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Community set to pitch in for SNS annual workday

Snyder Neighbors Sharing volunteers will tackle 10 projects Saturday.

It's time for the annual workday, when volunteers from local churches, civic clubs and individuals join together to repair homes of elderly or disabled members of the community.

Twelve homes have been targeted for this year's workday. Two have already been completed.

"Thanks to the generous support from Snyder, more than 130 homes have been repaired since SNS was started in 1988," said Thomas Fogleman, SNS president.

SNS serves community members who lack the financial means or the physical ability to perform the basic repairs necessary to keep themselves warm and dry.

"The success of this project is a wonderful example of what the citizens of Snyder can accomplish when we all pull together," Fogleman added.

All materials are purchased locally, usually at discount prices. Local merchants also provide lunch and refreshments to the workers.

Work will begin Saturday at 7 a.m. Volunteers need to bring hand tools, paint scrapers, brushes and rollers. Workers who don't have any of those items can use ones furnished by SNS.

Anyone who hasn't signed up with a church or civic group and who would like to participate can call the Senior Center on Saturday at 573-4035 for an assignment.

In case of bad weather, the radio will provide pertinent information about the workday.

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "All your problems become nails if the only tool you have is a hammer."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Dalton Wood, in Tahoka's Lynn County News, said some young people can't believe that old codgers (parents and grandparents) ever had it as tough as the olden stories claim.

The thought reminded Wood of a story in which a mother reminded her little girl that the child's grandmother once was a little baby.

"Grandma? She used to be a baby?" the girl exclaimed in amazement.

The kid was silent for a moment or two and then had another question.

"Why in the world would they name a baby Grandma?"

Danny Andrews, in the Plainview Herald, provided his readers some advertising with a touch of humor.

The following are alleged to be actual signs in businesses or on business vehicles.

--On an electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."

--In a non-smoking area: "If we see you smoking we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action.,"

--On a maternity room door: "Push, Push, Push."

--At an optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you looking for, you've come to the right place."

--On a scientist's office door: "Gone Fisson."

--Outside a radiator repair shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."

--On a taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."

--In a podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels."

--On a butcher's window: "Let me meat your needs."

--In another butcher shop: "Pleased to meat you."

--At used car lot: "Second-hand cars in first crash condition."

--On a fence: "Salesmen welcome. Dog food is expensive."

--At a muffler shop: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

--At auto body shop: "May we have the next dents?"

--At dry cleaner's: "Drop your pants here."

--In a beauty shop: "Dye now."

--In a cafe window: "Don't stand there and be hungry, come in and be fed up."

--In a cafeteria: "Shoes required to eat in cafeteria. Socks can eat any place they want."

--At the electric company: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be."



SIGNS AGREEEMENT — Sheriff Darren Jackson, Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice Drew Durham and Police Chief Lannie Lee were among those signing a Scurry County Triad Cooperation Agreeement. The agreement calls for a renewed sense of responsibility for the security and general well-being of older citizens. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cops, seniors ink triad accord here

Snyder Police Chief Lannie Lee told some 50 people gathered at Snyder Senior Center Thursday that his department and the sheriff's department work hard to protect senior citizens.

Lee, Sheriff Darren Jackson and Texas' deputy attorney general for criminal justice, Drew Durham, were on hand to sign a triad cooperation agreement with representatives of the American Association of Retired Persons and the Area Agency on Aging.

Lee emphasized that both departments will strengthen their efforts to protect senior citizens from victimization as a result of the triad agreement.

Triads are formed to help implement crime prevention, education and volunteer programs for older community members. Activities focus on preventive as well as victim and witness assistance programs.

Nationally, there is an agreement between the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA).

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales signed a statewide Triad agreement in 1993.

Durham said the agreement should help strengthen communication between law enforcement departments and senior citizens.

"Senior citizens are the eyes and ears of this community," said Durham.

In addition to Lee and Jackson, others signing the triad agreement were County Judge Ricky Fritz, Mayor David Holt, M.J. Merritt, representing the Scurry County AARP and Jeannie Williams, with the Area Agency on Aging in Abilene and Carla Thompson, director of the Senior Center.

Also recognized were State Rep. David Counts, District Attorney Dana Cooley and County Attorney Mike Hartman.

RJR snuffs out talks with Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's second largest tobacco company is through talking to Congress and is turning up the volume on the industry's grass roots campaign for what it calls reasonable legislation.

"I'm done making a point to these people in Washington," RJR Nabisco chairman Steven Goldstone said today in New York. "My discussions now are going to be with the American people."

Goldstone took the industry's advertising and public relations campaign from tobacco country to Wall Street today, telling analysts during a morning meeting that he is disappointed in congressional Republicans for pushing a bill that he said would raise taxes and bloat the federal bureaucracy.

"What amazes me, all of this from a Republican Senate," Goldstone said in a telephone conference call with reporters.

He also criticized House GOP leaders for failing to go along with the settlement signed last June between the tobacco industry and 40 states.

"I am disappointed with some of the Republicans in the House, because I think they reacted too quickly and too negatively...to the June 20 resolution," Goldstone said.

His comments came two weeks after the industry rejected a Senate bill that would impose a half trillion dollars in taxes on tobacco companies and severely restrict its ability to market products.

Though many Republicans on Capitol Hill say the bill flies in the face of conservative principles, GOP leaders have been unwilling to do the industry favors in a year when all 435 House seats and a third of the Senate are up for reelection.

Social Science tests complete

Nickolas Means took home gold in Western Texas College's annual Social Science Contest, held Thursday on campus.

Means was one of two Snyder High School students to earn medals in the competition, which tests students in history, geography, government, economics and current events.

Participating in Division I, the class for larger schools, he won gold in current events.

Thomas Bishop, another SHS student, won silver in world history and geography.

Ira students took home two medals. Competing in Division II, Amber Martinez won silver and Billy Box won bronze in world history and geography.

See Social Science, Page 10



TOPS IN SCURRY COUNTY — Billy Box, Amber Martinez, Thomas Bishop and Nickolas Means, left to right, took home medals in Thursday's Social Science Contest at Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

SHS to enter academic meet

SAN ANGELO — Twenty-one Snyder High School students will participate in the Class 4A Region UIL Academic Contest, which begins today on the Angelo State University Campus.

Computer science is the only competition involving SHS students which starts today. It gets underway at 7 p.m. and concludes Saturday, when all of the other events are held.

Students competing for Snyder and their events are:

—Jenise Judah: Ready writing, accounting, accounting team.

—Kenneth Darlin: Accounting, accounting team, computer science computer, science team, mathematics.

—Kevin Kerr: Accounting, accounting team.

—Trey Gorman: Computer science.

—Buddy Whittenburg: computer science team.

—Vanessa Jones: Spelling and vocabulary, spelling and vocabulary team.

—Felsha Biggers: Spelling and vocabulary, spelling and vocabulary team.

—Windy Wood: Spelling and vocabulary, spelling and vocabulary team.

—Carol Strayhorn: Literary criticism, literary criticism team.

—Michael Hensley: Literary criticism, literary criticism team.

—Jessica Mills: Literary criticism team.

—Blake Bell: Computer applications.

—Christy Tankersley: Computer applications.

—Katy Cooper: Prose interpretation.

—Wade Ashby: Number sense.

—Jim Collins: Number sense.

—Nick Means: Persuasive speaking, Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

—Melinda Hernandez: Feature writing.

—Traci Eicke: Poetry interpretation.

Snyder will be taking two alternates, Trevor Kerr in accounting and Allison Bowden in spelling and vocabulary.

In addition, Snyder High's one-act play cast and crew were to present "Ondine" at 2 p.m. today in the Class 4A Region UIL One-Act Play Contest.

ASK US

Q—Is there a toll-free number to call for Texas Rangers tickets?

A—Yes, 1-888—96-TEXAS.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 81 degrees; low, 47; 7 a.m. Friday, 63; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low, mid 60s. S-SW wind 15-25 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy, windy, 20% storms chance. High, upper 80s. SW wind 20-30 mph, gusty.



Ryan Mitchell
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:18 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.
Of 113 days in 1998, the sun has shone 111 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If Columbus would have turned back, no one would have blamed him. Of course, no one would have remembered him either.

Unknown

ABC cancels 'Ellen' after 5 seasons

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Ellen" came out of the closet only to be shown the door.

The ABC sitcom that brought the issue of homosexuality to televisions across the country will not return for a sixth season. An ABC spokeswoman confirmed the cancellation Thursday, but declined further comment.

The program began in 1994 but drew the most attention a year ago when lead character Ellen Morgan announced her sexual orientation — as did Ellen DeGeneres, the comedian who plays her. She became the first lead gay character in a TV series.

Ratings have been disappointing since then. It averaged fewer than 11 million viewers this year, a 22 percent drop from last season.

DeGeneres and the show's producers learned the news Wednesday.

"We all knew it was coming," executive producer Tim Doyle told the Los Angeles Times. "I just thought the timing was weird because they had always told us they wouldn't make a decision until the schedule was set in May."

DeGeneres and the network lately have squabbled over the show's content, including whether a kiss between her and another woman could be aired.

More than 36 million people watched the April 30, 1997, episode when Ellen revealed she was gay, making it one of the most viewed moments in television history.

The episode and the series' content brought criticism from groups such as the 15 million-member Southern Baptist Convention. It urged members to boycott the Walt Disney Co., which produces the show and owns ABC.

Joan Garry, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said the cancellation was no surprise but still a letdown.

"We're all disappointed ABC made a decision based on ratings. We really wish that they had seriously considered the impact of Ellen's work and looked at it from a broader perspective," Garry said.

"The show may have been canceled, but I think she gave a gift to gay and straight Americans and that's a legacy that the cancellation cannot take from her."

DeGeneres could not be reached for comment late Thursday.

The actress talked of the show's apparent demise in an interview with "Entertainment Tonight" in February.

"I'm gay, the character's gay and that's the problem everyone has with the show. It's just too controversial, nobody wants to deal with it," DeGeneres said.

The show's one-hour finale is scheduled for May 13 and will take viewers through a satirical retrospective of her career. Guest stars will include Jennifer Aniston, Glenn Close and Phil Donahue.

United States...

HIV infection rate steady

ATLANTA (AP) — The rate at which people are becoming infected with HIV in the United States has held relatively steady despite a historic drop in AIDS cases, suggesting that many people are not heeding warnings about prevention.

There was an estimated decline of 2 percent in the number of new HIV cases diagnosed among people 13 and older from 1995 to 1996, according to a study released Thursday by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We're not seeing good news in the fact that we are not seeing a substantial decline" in the infection rate, said Dr. Patricia Fleming, a CDC researcher.

The study used statistics from the 25 states that report HIV infection rates.

"This is a case of the glass is half full," said Cornelius Baker of the National Association of People with AIDS. "People are living longer. That's great. But with a steady infection rate, it means the epidemic isn't going away."

AIDS deaths dropped 21 percent in 1996, while the number of people with AIDS dropped 6 percent, according to figures previously released by the CDC. AIDS deaths were down an additional 44 percent in the first half of 1997.

