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Reserve, state money to fund WTC requests

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

Western Texas College trustees Monday night gave the administrative staff the green light to budget three of four staff-recommended budget priority items out of reserve funds. The fourth item — salary adjustments — will be funded from state allocations.

The action means no tax increase and no cancellation of any programs at this point.

Trustees discussed in length over three budget work sessions their options for fitting the priority items into the 1999-2000 budget.

Other possible options were to raise taxes or cut the men's golf and women's basketball programs after the 1999-2000 year.

Trustees agreed not to make a decision at this point on eliminating the athletic programs.

Trustee Eddie Peterson said he believed the board should wait until after the first of the year to make a decision.

"We need to see what kind of support and interest there is in the community. That will tell us what the community feels about the athletic programs."

Trustee Drew Bullard agreed. "A program has to be strongly supported in the community, otherwise I can't see justification for it."

WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek said the Lady Dusters' games have been moved from the coliseum back onto campus in an effort to raise on-campus student support.

He admitted the WTC gym is not as comfortable as the coliseum and that parking is not as accessible, but added he "hopes the community will come out.

"To have athletic programs you must have student support and community support."

In opening the budget talks, Bullard asked, "What is the role of WTC in the community?"

In answer, Dr. Krenek said, "Serving local citizens, providing training and education. Our role is to serve the needs of the local community, Scurry County, and try to anticipate and meet those needs."

Bullard also asked in what direction is the state pushing institutions.

Dr. Krenek said the state is pointing two-year institutions in the direction of workforce education, developmental education and distance learning - in addition to continued student transfer responsibility.

The staff-recommended priority items take WTC in this direction, Dr. Krenek said.

"The staff still feels like the priority items are in the best interest of the college," he said.

The priority items include new programs, technology advancement and instructional program/plant maintenance, as well as salary adjustments for full and part-time employees.

The new programs include truck driving, expansion of the Correctional Officer Training in-service program to Lamesa and Abilene, a co-op EMS program with Texas Tech University and a childcare/early childhood program.

Estimated start-up cost for all four programs is $125,000.

Concerning the technology advancement priority item, the $30,000 cost will cover hiring a technician and maintaining and upgrading the state-of-the-art distance learning equipment now available at the college.

"We are now out there on the edge of technology," Dr. Krenek said, adding that that is the direction education is moving.

The fourth priority item is instructional program/plant maintenance and the staff plans to budget $15,000 in this area.

The funds will cover setting up an equipment replacement cycle, campus repairs and maintenance, and maintenance of program equipment and the physical plant.

In the area of salary adjustments, trustees did not agree with the staff-recommended five percent salary increase which would have cost an estimated $200,000.

Instead, the board gave the staff the direction to work within a $130,000 perimeter.

Dr. Krenek said the staff must now decide "how to equivocally distribute the new money."

The funds will come from net funds available after calculating the state funding increase of $334,000, other projected revenue and previously committed expenses.

The available funds total some $132,200.

The staff will work up a budget to present to the board when it meets Aug. 9. Trustees will have the opportunity to adjust the budget until it is formally adopted at a later date.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Cheer up. The less you have, the more there is to look forward to."

Wipe that smile off you face, it could be hazardous to your health.

That's the word from one medical researcher, despite a long-standing notion that humor helps speed up the healing process.

While it is popularly accepted that laughter can actually help fight disease, some humor researchers are causing some doubt about the connection.

Now a psychologist at the University of Western Ontario says the happy face scenario may not be what we think. He claims the handful of studies done on humor and health have been too few to draw a definite conclusion. He says the notion of humor improving health has spread because of wide-spread media attention.

There they go blaming on the news guy again. Be sure and grin when you shoot the messenger. The psychologist says that the scant number of actual research projects have been done without the proper scientific rigor – whatever that is. Maybe he meant rigor mortis.

He claims few scientists have checked what happened to the immune systems of people who watched funny videos compared to those who just watched a video. We have to conclude that funny – like beauty – is in the eye of the viewer.

While two studies have concluded that humor is linked to longevity, five found that it was not, he says. One study even indicated that people with a sense of sense of humor died earlier than others.

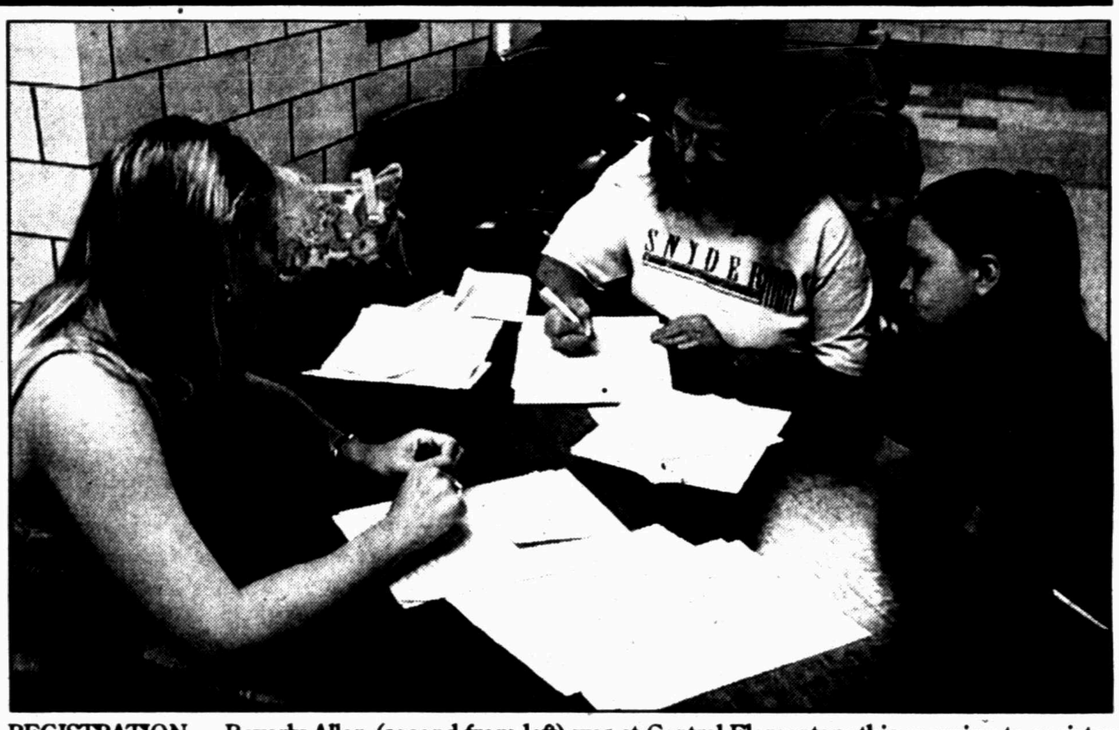
At least they died happy.

We keep waiting for those medical guys to foo-foo the link between exercise and health. A lot of us are looking for excuses to get off the couch and move quickly to the recliner.

Last year, we read where it's now fashionable to mow your lawn with an old-style push reel mower. The idea is to get a better-looking lawn and needed exercise at the same time.

We heard about one cheapskate who offered an explanation for using the powerless mower. He said, "One antique deserves another."

Speaking of medical humor. Doctors always suggest something good for an ailment. What we want is something bad for it.



REGISTRATION — Beverly Allen (second from left) was at Central Elementary this morning to register her grandchildren Daniel Allen, 5, and Daniela Allen, 8. Karen Owens, new Central secretary, assists. (SDN Staff Photo)

Workers finally able to secure well blowout

Efforts to cap a well spewing gas some 35 miles southwest of Snyder were successful Monday as workers with UNOCAL and Cudd Pressure Services gained control of the well around 3:30 p.m.

The well had been emitting gases since early Friday morning near the Sour Dough Addition near Lake Thomas. The well site is in Borden County on FM 1205.

UNOCAL spokesman Steve Gregory said this morning that the farm-to-market road will remain closed for at least another 48 hours as the company begins clean-up operations.

Gregory said workers installed a valve on the well using a "hot-tap" process to allow a high volume of water to be pumped down the tubing to bring the well under control.

The blow-out was first reported to the Scurry County sheriff's dispatchers around 1 a.m. Friday, and the Borden County sheriff's department and EMT were notified, as well.

There was never a fire at the well site, but two employees of Cudd were injured while laying a line to the well on Friday. Both have since been released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring.

Up to 30 people had been at the site Monday trying to cap the well.

Gregory added that UNOCAL was most appreciative of the Borden County sheriff's department for its efforts in keeping the site safe from on-lookers, and for the EMT standing by as well.

"Both were very supportive," said Gregory.

Local woman files lawsuit against diet drug company

A Snyder woman has filed suit against the makers of the weight-loss drug Fen-phen, joining some 3,300 other cases filed by Houston attorney Robert A. Schwarts.

Teresa J. Seale filed the suit in 132nd District Court against American Home Products (AHP) and its subsidiaries.

No monetary figure was disclosed in the court documents other than stating monetary relief of more than $50,000 is being sought.

She is seeking compensatory damages, plus punitive and exemplary damages from the pharmaceutical companies.

Plaintiffs in lawsuits against the company have stated the diet drugs have caused severe side effects, including damage to the heart and kidneys.

Twenty-nine suits have been filed in Lubbock County by Schwartz against AHP.

