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Home of Ashley Grimmett

Tejas announces plan to construct housing complex

A Fort Worth company announced Wednesday afternoon its intention to build a $2.7 million assisted-living complex on South College Avenue.

The complex will consist of 42 one-bedroom units, 12 of which will be studio units convertible to two-bedroom units if the need arises, said the developers. Construction is expected to begin in about four months.

Meeting with some 20 Snyder citizens at the chamber of commerce office, representatives of the Tejas Living Corporation said the company has contracted with Bill Voss for six acres of land immediately north of the Trinity United Methodist Church. After the deal is closed, construction will take around eight months.

"We're excited about coming to Snyder," said Evan R. Evans, a principal in the company.

"We feel Snyder has the type of population that clearly demonstrates the need for assisted living," said Evans.

Evans said his company is also looking at sites in Andrews, Comanche, Seymour and LaGrange.

Evans said the one-bedroom units will be 572 square feet and the studio units will be 450 square feet. The units are designed to meet all ADA standards.

The base rate for the studio units will be $1,500 per month and the one-bedroom units will lease for $1,650 per month.

Additional services will be available to residents on a fee basis, said Evans.

The base rate includes three meals a day plus all utilities, except telephone and cable TV, kitchen with refrigerator, microwave and breakfast bar, a central community building for meetings, crafts, etc., and 24-hour security.

The complex will be built for energy-efficiency, said Evans, including a lake to incorporate geo-thermal heating and cooling.

Evans said the complex will employ about 25 people. Evans also said that the company is offering to sell an equity interest in the project for the purpose of raising up to 25 percent of the total cost.

"This is not a pre-requisite for us building here," said Evans. "We plan to move forward with or without local investors."



ASSISTED-LIVING PROJECT — Evan R. Evans, center, points out the highlights of a planned assisted-living housing project to C.R. Perez and Elizabeth Potts. The 42-unit complex is to be built on College Avenue north of the Trinity United Methodist Church. (SDN Staff Photo)



TJ Wood
HHS Valedictorian



Michelle Roemisch
HHS Salutatorian

Wood, Roemisch top Hermleigh graduates

Hermleigh High School has named its top seniors for the 1996-1997 school year,

Valedictorian is TJ Wood, son of Jim and Nancy Wood, who has a 90.98 GPA.

Salutatorian is Angela Michelle Roemisch, daughter of Jay Roemisch of Hermleigh and Donna Roemisch of Snyder. Her GPA is 88.96.

Wood's academic accomplishments include being named to Who's Who during his freshman and sophomore years. As an 11th grader, he was named one of Hardin Simmons University's Top Juniors. KTAB also included him in the 1997 Senior Salute.

In addition, Wood was a candidate for Mr. HHS and a homecoming nominee his senior year. He participated in FFA his freshman through senior years.

He also participated in one-act play this year.

Wood has also been active in sports. He played football his freshman and senior years, baseball his junior year and basketball his freshman through senior years.

He was all-district honorable mention in football and basketball as a senior.

After graduation, Wood plans to attend Western Texas College for two years and transfer to Angelo State University.

Roemisch has participated in sports throughout her high school years. In basketball, she was a member of the all-district team as a freshman, sophomore and senior. Other basketball honors include district championships her freshman and senior years and district runner-up as a sophomore and junior. She has also served as captain of the basketball team as a sophomore and junior.

She was a McDonald's Athlete of the Week as a sophomore. That same year she also won third place in district track in the 100 meter.

Her sophomore year, the girl's softball team was district runner-up. She was also the basketball sweetheart.

Her senior year, she was named an alternate to Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Game.

Roemisch has worked on the school yearbook her sophomore through senior years, serving as editor this school year.

As a freshman, Roemisch was voted class favorite.

She has also received Who's Who recognition in sports and academics throughout high school.

Roemisch was a homecoming queen nominee in the 10th and 11th grades.

Following graduation, Roemisch plans to attend Western Texas College before transferring to Angelo State University.

Plug pulled on water fees

User charge proposal to be taken out of bill

AUSTIN (AP) — User fees that would have affected most Texas households will be taken out of legislation proposed for the state's first comprehensive water management plan.

The compromise between House and Senate versions of the bill was announced today by Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, and Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

Lewis, the House sponsor of the bill, had been adamant about including a fee of $1 per month for water used in excess of 7,000 gallons. The fee would have impacted 80 percent of Texas households, Lewis said.

The money was to go into a fund to help pay for water infrastructure needs, such as the construction of reservoirs or pipelines, primarily in small- and medium-sized cities that couldn't afford high-priced water projects.

But Brown, the Senate sponsor, said the fees might become a sticking point that could threaten the bill's passage.

Lewis said he would take the fees out of the bill with an amendment when the legislation hits the House floor, likely next week.

He will then offer an amendment that would call for a study to be conducted by a joint committee of House and Senate members prior to the 1999 Legislature, he said.

Lewis said the study would examine the state's inventory of water resources, the state's water needs to the year 2050 and the costs of meeting water needs statewide.

Christian Men's Retreat set here Friday, Saturday

It's not too late to register for the First Annual Snyder Christian Men's Retreat, which begins here Friday.

The retreat is scheduled Friday evening and all day Saturday at Willow Park Inn.

Registration can be made as late as 5:30 p.m. Friday. The first session will begin at 6:30. The retreat will continue until about 8 p.m. Saturday.

For information about the retreat, call Donnie Burk at 573-5629.

Speakers are:

—Roy Burk, a retired high school science teacher and an elder at Christian Fellowship here. He has been involved in prison ministry for several years.

—Kevin Ainsworth, a teacher at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Smith Unit in Lamesa and pastor of Lamesa Christian Fellowship.

—Mike Brown, a private businessman and former pastor. He is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Cozart to deliver HPU address

BROWNWOOD — Rev. David Cozart, a 1996 Howard Payne University graduate, will deliver HPU's spring commencement address at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Brownwood Coliseum.

At 22, the Snyder native is one of the youngest — if not the youngest — commencement speakers in the 108-year-history of the school.

In 1996, Cozart pastored Lohn Baptist Church, married the former Lori Etchison, received the President's Award at graduation, enrolled at Truitt Seminary in Waco and had surgery for a malignancy.

"David Cozart, with a faith that inspires us all and a bedrock faith to which we could all do well to aspire, has a wonderful story to tell, and our graduates — and the rest of us — need to hear it," said Dr. Don Newbury, HPU president.

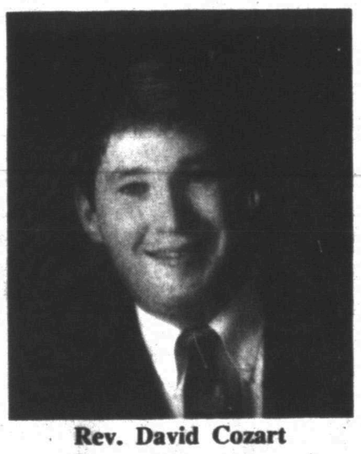
Cozart is a 1992 graduate of Snyder High School. At HPU, he had a double major in business administration and interdisciplinary counseling. He graduated Summa Cum Laude. He is currently employed by Word Music Direct as a telemarketer.

While at HPU, he attained many honors, including serving as the president of the student body in 1994-95 and student body treasurer in 1993-94. He held memberships in Delta Phi, Gamma Beta Phi. the Student Foundation, the Ministerial Alliance, BSU executive council, Jubulation Brass and University Band.

Cozart was cited as being the "Outstanding Senior in Interdisciplinary Counseling," was named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" and made both the President's and Dean's Lists.

He was licensed and ordained to ministry by his home church, Colonial Hill Baptist Church of Snyder, in 1992 and 1994.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cozart of Snyder.



Rev. David Cozart

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Talking about the time being wasted is a waste of time."

A 63-year-old woman giving birth astounded the nation.

But we were equally impressed with the 91-year-old Anson man who got a hole-in-one last month.

Hoolie White scored the ace on the 139-yard par 3 No. 6 at Anson Golf Course. He used a 5-wood.

White, a widower, plays golf every weekday, mows his own lawn and does his own house cleaning. His 29 shot in the 1940s remains the course record at the par 36 layout.

It's impressive. Older golfers like to shoot their age...we're gonna have to live a long time.

We seen two almost holes-in-one.

Both occasions were on different par three holes at the Western Texas College Course.

We watched as son Marc's ball rolled toward the hole on No. 6. It stopped with more of the ball hanging over the hole than out. But all the body language wouldn't help. The ball wouldn't fall.

The other occasion was on the first tee box. Coy Dale Rhodes hit his first shot into the water. His second teed up shot had eyes, going straight into the hole. Because of the water shot, instead of an ace Rhodes had to settle for a par.

And in Bangor, Maine, it was a tough act to follow, but a duffer was up to the task.

After his playing partner garnered a hole-in-one on a 140-yard par three, the second guy stepped up to the tee with a similar club, an eight iron.

The shot became a consecutive ace. It was the first ace for either golfer.

The odds on anyone getting a hole in one, according to Golf Digest, are about 10,000 to 1. The odds of two in a row -- about the same as some of us shooting par.

Junior High awards assembly set tonight

Snyder Junior High School awards assembly will be held at 7 this evening in Worsham Auditorium.

The Junior High Pops Concert is set for Friday evening at the same time and location. There is a $3 charge for the concert.

The public is invited to attend both activities.

Museum to note international day

Scurry County Museum will join museums around the world in celebrating International Museum Day on Sunday.

Behind-the-scenes tours will be conducted from 1:30 until 3 p.m.

"The exhibits people see in museums reflects only about 10 percent of the overall workload," said Charlene Akers, museum director.

"The other 90 percent which keeps the museum functioning addresses collection care, administration, finance, fund-raising, maintenance, and research for programming and special events."

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ASK US

Q—If Western Texas College cannot renovate the auto-diesel area for a workforce training center, will it have to return the $700,000 in grant monies?

A—No, the grant is not building-specific and the program could be housed elsewhere on or off campus.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 84 degrees; low, 61; 7 a.m., 61; .03 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 11.92 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 20% chance of storms. Low 60-65. Friday, partly cloudy; 20% chance of storms. High 80-85. SE wind 5-15 mph.