People diagnosed with the virus that causes AIDS aren't considered to have the disease until they develop symptoms, so delaying its onset and prolonging the lives of people who test positive for the virus can reduce the number of AIDS deaths — even while there's little change in the infection rate.

The study estimated that HIV cases between 1994 and mid-1997 dropped slightly among men but increased among women.

It also found a leveling off in the infection rate among young people overall, but minorities now make up a greater portion of that group. Of the 7,200 cases of HIV reported among people aged 13 to 24, 63 percent were black and 5 percent Hispanic.

Ms. Fleming cautioned that not all states were required to report infection rates. The new figures don't include California and New York, so the true national infection rate could be higher or lower. The CDC wants all states to create a name-based HIV reporting system.


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Automaker fires four workers

CHICAGO (AP) — Ford Motor Co. has disciplined four managers who held parties with prostitutes and exotic dancers, and fired four workers linked to racial and sexual harassment, the Chicago Tribune reported today.

The company would not say what action was taken against the managers, lower-level bosses at Ford's Chicago Heights parts-stamping plant. It said top management didn't know about the parties.

The parties took place outside the plant between 1988 and last December.

The fired employees worked at the stamping plant and Ford's Taurus assembly plant on Chicago's South Side, the Tribune reported.

Ford's action follows the settlement earlier this year of a $1.5 million harassment lawsuit involving employees at the two facilities.

Former residents work on CBS films

It's all in the family. Two former Snyder residents have had a hand in the making of two CBS movies.

Phyllis Sealy Detrich of Dallas worked as the property master on "War of the Ewings" which will



air at 8 tonight on local cable channels 5 and 13. This movie is another chapter in "Dallas," the popular CBS series which aired several years ago.

Sue Sealy Schiller, who also lives in Dallas, decorated the set for "The Legend of Cadillac Jack," which will air Tuesday at 8 p.m. on local channels 5 and 13.

Some scenes from "The Legend of Cadillac Jack" shot in Cadillac Jack's home feature rodeo pictures of Sue's uncle, the late Jim Sealy, who rodeoed in the 1950s.

These pictures are Sue's prized possessions," said her mother, Gwen Sealy. "She is so pleased to have used them in the movie."

"The Legend of Cadillac Jack" is a fact-based story of Cadillac Jack Favor who rodeoed in the 1950s. Jack, played by Clint Black, is wrongly accused of murder and sent to prison.

Hartman costars as his wife, Ponder, who works to free her husband.

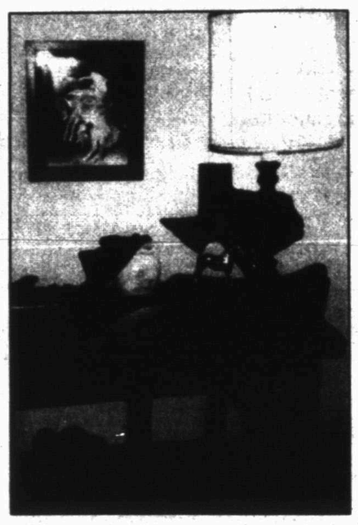
Cadillac Jack was mainly a bull rider and saddle bronc rider, but he was also an oilman.

The sisters work regularly making commercials.

Sue and Phyllis are the daughters of Don and Gwen Sealy and the sister of Gini Grimmett, all of Snyder.

Sue graduated from Snyder High School in 1967. She attended North Texas State University in Denton, and has one son, Robert Dan Schiller.

Phyllis graduated from SHS in 1965. She earned a degree in journalism from NTSU in 1969.



Jury awards husband and two daughters $10 million

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury has awarded $10 million to relatives of a 75-year-old Odessa woman who died from a device implanted into a major vein to catch blood clots.

Plaintiffs' lawyers said their research indicates Thursday's judgment is the largest medical malpractice award given for the wrongful death of someone over age 70.

Marcy White died March 21, 1995, at Odessa Medical Center Hospital.

The jury found three doctors liable for not realizing Mrs. White was bleeding from the device and Dr. Morris Weiner in Houston for unnecessarily implanting it.

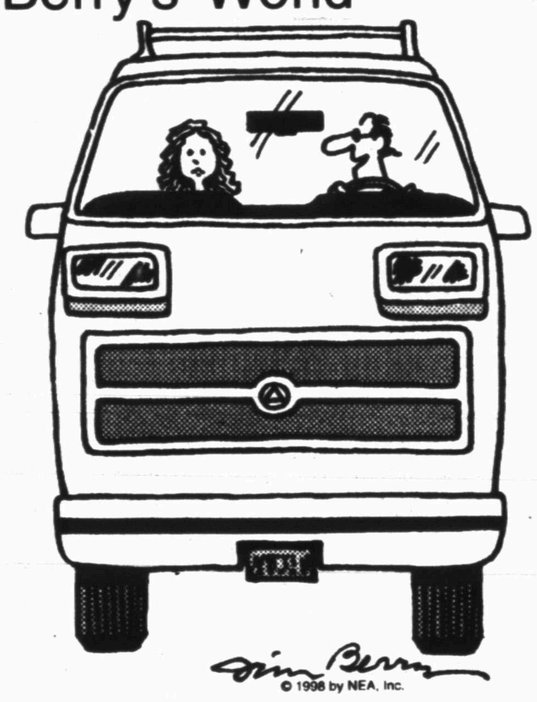
Just before the trial started three weeks ago, four of the doctors named in the suit settled out of court with Mrs. White's husband, Charles, and two daughters.

That left Weiner and Odessa Internal Medical Associates parties in the suit. Details of the settlement were sealed.

Attorneys for the defendants said Mrs. White died of internal bleeding caused when she underwent a gall bladder operation in Odessa days before and that surgeons had inadvertently damaged a major artery.

Alan Loewinsohn, a Dallas attorney who represented the family, argued that Mrs. White died from complications of having the device inside her body.

Berry's World



"Since we got the SUV, I'm much more comfortable doing road rage."

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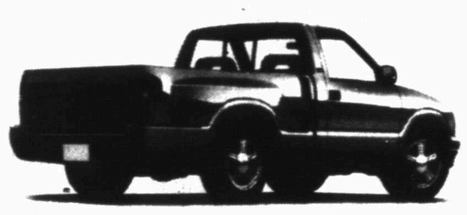
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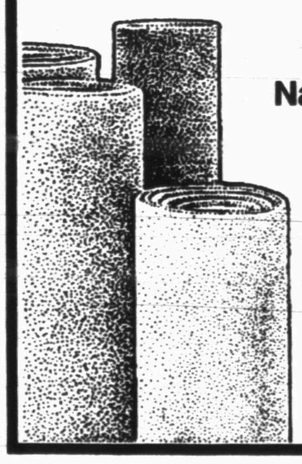
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Senate approves education savings accounts

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill creating tax-free savings accounts for school expenses became a showcase for sharp partisan divisions on its way to narrow Senate passage.

Just a handful of Democrats and Republicans broke ranks on the final 56-43 vote Thursday, and it came only after days of wrangling during which both sides sought to stake out positions likely to play a role in the fall midterm congressional elections.

The Senate bill, which must be reconciled with a House-passed version, also evoked a White House veto threat even before Republicans added amendments opposing new federal math and reading tests for students and ending the Education Department's control of some school spending programs.

Republicans said they simply were returning as much power as possible to states, school boards and parents and shaking up a system that lets student achievement fall while enriching bureaucrats.

"What we have here is a choice between the status quo and people who want to empower parents to have more of a role in the education of their children," said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H.

Supporters had promoted the savings bill as a modest way to help working and poor families meet school expenses and if necessary find alternatives to dangerous or substandard public schools. Opponents, including teachers' unions, described it as a vehicle for tax breaks to help affluent parents send children to private schools.

"What this means is the death of public education," said Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

Before the vote, conservative Republicans added an amendment effectively blocking Clinton's proposed new federal tests to measure individual math and reading achievement. An amendment converting some federal school programs to grants also was approved.

Republicans rejected Clinton administration proposals to use federal dollars to reduce class sizes by subsidizing school construction, to forgive student loans for new teachers in poor areas, and to create new after-school programs.

Clinton said the bill "weakens our commitment to making America's schools the best they can be in the 21st century."

Some of the bill's would-be Democratic supporters and some Republicans were driven away by the anti-testing amendment and the shift of some power away from the Education Department.

But others voted for the bill in hopes that the House and Senate negotiators would modify it when they reconcile their separate versions.

"There is a sufficient amount of good in this bill," said Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla.

The vote was along party lines for the most part. Among Republicans, only Sens. John Chafee of Rhode Island, James Jeffords of Vermont and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania opposed it.

Four Democrats other than Graham supported it: Sens. John Breaux of Louisiana, Robert Byrd of West Virginia, Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and Robert Torricelli of New Jersey. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., did not vote.

The savings bill, co-sponsored by Sens. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., and Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., would allow tax-free savings accounts to be created for children, starting at birth. Up to $2,000 a year could be contributed, with money coming from relatives, employers, foundations or other sources.

The interest and withdrawals would be tax-free, and the money could be used for a range of expenses from kindergarten through college, including tuition at private or religious schools. The bill is estimated to cost $1.6 billion over 10 years.

In addition to creating the accounts, the bill would expand popular exemptions for employer-provided educational assistance, make savings for state prepaid tuition plans tax free and offer some aid for school construction, though far less than what Clinton wanted.

A handful of Democrats said the accounts were worth trying, to add some life to an education system providing weak academic performance and limited choices for the poor.

"I think it is a new approach, and it's entitled to be tried, to be tested," said Byrd. "Public education is going to have to shape up, or else public support for it is going to completely erode."

Both sides entered this week's debate as a way to parade agendas. Democrats seeking re-election this year got some sound bites, but the bill that emerged had conservative markings.

Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., sponsored the anti-testing amendment on the grounds that voluntary tests of individual students against national standards in reading and mathematics would usurp local control of what children are taught. The position is favored by religious conservatives, whom Ashcroft is courting as he weighs a 2000 presidential bid.

The bill would prevent further work without specific congressional approval on the standards-based tests, proposed last year by Clinton.

The block-grant amendment by Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., also had strong support from conservative critics of public schools, including advocates of home schooling.

Rash of winners keeps lottery sales down

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Lottery workers are sort of torn these days.

Agency employees enjoy giving away cash. They gather and cheer for every lotto winner.

But in the last three months there have been so many winners that jackpots have remained low, sending sales slightly southward. It's a tough position for an agency expected to make more and more money by giving it away.

"Lotto is a jackpot-driven game," Lottery spokeswoman Leticia Vasquez said Thursday. "If it's a low jackpot, we're going to have low sales."

Since February, lotto sales have hovered around $10 million a week. They have reached closer to $20 million and $30 million a week when bigger jackpots are available.

Ms. Vasquez said it's nearly impossible for the agency to be upset about giving away too many prizes. "It's what we do," she said.

But at the same time, the lottery is under increasing pressure to build sales, especially after sales and state revenue from its numbers games soured late last year.

