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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Happiness is worth searching for as long as you have a good time while looking."

A rose is a rose, but a mum is not necessarily a mum.

That's the crux of a legal argument by a former Snyder woman who is now doing battle with city hall in Brownfield.

We ran the wire story Monday about Mary Gunnels who has been charged with running an illegal flower shop out of her home.

Mary and her family lived in Snyder for four years, returning to Brownfield in 1985. Husband Bobby was operations supervisor for The Western Co. and now works for Halliburton in Brownfield.

Twelve-year-old son Andy was a Buffalo Cutie Kid back in 1983. A second son, 10-year-old Bobby, was born in Cogdell Hospital.

Mrs. Gunnels never believed she would become national news fodder after being served with an arrest warrant. She says she figures she is a mild flight risk since she is free on a $464 bond.

The story, first run in the Lubbock newspaper, was circulated by Associated Press. The Brownfield woman Tuesday was interviewed by the British Broadcating Company, and she has been on Lubbock area TV repeatedly.

It all started when she started selling silk homecoming mums. She said a local florist, a former city councilman, complained to the city.

Mrs. Gunnels was found innocent on a charge of littering after she distributed leaflets at a Brownfield football game. The municipal court jury deadlocked on the question of whether she was selling flowers.

Mrs. Gunnels said the women on the jury knew the difference between flowers and crafts, but the men didn't. "It was three men and three women. You could hear them yelling at each other during deliberations," Mrs. Gunnels said.

The formal complaint alleges that her "business" increases traffic in a residential area. She counters that the only increased traffic is from city vehicles watching her house.

"Fake flowers aren't the only thing I make. I have done crafts for years. I made and sold them in Snyder when I lived at 4101 Kerrville."

Mrs. Gunnels added, "If I ran a florist shop, I would have to have a license. I have never sold fresh flowers, and women know the difference."

Mary Gunnels is proof that you can fight city hall, but we'll have to wait until January to learn the outcome.

Three announce intentions to file for office

Rona Sikes, county tax assessor, and Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. have announced they will seek re-election in the March primary.

Seeking his first term as Scurry County sheriff is Kerry Fritz, present chief criminal deputy with the sheriff's department.

The filing period for the March 12 primaries begins Sunday. January 2 is the filing deadline.

Mrs. Sikes is seeking her fourth term as county tax assessor.

"I appreciate the support of the Scurry County people for the past 11 years and pledge to continue to help make Scurry County the best place to live," said Mrs. Sikes, who has 21 years experience in the county tax office.

Mrs Sikes, a Democrat, is a native of Scurry County, She and her husband, Bill, have two sons and daughters-in-law, Kyle and Melony of Hondo and Dray and Melissa of Tyler, and one granddaughter, Cortni Sikes of Tyler.

Mrs. Sikes is a member of First United Methodist Church.

Gray, a Democrat, will be seeking his fourth term as Scurry County Commissioner of Precinct 3.

Gray said his experience and optimistic outlook will help ensure the future of Scurry County and maintain the standard of living that residents now enjoy.

"I am a Scurry County native and have lived all my life here," said Gray. "I want to continue to make Scurry County a good place to live and raise families."

Gray said he is proud of the part the commissioners court has played in the development of the industrial park and the announcement that Lorber Industries will locate a facility here.

Gray said he is conservative except "when it comes to keeping and attracting jobs to Scurry County."

The commissioner said the location of Snyder could make it the center of medical care for a

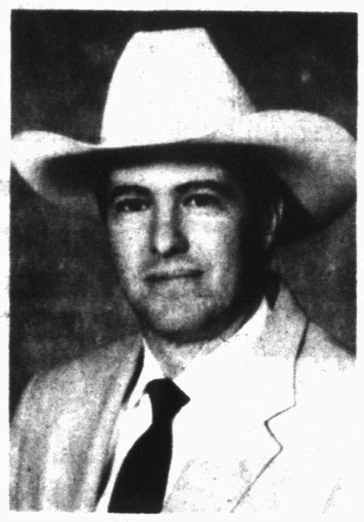
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C.D. Gray Jr.



Rona Sikes



Kerry Fritz

2nd annual event features African Children's Choir

The Grammy-nominated African Children's Choir will perform for Snyder's second community candlelight service, scheduled Dec. 15 at Scurry County Coliseum.

There is no admission to the 7 p.m. event, which has been made possible through a community effort and is being coordinated by the July 4 Prayer Breakfast and Community Candlelight Service committee.

The program will last approximately one hour, after which community churches, businesses, schools and others will be serving refreshments.

Area churches will be providing host families for members of the choir, who range in age from five to 12. Colonial Hill Baptist Church will provide a special meal for the children while they are here.

The Rev. Ray Barnett, president of the Christian humanitarian organization, Friends in the West, first conceived the idea of a touring choir of Ugandan orphans nearly 10 years ago. Proceeds from early concerts were used to build and support Christian-focused, family style group homes and school children.

Today, the mission of the choir has been greatly expanded. While concert proceeds still help shelter, feed and educate more than 700 orphaned or deserted children in the East African countries of Kenya and Uganda, the choir is now reaching out to help needy children around the world. The first beneficiaries of the expanded outreach were the children affected by the nuclear disaster in Chernobyl.

Thanks to the African Children's Choir, Friends In The West is developing a children's ministry center in Romania and training Christian nationals to provide assistance to understaffed orphanages. In Albania, Friends In The West has been able to provide more than $1.5 million in building supplies, medicines and medical equipment to orphanages and children's hospitals, and they currently have an extensive relief effort underway to help children in Bosnia and Croatia.

Letters to Santa

Snyder Daily News is accepting letters to Santa for publication in its Dec. 23-24 issue.

Letters may be brought to the newspaper office at 3600 College Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 949.

This year, the SDN will also accept children's drawings depicting Christmas, such as Santa, decorated trees and Nativity scenes. The drawings should include the child's name and age. Because of limited space, not all drawings submitted can be published.

Drawings will not be returned.

Letters and drawings must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 15 in order for them to be forwarded to the North Pole in time for Christmas.



Plans formulated for Rangers to visit Snyder

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

To many people, they are bigger than life itself.

And the influence that major league baseball players have on youngsters may actually mean the difference between a productive or non-productive life, said Luis Mayoral, director of Spanish Broadcasting and the Latin American Liaison for the Texas Rangers.

Mayoral was in Snyder this past week, planning an upcoming meeting that he hopes involves students from the Snyder Independent School District along with students from Ira and Hermleigh.

Mayoral, who has taken Spanish-speaking players under his wing for many years until they adapted to American ways, has plans to bring Juan Gonzalez or Ivan "Pudge" Rodriquez to Snyder to speak to students about the importance of staying in school and getting an education.

"These guys, although super stars and making big bucks, know the value of an education," said the congenial Mayoral. "As a matter of fact, both Juan and Pudge returned to school after they started playing professional baseball at the age of 16 and got what is considered a GED in Texas."

He said both players were reinforced in their efforts to get an education by their parents.

"Pudge's mother is a teacher and Juan's father is a teacher," said Mayoral. "Both these guys know they can't play baseball forever."

Mayoral said the language barrier is something Spanish-speaking students here and the Ranger baseball players could relate to.

"These players had trouble with English when they first came to the United States to play ball but they strived to overcome the barrier," said Mayoral.

