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Ask Us

Q—Since the Fourth of July is on a Tuesday this year, will the fireworks display be on that date or the weekend before?

A—According to chamber officials, the fireworks display will be Tuesday, July 4.

Local

Retired

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday in the Senior Center.

Video series

A Bible survey study series continues at 7 p.m. Monday on Cablevision Channel 2 with "God's Plan for Redeeming Man."

Junior high

Snyder Junior High Night Out will be Monday at Pizza Inn. All parents and teachers are encouraged to participate.

Boosters

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Golden Corral. The meal is dutch treat. Everyone is welcome.

Grand jury

Scurry County grand jury convenes at 9 a.m. Monday to hear approximately seven cases.

Civil defense

Civil defense sirens will be tested at noon Monday, weather permitting.

Band boosters

SHS Band Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall.

Teen Center

The public is invited to an open house at the former Katherine Ryan School, which, upon renovation will become Scurry Teen Center. The event will be held Monday at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Clinic

Scurry County Health Unit will not hold immunization clinic on Tuesday. The OB clinic will be open.

More locals See Page 12A

Weather

Snyder Area Forecast: High Friday, 61 degrees; low, 26 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 26 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, .81 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low in the upper 30s. Southwest wind diminishing to 5-15 mph, shifting to the north after midnight. Sunday, mostly sunny and a little cooler. High in the mid 60s. Light north wind in the morning, becoming southeast 5-10 mph in the afternoon.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 6:21. Sunrise Sunday, 7:34. Sunset Sunday, 6:22. Sunrise Monday, 7:33. Of 34 days in 1995, the sun has shone 32 days in Snyder.

Docs join St. Mary network

Three Snyder family practitioners have joined St. Mary of the Plains Hospital under a new name — St. Mary Family Healthcare Center-Snyder.

The three are Drs. James Burlison, Gary Nussey and Paul Thompson. They will continue to see patients at their present offices. Hours of operation for each physician will remain the same.

"St. Mary Hospital is really excited to expand its active participation in the Snyder community," said St. Mary Hospital Assistant Vice President Susan Neves, who oversees the St. Mary Family Healthcare Center network for the hospital.

"We have been associated with Cogdell Memorial Hospital since 1987, and it has been a very positive and productive experience for us as well as the community. As a department of St. Mary Hospital, the Family Healthcare Centers are another way we can support the medical needs of the Snyder community," Neves said.

The Family Healthcare Center here will employ 13 individuals in support of the local physicians, who will continue to utilize Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Neves said the new association will assist the physicians with administrative responsibilities, and allow them to spend more time practicing medicine. She said working closely with St. Mary Hospital will also improve physician recruitment and retention activities in Snyder.

The center is the ninth in a network of primary care facilities St. Mary Hospital is developing in the South Plains region. Others are in northwest and southwest Lubbock, Amherst, Seminole, Levelland, Hobbs, N.M., Littlefield and Plainview.

Locations of the three family physicians are: Dr. Burlison, 5301 Trinity Blvd., Suite B (573-4926); Dr. Nussey, 5303 Trinity Blvd., Suite A (573-1763) and Dr. Thompson, 5301 Trinity Blvd., Suite D, (573-3591).

Third TAP series will begin Tuesday

Targeting All Parents, a parent support program sponsored by Snyder public schools, is celebrating its first anniversary this month.

An awareness session is planned Monday, and the program's third series of the school year begins Tuesday.

The program involves parenting classes, but goes farther than that, said Mary Ann Juarez, SISD home/school/community liaison. "It encourages parent involvement in the schools and offers a parent resource library with various titles in books and videos," she said.

The awareness session is scheduled at the chamber of commerce on Monday at 10 a.m. for those wanting to learn more about the TAP program and its goals.

The program will begin another series Practical Parent Education on Tuesday. This will be a four-part series targeting "Family Communication and Encouragement." Giving the sessions will be Debbie Phillips, SISD elementary counselor; Sandi Wells, parent volunteer; and Juarez.

Sessions will be held each Tuesday at Stanfield Elementary at 2:30 p.m. and at West Elementary at 6:30 p.m. Bilingual sessions will be held at Central Elementary at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays. Childcare and refreshments will be provided during the sessions.

Anyone needing more information about TAP or the sessions may call 573-7702.

Family Communication and Encouragement
Sponsored by Snyder Independent School District

TUESDAYS

Stanfield Elementary, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 7: Choosing Effective Discipline Techniques

Feb. 14: Giving Children Responsibility For Themselves

Feb. 21: Encouraging Motivation In Children

Feb. 28: Resolving Homework Issues

West Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 7: Learning to Communicate With Children

Feb. 14: Understanding Feelings and Emotions

Feb. 21: Communication About Sexuality Within the Family

Feb. 28: Anger In the Family - Understanding, Expressing and Resolving

WEDNESDAYS

Central Elementary, 9 a.m.

Bilingual sessions only



SWINGING THE HAMMER — John Fenton, president of the Ritz Theatre board of governors, gets ready to swing a sledge hammer Saturday morning to mark the beginning of the renovation of the inside of the Ritz Theatre. The exterior renovation has been completed and plans are to have the theatre functional by this fall. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

Adopt-A-School response 'great,' organizers saying

Response to the Adopt-A-School Program recently implemented by Snyder public schools has been "great," organizers said this past week.

"We were hoping to get participation from at least two businesses per school. We have that, and some schools have more. And we still have businesses calling us," said Mary Ann Juarez, Adopt-A-School coordinator. "So far the response has been great, and I think it will continue."

Snyder ISD implemented the program with a public meeting on Jan. 6. Since the program began, 20 businesses and organizations have enrolled in the program.

The Adopt-A-School Program was begun in order to integrate businesses with public school education. Participating businesses agree to assist a particular campus with specific needs.

"We ask businesses and organizations to be a partner in education," said Juarez.

Each campus fills out a sheet detailing school needs and each business completes a form detailing resources it can provide. These may include tutoring, providing speakers, scholarships, career

counseling, workshops, student employment, incentives, materials and supplies, and consultation in the form of computer, technical or management assistance. The services can be for students, teachers or both.

"We explain that we are not soliciting financial contributions, but rather the kinds of things that people can do for one another," said Juarez.

Each school campus also provides a list of services it can provide for its adopted business. These services can include making door or office decorations, serving as an usher or host, creating displays for a lobby or lounge and others.

Within the month, each campus will be holding an adoption ceremony to welcome participating businesses or organizations.

The campuses and their Adopt-A-School partners are: Snyder High School: Pizza Hut, The Shack, Allstate Insurance. (See ADOPT, Page 12A)

J.B. Thomas...

Low lake level causes concern

By Wade Warren
SDN Staff Writer

If Lake J.B. Thomas doesn't receive rainfall by July, the Colorado River Municipal Water District may have to divert some of the lake's water to ensure an adequate water supply for Snyder, CRMWD officials said.

If the level of the lake continues to drop, water from the lake will no longer be delivered to Big Spring. Instead, Big Spring would receive water from Lake Ivie, near Ballinger.

That would make Snyder the only city receiving water strictly from Lake Thomas. Odessa and Big Spring both receive a mix of water from Lake Thomas and Lake Spence, near Robert Lee.

However, the City of Snyder also furnishes water to Union, Fluvanna, Ira, Dunn, Roby, Rotan and the Price Daniel Unit. Presently, approximately 20 percent of the water treated at the Snyder water plant is sold to these entities.

If Lake Thomas becomes so low that water cannot be used or used only on a limited basis, CRMWD will have to resort to 11 water wells that were once operated by the City of Snyder.

Rod Lewis, an engineer with CRMWD, said all the wells were refurbished some 10 years ago and all are checked periodically to make sure they are in working order.

Lewis said chlorinators would have to be added to the wells but that could be done in "two or three days total."

"We still have the rainy season

before us," said Lewis. "Hopefully we will get some rain."

The current lake level stands at an elevation of 2,217.00 while the spillway elevation is 2,258.00.

It's readily apparent that the water level in Lake Thomas is low, but it still has a way to go to reach its lowest point in history. It did set a record in 1994, however, when the lowest amount of inflow in the history of the lake was recorded — only 3,392 acre-feet. The lowest elevation in the lake was recorded on May 30, 1970 when the elevation was 2,206.62. The elevation at the lake's bottom is 2,200.00.

Currently, water is being pumped from the lake at a point below the intake area to an area referred to as a "pumping pool." This is the seventh time in the history of the lake that this procedure has been used.

The water is pumped to an area where it is impounded, then it is pumped through the system. During the drought of 1970, this was done in three lifts through a series of canals. Currently, the water is pumped into a two-mile long canal on the north side of the lake.

The water level of Lake Thomas is mirrored in the amount of rainfall that falls on its water shed. It's pretty simple — no rain equals no water in the lake.

After reaching its lowest level in 1970, the lake caught eight feet of water and added another 20 feet (See LAKE, Page 12A)

Short agenda facing county

Scurry County commissioners will have a short agenda to consider when they meet Monday morning at 10 a.m.

The commissioners will name an alternate to serve on the Scurry County Salary Grievance Committee by drawing a name from a list of people who served on the Grand Jury in 1994.

They will also approve the payment of bills.

PTK induction will be Sunday

Some 30 new members are to be inducted into Western Texas College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter Sunday.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Ed Barkowsky, chairman for the Communications and Letters Division at WTC.

Sponsors for the local chapter are Drs. Duane and Mary Hood.

Membership in PTK is extended to students each semester who are enrolled for 12 or more semester hours, who are working toward an associates degree, and have a grade point average of 3.2 or better.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The most common thing about a typical day is that it's rarely typical."

Ever wonder what happens on an average day in Snyder? What is done and by whom?

Our informal poll and personal investigation reveals the following tidbits worthy of argument around any coffee table.

On an average day in Snyder:
--A total of 2,331 pints of milk are consumed by school kids.

--1,877 meals are eaten in the school cafeteria.

--School buses drive a total of 1,168 miles.

--There are 22 visits made to the Cogdell emergency room.

--2.2 surgeries are performed at Cogdell.

--Snyder EMS will make four runs.

--Snyder police cars are driven 1,587 miles.

--Some 16,311 cars pass through the intersection at 37th and College.

--Traffic count at U.S. 84 and 180 is 6,744.

--An estimated 2,005 vehicles circle the Sonic.

--A total of 581 movies are rented.

--The city picks up 47.1 tons of garbage.

--City residents use 3.1 million gallons of water.

--Hungry residents consume 6,513 hamburgers.

--Local watering holes will serve 7,842 cups of coffee.

--28,111 soft drinks will be consumed.

--The fire department will make one run.

--Peace officers will make four arrests.

--Calls to the dispatcher at the law enforcement center will total 205, and 11 of them will be on the 9-1-1 line.

--At Winston Field, nine airplanes will either land or takeoff.

--Some 325 books will be checked out at Scurry County Library.

--Some \$4,722 will be spent on lottery tickets.

--Scurry County will produce 24,561 barrels of oil.

--Local financial institutions combined will conduct 21,317 transactions.

--And the total number of telephone calls will be 124,140.

--The average household will watch 6.2 hours of TV.

Arson suspected in fatal Dallas fire

DALLAS (AP) — A fire that killed a Grand Prairie woman, her son and three grandchildren was a murder-suicide, police said Friday.

The bodies of Polly Stidum, 46; son Cardell Stidum, 4; and grandchildren Jasmyn Hartwell, 4, Frederick Dominique Hartwell, 5, and Takila Hartwell, 8, were found in a burned-out bedroom of Ms. Stidum's home early Thursday.

All five died of burns and smoke inhalation, the Dallas County medical examiner's office said Thursday.

Investigators believe Ms. Stidum set the blaze, Assistant Fire Chief Cliff Nelson said. "We don't have any motive. The police department is at a loss as to explain this," he said.

Ms. Stidum left behind some correspondence, but Nelson could not confirm reports Friday that she had been under treatment for depression.

Investigators had suspected arson shortly after the early morning fire. Traces of an unidentified flammable substance was discovered in the carpet of the room, where all the bodies were found.

Snyder School Menu

BREAKFAST MONDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Pineapple Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Scrambled Eggs w/Toast
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Orange Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Pizza
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Apple Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Cinnamon Roll
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Fresh Orange
Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast Taco
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Fruit Punch Juice
Milk

LUNCH MONDAY
Corn Dog
Macaroni & Cheese
Carrot Sticks
Peaches
Potato Round
Milk

TUESDAY
Sloppy Joes
Chef's Salad
Pickles
Applesauce
Baked Beans
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Hamburger
Fish Burger
Burger Fixin's
French Fries
Apple Cobbler
Milk

THURSDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Meatloaf
Buttered Corn
Green Beans
Whole White Rolls
Milk

FRIDAY
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Baked Ham
English Peas
Fresh Oranges
Garlic Toast
Milk

CONGRATULATIONS
to Sonny & Shannon
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proud parents of a
Baby Boy: Levi.

Bob Lange, a medical examiner's field agent, said the victims' identities were verified through dental records. He said identification was difficult because the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

A total of nine people have died in the Dallas County fires this week. An early morning blaze Friday at a south Dallas apartment complex killed Robert Davis, 86; his 81-year-old wife, Mary Davis; and a caretaker identified only as a 25- to 30-year-old woman.

Spending cuts list sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans say they face a tough fight for passage of the balanced-budget amendment, and lawmakers on both sides of the issue say the fate of the proposal could be decided by a margin of one or two votes.

It appeared that about 10 moderate-to-conservative Democrats hold the pivotal votes, including senior Democratic leaders.

"Unfortunately, I don't think we are going to succeed. I think the Democrats are going to succeed in killing it in the Senate," Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said Friday.

Other Republicans were less pessimistic, even though they said neither side could yet count the votes to prevail. The measure has already cleared the House, and a two-thirds majority in the Senate is necessary to send it to the states for ratification.

Budget Committee Chairman Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., said the amendment "is in a little more serious trouble that it was last week."

"It is not won yet but it is certainly not lost," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, the measure's chief GOP sponsor. "From the very beginning, it was going to be an extremely close vote."

Democrats renewed their call for Republicans to specify the cuts they would make to bring the budget into balance once the amendment was passed. Democrats also pressed their demand for changes, including protection of Social Security from the cuts needed to erase federal deficits.

Approval of the amendment, in addition to other parts of the House GOP's "Contract With America," would lead to deep reductions in welfare, Medicaid, highway construction and other programs vital to states and cities, Democratic leader Tom Daschle said.

Brace yourself for a big lie when someone says, "To tell you the honest-to-goodness truth." (By Phil Pastoret, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

We've got that hometown spirit and we're passing it around!



David Holt A Bright Spot On Our Hometown!

Changes often bring problems, but changes can also present opportunities.

Scurry County oilfields have seen dramatic changes. A greater emphasis on the environment provided an opportunity for a veteran oilfield service company.

Guiding the company through the transitions has been David Holt, president of Fluid Transports, Inc. His business acumen as well as his civic involvement were primary factors in his selection for February's Hometown Spirit Award.

A long-time resident of Scurry County, David moved to Snyder in the late 1950s. After receiving the Carl Herod Award and gaining All-State honors in football, David graduated from Snyder High School in 1966.

He then attended Texas Christian University on a football scholarship, earning recognition as an outstanding defensive player. He graduated from TCU in 1970 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree.

David and his wife, Donna, moved back to Snyder in 1971 and became associated with Fluid Transports.

The oilfield business specialized in water hauling as well as vacuum and pump trucks. As president of the company, David had an eye on the future. In 1991 the company expanded to include environmental non-hazardous and hazardous disposal.

Fluid Transports employs 14 Snyder resi-

dents. Another company operated by David Holt, Snyder Area Contractors, employs approximately 60 persons.

Community service remains important to David Holt. He is an avid golfer and is a past president of the Snyder Country Club. He became a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1974.

David served two terms on the Snyder City Council from 1979 to 1983. He currently serves on the board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, having been appointed in 1984.

David served as president of the Snyder Little League in the late 1970s and umpired as a member of the Southwest Officials Association for six years. He was appointed as a director of the Development Corporation of Snyder in 1994.

He is an active member of the First United Methodist Church and the Mesquite Country Emmaus Community.

David and Donna have two sons. Kevin Holt is a student at San Angelo State University. Alan and his wife, Cindy, have two daughters, Haleigh and Hanna, and the family lives in Austin.

David's parents, Dan and Marion Holt, also reside in Snyder.

Snyder National Bank is proud to honor David Holt, a bright spot in our hometown.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-7-3
(three, seven, three)

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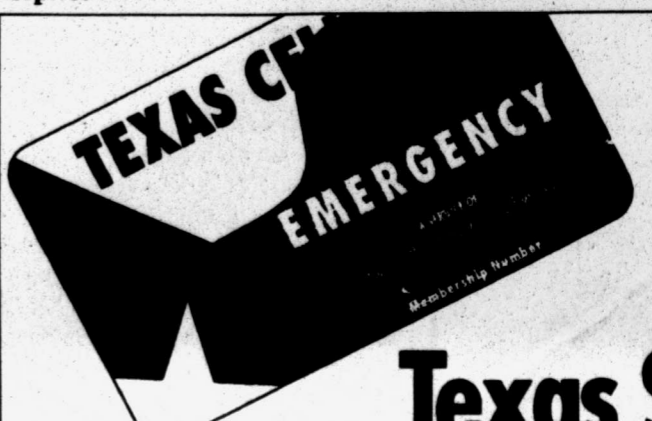
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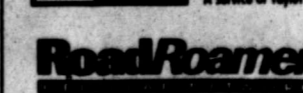
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10¢

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EACH

NOT 59° LB.

LEMONS

SUNKIST 235 SIZE

2¢

EACH

NOT 10° EA.

LIMES

PERSIAN MED SIZE

2¢

EACH

NOT 12° EA

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49¢

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10¢

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Lobbyists contribute to defense fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — They and many, many others, Washington lobbyists gave nearly \$20,000 to President Clinton's legal-defense fund in its first six months of operation, a small portion of the total \$608,000 that flowed into the fund.

Other givers included such celebrities as actor James Garner, singer Barbra Streisand and writer Garrison Keillor; political allies from Clinton's days as Arkansas governor, business executives and ordinary Americans from all 50 states.

"The president and the first lady are gratified that Americans from all walks of life, friends of

Duberstein Group, and \$500 from associate Steve Champlin; John Orlando and William Cable of Timmons & Co. gave \$1,000 each; and gifts totaling \$4,200 flowed in from people connected with public relations firm Hill & Knowlton, where former Clinton legislative chief Howard Paster is chairman and chief executive officer.

Wright Andrews, president of the American League of Lobbyists, said there could be many reasons for lobbyists to donate. "Some may feel the president has been wrongly treated," Andrews said. "Others would give because they want to be sure anyone in the administration knows they have been loyal. Some might think it gives them a little access. But you're not going to buy Bill Clinton for \$1,000."