"It's a real interesting position to be in," Ms. Vasquez said. "We're giving away smaller jackpots, but that creates a situation where sales are impacted."

In Wednesday night's drawing, for example, anticipated sales were low enough to reduce the estimated prize to $7 million. It normally would have been $8 million after no one won last Saturday's drawing.

No ticket matched all six numbers Wednesday, sending Saturday's estimated prize to $12 million.

The last big jackpot — $47 million — was won on Feb. 4. Since then, 13 of the last 22 drawings have been for the minimum $4 million. This month alone there have been seven drawings — four for $4 million — and four winners. One of them was for the last $12 million jackpot on April 4.

Gwen Hughes, who sells lotto tickets at Hughes Auto Parts, said having a lot of lotto winners isn't all bad. Hughes Auto Parts, in the town of Farwell on the New Mexico line 100 miles northwest of Lubbock, is one of the state's top lotto sellers.

"We're hearing that there have been so many winners, that's impressing players," Mrs. Hughes said.

But while players are lured by the chance of being the next winner, the smaller jackpots are prompting them to spend less, Mrs. Hughes said.

"Instead of spending $10, they are spending $5," she said.

Ms. Vasquez said it's simply up to chance to determine when the next big jackpot will build. Sales generally are expected to be up 10 percent with a $12 million jackpot. At $20 million, sales jump 20 percent, she said.

"After $30 million, sales are through the roof," she said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Dad Puzzled by How to Explain His Parents' Childish Behavior

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are separated and in the process of getting a divorce. I have a 9-year-old stepson from this marriage whom I love very much. I'll call him "Nicky." We are very close, and I continue to see Nicky and participate in his life as much as I did before the separation. I'm the only father he has ever known.

The problem is my parents. They have refused to have anything to do with Nicky since the separation. They ignored his birthday and refuse to attend any of his ball games. They act like he no longer exists. Nicky is such a fine young man, and he is very hurt by their behavior.

Abby, since I can't change my parents, how can I explain their unkind behavior to Nicky in a way that won't hurt him any more than he's already been hurt?

SON OF HARD-HEARTED PARENTS

DEAR SON: Be honest with your stepson. Explain that grown-ups do not always do the right thing, and you do not approve of your parents' behavior. Let him know that your parents are acting this way because they blame his mother for the divorce, and have withdrawn from him as a way of punishing her.

Remind Nicky that he has done nothing wrong, and this is not his fault. Assure him that you love him unconditionally.

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DEAR ABBY: I've never written to you before, but I think you blew it in your answer to "In the Middle in Tucson." Her sister was so upset about the "tacky gifts" her daughter had received from their brother and his new wife that she severed the relationship with her own brother.

What is this world coming to when we are so shallow that we value gifts over our own flesh and blood? My advice to her would have been: "Lady, wake up! Tell your sister that life is too short to hold a grudge for something as trivial as what kind of a present someone gives."

The wife may not have been deliberately rude; perhaps she was trying to be thrifty. The brother may not even realize where the gifts came from (most men have little to do with gift-buying); maybe their family finances aren't in quite as good shape as she thinks they are. There could a lot of other "maybes" — and the sister just doesn't realize it.

If something were to happen to her brother before she was able to make things right between the two of them, she would never forgive herself. If she doesn't like the gifts her daughter received from this auntie and uncle, she should shut her mouth and give them to someone who could really use them — or simply throw them away. But don't destroy a relationship that is a God-given gift.

Abby, I don't mean this letter to be a put-down to you, but your answer seemed to encourage the sister to drive that wedge in more firmly. Family is far too precious to throw away because of something so meaningless.

ALSO A SISTER IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR NORTH CAROLINA SISTER: You misunderstood my answer. The sister who severed the relationship with her brother deserves the lecture you gave her. However, my reply was directed at the *other* sister, who wondered if she should try to mediate the dispute or stay mum. I told her to encourage her sister to communicate her feelings to her brother, so they could be dealt with in an adult manner.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	04-24-98
	♠ A Q 10 8 7 6 3	
	♥ A K 2	
	♦ 8 4	
	♣ J	
West		**East**
♠ 5		♠ K 2
♥ 9 6 5 4 3		♥ ---
♦ 6 3		♦ A Q J 10 9 5 2
♣ A Q 5 4 2		♣ 10 8 7 3
	South	
	♠ J 9 4	
	♥ Q J 10 8 7	
	♦ K 7	
	♣ K 9 6	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♦
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 6

Go with the long suit

By Phillip Alder

You know that a 5-3 fit exists in one major suit (let's call it hearts), but you hold seven to the ace-queen-10 in the other major (which, by process of elimination, must be spades). Do you go with the known fit or insist on your spade suit being trumps?

My instinct would be to go with the seven-bagger. As long as partner has a minimum of help, we should be safe, but an eight-card fit is vulnerable to a bad break.

In the given auction, I have a strong dislike for North's two-diamond cue-bid, which showed at least three hearts and 10-plus support points. I think that if the dealer opens, your partner overcalls, and the responder passes, a new suit by you (the advancer) should be forcing for one round. So, I would bid a simple one spade. Isn't that so much better than two hearts? South will raise to two spades, after which the only danger will be getting too high in spades.

Against four hearts, the defenders began with two rounds of diamonds. Then, when East got in with the spade king, he played a third diamond, promoting a trump trick for West: one down. True, the 5-0 trump break was unlucky, but four hearts is worse than four spades. Unless the spade finesse is winning, the defenders are threatening to take four tricks in more than one way.

At the other table in the match, East opened four diamonds. This silenced South, and North bid four spades, of course. The author of the report claimed that this contract can be defeated, but I don't see how. Can you?

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

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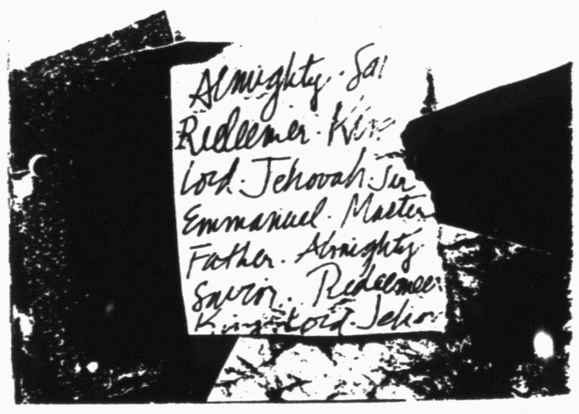
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ACROSS

1 Primary cell
7 Balm
13 Tel Aviv's place
14 Helpless
15 Tantalized
16 More wary
17 Tax org.
18 Ending for auction
20 — Canals
21 Interpret the wrong way
25 Mother and father
28 — on (acts like a grandparent)
32 Neighbors
33 Mary Tyler —
34 Actress Winger
35 Likeness
36 Killed
37 Ennui
39 Waxed
41 Exclamation
44 WWII area
45 Rower's need
48 Body organs
51 Work area
54 Hawk
55 Freed
56 Bowling lanes
57 Exit

DOWN

1 Type of pasta
2 River in Belgium
3 Pate de foie —
4 Western hemisphere assn.
5 Golf peg
6 Earliest born
7 It could be filthy!
8 — — Clear Day
9 Label
10 Large wading bird
11 Bread spread
12 Pianist Peter —
19 Hesitation sounds
21 Type of measurement system
22 Mad
23 Regard highly
24 Destined
25 Cushions
26 Cain's brother
27 — - — -dub
29 Frog's cousin
30 Thus
31 Appear
37 Baseballer's need
38 Actor Peter —
40 Relaxes
41 Genus of olive trees
42 Mound
43 Elliptical
45 River in France
46 High cards
47 Some wines
49 Compass pt.
50 Bridge of San Luis —
52 Thick mist
53 Not against

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	L	I	E	N	T		C	L	I	N	I	C
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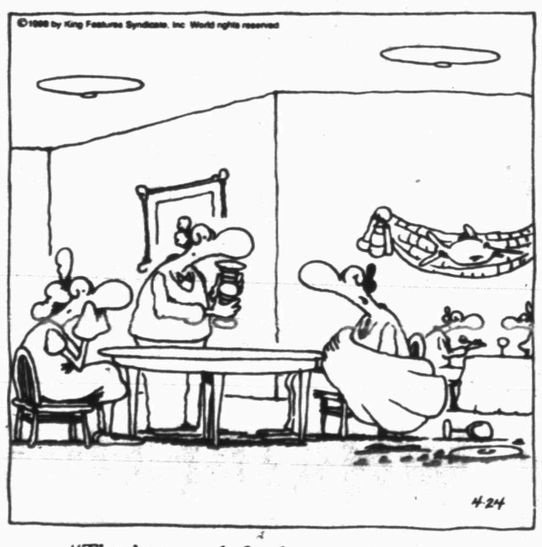
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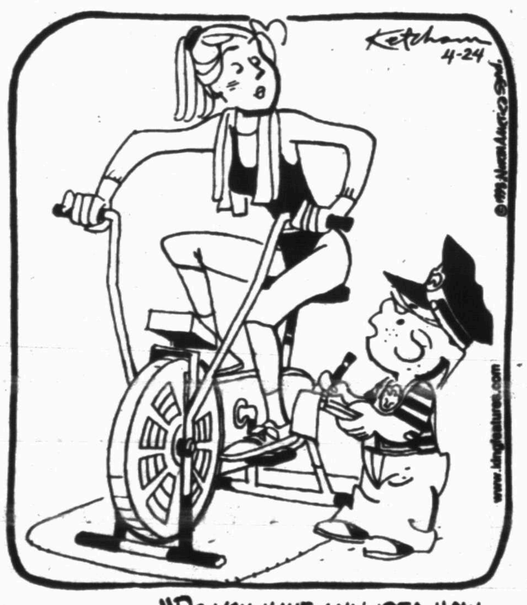


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SPORTS

Lady Tigers drop final tune-up, 4-1

Midland Christian got its revenge.

After the Lady Tigers pounded out 14 hits for an 8-7 victory in their last meeting, Midland managed to hold Snyder to only five hits Thursday and scored three unearned runs to steal a 4-1 decision.

The setback leaves Snyder at 16-15 heading into the postseason. The Lady Tigers will face the winner of today's Ft. Stockton-El Paso Riverside contest next Friday in the area round of the playoffs.

"Kristin Martinez pitched a great game for us," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "But the errors got us again. Three of their four runs were unearned and we struck out eight times."

Snyder held the lead early after posting a run in the bottom of the second. But Midland scored once in the fourth and once in the fifth to hold a 2-1 advantage heading into the final frame.

Midland sent two more runners home in the top of the seventh for the 4-1 win.

Notching two of the Lady Tigers' five hits was Shanna Fisk, who belted a double and a single on the night. CeCe Valadez also had a two-base hit, with Amanda Huff and Starla Davis each knocking a single.

Should Ft. Stockton win today, the probable site for the area contest would be Midland. The Lady Tigers put away Ft. Stockton, 7-1, during the Snyder tourney in March.