Rudy Ibarra
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:33 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Of 134 days in 1997, the sun has shone 122 days in 1997.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Do not be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make, the better.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thirty-two students named to Dean's List at local college

Thirty-two students at Western Texas College—10 of these from Scurry County—were named to the Dean's List for the 1997 spring semester.

To be named, students must have a 3.5 GPA and carry at least 15 hours of course work.

Seven students from Snyder were recognized: Cindi Lou Burrow, Andrea Corkran, Lea Anne Deleon, Vanessa Early, Katye Galloway, Paul Morrison and Don Joseph Peppentenzza.

Other Scurry County residents named were Jeremy Howard of Ira; and Charles Sweatt and Stephanie Uptergrove of Hermleigh.

Others named to the Deans List include students from (Texas cities listed alphabetically):

—Aspermont, Patrick Lynn Hancock.

—Buffalo Gap, Marshall William Carpenter.

—Brownwood, Judson Chapman.

—Colorado City, Tia Elise Bassham, Chelci Dell Beaird and Mark Allan Miles.

—Graham, Tonya Lei Tiday.

—Hawley, John Holtman.

—Knox City, Lila Jo Rector.

—Lubbock, William Kevine Coffey.

—League City, Doug Drew Machen.

—Mineral Wells, Michael Wade Turner.

—Post, Amy Renee Schoonover.

—San Angelo, Jamie Lynn Stewart.

—Sweetwater, Jessica Dee Critz and Heather Lea Pairis.

—Uvalde, Patrick O'Neal.

—Winters, Michael Jones.

Others included three from out-of-state, Leslie Burelsmith, Tatum, N.M.; Brian Levi Hill, Des Moines, Iowa; and Amanda Lynn Wallin, Moriarty, N.M.; and one international student, Junichi Kikkawa from Japan.



REGION HONOR BAND — Trey Gorman, Emily Zeck, Corey Ballard, Melanie Gibson, Jessica Hall, Casity Reneau and Krista Villarreal, were participants in this year's Region Honor Band and received recognition at the Snyder High School Band's annual banquet Saturday evening at the Snyder Country Club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Eddie Murphy sues tabloids

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eddie Murphy has filed separate lawsuits against two tabloid publications, saying they published false stories prompted by his encounter with a transsexual prostitute.

The suits, filed Wednesday and each seeking $5 million in damages, contend the National Enquirer, the Globe and their reporters knew the stories were untrue.

Murphy filed a third lawsuit against an individual identified as Ioane Seiuli for comments attributed to him in the New York Post. The Post itself was not named as a defendant in the suit, which seeks $1 million in damages.

Murphy has said he was just trying to be nice when he picked up Atisone Seiuli, 20, in West Hollywood on the morning of May 2 while undercover sheriff's deputies looked on.

Murphy, 36, was pulled over minutes after Atisone Seiuli got into his car. Seiuli was arrested on a warrant, but authorities said Murphy had broken no law.

President's List announced for Western Texas College

Seventeen students from Western Texas College were named to the President's List for the spring 1997 semester, the highest scholastic ranking achieveable at WTC.

To be honored, students had to maintain a 4.0 GPA while taking at least 15 academic credit hours.

Four of the students making the President's List are from Snyder, David Griffith, Lou Harding, Ana Hernandez and Clay Koening.

Others named to the Presidents List include students from (Texas cities listed alphabetically):

—Colorado City, Terri Dawn Cawthron and Landon Shane Kelley.

—Coleman, Cody Lee Parrott.

—Garden City, Cody Cummings.

—Hawley, Jonathan Carroll.

—Houston, Kenneth James Beasley.

—Mason, Brandy D'Lynn Loeffler.

—Morse, Sahala Ann McCloy.

—Roscoe, Rebecca Suzanne Gruben.

—San Antonio, Donald Demasters.

—Sweetwater, Joshua Nash and Carolyn Kay Tidwell.

There was also one international student named, Morten Vildhøj of Denmark.



ENSEMBLE QUALIFIERS — Thirteen Snyder High School Band members qualified for state competition and were recognized at the band's annual banquet Saturday evening at the Snyder Country Club. From left are, seated, Casity Reneau, Christy Garner, Karomy Drum, Joey Steakley, Melanie Gibson; standing, Thomas Bishop, Audra Lilly, Sarah Lilly, Trey Gorman, Nickolas Means, Corey Ballard, George Aguilar and James Aguilar. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Merit List students at WTC include 25 from Scurry Co.

Western Texas College has announced its Merit List students for spring 1997 including 25 from Scurry County.

The Merit List is comprised of students enrolled for more than eight semester hours but fewer than 15 semester hours who earn a GPA of at least 3.5.

In all, 63 students were honored on the 1997 Spring Merit List. Twenty-two of these were from Snyder to include Samantha Boyd, Florentino Lee Escobedo, Brenda Fouts, Michael Gilbert, Sharon Gill, Bradley Gober, Brooke Cozart Gober, Brad Hart, Anita Hernandez, Brittany Lee, Gina Lee, Shane McCarter, John Michel, Kellie Miller, Melinda Pechacek, Kathryn Robbins, Chris Roemisch, Charlesta Scott, Rickie Soliz, Eva Villa, Michael Banyan Winkler and Michelle Carol Wood.

Also named from Scurry County were Misty Lynn Chance from Ira and Barbara Duhaime and Shauna Leigh Parkinson from Hermleigh.

Others named to the Merit List include students from (Texas cities listed alphabetically):

—Austin, Joshua Walker.

—Blackwell, Robert Parsons.

—Brownsville, Joel Collazo.

—Colorado City, Brenda Aguillon, Sadie Nichole Edwards, Homer Matthew Matlock, Terrance Daron Sampson and Rebecca Ann Sweet.

—Conroe, Ronald Wayne Acreman.

—Dallas, Mark Fulton and James Cedric Goodwin.

—Denton, James W. Hopp.

—Duncanville, Daniel Roy Moates.

—El Paso, Armando Martinez and Michael Earl Milliman.

—Friendswood, Keith A. Mujica.

—Granger, Eric Lee Ramirez.

—Hereford, Chasity Rickman.

—Houston, Marcus Barnes, Richard Lopez and Mamoru Uemura.

—Lamesa, Bryan W. Hawkins.

—League City, Jeremy Bills.

—Lubbock, Jennifer Lynn Shuttlesworth.

—Loraine, Jason Eric Kendall and Jennifer Beth Walker.

—Morse, Jana Marie McCloy.

—Roby, Terri Janette Fowler.

—Roscoe, Clinton Allen and Samuel Allan Waddell.

—Rotan, Jennifer Lynn Underhill.

—Spring, Nathan Robert Harris.

—Sweetwater, Clint Stewart, Scott Jeffrey Stroman and Christi Leigh Winslett.

There were also two students from out-of-state and one Canadian student named to the list. These students are Ken Michael Copeland, Shreveport, La.; Kevin T. Mouser, Bossier City, La.; and Kyle Dean Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, Canada.

Simpson 'available' but not dating

MIAMI (AP) — Disgraced football hero seeks female companion — wealth and house on golf course a must.

O.J. Simpson said he's not dating, but he is "available. You have to live on a golf course and be able to support me and my family."

Simpson made the remarks to "American Journal" while golfing in Florida. The syndicated TV show was to air the interview today.

Simpson also said he hopes Marcia Clark's book "sells a million copies," even though he called the former prosecutor a hypocrite for criticizing others who have made money from the case.

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Most people dream of a vacation to Hawaii.

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Drs. Mark and Kathleen Weaver, owners of Snyder Surgical Center since September, 1993, are this month's recipient of Snyder National Bank's Hometown Spirit Award.

Mark Weaver is a general surgeon and Kathleen Weaver is an orthopaedic surgeon, both busy and popular specialists who are vital members of the medical staff at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Mark opened his practice in August, 1993. Dr. Kathleen was finishing an athletic orthopaedic fellowship in Germany, so she did not arrive in Snyder until a month later.

Dr. Mark Weaver was born in Lubbock and earned his bachelor of science degree, summa cum laude in microbiology, from Texas A&M University. He received his medical degree at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio.

His surgical training was done at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix from 1984-89. From 1989-92, Dr. Mark was attending staff surgeon at Maricopa Medical Center.

He is a board certified surgeon and is a felloy in the American College of Surgeons. In January, he was appointed to the board of managers of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A member of the American Cancer Society Board, Dr. Weaver has done research on breast cancer and mammography and complications of prosthetic mesh herniorrhaphy.

From 1992-93, he was in private practice at the Straub Clinic and Hospital in Honolulu.

Dr. Kathleen Weaver was born in Burlingame, Calif., and attended the University of California at Los Angeles, earning a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and physiology. She received her medical degree from the University of California-Irvine.

Dr. Kathleen specializes in pediatric orthopaedics and completed her surgical training through the Phoenix Orthopaedic Residency training program. She also completed a general surgical internship and orthopaedic residency at Maricopa Medical Center, V.A. Medical Center and St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix.

She also completed a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedics at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Honolulu and in Hanover, Germany.

Dr. Kathleen is an associate professor at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock where she also volunteers one day a week at the Cerebral Palsy Clinic for Children.

Dr. Kathleen is also board certified. She has done research on cartilage cell tissue culture, fixation of olecranon fractures and gait analysis in hemiplegic children.

Dr. Kathleen has a strong interest in sports. At UCLA she was captain of the track team and team trainer. She still enjoys running, hiking, mountaineering, skiing, cooking and horseback riding.

In Snyder, Dr. Kathleen is a member of the board of directors of the Noah Project.

Dr. Mark is an active member of the Joyful Noise band, which has played at several community functions. Dr. Kathleen sometimes joins the group as a singer.

The Weavers have two children. Anastasia is a sophomore at Snyder High School and Vivi is a second grader at Stanfield.