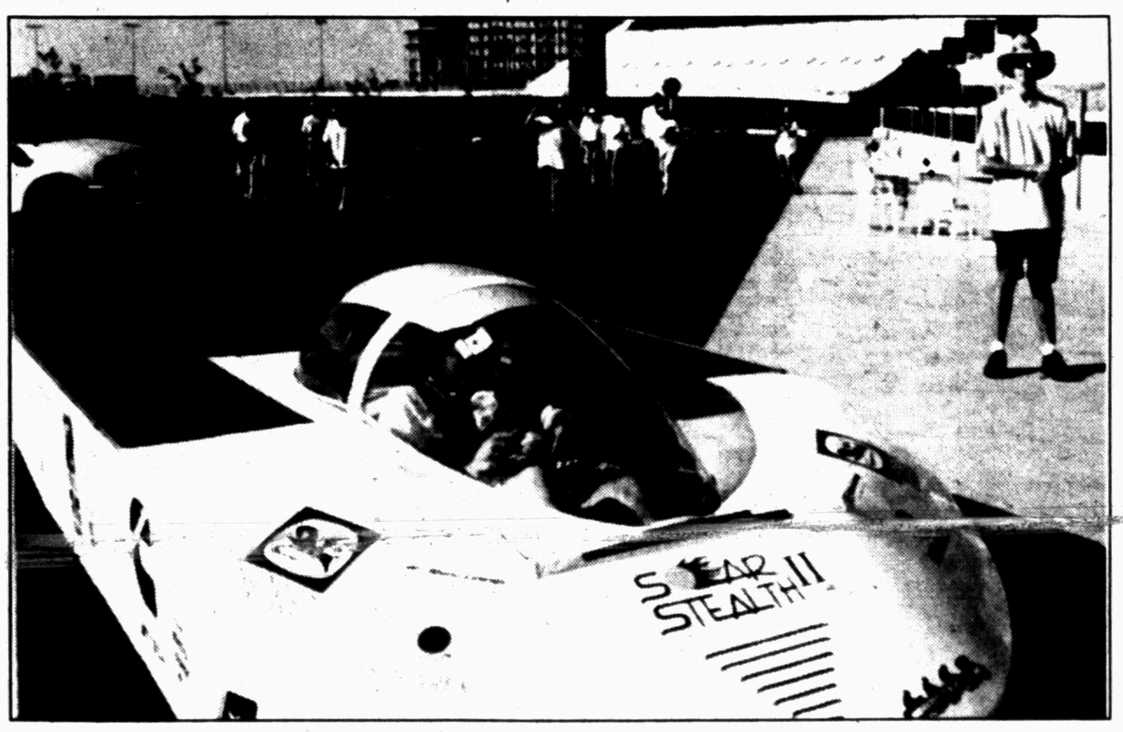
Last week in Sweetwater, District Judge Weldon Kirk sanctioned AHP $125,000 for causing delays in a trial scheduled in that city.

The Sweetwater trial was filed by an Indiana woman who is seeking $25 million from American Home Products.

AHP and its subsidiaries manufacture Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine – the "fen" portion of fen-phen.

The second half of the drug is Phentermine, which has not been linked with heart problems. It cannot be prescribed with Pondimin, however.

Fen-phen was pulled from the market in September, 1997.



LET THE SUN SHINE – Solar cars participating in a cross-country race will be at Scurry County Coliseum around 5:30 this afternoon. The race will get underway Wednesday at 9 a.m. (Contributed Photo)

Bond refinancing is on city's meeting agenda

Snyder's city council will meet this evening at 5:30 to consider the second reading of an ordinance which will allow the city to refinance water and sewer bonds at a lower rate.

The action is expected to save the city more than $642,000 over the life of the bonds.

The agenda also lists work on the city's 1999-2000 budget although little, if any, discussion is expected.

The council concluded most of its budget work during its regular meeting earlier in the month.

The council is also expected to hear a report on a grant the city is seeking in order to replace water lines in the northeast portion of the city. The area includes Northeast Elementary where bottled water is furnished by the city due to the quality of piped water to the school.

The city is seeking a $250,000 grant with matching funds required of $115,000. The grant application was made to the Texas Community Development Program and and was ranked by the West Central Texas Council of Governments. The next step is evaluation of the project at the state level.

The WCTCG released a community ranking of some 38 city or county entities which have requested grants, and Snyder ranked second among the 38 applicants.

ASK US

Q — Has there been an estimate made on how much it would cost to paint and the repair the locomotive in Towle Park?

A — Pct. 3 Commisioner Howard Limmer said he has recieved an estimate of $5,000.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 92 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 71; no precipitation; total for 1999, 17.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Lows, upper 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy; 20% percent chance of storms. Highs, lower 90s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows, upper 60s-lower 70s.

Quentin Shafer
Slight Chance

Sunset: 8:47 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.
Of 200 days in 1999, the sun has shone 191 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A good beginning is half the battle.
— Portuguese Proverb

Mars said planet of contrasts

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The latest images from NASA's Mars Global Surveyor portray a climatically diverse yet lifeless planet — a place where a mountain soars 17 miles high and a canyon plunges 11 miles deep.

More than 350 researchers gathered in Pasadena on Monday at a conference to discuss the findings of Surveyor, which began mapping the planet in March and will do so for 687 days, a full Martian year.

The Surveyor mission has yet to produce any evidence that life could ever exist on Mars. An instrument that studies the composition of surface minerals has so far found no rocks from which the building blocks of life could develop, said Arden Albee, Surveyor's project scientist and organizer of the Fifth International Conference on Mars.

"Things that we thought would be the precursors of life have not shown up," he said.

But four months into the mission, scientists say they have acquired the most accurate picture of any planet in the solar system.

"We know the topography of Mars better than we know the topography of Earth," Albee said.

The $250 million spacecraft already has found that Mars is shaped like a pear, its mountainous southern half nearly two miles higher than its flat northern hemisphere. Its surface has the highest, lowest and smoothest land forms found in the solar system.

"We are seeing a very interesting planet in that we have no idea of how it got into that form," said David Smith of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., principal investigator for the instrument that measures the planet's elevations.

Smith's instrument, known as a laser altimeter, has never been used to systematically measure all of Earth's continents, although such a mission is planned for the future.

The Surveyor altimeter will rescan the same areas to find out how those regions have changed. Researchers hope to learn more about how the planet's ice caps grow as well as its weather patterns.

A landing site for the next Mars probe, which arrives in December, will be determined over the next few months using Surveyor data.

California enacts new gun legislation

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As relatives of people slain by assault weapons watched, Gov. Gray Davis signed into law the nation's toughest ban on military-type guns and a measure to limit buyers to one handgun per month.

"Guns have a place in the theater of war, they have no place out on the streets," Davis said Monday during a ceremony six years after eight people were killed in a rampage at a San Francisco office building.

The new law closes loopholes in the state's 1989 assault weapons law by spelling out the physical characteristics of banned weapons, such as fixed magazines that carry more than 10 rounds of ammunition and other features that allow rapid firing.

Under the old law, the sale, manufacture, import and often the possession of more than 50 military-style weapons was prohibited. But gun makers got around that by making slight modifications and selling "copycat" weapons under different names.

For example, while the TEC-9 semiautomatic pistol has been illegal, the similar TEC-DC9 remained legal in California.

"I'm feeling a lot of happiness, but still a great deal of sadness for the lives that had to be taken to make this possible," said Carol Kingsley, whose husband, Jack Berman, was among those gunned down during the 1993 killing spree by a man armed with an assault weapon.

The new law goes into effect Jan. 1.

Marilyn Merrill, whose husband Mike was killed, attended the ceremony with her 10-year-old daughter Kristen.

"There will be many lives saved by this law," she said. "I don't want anyone to have to go through (a massacre) again."

However, three months after 13 people were gunned down at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., only a few states have put more control on guns. Most states did nothing. Some even loosened gun restrictions.

Snowmobiles being recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Polaris Industries agreed to recall roughly 67,000 snowmobiles with defective brakes Monday.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said Polaris must replace the hydraulic brakes on its 1999 model snowmobiles. The company has had reports of 17 brake failures.

"There was a defect in the manufacturing process of the discs," said commission spokesman Russ Rader. "They don't work properly and can cause the discs to fail," preventing the vehicle from stopping.

No injuries have been reported. However, before riding season begins, owners should return their snowmobiles to a Polaris dealer that will replace the defective brakes.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 20, 1999

Due to a very constructive change in your demeanor and attitude in the year ahead, your new personality will win you numerous admirers in both your social and work-a-day world.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's very unlike you, but today in order to draw attention to yourself, you could attempt to upstage those in your presence. This would detract from, not enhance, your image. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to make someone else appear bad in the eyes of others, you might deliberately achieve a goal about which you could care less. Improper motivation usually turns out self-defeating.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Should you create an error today, don't rationalize or make excuses for your mistake, no matter how difficult owning up to it is for you. It'll only lessen your prestige with others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could be a trifle accident prone today, so my advice to you is don't borrow any treasured possessions of a friend. It's best to make do with what you have.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful how you conduct yourself today. If you come on too opinionated or unyielding, associates won't know how to deal with you and find reasons to avoid your company.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There may be no pleasing someone to whom you lend a helping hand today. You might be better off letting this person fend for him or herself instead of doing anything for the individual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your hopes aren't likely to be fulfilled today if you structure your wishes upon unrealistic goals. Although it's good to be optimistic, you still must be practical.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Disappointment is extremely likely today if you bank too heavily on chance or luck to carry you through, especially in matters that have competitive elements. They're not reliable allies.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Others might be able to get away with telling tall tales today, but should you try to stretch the truth a bit, everyone will know it. Stick to the facts and don't embellish anything.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It behooves you to check and recheck your assessments, calculations and conclusions in all business matters. If you make a mistake today, it could be a "doosy."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Saunter away from those who take you for granted today, especially if you get negative feedback on what you try to do for them. Some people will never appreciate another's input.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) As a Gemini, you know you have two sides to everything within your personality. Your less disciplined aspects may rule today and make you careless or irresponsible if you're not diligent.

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Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 21, 1999

Circumstances in the year ahead could draw you into a more advantageous alliance with someone with whom you already have firm bounds. Collectively you'll do great things together.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Trying to be all things to all people never works and it could even cause you to feel frustrated or inadequate. Just be yourself and you'll get a lot farther ahead. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope 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.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's far more important that you strive for quality and satisfaction rather than speed today concerning a critical matter that could have far reaching effects. Don't be too hasty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If possible today, try to avoid someone with whom you recently had cross words. Chances are both of you still have chips on your shoulders and could say things to widen the chasm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your budget can be improved upon today if you start off your day off on the right foot. Sort out your financial affairs and trim what you can of your expenses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Should you get involved in a competitive development today, don't underestimate your adversary. This individual could be far stronger than you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Unless you strive to keep all of your testy endeavors as basic and simple as possible today, you could have a tendency to further complicate the situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although normally you're a reasonably cautious individual who usually isn't prone to taking big, uncalculated risks, your discipline might be at a low point today. Be careful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Taking scattering pot shots at a variety of targets today won't improve your marksmanship. Only when you aim for meaningful objectives will you have a chance at hitting the bull's-eye.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let poor judgment on your part reopen an old wound today. There's a possibility you could repeat the mistake that caused the injury in the first place.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's no way you're going to be able to simply go window wishing today, so unless you have ample financial wherewithal, it's best to leave your credit cards home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The line between being your own person or being a team player might be rather delicate today. Unfortunately, the former might dominate over the latter. Try to reverse that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Rumblings from the powers that be regarding responsibilities or duties you've messed up on or have been neglecting could get quite loud today, unless you get on things bright and early.