A victory by El Paso would likely set up a three-game series played next Friday and Saturday in Kermit.



LADY TIGER HOOPS HONOREES — Five Lady Tiger basketball players received awards from Coach Rick Archer (left) at the Tiger Pride Club Sports Banquet. From left are Shannon Hall, hustle award; Callie Bane, most improved; Mandy Hess, most valuable player; Melanie Kidd, all-district honorable mention; and Ashley Delce, second team all-district. (SDN Staff Photo)

San Antonio quiets Jazz, 102-96

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

One night into the NBA playoffs, and two things are already clearer today than they were 24 hours ago: The Utah Jazz might not be such a lock, and Tim Duncan might be even better than his reviews.

The Jazz put on a sloppy, dispirited performance before their home fans and actually heard a few boos as they were trounced 103-90 by the aging Houston Rockets on Thursday night.

"This whole thing about Houston being old and being hurt, we swallowed that hook all the way down to the gills," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "They outcoached us, outplayed us, and they deserved to win."

Duncan, meanwhile, was an unstoppable force in the fourth quarter as he scored 18 of his 32 points in San Antonio's 102-96 victory at Phoenix.

In the two other games, the home team won as Indiana crushed Cleveland 106-77 and Charlotte beat Atlanta 97-87.

Four more first-round openers are scheduled for tonight as New York visits Miami, New Jersey visits Chicago, Minnesota is at Seattle and Portland visits the Los Angeles Lakers.

On a night when Glen Rice and Steve Smith engaged in a shootout, the Pacers gave the Cavs a lesson in postseason intensity, and Duncan showed why he'll be the runaway rookie of the year, the biggest surprise was the performance — if you want to call it that — put on by the Jazz.

Utah started slowly, fell steadily behind and was down 21 entering the fourth. The Jazz closed within eight midway through the fourth, but Greg Ostertag missed two free throws, Clyde Drexler scored at the other end and the comeback was over.

Clyde Drexler, playing in the postseason for the final time in his career as he nears retirement, scored 22 points, including 15 in the second half. Kevin Willis added 18 points and 14 rebounds for the Rockets, who had six players score in double figures and hit 10 3-pointers.

Spurs 102, Suns 96

Duncan showed his offensive talents with a variety of moves inside and on the baseline, especially down the stretch when he made five baskets and two free throws in a personal 12-6 run while being guarded by Hot Rod Williams, Phoenix's best big-man defender, and Antonio McDyess.

His first three field goals in the run gave the Spurs a lead each time. The third lifted San Antonio to an 88-87 edge with 4:46 remaining, and it was 94-89 when Duncan made a free throw 2½ minutes later.

David Robinson had 26 points, 15 rebounds, five assists and five blocks for the Spurs, who mounted a comeback after trailing 81-74 with 9:58 left. Avery Johnson scored 11 of his 22 points in the first quarter.

Two Tiger teams to tangle for title

Snyder and Frenship don't need to look far to find motivation for tonight's match-up.

One glance at the standings says it all — this one could decide the district title.

The fifth-ranked Snyder Tigers host Frenship at 7:30 this evening. Currently the two squads share the top spot in district at 6-1, but tonight's winner will grab sole possession of the lead and have a stranglehold on the 2-4A crown with only two games left.

Snyder (21-4) trounced Frenship in the first contest, belting three home runs, posting 17 hits and playing mistake-free baseball in the field.

Frenship (19-6) has responded since the pounding, capturing all four of its games to set up the rematch.

On the hill for Snyder will be ace Clay Berryman. The senior has been nothing but dominant. In district play Berryman is 4-0, recording 50 strikeouts and walking only four batters with an ERA of 1.06.

Equally as impressive have been the Snyder bats. The top three players in Snyder's order are batting .400, with clean-up hitter David Smith toting a .500 average in 2-4A play.

Following tonight's battle, Snyder hits the road Tuesday for a 4:30 match-up at Estacado. The Tigers close out the league schedule next Friday when they host Plainview at 7:30.

The district winner would receive a first-round bye in the playoffs, while the second and third-place squads would likely face either Dumas or Pampa.

District Batting Stats for today's Snyder starters

Player	AB	H	RBI	2B	HR	AVG
Border	30	12	4	0	1	.400
Berryman	30	12	3	4	1	.400
Beck	30	12	13	2	3	.400
Smith	30	15	11	2	1	.500
Fish	23	5	5	2	1	.217
Lang	24	10	6	4	0	.417
Rodgers	7	3	2	0	0	.429
Cumbie	25	8	4	1	0	.320
Hernandez	21	3	2	3	0	.143
Team	236	82		18	7	.348

Snyder District Pitching Stats

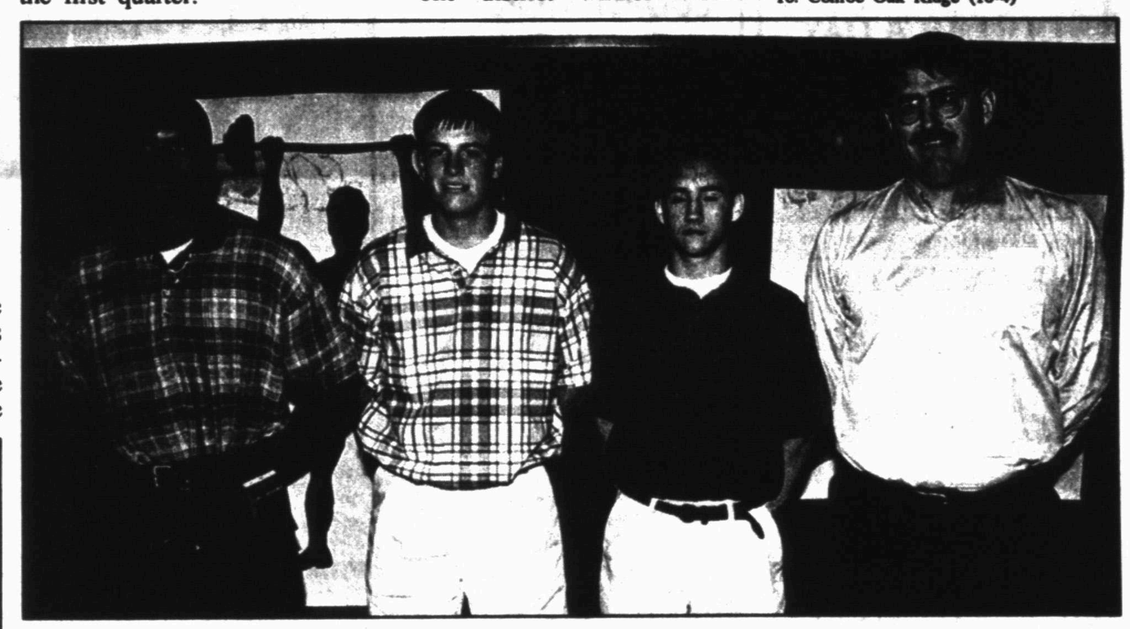
Player	W	L	IP	R	ER	BB	K	ERA
Berryman	4	0	33	6	5	4	50	1.06
Beck	2	0	15	6	3	4	27	1.40
Hernandez	0	1	4	5	4	1	5	7.00
Team	6	1	52	17	13	9	87	1.75

Team	District W	District L	District Pct.	Overall W	Overall L	Overall Pct.
Snyder	6	1	.857	21	4	.840
Frenship	6	1	.857	19	6	.760
Levelland	4	3	.571	13	10	.565
Estacado	3	4	.429	14	9	.609
Plainview	2	5	.286	5	15	.250
Lamesa	0	7	.000	5	15	.250

Today's Games
Frenship at Snyder
Levelland at Lamesa
Estacado at Plainview

BRYAN (AP) — The state high school baseball poll for week ending April 23, according to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association:

Class 4A
1. LC Mauriceville (24-3)
2. Brownwood (20-2)
3. CC Calallen (21-4)
4. Nederland (21-4)
5. Snyder (21-4)
6. Waxahachie (20-4)
7. Andrews (20-3-1)
8. Boerne (16-4)
9. Schertz Clemens (17-4)
10. Conroe Oak Ridge (18-4)



TIGER HARDWOOD AWARDS — Four members of Snyder's playoff basketball team, coached by Bud Birks (far right) received awards at this year's sports banquet. From left are Toby Delce, Fighting Tiger award; Cory Mandrell, most improved; Tyler Warren, top defensive player. Not pictured is Jimmy Taylor, most valuable player. (SDN Staff Photo)

Local Sports Schedule

Today
Baseball: Frenship at Snyder varsity, 7:30.
Baseball: Snyder JV at Lubbock Coronado tourney.

Saturday
Baseball: Snyder freshmen at Frenship, 5 p.m.

Monday
Golf: Region I Tournament in San Angelo, first round, girls at Riverside GC, boys at Bentwood CC.
Tennis: Region I Tournament in San Angelo.
Baseball: Estacado at Snyder JV, 4:30.
Baseball: Abilene at Snyder freshmen, 4:30.

Tuesday
Golf: Region I Tournament in San Angelo, final round, girls at Riverside GC, boys at Bentwood CC.
Tennis: Region I Tournament in San Angelo.
Baseball: Snyder varsity at Estacado, 4:30.

Snyder LL set to begin

Snyder Little League kicks off its season Saturday with Opening Ceremonies beginning at noon at Logan Field.

The ceremonies mark the start for Little League and Farm League (ages 9-12) and the Coach-pitch League (ages 8-9).

Eight games are slated for Saturday, with the first ones starting at 1 p.m.

Little League contests will feature Cardinals vs. Cubs in the opener, followed by Yankees vs. Giants and White Sox vs. Indians before the Braves face the Athletics in the 7 o'clock match-up.

In Farm League action it will be Yankees vs. Giants, Cardinals vs. Cubs, Braves vs. Athletics and Astros vs. Indians.