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BRIDAL SHOWER — A bridal shower honoring Amy Eicke, bride-elect of Scott Ellis, was held at the home of Tim and Dianna Riggan on Saturday, May 3. From left are grandmother of the bride-elect, Lavelle Eicke; Teka Wade, her aunt from Dallas; Tracie Eicke, her sister; the honoree, a student of ACU in Abilene; Barbara Eicke, future bride's mother; and the honoree's aunt, Meg Fair of Amarillo. Miss Eicke and Ellis are planning a 10:30 a.m., June 28 wedding ceremony to be held in the Dodson House. (Contributed Photo)



SHOWER HONORS BRIDE — A wedding shower honoring Mrs. Jayson Limmer, nee Kathy Towler, was held May 10 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The couple married April 5 in Dalhart. From left are Ms. Rachel Weeks, the bride's great-aunt of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Robert Towler of Dalhart, mother of the bride; the honoree; Mrs. Howard Limmer, mother of the groom; Mrs. Frank Pohl, grandmother of the groom from Matador; Mrs. Bryan Limmer of Colorado City, sister-in-law of the groom; and in front, Bailey and Hannah Limmer, nieces of the groom. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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5 ♦	Pass	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

It was still bridge, even back then

I once saw a sign beside a railway track: "Thank you for observing Rule 90." Does any reader know what Rule 90 is?

While I was in Hobe Sound, Fla., earlier this year, Martin Emmett lent me an interesting book. Entitled "Contract Bridge," it was written by Frank Covert and published in Canada in 1966. It is a 70-page, in-your-face introduction to the game, which I enjoyed reading despite the numerous printing errors. Covert includes a vast amount of material and even comments on the laws and etiquette of the game.

As all the book's deals were taken from newspaper columns, I will give you one declared by Emmett, who comes from South Africa.

Following a sveltish auction, Emmett was in six hearts. After West led the diamond king, how did Emmett continue?

If you play a trump immediately, you will go down, as the opponents will cash a diamond trick. You must get rid of that diamond loser before touching trumps. The obvious parking place is on dummy's third club. So, Emmett won trick one, played a club to his king (the honor from the shorter side first), and took two more rounds of clubs, discarding his last diamond. Only then was it safe to lead a trump.

Covert furnishes 62 points to remember, not 90. The last is: "Before you play after the opening lead, count your losers *and* count your winners; then plan the play! Then make your play!" Martin Emmett's game has improved immensely in the last three years, in no small measure because he follows this routine.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Elderly mother's 'addiction' may be simply dependence

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Concerned Daughter," whose elderly mother is being prescribed narcotic medication.

The daughter indicates that the narcotics were prescribed for "aches and pains." Generally speaking, narcotics are not prescribed for general aches and pains. I've had 20 years' experience working alongside physicians and have never seen this happen. Narcotic medication is used to treat pain associated with cancer, injury or other serious pain conditions.

No one is able to feel another's pain. If "Concerned Daughter's" mother has a condition that requires strong medication, that is her physician's decision. I agree that it's important for the daughter to meet with the physician. There may be a condition that the daughter is unaware of. It may be that narcotic medication is the only treatment for the mother because of her age, poor surgical risk, etc.

Chronic, serious pain can have a debilitating effect on an individual, seriously impairing the quality of life. Patients with chronic pain should not be considered addicts simply because they are treated with narcotics. Addiction must be placed in proper perspective. Physical dependence and tolerance of drugs are not the same as addiction. Addiction is aberrant behavior and compulsive use of drugs for non-medical purposes.

Individuals who suffer pain should be viewed with compassion.

EXPERIENCED IN PAIN

DEAR EXPERIENCED: No one should have to suffer pain when relief is available. However, since many seniors have difficulty monitoring their medications, they are at risk of not only addiction but serious drug interactions as well.

If a physician determines that a senior patient needs narcotic medication, it would be a kindness for a family member to stay involved to ensure the medication is taken as prescribed.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to "Disgusted in Florida": My husband and I met and married in Florida 16 years ago. He, being single and in the Navy, had visited many nude beaches overseas throughout the years, so of course he tried to persuade me to go to a nudist club with him. My response was always, "No way!"

Two years ago, we were sent to Virginia, where he promptly found a nudist club. For some reason, I finally agreed to go with him. I was just like "Disgusted" — I had assumed that people went to nudist clubs only to gawk at all the naked people. However, I figured I might as well go just once, so I could justify my feelings and prove to him that I was right.

Well, I was *wrong*! I was surprised at the "non-reaction" the people there had. I was also sure that I would either catch him looking around or that I would be intimidated, but neither happened.

Persuading me to go took a lot of perseverance on my husband's part, and although I had determined that I was not the type to frequent such places, I am very happy that I went once. It became a valuable learning experience.

I guess this is a long way of saying, don't be so quick to judge before you try something. You may be pleasantly surprised!

HAPPILY SURPRISED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR HAPPILY SURPRISED: Call me hung-up, narrow-minded, square or behind the times, but I would never be comfortable in a nudist colony. However, I wholeheartedly support the right of anyone with an opposing view to do as he or she wishes. (P.S. Hand me a towel, please.)

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Fur trader, no hero to group

SALINA, Okla. (AP) — To Rue McClanahan and her furry friends, fur traders are no heroes.

An animal rights group on Wednesday publicized a letter it said was written by the actress about the Chouteau Memorial Museum, which is dedicated to the life of an Oklahoma fur trader.

"As a native Oklahoman, I'd like to suggest you choose a less violent part of our past to glorify," said the letter, which was distributed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Ms. McClanahan, who starred in the TV sitcom "The Golden Girls," suggested in the letter to the Oklahoma Historical Society that the museum create an exhibit that tells the animals' side of the story.

But the museum has no such plans, said Blake Wade, the society's executive director. The museum's focus is the trading empire built by Auguste Pierre Chouteau in northeastern Oklahoma in the 19th century, he said.

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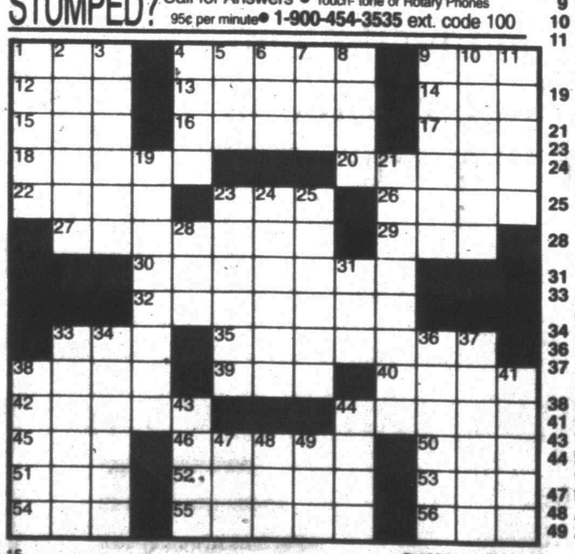
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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Tiger at Byron Nelson

IRVING (AP) — Four hours after stumbling to a shaky 74 in the pro-am at the Byron Nelson Classic, Tiger Woods was on the practice green rapping putt after putt, searching for a rhythm for today's first round.

The rust that accumulated after four weeks away from competition hung heavy on Woods' game Wednesday as he missed fairways, missed greens and missed putts in a 4-over-par round that was far from the brilliance he displayed in his record-setting victory at the Masters in April.

But as Woods has shown over and over in his brief professional career, he saves his best for when it means the most.

Woods faces a field this week that includes defending champion Phil Mickelson, last week's winner Scott McCarron, the resurgent Nick Price, Nick Faldo and Mark O'Meara.

4A playoff game here Friday

A Class 4A regional quarterfinal baseball playoff game is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Snyder's Moffett Field. Andrews (26-3) will face Plainview (19-9). The Snyder Senior Little League will sell hamburgers as a fundraiser, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club golf tournament

Snyder Lions Club will sponsor a 4-person scramble starting at 8 a.m. Saturday at Western Texas College Golf Course. Entry fee per team is $240. Prizes will be $800 for first place, $600 for second, $500 for third and $340 for fourth. Sign up at WTC or Snyder Country Club before Friday.

Mens' basketball tourney

A men's basketball tournament will be held May 23-24 at Snyder High School. Entry fee is $100 per team and teams may have up to seven members. Deadline to enter is Wednesday. Call Daniel Flores at 573-5574.

SCC Pumpjack Tournament

Some 54 teams have signed up for the annual Pumpjack Partnership set for Saturday at Sunday at Snyder Country Club.

Pro Rick Mammolite said there is still room for a couple of more teams. Format is a scramble both days, and entry fee is $150 per team.

Men's softball tourney

A men's softball tournament is set for Saturday at Winston Field. Entry fee $90 per team and deadline to enter is Friday. Call Henry Ramos at 573-2037.

3 on 3 cage tourney

A 3 on 3 basketball tournament will be held June 7-8. Signups will be held starting Monday through June 2, For boys 10-12, the fee is $32 per team and for boys 13-14, the fee is $36 per team.

First and second place teams will be awarded t-shirts and first place teams will advance to the Dallas Mavericks Up [illegible]0-22. Release forms are required. For more information call Rocky Ware at 573-3344 between 2-7 p.m. Home telephone is 573-0738 or call 573-0800 and leave message.

Triple Threat bowlers to meet

The Triple Threat bowling league will meet at 7 tonight at Snyder Lanes.

Coed basketball camp

Coach Rick Archer, SHS girls' cage coach, will hold a coed basketball camp for girls who will be in the 2nd through 8th grades next year. The camp will be July 7-11 at Snyder High School. Cost is $55 per camper and brochures are available at any school. For more information, call Archer at 573-6301.

Opening ceremonies

The Girls Softball League invites the public to opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. Saturday at Cates Field. The league will consist of 325 girls in six different leagues.

API golf tourney

The annual API Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held June 7 at Snyder Country Club.

Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $240 per team. Cash prizes will be given for the top three places in each of the six flights.

There will also be door prizes and prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. There will be a putting contest. Hole-in-one prizes include two pickups and a $10,000 certificate of deposit.

To enter call Steve Olsen at 573-1766, Wade Lancaster or Mike Tyrrell at 573-0146.





WINNERS — Winners of the Women's Golf Association's match play held Tuesday and Wednesday at Snyder Country Club were, from left (pairs include a player seated with partner standing behind), championship flight — Finnie Seale, Stacy Reed, first; Jo Sterling, Anita Talbott, second; and Suzy Reed, Kaye Cypert, consolation. In the bottom photo are first flight winners — Peggy Hardin, Juanita Hester, first; Norma Thompson, Esther Guelker, second; Martha Fagin, Colleen Duke, consolation. In the championship flight, Anita Talbott won the long drive and Martha Fagin won in the first flight. Kaye Cypert won closest to the pin. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bullpen battle is grabbed by Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers won the battle of the bullpens because closer John Wetteland was willing to go above and beyond the call of duty.