Last week, Clinton ordered the Presidential Legal Expense Trust

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Sunday, Feb. 5, 1995

You may spend a considerable amount of energy enhancing your security and protection in life. Your plans will be imaginative and constructive, and the end results should prove gratifying.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Guard against the inclination to be more of a talker than a doer today. Words won't count for much; it's the bottom line that everyone will be watching. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Carefully analyze a new proposition today before committing yourself to anything financially.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Success will be important today, but not as important as your reputation. Take care not to alienate others as you work toward your objectives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not rely on luck to see you through today. You can achieve your goals, but only through consistent and courageous effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Avoid the temptation to blame your mistakes on others today. Confessing to your errors might even win you some admirers.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you pass hasty judgments today, you'll probably have to backtrack and apologize after you get all the facts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might have to spend as much time placating temperamental co-workers as you will trying to be productive. You will be better off focusing on the latter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Erratic actions will produce chaos today, so employ practical measures to bring about the desired results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your mate's attitude about your conflicting opinions might try your nerves today. However, minor concessions accompanied by a few hugs will restore harmony.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A task that you thought would be as easy as 1-2-3 might be unexpectedly tough today. Regroup, be patient, plan each step and try 4-5-6.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This might not be one of your better days for effectively managing your resources. To be on the safe side, ask a prudent friend for advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might be slow getting down to business today, especially in a situation where time means money. Playing catch-up later won't help.



Monday, Feb. 6, 1995

Your status in your chosen field might reach new heights in the year ahead. You will be able to recognize and take advantage of opportunities that others miss.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A supporter or partner might hinder you from finalizing an important objective today. Try to work around this liability. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Usually you're a forgiving person, but today your inclination to criticize might far outweigh your inclination to compliment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your chances for personal gain are good today. Your opportunities will probably come from persons you've helped in the past.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Friends will find you a warm and charming companion today, but you might hide this side of your personality from two individuals who recently offended you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are perfectly well equipped to handle challenging developments today, despite what you may think. Do not let self-doubt impede your progress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you feel you are getting the short end of the stick in a joint venture today, make adjustments now. If you ignore the situation, it will fester.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Tenacity and persistence will be essential today. If they aren't the primary ingredients in your efforts, you probably won't fulfill your intentions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In your material affairs today, you might operate at both ends of the spectrum. In certain instances, you'll be prudent; in others, recklessly extravagant.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not get involved in an arrangement today if you feel you must withhold certain information or certain information might be withheld from you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your initial assessment of a critical development today will prove accurate. If you allow yourself to overanalyze it, you may insert irrelevant factors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone you will be depending on for help today might not come through for you. However, effective backup may come from a person you'd least expect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Resist the impulse to acquiesce to a skunk's position today. It might have more sizzle than steak.

THANK YOU

Our Family is overwhelmed by the love and concern for Floyd from Snyder friends. The visits, cards, calls and prayers are so very much appreciated! Floyd is doing better every day and we expect him to improve much more.

We knew Snyder had great people, and you have surely confirmed it.

Much Love,
Mildred Hollis, Children
and Grandchildren

Customs officials say raids killed drug ring

McALLEN (AP) — Authorities said a series of raids Friday in three South Texas towns has crippled a drug ring that stretched from Mexico to Michigan and transported drugs concealed in tractor trailers.

Ten people were arrested in raids at Edinburg, McAllen and Mission, and more arrests are expected, U.S. Customs resident agent-in-charge Vincent Klink said.

"This was expert body work," Klink said. "It was obvious they had perfected their skills in fabricating hidden compartments to conceal the contraband and distribute it throughout the U.S. from the Valley," he said.

The marijuana had a retail value of more than \$1.5 million, he said.

"We've put them out of business," he said.

Israel Cantu and his twin brother, Ezequiel, both 32, and Jesus Rocha, 38, all of San Juan, were arrested at the warehouse and were charged with smuggling and distribution of marijuana, Klink said.

About 30 people are involved in the ring, which has sent drugs to Kansas City and the Chicago area, Klink said.

Oscar Garza Lopez and his wife, Melissa Moreno Lopez, both 35, of Mission and Rafael Olivarez, 44, of McAllen were charged with the same offenses after being arrested at their homes.

The raids, arrests and seizures stemmed from an ongoing joint investigation involving Customs, the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and police departments of Pharr and Edinburg.

Also arrested were Oscar Escamilla, 34, of Edinburg; Esequiel Saenz, 38, and Mario Olivarez, 42, of McAllen; and Timothy Chess, 37, of Kansas City, according to Dexter Kelly, Supervising Special Agent of the FBI.

Authorities arrested three people at an Edinburg warehouse and seized two tractor-trailers that officials said were being outfitted to haul 807 pounds of already-wrapped marijuana.

The warehouse just off U.S. 281 in Edinburg was an ideal location for the ring's operations, Klink said.

The two trailers were being equipped Friday with compartments in the ceiling and the floor, he said.

"(Trucks) could just pull in there ... and then continue on with their route," he said.

Financial Focus

When George Marshall found a nugget of gold in Sutter's Creek, San Francisco became the biggest boom town in history. People from everywhere set out for the American West to claim their fortunes. The New York Herald proclaimed, "The El Dorado of the old Spaniards is discovered at last."

At about the same time, Loeb Strauss, a German teen-ager, came to America to fulfill his dreams, bringing with him only his ambition and entrepreneurial attitude. He started as a peddler in New York and changed his name to Levi. Each week, Strauss visited the New York wholesale markets to buy needles, thread and other items to sell to farmers in the surrounding countryside.

In the meantime, Strauss' brother-in-law, David Stern, had gone west to investigate opportunities in the gold mines. After seeing the boom town of San Francisco, Stern wrote to Strauss that the West's real golden opportunity was merchandising. Everything was in demand, especially tent canvas.

Strauss quickly converted his savings into canvas and passage to San Francisco. When he reached the city in 1853, the gold rush was already beginning to dwindle. Tent canvas was no longer a hot item, but there was a need for rugged work clothes.

If you were an investor in San Francisco in 1853 and were offered the opportunity to invest in a gold mine or the start-up business of an immigrant peddler named Levi Strauss, which would you have chosen? Strauss' business offered only hard work and long hours. Gold mines promised instant wealth. However, Strauss began turning out heavy, durable work trousers made from canvas, and the miners called them "Levi's pants." The first Levi's were patterned after the Genoese sailors' comfortable pants, known as "genes."

How Strauss and another immigrant, Jacob Davis, teamed up to use copper rivets to reinforce the pockets on Levi's and how the pattern sewn on the hip pockets with orange thread became the first designer trademark in this country, are other Levi's success stories.

The point is that gold mines may go broke, gambling casinos may turn losers, and oil wells may run dry, but businesses that find a legitimate consumer need and meet that need with quality products or services continue to prosper.

In his book "One Up On Wall Street," Peter Lynch tells investors that the best stocks often are uncovered by following consumers in shopping malls. Retailers offering quality products and good service that meet consumer needs are good companies to own. History has proved this with examples like Sears Roebuck and Wal-Mart.

But one of the best examples of American entrepreneurship, hard work and quality products was given to us by a teen-ager who emigrated from Bavaria more than 140 years ago. Levi Strauss continues to outfit young and old with quality clothing that meets today's fashions.

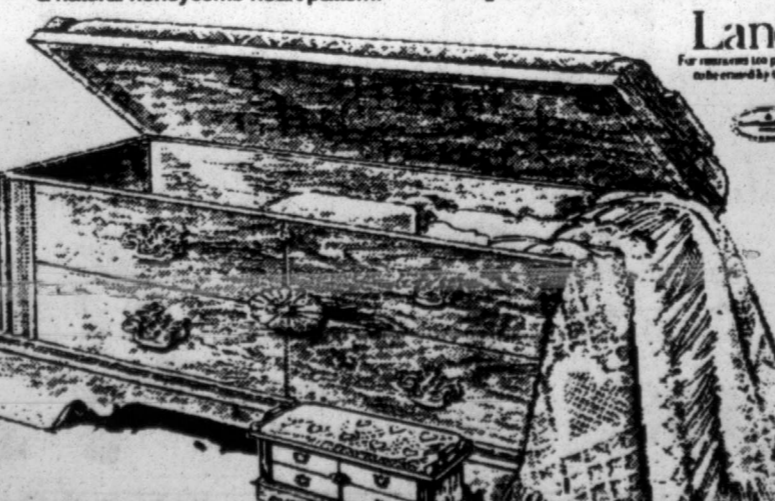
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Meningitis cases recovering

WACO (AP) — Two people confirmed to have bacterial meningitis and three others who may possibly have the disease were improving at area hospitals after a meningitis outbreak at a Jonesboro school.

Meanwhile, health care workers administered more than 500 vaccines Thursday and Friday in the school cafeteria.

The state health department in Temple has reported no other cases.

At Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Dan Wilson, a 42-year-old Jonesboro man, was upgraded Friday from critical to very serious condition, according to the hospital's public information department.

Todd Lee, a 15-year-old eighth grader also at the hospital, was transferred from intensive care to

a pediatrics unit and remained in good condition.

Lee, a basketball player at the school, suffered kidney failure and pneumonia.

"He's doing a lot better," said his father, Tommy Lee, who drove down from West Plains, Missouri. "He's up, goes out in the hallway in the wheelchair. Of course, he's still got pneumonia. He's doing all right, but it's going to be a while."

Three patients at Goodall-Witcher Hospital in Clifton were in stable condition and out of intensive care, a hospital spokesperson said.

The thin, globe-girdling aerosol cloud created by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines in 1991 deflected 2 percent of incoming sunlight from the Earth, causing slight cooling, says National Geographic.

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Prostate stones may lead to infection

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told that I have a probable calcification in my prostate. Is this a serious condition? What could it lead to if left untreated?

DEAR READER: As men age, they often develop stones or calcified tissue in their prostate glands. The cause is unknown but the disorder, which is diagnosed on examination or by ultrasound, is harmless, unless the calcium deposit provides a focus of infection, in which case you should be treated with antibiotics or have the stones removed. If the calcium is not affecting your health, you can safely ignore it.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it possible for extreme anxiety to cause terrible dizziness and imbalance? Is there a treatment?

DEAR READER: Attacks of anxiety can, indeed, cause many symptoms, including rapid pulse, sweating, lightheadedness, fast breathing, tingling of the extremities, poor coordination, and a feeling of panic.

Most patients with severe anxiety can be helped by counseling, in conjunction with anti-anxiety medication, such as Xanax. Ask your doctor to refer you to the appropriate mental health professional — and to consider prescribing a limited course of anti-anxiety drug therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is gouty arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, or any other form of arthritis a spin-off from rheumatic fever? I suffered from the latter condition in 1943 and now have rheumatoid arthritis.

DEAR READER: Rheumatic fever does cause arthritis, but the joint pain occurs only during the acute phase of the disease when fever, rash and certain cardiac abnormalities (such as

valvular infection) are present. Once the rheumatic fever has been cured (with antibiotics), the joints return to normal, although some forms of rheumatic heart damage are permanent.

Other forms of arthritis are not related to rheumatic fever.

For example, gout is caused by an inherited defect in the body's ability to metabolize uric acid, a normal byproduct of living human cells.

Rheumatoid arthritis, an autoimmune disease, results when the body's immune system inappropriately attacks its own joint tissues. Arthritis is also a consequence of other auto-immune diseases, such as lupus and psoriasis.

Osteoarthritis, the most common type, is age-related and is caused by the body's inability to repair minor joint injuries. Over time, the joints simply wear down and become painful.

There are many treatments for rheumatoid arthritis, including prescription anti-inflammatory drugs, gold shots, cortisone, and other drugs.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I would appreciate a column explaining the differences and advantages of various over-the-counter pain relievers.

DEAR READER: According to the Physicians' Desk Reference, the major compendium of current drugs, over-the-counter analgesics can be divided into three groups: compounds containing aspirin, those with acetaminophen, and those composed of ibuprofen (and related compounds).

Aspirin is the age-old standby. It is contained in Alka-Seltzer, Anacin, Ascriptin, Bufferin, Empirin, Excedrin, Midol, and other products. For people who are not allergic to aspirin, it is safe and effective for fever and minor pains. It should not be used in children with fever, however, because it appears to be associated with a rare type of brain inflammation called Reye's syndrome.

Furthermore, aspirin interferes with blood clotting. (It is precisely because of this effect that one aspirin

a day is used to protect against second heart attacks and strokes.)

Because of its anticoagulant effect, aspirin should be used with caution (or not at all) by people with a history of intestinal bleeding. Also, patients already taking prescription anticoagulants must avoid aspirin.

Aspirin may cause stomach inflammation and ulcers in people who use it for extended periods.

Acetaminophen is the most common non-prescription analgesic. It is contained in Anacin 3, Coricidin, Datril, Tylenol and a host of other products. Acetaminophen is by far and away the safest analgesic, but it is — in my experience — the least effective as a pain-reliever and fever-reducer. Although it can cause liver damage when taken in large quantity, the drug does not affect clotting, cause ulcers, or interfere with other medications. It has not been associated with Reye's syndrome.

Ibuprofen is stronger than aspirin and acetaminophen. Marketed as Advil, Nuprin, Motrin and others, it is an effective pain-reliever and anti-inflammatory drug (hence, its benefit in arthritis).

Ibuprofen is a member of a class of medicines called "non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs" (NSAIDs), all of which commonly cause intestinal upset, heartburn and bleeding ulcers.

The non-prescription NSAIDs are identical to the prescription brands but contain less drug. For example, Aleve has 220 milligrams of naproxen per pill, whereas the prescription strength (Naprosyn) has up to 500. Thus, while the prescription strength NSAIDs are frequently associated with intestinal bleeding, the risk from the over-the-counter brands is lessened. However, this means that over-the-counter NSAIDs are less effective.

In summary, the safer the medicine, the more reduced its effect is. Acetaminophen has the fewest side effects, but is also not as useful in treating pain and fever. Ibuprofen is stronger; aspirin is intermediate.

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Abortions could mean trouble for surgeon general nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Henry Foster Jr. delivered 10,000 babies over three decades, but the handful of pregnancies he terminated could spell trouble for his nomination to be surgeon general. The White House and Foster disclosed Friday that the gynecologist-obstetrician had performed "fewer than a dozen pregnancy terminations."

Most, he said, were to save a mother's life or in cases of rape or incest. But an unspecified number apparently were elective abortions.

Anti-abortion groups and conservatives attacked the 61-year-old medical educator, who has long ties to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., who chairs the Senate committee that will pass judgment on the Foster nomination, believes White House officials "have badly mishandled this nomination," said her spokesman, Mike Horak.

When White House officials privately informed Kassebaum of the impending choice last Saturday at a welfare summit, she asked if he had performed abortions, and subsequently was told he had done only "one therapeutic abortion," Horak said.

Rep. Robert K. Dornan, R-Calif., on the House floor, called Foster "an abortionist ... a male version of Joycelyn Elders and worse. She was a doctor but she never said she performed abortions."

But Rep. Nita M. Lowey, D-N.Y., a leader of a congressional women's caucus, said in an interview, "It's an outrage. Roe v. Wade is the law of the land. Performing a legal medical procedure should not be grounds to disqualify the doctor."

Foster, former dean and acting president of traditionally black Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., could not be reached.

But in his statement he echoed a line that Clinton often uses: "If

abortion is provided, my wish is that it be safe, legal and rare."

Foster's nomination to replace the fired Joycelyn Elders has drawn enthusiastic support from organized medicine.

Dr. Ralph W. Hale, executive director of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said the number of abortions that Foster performed was "very slight."

"Dr. Foster would not be considered one of our strong abortion advocates in terms of doing a lot of abortions," said Hale. "I think people that are very anti-abortion will try to make an issue of anyone who has ever performed an abortion. That is unfortunate."

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said officials who examined Foster's record before Thursday's announcement were

aware he had performed a limited number of abortions.

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Internet not for everyone

WASHINGTON (AP) — For nearly two-thirds of the nation's public schools, the worldwide computer Internet is more of an inter-not.

The Department of Education released a survey Friday showing that about 35 percent of schools have some access to the Internet, either in classrooms, labs or media centers.

But nationally, only about 3 percent of classrooms have access, the report said.

"Only a small fraction of our classrooms have access to new technologies that are becoming so central to the rest of our lives," commented Education Secretary Richard W. Riley.

The Internet connects computers around the world and allows individuals to obtain information and documents from distant sources and to ask questions of experts in various fields.

According to the survey of 1,500 schools:

—Of the schools that have ac-

cess, E-mail is the most available resource, followed by news groups and resource location services.

—Two-thirds of schools with Internet offer access to teachers and administrators but only half allow student use.

—Limited money and lack of equipment were cited as the main reasons for not having access.

—Some 75 percent of schools have computers capable of communicating with the Internet if they had access.

Life in prison

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Jurors sentenced a convicted capital murderer to life in prison, foiling the attempts of prosecutors who wanted a second death penalty to increase the odds of the sentence being carried out.

Jeffrey Carlton Doughtie learned his sentence Friday for the killing and robbing of 75-year-old Maria Lozano of Corpus Christi.

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Sports

Snyder stumbles against Frenship

By TODD STANLEY
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Lady Tigers proved Friday night that they still have some work to do if they hope to close the competitive gap between themselves and their District 5-4A rivals to the north, Frenship and Levelland.

After being knocked off by Levelland for the second time this year, Frenship (23-7, 8-1) came into Snyder and drove away with an impressive 73-35 victory.

The loss puts the Lady Tigers (10-18, 4-5) into a two way tie for third place with Lamesa.