The Coach-pitch League begins play April 30.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
Boston	14	6	.700	-
NewYork	12	5	.706	½
Baltimore	12	8	.600	2
TampaBay	11	8	.579	2½
Toronto	8	12	.400	6
Central Division				
Cleveland	13	7	.650	-
KansasCity	9	12	.429	4½
Minnesota	8	12	.400	5
Chicago	7	12	.368	5½
Detroit	4	14	.222	8
West Division				
Texas	13	6	.684	-
Seattle	10	11	.476	4
Anaheim	9	10	.474	4
Oakland	6	13	.316	7

Thursday's Games
Tampa Bay 12, Texas 5
Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 4

Friday's Games
Boston (Wakefield 0-1) at Cleveland (Burba 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Watson 0-2) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Rogers 2-1) at Baltimore (Kamieniecki 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Keagle 0-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-1), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 1-2) at Kansas City (Rusch 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Tewksbury 2-2) at Seattle (Cloude 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

National League	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
Atlanta	14	7	.667	-
NewYork	12	7	.632	1
Philadelphia	9	10	.474	4
Montreal	7	13	.350	6½
Florida	6	15	.286	8
Central Division				
Milwaukee	14	6	.700	-
St.Louis	13	8	.619	1½
Chicago	12	9	.571	2½
Houston	11	10	.524	3½
Cincinnati	9	12	.429	5½
Pittsburgh	9	12	.429	5½
West Division				
SanDiego	16	4	.800	-
SanFrancisco	10	11	.476	6½
LosAngeles	9	11	.450	7
Colorado	8	14	.364	9
Arizona	6	16	.273	11

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh 7, San Francisco 0
Milwaukee 2, Los Angeles 1
San Diego 4, Chicago Cubs 1
Montreal 5, St. Louis 2
Colorado 4, Florida 3
Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 3
Atlanta 3, Arizona 1
Houston at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain

Friday's Games
St. Louis (Mercker 2-0) at Philadelphia (Grace 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thompson 1-1) at Florida (Meadows 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 2-1) at Montreal (Valdes 0-2), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Remlinger 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 0-2), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 1-2) at Atlanta (Neagle 2-1), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-1) at Los Angeles (Valdes 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 2-1) at San Diego (Smith 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wagner 1-1) at San Francisco (Hershiser 0-1), 10:35 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Thursday, April 23
Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT, Montreal leads series 1-0
St. Louis 8, Los Angeles 3, St. Louis leads series 1-0

Friday, April 24
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 10:30 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)
Thursday, April 23
Charlotte 97, Atlanta 87
Indiana 106, Cleveland 77
Houston 103, Utah 90
San Antonio 102, Phoenix 96
Friday, April 24
New York at Miami, 7 p.m. (TBS)
New Jersey at Chicago, 8 p.m. (TNT)
Minnesota at Seattle, 9:30 p.m. (TBS)
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. (TNT)
Saturday, April 25
Cleveland at Indiana, 1 p.m. (NBC)
San Antonio at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Atlanta at Charlotte, 8 p.m. (TNT)
Houston at Utah, 10:30 p.m. (TNT)

Sports Briefs

Lions Club tourney

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held May 2 at Western Texas College. Start times are 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Teams will be comprised of four players and must have a combined handicap of at least 50. Entry fee is $50 per person which includes golf cart and hamburger lunch.

Currently the 1:30 tee off is full and there are only three spots open for the early tee time.

Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC and SCC pro shops. For more information call C.A. McCown at 573-7668.

Tuesday play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day at 9 a.m. The format will be low net twosomes.

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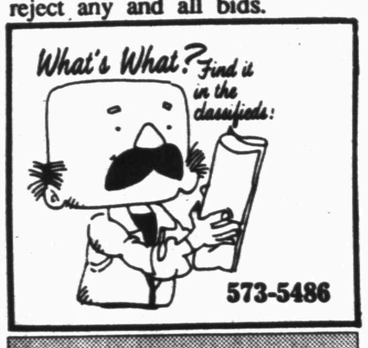
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

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The City of Snyder is accepting bids to upgrade the control panel and SCADA system at the Water Treatment Plant. The bids will be accepted until Friday, May 8, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. These bids will be opened at the City Hall in the Accounting Department. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



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'It's entertainment'

Jerry Springer shrugs off fake-fight claims

NEW YORK (AP) — The tooth fairy, professional wrestlers and now guests on "The Jerry Springer Show." Who can you believe anymore?

Daytime television's hottest talk show is fighting charges that some of its fist-flying, breast-baring antics are staged. The syndicated newsmagazine "Extra" and Rolling Stone magazine both found former guests who said they were coached by show employees to get into fights.

While the show's producers denied it and said there are strict policies for avoiding fights, Springer conceded the charges were probably true. And he didn't seem to be losing much sleep over them.

"Maybe a producer went over the edge," he said. "Maybe a producer got someone to fake a fight, or make up a story." He said that would be "totally wrong, against our policy and we'll deal with it."

While guests are told not to fight, they are encouraged to be animated and get into people's faces, he said. And some of the topics — a woman who tells her boyfriend she's sleeping with someone else — are bound to produce visceral reactions.

Producers try to weed out guests who've concocted stories, but "I'm sure that some have gotten through the cracks," Springer said Thursday. "Understand, we have no obligation to make the show truthful, because it's entertainment, not news."

Springer's show has been so hot in the ratings it has even topped "Oprah" in the past two months. But its syndicators are feeling a different kind of heat from politicians who consider the slug-filled show a disgrace, and recently said they would take steps to minimize the fights.

Chicago's WMAQ-TV, an NBC affiliate that houses the studio where Springer's show is taped, said Wednesday that it was ending its contract to air the show. Larry Wert, WMAQ's new president and general manager, said the show did not fit with his station's goals of making "the strongest connection with the community."

A day later, Chicago's WFLD-TV, owned by the Fox Broadcasting Co., snatched up the show in a multiyear deal that will air Springer twice daily.

Suzanne Muir, a restaurant owner who helped staged a high-profile hoax on the Springer show three years ago, said reports of staged shows are hardly shocking and she doubted that viewers care.

"You can tell who his audience is by who he's playing to," she said. "These people have just come from a fresh cockfight or a tractor pull."

Henry Travis, a 28-year-old computer worker who watched anti-Springer protesters outside Chicago's Fox affiliate Thursday, didn't seem fazed by hearing that the show may be faked.

"It would actually be somewhat reassuring," Travis said, "because if you see 'I'm sleeping with my cousin and my other cousin' or 'My brother is the father of my baby,' it's almost reassuring to find out it's not really happening."

Woman jailed on indictment

Scurry County deputies arrested a 51-year-old Hermleigh woman Thursday on a Fisher County warrant for felony driving while intoxicated following a grand jury indictment in that county.

Emma Romero Guzman of 1080 Harlan in Hermleigh was taken into custody at her residence at 11:56 a.m.

Snyder officers arrested a 64-year-old female at 5:40 p.m. in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Two people were arrested shortly after midnight. DPS troopers took a 33-year-old man into custody at 12:48 a.m. on outstanding DPS warrants out of Amarillo. At 12:51 a.m., a 31-year-old male was arrested in the 1200 block of 24th Street for assault/family violence.

In other activity Thursday, officers responded to a report of criminal mischief at 6 p.m. in the 2100 block of O'Neil as a window on a vehicle had been broken. However, the owner said he did not want to file an offense report.

Officers investigated graffiti on a fence in the 2100 block of 40th Street at 6:25 p.m.

Snyder and Fluvanna fire departments assisted in a grass fire in eastern Borden County Thursday afternoon.

Betting pool allegedly formed

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A lot of offices have betting pools, but state officials say this one was different: an attorney paid to represent death-row inmates took wagers on whether they would live or die.

The $5-per-bet "death pool" allegedly started in the Tampa office of Capital Collateral. The governor has called for state investigations.

The office's chief assistant, Mike Reiter, denies the allegations.

Reiter said he was in an office when four people were conferring on death row cases. They were discussing which inmates might be granted a stay of execution or win a continuance.

"Someone mentioned the word pool," Reiter said Thursday. "Someone said we should have a pool of who is correct on their assumptions. That's all that was said. One statement. That's all I have knowledge of."

Reiter would not identify the person who made the remark, calling it an "internal situation."

"There was no money collected, passed around and as far as I know, none asked for," he said.

Others said the pool occurred and borders on unethical behavior.

"The party line now is to say it didn't happen. That's not true," said Terri Backhus, a private attorney handling four cases for the office. "It happened, because I was there."

In 1921, Margaret Gorman of Washington was crowned the first "Miss America" at Atlantic City, N.J.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Julia Filler, Della McKinney, Hagen Houck of Henrietta, Clara Rhodes, Bobby Scott.

DISMISSALS: Berenice Brown, Petra Delao, Lucille Massingill, Kim McCoy, Margarita Benavidez and baby, Shalawn Cobb and baby, Charles Church, Maryann Silva, Pearl Watson.

CENSUS: 46 (Med., Surg.-17, Long-term Care-26, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Scott and Tyfani Lanier of Amarillo, formerly of Snyder, announce the birth of their son, Cody Allen Lanier, weighing eight pounds, eight ounces. He was born at 6:55 p.m. on April 21 in Saint Anthony Baptist Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Bob and Jan Lanier of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Don and Sandy Duck of Amarillo.

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Ray dies at 70 but conspiracy theories live on

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — For more than a year, James Earl Ray fought the government, popular opinion and his own failing body for a chance to prove he didn't kill the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Time ran out for Ray, but the debate survives.

Ray, 70, died Thursday of kidney failure and complications of liver disease that had repeatedly sent him to prison hospitals over the past 16 months.

As his health dwindled, Ray and his supporters increased their efforts to win him the trial he rejected when he pleaded guilty to gunning down the civil rights leader in Memphis 30 years ago this month. Even now, Attorney General Janet Reno is considering a request from King's family to create a commission to reinvestigate the slaying.

The King family wants the commission to have the power to subpoena witnesses, grant immunity and file charges against suspected conspirators — just like prosecutors could have done had Ray stood trial.

"We are more determined than ever to find the truth about this tragedy, which has had such a profound impact on our society," said Coretta Scott King, King's widow.

"Mr. Ray was denied his day in court, but the American people have a right to the truth ... and we intend to do everything we can to bring it to light."

Ray recanted his confession three days after his guilty plea, saying he was forced into it by greedy lawyers. Sentenced to 99 years in prison, Ray spent the rest of his life seeking a trial, saying he was set up by a gun dealer he knew only as Raoul.

Hosea Williams, a King lieutenant, contends the federal government was behind the assassination and orchestrated Ray's plea to keep the truth from coming out.

"Anyone with an ounce of brains who has done any studying or research on this case knows James Earl Ray was used by the federal government," Williams said Thursday.

The U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations concluded in 1978 that Ray was the killer but may have been involved with a group of bigots in St. Louis who reportedly placed a $50,000 bounty on King's head.

This March, state prosecutors said a reinvestigation of the slaying still found no credible evidence that anyone other than Ray committed the crime.

"About the only thing I can say is I believe the history books will accurately record that James Earl Ray was the killer of Dr. King," said William Gibbons, the lead state prosecutor in Memphis.

Added Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist: "He pleaded guilty. It was in his control to tell what happened. And he murdered, by his own admission, a great American in the prime of his life. I have no sympathy for James Earl Ray."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who was in the courtyard of the Lorraine Motel when King was shot on an upstairs walkway on April 4, 1968, said justice was never served.

"Conspirators are still on the loose," he said. "I regret that (Ray) was used as a pawn in the assassination of Dr. King. I am convinced that Ray was involved in the assassination of Dr. King, but he did not act alone."

Investigators have never established any connection between the slaying and Ray's Raoul. No one else was ever charged.

Ray's last legal effort was concentrated on the rifle that prosecutors say was the murder weapon. It had been purchased by Ray and was found near the murder scene moments after King was shot, with Ray's fingerprints on it. Ray claimed it was put there to frame him.

Ballistics tests by the FBI and a congressional committee in the 1970s failed to prove conclusively that the rifle was the murder weapon, though King was killed with a similar gun. Tests last year were inconclusive, too.