Wetteland struck out three in two scoreless innings and Bill Ripken drove in the winning run with a 10th-inning sacrifice fly as the Rangers beat the Cleveland Indians 4-3 Wednesday night.

Most closers are used for only one inning, and rarely in a tie game. But Wetteland told manager Johnny Oates he had no problem starting the ninth inning of a 3-3 game.

Wetteland (2-0) allowed a single to Julio Franco in the ninth, but Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez threw out Franco attempting to steal second. That was Cleveland's lone baserunner off Wetteland.

"If I pitch like I can, I can get out of an inning in 12-15 pitches and still be fresh for the next inning," Wetteland said. "I've always wanted to be treated like any other pitcher."

Oates appreciates that bulldog attitude.

Houston Astros edge Mets, 1-0

NEW YORK (AP) — On an evening spiced by sparkling stabs and grabs, it figured that the only run would score on a ball that was caught.

Craig Biggio hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, deciding what had been a scoreless duel between Darryl Kile and Rick Reed for most of the game and giving the Houston Astros a 1-0 victory over the New York Mets.

Class 4A baseball playoffs

Regional Quarterfinals

Andrews vs. Plainview, 7:30 p.m. Friday at Moffett Field in Snyder.

Saginaw Boswell vs. Fort Worth Brewer.

Frenship vs. Canyon Randall at Jaycee Park in Plainview; 5 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday and third game Saturday afternoon if necessary.

Arlington Heights vs. Azle at Fossil Ridge; 8 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday and third game Saturday afternoon if necessary.

State tourney softball pairings

AUSTIN (AP) — Pairings for the 1997 University Interscholastic League softball tournament, to be held May 16-17 at the Pleasant Valley Sportsplex in Austin:

Friday

Semifinals

Class 2A and Class A

Grand Saline (18-2) vs. Blooming Grove (23-9), 1 p.m.

Hawley (32-2-1) vs. Shiner (21-3), 3 p.m.

Class 3A

Breckenridge (17-6) vs. Mt. Vernon (19-4), 5 p.m.

Bellville (20-7) vs. Central Pollock (23-7), 7 p.m.

Class 4A

LaMarque (23-8) vs. Beeville Jones (20-6), 1 p.m.

Andrews (21-5) vs. Cedar Hill (22-9), 3 p.m.

Class 5A

Pasadena Dobie (15-13) vs. Richardson Berkner (28-3), 5 p.m.

San Antonio Holmes (19-4) vs. Keller (30-6), 7 p.m.

Saturday

Class A-2A finals: 9 a.m.

Class 3A finals: 11 a.m.

Class 4A finals: 4 p.m.

Class 5A finals: 6 p.m.

Miami brawls way to 96-81 victory

MIAMI (AP) — An ugly brawl could end up looking pretty good to the Miami Heat heading into Game 6 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series against the New York Knicks.

The melee in the final minutes of the Heat's 96-81 victory Wednesday night could result in suspensions for Knicks players who came off the bench to join the fight. Miami starting forward P.J. Brown and Knicks backup point guard Charlie Ward also are subject to possible suspensions for getting the melee started.

"Certainly I'm very concerned," New York coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "You want to play with your full team, but that's up to the NBA office."

Miami, still on the brink of elimination, goes back to Madison Square Garden on Friday night trailing 3-2 in the best-of-7 series. The Heat are 0-4 away from the Miami Arena in the playoffs after posting the NBA's best road record (32-9) during the regular season.

"I definitely felt the momentum turn around," the Heat's Alonzo Mourning said. "To tell you the truth, something was bound to happen."

The fight started when Ward backed into Brown's legs as Tim Hardaway made a free throw, giving Miami a 90-74 lead with 1:53 left in the game. Brown wrapped his arm around the smaller Ward's waist, lifted him and threw him to the floor behind the baseline.

New York's John Wallace jumped on Brown, and players from both teams joined the pile.

Before order was restored, several Knicks — including John Starks, Larry Johnson and Allan Houston — left their bench to join the melee, while the Heat players not in the game stayed on the sideline.

According to NBA policy, leaving the bench to join a fight can result in a suspension.

Brown, Ward and Starks were ejected because of the fight.

Rockets need just 1 more

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics teeter on the brink of playoff extinction. One more defeat and their season is over.

"You're still playing out of urgency and out of desperation," coach George Karl said Wednesday. "Houston can lose and we can't. We can't even have a bad quarter."

Tonight, the Sonics can tie their semifinal series with the Rockets at 3-3. If Seattle wins, the teams play again Saturday in Houston; if the Rockets win, they will open the Western Conference finals on Saturday against Utah in Salt Lake City.

"We're taking the attitude that we have to go out there and be aggressive," Hersey Hawkins of the Sonics said, "or else we're eliminated."

They were all but counted out after losing to Houston at home on Sunday to fall behind 3-1.

With Gary Payton virtually shutting out Matt Maloney, Seattle brought the series back home with a 100-94 victory in Game 5 Tuesday night in Houston.

This scenario is nothing new for the Sonics.

The Sonics trailed 2-1 against Phoenix in the best-of-5 first round and rallied to win. In reaching the NBA Finals last season, the Sonics were 3-0 in loser-out games before falling to the Chicago Bulls. In six years under Karl, they're 10-5 in those games.

NBA playoffs

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 4
Utah 93, L.A. Lakers 77

Monday, May 5
Houston 112, Seattle 102

Tuesday, May 6
Chicago 100, Atlanta 97
Utah 103, L.A. Lakers 101

Wednesday, May 7
New York 88, Miami 79
Seattle 106, Houston 101

Thursday, May 8
Atlanta 103, Chicago 95
L.A. Lakers 104, Utah 84

Friday, May 9
Miami 88, New York 84
Houston 97, Seattle 93

Saturday, May 10
Chicago 100, Atlanta 80
Utah 110, L.A. Lakers 95

Sunday, May 11
New York 77, Miami 73
Houston 110, Seattle 106, OT
Chicago 89, Atlanta 80

Monday, May 12
New York 89, Miami 76
Utah 98, L.A. Lakers 93, OT, Utah wins series 4-1

Tuesday, May 13
Seattle 100, Houston 94, Houston leads series 3-2
Chicago 107, Atlanta 92, Chicago wins series 4-1

Wednesday, May 14
Miami 96, New York 81, New York leads series 3-2

Thursday, May 15
Houston at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 16
Miami at New York, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 17
Seattle at Houston, 2 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, May 18
New York at Miami, TBA, if necessary

SNYDER YOUTH LEAGUES

SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE

Astros 11, White Sox 7
WP: Sonny Cumbie; LP: Chris Shoemake
Astros: Kevin Taylor, double and single; Sonny Cumbie, double; Paul Camp, Paddy Vantine, Kyle McLendon and LaBow Rivers, singles. **White Six:** Greg McAnaw and Shay Franks, two doubles; Daniel Highfield and Thomas Rinehart, singles.

Oilers 10, Mariners 4
WP: Josh Ward; LP: Jase Olvera
Oilers: Duane Allred, double and single; Josh Ward, double; David Sutton, three singles; Russell Wall, single. **Mariners:** Justin Rosson, triple; Jase Olvera and Randy Green, singles.

Rebels 9, Braves 8
WP: Brandon McGuire; LP: R. J. Hernandez
Rebels: Brandon Boling, triple; Rudy Martinez, three singles; Bebos Martinez, single. **Braves:** Davison Burnett, two singles; Wes Martin, Diego Hernandez and Joe Dan Davenport, singles.

FARM LEAGUE

Athletics 8, Cubs 6
WP: Chase Luft; LP: Orlando Vasquez
Athletics: Clements Rodriguez, two singles; Sergio Savabia, Eric Martinez, Chase Luft, singles. **Cubs:** Wesley Price, two singles, Tyler Hogan and Blake Seale, singles.

Astros 10, Giants 4
WP: Lico Castillo.
Astros: Lico Castillo triple and double; Barrett Bowlin, double; Joe Martinez, three singles; Blake Fenner, two singles; Devin Gutierrez and James Mills, singles.

T-BALL
Rangers 12, Dodgers 7
Rangers 19, Pirates 14
Hornets 19, Rangers 18
Rangers 20, Astros 20 (tie)

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	25	12	.676	-
NewYork	23	16	.590	3
Toronto	20	17	.541	5
Detroit	16	22	.421	9½
Boston	15	22	.405	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	19	16	.543	-
KansasCity	19	17	.528	½
Cleveland	18	19	.486	2
Chicago	14	22	.389	5½
Minnesota	15	25	.375	6½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	23	15	.605	-
Texas	21	15	.583	1
Anaheim	17	19	.472	5
Oakland	16	24	.400	8

Wednesday's Games
Toronto 7, Detroit 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 5, 12 innings
Texas 4, Cleveland 3, 10 innings
Kansas City 6, Boston 2
Oakland 7, Milwaukee 4
Anaheim 6, Baltimore 5
Seattle 9, Chicago White Sox 7

Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Drabek 2-3) at Seattle (Fassero 4-1), 6:35 p.m.
Detroit (Olivares 2-2) at Kansas City (Appier 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 2-1) at Texas (Alberro 0-0), 8:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Kamieniecki 2-1) at Anaheim (Dickson 5-1), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 1-5) at Oakland (Telgheder 0-2), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	26	13	.667	-
Florida	23	16	.590	3
Montreal	20	16	.556	4½
NewYork	20	19	.513	6
Philadelphia	14	24	.368	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	20	18	.526	-
Houston	21	19	.525	-
St.Louis	17	21	.447	3
Chicago	11	26	.297	8½
Cincinnati	11	26	.297	8½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	23	13	.639	-
Colorado	22	15	.595	1½
LosAngeles	21	15	.583	2
SanDiego	14	22	.389	9

Wednesday's Games
Montreal 9, San Diego 7
Los Angeles 6, Chicago Cubs 4
St. Louis 12, Philadelphia 3
Houston 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Pittsburgh 15, Colorado 10
Florida 4, Atlanta 3
San Francisco 4, Cincinnati 2, 10 innings

Thursday's Games
San Diego (Hitchcock 3-3) at Chicago Cubs (Castillo 1-5), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Bailey 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (VanLandingham 1-2) at Montreal (Hermanson 1-2), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 1-4) at Cincinnati (Morgan 0-4), 7:35 p.m.
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1 Pair fingernail clippers
1 100' Extention cord
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Evidence Officer
City of Snyder Police Department
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Sergeant is found innocent

ANNISTON, Ala. (AP) — A military jury cleared an Army drill instructor of accusations of adultery, sodomy and improper conduct brought by two female Fort McClellan trainees under his command.