"This is what we would like to get over to the students — they too, can overcome anything if they say no to all the bad things in life,"

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DISCUSSING THE TEXAS RANGERS - Several people met this week to discuss a meeting between players of the Texas Rangers and students in the county's school systems with the emphasis on staying in school and getting an education. Luis Mayoral, left, is the director of Spanish Broadcasting and the Latin American Liason for the Texas Rangers. Others shown are SJHS principal Kellye Starnes, Billy Atwood, also with the Rangers, and Wendell Sollis, Larry Scott and Roland Herrerra, all from the Snyder school distrct. (SDN Photo by Wade Warren)

Final exams set to begin Monday at Western Texas

Final exams for the fall term begin Monday for Western Texas College students and continue through Wednesday.

The WTC campus will officially close for the Christmas holidays Friday at 4 p.m. Campus offices will reopen Jan. 2.

WTC faculty members will return Jan. 10 for in-service. Registration for the spring semester begins Jan. 15. The dormitory will reopen that day also.

This week's final exam schedule is based on the classroom meeting time during the regular semester. Wednesday and Thursday night classes were scheduled for finals last week.

DAY CLASS SCHEDULE

Class Time	Exam Time
8-8:50 MWF	8 a.m. Wed.
9-9:50 MWF	10 a.m. Tue.
10-10:50 MWF	noon Mon.
11-11:50 MWF	10 a.m. Wed.
noon-12:50 MWF	10 a.m. Mon.
8-9:15 TTH	noon Tue.
9:30-10:45 TTH	8 a.m. Mon.
11:30-12:45 TTH	8 a.m. Tue.
1-1:50 MWF	2 p.m. Mon.
1-2:30 TTH	2 p.m. Tue.
4-5:15 TTH	4 p.m. Mon.

EVENING SCHEDULE

Monday evening	Mon. 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday evening	Tue. 6:30 p.m.

ASK US

Q—What is the status of the old Kmart building?

A—The building is under contract to be sold and the transaction is due to be finalized next Friday. The same day, a major chain is expected to announce plans to locate in Snyder.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 75 degrees; low, 33; 7 a.m. reading Saturday, 39; no precipitation; total for 1995, 19.03 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low around 40. Sunday, sunny and cooler with high in mid 60s.

Sunset: 5:40 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:26 a.m.

Of 335 days in 1995, the sun has shone 319 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The heart knows its own bitterness, and a stranger does not share its joy.

Proverbs 14:10

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Insurers eye water damage

AUSTIN (AP) — In a move he said is meant to get more insurance companies to offer protection from water-damaged foundations, Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer set a limit Friday on the amount insurers must pay to remove and replace slabs and foundations.

The limit means some homeowners could be stuck paying more to replace damaged foundations. Those homeowners would have to opt for the limit and would be given an undetermined credit on their policies.

The credit will be set after hearings on the homeowners' insurance benchmark on Dec. 20.

Bomer said while the limit could benefit insurance companies, it also could bring more insurers into the market. That, he said, would make homeowners' policies easier to get.

"The rule will not take away any coverage and should make insurance more available and more affordable," the commissioner said.

Under previous rules, insurance companies that sell protection against water damage under homes were required to pay nearly all the cost of "tearing out" and replacing home foundations.

Under the new rule, insurers [illegible] to sell such protection [illegible] to offer plans with and without the optional limit.

Bomer said the cost of tearing out and replacing slabs and foundations has kept many insurers from offering the coverage. That makes it difficult and expensive to get such insurance in areas like Corpus Christi and other coastal areas where water damage is a problem.

"Whether it's been shifting soil, bad pipes or questionable advice from contractors, hundreds of homeowners have replaced entire plumbing systems by work[illegible] slabs and foundations," Bomer said. "This is the primary reason why homeowners benchmark rates rose 18 percent this year for Corpus Christi residents."

The limit requires insurers to pay the greater of $3,500 or 5 percent of the total policy for tearing out and replacing slabs and foundations.

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Angry homeowner kills teen burglar

WACO (AP) — Police say a 38-year-old man "executed" a teen-age boy whom he caught breaking into his house for the second time in six months.

Donald Ephram Floyd called Michael Paul Anderson's mother to tell her that he would shoot her son, police said.

Moments later, Floyd placed the barrel of his .410 shotgun in the 15-year-old boy's back and fired a fatal blast, said Mike Larrew, a detective with the McLennan County Sheriff's Department.

"He was executed," Larrew said. Larrew added that the killing was "one of the coldest" he had seen in his 23 years as a lawman.

Charged with murder on Thursday, Floyd remained in McLennan County Jail Friday after Justice of the Peace John Cabaniss doubled his bond on Friday "because of the execution style of the death."

The shooting occurred about 7 p.m. Wednesday at Floyd's rural home between Eddy and Moody in southern McLennan County.

Although Anderson broke into Floyd's home, Larrew said the use of deadly force was not justified because the suspect had effectively surrendered and Floyd was no longer in imminent danger.

Anderson was among several teens arrested in June for burglarizing Floyd's home. All were sent to juvenile authorities, which angered Floyd.

"Floyd was kind of holding a grudge over that burglary," said sheriff's Sgt. Ronnie Turnbough. "He had been making statements like he'd get them if they did it again because they only got a slap on the wrist."

Around 7 p.m. Wednesday, Anderson returned to Floyd's house in Moody, about 21 miles south of Waco.

But Floyd was there and the noise scared him. He grabbed a .410-gauge shotgun and caught the startled teen in a hallway. Floyd recognized Anderson as one of the teens who had been there before.

With the gun pointed at the boy, Floyd forced Anderson to turn over his home telephone number.

"Is this Joyce Marie Wingo? I've got your son, Michael Paul Anderson, and I'm going to blow his brains out," Floyd's mother, Joyce Wingo, said she was told.

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Allies turn on former president

Salinas draws more criticism

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The soap opera-like saga of former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and his family turned uglier Friday as former allies called for him to be tried for political crimes.

Since Salinas left office a year ago, opposition politicians have attacked the former president, blaming his policies for a severe economic crisis that has cost more than 1 million jobs.

But amid the widening scandal involving Salinas' older brother, the people who once defended the former president — or at least kept quiet — are joining the fray in attacking him.

Salinas, whose precise whereabouts are unknown but is believed to be living in Canada, has not responded to the most recent round of attacks. Calls to the Salinas family attorney, Juan Velázquez, were not immediately returned Friday afternoon.

Without argument, senators with the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, accepted an opposition lawmakers' request Thursday that the lower House be asked to try Salinas for his role in Mexico's economic crisis.

The lower House of Deputies received the complaint Thursday just hours before the one-year statute of limitations for prosecuting the former president ran out.

Under the Mexican Constitution, the president can be tried for treason or serious common crimes by the Chamber of Depúties. The lower house of Congress is empowered to conduct political trials against the president and other top officials, and even apply sanctions.

The Chamber will now study the request before deciding whether to proceed. It was not immediately clear when a decision would be made.

Sen. Felix Salgado Macedonio, the lawmaker who made the request for a political trial, on Thursday also filed a criminal complaint against Salinas with the Attorney General's Office "for crimes committed as a public servant."

Salgado represents the leftist Democratic Revolution Party.

But even members of the ruling party Salinas belonged to this week were trying to distance their party from the former president and his black sheep older brother Raul Salinas, first jailed on murder charges and now under investigation for $84 million in mysterious Swiss bank accounts.

Snyder Jr. High

November Students of the Month

Four Snyder Junior High School students have received Student of the Month recognition for November.

Seventh grade recipients are Kayla Phillips and Jeremy Bowden.