Frenship pummeled Snyder in the first quarter 22-4 and continued to pour it on in the second 17-3 to take a 39-7 halftime lead. "We couldn't bring the ball up

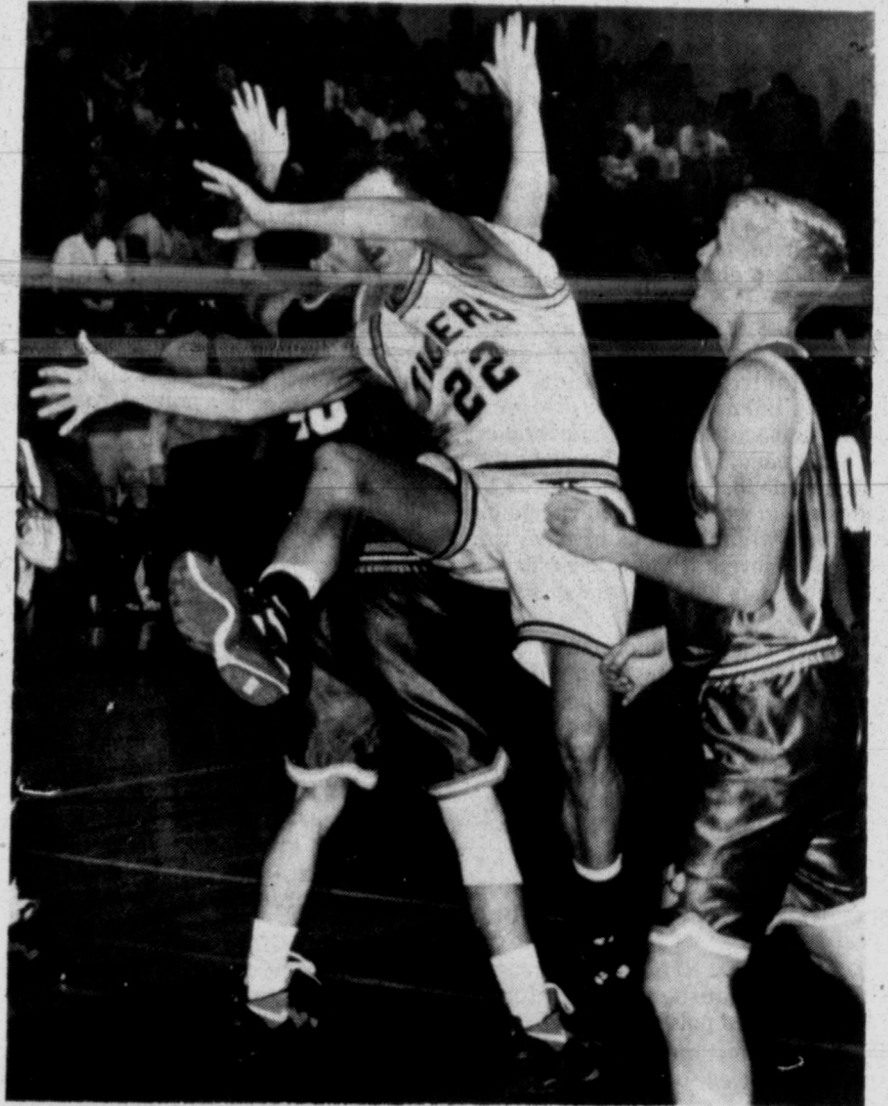
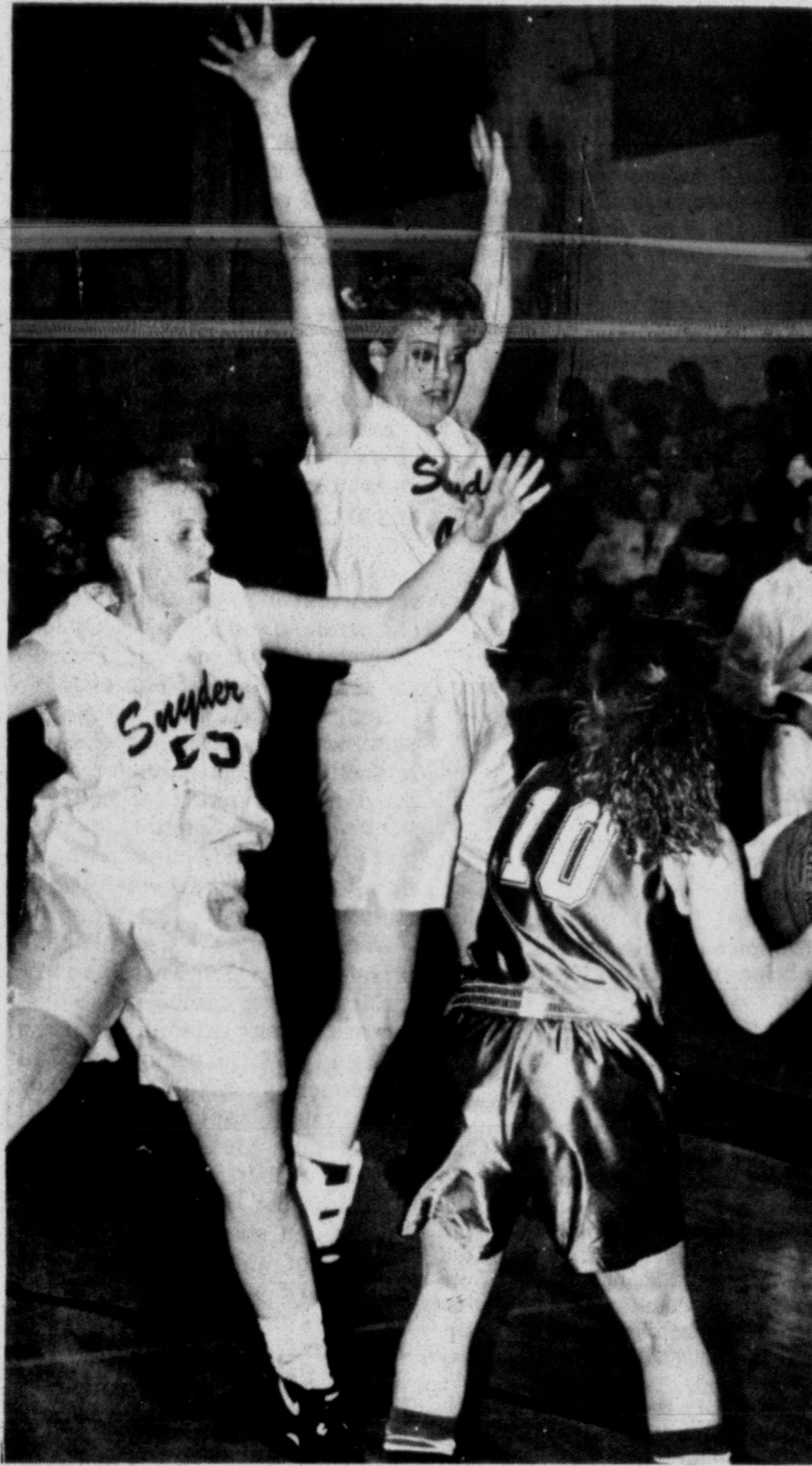
the court against their press," Snyder head coach Steve Qualls said. "We did a good job executing our game plan, but they were just too tough."

"The one positive that we can take away from this game is that we understand what parts of our game we need to work on the most."

Snyder was without the services of leading scorer Erica Garvin, who injured an ankle in practice and is out for the rest of the season.

The next opponent for the Lady Tigers is Lamesa.

"At the beginning of the year our realistic goal was to finish third," Qualls said. "If we beat Lamesa Tuesday we will accomplish that goal."



FOUL MANNER — Snyder's Page Patterson gets hammered on his way to the hoop by Frenship's Chad Reynolds, left, as Andy Madison, right looks on. Frenship escaped with a 54-49 win. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Lady Cards beat Westbrook

WESTBROOK — Hermleigh's girls got off to a slow start offensively Friday night — they only scored nine points in the first quarter. That's okay, though.

The Cardinals' defense gave up just 15 points through three quarters of the ballgame here, as Hermleigh scored an impressive 50-35 victory over Westbrook.

The victory keeps Hermleigh in the playoff hunt with a 3-1 District 26-A record. The Lady Cardinals are 6-16 on the season.

Hermleigh gave up just six first-half points and nine in the third quarter to lead 35-15 going into the final eight minutes. Mi-

chelle Roemisch paced the Lady Cardinals with 16 points. Kelly Gonzalez scored 11 and Lori Anderson 10.

Hermleigh's boys also had a solid defensive night here Friday, but it wasn't good enough. The Cardinals dropped their second district game in four outings, 58-43.

Ricky Sosa placed the Cardinals with 17 points. Jimmy Digby added 12 for Hermleigh, now 2-2 in district play and 10-14 for the season.

Hermleigh teams return home Tuesday evening to entertain loop rival Loraine.

District 5-4A Glance

MEN						WOMEN							
Conference			All Games			Conference			All Games				
Team	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	Team	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Levelland	7	0	1.000	25	4	.862	X-Levelland	8	1	.888	27	2	.931
Estacado	4	3	.571	17	8	.680	X-Frenship	8	1	.888	23	7	.767
Sweetwater	4	3	.571	13	13	.500	Snyder	4	5	.444	10	19	.345
Lamesa	3	4	.429	11	19	.367	Lamesa	4	5	.500	8	21	.276
Frenship	3	4	.429	13	15	.464	Sweetwater	2	7	.222	6	21	.222
Snyder	0	7	.000	11	16	.407	Estacado	1	8	.111	5	21	.192

Tuesday's results: Sweetwater 59, Snyder 47; Levelland 62, Estacado 58; Frenship 81, Lamesa 71.

Friday's results: Frenship 54, Snyder 49; Sweetwater 71, Estacado 58; Levelland 77, Lamesa 52.

TRAPPED! — Frenship's Andrea Haynie attempts to escape the Snyder press applied by Jodi White, left, and Rachel Shipp, center. Frenship came away with a 73-35 victory. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Ira remains undefeated in District 26-A play, 67-41

LORAIN — Ira's Lady Bulldogs remained undefeated in District 26-A cage action here Friday, defeating Loraine 67-41.

Ira girls ran out to a 14-7 lead in the first period and kicked in another gear in the second to go up 36-19 heading into intermission.

Jody Rankin led the Bulldogs with 20 points. Kasey Calley scored 12 and Jennifer Northcott added 10.

The victory vaults Ira to 15-8 on the season and keeps a lock on first place in the district at 4-0. Next Tuesday, the Lady Dogs host Westbrook at 6:30 p.m.

While Ira's girls were winning their fourth straight district ballgame, its boys were suffering their fourth defeat, 96-54 here.

Despite the loss, Coach Darren Janssen remains optimistic.

"Our kids played one of their best games all year," he said. "We kept the game respectable, within 20 points through the third quarter. If we can play our last two games like this, we will do well."

Loraine jumped out to a 25-11 lead and increased it to 44-22 by halftime. A 29-12 fourth quarter accounted for much of the scoring difference.

Eddie Brasuel scored 17 points for Ira's boys, who fell to 1-19 on the season and 0-4 in district play. Heath Mathis put up 12 points, Jeremy Howard 9 and Todd Colom and Adam Davis 8 each.

Ira boys host Westbrook in their next outing at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

By TODD STANLEY
SDN Sports Editor

After losing one close game after another, the Snyder Tigers and Coach Bud Birks appeared ready for a change as they hosted the Frenship Tigers Friday night.

Snyder led 48-47 with 3:25 left in the game, but in the closing minutes, when it counted most, it was unable to hit its foul shots, as Frenship escaped with a 54-49 victory.

The loss kept Snyder (11-16, 0-7) at the bottom of the District 5-4A standings, while Frenship (14-15, 3-4) remained in a two-way tie for fourth place with Lamesa.

"Our effort wasn't any different than it has been in our last couple games," Snyder head coach Bud Birks said. "The key to tonight's game was that we couldn't hit our free throws."

"In a one or two point ballgame, the end result is always determined by free throws and we proved that."

In the first half, everything that seemed to have gone wrong for the Snyder Tigers throughout the district season was going right. Snyder was able to break the Frenship press, get steals on their defensive transition, get the loose ball and the Tigers were even able to rim in the shots that for much of the season were rimming out.

"We came out and were able to accomplish the things we needed to do in the first half," Birks said. "In the second half, though, we had a lot of careless turnovers that hurt us."

The Snyder Tigers compiled a 13-12 first quarter lead and trailed

by only one, 31-30, at the half.

With the score 31-26 in favor of Frenship, Jeff Hobbs took an inbound pass to the hoop and was fouled as the ball fell through the net. Hobbs missed his free throw, but Marcus Byram stole the ball back, then fed Hobbs near the top of the key. Hobbs knocked down the 12-footer as time expired to cut the lead to 31-30.

Birks said he was pleased with the effort exhibited by his team, but emphasized the job done by his second group (comprised of Hobbs, Byram, Robby Huestis, Beau McLeod and Wayne Braziel).

"I think the second bunch needs to be commended for a job well done," Birks said. "Each Frenship player had a four or five inch height advantage over our kids, that's tough to defend against."

"Our team put forth a gutty performance tonight."

In the second half, Frenship was able to pull away from the Tigers with opportune shooting.

"The game just slipped right out from under us," Birks said.

Frenship 54, Snyder 49

Frenship (54) — Buchanan 1 0-0-2, Madison 1 0-0-2, Allen 2 1-3-5, Reynolds 4 4-5-12, Welch 7 6-6-20, Putnam 5 1-3-13. Totals 20 12-17-54.

Snyder (49) — Byram 1 0-0-3, Patterson 1 0-0-2, Key 5 0-1-12, Braziel 1 0-2-2, Post 3 1-2-7, Henderson 4 0-0-8, Gober 3 0-2-7, Hobbs 3 0-1-6, McLeod 1 0-0-2. Totals 22 18-49.

Frenship 12 19 13 10-54
Snyder 13 17 10 9-49

Three-point goals—Snyder 4 (Key 2, Byram 1, Gober 1; Frenship 2 (Putnam 2); Total fouls—Snyder 16, Frenship 12; Records—Snyder 11-16, 0-7, Frenship 14-15, 3-4.

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Survivor testimony continues in 'commuter' gunman trial

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — All she felt was numbness when the bullet hit her. All she thought about was her unborn baby.

Lisa Combatti testified Friday that she crouched down to protect her baby when she saw a gunman coming at her on a crowded Long

Island Rail Road commuter train. Then she felt the bullet.

"I looked up and said, 'I've been hit! I'm pregnant!'" Combatti recalled. "Two women grabbed me, pulled me through the end of the third car into the second car."

The bullet damaged Combatti's

sciatic nerve. But her baby, Kimberly, was born healthy, and celebrated her first birthday Friday.

"I felt there was a reason for me to be spared, and she was the reason," Combatti, 34, said outside of court.

Six people were killed and 19 wounded in the Dec. 7, 1993 rampage. Defendant Colin Ferguson claims the shootings were committed by someone else who grabbed his gun from his bag as he slept.

For the first time Friday, Ferguson — who is representing himself — became visibly rattled in court, during the testimony of snooting victim Robert Giugliano.

As Giugliano locked his eyes on Ferguson, Ferguson started stumbling over his words and began a half-dozen questions without completing them. Finally he asked the judge for a recess and took a 15-minute break.

Giugliano, 39, recounted in passionate, riveting detail how he'd gotten up from his seat to get off at the next stop when he saw the gunman walking toward him through the car, sweeping his gun from right to left as he picked off victims.

"People around me were ducking into seats but I couldn't move," he said. "I was standing there with my briefcase in my hand. I couldn't move. Shots were getting closer."

Then he saw a woman who'd been sitting next to him start crawling on the floor, toward him and the gunman.

"I was looking down, saying 'No,'" Giugliano said. "I was yelling, 'No!' At the next instant the back of her head ... exploded on the floor in front of me. Blood all over."

"I looked her in the eyes. I didn't know who she was," Giugliano, 39, said. "But I remember this face to this day, because when I went home, I remember telling my wife, 'There was this beautiful girl with an angelic face come on the train, and two minutes later she was dead at my feet.'"

He choked back tears and sipped a glass of water.

He said the gunman then "looked me in the eyes, square in the face and he pointed his gun at me. I remember hearing one shot maybe going over my head and the next one, I was hit."

Ferguson barely paused to hear the answers as he questioned Giugliano.

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Dear Abby

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Elections Bypass Voter Who Doesn't Know How to Register

DEAR ABBY: Another election year has come and gone, and I didn't vote — again. Why? Because I don't know how to register, and I was too ashamed to ask anyone. You would do me and many others a tremendous favor if you would answer these questions:

Where should you go to register? Who do you call to find out? Can a person register to vote any time, or are there specific times of the year? Must I fill out a form, or will someone ask me questions? Do I need to bring my birth certificate, driver's license or Social Security card? Will I have to declare my party preference? If I have to declare my loyalty to one party, will I be allowed to choose from all the candidates?

These are serious questions. Please answer in the newspaper and help me (and possibly others) become politically active.

MASSACHUSETTS READER

DEAR READER: Anyone who wants to know how, when and where to register to vote can get specific details by calling the League of Women Voters or the county election or voter registration board (all are listed in the phone directory). If you can't find the listings, call "Information."

DEAR ABBY: Please tell your readers that if they want to know about their family's history, they should ask their parents, grandparents and older relatives while they are young enough to remember their childhood days. When they are old, their memories are foggy.

I am 64, and have written down as much information about my family as I could gather, so my children and grandchildren will have it. I wish I had started 40 years ago when many relatives who are no longer living were still alive.

ALFRED A. CARSTENSEN, CONCORD, CALIF.

DEAR MR. CARSTENSEN: Thank you for a valuable reminder to millions of readers

with good intentions who tend to put things off until "tomorrow," which, for some folks, never comes.

DEAR ABBY: My cousin recently married a nice young woman I'll call Alice, who has a habit that really bothers me — she eats off everybody else's plate. It makes no difference where she is.

Last evening we were in a very nice restaurant and I had purposely seated myself a good distance from Alice, but she got up, came over with the saucer from her coffee cup, and helped herself to some of my salad! I couldn't eat another bite after she had scratched around in it with the fork she was using.

Short of making a big scene, how should I handle it if she does this again? Oh, later on, she ate half my husband's dessert.

MARY (NOT MY REAL NAME)

DEAR MARY: It would be a kindness to tell Alice in private that it is crude and unacceptable to stick her fork in someone else's food. Don't be harsh or belittling. This nice young woman has never been taught proper table manners.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about a man of the cloth having a glass of beer in a restaurant. I agree with you that it isn't wrong.

Any of God's gifts, such as alcohol, food or sex, can be used properly or can be abused. Since the abuse of alcohol can have devastating effects, it draws a strong negative reaction from many people. Obviously, for some, it is a good idea to abstain from alcohol.

But for those who think everyone should abstain, I say, "Don't invite Christ to your wedding; he might do what he did at Cana!"

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DEAR ABBY: I was touched by the letter from "Single in Long Beach." He really hit the nail on the head concerning the way many single people are treated during the holidays.

I am a single woman. At Thanksgiving, I was home alone watching five hours of "Gone With the Wind" and assembling and decorating my Christmas tree, since no friends had invited me to have dinner with them and their family. I received one phone call from a single friend in Kentucky, who told me she ate alone at the Winn Dixie deli.

Why do others think singles have "better things to do" or "would feel uncomfortable" without a partner at a holiday dinner?

I, too, like "Single in Long Beach," would have been happy to bring an additional dish, as well as help with the cleanup afterward.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to get this off my chest.

SINGLE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR SINGLE: The letter from "Single in Long Beach" generated a flood of mail from both sexes — and if it helps to know that you are not alone with this problem, read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Single in Long Beach," who spends his holidays alone.

How well I, and many others, know what you're feeling. My husband and I always had a houseful on all the holidays throughout the year, but since he died, it seems everyone we knew has suddenly disappeared from the earth. Nobody seems to want a "fifth wheel."