After the verdict clearing him Wednesday, Staff Sgt. Matthew T. Griffin said military instructors must continue rigorously training female soldiers despite such accusations.

"I hope the drill sergeants are not running scared," said Griffin, the first of three Fort McClellan sergeants accused of sex crimes. "We are training the next generation of soldiers to go out and fight the next battle."

After 11 instructors were accused of sexual misconduct at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, the military began an investigation into the problem at U.S. military bases worldwide.

The court-martial for Fort McClellan Staff Sgt. David L. Norwood, charged with indecent assault, is scheduled to begin today.

Cheers and applause greeted the jury when they brought in the verdict after six hours of deliberation.

"I always believed him," Griffin's wife, Charmaine Marie Griffin, said after listening to more than two days of sexually explicit testimony. "I just wonder why they lied, why they would want to mess up a happy home."

Pvt. Lisa M. Rudy, who testified earlier she had sex with Griffin while they were both on duty, left the courtroom in tears. Lead prosecutor Capt. Lymari Santana appeared shaken and would not comment.

Throughout the trial, Griffin and defense lawyers said the two trainees were liars who had something to gain by making false allegations. They said that one of the accusers had hoped to get back into the Army after being dismissed.

Ms. Rudy told the court that she talked to another witness, former Army trainee Melissa Bruce, during the trial after she was asked to describe details from her alleged sexual encounter with Griffin. Ms. Bruce has made allegations of sexual harassment against another drill sergeant.

Griffin, 36, of Buffalo, N.Y., testified earlier that the two women were angry at him for counseling them about improper relationships with married male privates.

"The only thing I can tell you is that they were angry when I counseled them. Maybe there was something about me they didn't like. Maybe there was some underlying agenda," he said.

The 17-year Army veteran, suspended since November, is expected to return to work with the 82nd Chemical Company within several days, said his lawyer, Capt. Daniel A. Lauretano.

Also facing a court-martial is Staff Sgt. Fenton Buchanan, accused of touching and engaging in improper contact with two female soldiers.

Two 'dads' get visitation rights

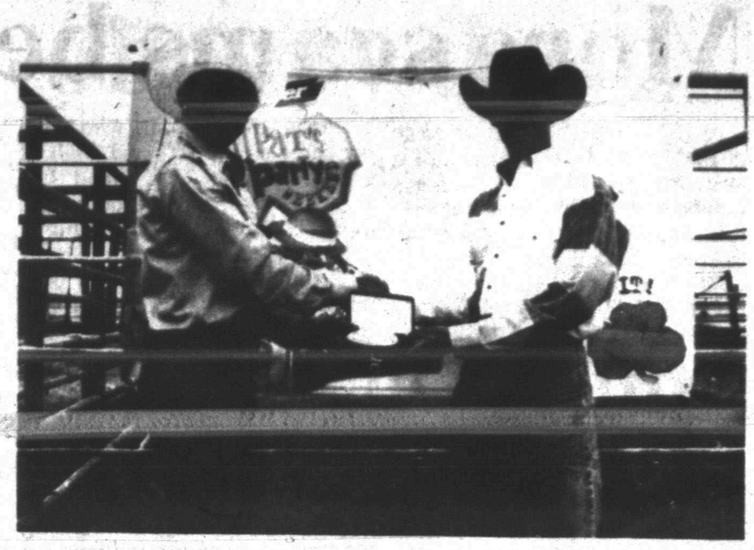
MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) — Two men who each thought they fathered a son by a former girlfriend — then found out neither of them did — both won visitation rights today, at least for the time being.

Darryl Fletcher and Brandon Ventimeglia will get to see the 2-year-old boy every Wednesday and on alternate weekends while haggling continues over whether they have any parental rights. The boy's mother is fighting their efforts.

"I'm very happy, because I was scared he might be gone," Ventimeglia said after the brief hearing before Judge George Steeh III. "I want to be in his life."

The men, both 26, have shared custody since last month. A test released this week showed that neither had fathered the boy, Darryl Scott.

India Scott, 25, had told each man he was the father when she was pregnant. After the boy was born, each helped care for him without knowing about the other — Fletcher on weekdays, and Ventimeglia on weekends.



BULL RIDING CHAMP — Ray Richards of Snyder won the first buckle of four at the Triangle Plus Arena. Richard Mhoon, left, owner of the arena, made the presentation. Richards scored 88 points. A bull riding series with jackpot is held every other weekend at the Triangle Plus Arena. Call 573-4806 for more information. (Contributed Photo)

Switzerland treated like 'international outcast,' envoy says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Swiss envoy complained today that Switzerland is being treated as an "international outcast" despite its moves to make amends for accepting looted gold from Nazi Germany during World War II.

Earlier this year, leading Swiss banks created a fund for Holocaust survivors that now holds $185 million and the government itself has started several investigations looking into its wartime actions and has proposed setting up a $5 billion humanitarian foundation, Thomas Borer said.

"I am sorry that these endeavors have, as of yet, found little recognition and acknowledgement in the United States," Borer said. "The Swiss, old and young alike ... are perplexed and wonder why, in spite of these efforts, they continue to be treated as an international outcast."

The Swiss moves toward restitution are in response to new evidence, including in a U.S. report released last week, that Switzerland acted as the Nazis' wartime banker, accepting $400 million in gold looted from European banks. Some of that gold included melted down jewelry and dental fillings from Holocaust victims, although the Swiss were unaware of that, according to the study led by Undersecretary of State-designate Stuart Eizenstat.

Eizenstat's report condemned postwar Swiss negotiators for stubbornly refusing to accede to U.S. officials' calls for full restitution, resulting in a reimbursement to central banks of only $58 million. However, Eizenstat also praised Switzerland for now trying to correct past wrongs.

President Clinton, in accepting the credentials of Switzerland's new ambassador to the United States, Alfred Defago, agreed.

"The courageous proposals made recently by the Swiss government to help victims of the Holocaust and others, as well as your government's efforts to bring all the historical facts to light are worthy of high commendation," Clinton said in a White House ceremony.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	96⅝	94⅞	95	—1⅝
AT&T Corps	32¼	32⅛	32⅛	— ⅛
AirTouch	25⅝	25	25⅛	+ ⅛
Albertsons	33⅛	33	33⅛	+ ⅛
AlldSignal	76⅛	75⅜	76½	+ ⅜
Alltel	32	31⅛	31⅞	— ⅛
AmerOnline	49	48¼	48¾	+ ⅜
AmStores	47⅞	46⅜	47	+ ⅛
Ameritech	63⅞	63⅛	63⅞	— ⅛
Amoco	86¼	85⅜	85⅝	— ⅛
AndrkPtr	63⅜	62¼	63⅜	+1⅛
ArmcoInc		3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
AtlRichfld	143¼	142¼	143⅛	— ⅛
ATMOS Egy	22¼	22⅛	22¼	— ⅛
Aviall	13⅜	13	13⅛	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	37⅞	37¼	37¼	— ⅜
BellAtl	68¼	67⅞	68⅛	+ ⅛
BellSouth	44¼	44⅛	44⅜	+ ⅛
BethSteel	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛	— ⅛
BritPet	142⅞	141½	142⅜	+1
BurlNoSFe	81⅞	81⅛	81⅜	+ ⅛
Caterpillar	97⅞	95⅞	97⅜	+1⅜
CenSoWst	22¼	22	22	— ⅛
Chevron	71⅛	70⅝	70⅝	—1⅛
Chrysler s		31⅛	31⅛	31¼
Coastal		49¼	49	49¼
CocaCola	67⅞	66⅝	67⅜	+ ⅛
ColgatePalm	116¼	115⅛	116⅜	+1⅛
ColgatePalm wi	58	57⅛	58	+ ⅛
ComclMetals		28	27⅞	28
CooperIn		49⅞	49¼	49⅞
CyprusAmax	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜	— ⅛
DallSemicn	37¼	36⅜	37⅛	+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	92⅛	91⅛	91⅛	—1
DigitalEq	34⅜	32⅞	32⅜	—1⅝
Dillard	32⅛	31⅛	32	+ ⅛
DowChem	90⅛	87⅛	87½	—1⅝
DresserInd	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜	+ ⅛
DuPont	110⅛	108⅛	109¼	—1⅜
EastmanChem		53⅛	51⅛	53⅛
EstKodak	81⅜	81⅛	81⅛	— ⅛
EDS Corp	38⅛	37⅞	38⅛	+ ⅛
Enserch	21⅜	21	21⅛	— ⅛
Entergy	26	25	15-16	26 — ⅛
Exxon s	59⅝	59⅛	59⅜	— ⅜
FstBksAm	12⅜	12⅛	12⅜	— ⅛
Flowers s	17⅞	17⅝	17⅞	+ ⅛
FordMotor	36⅝	36	36½	+ ⅜
GTE Cp	43	42⅜	42⅝	— ⅛
GenDynam	73	72⅜	72⅜	— ⅛
GenElecs	61⅜	60⅝	61½	+ ⅜
GenMills	64	63⅛	63⅜	— ⅛
GenMotors	56⅜	55⅞	56⅛	+ ⅛
GaPacif	84	83	83⅜	— ⅜
GlobalMar	22⅜	22⅛	22⅜	+ ⅛
Goodrich	42	41⅛	41⅜	— ⅛
Goodyear s	56⅛	56	56	+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅛
Haliburtn	77⅛	76⅛	76½	— ⅜
Hanson ADS n	26⅝	26⅛	26⅜	— ⅜
HarteHanks	28⅛	28⅛	28⅜	— ⅛
HomeDepot	58⅛	57⅛	58⅛	— ⅛
HoustonInds	22⅜	22⅛	22⅛	+ ⅛
IBM	174⅛	173⅛	173⅜	— ⅛
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Lubys	19⅜	19⅛	19⅛	+ ⅛
LucentTech	63⅛	62⅛	62⅜	— ⅜
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Medtronic		68⅛	67⅞	68
Mobil	133⅛	132⅛	133⅜	— ⅛
Monsanto	45	44⅛	45	+ ⅛
MorganJP	104	102⅛	102⅜	—1⅜
Motorola	64⅛	63⅜	64⅛	+ ⅛
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NationsBk s	61⅛	60⅛	61⅛	— ⅛
Navistar	12⅜	12	12⅜	+1
NoramEngy		15⅛	14⅜	15
Norwest	54	53⅛	53½	— ⅛
Nynex	52⅛	51⅛	52⅛	+ ⅛
OryxEngy	22⅞	22⅜	22⅞	+ ⅛
PanEnergy		45⅛	45⅛	45⅜
Penney JC	49⅜	49¼	49⅛	+ ⅛
Pennzoil	54⅜	54⅛	54⅛	— ⅜
PepBoys	32⅜	32⅛	32⅜	— ⅛
PepsiCo	37⅞	36⅞	37⅜	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	80⅜	80⅛	80⅜	— ⅛
PhilipPet	42⅛	42	42⅛	+ ⅜
PilgrmPrd		12	12	12
Polaroid	51⅜	50⅝	51⅜	+ ⅜
Praxair	51⅛	51⅛	51⅜	— ⅛
ProctGamble	132⅛	129⅞	132⅛	+1⅜
PubSNwMx	17⅛	17	17	— ⅜
RoyalDutch	189⅛	188⅛	188⅜	+1⅛
SBC Comm	56⅛	56⅛	56⅜	— ⅛
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SearsRoeb	50⅜	49⅝	50⅛	+ ⅜
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SmthBc ADS	87⅜	87⅛	87⅜	+1
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DISMISSALS: Billy Huddleston, Erica Pruitt and baby girl, Mary L. Eubank, John Ford, Zachery Warren.