Eight graders include Elizabeth Brown and Justin Phillips.

Criteria for judging the citizenship award includes effort, attitude, behavior and kindness.

Navajo chairman transferred

FORT WORTH (AP) — Federal prison officials have transferred former Navajo Chairman Peter MacDonald from a Pennsylvania penitentiary to a federal medical facility here.

MacDonald, 67, is serving a 14-year sentence on federal convictions stemming from a 1989 riot in Window Rock, Ariz., that left two people dead.

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Texas public schools to face higher standards

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas public schools will be held to higher performance standards under a new accountability system for 1996-2000, the Texas Education Agency said Friday.

The system was ordered by the Legislature in 1993 as a method of rating school districts and individual campuses.

The four-tiered ratings are based on student scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam, dropout rates and attendance rates. In 1996, districts and campuses also will be acknowledged for high performance on college admissions tests.

"Although in many ways the system remains unchanged from past years, some performance standards will be substantially increased by the turn of the century," said Education Commissioner Mike Moses.

"The system expects higher performance from all groups of students," he said.

For example, in 1995, a district or campus was rated academically unacceptable-low performing if less than 25 percent of its total students or student groups (black, Hispanic, white or economically disadvantaged) passed the reading, writing and math sections of the TAAS exam.

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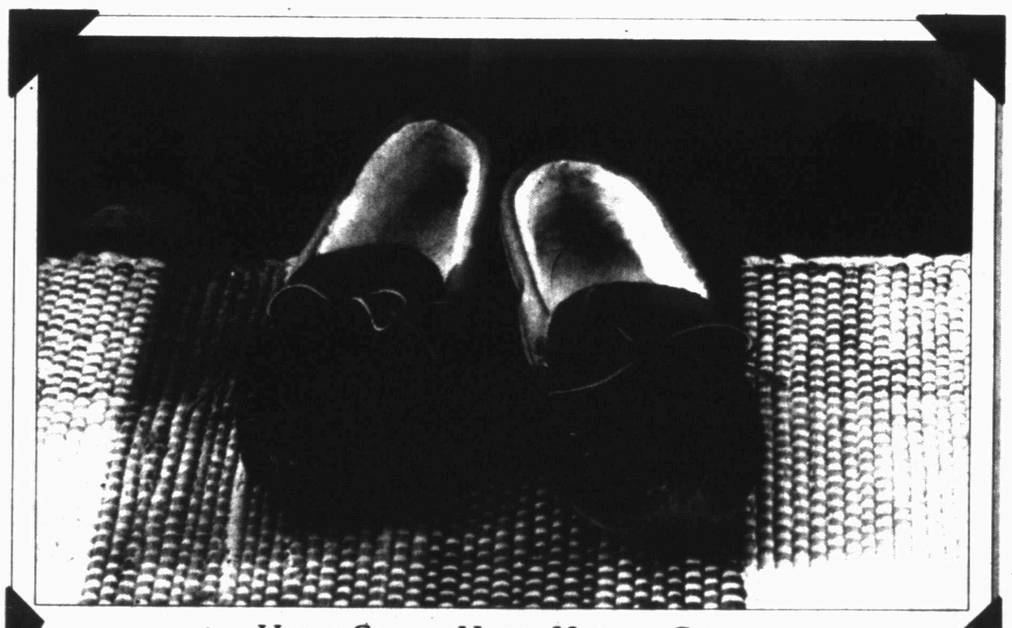
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Hermleigh

November Students of the Month

Hermleigh School has named its Students of the Month for November.

Recipients include Chase Arrendale, kindergarten; Cesilie Torres, first grade; and Atasha Arrendale, second grade.

Others chosen are Misty Ritch, third grade; Courtney Bridges, fourth grade; Jimmy Luna, fifth grade; and Sabrina Terry, sixth grade.

Teachers select Students of the Month based on the following criteria: academics, attendance, promptness in turning in work, cooperation and congeniality.

Man arrested near White House claims to be a preacher

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man arrested near the White House when police found a rifle in his car is being held for a psychiatric evaluation Monday.

Melvin Doyle Glover, 63, followed a city bus through a checkpoint a block east of the executive mansion Friday. The Secret Service said he apparently was unaware he was entering a restricted security zone.

President Clinton was in Ireland when the incident occurred.

Answering questions in court, Glover said he was a preacher "anointed by the Holy Ghost," and he intended to seek a permit to preach near the White House. He cautioned a court commissioner against barring his freedom.

"There's a most high God that's talking through me," he said. "You'll be feeling the wrath of God in the future."

Glover said he was born in Oklahoma City and had no fixed address. He lived most recently in Bridge City, Texas, and mentioned preaching in Waco, Texas. He said he has been unemployed and collecting a disability pension since his discharge from the Army at age 20 for "praising God."

"They said it was shell shock," he said.

New woe: rustling of trees

LUFKIN (AP) — Skulking into the piney forest in the dead of night, they pick off their prey and cart it to market. Reminiscent of the cattle rustling once well-known in Texas, these thieves are taking trees.

Where once only cotton was king, 58 percent of all the timber produced each year in the U.S. now comes from Southern states, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

Those same Southerners who own lands graced by forests and smelling of pine needles are facing losses of $75 million each year from stolen hardwoods and Tall Southern Yellow pine, according to Bruce Miles, director of the Texas Forest Service.

The practice has become so rampant that the joke in this part of East Texas is it's gotten hard to see the forest for the thieves.

Rip-off artists have polished their scams because the price of logs has about doubled during the past two years and the number of absentee landowners has increased, said Alan Matecko, spokesman for the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas.

"Where sawlogs were bringing $30 a ton, they're now bringing $60 a ton," said Rep. Billy Clemons, R-Pollok, who lost about $5,000 when unscrupulous loggers harvested more than 50 pines, some hardwoods and a few small pulp wood trees from his land.

"I am a victim," he said, adding that natural disasters have added to the number of thefts. "The price of raw material has increased greatly. It's worth their effort to sneak onto somebody's property and steal some logs."

Many landowners are easy targets for the crooks because unlike livestock, trees aren't easily identifiable.

Unethical loggers have been known to clear-cut without permission, falsify sale bills and scale readings, break contracts and jump boundaries to cut trees on neighboring land.

"It's easier to get forgiveness than it is to get permission," Miles said of loggers who trespass for trees.

Shelby County timber farmer W.I. Davis, who has been in the timber business for 50 years, says he lost about $3,000 worth of his best trees last year when a logger claimed he didn't know the boundary.

"There's honest mistakes," Davis said. "and then there's mistakes on purpose."

Stanfield Elementary

Texas Army National Guard offers safe child information

Staff Sgt. Jessie Pierson and Major Steve Tyler of the Texas Army National Guard visited elementary students enrolled in the Safe Child After School Program last week in order to hand out Kinderprint Child identification kits.

Brochures were sent home to parents instructing them on how to prepare a Child I.D. File. Though it is unlikely that most families will ever need a file, up-to-date records are a valuable tool to use in locating missing children should the need ever arise.

The file should include a recent photograph of the child, a set of fingerprints and information such as sex, height, weight, eye color, hair color and blood type, if known.

Fingerprint kits are available upon request from the Texas National Guard. More information can be obtained from Sgt. Pierson at 573-4815.

Prevention is the key to keeping kids safe. One of the booklets for parents lists several key things that parents can do to help keep their child safe including:

—Informing day care or school personnel that they are not to release your child to anyone but you without your permission;

—Close supervision in public places likes malls.