Someday these people will be in the same boat, and when they are, they'll wish they had been a little kinder to their single and widowed friends. It's too bad that "Single in Long Beach" lives on the West Coast. He certainly would be wel-

come in my home — and he wouldn't have to do anything but share the holiday spirit with me.

BLUE BIRD IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR BLUE BIRD: I make it a practice never to match singles through my column. However, for a practical solution to your holiday blues, please see what a very upbeat reader from Alabama has to say:

DEAR ABBY: "Single in Long Beach" wrote about how single people are "the forgotten ones" on holidays.

I learned long ago that no one is responsible for my loneliness but me.

Why doesn't "Single" invite a friend and his family, another single, or an older couple to his home for the holidays? If he doesn't like to cook, most grocery stores and many restaurants cook turkeys with all the trimmings for carry-out.

If entertaining isn't his "thing," he could visit patients in nursing homes or hospitals, or lend a hand to churches and organizations that serve meals to the homeless. They appreciate all the help they can get.

Loneliness is a choice, not a necessity. Choose instead to help some of the many people who need you.

SINGLE BUT NOT LONELY IN ALABAMA

DEAR ALABAMA: Bravo for a healthy attitude. "Ask not what others can do for you, but what you can do for others," is my motto, too. If more people thought and acted as you do, the world would be a brighter place in which to dwell.

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Defense: abrupt end to testimony unfair

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The abrupt end to the tearful testimony of Nicole Brown Simpson's sister was an unfair way to cap off the court week, and may have been staged by prosecutors, O.J. Simpson's attorney says.

"I saw it coming, and we kept trying to say it's not fair," Johnnie Cochran Jr. said Friday after Denise Brown's dramatic testimony about how Simpson abused and humiliated his wife.

When asked what he felt was unfair, Cochran answered: "If it was planned, is that fair?"

Brown, who has stated publicly she believes Simpson killed her sister, detailed two incidents — one in which Simpson grabbed his wife's crotch at a crowded bar and declared "This is mine," and another when he threw Ms. Simpson and others out of his mansion after a night of drinking at a Mexican restaurant.

She broke down in tears as she described the second incident.

"Are you OK, Ms. Brown?" Deputy District Attorney Christopher Darden asked.

"It's just so hard," she said, sniffing and wiping her eyes with a tissue. "I'll be fine."

Darden then asked if the session could end 10 minutes early, and the judge agreed. Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark put her arm around Brown and comforted her as jurors watched.

Defense attorneys suggested that the scene wasn't as spontaneous as it might have appeared. Carl Douglas said trial attorneys always want to end a week "on the best foot forward."

"So I'm not surprised at all that

(when) Ms. Brown lost her composure that the decision was made to end it," Douglas said.

Simpson is accused of slashing to death Ms. Simpson and Ronald Goldman on June 12.

Brown was the first family member of either victim to testify, as prosecutors try to show a motive for the killings. They contend that Simpson murdered his ex-wife in a jealous rage and that Goldman was killed because Simpson mistook him for a potential suitor.

During a break in questioning, Simpson looked across the room at Brown and shook his head disgustedly. He appeared to try to catch her eye, but she stared straight ahead.

Defense lawyers objected repeatedly as Brown injected opinions into her testimony, such as "He loved the attention" and "He has a big ego." Jurors were told to disregard such comments.

Darden tried to start his narrative of the Simpsons' relationship with accounts of abuse dating to 1977, but the defense objected.

Instead, they began in the late 1980s, when Brown recalled a gathering at Santa Ana restaurant with Simpson, his wife and friends.

"We were all drinking and goofing around and being loud and dancing," Brown said. "At one point, O.J. grabbed Nicole's crotch and said, 'This is where babies come from. And this belongs to me. And this is mine.'"

"And Nicole just sort of wrote it off like it was nothing like, you know, like she was used to that kind of treatment," Brown said,

her voice choking. "I thought it was really humiliating, if you ask me."

Brown broke down while discussing another incident, this one at Simpson's home. Again, Simpson and others had been out drinking.

"I told him he took Nicole for granted and he blew up," Brown testified.

"He started yelling at me, 'I don't take her for granted. I do everything for her. I give her everything,'" said Brown, breaking into tears. "And then a whole fight broke out and pictures started flying off the walls, clothes started flying. He ran upstairs, got clothes started flying down the stairs."

"And (he) grabbed Nicole, told her to get out of his house, wanted us all out of his house, picked her up, threw her against a wall, picked her up and threw her out of the house."

The jurors and alternates were sent back to their hotel until Monday, when Brown returns to the stand.

"It was a very emotional last thing of the week to leave the jury with," said University of Southern California law professor Erwin Chemerinsky. "It is the image the jury will keep with it through the weekend."

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Circus cat escapes

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — A tiger that escaped from a circus — was on the loose for a third day Friday, eluding searchers and giving frightened children a safety lesson.

Searchers found fresh tracks Friday but there were no new sightings, said Linda Lingo, office manager for the Carson-Barnes Circus.

The circus has wintered in this southeastern Oklahoma town for more than 50 years.

"We're a circus town so we probably take a different view of it than other towns. But we're very cognizant that our 5 and 6-year-olds might worry," said Katherine Covington, principal at the town's Early Childhood Center.

The tiger was discovered missing Wednesday morning after it squeezed out of an opening in its cage. By Thursday, it was all the talk at the school, which has 300 youngsters in kindergarten and first-grade.

"I heard the children talking about it. They'd say, 'I couldn't sleep last night. I kept hearing the tiger outside my window,'" said first-grade teacher Katie Eudy.

Thursday was tiger day in Ms. Eudy's class. Youngsters drew tiger pictures, wrote about tigers in their journals and practiced what they would do if they encountered the 200-pound cat outdoors.

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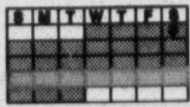
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Feb. 4, 1995

Today is the 35th day of 1995 and the 46th day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1822, emancipated former slaves from the United States first settled in Liberia, West Africa.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974), aviator; Rosa Parks (1913-), civil rights leader, is 82; Ida Lupino (1918-), actress-director, is 77; Betty Friedan (1921-), feminist-writer, is 74; Dan Quayle (1947-), politician, is 48; Alice Cooper (1948-), singer, is 47; Lawrence Taylor (1959-), football player, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Sugar Ray Robinson beat

FTC clears sale of QVC channel to 2 cable firms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two of the nation's largest cable companies received permission from federal regulators Friday to acquire QVC Inc., which runs a cable television shopping channel, for \$1.42 billion.

The Federal Trade Commission voted 4-0 to close an investigation into the transaction, announced in July.

The move frees Tele-Communications Inc., the nation's largest cable company, to increase its 23 percent stake in QVC to about 43 percent. Comcast Corp., ranked No. 4, will raise its stake to 57 percent from 16 percent.

The companies are expected to close the deal on Monday, officials said.

TCI controls QVC's closest competitor, Home Shopping Network Inc. Both shopping services are widely carried on TCI and Comcast systems.

TCI has 11 million subscribers and Comcast 2.7 million.

The FTC's action should end concerns raised by regulators and legislators that "TCI has inordinate national market power," said TCI senior vice president Robert Thomson. He called the FTC's investigation "long and extraordinarily costly."

FTC commissioners approved the deal over staff objections that the transaction could hurt competition in the market for television home shopping services.

Agreeing with TCI attorneys, the FTC broadly defined the market in which QVC operates. That market covers all home shopping services, including many catalogue companies. In such a broad market, the acquisition would not raise competitive concerns, the FTC concluded.

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"Raging Bull" Jake LaMotta to capture the world middleweight boxing title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The problem that has no name — which is simply the fact that American women are kept from growing to their full human capacities — is taking a far greater toll on the physical and mental health of our country than any known disease." — Betty Friedan

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1990, the third big storm in just over a week raked Northern Europe. In France, 23 were killed by high winds, as the Eiffel Tower swayed in gusts to 115 mph; giant oaks were uprooted, and statues were shattered at the Versailles Palace.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 30) and first quarter (Feb. 7).

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Feb. 5, 1995

Today is the 36th day of 1995 and the 47th day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1971, astronauts Alan Shepard Jr. and Edgar Mitchell landed Apollo 14 on the moon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marie de Sevigne (1626-1696), correspondent; Adlai Stevenson (1900-1965), U.S. statesman; William S. Burroughs (1914-), writer, is 81; Red Buttons (1919-), comedian-actor, is 76; Andrew Greeley (1928-), sociologist-writer, is 67; Henry Aaron (1934-), baseball great, is 61; Roger Staubach (1942-), football great, is 53; Barbara Hershey (1948-), actress, is 47; Jennifer Jason Leigh (1962-), actress, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, a horse named Huasos set a species world record by high jumping 8 feet, 1-1/4 inches in Santiago, Chile. He was spurred on by his rider, Chilean Capt. Alberto Larraguibel Morales.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The hardest thing about any political campaign is how to win without proving that you are unworthy of winning." — Adlai Stevenson II

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1887, San Francisco's all-time record snowstorm deposited 3.7 inches of snow downtown and up to seven inches in some of the western hills.

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Why do Dutch live below sea level?

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Floods that drove 250,000 people from their homes this week showed once again the fragility of life in the Dutch lowlands.

Half the Netherlands lies below sea level, protected by dikes up to 33 feet high to keep floods out. But sometimes these barriers against the sea and rivers aren't enough.

British humanist Matthew Arnold summed up Holland's precarious existence when he wrote home during a 1959 visit, "The country has no business to be there at all."

Or, as an age-old Dutch saying puts it, "God made the earth, and the Dutch made Holland."

The Netherlands was settled before the Christian era when Germanic Frisian tribes moved west onto marshlands in what are now the northern provinces of Friesland and Groningen.

Facing recurring floods, they shoveled up huge earthen mounds and built their houses atop.

"When there was high water, they simply fled to the hills and waited till the water went down,"

72 journalists killed in the line of duty

NEW YORK (AP) — A record 72 journalists were killed in the line of duty last year, including 19 murdered by Algerian fundamentalist rebels, the Committee to Protect Journalists reported Friday.

Fourteen died while working in battle zones, the committee said.

An additional 13 journalists' deaths from 1994 are under investigation as political murders, the committee said in its annual report. Fifty-eight of the slayings appeared to be assassinations, the report said.

"We have never seen so many premeditated murders of journalists," said committee chairwoman Kati Marton. "Political assassination has become the leading cause of job-related death among reporters worldwide."

The previous high death toll was 64 in 1993.

said Peter van der Eerden, a medieval historian from the University of Amsterdam.

By the ninth century, the Frisians were building dikes around their settlements.

By the end of the 13th century, they'd enclosed whole areas of coastline in those same earthen dikes after recognizing that their most dangerous foe was the sea.

It still is. In 1953, 1,835 people were killed when the North Sea smashed dikes and swept through whole towns and villages along the Dutch coast.

Why did the people who became the Dutch choose ground below sea level, when half the country is above it?

For the same economic reasons that have guided most of this nation's growth and history.

"The soil was rather fertile," said Van der Eerden. "You could easily keep a rather big herd of cattle — which was not possible on the sandy ground that was higher."

However, once the original settlers started changing the topography, they committed their successors down to the present day to building dikes higher and higher.

"It's like the arms race," said Hans Renes of Utrecht University. "Building dikes has the result of silting up rivers and raising their levels. The dikes get higher and higher and the rivers get higher and higher."

At the same time, the land being dried out by the dikes gets lower as the water table sinks.

The country boasts 1,560 miles of river and sea dikes, all built with the same aim — keeping the

Dutch dry.

In much of the country, they build on concrete piles to keep structures from sinking into the soft sandy soil. That's why the Netherlands has no skyscrapers.

The country's 15.6 million people live close together — 1,193 of them to the square mile. The need for more land has forced the government to reclaim vast underwa-

ter areas from what used to be called the Zuyder Zee, a huge North Sea inlet now cut off by a 19-mile-long dike.

Similar reclaimed "polders" were threatened by the flooding of the Mass and Waal rivers in southeastern Gelderland and Limburg provinces.

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Nine plead guilty in bank robbery

WACO (AP) — Nine of 12 Houston-area residents implicated in a bank robbery in Normangee last summer pleaded guilty to federal charges on Friday.

Robbers stole \$170,000 from the Normangee State Bank in Leon County Aug. 23 after placing employees and customers in the bank's vault. An elderly Normangee woman was killed and a Department of Public Safety trooper was wounded after the robbery as some of the defendants tried to elude capture.

Five of the defendants, Dennis Castaneda, Demetrius Guzman, Marquez Marquette Jones, Rodolfo Alonzo Jr. and Ronnie Donyell Harris, pleaded guilty to bank robbery and weapons charges Friday, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported. They face a maximum of 30 years in federal prison and fines of up to

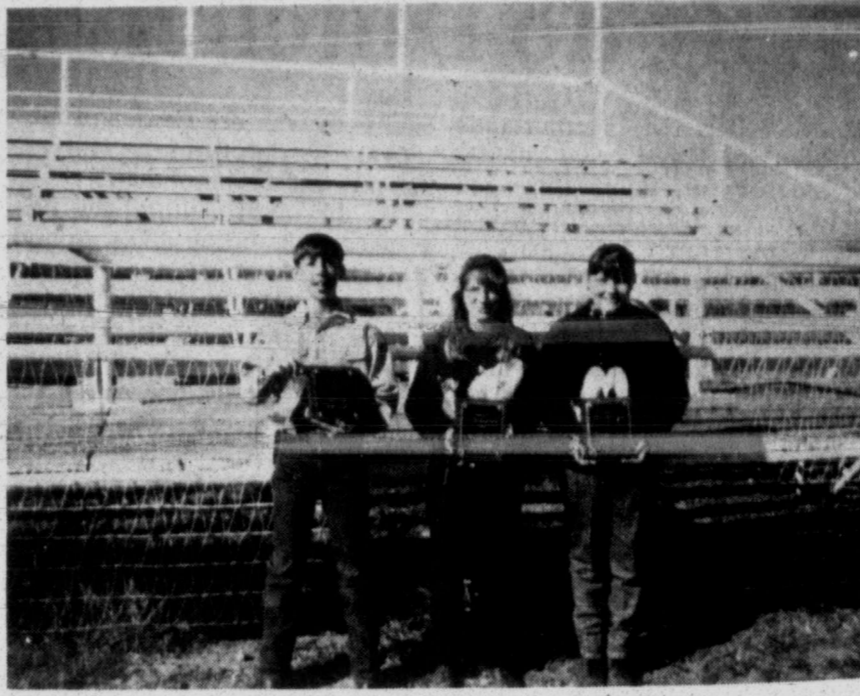
\$500,000.

The other four, James Tyrone Hoskins, Anthony J. Coleman, Garry Harris and Jeralene Valverde, pleaded guilty to bank robbery after federal and state investigators determined that they did not carry weapons during the commission of the crime.

They face a maximum of 25 years in prison and fines up to \$250,000. U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. will sentence them after reviewing background reports compiled by probation officers.

A trial for the remaining three defendants being handled in Waco, Julius Sephus, Hashim Esteban Thomas and Steven Lee Thomas II, is set for April 10 in Smith's court.

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4-H WINNERS — These Scurry County 4-H members are holding the plaques they won recently. From left are, John Ryan Rasmus, Stephanie Perkins and Katie Voss. (See related stories on this page.) (Contributed Photo)

'Showmanship' held here

The Scurry County 4-H recently held a showmanship clinic to assist 4-H members in preparing for local and major livestock shows.

Joe Raff, county extension agent in Mitchell County, conducted the clinic, teaching 4-H members showmanship skills, show etiquette, show preparations and general swine health practices.

The clinic was followed by a showmanship show where 4-H members competed for top showman honors in sheep, swine and steer divisions.

John Ryan Rasmus received the Champion Swine Showmanship Award while Stephanie Perkins took Championship Sheep Showmanship and Katie Voss won top honors in the steer division.

Other winners include Riley Ann Tatum, Chance Tatum, Dana Stribling, Tommy Gladden, Jared Boyd, Justin Boyd and Stacy Perkins.

4-H members compete in stock show

Three Scurry County 4-H members recently competed at the Odessa Sandhills Livestock Show in Odessa.

They competed against other 4-H and FFA members from across Texas and New Mexico. This year's show proved to be the largest and toughest in recent years.

Scurry County was very well represented with 4-H members competing against approximately 300 steers and 275 lambs in this year's show.

Katie Voss, exhibited the second and fourth place light weight Hereford steers while T'Leah Eicke exhibited the eighth place heavy weight steer.

Katie Voss, the only lamb exhibitor from Scurry County 4-H, placed 31st with her light weight finewool.

Nathan Beford Forrest, a Confederate cavalry commander, was born in Bedford County, Tenn, in 1821.

FDA probes bogus formula for babies

CHICAGO (AP) — Similac is fake milk, and fake Similac is a real mystery.

The Food and Drug Administration said Friday it is investigating counterfeit cans of the popular baby formula that turned up in Northern California Safeway grocery stores this week.

The bogus Similac does not appear harmful, FDA spokesman Jim O'Hara said.

"We have had no reports of injuries to date, and we are continuing to analyze the product," he said. "It appears to have some nutritional value, but obviously we don't know what it is yet."

It is packaged to resemble Similac powdered infant formula with iron in 16-ounce cans, right down to an identification number copied from the real thing.

The cans are labeled "Similac with iron, powder." The bottom of each can bears the lot number 87532RB APR96 0341 87532RB APR96.

Consumers can tell the fake formula from the real thing by the counterfeit's clear scoop and milky white appearance, the FDA said. Similac is creamy yellow and has a green scoop.

The lot number is "the single

best way to know whether you have this counterfeit product or not," O'Hara said.

It turned up only in Safeway stores in Northern California, according to Cathy Babbington, a spokeswoman for Similac manufacturer Abbott Laboratories of North Chicago.

Safeway Inc. removed all Similac with the suspicious lot number, about 4,000 cans, from its stores throughout Northern California on Wednesday, Safeway spokeswoman Debra Lambert said. She said cans with that number were found in 25 percent of the company's 220 stores in the region.

No other cans were found in a nationwide check of 900 Safeway stores, Lambert said.

Abbott informed Safeway and the FDA of the problem after consumers called the company about the product's unusual appearance, Babbington said.

"Moms really know the color. When it's different, they know it right away," she said.