CENSUS: 52 (Med., Surg.-14, Long-term Care-36, CCU-1, OB-1).

More scams being aimed at elderly victims

BOSTON (AP) — Helen Cole doesn't seem a likely victim of a sweepstakes scam — except maybe to the charming caller who told the retired college dean she had won $4 million.

She fell for it. Hard.

Cole, 88, lost nearly $80,000 to a smooth-talking man who gave his name as Richard and "talked as if I was his best friend."

Stories like hers are becoming more common as the nation's elderly population grows. She is living proof that con artists prey on all kinds of people, not just those who never leave home or don't have a lot of education.

About 33 million Americans — or 12 percent of the population — are 65 or over.

Scams targeting older people are so common — and so successful — that attorneys general convened a three-day conference to spread the word about telemarketing schemes and consumer fraud against the elderly.

Rip-offs are lucrative business: Americans lose an estimated $40 billion a year to about 14,000 fraudulent telemarketers, according to the American Association of Retired Persons. Most victims are over 55, AARP lead scam investigator Lee Norrgard said.

Looking back, Cole wishes she hadn't been so trusting.

"I admit, I was gullible," said Cole, who lives in Amherst. "I was too believing, but this man was very persuasive and very believable."

It is difficult to gauge just how many older Americans fall prey to get-rich-quick and sweepstakes schemes. Many victims never realize they have been duped. Others won't talk about it for fear of appearing stupid.

"Every possible socioeconomic class is a potential victim," said Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, host of the conference that began Wednesday.

Cole, who for nearly three decades was dean of women at the University of Massachusetts, fell for one of the oldest marketing scams in the book.

She was told she had won $4 million — half for her, half for a scholarship in her name at the university — and that TV personality Ed McMahon would deliver the checks.

The only catch was that she would have to pay a $10,000 bond, her caller said. She wired the money to Richard, and soon was told her cash winnings had been increased to $10 million.

Again, she was told to send money, this time cash carefully tucked into a magazine and mailed to a post office box.

As weeks passed, Cole began doubting. At one point, she even wired McMahon, telling him of the promises. He never answered, she said.

The calls and promises from Richard came several times a week throughout 1996, and Cole, a widow with no children, sold her stocks and cashed in her CDs.

Filming of Godzilla monstrous for NY

NEW YORK (AP) — Kamikaze cabbies and crowded subways are a couple of the everyday challenges New Yorkers face. This week people in a lower Manhattan neighborhood had to deal with something a little more out of the ordinary — a big green monster.

TriStar Pictures filmed street scenes for its $90 million remake of the monster epic "Godzilla" in the city's Flatiron district.

And though the fire-breathing menace didn't actually make an appearance — he'll be added to scenes later through the use of computer animation and puppets — several people said the disturbance caused by gawkers and the film crew was monstrous.

Hundreds of people crowded into Madison Square Park Wednesday night to watch actor Matthew Broderick race down Broadway under teeming rain towers.

Police cordoned off about 10 blocks and pedestrians were forced to walk out of their way to reach their destinations.

Laurence Jacobs, owner of the upscale restaurant Aja on 22nd Street, complained that dinner business was off 75 percent during the three days of filming because his patrons' car services couldn't reach the entrance.

Diesel fumes blown into the windows from some of the special-effects equipment drove clients away gasping, Jacobs said, and the moviemakers merely told him to close his windows.

"For me it was unfathomable that they did not let me know that this would be disruptive to my business," said Jacobs, claiming he lost $35,000 in business.

A spokesperson for the production company, Big Fin, was not immediately available to comment on Jacobs' request.

David Tetens, owner of the bar Barzil, said his business was down 50 percent.

"They won't let you past the police lines," he complained. "There's no foot traffic."

But a hot dog vendor was doing brisk business off rubbernecks in the park Wednesday night, and some restaurants were filled with production people on break.

And not everybody in the area was upset by the commotion.

"I have a friend who lives in the building who says it keeps him up till 4 a.m. ... but he says he doesn't mind it," said Suzanne Nece.

Voted most popular

WASHINGTON (AP) — Continental and America West airlines were voted most popular airlines by readers of Frequent Flyer magazine.

Continental won the second straight year in the long-flight category, while America West was picked for the best short trips in the survey by Frequent Flyer and J.D. Power and Associates, the magazine announced Wednesday.

The magazine said Continental rated highly in on-time performance, schedule and flight accommodations and airport check-in.

America West's top ranking resulted from top performance in several areas including on-time performance, schedule and flight accommodation, seating comfort and gate location, the magazine said.

The award was based on about 7,000 flight evaluations from people who take more than 25 trips a year.

Date Book

May 15, 1997

Today is the 135th day of 1997 and the 37th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1602, Cape Cod was discovered.

On this day in 1942, 17 states began war-time gasoline rationing; by the end of the year, the rest of the nation was also rationing gas.

On this day in 1972, George Wallace was shot while campaigning for the presidency.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), poet; L. Frank Baum (1856-1919), writer; Pierre Curie (1859-1906), chemist; Katherine Anne Porter (1890-1980), writer; Richard J. Daley (1902-1976), mayor; Eddy Arnold (1918-), singer, is 79; Jasper Johns (1930-), artist, is 67; Paul Zindel (1936-), writer, is 61; Brian Eno (1948-), musician, is 49; George Brett (1953-), baseball great, is 44; Lee Horsley (1955-), actor, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1941, New York Yankees outfielder Joe DiMaggio began his record 56-game hitting streak.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Mankind is at its best when it is most free.... The basic principle is freedom of choice, which saying many have on their lips but few in their mind." — Dante Alighieri

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1963, a barn was lifted into the air by a tornado and set back down relatively undamaged 100 feet away.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, May 16, 1997

Your desire for a better position in your chosen career path will be stronger than ever in the year ahead. It is this drive and determination that will bring you victory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Endeavors that are in the embryonic stage are likely to hold the most appeal for you today. Put the old stuff on the back burner momentarily and develop the new. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today 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.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your priorities will be in proper order today, if they are focused on doing for and being with those you consider first in your heart.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a good day to tackle those mental chores you've been putting off. Your thinking remains clear and your work could be easier than usual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Financial prospects continue to look encouraging, so make the most of these profitable aspects. Seek out ways today to add to your resources.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In involvements with others today, your original inclinations will be unselfish; however, this attitude could change rather quickly. Be careful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An annoying condition that has held you in its grip will lose most of its power on you today. This will be due to your newly-found courage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Business and pleasure make a favorable blend today, so if you're trying to cut a deal, sprinkle commercial chit-chat with small talk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Strong, ambitious surges today will endow you with that second effort required to pull off the impossible. Go for the big score, it's reachable!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Challenges to your intellect will be welcomed today. The tougher they are, the better you'll like it, provided you operate in game mode.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You could be exceptionally sharp in business matters today, especially in collective endeavors. Do not abdicate your leadership role.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you will enjoy more success in activities that involve teamwork rather than independence. Do not operate as a loner when there are willing allies.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Attitude wise, you're apt to be all fired-up and ready to roll today. Get an early start, because you should produce twice as much as usual.

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Mother, child reunited in Danish child case

NEW YORK (AP) — A Danish mother was reunited with her 14-month-old daughter four days after she sparked an international incident by leaving the girl outside a restaurant while she dined inside with the girl's father.

"From what I hear, everything went as smoothly as possible" when Annette Sorensen and daughter Liv were reunited at about 7 p.m. Wednesday, said Maggie Lear, a spokeswoman for the Administration for Children's Services.

Sorensen and the child's father, Exavier Wardlaw of New York City, were arrested Saturday on child-endangerment charges when they left Liv in her stroller outside a restaurant in Manhattan's East Village while they dined inside.

The arrest highlighted the differences between New York, where leaving your child unattended outside a restaurant is a crime, and Copenhagen, where the same act is standard procedure.

"To leave a child unattended for an hour on a city street in New York is pretty inappropriate," said ACS commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta.

Asked about the cultural differences, Scoppetta replied, "I don't think you should expect the police department to make inquiries about whether this is acceptable in Denmark."

Danes in Copenhagen reacted with shock at the news, saying it is commonplace in their country to leave their children unattended but in view while they shop or dine.

The international incident began when Sorensen, visiting from Copenhagen for a month, and Wardlaw, a movie production assistant, met for dinner. Sorensen left the baby in a carriage outside the Dallas BBQ.

The parents were at a table six feet away, separated from the child by two tables and a plate glass window.

Employees and other diners asked about the child's safety, but the parents rebuffed them. Finally, one customer called 911, and police arrested both parents and jailed them for two nights. The child was taken away and placed in foster care. The father was additionally charged with disorderly conduct, and both parents have a May 19 court date.

Child welfare authorities will continue to monitor the girl's care while the case is pending.