—Acting out situations where the child emphasizes saying "no" to an adult;

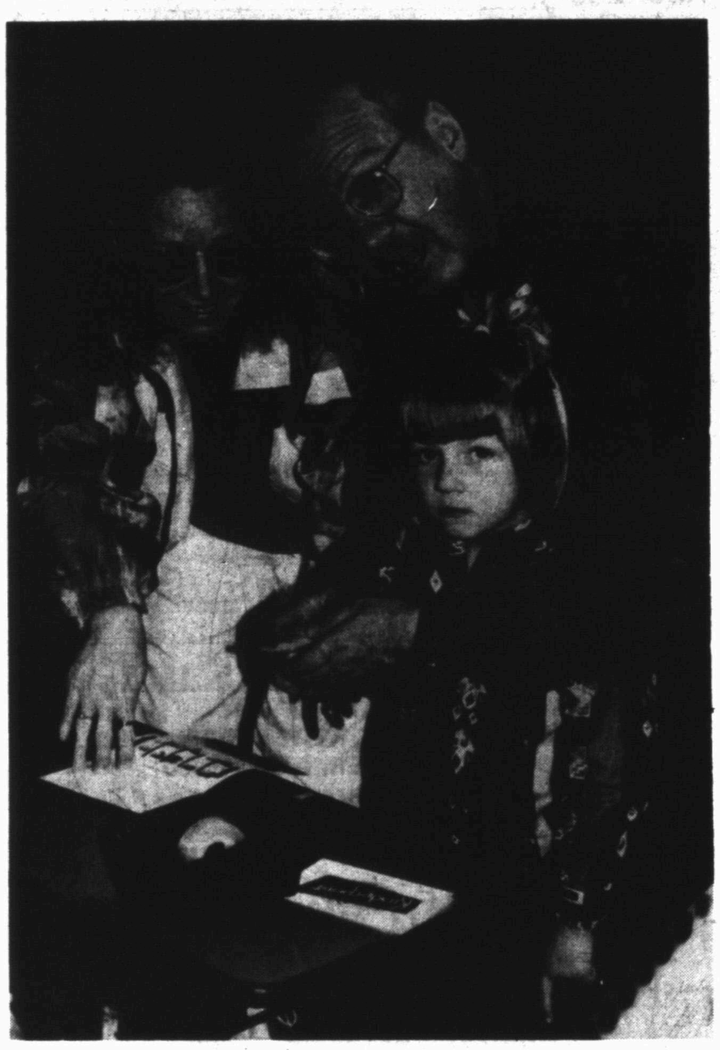
—Not marking your child's name on any possessions such as hats or jackets.

—Parents are also advised to teach their child to play in safe places, never accept an offer from a stranger, yelling "help" if someone follows them and locking doors when they are home alone.

Students in the Safe Child After School Program are taught to think and act for themselves to avoid potentially dangerous situations.

The program is sponsored by the Snyder Independent School District with financial support for the Family PRIDE, an initiative of the Children's Trust Fund of Texas, a state agency dedicated to promoting community support for children and programs which strengthen families.

The after school program is offered at each of the five local elementary schools. For enrollment information, call Sandi Welsh, director, at 574-6012.



KINDERPRINT — St. Sgt. Jessie Pierson of the Texas Army National Guard and his wife, Cindy, are shown fingerprinting Stanfield student, Kendra Tidwell. It was all part of a Safe Child After School program held in local schools last week. Parents received information and booklets advising them how to prepare a Child I.D. File. Not pictured are three Stanfield staffers who assisted with the program: Kristi Welsh, Brandi Cortez and Olga Hernandez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Financial Focus

Are friends and relatives sending you fewer letters and postcards than in the past? Are you planning to shorten your Christmas card list this year? The increase in the cost of mailing a letter has caused some people to cut back on written correspondence.

The increasing cost of postage is an excellent illustration of the small ways that inflation affects our lives. Yet too many people do not realize the devastating effect inflation can have on the "big" things in life. Retirement, education and a host of other long-term financial commitments are too often budgeted in terms of today's dollar. Unless those savings are adjusted for inflation, future assets may fall short of the need.

From the years 1925 to 1994, inflation in the United States averaged 3.1 percent per year. What a dollar bought in 1926 cost 8.35 in 1994. A car that cost $4,440 in 1974 sold for $18,294 in 1994; a house selling for $35,900 in 1974 would have cost $126,000 last year. To state it another way, over the past 20 years, the value of a dollar has shrunk to 32 cents.

Each of us is affected by inflation in different ways, but the cost of postage affects virtually everyone. As you can see in the table, you could mail a letter for three pennies in 1953; today it takes 32 cents. If inflation were to continue at its present rate, 20 years from now it will cost $3.15 to mail a letter.

Now, compare this projected increase in the cost of mailing a letter to the expected growth of your investments. Are your investments keeping up with inflation? Are the dividends you're receiving on your stock investments increasing faster than inflation? Are you saving enough, and is it earning enough to meet your future needs?

If your investment planning doesn't consider inflation, think about mailing those $3.15 letters.

The Cost of Mailing a Letter

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1974	.10	25%	233%
1975	.13	30%	333%
1978	.15	15%	400%
1981	.18	20%	500%
1981	.20	11%	566%
1985	.22	10%	633%
1988	.25	13%	733%
1991	.29	16%	866%
1995	.32	10%	966%

Embattled city manager suspended

GALVESTON (AP) — After weeks of controversy, the city council suspended 10-year City Manager Doug Matthews on Friday following a closed-door meeting.

The reason for the suspension was not immediately clear, but Matthews has been under investigation for alleged misappropriation of city funds. Word of the action came not from council members but from Matthews himself.

"I don't have a job," he said. "I don't want to be somewhere they don't want me."

But Matthews and his attorney, state Rep. R Wilson, D-Houston, immediately filed a measure to protect the embattled city manager from losing his job permanently..

Wilson said Matthews would seek protection under the state Whistleblower Act which would bar the council from firing Matthews for at least 90 days.

The suspension is indefinite, but Matthews' current contract with the city is set to expire Dec. 9.

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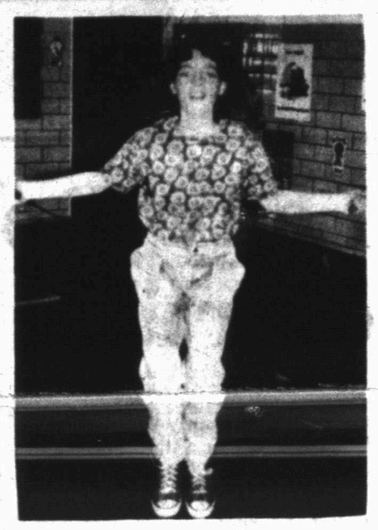


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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART — Northeast students participated in a Jump-A-Thon Wednesday, the school's annual fund-raiser for the American Heart Association. Students shown include Matt McCormick, top left photo; Jacinda Judah, top right photo; and Tanner Beard, Shelly Fisk, Rachel Cave and Tara Trammell, bottom photo. (SDN Staff Photos)

Area towns do self-promotion

ABILENE (AP) — The capitalistic impulse is alive and well in this portion of West Texas, and so is civic pride.

Call your community the capital of something or other and it could lead to cold, hard cash for zero investment — and an improved self-image.

Municipal and county entities in this area are learning quickly your good name, after all, does have value.

Take Coleman County, the self-proclaimed Hunting Capital of Texas, where literal big bucks attract green big bucks.