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A Little Bit Of Humor

Jeff: The flies are awfully thick around here. Don't you people ever shoo them?

Lauren: Nope, we just let them go barefoot.

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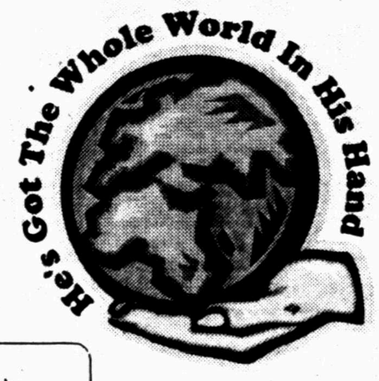

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SGC OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY — A dozen members celebrated the 50th anniversary of Snyder Garden Club with a luncheon at the Snyder Country Club. Attending were (from left) president Sandra Browning, Gussie Gray, LaVerne Hood, Dolores Merritt, Gertrude League, Janis Blackwell, Sonja Vinson, Betty Wood, Patsy Huckabee, Anna Sears, Bonnie Fry and not pictured, Jo Ann Nunley. The SGC planning session was held 50 years ago at the country club. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Garden club celebrates 50th

On the first Tuesday in July, 1949, about 30 civic minded women met at the Snyder Country Club to organize a garden club for the purpose of systematic study of conservation, horticulture, flower shows, flower arrangements, home and community beautification and related flower and garden arts.

Lucy Enfield was made temporary chairman and Mrs. J.D. Scot was secretary pro tem.

Mrs. J.D. Dillard of Midland, an experienced worker in garden clubs, led a general discussion of plans. A motion carried to meet monthly and a committee was appointed by the chair to arrange a meeting place. The committee included Mmes. Wade Winston, Fred Bullard and G.B. Clark Jr. A committee consisting of Mmes. R.L. Gray, Wilson Connell, W.J. Ely and W.D. Harrell, was appointed to nominate officers.

Projects discussed were beautification of Deep Creek, sides of highways, the Cap Rock, courthouse grounds and business alleys. There was $10 in the treasury.

At the second meeting on July 29, 1929, officers were elected to include Miss Myrtle Harrell, president; Mmes. J.D. Scott, first vice president; Lucy Enfield, second vice president; A.C. Prewitt, recording secretary; Wayne Boren, corresponding secretary; G.B. Clark Jr., treasurer; W.R. Bell Sr., historian; and Clyde Boren, reporter.

Early meeting places were the Corral in east Snyder, the country club, First Christian Church on 27th Street, The Village, and since 1956 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

The first yearbook in 1950 listed names of 30 members.

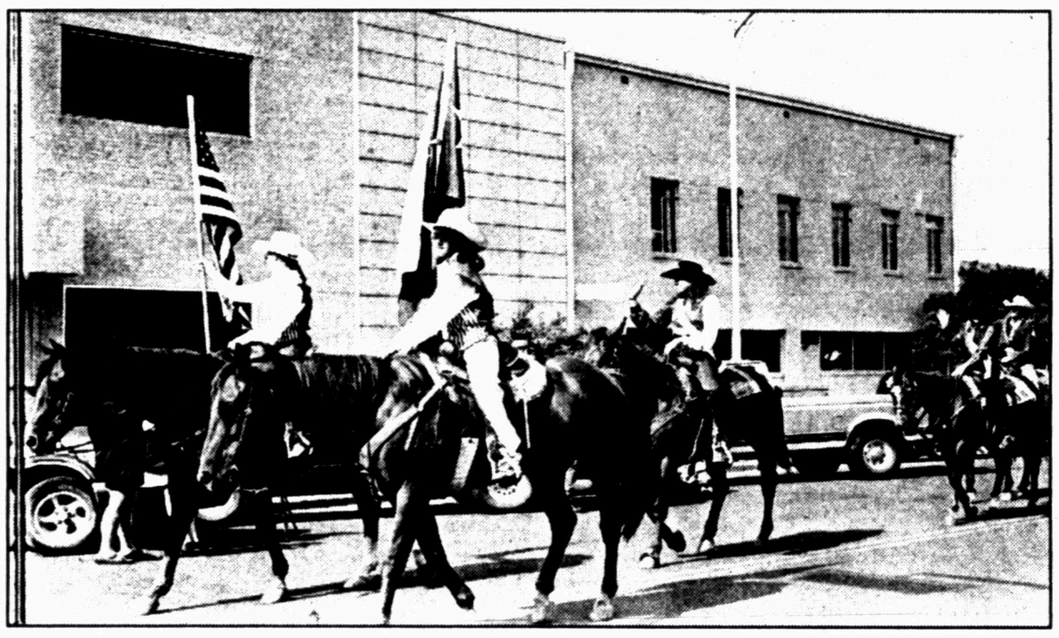
SGC's club flower is the crape myrtle and the colors are pink and green.

The club was first affiliated with District I Texas Garden Clubs Inc. but was later changed to District VIII.

The current club still meets at the woman's club on the first Thursday of each month.

LaVerne Hood who serves as District VIII director was recognized along with Sandra Browning as corresponding secretary and Sonya Vinson as historian. Patsy Huckabee is a past state president and now serves as endowment fund chairman.

At the celebration luncheon, discussion was held on the annual flower show at the Scurry County Fair Sept. 16-18, at the coliseum. This year's theme is. "20th Century Echoes" and entries in the horticulture and design divisions are open to the public. Only insect-free plants and specimens can be entered.



FLAG BEARERS FOR RODEO PARADE — Cindy Nachlinger carried the American Flag and Megan Minor carried the Texas Flag as they led the Scurry County Rodeo Parade around the square and out College Avenue Saturday morning. Pictured next are Rodeo Queen Darcee Purcell and Little Miss Junior Rodeo Queen Kassie Burney. The three-day performance ended Saturday night at the rodeo grounds. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Straight fish story

OSSIPEE, N.H. (AP) — Here's a different kind of fish story.

Some people think the warm weather in New Hampshire has created deadly conditions for fish in some of the state's waterways. Still, others doubt its just the high temperatures.

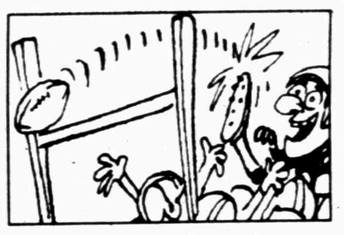
Dead fish have been reported in Lake Winnipesaukee, Duncan Lake in Ossipee and Newfound River in Bristol, according to Fish and Game biologist Don Miller.

During the weekend, Miller said the warm weather had been depleting Duncan Lake of oxygen and he had reports that some fish had died as a result.

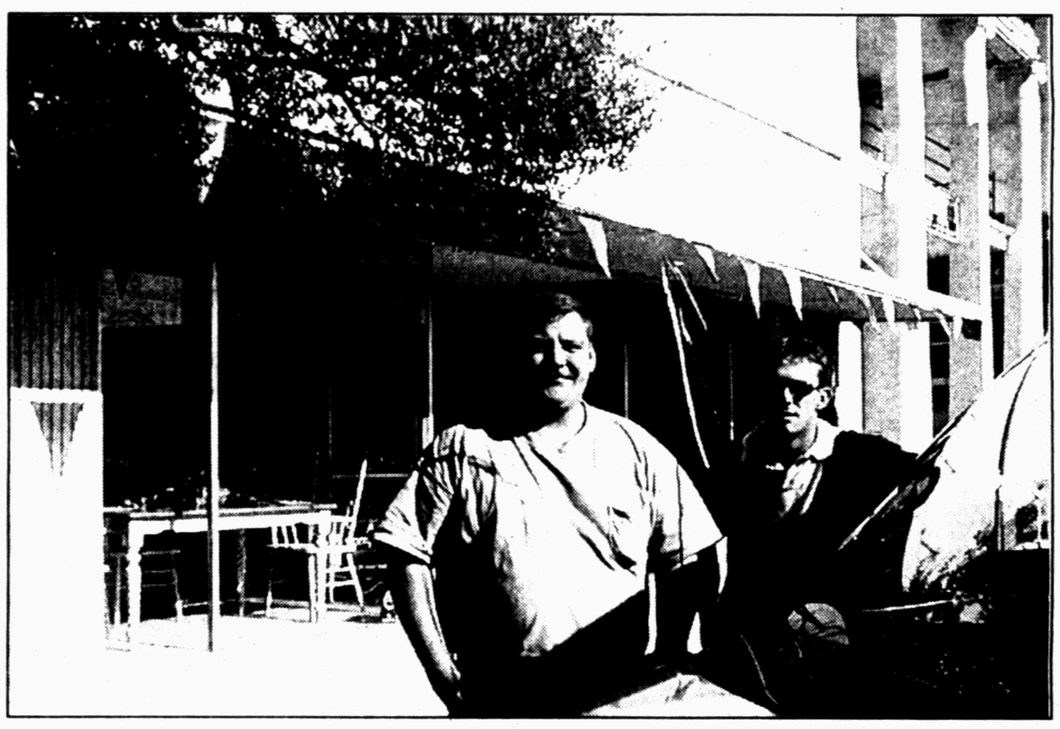
Not so fast, replied one fisherman. On Monday, he telephoned Miller to say the dead fish were not oxygen-starved trout but rather horned pouts, also called bullheads, which had been thrown back by fishermen.

Upon further examination, Miller concurred.

"It wasn't in fact a fish killing," Miller said. "He's a fisherman himself, and he's lived there a long time... He's more on top of it than we are."



The only person ever to score more than 2,000 points in his football career is George Blanda. Over 26 seasons, Blanda scored nine touchdowns, and kicked 335 field goals and 943 points after touchdowns for 2,002 points.