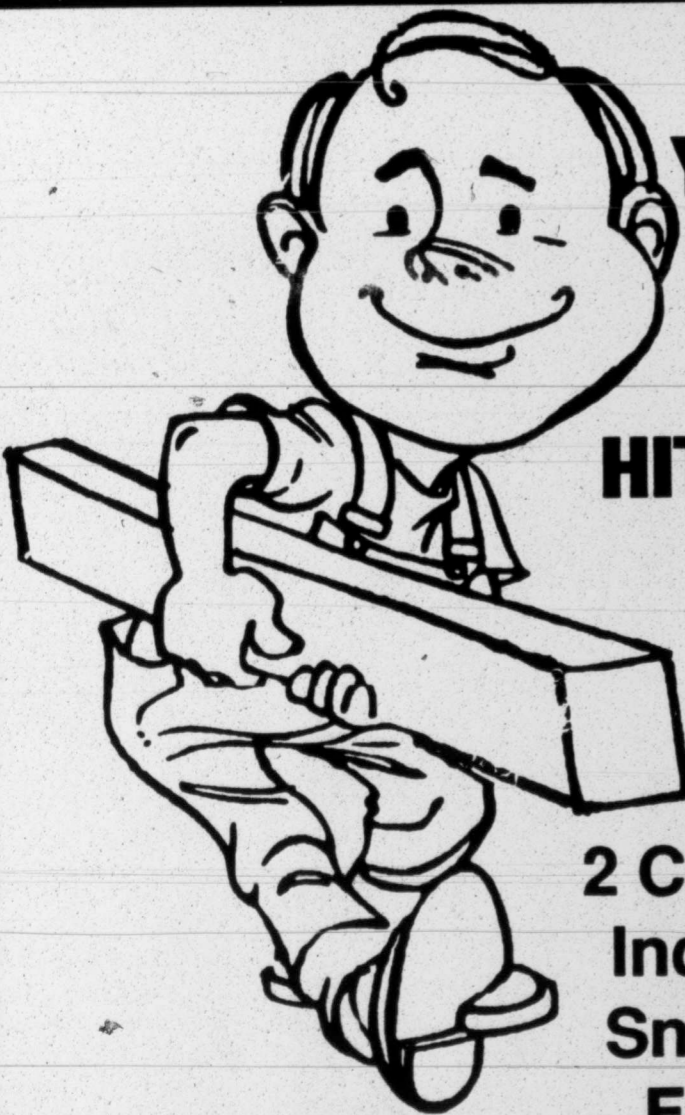
The company said consumers should have no qualms about Similac concentrated liquid, liquid ready-to-feed formulas and other powdered infant formulas.

ATTENTION! Members & Guests of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church

Due to the installation of the new organ the Colonial Hill Baptist Church will have its Sunday morning worship services of February 5 and 12 in the West Elementary School Cafeteria. The Sunday night worship services will be in the Fellowship Hall. All Sunday School Classes will meet in their regular rooms.

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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

MAWC caterer enjoys working with people

Shirley McMillan combines culinary, 'people-person' skills

When Shirley McMillan wants to read, she reaches for a cookbook. Relaxing in bed with her latest acquisition (often a gift from a friend), is as normal for the veteran cook and caterer as reading mystery or romance novels are to others.

Four years ago next month, Shirley assumed her present duties, a job which is as much fun as it is work. She regularly feeds members of 14 organizations which meet monthly or weekly at Martha Ann Woman's Club. The menus range from full meals to snacks or desserts, depending on the preference of each club. Some meet for dinner, others for supper. Twice a month, Shirley also prepares breakfast.

In addition, she also caters for other activities ranging from Christmas parties and class reunions to showers, receptions and other social events which are also held there. Annual events observing Mother's Day and Easter are also staged at the club.

It takes a special person to be able to work for so many "bosses," but that is just what Shirley is. She loves her work as much as she loves people.

She likes to provide a little extra attention with her culinary delights, remembering to serve what individuals prefer and advising

people if a dish contains something they do not like. She also tells them she missed them when they were absent.

When she started as caterer, Shirley recalled that a clubhouse patron good naturedly admonished her not to serve "tasteless green beans." Anyone who eats at the Woman's Club does not have to worry about that as Shirley seasons everything she prepares, even the occasional canned green beans she serves.

She enjoys all types of cooking — something she learned at an early age — but her specialties are breads, cobblers and desserts. Casseroles and Mexican food are also popular and oft-requested items. In fact, Mexican food is all that one organization prefers.

It has been suggested that she compile her casserole dishes into a cookbook, but Shirley said she has no time to do that.

Shirley loves to read new cookbooks. Searching for new recipes is a must because, not only does she like to prepare and serve new dishes, but she also does not like to bore anyone with too many repeats of any one item.

However, sometimes that's just what an organization prefers. The Lions Club, for instance, considers mashed potatoes a "must" with chicken fried steak, their usual menu. One day, Shirley did not prepare the usual side dish and, sure enough, she was asked about the missing potatoes.

When she said she thought they must be tired of them one member informed her that he liked her mashed potatoes because she made them from scratch and did

not serve the "instamatic" kind. Shirley enjoys all the various groups she cooks for, but Lions Club members seem to have an extra flare for mixing fun with business. Paper wad fights are a specialty. One day Shirley good naturedly presented them with a broom and dust pan so they could

clean up after themselves. She refers to patrons of the Woman's Club as "the sweetest men and women in the world."

The Woman's Club can serve up to 200 persons and the facility is open to the public. Extra tables are set up for interested visitors when the Kiwanis and Lions

Clubs meet.

The public is also invited to attend Game Day which is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. All anyone has to do is call in advance so Shirley will know how many extra people to prepare food for.

Most organizations chose to set

up their own tables, but for those who don't the Woman's Club employs two boys who will do it. Each organization is also responsible for setting up its own decorations but the club does keep centerpieces and decorations which can be used.

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READY TO GO — Shirley McMillan, Martha Ann Woman's Club caterer, prepares meals as well as snacks for a variety of organizations and individuals who utilize the clubhouse for meetings or events. Besides being an avid collector of recipe books, Shirley also prizes the old, black commercial stove in the kitchen which she would not trade for anything. (SDN Staff Photos)

The SDN
Section B

SUN., FEB. 5, 1995

★ ★ "Shooting For The Stars" ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ It Begins

Ritz Theatre Interior Renovation

Theatre Opening:
October 1995

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Scurry County Folks

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Food supplies are purchased and stored at the clubhouse.

Shirley learned how to prepare meals for large groups of people while working at the Willow Park Inn — for Dennis and Blanche Chisum — for six years.

While she enjoyed the work and received valuable experience, Shirley wanted to spend more time with her family. When the Chisums sold the restaurant, Shirley made the transition to the Woman's Club, succeeding Margie Gann, who retired. After learning that the position was becoming available, Shirley was interviewed by the Woman's Club board and was immediately hired.

"...the sweetest men and women in the world."
— Shirley McMillan says of the Woman's Club patrons.

Shirley's helpers are Sandra Brace, Diana Snyder and Jessie Palo. Sandra helps her prepare food while the others help with the rest of the details related to serving a large group of people.

Clubs currently meeting in the MAWC can choose from a planned menu, which Shirley regularly updates with new and modified recipes. Some groups have special requests while others let her serve whatever she prefers. Each is billed following the meal or event. Shirley said the goal of the Woman's Club is to "break even." However, she said board members are considering fundraisers for the summer months when the women's organizations do not meet. She said that while they do not intend to compete with local restaurants, they need to raise money for work that needs to be done at the club.

To keep track of the many events booked at the clubhouse, Shirley writes meeting dates on a calendar and logs other engagements in a "party book."

Occasionally, she forgets a meeting or activity and has to prepare something in a hurry. The snacks she once served on a very short notice still draw compliments today.

She has also had success with turning a failed dessert — like a cheesecake which did not set properly — into a "new" dessert which drew quite a few compliments. She called it "Shirley's mess."

Shirley is very particular about what she prepares and will not serve anything she could not eat, though she said that she does not necessarily like to eat all of the them.

Shirley prefers to cook on an old, black commercial stove which she would not let anyone get rid of when the Woman's Club kitchen was remodeled.

She loves its size which accommodates more than one pan of chicken fried steaks easily. The kitchen has a microwave, but Shir-

ley just warms with it, preferring to use the same types of utensils she grew up with.

Shirley also prefers cooking from scratch, usually shunning anything labeled "instant." Experience has taught her how to "throw together" meals from what is available in the kitchen. She has been known to "make it up as I go along." She never writes the new recipe down, and that can make it rather difficult to share recipes which Shirley is often asked to do. She also frequently alters or makes substitutions for recipes, and learned many of her techniques while growing up on a farm near Merkel.

As a young girl, she also learned to be thrifty and to this day is very conservative about wasting food.

She cooks just enough for the size of group she is serving, because she prefers not to serve leftovers. Sometimes in a pinch, they can make a good meal, though. She recalled that her own three boys — now all grown and married with families of their own — liked it when she "cleaned out" the refrigerator at home.

A grandmother, who raised her after her own mother died when she was two years old, taught her never to waste anything. That same grandmother could turn a cup of creamed potatoes into potato patties or add leftover gravy to cornbread.

Shirley's grandmother measured ingredients without benefit of measuring cups or spoons, using a "pinch of salt," two "fingers of baking powder," or "shortening the size of a walnut." Her grandmother also mixed all of the ingredients by hand.

As a child, Shirley remembers everyone getting up at 5 a.m. Breakfast followed an hour later — a full meal, not just cereal and milk. They also ate a large lunch and worked in the fields in the afternoon, including the grandmother. Supper — usually leftovers from the noon meal — was served at 6 p.m.

Her home as a child was "filled with children," including cousins who lived with her family part of the year. They all sat down to eat at a long table with benches on each side.

Orphaned at such a young age, Shirley began working in the kitchen when she was eight years old. Her public cooking began at age 12 when she would stand on a milk case to help her Aunt Jean, who owned a restaurant in Merkel.

She moved to Snyder with her first husband, Gerald Snyder, 28 years ago. He died in 1980. She has since married Ted McMillan, a native of Snyder. Shirley's three sons are Dennis, Gerald Wayne and Terry Snyder. Grandchildren include Vanessa, 19; Danaica, 11; Jessie, 9; and Samantha, 4, who likes to help her "me ma" roll out biscuits.

A volcanic landslide in the Hawaiian Islands can produce individual chunks the size of Manhattan Island, according to National Geographic.

Davis, Williams vows said in Colonial Hill Baptist

Stephanie Michelle Davis became the bride of Lee Hershell Williams III at 7 p.m., Dec. 30, 1994, in Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

The Rev. Miller Robinson officiated the double-ring rites in the sanctuary decorated with a heart-shaped chandelier, flanked by two seven-branch spiral candelabras accented with ivy and white beads. In addition, there were two large baskets of white flowers adorned with fresh greenery and white bows. Circles of white tulle accented with iridescent bells, purple ribbon, miniature purple and white roses, marked each pew. Swags of white tulle with iridescent beads and English was draped over door arches, centered with purple bows. A small round table draped with a white cloth held the unity candle, sitting in a gold candleholder with two single white candles on each side.

Parents of the bride are Randy and Debra Davis. Grandparents are Bill and Loyce Hayes, Otis Kincheloe and Rusty and Janelda Davis, all of Snyder. Parents of the groom are Mrs. L.H. Williams of Goulbubusk and James and Peggy Hubbard of Winters.

Lighting candles were Kelli French of Victoria and Dylan Densman, cousin of the groom from Coleman.

The "Nutcracker Waltz" was played while candles were lighted and parents and grandparents were seated and the bridesmaids entered to "Cannon in D Major." The bride entered to the "Wedding March." Cerise Covey sang "Your the Inspiration." Kassie Applin sang "Beautiful in My Eyes," while the couple lighted the unity candle.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown by Alfred Angelo made of soft white bridal satin featuring a Sabrina neckline with pearl clusters and long sleeves. A deep V back formed into a full bow. Her full sequin and pearl studded cathedral train featured a delicate lace criss-cross pattern.

She wore a fingertip pearl studded veil of illusion with a pouf at-

tached to a pearl sequin tiara and she carried a full cascade of white roses with pixie Cinderella and sweetheart roses. She had lavender lilies with stephanotis and forget-me-nots, created by the bride's mother.

In keeping with tradition, for something old she carried a handkerchief that belonged to her great-grandmother, Ora Ussery. Something new was her dress. Something borrowed was a pair of diamond earrings from Mary Garcia, and something blue was her garter that was also worn by her mother 20 years ago. She carried pennies minted in the years of the couple's births in her shoe.

Starla Davis, the bride's sister, served as maid of honor as she wore a black satin straight floor-length dress with a slit up the front. It had a white off-the-shoulder ruffle. She carried a small cascade of white roses, miniature roses in purple and white, completed with purple ribbon and stephanotis.

Bridesmaids were Tracie McDowell, cousin of the bride, Tammy Logston, Kassie Applin of Lubbock and Cerise Covey. Their dresses were identical to the maid of honor's and were made by Ellen Rumpff. Bouquets were identical to the maid of honor's.

Samantha Williams, sister of the groom from Eastland, served as junior bridesmaid. She wore a black satin tea-length dress with a triple-tiered ruffle in back. Her bouquet was also like the maid of honor's.

Flower girls were Chelsey Drummond and Christy French, friend of the groom from Victoria.

Ring bearer was a cousin of the groom, Ethan Densman of Coleman. He was attired in a tuxedo like the groom's.

Brock Walker of Cross Plains was best man and groomsmen were Kevin Switzer of Cross Plains, Skip Williams, father of the groom, Bryan Lickey and Craig Lang, both of Lubbock. They wore black classic peak tuxedos. Completing their attire were black vests and black ties, and boutonnieres were single white roses accompanied with miniature



MR. AND MRS. LEE H. WILLIAMS III
(Photo by Tom Gonzales)

white roses.

Ushers were J.J. Kincheloe, cousin of the bride, and David Nanny, cousin of the groom from Goulbubusk.

The groom wore a black classic full dress tuxedo, white vest and white tie. His boutonniere was a single white rose, a miniature white rose and stephanotis, matching the bride's bouquet.

Lisa Thamez registered guests at a table centered with a Precious Moments wedding book, pictures of the bride and groom as children, and a purple wood-shaped heart with "Stephanie and Bucky" cut out of the center and accented with miniature purple and white roses, a white plume pen and a crystal bowl with mulberry potpourri around a purple candle.

The reception was held in the church fellowship hall where swags of white tulle with iridescent beads was draped on each archway, accented with white bows and similar pew markers in each corner. Bouquets of balloons in purple, white and black adorned the walls. On the registry table at the reception was a portfolio of the bride's wedding pictures. It also held a Precious Moments musical bride and groom that played the "Wedding March." The table was covered with a white cloth and a black overlay, topped with a black lace cloth.

Each individual table was draped with a black cloth and was centered with an eight-inch purple candle. Pictures of the bride and groom during high school were displayed in the reception area. A white wicker basket held satin purple and white roses filled with birdseed. Window sills were decorated with purple candles and white and purple candle rings.

The bride's serpentine table, covered with a white cloth, under a white lace cloth and iridescent bows, featured a three-tiered

white cake on a pedestal. A gold fountain dispensed mock champagne punch. The centerpiece was a purple candle with an arrangement of fresh flowers. Nuts, mints, dried fruit, engraved purple napkins and gold serving pieces completed the setting.

The wedding cake, made by Reta Graham, was garnished with fresh flowers cascading from the top that displayed a Precious Moments bride and groom.

Serving at the bride's table were Jana Kincheloe, Sheryl Webb and Lynette Sears.

The groom's table was draped identical to the bride's table and held a purple candle in purple silk candle rings, gold tableware, mints, nuts, dried fruit and a chocolate sheet cake completed with chocolate icing and topped with two hearts decorated with cascading flowers.

After the couple's honeymoon to Dallas, they have made their home in Biloxi, Miss., where the groom is an airman in the United States Air Force and currently attending technical training school at Keesler Air Force Base. He is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School.


The bride, also a 1994 SHS graduate, is presently employed by Telemarketing Communications.

Included in courtesies were a bridal shower at Colonial Hill Baptist Church in November, 1994; a lingerie shower in the home of Tammy Logston in December; and a rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents at The Shack, prior to the wedding.

President Richard M. Nixon announced in a nationally broadcast address July 15, 1971, that he would visit the People's Republic of China to seek a "normalization of relations." Nixon made the trip the following February.

Hermleigh School Menu

BREAKFAST		Milk	
MONDAY			
Juice	Toast & Jelly	TUESDAY	
Milk		Chicken & Rice Casserole	
TUESDAY			
Fruit	Kolaches	Mixed Vegetables	
Milk		Buttered Spinach	
WEDNESDAY			
Juice	Buttered Oatmeal	Hot Rolls	
Milk		Scoop-o-Raisins	
THURSDAY			
Fruit	Sausage & Biscuits	Milk	
Milk		WEDNESDAY	
FRIDAY			
Juice	Cinnamon Rolls	Sloppy Joes	
Milk		Black-eyed-Peas	
LUNCH			
MONDAY			
German Sausage	Mashed Potatoes	Carrot Sticks	
Hot Rolls	Baked Apples	Hot Rolls	
TUESDAY			
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY			
FRIDAY			



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FEBRUARY 14: "GIVING CHILDREN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEMSELVES"
FEBRUARY 21: "ENCOURAGING MOTIVATION IN CHILDREN"
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FEBRUARY 21: "COMMUNICATION ABOUT SEXUALITY WITHIN THE FAMILY"
FEBRUARY 28: "ANGER IN THE FAMILY—UNDERSTANDING, EXPRESSING, AND RESOLVING"
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Williams, Kerr wed

Gina Nicole Williams and David Tacan Kerr were married in a double-ring ceremony at 6 p.m., Dec. 17, 1994, in the chapel of First Baptist Church in Snyder. Both are from Lubbock.

The Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cross of Snyder and Wilford (Bud) Williams of Key West, Fla. The bridegroom's parents are Kay Kerr of Lubbock and John Kerr of San Antonio.

Vows were exchanged at an altar centered with a heart-shaped, 17-light candelabrum encircled with Christmas greenery and burgundy silk poinsettias. Two seven-light candelabras, with coordinating decor, flanked the heart and commodore palm foliage accented the base of each candelabra. The pews were marked with white satin bows and streamers, accented with burgundy poinsettias.

Vance Williams, brother of the bride of Key West, and Denise Overton of Lubbock were candlelighters.

Vocalist Melanie Smith, Snyder High School choir director, and organist Pam Smith of Snyder presented "The Change in Me," while relatives were seated; "Evergreen," while chapel lights were dimmed and candles were lit; "O Holy Night," and "Somewhere In the World," during the lighting of the unity candle.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, Bud Williams, the bride was attired in a satin gown. The scoop neckline was edged in lace. A drop-waist and Gibson sleeves were accented with pillowed satin and dangling pearls.

Her scalloped cathedral train was decorated with appliques and hemlace and topped with a fanny bow.

She wore a garland band tiara of pearls and crystals. A pouf adorned the back and allowed the multilayers of illusion to cascade to a fingertip length.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of mixed foliage and white rolled leaf roses.

Matron of honor was LaNelle Cross, mother of the bride. She wore a floor length gown of burgundy velvet and carried an arm bouquet of burgundy roses.