Years ago the county's populace dubbed themselves the Hunting Capital of Texas. The claim has not been disputed, though Coleman's Chamber of Commerce offers no hard statistics comparing itself to other Texas counties that promote hunting.

But, there is no question that Coleman County attracts a lot of hunters.

"There are so many hunters it is unreal," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Griffis on the eve of deer hunting season. More than 600 hunters, she said, had already inquired at the chamber office about hunting leases in the county.

The estimated annual income related to hunting in Coleman County is $2.7 million, according to the county's extension office, and those are big bucks. In fact, income related to hunting amounts to more than $270 per each man, woman and child living in Coleman County.

The county is also home to several lakes and calls itself the "Land of the Lakes," even more so with the recent development of Lake O.H. Ivie.

But the county wants more. After all, why be restrictive when mere names are free for the taking?

Witness a recent chamber promotion. "We hope you enjoyed your stay in the 'Hunting and Fishing Capital of Texas,'" it says.

Who but the fish would argue?

There are at least two world capitals in this area of the Texas that is also known as Texas Midwest. One of them is Knox County — The Seedless Watermelon Capital of the World.

Knox County's place in the world is truly unique. The county's melons go all over the United States, but their seedless seeds go all over the world. The seeds were developed by Dr. O.J. Eigsti, and come only from Knox County.

Israel is the county's best customer, and last year chamber manager Doris Crownover traveled there.

"I was eating breakfast and they were serving seedless melons," she said. "I was very proud to be able to tell them where those melons came from."

The Israelis must have been duly impressed. After all, they were enjoying the fruits of the labor of a genuine international capital.

Baird, in the midst of a downtown economic revival, laid legal claim in 1993 to being "The Antique Capital of West Texas." The claim is legal because the Texas Legislature in its 1993 session passed a proclamation saying so. Now, no other Texas communities can claim that exact name.

The legislative proclamation is an easy thing to do for your community. Your state representative can probably get "capital" into the official legislative record in the blink of an eye, providing no other community has already laid claim to the exact same idea.

Actually, official community titles do not appear to be of more promotional benefit than unofficial ones, but for Baird there was a positive motive for going to the legislature.

"We (Baird) did it for the additional publicity," said Nicki Harle, executive director of Texas Midwest Community Network, who was correct in surmising that local media would announce the legislative proclamation.

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Odessa men killed in tank explosion

McCAMEY (AP) — Authorities say a Shell Pipe Line Corporation tank explosion that killed two men and injured three others was caused by a welder's torch.

The dead and injured were employees of an Odessa welding company under contract with Shell Oil to perform valve work, a spokesman for the oil company said.

Brian Schaible, a spokesman for the Texas Railroad Commission, said the commissioner spoke to firefighters at the scene who indicated that oil was released from an 8- to 10-inch pipe and ignited during repairs.

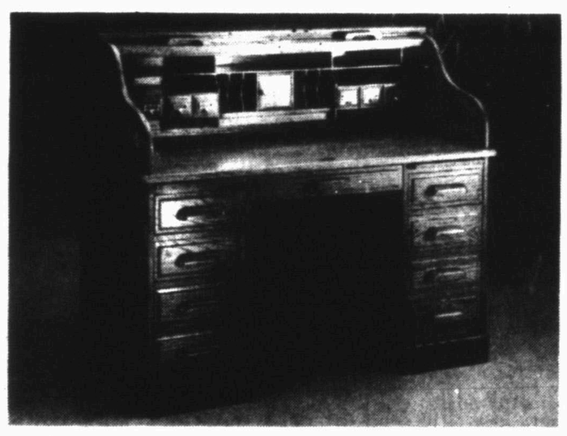
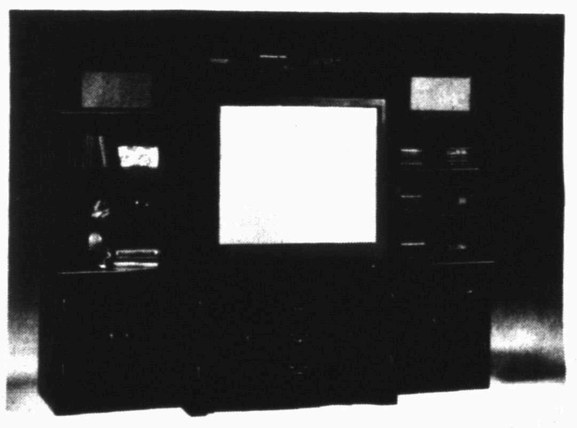
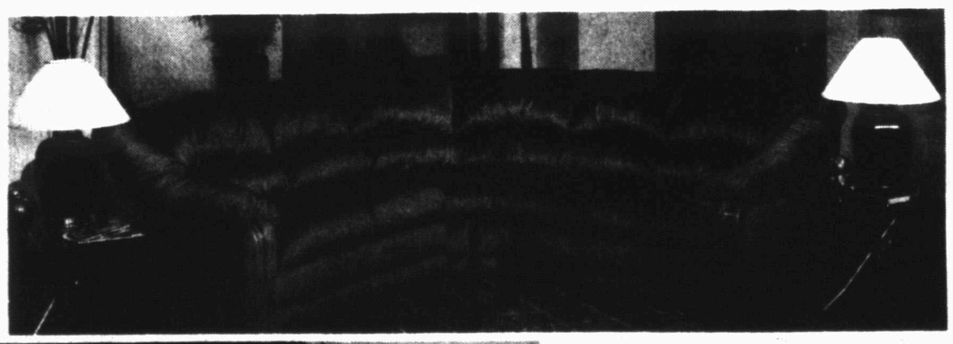
Robert Leroy Muncy, 40, of Odessa, died at the scene. Liberato Martinez, 23, of Odessa, died Friday night at University Medical Center in Lubbock, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Martinez and Jimmie Jimenez, 46, also of Odessa, were airlifted to the University Medical Center burn unit after the blast. Jimenez was in critical condition Friday night with second- and third-degree burns over 70 percent of his body, the spokeswoman said.

Two others were taken to McCamey Hospital with less severe injuries, officials said. Raymond Rejino of McCamey suffered minor burns, friends said.

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SPORTS

Tigers girls win 2 to reach finals

BROWNFIELD — Snyder's Lady Tigers put up back to back wins here Friday to earn a trip to the championship game of the Brownfield Charity Invitational.

The Tigers will take on Ozona in the tourney's title match at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

"Ozona will be a rematch from last year's finals in the Reagan County Tournament," said SHS coach Steve Qualls. "We lost to them there 41-19 after trailing by 4 after three quarters. Ozona is the defending 2A champion with all its players back. It is a great measuring stick for us to see if we are in the same group. We are looking forward to another challenge."

Snyder was up to the challenge Friday, defeating Wichita Falls 34-33 and Brownfield 56-51.

In the game with Wichita Falls, Snyder fell behind at the start, rallied to catch up and go ahead, then had to rally again to hold off the Coyotes.

"It took all 10 players to pull this off because we knew if we won, we would have to play again at 6:30. We almost didn't have to worry about it," said Qualls.

Tiffany Garza scored 11 for Snyder. Erica Garvin put in 8 and Jami Brown added 7.

The second contest Friday was another hard-fought one, and another team effort, said the coach.

"Tiffany sat out the second quarter with three fouls and Erica took control underneath with seven assists from Brooke McGuire. Playing the second game in the same day, against the hometown team, with a trip to the finals on the line, our girls overcame a lot and it took all 10 again to pull it off," said Qualls.