Ex-CIA agent drops suit against Barbara Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former CIA agent has withdrawn his $4 million defamation suit against Barbara Bush after she acknowledged that his book was not responsible for the assassination of another agent.

In "Barbara Bush: A Memoir," the former first lady claimed that a book written by Philip Agee had led to the slaying of Richard Welch, the CIA's station chief in Greece, many years earlier.

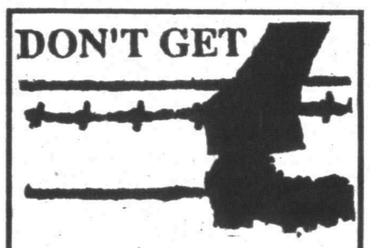
In the hardback edition, Mrs. Bush wrote that Welch was killed after "this gentle Greek scholar's cover had been blown, along with many others', by a traitorous, tell-all book written by former CIA agent Philip Agee."

The passage was changed in the 1995 paperback version to tie the murder to "publication of his CIA affiliation in Counter-Spy, a notorious anti-CIA publication."

Agee had declined to withdraw his 1995 defamation suit against Mrs. Bush in U.S. District Court here after the wording changes between editions of her book until she specified why she altered the passage. A settlement was agreed upon Tuesday after Mrs. Bush wrote Agee a letter dated May 9.

"The text of the paperback edition was changed to reflect the recognition that you did not identify Mr. Welch as the CIA station chief in Greece in your book, "Inside the Company: CIA Diary," Mrs. Bush said in the letter.

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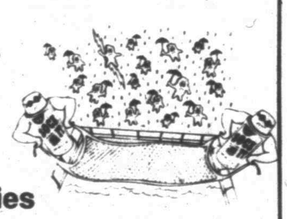


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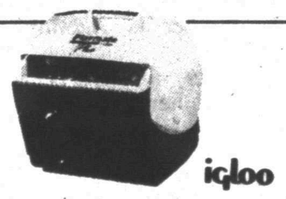
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FDA advisory panel OKs anti-obesity drug

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — The first anti-obesity drug that works in the intestine instead of the brain is a step closer to U.S. drugstores.

Xenical, which blocks the body from absorbing almost a third of the fat people eat, should be approved for prescription sale, scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration unanimously decided Wednesday.

The FDA said it would decide within a month whether to follow that advice and give obese Americans their first alternative to appetite suppressants.

"It changed my life," said Joyce Ritchey, 54, of Topeka, Kan., who tested the drug. "I went from a size 24 dress to a size 14."

But for most patients, the drug modestly increases the amount of weight they could lose dieting alone — about 8 pounds more than dieters given a dummy pill, the FDA advisers cautioned.

And it is not a panacea, they said. Xenical can cause some potentially embarrassing side effects such as oily, leaking stools as it flushes out undigested fat, side effects that worsen if dieters sneak more fat into their meals.

Xenical may work by causing "a kind of intestinal aversion," said panelist Dr. Jules Hirsch of Rockefeller University. "Patients learn there are consequences to eating more."

Xenical also can block important nutrients like vitamin D, vital for strong bones, the FDA panel said in recommending that patients be prescribed replacement vitamins.

And scientists do not know how Xenical would interact with appetite suppressants that make brain chemicals trick the body into feeling fuller, drugs that often cause diarrhea on their own. Such interactions have never been studied, and the FDA said it would evaluate how strongly to warn patients and doctors against such a mix.

Also, scientists were perplexed by a handful of breast cancer cases. Among the thousands of dieters who tested Xenical, 10 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, while only one breast cancer case arose among women dieters taking a dummy pill.

Half of those cases were diagnosed so soon after the study began that FDA doctors and independent scientists said there didn't appear to be a link. Nor did animal studies show any sign of cancer risk. Still, the advisers urged further study just to be safe.

Dr. Robert Sherwin of Yale University said he and fellow members of the advisory panel "felt compelled" to support Xenical because manufacturer Hoffman-La Roche found evidence that it lowered risks for heart disease and diabetes by slightly dropping levels of cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar.

Some 58 million Americans are overweight, and they spend $30 billion a year fighting the excess pounds, often futilely. Appetite suppressants help some people, but they are supposed to be taken no more than a year and have their own side effects, sometimes life-threatening ones.

Xenical, known chemically as orlistat, works differently. Taken with each meal, the drug disables certain pancreatic enzymes to block digestion of 30 percent of the fat that people eat.

That's not a license to live on fast food. In studies, patients ate about 50 grams of fat a day, making up the 30 percent of total calories that doctors generally recommend for good health. But the more fat they ate, the more gastrointestinal side effects they suffered.

In two studies, Roche cut about 600 calories off the daily diets of some 1,400 patients. Then they gave the dieters either Xenical or a dummy pill for two years.

In the first year, 55 percent of the Xenical users lost 5 percent of their body weight, and 25 percent lost 10 percent of their body weight. Only 27 percent and 10 percent of the placebo patients, respectively, lost those amounts of weight.

In the second year, the patients went off their diets. But those who kept taking Xenical regained only 26 percent of the weight they had lost while placebo dieters regained half of their weight, Roche said.

The FDA panel wasn't overly concerned with the gastrointestinal side effects, which Roche scientist Dr. Russell Ellison said waned as patients' colons got used to the undigested fat.

Of more concern, the FDA advisers said, was that about 20 percent of Xenical users had enough problems absorbing vitamins D, E and beta carotene that they were prescribed vitamin supplements.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



The shocking facts about piercing

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I enjoy reading your column every day and have learned much from it. Here's a question. What do you think about the current fad of teen-agers mutilating themselves by using nipple rings, piercing their genitalia and sticking things in their skin where no things should go? My granddaughter recently put an ornament in her tongue. We are shocked!

DEAR READER: I think that is precisely the point. Some teens need to shock, and it's getting harder for the kids to make a shocking statement, based on the behavior of supposedly normal adults.

In mulling over your question, I recalled the early jazz age and flappers of the 1920s, the post-prohibition over-use of alcohol in the '30s, the sexual liberties of the '40s, the weird styles of the '50s (remember the DA haircut?) when I was growing up, the drugs and sexual freedom of the '60s; the list goes on.

Every generation of teens has, apparently, felt a need to make a statement of independence and revolution, to shock and dismay their elders. So it is, I believe, with the current trend of body-piercing and tattooing — the main risks of which are infection and hepatitis.

Your granddaughter might well have thought up some other ploy, were she a member of an earlier generation. I guess the only solution is to love the kids, try to protect them from really harming themselves and others, and just take everything in historical perspective and context. Still, it's frightening to see what they'll dream up next, isn't it?

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a column some time ago, you stated that genital herpes is transmissible only during the active stage, when blisters appear. This is incorrect. The majority of victims become infected from a partner who is not in the active stage.

DEAR READER: Right you are. Since I wrote the original article, researchers reported in the New England Journal of Medicine that up to 70 percent of cases result from "asymptomatic" shedding of the virus.

That is, most genital herpes infections result from contact with a carrier who shows no sign of herpes.

Fortunately, asymptomatic shedding can be reduced by up to 95 percent by using Zovirax, a prescription anti-viral medicine.

It is mandatory that all people with genital herpes practice safe sex, even in the absence of obvious infection.

Thank you for writing so that I could print an update on this common and uncomfortable sexually transmitted disease.

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

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Gamma ray bursts originate outside Milky Way, some say

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One of the murkiest of cosmic mysteries is a lot clearer with the discovery and study of a gamma ray burst that flared billions of light-years outside our galaxy.

For its 10-second life, the gamma ray burst that flared May 8 far outshone the sun and packed more energy than any known object, California Institute of Technology scientists said this week.

The Caltech team became the first to determine the distance and intensity of the powerful bursts, known but little-understood since Cold War satellites initially detected them.

"This is certainly the discovery of the year in astronomy," said Bohdan Paczynski, an astrophysics professor at Princeton University in New Jersey. He termed the extragalactic finding "spectacular."

The recent gamma ray burst flashed far outside the Milky Way and was a "billion-billion times brighter" than the sun, said Caltech team member Shri Kulkarni. For its brief existence, it reigned the sky, he said.

Assuming the universe is about 15 billion light-years across, the burst was "greater than 7 billion light-years away," said Chuck Steidel, another of the Caltech astronomers.

Yet the findings still fail to solve the problem of what they are or what produces the tremendous bursts of energy, he said.

"This is a puzzle that's been around for 25 years," said Caltech astronomer Mark Metzger, a lead team member. "We finally have evidence that at least some of these bursts are at great distances and are the most intense sources of radiation in the universe."

Gamma ray bursts were discovered in the 1960s by U.S. spy satellites trying to monitor Soviet compliance with a nuclear test ban treaty. The bursts flash several times a day throughout the sky and can last anywhere from a few seconds to hundreds of seconds.

Scientists have only speculated about origins of the bursts of gamma ray energy, and it took a chain of scientific observations for the Caltech team to make its stunning observations.

The gamma ray burst that Caltech astronomers mapped was first detected at gamma wavelengths by the Italian-Dutch BeppoSAX, a satellite launched last year with X-ray and gamma ray detectors.

Within hours, the team began observing visible features from the burst using telescopes at Palomar Observatory in San Diego County They found a bright, star-like object that "appeared from nowhere" and gradually was fading.

Beethoven was deaf when he composed his famed Ninth Symphony.

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Late-term abortions' showdown nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — An emotional Senate braced for a showdown over competing bills restricting late-term abortions. The leading sponsor of the Republican measure predicted his side would defeat a Democratic alternative.

However, Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., acknowledged that the Democratic bill, which has White House support, was hampering efforts to build a veto-proof majority for his bill.

Santorum is pushing a House-passed GOP measure to ban use of a procedure opponents call "partial-birth" abortion, except when a woman's life is in danger.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has countered with a bill that would ban a variety of abortions after the point at which a fetus can live outside the womb.

But Daschle's bill permits exemptions when continuing the pregnancy would endanger a woman's life or cause "grievous injury" to her physical health. It also would not pre-empt laws already on the books in 41 states.

The Senate was expected to vote today on Daschle's bill and on another alternative measure from California Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer that includes a much broader health exception than Daschle's proposal.

A final Senate vote could come today or perhaps next week. The measure is identical to a bill President Clinton vetoed last year. Congress was unable to overturn the president's veto.