DOWNTOWN BUSINESS OF MONTH — The Snyder Beautification Committee has selected Colortyme as the Business of the Month for the area around the square. Shown are John Howell, assistant manager, and Justin Locknane, driver, from left. Manager Twennette Alvarez was on maternity leave. Businesses have been chosen for this honor by the appearance of the store front, window displays and using lights at night. Members of the Snyder Garden Club served as judges. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Hospital

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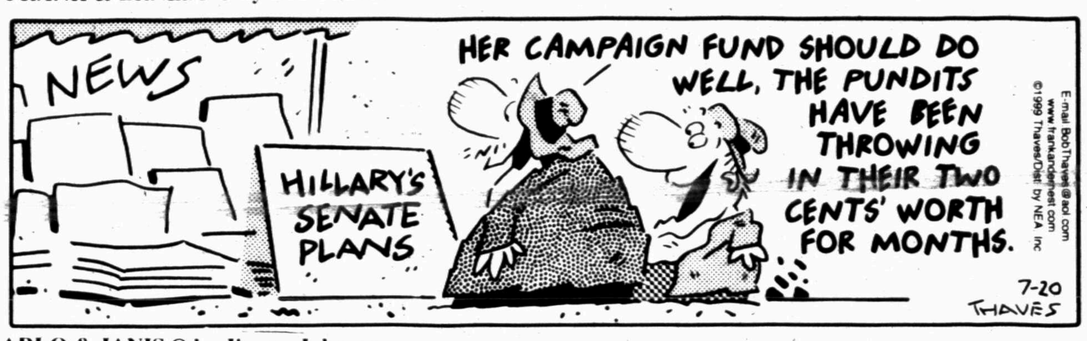

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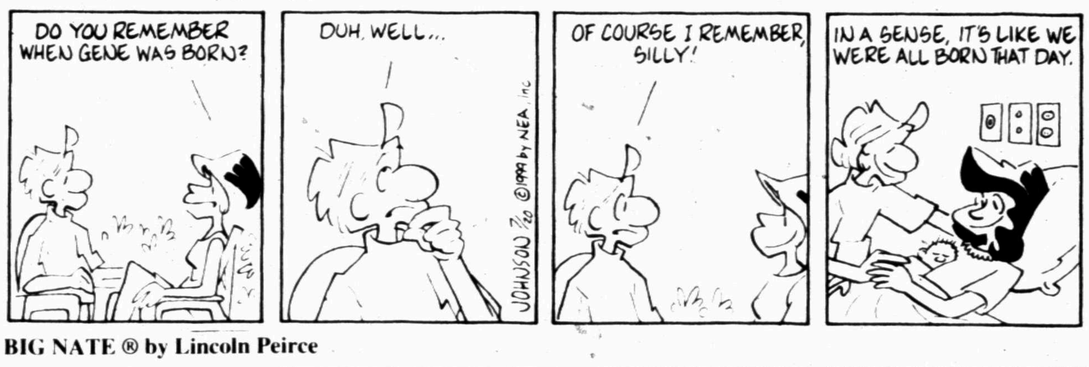

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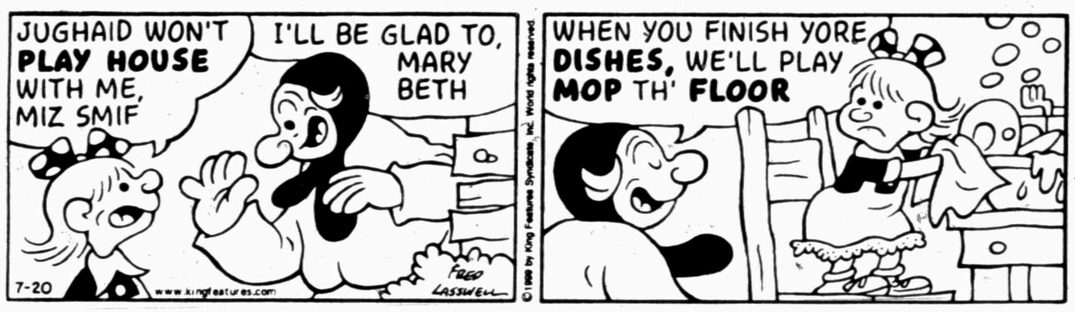

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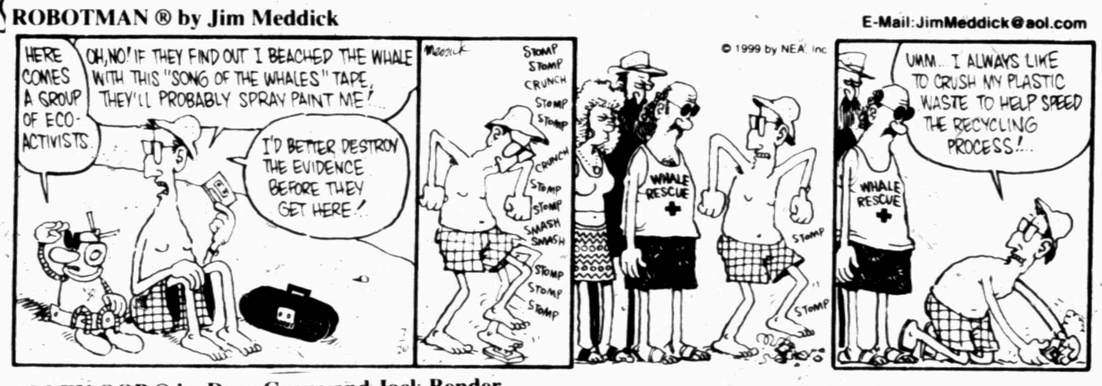

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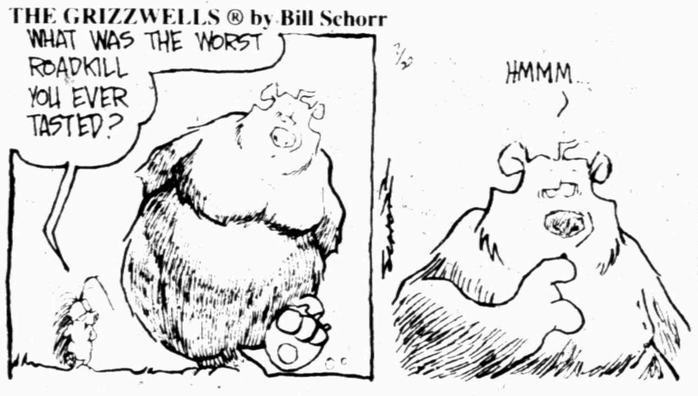

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Kind of dance
7 Type of fir tree
13 Cold period (2 wds.)
14 Head over heels — —
15 Cape — Island, Canada
16 Pertaining to the lips
17 Not high
18 Item on an Indian menu
20 Repent
21 Brother of Jacob
23 Engage in a winter sport
24 Actor Hackman
25 "Auld Lang —"
27 Distinctive character
29 Roman 650
31 — de Janeiro
32 Yorkshire river
33 "— Kapital"
34 Mistreat
37 Sioux Indian
40 An apple — —
41 Ship's curved planking
43 Rabbit tail
45 Pollack fish
46 Parisian season
47 Spoonbender Geller
48 Flat-bottomed Asian skiff
51 Popeye, e.g.
54 Army command (2 wds.)
55 Run away
56 Wanted (sl.)
57 Holy

DOWN

1 The Scriptures
2 Puzzle direction
3 Freedom of action
4 Map abbr.
5 Type of trip?
6 Seds to
7 Type of ball or table
8 Anecdote collection
9 Atty.'s deg.
10 Evening party
11 Begone, old-style
12 Free-for-all
19 Canine assn.
22 Excessively
24 Specters
26 Light brown
28 Hi or bye
30 Abated
34 Conceive
35 Nonclergy
36 Med. spec.
38 Of the eyes
39 Spain's continent
40 Subject to chemical analysis
42 Positive words
44 Weary
49 Cook's need
50 Peer Gynt's mother
52 Light — — feather
53 Trans. agcy.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

I	C	A	R	U	S		I	N	C	A	S	E
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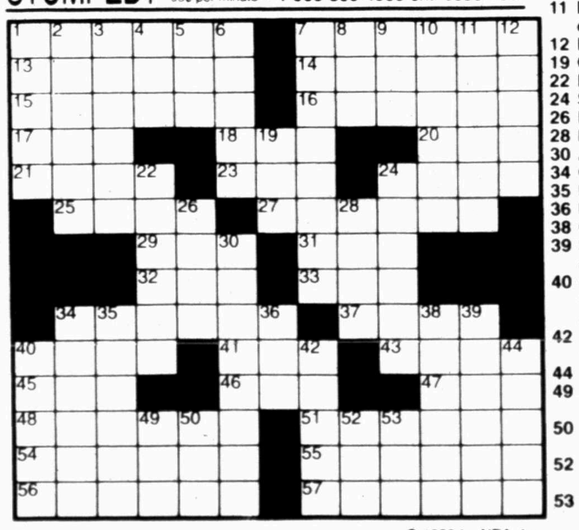

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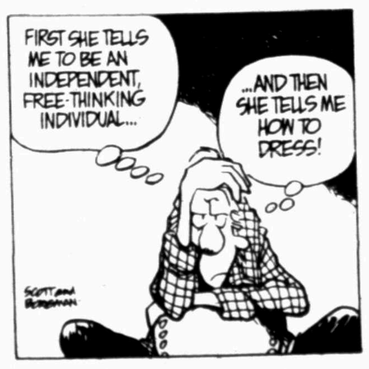

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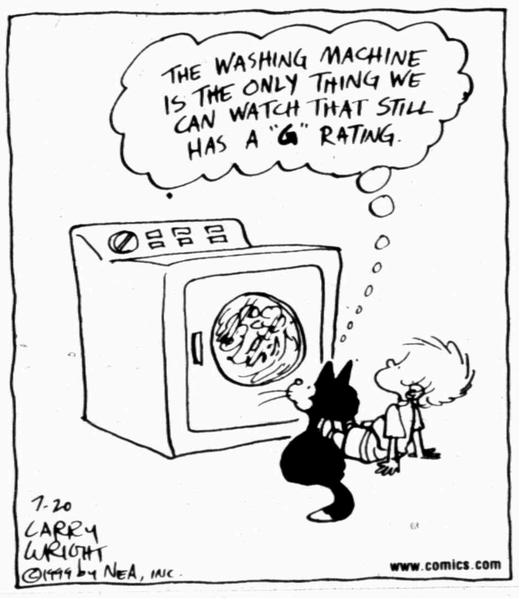