Ray was arrested in London two months after the slaying. He had a lengthy criminal record prior to the assassination: armed robbery, burglary, forgery and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

In a 1992 Associated Press interview, Ray scoffed at reports from congressional investigators that nothing in their probe would change American history.

"You're supposed to trust politicians? That's like me saying, 'Trust me.'"

An autopsy was planned for today. Funeral arrangements were pending, but Ray will be cremated and his ashes flown to Ireland. Survivors include seven brothers and sisters.

"Like I told James before he died, the rest of my life I'll fight to prove he's innocent," brother Jerry Ray said. "Even though we can't bring him back to life, at least we can do that for him."

Washington Today:

When is a killer too young to die?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joseph Cannon was 17, not old enough to vote or drink alcohol legally, when he shot and killed a woman in 1977. But he was old enough to be sentenced to death.

This week, Cannon became the first person in five years to be put to death for a murder committed as a juvenile. At 38, he was executed by injection in Texas.

About 70 other people are on death rows across the nation for murders committed when they were 16 or 17.

After two boys, age 11 and 13, were charged with killing four students and a teacher at a school in Jonesboro, Ark., there is talk of allowing the execution of even younger people if they kill.

Texas state Rep. Jim Pitts wants to lower from 17 to 11 the age at which a youngster can be sentenced to death for murder, although he would not allow an execution to be carried out before age 17.

"I think there are 11-year-olds out there that would be capable of premeditated murder," said Pitts, a Republican.

Last year, California Gov. Pete Wilson said the death penalty "has to be a possibility" in cases like the beating death of a Sacramento man by two 13-year-olds.

But death penalty opponents say it is wrong to sentence people under 18 to death when society judges them too young to make mature decisions on whether to smoke, drink alcohol or vote.

"Our society recognizes and protects the rights of juveniles in every other sphere," said Steven Hawkins of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. "Yet we make this exception for permitting their execution."

Mark Soler of the Youth Law Center does not dispute the need to hold young people accountable for their crimes. But he adds, "Just because they have access to high-powered weapons and may do horrendous things does not automatically mean they have become adults."

Victor Streib, a law professor at Ohio Northern University who keeps track of juvenile death penalty cases, says about 350 people have been executed in the United States for juvenile crimes since the mid-1600s.

Cannon was the 10th person put to death for a murder committed while under 18 since capital punishment was resumed in the late 1970s. All 10 were executed for murders committed at 17; six of the 10 executions occurred in Texas.

In 1988, the Supreme Court refused to let Oklahoma execute a death-row inmate who committed a murder at age 15. But a year later, the justices ruled that the Constitution does not prohibit the death penalty for crimes committed at age 16 or 17.

Most young criminals are sent to juvenile court with the idea of providing them treatment and the chance to make a fresh start. Experts on juvenile crime say teen-agers are less mature, more impulsive and less likely to fully understand the consequences of their actions.

After juvenile violent crime rose steadily from 1987 to 1994, most states decided to make more of the most serious youthful offenders stand trial as adults. But the juvenile violent crime rate began heading down in 1995.

Opponents of the death penalty for juveniles point to a study during the 1980s of 14 people on death row for murders committed as juveniles. Most had serious psychiatric problems and had suffered severe physical or sexual abuse, the study said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	156⅛	152⅜	152⅜	— 2⅛
AT&T Corp	61¼	61¼	61⅛	— 3-16
AirTouch	54⅛	53⅜	54	9-16+ ⅛
Albertsons	49¼	48	48	5-16 15-16+ 9-16
AlldSignal s	45	7-16	45	45 — 7-16
Alltel	44	15-16	44¼	44⅛ — 7-16
AmOnline s	73	11-16	71	11-16 73¼+ 2
AmStoresa			24⅜	24 9-16 24⅜
Ameritech s	44⅜	44	44	1-16 — ⅛
Amoco	86	5-16	85⅜	86 1-16 — 1-16
Amocowi			43¾	43¾ 43¾ — ⅛
AndarkPtr			73	72 11-16 72⅝ — ⅛
Anncoinc	6	11-16	6	7-16 6⅝ — 3-16
AtlRichfld s			78⅜	77 77⅛ — 5-16
ATMOS Egy			29⅜	29⅛ 29 9-16 — ⅛
Aviall	14⅜	14⅛	14	11-16 — 3-16
BakerHughes			42⅜	41¾ 41⅜ — 5-16
BellAtl	94⅜	92¼	93	1-16 — 1 9-16
BellSouth			65	64 7-16 64⅛ — 1
BethSteel	15	11-16	15	7-16 15 9-16 — 5-16
BritPet s			91⅜	91⅛ 91 11-16+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe			102⅛	102 102⅛ — 15-16
CBS Corp			35¼	34⅜ 35 + 3-16
Caterpillar s			58	57 7-16 57 7-16 — ⅜
CenSoWst	26	3-16	25	13-16 26 1-16+ ⅛
Chevron			84	83 3-16 83 3-16 — 1 1-16
Chrysler			43	5-16 42 11-16 42⅜ — ⅛
Coastal			69¼	68⅝ 69 1-16+ 1-16
CocaCola			74	15-16 74 74 — ⅛
ColgatePalm s			89⅜	88 88 — 1 5-16
ConclMetals			33	3-16 33 1-16 33 1-16
CooperIn	67¼	66	5-16	66 5-16 — 9-16
CyprusAmax	17	1-16	16¾	16 15-16+ 1-16
DallSemicn	36	13-16	36	5-16 36⅛+ 1-16
DeltaAirl	121	15-16	118	119 1-16 — 1 5-16
DigitalEq			57	56⅛ 56 9-16+ ⅜
Dillards Inc	37¼	36	15-16	37 1-16+ ⅛
DowChem	98¾	98	1-16	98 7-16 — 7-16
DresserInd			51⅛	50⅜ 50⅝ — 3-16
DuPont s			75¼	74 3-16 74⅝ — 1⅜
EastmanChem			70	68⅜ 69 — 1⅜
EstKodak			73⅜	72¼ 73 + ¼
EDS Corp	41	7-16	40¾	41¼ — 9-16
Entergy			27	7-16 26¾ 27⅛+ ⅜
Exxon			74	11-16 73⅜ 74⅛+ ⅜
FstBksAm			23⅛	23¼ 23⅜
Flowers			22¼	22 1-16 22 1-16 — ⅛
FordMotor s			46¾	45 13-16 46 + 3-16
GTE Cp	59	15-16	59	5-16 59⅜ — ⅜
GenDynam s			42¾	42 3-16 42 5-16 — ⅜
GenlElecs			85	7-16 84½ 84⅝+ 7-16
GenMills			70¼	69⅜ 69 13-16 — 3-16
GenMotors			68⅜	67 9-16 67 15-16 — ⅜
GaPacGP s			74	15-16 74⅛ 74½ — ⅜
GlobalMar	24	1-16	23⅜	23¼ — 5-16
Goodrich			53¾	52⅜ 52⅝ — 1 5-16
Goodyear s			71⅛	71 71 — 3-16
GtAtlPac			30⅞	30⅜ 30 9-16+ ¼
Halliburtn s			53⅜	52 9-16 52 11-16 — ⅛
Hanson ADS				30⅛ 30 30 + ⅛
HarteHanks s			23⅜	23¼ 23 5-16 — ⅛
HomeDepot s			70⅜	69⅝ 69¾ — ⅛
HoustonInds			28⅛	28⅛ 28⅛ — 1-16
IBM s	117¾	116	9-16	116 9-16 — 15-16
IntlPaper			53	15-16 53¼ 53⅛ — ⅜
JohnsonJn			71	1-16 70⅝ 70⅝ — ⅛
K mart			17⅞	17⅛ 17⅛ — 5-16
Kroger Co			43	15-16 43¼ 43 15-16+ ⅜
Litton			63	7-16 62⅛ 62⅛ — 15-16
LockhdMart			115	7-16 113⅜ 113⅜ — 2
Lowes Cos	69	11-16	69	1-16 69¼ — 9-16
Lubys			19⅛	18¾ 18⅞ — ⅛
LucentTech s			74⅛	72¼ 73⅜
MayDeptStrs			65¼	64¾ 64 15-16
Medtronic s			51⅞	51⅜ 51⅜ — ⅛
Mobils			80⅛	79 3-16 79¼ — 5-16
Monsanto			55¼	54⅛ 55 + ⅜
MorganJP	137⅛	135½	135	9-16 — 1 13-16
Motorola			57	56 56⅜+ ⅛
NCR Corp	37	9-16	36½	37 5-16+ 9-16
NationsBk			78⅛	77 9-16 77⅝+ ⅛
Navistar			30⅝	30¼ 30 7-16+ ⅜
Norwests			39⅝	39¼ 39¼ — 11-16
OryxEngy			25	1-16 24¾ 25 — 1-16
Penney JC	71	9-16	71	1-16 71 1-16 — 7-16
Pennzoil			65½	65¼ 65⅛+ ⅛
PepBoys			22¼	22 22⅛+ 1-16
PepsiCo			44½	43¾ 43⅜ — 9-16
PhelpDodge			69⅜	69½ 69½ — ¼
PhilipPet			49	48 9-16 48⅜ — 1-16
PilgrmPrd	16¼	16	1-16	16 1-16 — 3-16
Polaroid			44⅝	44 3-16 44⅝
Praxair			51⅛	50⅝ 50⅝ — ¼
ProctGamb s			87	85⅞ 86⅛+ ⅛
PubSNwMx	23	22	15-16	22 15-16 — 1-16
RoyalDut s	56	5-16	55	13-16 56 1-16 — 1-16
SBC Comm s			41⅞	41 5-16 41⅝ — ⅛
SaraLee			61½	60⅝ 60⅝ — 11-16
Scripps EW			58	5-16 58¼ 58⅛ — 1-16
SearsRoeb	59	13-16	59¼	59 9-16+ 3-16
SherwinW			34	33¾ 33¾ — 3-16
SmthBc ADS s	56	15-16	56⅛	56 3-16 — 9-16
SouthernCo			26⅛	26 5-16 26 11-16+ 5-16
SwstAirl s			29	3-16 28¼ 28¼ — 11-16
Sprint	70	5-16	69	11-16 69¾ — 3-16
SunCo			42	15-16 42 42¼ — ⅜
TNP Ent			31½	31⅜ 31½ — 1-16
Tandy s			51	11-16 51 51⅜+ 5-16
TempleInland			64⅜	63⅛ 63 13-16+ ⅛
Tenneco	46	15-16	46½	46½ — 5-16
Texaco s			62¼	61 9-16 61 9-16 — ½
TexInd			67⅛	66⅛ 66⅝ — 1¼
TexasInst s			63¼	62 62 9-16+ 5-16
TexUtil			40⅝	40 1-16 40¼+ ⅛
Textron s	80	78⅛	78	13-16 — 13-16
Travelers s			64¼	63¼ 63½ — ¼
TriconGlbR n			32¾	32½ 32½ — ¼
TrinityInds	53	7-16	52⅝	52⅝ — 7-16
TritonEngy	40	13-16	40⅜	40 7-16+ 7-16
Tyler			11	10⅜ 11 — 1-16
US WestCm			53¼	52 9-16 52 11-16
USWstMda	37	1-16	36½	36⅝ — ⅛
USX-Marathn			36	9-16 36⅜ 36½
USX-USS			40⅜	39¾ 39⅝ — ⅜
UnCarbde	49	13-16	49	3-16 49 3-16 — ¼
UnionPacif			56½	55 13-16 55¾+ ⅛
UnitedTech	98	7-16	97⅜	98 1-16+ 1-16
Unocal			41¾	41 5-16 41 5-16 — ⅛
WalMart	51	9-16	50	11-16 50⅝ — ⅛
WstnGasRs			18	17¾ 17¾
WinnDixie			38⅛	37¾ 38¾ — ⅛
Woolworth	24¼	23	13-16	23 13-16 — 9-16
Xerox Corp			110	108 109⅜+ 13-16
ZenithE			4	1-16 3 15-16 4 — 1-16