Flower girl Jennifer McCandless, niece of the groom from Lubbock, wore a tea-length burgundy velvet dress accented with a Victorian lace collar and a halo of baby's breath and tiny rose buds. She carried a basket of burgundy rose petals.



MRS. DAVID TACAN KERR
(Contributed Photo)

Ring bearer was Jonathan McCandless, nephew of the groom from Lubbock. He wore a black tuxedo matching the groom's and a boutonniere of a burgundy rose bud, accented with baby's breath. He carried a white satin pillow.

Best man was John Kerr, father of the groom, and usher was Vance Williams, brother of the bride of Key West. They wore classic black tuxedos with shawl collars completed with boutonnières of burgundy rose buds with baby's breath.

The groom wore a classic black tuxedo with tails, a white tie and vest. His boutonniere was a white rolled-leaf rose, coordinating with the bride's bouquet.

Tonya Holladay registered guests.

A reception was held at Willow Park Inn where the bride's table was draped with a white cloth, accented with large white satin bows. The three-tiered bride's cake was separated on individual pedestals. Each topped with silk white roses, fresh burgundy roses, and English ivy foliage. The wedding punch was served from an antique cut-glass punch bowl. The bride's bouquet and crystal champagne flutes, engraved with the couple's names, enhanced the

table decor. On either end were two large balloon trees.

A buffet table offered assorted cheeses, fruits, vegetables, finger sandwiches, crab salad and chocolate-covered strawberries. This table was enhanced by a Christmas arrangement of burgundy poinsettias and candles, while a snow-flocked Christmas wreath decorated the wall behind.

One wall of the room displayed "David & Nicole," a new beginning. Childhood pictures of the bride and groom were displayed. To enhance the decor, the guest tables were centered with burgundy poinsettias and candles. A Christmas tree was decorated with all white twinkling lights, poinsettias, bows and wedding bells.

Serving at the bride's table were Kara Melton and Denise Overton, both of Lubbock.

Following a honeymoon trip to Cozumel, Mexico, they have made their home in Lubbock where the bride is a graduate student at Texas Tech University, working toward a master's degree in counseling. She is a 1992 graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies.

The groom is a 1982 graduate of Coronado High School and is employed at Pollard Friendly Ford in Lubbock.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed eight tables at the Snyder Country Club.

N-S

1. Dot Casey, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Shirley Stewart, Billie Long.
3. Ena Carroll, Sue Mize.

E-W

1. Polly Ballard, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Verdi Kimbro, Anita Talbott.
3. Pat Floyd, Sue Reed.

SUNDAY

Four tables were directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Jane Hinton.
2. Lanette Patterson, Christine Stuard.
3. Louise Thompson, Alta Cates.
4. Dora Blakey, Charley Blakey.

TUESDAY

Dot Casey directed six tables.

1. Tizzy Hall, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Dora Blakey, Charley Blakey.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.
4. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
5. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.

Summer camp

NEW YORK (AP) — "Choosing the Right Camp — 1995-96 Edition" is a comprehensive guide that answers questions parents and kids have about summer camps. Fully revised and updated, it includes all-new sections on choosing specialty and day camps and nine new camp profiles.

Richard C. Kennedy and Michael Kimball tell readers what to look for in the best camps, provide a "dream camp" checklist and list dozens of camps across the United States.

Lava continually extruded from Kilauea volcano on the island of Hawaii has caused the Big Island to grow by 319 acres (129 hectares) in the past six years, reports National Geographic.



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- Melissa Hernandez and Marcelino Aquirre
- Leslie Ward Murphy and Mike Murphy
- Melissa Hodges and Eric Olson
- Dayla Merritt and Bert Merritt
- Magdalena Aquirre and Pablo Jaimez
- Melanie Bennett and Stephen Sullenger
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♦ A Q 10 8 7 6			
♠ 10 9 8			
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♦ J 10 9 7 5 4		♥ 8 6	
♣ J 2		♦ 5 3	
♠ A 4		♣ K J 7 2	
SOUTH			
♥ Q J 9			
♠ K 3 2			
♦ K 9 4			
♣ Q 6 5 3			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	2 ♥	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 3			

South would have shown 13-15 points. Nowadays, wisely, this response is treated as invitational in competition (and by many players in an uncontested auction).

Sitting East, Kaplan placed South, from the bidding, with the Q-J of spades and heart king. And as the diamond finesse, if needed, was working, Kaplan realized the defenders had to take the first five tricks. Partner could hold the club ace, but was most unlikely to have A-Q-x in clubs. So, after winning the first trick with the spade king, Kaplan continued with the club king and another club.

Placing East with both top clubs, South put up his queen at trick three. After winning with the ace, West played a spade. Kaplan won with the ace and cashed the J-7 of clubs: two down.

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CWC guest night will be Feb. 9

"Solutions in '95" dinner will be held by Snyder Christian Women's Club and their guests Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Snyder Country Club.

Melvin Ziegenbein, vice president of Blue Bell Creameries, and his wife, Karla, will be the guest speakers and Drew Bullard with Computer Solutions will give tips on staying up-to-date with computers. Soloist Steve Marshall will provide entertainment.

The dinner is \$8.50 and reservations should be made by noon Wednesday by calling 573-3440 or 573-8626. A free nursery will be provided for those with reservations made to Kim at 573-4847.

Reading the cards for both sides

By Phillip Alder

Recently, a major conference was held to discuss the future of our planet. In 50 years the Earth is going to be in a bad way, unless something is done now. How will we house and feed all the extra millions? Countless animal species will become extinct. I just hope Fred Allen wasn't right when he said, "A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done."

Bridge, of course, is only a tiny part of the world, but it is a big part of many of our worlds. We would feel much poorer without it. Today's deal is beautiful. It was defended by Edgar Kaplan, the editor and publisher of The Bridge World magazine.

The deal occurred back in the dark ages, when a jump to two no-trump by

Bride & Groom Registry

Marika Sitton & David Clark	Denise Merritt & James Koonce	Amy Lancaster & Steve Rodriguez
Dayla Merritt & Bert Merritt	Leslie Murphy & Mike T. Murphy	LaFon Daniel & Glenn Daniel
Joy Harveson & David Harveson	Sonya Adams & Steve Huisman	Melanie Bennett & Stephen Sullenger
Deone Farmer & Brent Knight	April Blair & Robert Romero, Jr.	Magdalena Aguirre & Pablo Jaimez

Infant Registry

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MARCH VOWS SET — April Claudette Blair and Robert R. Romero Jr. have made wedding plans for 2:30 p.m. on March 18 in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. The future bride's parents are Brian and Elizabeth Blair and the prospective groom's parents are Robert and Mary Romero, all of Hermleigh. (Contributed Photo)



MR. AND MRS. BILL BOWLIN
(Contributed Photos)



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Botts and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Derryberry announce the engagement of their children, Stacy and Tim. All are of Snyder. The wedding is planned for April 8 at the Union United Methodist Church. (Photo by Karen Wadleigh)

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Chicken Strips
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Black-eyed Potatoes
Tomato Wedges
Peanut Butter Cookies
Ice Cream Cup

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Seasoned Summer Squash
Tomatoes w/CROUTONS
Macaroni Salad
Apple Cobbler

TUESDAY
Pinto Beans & Ham
Fried Potatoes
Turnip Greens
Sliced Onion
Corn Bread
Cherry Turnover

WEDNESDAY
Lasagna
Whole Kernel Corn
Sliced Beets
Tossed Salad
White Cake w/Strawberries

THURSDAY
Beef Patty w/Onion Gravy
Whole Small Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Stuffed Celery Sticks
Banana Pudding

Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Weiners w/Cheese
Creamed Potatoes
Pinto Beans
Biscuits
Apples

TUESDAY
Chicken Spaghetti
Vegetable Salad
Green Beans
Bread
Sheath Cake

WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Fried Okra
Corn
Corn Bread
Peach Cobbler

THURSDAY
Chopped Barbecue
Baked Potato
Applesauce

FRIDAY
Sloppy Joes
Vegetarian Beans
Potato Chips
Cowboy Cookies

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To Mom & Dad Whose Lives Reflect 1 Corinthians

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.



Bowlins note golden anniversary

Bill and Iris Bowlin of Snyder and in the Four Corners area. Mr. Bowlin is retired and is a life member of the VFW.

The couple's children are Patsy Mikelonis of Tucson, Ariz., Kay Rowe of Durango, Colo., Barrie Bowlin of Snyder and the late Pamela Bowlin. Mr. Bowlin's father, W.R. Bowlin of Snyder, will also be on hand to celebrate with the family. They have 11 grandchildren.

POGs: the milkcap game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — POGs. Also known as milkcaps. Kids are collecting and playing 'em.

"POGs: The Milkcap Guide" is written by Tommi Lewis, with photography by Craig Cameron Olsen (Andrews and McMeel, \$8.95). This colorful book tells how the game originated and details all the different ways to play it. (The game is similar to marbles.)

It's believed that a version of the game began as a Depression-era pastime in Hawaii, where children amused themselves by flipping caps from milk bottles.

Years later, a dairy in Hawaii started printing the letters POG (Passion Orange Guava) on milk-caps of old-fashioned milk bottles to promote their new juice. Local kids began collecting, playing and calling the caps POGs.

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LUBBOCK—Applications for 1996-97 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships now are available from local Rotary Clubs in Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland, Odessa and throughout the Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin regions. This area is Rotary District 5730.

The scholarships, which are designated to further international understanding and goodwill, provide study abroad in one of the 189 countries and geographical regions where Rotary International is located. Each club in Rotary District 5730 may sponsor an applicant for the scholarships. The district has requested that one ambassadorial scholarship be awarded for 1996-97.

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide round-trip transportation and up to \$21,500 for tuition and fees, room and board, necessary educational supplies and one month of intensive language training, if deemed necessary by the Rotary Foundation.

Scholarships are awarded based

upon an applicant's ability to act as an ambassador of goodwill representing the principles of Rotary International before Rotary clubs, schools, civic organizations and other forums in the host country. In addition, applicants must have completed a minimum of two years in a college or university to be eligible. Other criteria used in selecting successful candidates for the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships include academic excellence and sense of purpose.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Program is the world's largest privately sponsored international scholarship program. Over \$242 million has been spent on over 24,270 international scholarships since the program began in 1947. Rotary District 5730 is only one of the 502 Rotary Districts around the world to participate in the scholarship program.

The world's first service club organization, founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary International is composed of nearly 26,000 clubs and more than 1.1 million members. Rotary Clubs provide huma-

nitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and promote international understanding and goodwill.

Persons interested in obtaining Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship applications should contact a local Rotary Club in District 5730 which includes the Texas Panhandle, South Plains, and the Permian Basin. Each application must be submitted through a District 5730 Club, not directly to the district. Applications may also be obtained from the chair of Rotary District 5730 Scholarship Sub-committee: Kenneth L. Ketner, Ph.D., Peirce Professor of Philosophy, Texas Tech University Library, Box 40002, Lubbock, TX, 74909-0002.

Ketner also may be contacted at (806) 742-3128. Completed applications must be submitted to a local Rotary Club in District 5730 prior to April 1.

Smith listed

ODESSA — Billie R. Smith, a Snyder resident, is among those cited for academic achievement in 1994 at The University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

Smith was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which requires a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9, for both the summer and fall sessions at UT Permian Basin.

Olvera attends cancer summit

Eseme' Olvera of the Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society recently attended the American Cancer Society's Summit of Hispanic Involvement at the Sheraton Fiesta in San Antonio. The goal of the summit was to increase the representation of Hispanic volunteers throughout the organization.

The summit focused on the cancer control priorities for the 1990s and their relation to the health of the Hispanic community. The priorities include: tobacco control, volunteer involvement, breast cancer detection, comprehensive school health education, fund-raising and resource, information and guidance to the cancer patients.

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society is very active in providing patient services and patient support, providing education for persons of all ages, and supporting the nationwide research program. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society or anyone needing the services provided by the American Cancer Society can call the District 3 office at (806) 792-7126.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary, health organization dedicated to controlling cancer through research, education and service.

Children's food program planned for next summer

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) announces the availability of the Summer Food Service Program to eligible organizations next summer.

The program provides meals to children from needy areas when schools are closed for vacation. Federally funded through appropriations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the program is offered without discrimination due to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political belief.

Service institutions eligible to sponsor the program include public or nonprofit private schools, private nonprofit organizations, residential summer camps, and local, municipal, or county governments. Service institutions should contact DHS by Feb. 10, for information about the program training schedule. Applications should be received by April 15.

Service institutions may subcontract with food service management companies to provide meals. To be eligible to bid for contracts for the Summer Food Service Program, food service management companies must be registered with DHS. Applications for registration will be mailed to companies that were registered in 1993 and 1994. Other food service management companies may request an application by calling the telephone number listed below. Applications for registration must be received by March 15.

The geographical service areas extend statewide. The following Texas counties are identified as

having high service need: Atascosa, Castro, Cherokee, Cochran, Comanche, Dickens, Falls, Gaines, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Hudspeh, Karnes, Menard, Mills, San Augustine, Wheeler and Zapata.

Organizations interested in sponsoring a summer food program should call Jimmie Mitchell at (512) 467-5870, or write:

Texas Department of Human Services Special Nutrition Programs Y-906, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030, Attn: Carolyn Graves.

'Tuna' auditions set in Sweetwater

SWEETWATER — Sweetwater Little Theatre will hold auditions for the comedy, "Greater Tuna," on Feb. 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium.

Texas authors, Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard, created 20 wild characters in this show which are all played by two men. What do Arles Struvie, Thurston Wheelis, Aunt Pearl, Petey Fisk, Phineas Blye and Rev. Spikes have in common? They are among the fine, outstanding citizens of Tuna, Texas' third smallest town. In this Off-Broadway hit, two actors create virtually the entire population of Tuna in a tour de force of quick-change artistry, both of costumes and of comic characterizations.

The auditions are open to anyone interested. The cast will be made up of two men (any age). There is plenty of room for those interested in back-stage help and other technical jobs.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registration

Paul Tanksley, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Joe and Wanda Falls, 1995 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Alfred Wendell and Frances Dustene Sollis, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Ronald Perry, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Mary H. Price, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

David E. McDermott, 1995 Chrysler from Snyder Chrysler.

Cooper Mountain Ranch Inc., 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

D.J. Rister, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

D.L. Peterson Trust, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ronald L. and Laura L. Hall, dba Hall's Garage, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Lori Fortenberry, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Sandra and Johnny Tucker, 1995 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Mary C. Doak, 1995 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

W.G. Potter, 1995 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Javier Alfonso Hernandez and April Ann Flores, both of Snyder.

Gilbert Ray Merritt Jr. and Dayla Jo Wall, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Reyes Mireles, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Terry Cain, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Leon Don Schattel, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Clifford Roberts, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Moises Rodriguez Jr., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Anson Luna, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Myrtle Louise Guadarrama and Angel Benitez Guadarrama, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Larry Dan Beard and Delores Ann Beard, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Ronald Greg Curry and Vicki Lynn Curry, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Janell Jean Allen and Jeffery Elvin Allen, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Juli D'Ann Ratheal-Daughtry and Marcus

Wayne Daughtry, divorce

Clara Mae Salmon to the Sara Mae Salmon Trust, tract one being all of Lots 4 and 5 and the west 70.2 feet of Lot 6 in Block 2 of the Payne Subdivision; tract two being the west 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 19 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Subdivision.

Irene S. Zepeda to Johnny Mata, all of Lot 5 in the Gary replat of the Nunn Addition.

Betty Jean Cantrell, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Joe Dale Cantrell, to Richard A. and Donna L. Dupree, all of Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Warren Crest Addition.

Robert R. Taylor, individually and dba Hide Town Bronze, to S.D. and Julie Annette Woolever, part of Tract 36 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, being 50 acres out of Section 14 of the J.P. Smith survey.

William G. Spurlock to William G. Spurlock Trust, all of the north one-half of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 53 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Luther Lewallen to Martha Ann Arellano, the north one-half of Lot 7 and the north one-half of the east one-half of Lot 8 in Block 51 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Mark and Billie Jo Doty to Elaine Cox Armstrong, all of Lot 1 in Block F of the replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Robert K. and Henrietta Dupree to Miguel M. and Mary Lou Rodriguez, all of Lot 7 in Block 4 of the Parkway Addition.

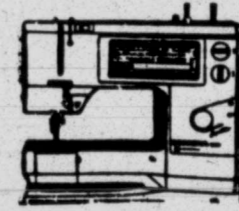
Audrey Karr Johnson to Rickie Dean Johnson, an undivided interest in Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

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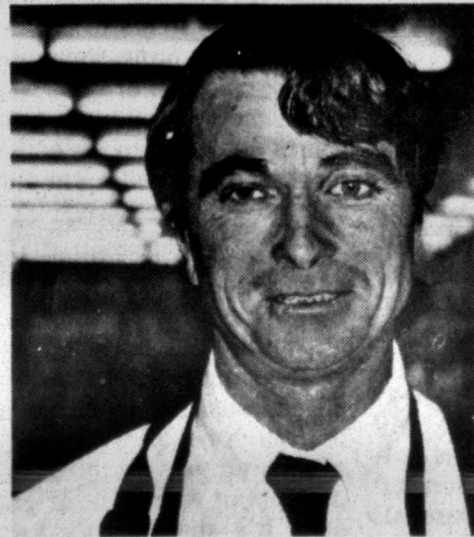
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Steve Jones

Steve has worked in the perishable department at IGA for four months. He was raised in Snyder and has moved back to Snyder from Corpus.

Steve has two children, a son, Steve Jr., 16, and a daughter, Jennifer, 14. He enjoys fishing in his spare time.

Reasons for receiving this award are his being dependable, helpful to team members and customers, loves to work with people, always willing to step in when needed and he is a self-starter.

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Letters to the Editor

Shop here, or not?

Dear Editor,

We are somewhat between the proverbial rock and a hard place. We are faced with losing a business in Snyder that for several years has kept things in check on pricing and service.

Everyone in town voices the concerns. Less competition breeds higher prices and less service.

We now have one large chain controlling the way we spend. As consumers, we are no longer able to be as discriminating as we would like to be.

You either buy from what's left or you go out of town. How can we afford to still shop here? But how can the town survive if we don't?

Tina Gordon
Snyder, Texas

Thanks, CMH

Dear Editor,

I recently spent 10 days as a patient in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. I would like to use this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me to get better.

The first group of people must be the nursing staff on Med/Surg 3 who cared for me each day. Those include, but are not limited to, Jimmy, Jason, Bertha, Karen, Laurie and Nancy. I'm sorry I did not learn all of their names. Each of these nurses were caring and compassionate and made my stay as pleasant as possible.

The next group would have to be the Physical Therapy department. Jeff Mason and his staff, Terry McLain and Kerry, were gentle and caring at all times.

I would like to express my thanks to the dietary staff. Each meal was tasty and well prepared.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Dr. James Burleson, Dr. Mark Weaver and Dr. Radentz for their expertise and experience.