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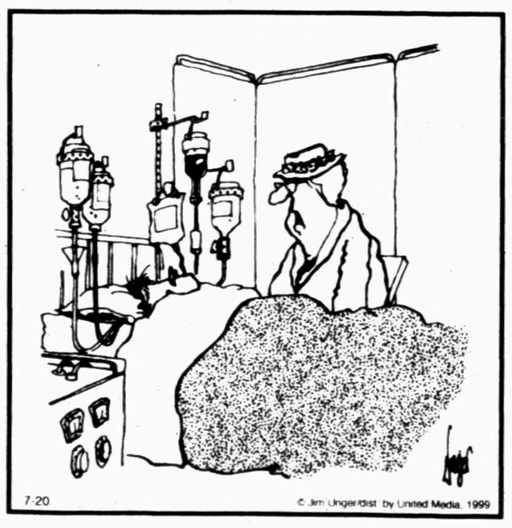
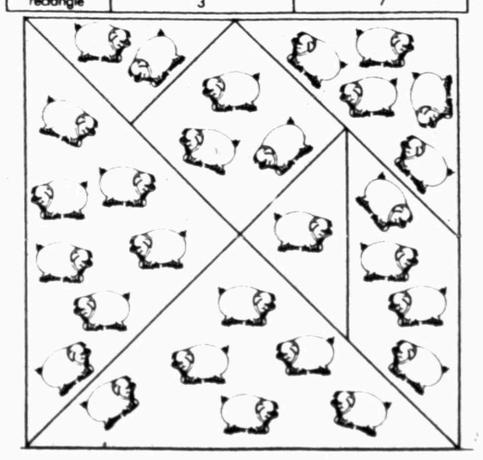


"I wish you'd let me know you were coming in here. I had to throw away a perfectly good frozen dinner."

Pigs A Plenty

Cut out the pieces of the tangram (a Chinese puzzle). Follow the chart to make the several different shapes that are listed.

Make this shape	by using this many pieces	to show this many pigs.
square	2	13
triangle	2	3
rectangle	3	7



"WELL, IF YOUR WINDOW HADN'T BEEN IN THE WAY, I WOULDA HAD A HOME RUN!"

SPORTS

WTC coach relieved after board meeting

Following a few weeks of anxious moments, Western Texas College hoops coach Valery Jackson can finally focus on the upcoming season.

The WTC board agreed Monday night not to eliminate the women's basketball and men's golf programs for the upcoming year, with further evaluation expected in March.

Valery Jackson

Jackson, who will be beginning her third season on the Lady Dusters' sideline, was relieved, but admitted some damage may have already been done.

"I am glad that we're going to have a season, there's no doubt about that," Jackson said. "But just the fact that the program was in jeopardy, did some damage. I've had other coaches in the conference calling me and asking what the deal is. And if other coaches know about it, then that really hurts recruiting."

Jackson, who already has a full roster for this season, said when a recruit narrows her decision to WTC and another school, the rumor that the Lady Duster program might not last will influence her decision.

"It will make it difficult to compete against another school for a player," Jackson stated. "The other coach will be able to play on the fact that our program almost didn't make it."

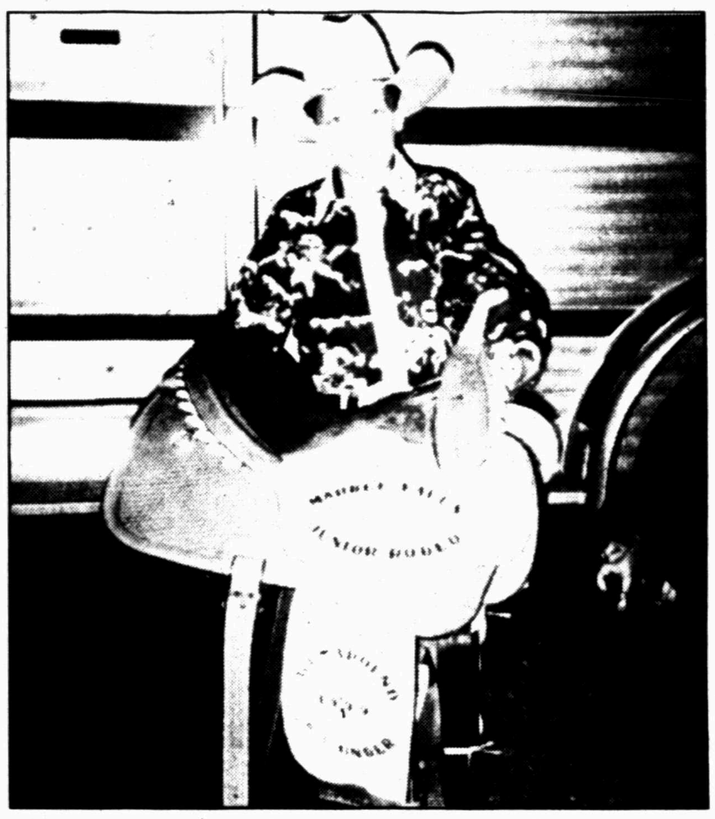
As for this year's squad, Jackson believes there will be some distractions at first, but thinks her girls can overcome them.

"My sophomores were pretty down, because they thought the school didn't care or appreciate them," she said. "But we'll get past that and focus on the task at hand, which is winning competing in the WJCAC."

One thing that will be taken into consideration when the programs are re-evaluated next year, is community support. Jackson knows that attendance isn't as high as it could be, but says the team has made great strides in that department.

"I do agree that we need more community support, but considering where the program was when I got here, I think we've come a long way," the former WTC player stated. "The bottom line is you have to win ball games to get the people to come out."

The Lady Dusters are scheduled to begin workouts Aug. 30.



ALL-AROUND COWBOY — Clayton Hirt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hirt, won his first all-around saddle recently at the Marble Falls Junior Rodeo. Hirt competed in pole bending, goat tying, barrel racing and breakaway roping to win the all-around honor. (Contributed Photo)

Texas hitters bomb Giants in 14-7 rout

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ruben Mateo went 4-for-5 and Mark McLemore had three hits and three RBIs as the Texas Rangers beat the San Francisco Giants 14-7 Monday night.

Ivan Rodriguez also had three hits. Juan Gonzalez, Rusty Greer, Lee Stevens and Mateo all drove in two runs apiece to help the Rangers to their fourth victory in five games.

San Francisco has dropped five of six after winning 10 of 12.

The Rangers fell behind when rookie Ryan Glynn allowed a three-run homer to Barry Bonds in the first inning. After the Rangers rallied, Glynn took a 7-3 lead into the fifth, but did not qualify for the victory because he was lifted after consecutive walks with one out.

Esteban Loaiza (1-1) gave up four runs and five hits over 4 2-3 innings of relief to pick up his first victory since beating Detroit on Aug. 31 last year.

Texas came back against Giants starter Chris Brock (6-8) with a two-run first inning. Greer had an RBI single and Gonzalez added a run-scoring double.

The Rangers knocked Brock out of the game with one out in the second. McLemore tied it 3-3 with an RBI single, then Rodriguez gave the Rangers the lead with a run-scoring single.

Gonzalez, the first batter faced by reliever Felix Rodriguez, added a sacrifice fly to make it 5-3. Mateo's two-run double in the third extended the lead to 7-3.

In the fifth, McLemore had an RBI single and Greer drove in another run on a groundout to make it 9-3. In the sixth, Todd Zeile scored from third on a wild pitch by Julian Tavarez.

San Francisco cut the deficit to 10-5 in the seventh on J.T. Snow's two-run double.

Bynum leads roping event at NHSFR

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Snyder's Bradley Bynum is just a sophomore, but he rides tall in the saddle.

Bynum, competing in his first National High School Finals Rodeo, has the early lead in the calf roping event.

Bynum registered a time of 8.709 seconds during the opening performance Monday.

The NHSFR continues through Friday.

Bynum is the brother of former state champion barrel racer Tara Bynum.

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan SDN Sports Editor

Here are a couple of takes from some of the numerous, colorful conversations which took place over the weekend at the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Classic.

Former Texas Tech athletic director T. Jones, who played quarterback at the University of Texas and also served on Darrell Royal's coaching staff, passed along this story.

Royal and Jones would go hunting a few times a year on a lease outside of Acuna, Mexico. Usually everything went pretty smooth, but one year they had a little snag.

While visiting a local cantina with the owner of the hunting lease, the two UT coaches had no more than sat down, before a pair of senoritas hopped into their laps. Instantly, another man jumped up, snapped off a few photos, then took off running.

Jones, Royal and the local who owned the lease started giving chase through the streets of Acuna. By the time the three caught up to the man, two police officers had a hold of him.

With the local translating, the police asked Royal what he wanted them to do with the photographer. The Longhorn coach said to put him in jail.

The officers then asked, for how long. Royal's answer was forever. The local told the police to put the man in jail in forever. The officers obliged, and off they went.

"For all we know," Jones added. "The guy's probably still in jail."

As for the camera and film, Royal got it back. It turns out the whole thing was setup by a group of University of Houston alumni, trying to get Royal some bad press.

But like most of his battles, the UT coaching legend was victorious in the end.

The Cougars weren't the only cats that Royal had success against. During his all-American playing days at the University of Oklahoma, the gridiron legend also turned in some strong performances against a certain Snyderite's group of Kansas State Wildcats.

Snyder's Dutch Stehley tells the story of the time he couldn't outrun Royal, either.

Stehley, who originally signed to play at Missouri, before transferring to K-State after the war, was quarterbacking his Wildcats one fall afternoon against Royal's Sooners.

Stehley said he took the snap on an option play going to his right. One of Royal's teammates busted through and knocked Stehley about five yards backward, but the wily ex-Snyder coach kept his balance and headed around the end.

A shimmy and a shake later, and Stehley was in the secondary, with nothing between him and the endzone in the distance.

But it wasn't to be. About 45 yards downfield, a streaking Darrel Royal hauled him down from behind.

"I didn't score on the play, but I got close," Stehley remembers. "And at least I got caught by one of the greatest players there was."

Seems like no one can outrun Royal. But despite the tackle, Stehley went on to coach some of the greatest track teams in Snyder High School history.