Garvin led with 16 points. Garza had 14.

Snyder 34, Wichita Falls 33

Wichita Falls	14	7	2	10	-33
Snyder	9	10	1	4	-34

Leading Scorers: Wichita Falls, Wigley 16; Snyder, Garza 11, Garvin 8, Brown 7.

Snyder 56, Brownfield 51

Brownfield	12	7	14	18	-51
Snyder	10	14	15	18	-56

Leading Scorers: Brownfield, Floumoy 18; Snyder, Garza 14, Garvin 16.

Bowie knifes Snyder, 67-56

DENVER CITY — El Paso Bowie proved to be too much for the Snyder Tigers, who fell 67-56 Friday in the 36th Annual Denver City Invitational.

Snyder was to take on Denver City in a third-place game at 5:30 p.m. Saturday while Bowie moved on to try Lovington, N.M. in the championship game at 7 o'clock.

Snyder trailed 16-10 after the first period and 32-25 going into the halftime break. Bowie all but iced the game with a 19-13 third quarter.

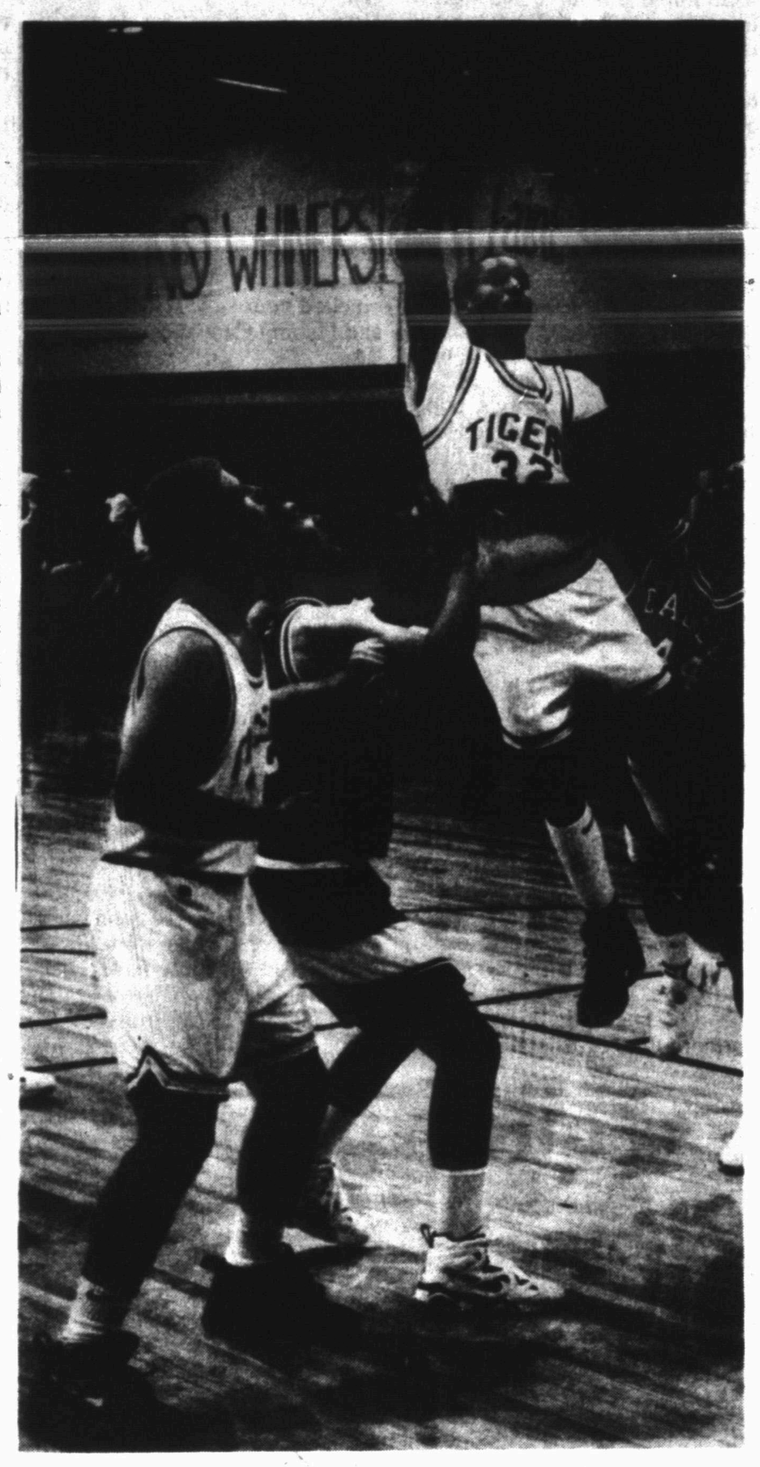
Rick Henderson ripped the cords for 18 points for the Tigers. Patrick Cumbie added 11.

In other tournament games Friday, Lovington defeated host team Denver City 63-60; Canutillo popped Muleshoe 48-41; and Midland JV gunned down Seagraves 53-50.

El Paso Bowie 67, Snyder 56

Bowie	16	16	19	16	-67
Snyder	10	15	13	18	-56

Leading Scorers: Bowie, Carrera 20, DeLaRosa 16, Ayala 13, Garcia 12; Snyder, Henderson 18, Cumbie 11.



BRAZIEL GOES UP - Wayne Braziel is shown tossing in two points for the Snyder Tigers as they played in the Denver City Tournament. The Tigers were scheduled to play the host team Saturday at 5:30 p.m. for third place. Also shown for the Tigers is Beau McLeod. (SDN Photo by Brent Taylor)

Dribbler signups

Little Dribblers basketball signups will be held Monday through Friday next week at the Boys & Girls Club.

Boys who will be ages 8-12 as of Aug. 31, 1996 are eligible. They will need to bring a parent and a birth certificate to registration. There is a $20 fee.

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Lady 'Dogs post overtime victory

IRA — Nine overtime points propelled Ira's Lady Bulldogs to a 72-66 win over Blackwell here Friday and a berth in the championship game of the girl's Dog Pound Tourney.

The Lady Tigers take on Borden County at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Bulldog Gym.

Friday's championship bracket contest between the Lady Bulldogs and Lady Hornets featured some "top guns" going at it. Ira's Jody Rankin and Blackwell's Jessica Shafer scored 28 points apiece. Terri Robinson and Melissa Brasuel popped for 15 each for Ira, which won the game in the extra period after the teams tied 63-63 in regulation.

Amber Mulanax also landed in double figures for Blackwell. She has a dozen points for the Hornets, who were to take on Abilene Christian High School for third place at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Abilene slid into the third place game by falling to Borden County, 44-33. Thirty of Borden's points came from three girls — Kati Merritt, Shelby Issacs and Nicole Lawrence — who scored 10 each. Abilene Christian got 16 points from Bekah Smith.

Friday's other game saw Westbrook outlast Highland in overtime, 65-63. Charlee Sellers had the hot hand for Highland, scoring 27 points. Crystal McClure scored 18.

Westbrook dropped a 47-33 lead in the fourth quarter as Highland rallied to knot the score at the end of regulation, 54-54. Westbrook got 18 points each from Amanda Rich and J. Duran.

Westbrook was to play Midland Trinity at 12:30 p.m. in the tournament consolation game.