STAHLE
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HOW DO YOU EXPECT THEM TO FORM GOOD WORK HABITS, IF YOU KEEP FEEDING THEM?

To quick to judge

Dear Editor:

This is in response to Mr. Don Johnson's letter to the editor (Jan. 29, 1995) concerning his objection to the music recently played at one of the basketball games.

Mr. Johnson, we too moved to Snyder from "a town where basketball is a tradition," because my family and I also moved here from Seminole. Let us say upfront that we have nothing but the utmost respect for the Indian head basketball coach. We believe that we can attest to he and his family's morals since we attended Sunday School classes and church services with them. We have witnessed how he builds his players as individuals and in turn how he builds a team as a whole.

We do find ourselves questioning why you are labeling Seminole as a more "traditional basketball town" than Snyder? Foremost, we find ourselves offended that you are putting yourself in a position to question these team members' morals, values and whether they can succeed in life based on the fact that you did not agree with their choice of music and that it was playing louder than what you are evidently used to.

Mike and I have a son who plays in the high school basketball program. We do not necessarily enjoy all of his choices in music, but then again, we do not enjoy bluegrass, opera, all country and western or Christian rock. We do not believe though that simply because we do not enjoy all of these types of music that we have the right to question the morals and values of those who do.

You stated that you have been here for two months — we hardly believe that is sufficient time for you to "know" these young men and women and to form an opinion about them. Mike and I do know several of them and have had them in our home. We attend church with some of them, they

are active in their youth groups and choir, and we know several of their parents. Mr. Johnson, sir, I believe you have stepped on some toes! If you had had a chance to read the school's newspaper, The Tiger's Tale, then you would be aware of the fact that several of the students interviewed have stated their practice of praying before games. What other values and morals of great importance would you instill in them, Mr. Johnson, that have not already been done? This may not be "traditional" as you would view it, but we believe that it speaks volumes more about these players and those involved than the playing of a school song or anthem.

Please do not misunderstand. We, too, would like to hear the school song and the school's anthem at the games — just as it is done for the football games. It would be wonderful if the basketball teams and all other sports received the same support, in attendance and funding from the school and community that the football program does.

As a matter of fact, I approached Mr. Scott shortly before district play began about having the band or a jazz ensemble play at the home district games. Mr. Scott informed me that he would be glad to talk with Mr. Reneau (band director) about the possibility but that ultimately the decision would be Mr. Reneau's. Unfortunately, Mr. Reneau didn't feel like his students would be interested. Needless to say, I was disappointed in the answer. We have attended games at Frénship where the school supports the basketball teams in this manner and the atmosphere at those games is motivational in itself due to those band members' efforts.

While I cannot address the amount of practice time of the Lady Tigers — I can the Tigers. These guys are practicing from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (and sometimes later) every day of the school week. See LETTERS, Page 10B

Don't raise the minimum wage

President Clinton announced this past week that he wants to raise the minimum wage 45 cents a year over the next two years — a 90-cent hike.

He feels the wage should be increased to \$5.15 because inflation has eroded the buying power of \$4.25, which has been the minimum wage since 1991.

But how much of a help is that?

You might be surprised to learn that only 4 percent of Americans who are paid by the hour actually take home minimum wage. So hiking the minimum wage actually increases the paychecks of only a few people.

The problem is, that when wages go up — especially across-the-board wages as opposed to individual merit raises — businesses face added pressure. If minimum wage goes up, many companies will have to trim their workforce, or increase their prices. And that impacts everyone.

What a minimum wage increase will accomplish, is to increase the paychecks of 4 percent of American hourly-paid workers, but increase the cost of living for all Americans.

Clinton's plan is not solidly backed. In fact, some Republicans want to junk minimum wage altogether. That idea should be given some consideration.

But clearly, hiking the minimum wage to \$5.15 an hour is a losing situation for all but a few Americans.

Editorial Roundup

The Voice of America

The San Antonio Express-News

Federal budget cutting is downsizing this nation's overseas presence, both militarily and in foreign aid. These cutbacks increase the importance of another longtime key component of U.S. foreign policy that costs each taxpayer only 5 cents per week.

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Further cuts in VOA's budget could impair this more-bang-for-the-buck foreign policy tool just as the importance of its mission increases significantly.

Choosing school uniforms

The Houston Chronicle

Under the popular doctrine of local control of schools, parents ought to have the right to ask that their schools initiate a program requiring students to wear uniforms. And school administrators ought to be able to comply with those wishes without an undue fear of being sued over the matter.

Such is the logic behind proposed legislation by state Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington. Parents in the Arlington Independent School district requested the bill after they had voted for uniforms, but school district officials delayed the proposal because they feared a lawsuit. Parents with a religious or philosophical objection to uniforms could waive the requirement or transfer their children to another school under the proposed legislation.

Supporters of school uniforms say they improve the learning environment, help students cut clothing costs and focus more of their attention on academics.

Well enough. Such matters rightly are for each school district to decide for itself, with input from parents and taxpayers. And it seems quite reasonable for the districts to be able to comply with their constituents' wishes about uniforms without having to worry about having the pants sued off them for it.

Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

Ironic, isn't it, how our state legislators scream and rant about unfunded federal mandates, when they're so eager to come up with their own.

Case in point: Rep. Christine Hernandez's bill to increase teacher salaries.

We all agree that public school teachers in Texas are underpaid. All one has to do is look at the salary levels. Texas ranks 35th nationally with teachers making an average of \$30,519 for a 10-month contract. The national average is \$35,958.

"Teachers deserve a raise," says Hernandez, a Democrat from San Antonio. And we all agree, if the funds are available.

Under Ms. Hernandez's bill, the state would pay \$836 million, including pension-related costs. Local school districts would pay \$498 million.

Some legislative leaders are saying state government can't afford its share. We question whether local school districts — which when translated to layman's terms means the taxpayers — can pay theirs, either.

Lawmakers who are serious about giving local control to school districts need to consider whether salary should be a part of that. True, without decent salaries, Texas won't be able to attract, or keep, the caliber of teachers that it's children deserve.

But if lawmakers are really intent on stopping unfunded, or underfunded mandates, and are truly serious about giving local school districts more control over education, they'll rework this bill.

Let the state set aside a figure — say \$800 million — for teacher pay increases. No strings attached. Then let local districts determine whether they want to supplement that through tax increases or programs cutbacks.

But to pass a bill that directs school districts to provide 40 percent of a teacher pay raise is an underfunded mandate in the truest sense. And that's what we all thought lawmakers were trying to get away from.

Some interesting statistics — a Texas State Teachers Association survey showed that of the 976 Texas school districts, 42 had cut local supplements and 433 had not improved their teacher pay scales during the past six years.

It's doubtful that the 42 schools which cut local supplements did so because they wanted to discourage teachers. It's doubtful that the 433 districts which haven't given salary increases are simply apathetic toward teachers.

More probable, Ms. Hernandez, is that those districts just weren't financially able.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

Call this column: "Superguys." I would like to take a moment to brag about all the men in my family.

When I say, "All the men," I mean my husband, my brother, my brothers-in-law, my sister's son and my son. I really didn't realize just how special they all were until our wonderful family get-together this past Christmas at my mother's house.

But my husband, Kent, earned the Domestic Medal of Honor this Super Bowl Sunday.

My supersharp observations started when I managed to snag this top-drawer New York literary agent. He's got some pretty big plans for me, but I have to do my part by completing 250 pages of the manuscript I've been working on since fall, "Mourn Not the Dead." I told him, (yes, it's all my fault), that I'd have those pages completed by the end of January.

Well, here it is the end of January, (Okay, the first of February) and I'm still 50 pages short. Not only that, but I'm sweating out only a couple of pages for every hour's worth of work, which means a lotta lotta hours yet to go before I sleep.

So I have invented this whole new definition for the word "tired." It's called "dead."

Now, it is true that I invited a whole den full of teenage guys over for the Super Bowl Sunday,

but they were all mad at the Cowboys for losing at the time and indicated that they weren't even going to watch the game, so I forgot all about it until the actual day, when my son casually brought it up.

Our house looked like a bomb site, the refrigerator was full of moldy leftovers, and here I was thinking about calling Bell-Cypert-Seale and having them just come on by and pick me up now instead of waiting around until the pulse actually stopped. Dustin took one look at me and kind of panicked.

So Superdad — a paratrooper Vietnam Vet Aggie cowboy — swung into high gear. He marshalled those kids like a storm trooper and got them to clean up the house. Then he planned the menu. Then he went into town and shopped for the food. Then he came back, made the dip, put it in cute little trays, served all the boys when they got here, cooked a meal during halftime, and then ... AND THEN ... (drum roll, please), he washed the dishes.

Let me repeat that for those of you who may have missed it: the husband washed the dishes. And not just those dishes, either. He also cleaned out all the yucky leftovers from the refrigerator and washed THOSE dishes, too.

My daughter and I were sequestered in my room with a Keamu Reeves movie, (he's 13 years too

old for her and 13 years too young for me, which makes him perfect for both of us), and I didn't even know what all was going on until it was done.

(It's funny though — you should have seen how tired he was afterwards.)

And the whole thing reminded me of Christmas. On Christmas, my intensely masculine, Vietnam-veteran, Harley Davidson-riding brother-in-law, Jeff, cooked the turkey and dressing. My Vietnam-vet retired-Army brother washed all the dishes and cleaned up the kitchen while all us womenfolk were watching an action-adventure movie in the den. My baby sister Amy's baby was getting to be a handful, so my son and his two tough football-baseball jock cousins took care of the baby because they'd already seen the movie, with help from my stepdad. When the baby's daddy, Chris, a sheriff's department jail guard, got home from work, he just kind of enveloped the little guy and never tired of playing with him, not even when he cried.

At my sister Jeanne's house, everybody works together like a team and nobody cares who is what sex. Some cook, some clean, whatever needs to be done, gets done. Same with my brother Brad.

And we had so much fun! The women weren't all exhausted and irritable. We played games. We visited. We took care of business

and we had a ball.

(At my in-law's house, the women still spend 42 hours in the kitchen cooking and cleaning up these humongous meals that nobody really wants to eat because we're all counting something: fat grams, calories, or cholesterol — while the men shout politics and sports in the den. It's the old-fashioned way and it's no fun at all unless you're a guy.)

So here's what I think: in many homes, the boomer men and women have, through trial and error and the occasional divorce, worked out what partnership really means. It means just getting the job done, and whoever is the most tired gets the break. No big deal about feminism or anything else. It's sharing. It's love.

Here's a big mushy kiss for all you Superguys out there.

And it is my fondest hope that all those kids of the boomers, like my super young nephews and my son and others, will not have nearly the Herculean problems we all had when we first started out and had to overcome all that damage caused by Ozzie and Harriet and Donna Reed. These kids are much better prepared to face the real world than we ever were.

That way, when they become men and women, they can take time to enjoy one another. And they can do it together. You know what? I think it'll be just super.



Back to Basics

By Lynda McCormack,
WJC College Relations

Oh those college years. Fun, weren't they? A little too much fun for some. The first time to be away from home or on your own. No one telling you to go to class or be home at a certain time because you have a class the next morning. And what about those extra curricular after hour activities you went to. Yikes!! After all the fun you were having you suddenly realized what you were at college for — an education. By this time the semester is over and it is too late to kick it into gear and save your tender hide from Mom and Dad who we all know worked so hard to send you to college.

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Bush urges liability lawsuits reform

AUSTIN (AP) — Financial punishment for wrongdoing by individuals or corporations would be greatly reduced if proposed changes to the state's civil laws are passed, according to a legal scholar.

The Senate Economic Development Committee on Thursday opened hearings on a package of bills aimed at freeing businesses from paying out or setting aside huge sums of money to fend off liability lawsuits.

The centerpiece of the 11 tort reform bills is one that would cap punitive damages and drastically alter the standard of proof for a plaintiff trying to collect such damages.

Punitive damages are meant to be a punishment for wrongdoing and are awarded in addition to damages for actual losses.

University of Texas law professor David W. Robertson testified that the proposed changes would all but eliminate punitive damages in Texas. Robertson had been called before the committee to explain what punitive damages are and how they would be affected by the legislation.

"You would go a long way toward getting rid of punitive damages," Robertson told the senators. "It's unlikely that many claims could meet it (the new standards)."

George W. Bush, who supports tort reform, was the first to testify at the hearings.

"One-third of business owners in our state say the threat of excessive punitive damages affects their plans to expand our job base," Bush said.

Consumer groups say the legislation would make it virtually impossible to collect a punitive claim against a corporation or a drunken driver that has caused injury or death.

"The debate is going to get shrill," Bush said. "It's going to get hot. You are going to hear all kinds of horror stories, but I will stand by my position. As sure as I am standing here, I know that tort reform will be the best economic development tool that we can have."

"It will reduce costs to Texas consumers and will be a system so that if you are injured, you will have access to our courts," Bush said.

Robertson outlined for the committee several changes being proposed in the punitive damages bill.

The changes would include increasing the standard of proof from a "preponderance of the evidence" to "beyond a reasonable doubt," which is the strict standard used in criminal cases.

Another change would cause the plaintiff to prove the defendant acted with "malice" or "fraud" rather than the current standard of "gross negligence."

And another change would require a jury to find against a defendant unanimously, by a count of 12-0. Currently, punitive damages can be awarded with a 10-2 verdict.

Robertson said no other state has such strict standards. Reggie James, spokesman for Consumers Union, said it would be difficult to collect punitive damages from a drunken driver who injured or killed someone. Under the proposed new standard of proof, the plaintiff would have to show the driver intended to kill or injure the victim, James said.

"Making it plausible that drunk drivers and careless corporations are not to be held fully accountable for their actions in civil courts is a major challenge to citizens' rights and safety," James said.

Tom Smith, state director of government watchdog group Public Citizen, said trying to defeat the legislation will "be a tremendous fight" because Bush and many lawmakers support the bills.

Bush urged the senators not to weaken the legislation.

"Piecemeal or watered-down lawsuit abuse reform will not work," he said.

Other measures in the package would restrict "forum shopping" for jurisdictions where juries are known to be generous; limit a defendant's liability to his or her percentage of fault; and reform the state's Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

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Superintendent's Corner

By Gayle Lomax, Snyder ISD

By Gayle Lomax
Snyder ISD Superintendent of Schools

Last fall I was asked by several parents, "What can be done to increase academics at the high school?" We have just concluded the process of introducing the block schedule which allows more opportunity for student exposure to academics. Today, I want to focus on a new and exciting program that has just completed its first competition — Academic Decathlon.

As the name would imply, students compete in 10 different events:

- Essay (50 minute time limit)
- Speech (prepared four minutes and impromptu)
- Interview (three judges)
- Mathematics
- Economics
- Government
- Art/Music (12 paintings, 12 musical selections)
- Language/Literature (Novel *Arrowsmith* by Sinclair Lewis and four poems)
- Science

Super Quiz — Biotechnology (20 written questions per student — each student answers five questions in front of audience)

This year's theme of Biotechnology was incorporated in the essay and speech portion of the competition. Parents, can any of us write a five paragraph essay in a persuasive style dealing with such subjects as: who has legal responsibility when a fertilized egg from one woman is surgically placed in another woman? Our students can and did!

In fact, Mandy Baker received first place for her essay. In the science competition, Mandy Baker placed second overall. David Kerr placed third in economics overall. John Michel placed second in mathematics and third in speech overall. What makes this such an accomplishment is the fact the team only started working on these subjects, reading the material and preparing their speeches, in November — other schools started last summer.

Next year's topic is The United Nations. In your son or daughter would enjoy working on weekends, during the Christmas break, or after school in the search of academic excellence, please have them contact one of our dedicated sponsors, Ms. Beth Bowen and Mrs. Cindy Herridge.

The 1994-95 Academic Decathlon Team:

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- Isaac Gonzalez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Gonzalez
- Scott Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hall
- David Kerr, son of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Kerr
- Jennifer Latham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Latham
- John Michel, son of Mrs. Eve Britton
- Shawn Neal, son of Delores Stewart and William Neal
- Lacy Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Parker
- Stacey Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Parker

The Academic Decathlon Team from Snyder High School will begin training for competition April 3, 1995. Interested?

Valentine duo to be crowned

Senior citizens will be electing a new Valentine King and Queen for the Senior Citizens Center in voting starting Thursday. Voting will continue on Friday and Monday. Ballots can be cast from 10 a.m. to 12 noon each day. The new king and queen will be crowned at the Valentine luncheon at noon on February 14.

Bingo will be the feature of Monday's Game Day in the center. Play will begin at 10 a.m. An 8-Ball tournament will also start Monday morning. Everyone is invited to participate in the modified exercise class offered at 11 each morning and the aerobics class for women meets at 2:30 p.m. on Monday and again at the same time on Thursday.

The Retired Teachers Association will meet in the center at noon on Monday. The Golden K Kiwanis Club will hold its weekly luncheon at noon on Tuesday.

Special music in the center during the week will include performances by Hoss Clayton and his band at 11 a.m. Tuesday and by Cleo Wolfe at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday. Old favorite songs and some newer ones will be featured in the Olio Sing-Along at 11:30 Thursday. The Sunshine Choir will meet for rehearsal at 10 a.m.

Friday.

Senior Citizens who have given volunteer time to the center and the community in the past year are reminded that they need to turn in their volunteer hours by the end of February so they can be recognized at the annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet planned for March 31.

Senior Citizens who are newcomers to Snyder who would like to give volunteer time through the center are invited to visit the building at 2603 Ave. M and learn more about volunteer opportunities. The building is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

AT&T signs Secada

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — AT&T's TrueVoice long-distance service is developing a Latin flair.

Cuban-born Jon Secada is the newest singer to promote the service, AT&T announced Wednesday. His ads begin this month.

"We feel that his voice personifies the clarity of our TrueVoice service," said AT&T executive Cathy Ann Martine.

Whitney Houston began promoting the service in July 1994.