Clinton, who has promised another veto of the Republican bill if it passes, came out in support of Daschle's proposal Wednesday.

During impassioned debate, Santorum raised his voice and his face appeared flushed at times as he urged colleagues to support his effort to ban "partial-birth" abortions.

Using illustrations that showed a fetus in various stages of delivery, he said a physician performing a "partial-birth" abortion "suctions the brains out of the baby. That causes the head to collapse and then the baby is delivered," he said. "This is what we're trying to ban here, nothing else. Nothing else."

The procedure, more complicated than first-trimester abortions, involves partially extracting a fetus, legs first, cutting an incision in the barely visible skull base and then draining the contents of the skull so it will fit through the birth canal.

Details of NATO-Russia pact disputed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior American officials and Russian President Boris Yeltsin are in open disagreement over the assurances NATO is making to Moscow as the military alliance prepares to spread its reach to Russia's western border.

Clearly pleased with the agreement reached Wednesday in Moscow, the American officials are suggesting Yeltsin is putting his own gloss on the accord to try to win over reluctant Russians, including some who support close ties with the West.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and the other U.S. officials stressed the assurances being given Russia were not legally binding and were subject to change if the situation in Europe changed.

But Yeltsin told Russian television "there are precise commitments" in the document. He said the agreement ensures NATO would not station nuclear weapons and other forces on the territory of new members.

"Since (the document says) military forces won't be placed on the territory of new members, then military forces won't be placed there. Nuclear weapons won't be placed there," Yeltsin said.

President Clinton said the agreement linking Russia to NATO would give Moscow a voice but not a veto over NATO military decisions. He also said it would unify Europe and strengthen Russia itself.

Obituaries

Mary Horn

1935-1997

Mary Horn, 62, died Wednesday, May 14, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements for interment are pending.

Born Jan. 16, 1935 in Cuervo, N.M., she married Jerry Horn on Jan. 18, 1966 in Guymon, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of the Ave. D Baptist Church.

Mrs. Horn was preceded in death by a daughter, Glorietta Goswick; a sister; and one brother.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Horn of Snyder; three daughters, Debbie Hightower of Snyder, Pamala Lott of Houston and Charlene Reyes of Midland; six sisters, Jackie Brown of Tucumcari, N.M., Myrtle Boydstun of Anadarko, Okla., Billie Starritt of Tucson, Ariz., Ola Yates of Hamilton, Mont., Lee Woods and Katie Reeves, both of Corvallis, Mont.; a brother, John Jones of Chaparral, N.M.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Jerry Johnson

1956-1997

BERRYVILLE, Ark. — Funeral service is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Oak Grove Assembly of God for Jerry Don Johnson, 41, who died Monday, May 12, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident near Carr Lane, Mo.

Interment will follow in the Big Sandy Cemetery in Madison County with Nelson Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

Born April 3, 1956 in Snyder, he was former owner of Star Mobile Homes in Harrison, Ark. and had recently opened Johnson Motor Company in Green Forest.

A 1973 graduate of Kingston High School, he attended the Oak Grove Assembly of God Church.

He married Teresa Diane Youngblood on April 2, 1993. She survives.

Survivors also include three daughters, Alisha Brooke, Blair Trichell and Sara Dawn, all of the home; his parents, J.E. "Ed" and Eddie Bea Johnson of Kingston; his brother, Jimmy Dale Johnson of Bentonville; a sister, Janice Marie Howell of Kingston; and his grandfather, George Compton of Eudora, Ark.

Janet Howard

1938-1997

ABERNATHY — Janet E. Howard, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, May 13, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital.

Service for Mrs. Howard, 58, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Abernathy First Baptist Church. Burial was to follow in the Abernathy Cemetery.

Born Sept. 25, 1938 in Erie, Pa., she married Josh Howard on Sept. 25, 1994 in Las Vegas. She moved to Abernathy from Slaton in 1994.

A graduate of Snyder High School, she attended Jessie Lee's School of Hair Design and was a member of the Slaton First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Howard worked for Litton Industries in Lubbock from 1965 to 1983 and she later worked for Mervyn's, retiring in 1995.

Survivors include her husband, Josh Howard of Abernathy; two stepsons, Fred Kennedy of Lubbock and Roger Howard of San Antonio; a stepdaughter; LaRita Hughes of Lubbock; a brother, Ronnie Weber of Snyder; and five grandchildren.

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Space station will have full Russian support, NASA says

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Construction of the international space station will begin in June 1998, seven months late but with full Russian support as originally planned, NASA said today.

Some members of Congress had argued for a reduced Russian role following the country's inability to fund a critical station component, which in turn delayed station construction.

"All along this has not been a lack of willingness on the part of the Russian Space Agency or their contractors," said Randy Brinkley, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's station program manager. "They want to participate in the international space station. This has been a difficulty within the country."

Representatives from the participating countries met at Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday. Details of the meeting were revealed after Atlantis lifted off this morning on a critical resupply mission to the Russian space station Mir.

Brinkley said the Russians will launch the first station component in June 1998. This U.S.-financed but Russian-built tug, which should have been launched in November, will be modified to increase its motion control and allow it to be refueled in orbit — a safeguard against further Russian trouble.

Felony case referred to DA

A case of felony failure to stop and render aid has been referred to the District Attorney's office, Snyder police corporal Terry Luecke, said this morning.

Miguel Jalamos, 17, received head injuries when he was struck by a 1989 Chevrolet van in the 1400 block of Avenue K on May 8. The van was driven by 31-year-old Jimmy Fuentez of 1204 21st St.

Jalamos was first treated at Cogdell Hospital and then transferrd to Lubbock's University Medical Center and has since been dismissed.

An 18-year-old male, Luis Arreguin of 1401 Ave. K, was also struck by the van, but suffered only minor injuries. He was treated and released at Cogdell that night.

Peace officers respond to numerous complaints

Snyder area peace officers made four arrests and responded to several complaints Wednesday and early today.

Officers arrested Esmaeraldo Berrera, 43, of 1401 Ave. K at her residence at 10:45 Wednesday morning on a warrant for parole violation.

A 17-year-old male was also taken into custody at the same location on city warrants for no driver's license, no liability insurance, failure to appear and capias pro fine for minor in possession.

A 22-year-old male was arrested at 12:13 p.m. in the 1900 block of Coleman Avenue on city warrants for disregarding a stop sign and failure to appear.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old female at 6:59 p.m. at 206 33rd St. on city warrants for disregarding a stop sign and failure to appear.

In other activity Wednesday, deputies were notified at 9:47 a.m. that a 16-year-old youth had run away from home. An offense report for a runaway was submitted.

Officers located two juveniles in a residence in the 3700 block of Austin at 10:36 a.m. The two were taken to the police department and the juvenile probation office was notified.

An offense report was made at 11:58 a.m. in reference to a bicycle found in the 3200 block of 40th Street the past weekend.

Twila Brown requested to speak to an officer at 3:44 p.m. in the 3900 block of Austin in reference to someone scratching the paint on her vehicle. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

A deputy was requested at the city's recycling center at 4:18 p.m. in reference to damages. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Ben Cross requested to speak to an officer at 7:41 p.m. in reference to someone taking a Weedeater out of the back of his pickup while it was parked at Wal-Mart. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Offense reports for family violence were submitted at 12:32 a.m. and 12:47 a.m. today at different locations.

What's Up?

Cogdell awards reception

Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees will be recognized in an informal reception from 6:15-7:45 p.m. today at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Service awards will be given, employees of the month will be recognized and an employee of the year for 1996 will be named.

Open house at Snyder Healthcare

Snyder Healthcare Center is having open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Everyone is invited.

Senior LL fundraiser

Snyder Senior Little League will be selling hamburgers, starting at 6:30 p.m., before the Andrews-Plainview baseball playoff game set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Moffett Field.

G-20 rush dance

G-20 rush dance will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at Towle Park Barn. Tickets are $3 each.

Christian women's ministry

A company of Women International Prophetic Voice to the Nations Christian Women's Ministry will hold special gatherings with founder and president Rosalie Willie Friday through Sunday at Union Community Center. Pot luck suppers will begin at 6 p.m. Husbands are friends also welcome. For information, call 573-0899.

Jenkins reception planned

A reception honoring longtime Snyder teacher Elizabeth Jenkins will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. Friday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. She retired after having taught 43 years in Snyder public schools.

Order school supplies

Anyone wishing to order school supplies for Stanfield pre-K, kindergarten, first and second grades and Central third grade only should do so by Sunday. Call Mary Ann Wright at 573-4261 or Diane Arnold at 573-2159.

American Legion sale

The American Legion will hold a bake sale and outside sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 1800 Ave. R. In the event of bad weather, the sale will be moved inside.

Girl Scouts swim party

A free swimming party for all Girl Scouts will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the Western Texas College pool.

Free blood pressure clinic

Interim Health Care will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic at the Wal-Mart pharmacy from 2-4 p.m. Saturday.

Dermott school reunion

The Dermott school reunion will be June 7 at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Notices have been sent to all out of town residents. Schedules and activities will be announced later. For questions or information, call Sonny Greenfield at 573-6866.

Class of '87 reunion

Snyder High School Class of 1987 has set its 10-year reunion for Aug. 2. For more information, contact Elaine Gomez at 806 792-6572 or Leann Bell at 573-7742.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

Rummage items requested

Scurry County Museum is looking for donations to put in its annual rummage sale. Donations will be accepted May all next week and are tax deductible. This is the fourth year the museum has held this fund-raiser.

Quilt objects sought

Scurry County Museum is looking for items made from old or new quilts. Examples would include jackets, pillows, Christmas stockings, doll blankets, hats and toys. The museum wishes to display the items from June 9 through Aug. 22. Individual quilt blocks are also needed for the display.

Help is also needed in presenting the history of quilting and its importance. Call 573-6107 if you can assist the museum with any aspect of this display project.

'Historic' rummage sale

Historic Scurry County will have a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 24 at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. All donations will be welcomed. Items may be dropped at the hall from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 23.

Pick 3

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

0-0-0

(zero, zero, zero)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-23-28-31-33-47.

Estimated jackpot: $35 million.

Number matching six of six: none.

Matching five of six: 249. Prize: $1,683.

Matching four of six: 14,513. Prize: $104.

Matching three of six: 283,000. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: $50 million.