Hornets sting Ira boys, 84-64

IRA — Blackwell's Hornets kept Ira in check for three quarters here Friday, then stung them in the fourth to post an 84-64 victory in the boy's bracket of the Dog Pound Tourney.

The outcome sends Blackwell against Borden County in Saturday evening's championship game. Ira was to play Westbrook for third place at 5 o'clock.

Blackwell built its lead slowly, outscoring the hosts 19-17 in the first period, 21-16 in the second and 21-19 in the third. It was a big 23-12 margin in the fourth that put the Bulldogs away.

Blackwell got 24 points from 5-10 sophomore Mauricio Chavez. Jesus Chavez added 16. Ira was led by Jeremy Howard's 22 points. Heath Mathis tallied 14.

Borden County got into the finals with a tough, 49-48 victory over Westbrook. Borden rallied from behind to beat the Wildcats, who led 37-32 going into the final period.

Borden's Colt McCook scored 23; Grant Key had 10. Jeff Hill had 12 for Westbrook and Scott White scored 11.

The championship game is set for 8 p.m.

In other games, Abilene Christian got 23 points from Jason Buttrill to defeat Highland, 52-48. Highland was led by Jimmy Rodriquez, with 14 points.

Midland Trinity ran past Hermleigh JV, 73-39. Brad Glasscock led Midland with 21; Brad Roemisch had 26 for the Cardinals.

Midland Trinity and Abilene Christian were to meet at 2 p.m. Saturday in the tourney's consolation game.

JV boys fall in tournament

COAHOMA — Snyder's junior varsity boys fell to Hawley, 69-46, in second-round action of the Coahoma Tournament here Friday.

Hawley jumped out 15-10 and led 33-20 at intermission.

Hawley 69, Snyder JV 46

Hawley	15	18	13	24	-69
Snyder JV	10	10	14	12	-46

Leading Scorers: Hawley, Carroll 7, Powers 4, J. Beasley 9, Segura 2, McCarty 4, Westbrook 6, Chittum 7, Vaughn 8, D. Berasley 20, Scott 3; Snyder JV, Tabor 6, Johnson 10, Castillo 7, Collum 8, Delce 3, Beck 8, Carter 4.

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Reef Chemical 78, Nix's/Wilson Motors 71
Big Country Autoland 80, West Texas State 77

Thursday, 11-30-95
Nix Auto/Wilson Motors 79, G&G Glass 67
Snyder National 83, GM Autoland 71
Reef Chemical 101, West Texas State 83

Standings

Team	Won	Lost
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Schoolboy playoffs

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Odessa Permian (11-1) vs. Arlington (8-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Maverick Stadium, Arlington

Region II

Garland (10-2) vs. Klein (11-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Pridgeon Stadium, Houston

Region III

Houston Yates (11-1) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (10-1-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

Region IV

Converse Judson 48, Eagle Pass 20

State Semifinals

Odessa Permian (11-1) or Arlington (8-4) vs. Garland (10-2) or Klein (11-1), TBA

Houston Yates (11-1) or Aldine Eisenhower (10-1-1) vs. Converse Judson (12-1), TBA

Class 5A, Division II
Regional Semifinals
Region I

Abilene Cooper (6-4-1) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (12-0), Noon Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Midland Lee (10-0-1) vs. Arlington Lamar (11-0-1), 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Region II

Richardson Lake Highlands (11-0-1) vs. Jersey Village (8-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

North Mesquite 41, A&M Consolidated 15

Region III

Houston Madison (10-2) vs. Humble (7-3-2), 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

Fort Bend Elkins (9-2-1) vs. Galveston Ball (9-2-1), 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

Region IV

Austin Westlake (11-0-1) vs. Alice (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Alice

San Antonio Roosevelt (12-0) vs. Harlingen South (9-2-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Buccaneer Stadium, Corpus Christi

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Houston Madison (10-2) or Humble (7-3-2) vs. Fort Bend Elkins (9-2-1) or Galveston Ball (9-2-1), TBA

Region IV

Austin Westlake (11-0-1) or Alice (9-3) vs. San Antonio Roosevelt (12-0) or Harlingen South (9-2-1), TBA

Class 4A
Regional Semifinals
Region I

Pampa (10-1) vs. Denison (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls

Stephenville 28, Borger 15

Region II

Seagoville (8-3-1) vs. Sulphur Springs (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Johnson Stadium, Garland

Mount Pleasant 28, Dallas Hillcrest 13

Region III

Jasper (10-2) vs. League City Clear Brook (10-1-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Thorne Stadium, Houston

La Marque 18, West Orange-Stark 7

Region IV

Bastrop 30, Uvalde 27

Corpus Christi Calallen 55, New Braunfels Canyon 30

Regional Finals
Region I

Pampa (10-1) or Denison (12-0) vs. Stephenville (12-1), TBA

Region II

Seagoville (8-3-1) or Sulphur Springs (11-1) vs. Mount Pleasant (9-3), TBA

Region III

Jasper (10-2) or League City Clear Brook (10-1-1) vs. La Marque (13-0), TBA

Region IV

Bastrop (7-6) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (13-0), TBA

Class 3A
Regional Semifinals
Region I

Springtown (9-3) vs. Abilene Wylie (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Ballinger 21, Littlefield 21 (Ballinger advances on penetrations, 4-3)

Region II

Alvarado 21, DeKalb 7

Commerce (11-1) vs. Tatum (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford

Region III

Sealy 35, Waco Robinson 3

Sweeny 21, Rusk 6

Region IV

Burnet (8-2-2) vs. George West (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Seguin

Cuero (11-1) vs. Ingleside (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Seguin

Regional Finals
Region I

Springtown (9-3) or Abilene Wylie (11-1) vs. Ballinger (11-1-1), TBA

Region II

Alvarado (13-0) vs. Commerce (11-1) or Tatum (12-0), TBA

Region III

Sealy (13-0) vs. Sweeny (12-1), TBA

Region IV

Burnet (8-2-2) or George West (9-3) vs. Cuero (11-1) or Ingleside (12-0), TBA

Class 2A
Regional Semifinals
Region I

West Texas 35, Hamlin 7

Winters 13, Sundown 0

Region II

Goldthwaite 26, Electra 14

Celina 44, Rosebud-Lott 6

Region III

Arp (9-3) vs. Alto (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Wildcat Stadium, Palestine

Groveton 35, New Diana 6

Region IV

Refugio 22, Schulenburg 18

Vanderbilt Industrial (11-1) vs. Three Rivers (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

Regional Finals
Region I

West Texas High (12-1) vs. Winters (13-0), TBA

Region II

Goldthwaite (11-2) vs. Celina (12-1), TBA

Region III

Arp (9-3) or Alto (12-0) vs. Groveton (12-1), TBA

Region IV

Refugio (12-1) vs. Vanderbilt Industrial (11-1) or Three Rivers (10-2), TBA

Class A
Regional Semifinals
Region I

Wink 29, Shamrock 6

Sudan 40, Sunray 19

Region II

Crawford 36, Bronte 7

Roscoe 48, Hico 12

Region III

Burkeville 21, Lindsay 13

Muenster (8-3) vs. Overton (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Kaufman

Region IV

Thorndale 55, Runge 14

Granger 46, Charlotte 20

Regional Finals
Region I

Wink (12-1) vs. Sudan (8-4), TBA

Region II

Crawford (10-1-1) vs. Roscoe (11-1), TBA

Region III

Burkeville (8-0-1) vs. Muenster (8-3) or Overton (11-1), TBA

Region IV

Thorndale (13-0) vs. Granger (12-1), TBA

Six-man
Third round
Region I-II

Klondike 38, Whitharral 30

Amherst 66, Ackerly Sands 52

Region III-IV

Panther Creek 81, Gordon 44

Milford 32, Mullin 27

State Semifinals

Klondike (13-0) vs. Amherst (13-0), TBA

Panther Creek (10-2) vs. Milford (12-1), TBA

Allen will return to Oakland Sunday

Marcus Allen, who played on a Super Bowl champion and several playoff teams for the Raiders, will play for the first time in Oakland Sunday.