Just don't ever accept a job in Acuna taking pictures, Dutch.

SDN Sports Briefs

Couples golf tourney

The 25th annual Raggedy Ann and Andy golf tournament will be held July 31 and Aug. 1 at Snyder Country Club. Entry fee is $200 per team, not including cart.

Prizes, based on a full field, will be $500 for first place, $400 for second and $300 for third in each pre-flighted division. Free food and beverages will be provided on the course, with a dinner slated for Saturday night.

Only the first 60 paid teams will be accepted, and deadline to enter is Wednesday. For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

WTC junior golf clinic

A junior golf clinic for ages 10-17 will begin Monday at Western Texas College. Cost is $75 per student for the week.

Covered during the clinic will be the short game, putting, trouble shots, etiquette and rules, with video swing analysis also provided.

The first 50 golfers to register will be accepted. For more information, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Tennis camp

The Snyder Tiger Competitive Edge Tennis Camp will begin Monday for junior high through college-level athletes.

Allen Lee and selected instructors will train players in mechanics and strategies. Registration is limited to the first 40 entries. To register, contact Alan Lee at 863-2305.

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

WGA couples play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a mixed foursomes event Friday evening at 5:30.

Kiwanis golf tourney

The Snyder Kiwanis Club Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 7 at Western Texas College. All proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation at WTC.

There will be drawings for merchandise, and cash prizes for the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes are $10,000 and Top-Flite Tour Irons.

Entry fee is $120 per team. Players can register by calling Brenden McNeil at 573-1432, Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267, and Melanie or Linda at American State Bank, 573-4041. Sign-ups will also be taken at the WTC pro shop.

Major League Baseball

American League East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	54	37	.593	—
Boston	51	42	.548	4
Toronto	50	45	.526	6
Tampa Bay	40	53	.430	15
Baltimore	39	53	.424	15½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	57	35	.619	—
Chicago	44	46	.489	12
Kansas City	38	54	.413	19
Detroit	38	55	.409	19½
Minnesota	36	55	.396	20½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	52	40	.565	—
Oakland	47	45	.511	5
Seattle	45	47	.489	7
Anaheim	42	49	.462	9½

National League All Times EDT East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	57	37	.606	—
New York	54	40	.574	3
Philadelphia	50	41	.549	5½
Montreal	34	55	.382	20½
Florida	35	58	.376	21½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	55	37	.598	—
Cincinnati	51	38	.567	3
Pittsburgh	46	46	.500	9
St. Louis	46	47	.495	9½
Milwaukee	45	46	.495	9½
Chicago	43	47	.478	11
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	51	42	.548	—
Arizona	49	45	.521	2½
San Diego	47	44	.516	3
Los Angeles	42	49	.462	8
Colorado	41	50	.451	9

Monday's Games

Philadelphia 16, Tampa Bay 3
Toronto 8, Atlanta 7, 10 innings
Los Angeles 12, Pittsburgh 7
Detroit 7, Cincinnati 6
Montreal 6, N.Y. Yankees 4
N.Y. Mets 4, Baltimore 1
Florida 10, Boston 7
St. Louis 8, Minnesota 4
Houston 3, Cleveland 2, 11 innings
Texas 14, San Francisco 7
Chicago White Sox 10, Milwaukee 8, 12 innings
San Diego 4, Anaheim 1, 10 innings
Seattle 7, Arizona 5

Tuesday's Games

San Diego (Ashby 8-4) at Anaheim (Finley 5-9), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 8-8) at Toronto (Carpenter 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 3-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8-4), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 8-3) at Houston (Reynolds 10-6), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 6-5) at Texas (Helling 6-7), 8:35 p.m.

WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	6	.600	—
Charlotte	8	8	.500	1½
Detroit	8	8	.500	1½
Orlando	8	8	.500	1½
Washington	5	12	.294	5
Cleveland	4	14	.222	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	14	4	.778	—
Sacramento	12	6	.667	2
Los Angeles	11	6	.647	2½
Minnesota	9	6	.600	3½
Phoenix	6	10	.375	7
Utah	5	11	.313	8

Monday's Games

Orlando 77, Washington 52
Charlotte 73, Utah 66
Minnesota 76, Sacramento 69
Phoenix 60, Houston 48

Tuesday's Game

Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland at Washington, 11:45 a.m.
Utah at Detroit, 12 p.m.
Minnesota at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Snyder
Inscripción de Escuelas Primarias
Martes, 20 de julio 1999
8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Para ser elegible en el programa de Prekinder, en el distrito escolar de Snyder, un niño debe tener cuatro años de edad antes de o en el dia 1 de septiembre 1999, y debe ser 1) incapaz de hablar y comprender la lengua Inglesa; o 2) el ingreso de su familia está en, o más adelante, nivel de subsistencia (la familia califica para el Programa Federal de almuerzo gratis; requere prueba).

Todo estudiante quien entre a las escuelas publicas de Snyder por primera vez debe traer un: certificado de nacimiento, la tarjeta de numero seguro social y un registro de inmunización. Si los padres no pueden estar presente el dia de inscripción el 20 de julio, ellos se urgen que registren a sus niños antes de ese tiempo. Todos los estudiantes de escuelas primarias deben de registrarse oficialmente y ser acompañados por un padre/guardián.

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North 07-20-99
♠ Q 8 5 4
♥ K Q 7
♦ 6 3
♣ K 8 5 2

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

East
♠ A 7 3 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A 10 5
♣ 7 6 3

South
♠ J 6
♥ A 10 8 5 2
♦ K Q J
♣ A 9 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

How would you plan the play in four hearts after West has led the club queen?

As this is a book from Britain, where the weak-no-trump opening rules (showing 12-14 points), South's rebid described a strong no-trump. Hence North's game-forcing three-heart rebid.

There appear to be four guaranteed losers: two spades, one diamond and one club. How could declarer, the curvaceous and four-times-married Myra Bellingham, possibly succeed?

Hoping for a 3-3 club split, she ducked the first trick in both hands. Suitably duped and failing to note that East had dropped the lowest missing club spot, West continued with another club. Myra won with her ace, drew trumps, cashed the two club tricks, discarding a spade loser, and claimed.

The text concludes: Bolkonsky (the dummy) gazed at her with open admiration. "Absolutely breathtaking," he said.

"Thanks, Ivan, darling," Myra replied coquettishly. "But what did you think of my dummy-play?"

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Flowers	17¾	16¾	16 13-16— ¼
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GenMotors	69¾	68	68 9-16+ ¼
GaPacGP s	52¾	51 5/16	52⅜+ 1⅛
GlobalMar	16 9-16	16 1-16	16 3-16— 7-16
Goodrich	41 13-16	41¼	41¼— 1-16
Goodyear s	58⅛	58 5/8	58⅛— ¼
GtAtlPac	37½	37 1-16	37¼+ ¼
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TylerTech	5 13-16	5	13-16 5 13-16— 1-16
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Bush: Pioneers not evading donation limits

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican George W. Bush denied Monday that a small group of fund-raisers, each of whom has volunteered to raise $100,000 for his presidential campaign, is an effort to get around campaign donation limits.

A citizen group, Texans for Public Justice, asked Bush for a list of the 150 to 250 people, known as Pioneers, "who each pledged to bundle together for you at least 100 checks worth $1,000 apiece."

"The average American is not in a position to raise $100,000 for a political campaign," said Craig McDonald, director of the group. "The coordinated use of money-bundling Pioneers to amass such large sums of money evades the spirit of the Federal Election Campaign Act."

The Texas governor's campaign released a list of the Pioneers' names Monday night. It featured several of the governor's longtime Texas supporters, national GOP figures who have backed his presidential campaign and some relatives.

Bush said they are a grassroots network and follow federal campaign finance laws.

"This is a grassroots organization. These are people who've decided to take time out of their lives to help me become the president. And I am really grateful and very humbled by the outpouring of support," Bush said.

Bush, front runner in numerous opinion polls on the 2000 GOP nomination, has raised $37 million for his White House bid in less than four months.

McDonald and Texans for Public Justice contended that the use of a small number of Pioneers to accumulate large sums of money flies in the face of laws that limit campaign contributions to $1,000 per individual.

"Secretive money bundling and the rejection of voluntary campaign spending limits will only take this country back toward those Watergate days at a time when we should be embracing cleaner elections," McDonald said in a letter that asked Bush for the names, addresses, occupations and business affiliations of the Pioneers.

"If these are individuals who do not expect political favoritism in return for the millions of dollars they have pledged to raise, then there should be no objection to full and immediate disclosure," McDonald said.

Bush, noting his campaign has received some 80,000 donations, said there's nothing to hide regarding the Pioneers.

"Just start with my best friends, all of whom would like to see me be president. And all of whom are anxious to help me become the president," he said.

"It's amazing that we've now got nearly 80,000 Americans who've said we want George W. to be the president. It's a huge groundswell. The people are speaking. And for that, I'm incredibly grateful."

Bush said he believes the group includes his brother, Marvin. "I think he's a Pioneer. If he's not, we need to expose that he's not."

Marvin Bush's name is not on the Pioneers list, but among those that are:

U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas; former Texas Secretary of State George Bayoud; State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo; Bush uncles Jonathan Bush of Connecticut and William H.T. Bush of Missouri; the governor's sister, Dorothy B. Koch of Maryland; Dallas businessman Robert Dedman; U.S. Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash.; Michigan Gov. John Engler; Colorado Gov. Bill Owens; former Florida Gov. Bob Martinez; Texas businessman Charles Nash; and Edward "Rusty" Rose of Dallas, one of Bush's former partners in the Texas Rangers.

If the next presidential election were held today between Bush against Democrat Al Gore, Alabama voters would heavily favor Bush, a new poll indicates.

The poll, conducted by the Mobile Register and the University of South Alabama and published Sunday, gave Bush a nearly 2-1 advantage over Gore in Alabama.

"If the Gore campaign has numbers like this all over the South, he is in real trouble," said political scientist Jess Brown of Athens State University.

The poll surveyed 408 adults statewide last week. Bush got 61 percent to Gore's 32 percent.

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Teen-ager pleads no contest to girl's murder

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — On the day her murder trial was scheduled to start, a Texas teen-ager pleaded no contest to manslaughter Monday for strangling a 14-year-old girl in an abandoned building frequented by runaway children.

