked out and started seeing the tops of the trees just start going back and forth."

The National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm watch for the area Monday after radar picked up a storm — complete with heavy rain, nickle-sized hail and wind gusts up to 60 mph — moving over the area.

"I saw it on the radar and it looked nasty," said Krista Villarreal, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

It was nasty enough to cut short Dallas Cowboy practice. The team ran for cover when the storm dumped more than an inch of rain on the field at Midwestern State University.

Measurable rain hadn't hit North Texas for nearly a month. Villarreal said the region is behind in the amount of rainfall for the year. On average, there is more than 20 inches of rain by early August.

Early voting brisk for SISD

Voting was brisk all day Monday for early voting in the $20.4 million Snyder Independent School District bond election as a total of 165 votes were tallied.

A total of 632 early votes have been cast in the bond election.

Residents have until 5 p.m. today to cast early votes at the administration office.

The election is set for Saturday.

SISD residents are voting on the bond proposal to provide funds for improving the district's aging facilities and to bring the buildings up to current electrical and plumbing codes.

The temporary classrooms on the campuses of Stanfield Elementary and Northeast Elementaries are scheduled to be replaced with permanent structures if the issue passes.

Each campus, with the exception of Central Elementary, will be renovated. Central is scheduled to be closed if the bond issue passes.

Sexual assault case turned over to DA

According to Scurry County deputy sheriff Maurice Herridge, his report of the investigation into an alleged sexual assault of a 20-year-old female has been turned over to the district attorney.

Herridge said this morning he is trying to set up a polygraph for the suspect. He also is awaiting the return of the lab results, otherwise the investigation is complete.

The woman went to the sheriff's office and reported the attack around 2:30 a.m. July 11.

Officers arrest Kansas man on felony charges

Officers arrested a 23-year-old Kansas man Monday on five felony charges.

Gilardo Avitia of 205 South Stanton in Johnson, Kan., was taken into custody at 8:53 p.m. at the American Motor Inn on outstanding Stanton County, Kan., warrants for criminal sodomy, indecent liberty with a child, indecent solicitation of a child, burglary and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Officers also arrested one subject early this morning.

A 14-year-old male juvenile was taken into custody at 3:54 a.m. in the 2600 block of 34th for public intoxication. He was later released to his parents at his scene.

In other activity Monday, Martha Rodriguez requested an officer at 2:28 p.m. in reference to to the theft of two air conditioners from her vacant house at 600 34th Street. An offense report for Class A theft was filed.

At 3:53 a.m. this morning, an officer advised of a pickup that had been burglarized at 4513 Fredonia. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

A second offense report of a vehicle was submitted at 5:17 a.m. in reference to a cell phone having been stolen from a vehicle parked at 2909 38th Street.

At 2:51 p.m. Monday, a person at Wal-Mart requested an officer in reference to problems with a subject at the store. A criminal trespass warning was issued.

Obituaries

Jim Simpson

1923-1998

James D. "Jim" Simpson, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Aug. 2, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Simpson, 75, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, and Dr. Craig Curry, pastor of the church, will officiate.

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

Born Jan. 14, 1923 in Young County, he married Sue Strickland on Nov. 29, 1990, in Las Vegas.

Mr. Simpson was a retired salesman for Hughes Tool Co. and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Jim Simpson

Mr. Simpson, a Shriner and a 32nd Degree Mason, was a member of Scurry Lodge 706, the Scottish Rite and the York Rite.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Derwood Simpson.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Simpson of Snyder; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Fay and Jamie Bell of Lubbock; four sisters, Betty Grubbs of Fort Belknap, Wanda Primerose and Carolyn Collins, both of Graham, and Glenda Wooldridge of Newcastle; and four grandchildren, Michelle Cullwell, Brett Culwell, Chalie Bell and Destri Bell, all of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, or the Shriners Burn Center, Galveston.

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Three given prison terms

Three Scurry County residents will now serve sentences in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following guilty pleas entered Monday in 132nd District Court.

Raymond Martinez Jr., 42, of 2711 Ave. 0 pleaded guilty to a June 22 charge of aggravated assault, stabbing Robert Thurmond with a nail.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Martinez to 10 years in prison. The court also revoked Martinez' 1996 probated sentence for injury to a child. He was sentenced to three years for that offense, and the two sentences will be served concurrently.

Eric Lee Pace, 29, of 308 23nd Street, pleaded guilty to forgery, on an account owned by Clydine Hinkle. Pace was ordered to serve 10 years in TDCJ.

Pace was serving a two-year term, probated for five years, for a 1996 forgery. The two sentences will now be served concurrently.

Also pleading guilty Monday was Jimmy Vaughn Cain, 32, of 6711 Camp Springs Road. Cain was charged with the May 23 offense of felony driving while intoxicated.

Cain, who has two prior DWI convictions, will now serve seven years in TDJC.

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A.-The rate would be the same. To determine your tax, check the ag value set by the appraisal district and multiple it by 30.9 cents per $100 valuation. Additional taxes for $100,000 total in ag values would be $309 per year. A total of $10,000 in ag values would cost $30.90 the first year.

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events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will have its stated meeting at 7:30 this evening at the lodge.

Elementary school supplies

Pre-ordered school supplies for East and Central Elementaries may be picked up at the school offices. Extra supply packages are available for sale.

Through the Bible study

A Bible study with Les Feldick and hosted by Harlan and Darlene Amox will be held tonight and each Tuesday from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Call 573-2699 for additional information.

Garage sale, fajita cookoff

Lighthouse Assembly of God will have a Moonlight Madness event beginning at 6 this evening at the site of the new church at 1900 Trinity Blvd., across from Trinity Methodist. Chicken and beef fajita will be sold along with cold drinks. There will also be a garage sale.

White Buffalo Days meet

A committee meeting to plan October's White Buffalo Days will be held at noon Wednesday at the chamber office.

No bingo

Due to the fire Sunday at the American Legion, bingo games will be cancelled until further notice.

SHS choir booster

Snyder High School choir boosters will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the high school choir room. The boosters will be organizing and planning the year's activities including the pre-game supper on Aug. 28.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for East Elementary music teacher Donna Smith will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Garden Room. The public is invited.

Ag secretary to visit

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman will accompany U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm to Snyder next Tuesday to meet with cotton producers at Lorber Industries. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a lunch provided by Lorber Industries. Producers should call 573-1544 by 5 p.m. next Monday to RSVP.

Avenue D Baptist Church revival

Ave. D. Baptist Church revival will be Aug. 9-14 with evangelist Herman Cramer and music director Robert Haynie leading services. Sunday through Friday services will be at 7 p.m. with a get-acquainted fellowship following each service. A covered dish luncheon and Bible study will be held Monday through Friday at noon.

Snyder Junior High tour

Snyder Junior High School students are invited to tour the building and locate homerooms between 7 and 8 p.m. Monday.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown next Monday at 7 p.m. are "Hope from Revelation," followed by "The Beautiful Lifestyle."

Joy School registration

Registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ will be held from 10 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Aug. 18. For more information call 573-5927 or 573-3554.

FBC kids programs

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

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.

Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or other events in Snyder or Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday y the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-9-1
(nine, nine, one)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
7-9-12-13-27
(seven, nine, twelve, thirteen, twenty-seven)