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 - 22 English streetcar
 - 26 Exercise system
 - 28 Excessive interest
 - 29 Aug. hours
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 - 36 Roman magistrate
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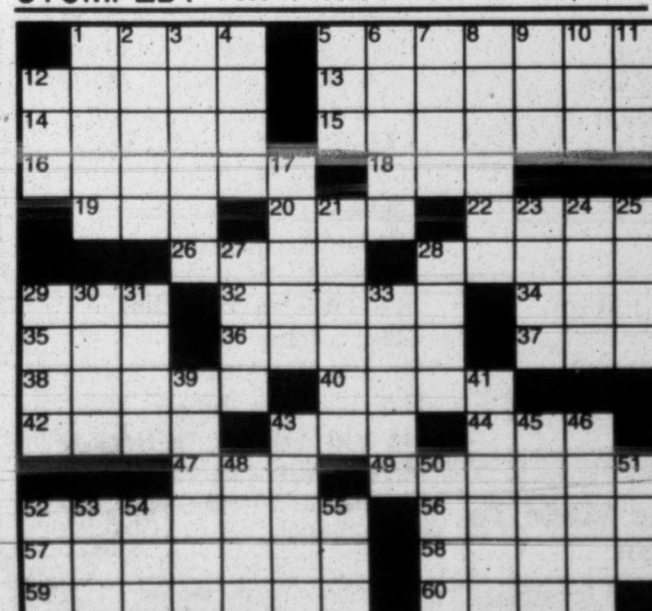
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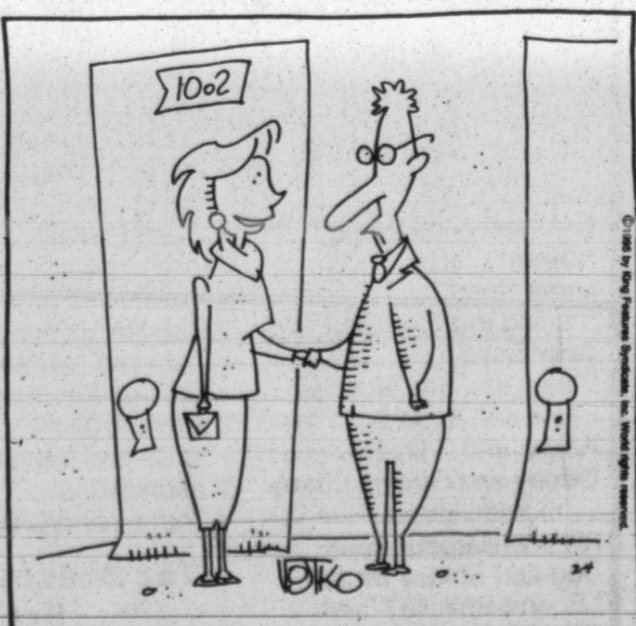
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By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.



QUESTION: My son is not athletically inclined. How can I, as a parent, decide what skills my son should develop? Shouldn't that choice be left to him?

DR. DOBSON: Many parents feel they do not have the right to force a choice of this nature on their children. They sit back in the hopes that he will make it for himself.

However, most children lack self-discipline. It is always difficult to learn a new skill—particularly during the initial stages. There is no fun to be derived from total failure, which is the typical feeling in the beginning. Thus, the child never learns those important skills which he will need so badly later on.

I recommend that you, his parent, make a careful assessment of his areas of strength. Then select a skill where you believe the greatest possibilities for success lie. Once this selection is made, see to it that he gets through the first stage. Reward him, push him, threaten him, beg him—bribe him, if necessary—but make him learn it.

If you discover later that you've made a mistake, back up and start over on something else. But don't let inertia keep you from teaching something emotionally useful to your offspring!

Does this form of coercion impinge upon the freedom of the child to choose for himself? Perhaps, but so does making him eat properly, keep himself clean, and go to bed at a reasonable hour. It is, as they say, in the child's best interest.

QUESTION: What happens when a child is so different from the group that he cannot compete, no matter how hard he tries?

DR. DOBSON: That dead-end street is most often responsible for attempts at self-destruction.

I am reminded of a sad little girl named Lily, an eighth-grader who was referred to me for psychological counseling. She opened the door to my office and stood with eyes cast down. Underneath several layers of powder and make-up, her face was completely aglow with infected acne.

Lily had done her best to bury the inflammation, but she had not been successful. She weighed about 85 pounds and was a physical wreck from head to toe. She sat down without raising her eyes to mine, lacking the confidence to face me.

I didn't need to ask what was troubling her. Life had dealt her a devastating blow, and she was bitter, angry, broken and deeply hurt.

The teen-ager who reaches this point of despair can see no tomorrow. He has no hope. He can't think of anything else. He knows he is repulsive and disgusting. He would like to crawl in a hole, but

there is no place to hide. Running away won't help, nor will crying change anything. Too often he chooses suicide as the only way out.

Lily gave me little time to work. The following morning she staggered into the school office and announced that she had internalized everything in the family medicine cabinet. We labored feverishly to retrieve the medication and finally succeeded on the way to the hospital.

Lily survived physically, but her self-esteem and confidence had died years earlier. The scars on her sad face symbolized the wounds on her adolescent heart.

Obviously, the inability to gain social acceptance is not merely an uncomfortable feeling among the young; such lack of self-esteem can actually extinguish the desire to go on living. Parents and teachers must be taught to recognize symptoms of personal despair during the tender, pliable years of childhood, and more importantly, what they can do about it.

QUESTION: I am hurt because my teen-ager seems to be ashamed to be seen with me. I gave birth to him and have nourished and devoted my entire life to him. Now, he's suddenly embarrassed to be seen with me, especially when his friends are around. Is this normal? Should I resist or accept it?

DR. DOBSON: You should understand that teen-agers are engulfed by a tremendous desire to be adults, and they resent anything which implies that they are children.

When they are seen with their "Mommy and Daddy" on a Friday night, for example, their humiliation is almost unbearable. They are not really ashamed of their parents; they are embarrassed by the adult-baby role that was more appropriate in prior years.

Though it is difficult for you now, you would do well to accept this healthy aspect of growing up without becoming defensive about it. Your love relationship with your child will be reestablished in a few years, although it will never be a parent-child phenomenon again.

This column is brought to you courtesy of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. These questions and answers are excerpted from the book, Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. Dobson is psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, (c) 1982, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

GOP wants line-item veto OK'd by Reagan's birthday

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fending off major changes, House Republicans hope to approve line-item veto legislation by former President Reagan's 84th birthday on Monday.

On a mostly party-line 231-196 vote on Thursday, the House defeated an attempt by Democrats to apply the line-item veto to a wide range of tax breaks as well as spending programs.

"Let's go all the way. ... Let's not protect the lobbyists ... who want to leave here today with their tax breaks intact," urged Rep. Luis Guterrez, D-III.

The bill under consideration, part of the GOP's "Contract With America," would authorize the president to delete or reduce individual spending programs without rejecting entire appropriations bills.

It also would permit vetoes of targeted tax breaks that have 100 or fewer beneficiaries. Congress could overturn a veto by a two-thirds vote.

An amendment by Reps. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., and Thomas Barrett, D-Wis., would have broadened the definition of targeted tax benefit to include "any provision ... providing ... different treatment to a particular taxpayer or a limited class of taxpayers."

Opponents complained it was so vague it would apply to nearly every tax provision, and it was rejected.

The House also easily defeated proposals to exempt judicial spending, limit defense vetoes to \$50 million per item and have the line-item veto expire in five years.

Forty-three governors have some form of the line-item veto and President Clinton, who exercised similar authority as governor of Arkansas, has asked Congress to pass a federal version. The conservative Cato Institute estimates it would save taxpayers \$5 billion to \$10 billion a year.

Feagan advocated the measure throughout his presidency but never got it through Democratic-controlled Congresses.

"This is not just a birthday present for Ronald Reagan, it is a birthday present for the American people. They want this and they want it badly," said Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y.

But Rep. Gerald Kleczka, D-

Bonus plan may be scrapped

AUSTIN (AP)—The \$2 million a state agency had planned to use for employee bonuses appears headed for the state's main bank account, the General Revenue Fund.

The money may be needed to help subsidize the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services' budget for the next two years, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

According to a Legislative

Wis., belittled the timetable for passage as "phony symbolism."

If the measure passes as expected, it would become the third major "Contract With America" provision adopted by the House during the first month of the new Congress.

On Wednesday it passed legislation requiring Congress to pay for many of the programs it imposes on state and local governments. Last week, it approved a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget by 2002.

The line-item veto, however, faces formidable opposition in the Senate from Appropriations Committee Chairman Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., and Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

Proponents argue it would become a valuable tool for slicing wasteful pork-barrel projects that lawmakers can't resist slipping into huge appropriations bills.

Budget Board report, the agency has projected workload and budget increases that budget writers believe are too high. The board has recommended cutting the department's budget from \$536 million this year to \$501 million in 1996.

That means the bonus money, along with \$2 million in unanticipated federal funds, could go into the budget.

Lawmakers gain momentum in drive to rewrite crime bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans are gaining momentum in their drive to revamp last year's crime law, defeating Democrats' attempts to stop their plan to give local governments block grants for police and crime prevention.

A measure approved Thursday by the GOP-dominated House Judiciary Committee authorizes \$10 billion in block grants and gives local authorities a choice: Spend money on hiring more police or on crime-prevention programs.

Democratic lawmakers contended the block grants would erase the 1994 law's funding for hiring 100,000 new police officers and create a political pork barrel for mayors and other local officials.

"The sad truth of it ... is that it's not a crime bill, it's a revenue-sharing bill," said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., chief author of the \$30 billion 1994 legislation. "This bill is a midnight raid on the pockets of American taxpayers. ... It throws tens of billions of dollars down a rat hole."

The committee voted 21-13, mostly along party lines, to approve the measure and send it to the full House. One Democrat, Rep. Rick Boucher of Virginia, supported it.

In a daylong session before the final vote, the GOP lawmakers defeated a flurry of amendments by Democrats aimed at setting aside funds for specific prevention programs.

The crime law enacted last September authorized \$8.8 billion for hiring 100,000 new police over six years, and \$6.9 billion for crime-prevention programs, including drug courts. Some of the money is being distributed this year, but Republicans want to revise the spending and programs for later years.

The Judiciary Committee, on a 19-13 party-line vote, rejected a Schumer amendment to earmark \$7.5 billion for hiring new local police officers and \$2.5 billion for prevention programs.

Schumer said the block-grant

proposal "obliterates" President Clinton's pledge to put 100,000 new police on the streets.

The measure "does not guarantee a single police officer will be hired," said Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the committee's senior Democrat.

But Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., sponsor of the new bill, said it "is designed to allow cities and counties to fight crime as they best see fit. It is a rejection of the

Washington-knows-best mind-set that gave us the 1994 crime bill."

Democratic lawmakers also said the proposal would threaten prevention efforts, such as after-school training programs and midnight basketball, that are intended to keep young people from using guns and drugs and joining gangs, but McCollum said localities could use the money for any crime-fighting program, including midnight basketball.

NRC removes South Texas nuke project from the watch list

BAY CITY (AP)—The South Texas Project was removed Friday from a federal list of troubled nuclear power plants, ending 20 months of intense scrutiny by federal regulators.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said both reactors at the South Texas plant near Bay City and about 100 miles southwest of Houston no longer warranted the special attention.

"Effective action has been taken to correct identified problems and programs for improved performance have been implemented," the commission said in a statement.

"The relatively trouble-free operation of both units over a sustained period reflects the effectiveness of licensee management actions and improved teamwork among plant staff. In particular, plant operation has been enhanced by more effective maintenance and engineering support that has resulted in reduced backlogs and improved equipment reliability."

The twin-reactor plant was idle for nearly a year due to mechanical and maintenance problems before restarting Unit 1 in February 1994 and Unit 2 in May.

Houston Lighting & Power Co., which manages the plant, told regulators the problems had been

addressed.

NRC inspectors said then that some problems remained but none was serious enough to prevent the plant from restarting. The federal agency, however, said it would keep the South Texas Project on its so-called "watch list" of troubled nuclear plants.

"We are extremely gratified that the NRC has chosen to recognize the fine work and improvements that have been made at South Texas by our employees and our managers," Bill Cottle, the utility's group vice president-nuclear, said Friday.

"We are also grateful to our three co-owners who have supported us through this trying period."

Houston Lighting & Power has a 30.8 percent stake in the plant, while City Public Service of San Antonio owns 28 percent, Central Power and Light Co. of Corpus Christi has 25.2 percent and the city of Austin has 16 percent.

"We are dedicated to sustaining the improvement that we are making, both to assure that we maintain the confidence of the NRC, our customers, and our neighbors, and to become the type of world class power producer that is our vision for STP," Cottle said.

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Beatle's brief stay 31 years ago provides claim to fame

BENTON, Ill. (AP) — The young musician had long hair, sandals and a British accent — enough to make him stand out in the fall of 1963 in a small coal-mining town in southern Illinois.

But the name George Harrison didn't ring any bells, and anyone asked about the Beatles probably would have recommended bug spray. There were no hordes of screaming teens when he jammed with local bands, or when he ate at a drive-in.

Only now is Harrison's brief visit raising a ruckus.

The blue frame house where he stayed with his sister for 21/2 weeks has a date with a bulldozer, and officials and Beatles fans are scrambling to save this piece of local lore.

Harrison came to Benton with his brother, Peter, in September 1963. They were visiting their sister, Louise, who had moved from Canada a few months earlier when her husband took a job with Freeman United Coal Mining Co. in nearby West Frankfort.

"The Beatles had been No. 1 in the hit charts in Britain for a number of months, and for the first time in his life, he had enough money to actually be able to afford to come to the United States," Louise Harrison said in a telephone interview from her home in Tallevast, Fla.

By that time, the Beatles had released two records in the United States; the second, "She Loves You," had hit the stores just a month earlier.

Neither were hits. "I Want To Hold Your Hand," the Ed Sullivan Show and Beatlemania came early the next year.

Harrison camped in the Shawnee National Forest, ate hamburgers at a Mount Vernon drive-in restaurant and paid cash for a \$700 Rickenbacker guitar.

He performed twice with a local group, the Four Vests, at such night spots as the VFW Club and Benton's Boneyard Boccie Ball Club. Harrison didn't play any

Beatles songs; he stuck to Hank Williams and Chuck Berry.

"He was always bragging on our band," said Gabe McCarty, leader of the Four Vests. "He was saying, 'Well, maybe you guys will get a break one of these days, maybe we will, too. Boy, I wish we could get a hit over here, wouldn't that be something?'" McCarty chuckled: "I guess it was."

William "Butch" Nevious remembers getting a telephone call from Louise Harrison about the time of her brother's visit. Nevious was a member of the Egyptian Combo, which also booked gigs at the Lake Benton pavilion.

"She asked us about the possibility of hiring her brother and the rest of his band to play at the pavilion," Nevious said. "As it turned out, we told her no, because we pretty well kept those bookings for ourselves. She mentioned the name of her group, and it went in one ear and out the other."

Harrison went back to England

that fall and the rest, as they say, is history.

Louise Harrison sold her five-bedroom house in 1968. Last December, the state bought the property for a parking lot. After an out-of-town Beatles fan sounded the alarm, city officials began an effort to buy another piece of property and trade it to the state for the Harrison house.

State Sen. Jim Rea has pressured the state to delay razing the house. Louise Harrison says she's trying to talk radio stations into appealing to Beatle fans for help, perhaps by sending \$1 each to buy the house from the state.

It's more fuss than anyone made in 1963. McCarty recalled the reaction of one member of the audience after Harrison played with the Four Vests.

"About an hour after he performed," McCarty said, "This guy came up to me and said, 'This guy you got with you, he'll never make it.'"

NPR officials to keep eye on rights during review

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although Sen. Larry Pressler has backed down on his request for personal information about National Public Radio employees, NPR officials remain concerned about the Commerce Committee chairman's review of the public broadcasting industry.

Responding to complaints that the questions invade employees' privacy rights, Pressler, R-S.D., said Thursday he would not seek information on the ethnic background, gender and previous employment of NPR employees or data on political contributions made by all people affiliated with the public broadcasting industry.

Questionnaires sent to NPR and other public broadcasting organizations asked for information on how federal money is used, details

on contracts and how decisions about editorial content and fairness are made — an issue that has been the subject of complaints from both conservatives and liberals.

NPR President Delano Lewis called Pressler's decision a "step in the right direction." But he said that if the remaining questions on the questionnaires violate the First Amendment rights of NPR or the privacy rights of its employees, "we will not respond."

The purpose of the review, Pressler said, is to "get a financial picture" of the industry and "to let taxpayers know what's going on." Pressler wants to end federal funding for public broadcasting, which this year is \$285 million.

with the exception of game days. They are playing two games a week, sometimes not getting in until 1:30 a.m., after having spent up to four hours travel time on the road, and up to five hours in a gym waiting to play their games or watching the other teams that follow their games. They are in their classes the next morning at 8:15 and I would venture a guess that the majority of these students maintain A or A/B average.

It would be wonderful if basketball was an ongoing session of fun and laughs. Unfortunately, it isn't! There are good days and then there are the not so good days — and those not so good days are not just the game days that do not prove victorious. We are aware that there are those people who view basketball as a soft sport, because it is not considered to be a contact sport. Let me assure you — it is not always non-contact. If we cannot assure you of this, then ask those players who have had their cheeks or chins busted open, or those who have had elbows thrown into their jaws with such force that their teeth were literally knocked out of alignment, or those players who have sprained ankles badly enough to require the use of crutches.

In spite of it all, these young men and women have a love for the game of basketball! And because of that love, they are willing to work on overcoming the obstacles that are in their way and they are willing to put forth the effort that is required of them to persevere. Some of those efforts in-

clude 1) those long practice sessions of three and four hours, 2) long and tiring game trips, 3) late nights with homework still requiring attention at some of those times, 4) maintenance of grades that prove some of these students in the top percentile of their class, 5) participation in the summer league program that involves three and four nights a week for six weeks of their summer vacation break, 6) practice time during holiday breaks, and 7) expensive summer camps. But these students are willing to meet the challenges for one reason and one reason only — they love basketball!

Mr. Johnson, we wish you were not a disappointed spectator. We would like to invite you back to the remainder of the games to support "our kids." They have had a tough season — but these kids love the game and so they keep on keeping on in spite of it all. So — lighten up "grandpa," and if you find it necessary — take a couple of extra strength Tylenol and considering purchasing some inexpensive ear plugs — but come on out and support (according to the dictionary that means to encourage) "our kids."

If you invest some real time in these students we believe that you will find they do most certainly possess morals and values and they will succeed in life! Hang in there Lady Tigers and Tigers! The scoreboard may show a loss at times, but we do not believe it is a loss simply because of some numbers. With every game that you have played, you have learned something new or improved —

and if new knowledge or improvement is gained — there is no loss! Sincerely, Debbie & Mike Crunk Snyder, Texas

McCartney's home put up for sale

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Just past Penny Lane and a few corners away from Strawberry Fields, the house where a teen-age Paul McCartney rehearsed with John Lennon is up for sale.

The three-bedroom row house where McCartney lived with his family from 1955 to 1964 is already a tourist attraction. Its sale is expected to attract worldwide interest, said John Bennett, the owner's real estate agent.

McCartney's initials are still scrawled on the wall in his former bedroom — the smallest in the house. He was supposed to have found the acoustics in the bathroom excellent for the guitar.

McCartney and Lennon's original group, The Quarry Men, rehearsed in the house, and the two collaborated on dozens of songs in the front room.

Actor interviewed

NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Baldwin says he's no Tom Cruise — and moviemakers never let him forget it.

"In my age category, there's only Tom Cruise," Baldwin says in the February issue of "W" magazine.

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