Elizabeth Ann Mangham, 17, of Austin was charged with voluntary manslaughter in the death of Shevawn Geoghegan.

Mangham faces a maximum sentence of 11 years in the California Youth Authority and state prison. She is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 18 by Superior Court Judge Bernard J. Kamins, a prosecutor said.

Last week, a Santa Monica jury convicted Glen Mason, 23, of strangling Geoghegan with a belt. According to the panel, Mason lay in wait for the girl, qualifying him for a sentence of life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors said Mangham bound the girl to a chair with duct tape on Mason's orders. The victim died in the basement of the abandoned building.

Prosecutor Stephanie Sparagna said the sentence was appropriate given Mangham's lack of criminal history and her age.

Mangham, 16 at the time of the slaying, and Mason were part of a culture of runaways who live in abandoned buildings and travel from city to city, Sparagna said.

A witness who led police to Geoghegan's body testified at Mason's trial that Mason preached Satanism to the group and viewed the murder as a sacrifice that would earn him credit with Satan.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Gallstones

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes gallstones and gallbladder problems? Are they aggravated by a high-fat diet?

DEAR READER: Most gallstones are composed of cholesterol deposits that gradually build up in the body's bile reservoir, the gallbladder. Some patients are particularly prone to gallstones, probably because of genetic influences leading to high cholesterol concentration in the bile, coupled with a deficiency in the ability to excrete uncrystallized cholesterol molecules. There appears to be a relation between blood cholesterol and gallstones, so dietary fat may play a role in stone formation.

Classically, gallstones are said to occur in fat females over forty, and to some extent this is true. However, anybody is entitled to gallstones, which typically cause right upper-abdominal pain after eating.

Gallstones tend to rub against the gallbladder lining, causing irritation and spasm. Sometimes small stones may become wedged in the duct leading from the gallbladder to the small intestine, leading to excruciating colic, blockage of the duct, jaundice and liver inflammation.

Most patients with repeated attacks of gallstones are delighted to have their gallbladders (and the stones) removed. Although such surgery is uncomfortable, it can be simply performed through a tube (laparoscope) as a "Band-Aid" operation with minimal convalescence. There are prescription medicines that, when taken for months, can dissolve gallstones. However, until the day when medical science discovers a universal antidote, the best way to avoid gallstones is to watch the fat in your diet, stay slim... and put off reaching 40.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from severe hay fever in the spring and fall. For the last 10 years, I've taken over-the-counter remedies at those times. Will this habit cause me to die a horrible death? I'm not eager to get allergy shots.

DEAR READER: Seasonal allergies are, as you point out, usually caused by reactions to the pollens of growing plants. The use of non-prescription antihistamines will not harm you and, if you are helped by them, I suggest continuing them. You should know, however, that new non-sedating antihistamine drugs are now available by prescription, so you ought to talk to your doctor about Allegra, Claritin or Zyrtec.

As an additional option, desensitization injections could solve your problem. Administered by an allergist after extensive testing, these shots may enable you to overcome your allergies, without the need for antihistamine drugs. Also, the allergist would be able to suggest other anti-hay fever treatment, such as NasaCrom sprays. In my opinion, an allergist is your next, logical step.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Woman Searches for Way To Warm Man's Cold Feet

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a man for two years. He's the love of my life. I'm in my late 20s and he's in his late 30s. We get along perfectly. We live together and spend most of our free time together.

I have been bringing up the topic of marriage lately because I'd love to start a family, but in order to do so I need a commitment. He says he loves me and that I am his world, but "marriage" scares him.

The other day I proposed and gave him a diamond ring. He was shocked, to say the least, and didn't answer me. The only thing he said was that he was afraid of getting hurt again. Abby, I don't know what to do. I love him, but I have made it clear I won't wait forever. He knows how I feel. What should I do? My biological clock is ticking.

LOST IN LOVE

DEAR LOST: Ask him, "Are you more afraid of losing me, or more afraid of being hurt?" Give him a deadline, and if he's still "uncertain," face it — he's not for you.

P.S. It's perfectly proper to ask him to please return the ring.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Had It in San Diego," who complained about the unruly behavior of her nephews. You replied, "Imagine when the 6-year-old must be in a structured environment such as school."

Well, Abby, I teach first grade and can *tell* you what happens. When it's time to open the reading book, point to the words and follow along, the well-behaved child will do just that and will soon be reading. The poorly behaved child may look elsewhere, spin his book or make faces. He will need more direction and will probably be learning-delayed, even though he may be quite able.

The well-behaved child will take turns, follow school rules, and interact positively with other students and adults. The poorly behaved child may hit others, throw tantrums or damage school property, which will result in many telephone calls home, detention, referrals to the principal and other negative consequences.

Students who are successful in first grade are usually the successes in fifth grade. They have developed good school habits.

If I could give parents one piece of advice, it would be: Teach your children what "no" means. Do not give in! Your child needs self-control, language and effort to achieve success.

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Children need to be prepared before they are thrust into a classroom environment, but they cannot know what they have not been taught. Among the lessons they should master are respect for other people, sharing, making good use of spare time, how to channel their aggressions and how to tolerate a degree of frustration.

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Today is the 201st day of 1999 and the 30th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1881, Sitting Bull, a native American who led the Sioux, surrendered to federal troops.

On this day in 1944, in Chicago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a fourth term at the Democratic national convention.

On this day in 1969, Apollo XI astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin became the first men to set foot on the moon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Petrarch (1304-1374), poet-scholar; Anne Hutchinson (1591-1643), American religious leader; Theda Bara (1890-1955), actress; Edmund Hillary (1919-), mountain climber, is 80; Natalie Wood (1938-1981), actress; Diana Rigg (1938-), actress, is 61; Tony Oliva (1940-), baseball great, is 59; Carlos Santana (1947-), musician, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, Hank Aaron broke Ty Cobb's record by appearing in his 3,034th major-league game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Facts are stubborn things." — John Adams

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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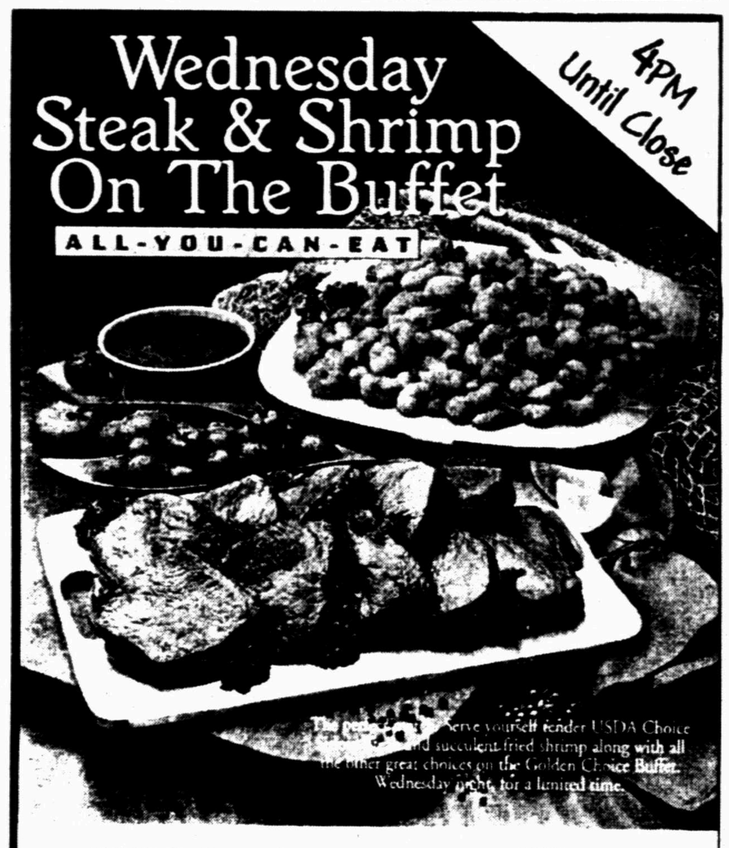

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The Psalmist David said, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!" **(Psalm 34:8).** There are few things we enjoy more than sitting down to eat at a table spread with home-cooked food. My taste buds respond enthusiastically as I prepare to plow my fork into my wife's delicious coconut meringue pie. The Psalmist uses this same picture to describe how we feel about God when we taste of Him. Our spiritual hunger will be satisfied and our spiritual thirst quenched.

Jesus promised us satisfaction for our spiritual appetites, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" **(Matthew 5:6).** As we feast on God's goodness and read of his love, our souls are strengthened and grow just as our bodies grow when we provide them with the proper diet. Some make up their minds in advance they will not like something without trying it. "O taste and see!"

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Cohen won't criticize Clark

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen today declined to criticize Gen. Wesley Clark for asserting that he was hamstrung militarily by NATO allies in prosecuting the air war against Yugoslavia.

"This should not come as a shock to this committee," Cohen told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "It was very difficult to take 19 different countries and get an effective campaign under way without some bumps in the road."

Cohen said that waging war by consensus among so many democracies was a rocky process at best and should not be looked to as a formula for settling future regional conflicts.

Standing by the comments of the Army general who oversaw the campaign in Yugoslavia, Cohen acknowledged that inability to get NATO nations to agree on courses of action and on various targets hampered efforts, at least in the early days of the 78-day air war.

Clark, who is the supreme NATO commander, was quoted in Tuesday's editions of The Washington Post as venting frustration with the process, saying he was forced to sacrifice basic logic of warfare to maintain the political cohesion of the alliance.

Clark suggested the second-guessing by some NATO partners may have prolonged the conflict.

"Once the barrier to using military force is crossed, the natural desire among military commanders is to succeed by rapid intensification of warfare in order to achieve the stated objectives," Clark was quoted as saying.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., who chairs the Armed Services Committee, asked Cohen about Clark's comments. "I find that a very frank, professional, courageous analysis in the face of political reality," Warner said.

Cohen voiced support for Clark and for his remarks.

"General Clark did encounter that," Cohen said. "There were judgments made about targets that did inhibit him somewhat."

Cohen said it was not until NATO nations gathered in Washington to celebrate the alliance's 50th anniversary in April, when the airstrikes had been going on for a month, that members settled on a coherent policy for pressing on with the air campaign.

Cohen said that, even though the war-by-committee process may not have been ideal from a military point of view, "it was essential to maintain alliance solidarity," a point he said Clark also made.