Local Interest Stocks

Applied Mtls.	37 1/16	0
BJ Services	35 1/2	-7/16
Black Warrior		
Wire Line	8 3/4	+1/8
Cracker Brl.	37 3/8	+1/4
Clayton Hms.	20 15/16	+5/16
Compaq	29 3/8	+1/2
Cabletron	13 5/16	-1/4
Cisco Sys.	71 11/16	0
Dell	75 3/8	+1/8
Brinker Int'l.	23 1/16	-1/16
Calloway Glf.	27 5/16	-3/16
Fannie Mae	58 13/16	-1/16
Intel	81 7/8	-1 3/8
JP Morgan	135 7/8	-1 1/2
Korea Fund	7 13/16	+1/16
Lehman Bros.	74 11/16	-1 1/8
3 M	92 9/16	-1 11/16
Phillip Morris	38 5/8	+3/16
Microsoft	93 1/4	-1 1/4
Netscape	25 5/16	+7/8
Oracle	26 1/2	+7/16
Petsmart	11 11/16	-15/32
Patterson Egy.	14 3/8	+1/4
Sun Am.	51	-1/8
Safeskin	38 3/4	+3/8
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Treating enlarged prostate

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle a disagreement. My urologist prescribed Proscar and Cardura for a prostate problem. When I went to the drugstore for refills, the pharmacist said that I shouldn't be taking both medicines. Am I overmedicated?

DEAR READER: No, you're not. I'm at a loss to explain your pharmacist's position. Ordinarily, the two drugs work well together: Proscar shrinks the prostate gland; Cardura prevents the bladder spasms that usually accompany an enlarged prostate. In my experience, the simultaneous use of both medications is customary and appropriate. In fact, the PDR Drug Interaction Handbook fails to mention any dangerous interactions between Proscar and Cardura.

Ask your urologist to speak to the pharmacist. The two professionals should be able to work out their disagreement without involving you as a confused participant.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 40-year-old son had his spleen removed several years ago, following an accident. Does loss of this organ affect his health? What is the spleen, anyway?

DEAR READER: The spleen is a round, spongy organ that lies under the diaphragm in the upper left abdomen. It has two major functions: to filter bacteria from the blood and to keep the blood healthy by removing old, worn-out blood cells.

Unlike the liver and the pancreas, the spleen is not a vital organ: A person can lead a perfectly normal life without it.

However, there is one caveat. In the absence of a spleen, the chance of a bloodstream infection is higher. At certain times — such as during dental cleaning and some surgical procedures — bacteria commonly enter the bloodstream. In a normal person, most of these micro-organisms are removed as the blood circulates through the spleen. However, without the spleen, bacteria can reproduce and cause serious internal infections. Therefore, doctors aggressively treat such patients with antibiotics at the time of dental work or surgery, or in the presence of bacterial infections such as bronchitis, boils and so forth. As long as your son continues to follow medical advice with respect to the appropriate use of antibiotics, he should suffer no health consequences from his splenectomy.

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Date Book

April 24, 1998

Today is the 114th day of 1998 and the 36th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1792, the French national anthem, "La Marseillaise," was composed by Claude-Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

On this day in 1898, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

On this day in 1970, Grace Slick and Abbie Hoffman were turned away from Tricia Nixon's party, even though they had received invitations.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Anthony Trollope (1815-1882), novelist; Robert Penn Warren (1905-1989), writer; Shirley MacLaine (1934-), actress, is 64; Barbra Streisand (1942-), actress-singer, is 56; Eric Bogosian (1953-), actor, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, the Boston Celtics defeated the Los Angeles Lakers, 112-109, to claim their fifth consecutive NBA title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Of all the needs a book has, the chief need is that it be readable." — Anthony Trollope

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1990, the Bogan River flooded Nyngan, Australia, to a depth of up to 20 feet.

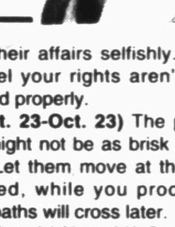
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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 19) and new moon (April 26).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, April 25, 1998

Several important hopes you've been nurturing might be realized in the year ahead. This could be easier than you think, so don't lose sight of your vision or your purpose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In order to gratify your needs today it might be necessary to go to others for favors. Seek assistance from individuals to whom you've been kind recently. 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.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Old projects shouldn't suffer because of your enthusiasm for new ones. Desirable results can be achieved by giving equal attention to both.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be persistent today where important objectives are concerned. Treat your difficulties philosophically and don't lose sight of your goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take heart today from the knowledge that there is a solution for every problem that confronts you. If you believe you can find the answers, you will.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Persons with whom you have dealings today might be conducting their affairs selfishly. Speak up if you feel your rights aren't being acknowledged properly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The pace of associates might not be as brisk as your own today. Let them move at their own rate of speed, while you proceed at yours. Your paths will cross later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Substantial achievements are probable today, but the gains you make might not come easily. You will be rewarded proportionately to the effort you expend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Business matters should not be discussed outside of a business environment today. Especially avoid discussions at social settings, because the two won't mix very well at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Annoying domestic situations must be managed with a light touch today. Heavy-handed methods will only create additional problems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make a point today of not taking life or yourself too seriously. If your attitude is negative or dismal, it will make things darker than they ought to be.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In your commercial dealings today, don't ask for more than you deserve. By the same token, don't accept less than that to which you feel you're entitled.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stiffen your back and dig in your heels today if confronted by circumstances that could offset your success. Achievement won't be denied you if you don't lose faith in yourself.

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BY JOHN LEHTI

SOME MODERN METHODS ARE AS OLD AS THE HILLS!

AMONG THE ANCIENT BIBLICAL PEOPLE, THE DANGERS OF SUNSTROKE WERE ALWAYS PRESENT BECAUSE OF THE VERY HOT CLIMATE IN THE SUMMERS AND THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE WERE AN AGRICULTURAL PEOPLE, USED TO WORKING ALL DAY IN THE HOT SUN. SO THE STORY ABOUT THE YOUNG LAD WHO SUFFERED A SUNSTROKE (II KINGS 4:19,20) WAS NOT AN UNUSUAL ONE--WHAT IS UNUSUAL ABOUT IT IS THE PROPHET ELISHA'S WAY OF HANDLING THIS PREDICAMENT! NOT UNTIL THE 20TH CENTURY DID MEDICAL MEN START TO RESUSCITATE THE VICTIMS OF HEART ARREST BY USING MOUTH-TO-MOUTH BREATHING TO START THE VICTIM'S HEARTBEAT AGAIN, YET THIS IS WHAT ELISHA DID (II KINGS 4:34) MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO! WHICH LEADS ONE TO SURMISE THAT THERE IS A LOT OF TRUTH IN THE OLD SAYING, "THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN!" ALSO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED, THAT THE FIRST THING ELISHA DID WHEN HE STEPPED INTO THE ROOM WITH THE DEAD CHILD, HE "PRAYED UNTO THE LORD"--NOT A BAD THING FOR ALL OF US TO REMEMBER, RIGHT?!



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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Prostitution ring enslaves young girls

MIAMI (AP) — Lured from Mexico by the promise of jobs, 20 women — some as young as 14 — were forced into prostitution rings that prosecutors said imprisoned the victims in a life of sex slavery, beatings and forced abortions.

In a 52-count indictment released Thursday, federal prosecutors told of the horrors inflicted on unwitting victims: 15 days' confinement in a closet for escape, rapes and beatings, even squads to hunt down those who got away.

The allegations "are shocking and unconscionable," said Bill Lann Lee, the Justice Department civil rights chief.

The government charged 16 members of a family-run prostitution ring based in Veracruz, Mexico. Eight were taken into custody and eight remained at large.

The indictment charges the defendants with conspiracy, alien smuggling and involuntary servitude, among other things.

It was the American dream of finding legitimate jobs, such as housekeeping and restaurant work, that led a nightmarish life for the women and girls, prosecutors said. The prostitution circuit served 12 brothels in mostly rural Florida cities and two in South Carolina.

Recruited from Veracruz, the victims were hauled first to a border crossing in Brownsville, Texas, then to a "safe house" in Houston. Then came the end of the line — they were forced to work as prostitutes for as many as six days a week, the indictment said.

The brothels, mostly catering to migrant farm workers, were run by "ticketeros," who got their name for collecting condom wrappers that served as tickets for sexual encounters. Sometimes the prostitutes earned as little as $3 per sexual act, while the ticketeros charged $20.

Prostitutes weren't allowed to leave until they paid back their smuggling debt — $2,400 in one case. And they couldn't leave brothels at all without an escort.

Threats of violence kept the women in line, prosecutors said. Some threats became reality.

A pregnant woman who was kicked in the belly suffered a miscarriage. A 21-year-old woman was thrown in a closet for trying to escape. A 26-year-old woman was hit for trying to stop the rape of a 15-year-old girl. Women forced to have abortions were forced back to work within weeks.

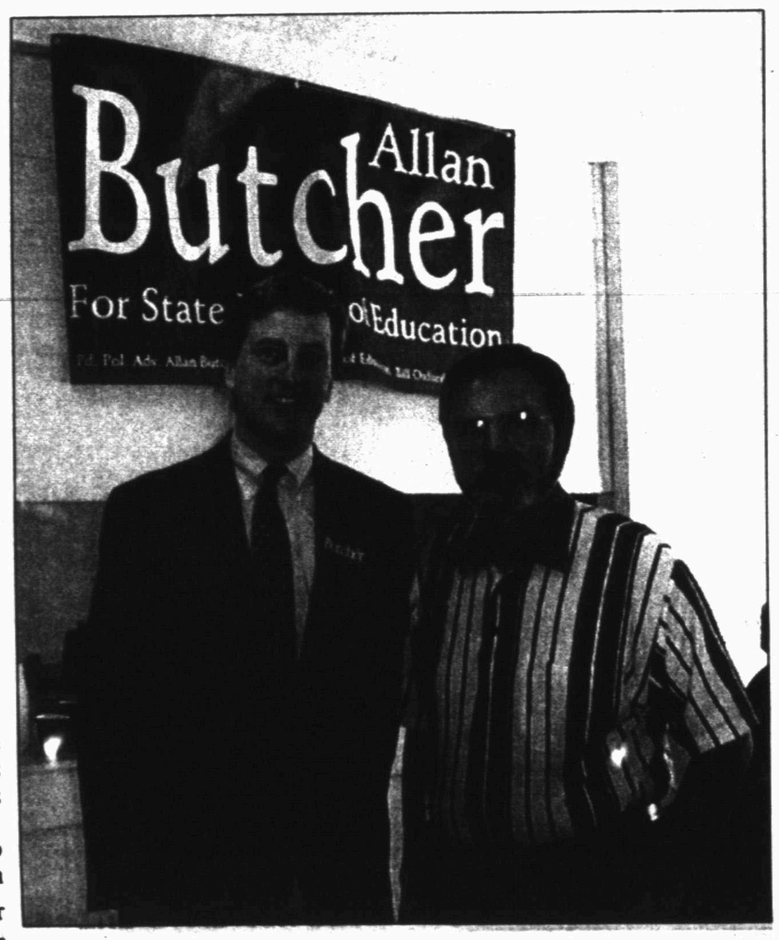
Amazingly, two 15-year-old girls got free and went to the Mexican consulate in Miami with their tales of being made to perform as many as 20 sex acts a day for $20 each. Two more women escaped the following month.

Three girls and 11 women are cooperating with investigators and have been allowed to stay in the United States for a year.

The teen-agers' plight and bravery helped bring about change in Washington, where Attorney General Janet Reno announced the formation Thursday of a worker-exploitation task force.

The Florida indictment was the latest of several high-profile immigrant cases in recent years, including one involving dozens of deaf Mexicans forced to peddle trinkets on New York subways.

"Slavery is one of history's worst moments, but it isn't just history when you look at some of these cases," Reno said. "We are not interested in containing modern-day slavery. We want to eradicate it in America."



ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL — Stephenville attorney Allan Butcher, left, was in Snyder Wednesday and Thursday, campaigning for the State Board of Education. Butcher, a Democrat, is seeking the District 14 seat from incumbent Richard Watson, a Republican from Gorman. Butcher is pictured with Billy Haynes, Scurry County Democratic Party chairman. (SDN Staff Photo By Jo Ann Nunley)

Dad pleads innocent to injecting son with AIDS

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — The symptoms confused doctors for years, until the young boy, constantly ill, was finally diagnosed with AIDS.

There were no signs of hemophilia or sexual abuse and he had not been born with the deadly disease. But police say they have found the truth: the boy's father intentionally injected a syringe full of HIV-tainted blood into his 11-month-old son, apparently to avoid paying child support.

Brian T. Stewart, a suspended hospital lab aide, pleaded innocent to first-degree assault Thursday and was held on $500,000 bond. Prosecutors say the charges will be upgraded to murder if the child dies.

"It's unimaginable to me that somebody could do this to their own child," St. Charles County Sheriff Douglas Saulters said. "It's something that's monstrous."

The boy's mother, whose identity has been withheld to protect the boy, was to discuss the case today.

"She'll be pleading for the right to go on with her life, for her children and for her son," says family spokeswoman Maggie Lipman of the St. Charles County Victims of Crime Assistance.

Authorities believe the boy was infected with the disease in February 1992, when he was being treated for respiratory problems at a St. Louis hospital.

Witnesses told investigators they saw Stewart carrying a hospital lab coat into the boy's room. Police believe he hid the syringe filled with the tainted blood under his lab coat.

Greed was the alleged motive. Stewart, 31, wanted to kill his son to avoid paying child support after the couple divorced, police said. Stewart apparently questioned whether he was the boy's father.

Stewart's court-appointed lawyer, Joe Murphy, called the conduct of the prosecutors outrageous, saying that Stewart had already been tried and convicted by the media.

"My client has maintained all along that he is innocent," Murphy said. "And I believe him."

Police have not released the name of the child, now 7. Saulters said the boy needs frequent medical attention but is still able to occasionally get out of the house.

Saulters said police first received a call from officials at St. Louis Children's Hospital in May 1996. The boy had just been diagnosed with full-blown AIDS.

"The whole medical community didn't know what was going on with this kid," detective Kevin Wilson said. "He was tested for everything from diaper rash to (eventually) AIDS."

Police spent nearly two years investigating. Saulters wouldn't disclose much about the investigation, except to say that medical tests appeared to rule out other sources of the virus.

Judge to rule whether confession admissable

FORT WORTH (AP) — Closing arguments on admissibility of former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham's confessions for his capital murder trial began today, with a ruling expected afterward.

Prosecutors said testimony shows Graham freely confessed in both written and oral statements to murdering a 16-year-old girl in December 1995 — a crime for which his ex-fiance is already serving a life prison term.

A four-day hearing on the admissibility of Graham's statements about the Adrianne Jones' slaying ended Thursday, with Judge Don Leonard expected to rule today.

The final hearing witness testified that Graham told him he did not need a lawyer after his arrest at the Academy "because I did it."

Staff Sgt. Woodie Diamond, then a jailer at Fort Carson, Colo., was asked what Graham said he did.

"He said he killed a girl," Diamond replied.

Defense attorney Dan Cogdell of Houston called no witnesses, saying prosecution witnesses provided enough information to block admission of the confessions.

Graham made the confessions during interrogation in September 1996 at a military jail. Cogdell says they were obtained illegally through threats and intimidation.

In the statement, Graham said he and former fiancee Diane Zamora planned to kill the Mansfield High School sophomore after Graham enraged Ms. Zamora by telling her he had sex with Miss Jones.

Social Science Contest winners

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Abilene High dominated in Division I and Highland took top honors in Division II. Abilene students won five of six gold medals while Highland claimed six of six.

Also competing were Aspermont, Blackwell, and Rotan.

U.S. History

Division I: Gold- Lucas Mollet, Abilene; Silver- Derrick Ramos, Abilene; Bronze- Mari Carbaugh, Abilene; **Division II:** Gold- Blue Brazelton, Highland; Silver- Frederick A. Douglas, Aspermont; Bronze- Lacy Callan, Rotan; **Top-Ranking Senior:** Lucas Mollet, Abilene.

World History

Division I: Gold- Daniel Priest, Abilene; Silver- Thomas Bishop, Snyder; Bronze- Danny South, Abilene; **Division II:** Gold- Michael Wade, Highland; Silver- Zac Oldham, Rotan; Bronze: Daniel Markam, Rotan; **Top-Ranking Senior:** Daniel Priest, Abilene.

Texas History

Division I: Gold: Aundie Clabaugh, Abilene; **Division II:** Gold- Corey Cornett, Highland; Silver- Cheryl Dodd, Rotan; Bronze- Jenny Haag, Rotan; **Top-Ranking Senior:** Aundie Clabaugh, Abilene.

Economics

Division I: Gold- Michael Moreland, Abilene; Silver- Nicole Day, Abilene; Bronze- Pat Sides, Abilene; **Division II:** Gold- Kendal Petzold, Highland; Silver- Amber Martinez, Ira; Bronze- Billy Box, Ira; **Top-Ranking Senior:** Michael Moreland, Abilene.

Current Events

Division I: Gold- Nickolas Means, Snyder; Silver- Hyung Lee, Abilene; Bronze- Jason Thompson, Abilene; **Division II:** Gold- Christy Coler, Highland; Silver- Tara Nowlin, Rotan; Bronze- Byron Kennedy, Rotan; **Top-Ranking Senior:** Christy Coler, Highland.

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Division I: Gold- Mark Korzenewski, Abilene; Silver- Collette Smith, Abilene; Bronze- Eric Adkins, Abilene; **Division II:** Gold- Stoney Burke, Highland; Silver- Jake Baker, Rotan; Bronze- J.P. Anderle, Rotan; **Top-Ranking Senior:** Mark Korzenewski, Abilene.

Obituaries

Jim Wood

1913-1998

COLORADO CITY — Jim V. Wood, a former resident of Scurry County, died Wednesday, April 22, in a Big Spring hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Wood, 84, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ted Spear officiating. Burial was to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Born in Scurry County, he married Odessa Krop in 1936 in Snyder. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Wood had worked for 31 years for Col-Tex and Cosden refineries. He transferred from Colorado City to Big Spring in 1968. Mr. Wood was a member of the First Baptist Church and I.U.O.E. Local 826.

Survivors include his wife, Odessa Wood of Big Spring; a son, Jimmie Wood of Big Spring; a daughter, Judy Young of Irving; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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'Inspector Hound' on WTC stage

"The Real Inspector Hound" is playing at the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre through the weekend. Curtain times are 8 p.m. today and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and students.

Morningside revival

Morningside Baptist Church revival continues nightly at 7 p.m. through Saturday and at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Randy Johnson, evangelist, and Tom Atwell, pastor, are presenting the services.

City auction Saturday

The City of Snyder will hold an auction Saturday at the city garage, 1111 37th Street, beginning at 9 a.m. Vehicles, automotive parts, street equipment and office equipment will be among the items offered. Items may be viewed today until 7 p.m.

Sports Challenge dance, car wash

Sports Challenge International will hold a benefit dance from 8 until midnight tonight at Towle Park Barn. Tickets are $3 per individual, $5 per couple. There will be door prizes. A car wash will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Donations will be accepted. Call 573-9466 for information.

SNS needs assistance

Snyder Neighbors Sharing needs donations and volunteer help for its annual workday, set for Saturday. Twelve homes will be repaired. Donations can be mailed to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541 or dropped off at West Elementary or Sam Robertson Insurance office. Groups or individuals wishing to volunteer can contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538.

Special Olympics car wash

Price Daniel Unit employees will hold a car wash at Wright Colonial Funeral Home from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. All donations will be given to Special Olympics.

Benefit dance Saturday

A dance to benefit Special Olympics will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the VFW. Music will be provided by Texas Mesquite and admission is $6. The benefit is sponsored by the Price Daniel Unit.

'God With Us'

The adult choir and music ministry of Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present "God With Us," a worship experience for all seasons at 11 a.m. Sunday. The public is invited. Due to an unforeseen conflict, Saturday's presentation has been cancelled.

8th graders and end of school

Anyone interested in helping with an 8th grade end-of-school party is encouraged to attend a meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at 4111 Jacksboro or call Kaprece Bedell at 573-8169 or Carla Nunley at 573-7134.

Planetarium show

WTC Planetarium will present "Through The Eyes of Hubble" at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Crazy Like Jesus," followed by "You Don't Have to

First Baptist Church of Hermleigh will hold revival services Monday through Thursday, May 4-7. Dr. John McClung, pastor of the Living Word Baptist Church in Long Beach, Calif., will be the evangelist. Services will be held each evening at 7:30. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 863-2484.

Dermott School reunion

The Dermott School reunion will be held June 13 at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Dayton McCarter at 573-3093.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at WTC for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Road to Recovery program

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

Cash Five

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

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(two, three, four, twenty, thirty-three)

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4-1-8

(four, one, eight)