Looking forward, Cohen said he could not set a timetable for when the 7,000 U.S. troops now serving as peacekeepers in Kosovo can come home.

"The situation in Kosovo remains dangerous," Cohen said. "It is likely to remain dangerous for some time to come by virtue of the tensions, the passions that are running very high."

Cohen said that, while allies did their share in the campaign, it was clear that "in the initial stages we were doing the heavy lifting."

"There is a growing technological gap between the United States and its NATO allies," he said. "It is a gap that needs to be closed."

Obituaries

Clayton Corder

1976-1999

ABILENE – A celebration of life in honor of Clayton J. Corder will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Beltway Park Baptist Church.

David McQueen, pastor of Beltway Baptist Church, will officiate, assisted by Billy Bob White and the Warrior Ministry Team.

Mr. Corder, 22, died Sunday, July 4, after being hit by a passing vehicle as he changed a tire on his car along U.S. 84, northwest of Snyder.

Mr. Corder, a resident of Albuquerque, was a student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and was a member of the varsity soccer team. He was also a part of the Warrior Ministry Team.

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Texan killed in Kosovo accident

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — A Texan was among two U.S. soldiers killed Sunday when their armored personnel carrier overturned, a spokesman for the NATO-led peacekeeping force said. Three other soldiers were hurt.

The deaths of the two U.S. peacekeepers occurred near Dmorovce, 10 miles northeast of Gnjilane, where U.S. forces are based. The accident came five weeks after U.S. forces, now totaling about 5,000, entered the province along with other NATO troops under a peace accord.

A brief service was held Sunday night on the ramp at a Macedonia airport before the bodies were airlifted to Germany en route to the United States.

The victims were identified as Spec. Sherwood B. Brim, 30, of Dallas, and Sgt. William W. Wright, 27, of Clearlake, Calif.

Brim is survived by his wife, Danna.

His mother, Valreasia Brim of Dallas, said her son was proud to be part of the peacekeeping force.

IRS changes will help some people

WASHINGTON (AP) — Changes at the Internal Revenue Service will give people who can't pay a tax bill because of economic hardship a new opportunity to reach a compromise.

"This new type of offer gives the IRS a safety valve to handle tax cases in difficult situations," said IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti. "We now have more flexibility to settle debts with taxpayers in ways we couldn't before."

The rules released Monday grew out of a mandate by Congress to expand the "offer in compromise" program, which permits the IRS to accept a lower payment only when full collection is doubtful or when there are questions about whether the tax is actually owed.

Under this system in 1998, the IRS accepted only 25,052 of 105,255 offers, collecting $290 million out of $1.9 billion in total outstanding taxes that year.

Beginning Wednesday, the IRS will work under new rules that let agents consider economic hardship and other exceptional personal circumstances in deciding whether to accept a taxpayer's offer.

Economic hardship could be a long-term illness or disability that threatens to exhaust a person's resources or future earning ability. It also could involve situations in which sale or liquidation of a person's assets, such as a retirement fund, would use up money needed for basic living expenses.

"These appear to be much more generous standards for the taxpayer," said Tom Ochsenslager, tax partner at the Grant Thornton accounting firm.

People who qualify must have a history of paying and filing their taxes, and the new rules are aimed only at those in the most severe circumstances, Rossotti said.

"It shouldn't be misinterpreted by people as an open invitation to avoid paying taxes," he said.

The offers cannot be approved if the IRS decides they would undermine overall compliance with tax laws.

Two felony cases seen

Two felony arrests were made in the past 24 hours.

At 5:07 p.m. Monday, officers took 40-year-old Edward Aguayo of 510 28th Street into custody on an outstanding Bernalillo County, N.M. warrant for failure to appear on possession of a controlled substance.

Officers arrested 35-year-old Jo Anna Renteria of 1802 15th Street at 3:09 a.m. today for aggravated assault/family violence. An offense report in reference to the incident was filed at 1:18 a.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

One misdemeanor arrest was made Monday.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 25-year-old male into custody at 11:51 p.m. at an address on South Hwy. 208 for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to identify to an officer.

Other activity Monday included officers filing an offense report for Class B criminal mischief in reference to someone breaking out the windows of a vacant rent house in the 1000 block of 28th Street.

Two gas drive-offs were also investigated.

At 7:12 a.m. a clerk with United's gas station reported a drive-off in the amount of $9.

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Cheerleader camp

Registration for the 11th annual SHS Cheer camp will be from 10 a.m.-noon and 5-6:30 p.m. today and Wednesday at Stars-R-Us. Camp cost is $40 and includes camp T-Shirts and halftime performance. For more information call 574-1293 or 574-1993.

Model Airplane Club

The Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 tonight at the new flying field south of 30th Street on Deep Creek. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Call 573-6188 for more information.

Head Start registration

Scurry County Head Start registration continues Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Snyder Day Care Center, 2800 2nd Street. The program is for children three years old on or before Sept. 1 and for four year olds. Birth certificates, immunization records and proof of income will be required. Call 573-7403 for more information.

Diabetes support group

The Snyder Diabetes Support Group will have a cookout at 6 this evening at Towle Park Pavilion. Cost is $2 per plate.

Historical Commission

Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Scurry County Library to discuss plans for next month's unveiling of the new Santa Fe Railroad marker on the courthouse square.

King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is currently registering for King's Kids, ages 1-5, and for Mothers' Day Out, six months to five years old. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Sonshine school registration

Enrollment is being accepted for the new Sonshine School for ages 2-5 to begin Monday at 37th Street Church of Christ. Call Lora Lord at 573-1700 or the church office at 573-0154 for more information or to register.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Western Texas College.

Block party Friday

Boys and Girls Club end-of-summer block party will be held starting at 8 p.m. Friday on the athletic field behind the club. There will be volleyball, sack races, three-legged races, football, baseball, home run contest, free-throw shoot and three-point shootout. Bring towels and extra shorts for water sports. Age groups will be 7-10, 11-13, and 14 and over. There will be food and drink. Call 573-3344 for more information.

Healing clinic

A healing clinic will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Union Community Center, sponsored by the Road Back Ministries.

1989 class reunion

There is still time to RSVP for the 1989 SHS class reunion to be held Saturday. The public is invited and the charge is $7. For more information, call Christy Smith at 573-8392.

SHS Class of '79

The 20th reunion of the SHS class of 1979 will be held Saturday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Activities start at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts for class members and their families. A 7 p.m. dinner will be served. At 9 p.m., the public is invited to dance to the music of Highway 208, at a charge of $5 per person. For more information contact Susan Blackard at 573-0989.

Rock and Roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Being An Encourager," followed by "What Does God Do?"

Pre-registration

Pre-registration for Children's Day Out and Discovery School at First United Methodist Church will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. next Tuesday at the church. The program is for ages one through four.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Road to Recovery program

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

Support groups

Three different support groups meet at 6:30 the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, and grief support group. Child care is provided.

Pick 3

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

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Cash Five

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

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Kennedy may have lost control of unfamilar plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the government's investigation of John F. Kennedy's airplane crash has just begun, pilots have several theories about why a seemingly normal flight ended in a rapid plunge toward the ocean.

One possibility is engine failure, another structural breakdown. A third is simply running out of gas. But the most likely explanation is pilot error caused by two things: disorientation in the night sky and lack of experience in a swift new plane.

Within a span of 14 seconds on Friday night, Kennedy's plane plunged 1,100 feet in altitude — described by one pilot as a "precipitous" drop — and slipped below radar coverage. The Coast Guard believes it crashed off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

"This wouldn't be the first time a pilot has lost control of a plane because of spatial disorientation or vertigo," said Larry Gross, an aviation professor at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. He also is a certified flight instructor with over 12,000 flight hours.

Pilots can become disoriented because their inner ear tricks them into thinking they are level when in fact they are turning. At night or in cloudy skies, there are few visual landmarks to reorient the brain. If a pilot is not trained to use flight instruments, as Kennedy wasn't, he can begin a dive — even a steep one — without realizing it.

"Literally, you lose control of the plane and you can't determine if you're climbing or descending, turning or flying level," Gross said.

Vas Patterson, a flight instructor at the ATC Flight Training Center in Fort Washington, Md., just south of Washington, said such disorientation may have put Kennedy "behind" his relatively fast Piper Saratoga.

The Saratoga, which Kennedy registered on April 30, had a top speed of around 200 mph. Kennedy's first plane, a Cessna 182, had a top speed of closer to 150 mph.

"The airplane he was flying was a high-performance, complex airplane," said Patterson, who has logged 900 flight hours. "It was a step up from what he was used to."

Friends say Kennedy, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, had intended to start their trip early Friday evening. Instead, they were delayed because of traffic in New York and Lauren Bessette's work commitments.

The National Transportation Safety Board said the plane took off routinely from the Essex County Airport in Fairfield, N.J., at 8:38 p.m. The flight path took the plane through dark, hazy skies along the southern coast of Connecticut at 5,600 feet.

At 9:26 p.m., Kennedy was off Westerly, R.I., and began to head over the water directly to Martha's Vineyard. There was a gap in the first radar tapes reviewed by investigators, but Kennedy's plane was again detected at 9:40 p.m. about 17 to 18 miles west of the airport, flying at about 2,500 feet.

New radar data revealed Monday shows that at 9:40:20, the plane was at 2,200 feet, said Robert Pearce, the lead crash investigator. Four seconds later, the plane was at 1,900 feet. Five seconds after that, it had dropped another 300 feet, and by 9:40:34, it was at 1,100 feet.

Pearce said that equated to a descent rate of about 4,700 feet-per-minute. He refused to characterize it, except to say: "There's many ways to look at that, but it's only a fact that we have to work with."

Warren Morningstar, spokesman for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Organization, labeled the drop "precipitous." He added: "That is beyond the normal operational parameters of that aircraft."

One explanation for the drop, Gross and Patterson said, may have been that the engine stopped. Another might be structural failure, such as losing a wing or the plane's tail. Yet another cause may have been "fuel starvation," or running the gas tanks dry.

A stalled engine would not have prevented the plane from gliding more gently. An aircraft breakup may have triggered an equally sharp plunge. However, the plane had an airframe inspection on June 28, the NTSB said, which would have increased the chances that any structural flaw would have been found.

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