The running back's first game in the birthplace of the Raiders will be as a member of the Kansas City Chiefs, who can clinch the AFC West title with a victory and qualify for the playoffs for the sixth straight year.

Pittsburgh can clinch the AFC Central title by beating Houston and Dallas can earn a playoff spot by beating Washington Sunday.

Allen played for the Raiders in Los Angeles from 1982 until being traded to the Chiefs for the 1993 season. The Raiders returned to Oakland this season.

While they again are the Oakland Raiders, they are still the Al Davis-owned Raiders, and that would make a Kansas City victory all the more sweeter for Allen.

Allen was not on friendly terms with Davis when they parted after the 1992 season.

A division-clinching victory for the Chiefs (10-2) would be their sixth straight over the Raiders (8-4), second in the AFC West and very much in the playoff picture. Jeff Hostetler, Oakland's No. 1 quarterback, will not start because of a shoulder injury. He will be replaced by 40-year-old Vince Evans.

Kansas City beat the Raiders 28-17 in their last meeting at Oakland.

In other Sunday matchups, Buffalo will be at San Franciso, Atlanta at Miami, Tampa Bay at Minnesota, Philadelphia at Seattle, Cincinnati at Green Bay, Indianapolis at Carolina, Jacksonville at Denver, St. Louis at the New York Jets, Cleveland at San Diego and New Orleans at New England.

Chicago plays at Detroit Monday night.

Thursday night, the New York Giants beat Arizona 10-6.

Redskins at Cowboys

With or without the running of Emmitt Smith, who sprained a knee againsst Kansas City on Thanksgiving, the Cowboys (10-2) should reach the playoffs by beating the struggling Redskins (3-9). Dallas has the NFC's top-ranked passer, Troy Aikman. Redskins running back Terry Allen needs 77 yards for a third 1,000-yard season.

Oilers at Steelers

The Steelers (8-4) can clinch their third division title in four years with a sixth straight victory, and fourth in a row over the Oilers (5-7).

Penetrations push Ballinger past Littlefield Wildcats here

When opponents of the University Interscholastic League rule that allows first downs, penetrations and total yards determine which team advances in a tied high school playoff game look for an example to change the rule, the contest between Littlefield and Ballinger surely will be at the top of their list.

A game which saw 47:51 minutes of "in your face" football at Tiger Stadium Friday night was over with nine seconds left in the fourth quarter when Ballinger crossed Littlefield's 20-yard line to give the Bearcats an edge in penetrations, 4-3.

The game ended in a 21-21 tie with the Bearcats advancing in the playoffs to play the winner of Saturday's Abilene Wylie-Springtown tilt.

If the rule is ever changed to allow the teams to play an extra quarter in the playoffs, it better specify the number of extra periods allowed. Games like the one played Friday might still be going on.

Ballinger (11-1-1) started the scoring in the first half as their premier running back, Ricky Guerrero, broke for 62 yards and a touchdown following a Littlfield penalty for roughing the kicker.

Ballinger had taken the opening kickoff at their own 4-yard line and was only able to garner one first down before a third and eight play gained five yards.

Ballinger was forced to punt. A strong rush by the Wildcats failed to touch the football but two Littlefield players crashed into the Bearcat punter.

With a first down at the 38-yard-line, Guerrero then raced 62-yards virtually untouched for the inital touchdown of the game.

Guerrero showed his speed later in the game as he raced 73-yards for Ballinger's final touchdown, which came in the third quarter.

The Bearcats' other TD came in the second quarter on a 38-yard pass from quarterback Cody McLarty to end Ben Garcia.

Daron Switzer kicked all three extra points for Ballinger.

Littlefield scored its first points in the third quarter following two missed field goal attempts in the first half by quarterback Danny Vargas.

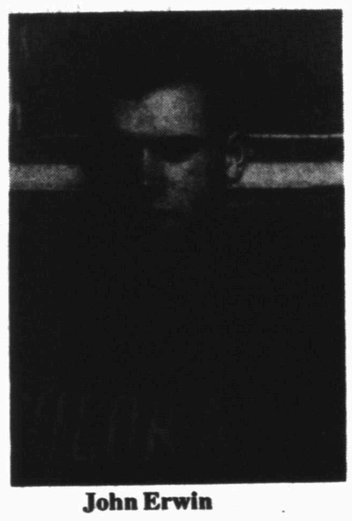
Vargas did convert on two extra point attemps in the third quarter following Littlefield touchdowns by Michael Benton.

Benton plowed over from the 8 yard line early in the quarter and later pushed over from the 1.

Littlefield scored its final and tying touchdown with 3:20 remaining in the game as Vargas threw a 28-yard pass to Dorsett Johnson. Vargas kicked the PAT and the Wildcats seemed secure at the time. The teams were tied in penetrations, but Littlefield had an advantage in first downs, 18-10.

Ballinger marched down the field for the game-winning penetration with only nine seconds left as McLarty went to his knee three times following Littlfield time-outs and one penalty to run out the clock.

Littlefield ended its season with a record of 12-0-1.



John Erwin

Erwin all-8-3A choice for C-City

COLORADO CITY — Colorado City's John Erwin took first-team all-district as a linebacker this season for the Wolves.

The junior player is the son of Leigh Ann and Randy Erwin and the grandson of Howard and Jo Sterling of Scurry County.

Colorado City captured the 8-3A district title this season and won bi-district, its first since 1988. Erwin was selected defensive player of the week on two occasions by his coaches.

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	8	4	0	.667	248	233
Indianapolis	7	5	0	.583	246	238
Miami	6	6	0	.500	303	261
NewEngland	5	7	0	.417	212	267
N.Y.Jets	3	9	0	.250	179	295
Central						
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	297	259
Cincinnati	5	7	0	.417	286	290
Houston	5	7	0	.417	273	256
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	218	264
Jacksonville	3	9	0	.250	197	267
West						
KansasCity	10	2	0	.833	277	185
Oakland	8	4	0	.667	277	199
Denver	6	6	0	.500	282	243
SanDiego	5	7	0	.417	208	244
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	259	289

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	10	2	0	.833	343	214
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	249	255
Arizona	4	9	0	.308	217	336
N.Y.Giants	4	9	0	.308	233	279
Washington	3	9	0	.250	234	282
Central						
GreenBay	8	4	0	.667	312	249
Chicago	7	5	0	.583	324	293
Detroit	6	6	0	.500	304	302
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	300	293
TampaBay	6	6	0	.500	188	226
West						
SanFrancisco	8	4	0	.667	335	173
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	278	266
St.Louis	6	6	0	.500	214	277
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	228	247
NewOrleans	5	7	0	.417	239	278

Thursday's Game

New York Giants 10, Arizona 6

Sunday's Games

Indianapolis at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at New England, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Denver, 4 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Monday's Game

Chicago at Detroit, 9 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	13	2	.867	-
Miami	10	3	.769	2
NewYork	10	4	.714	2½
NewJersey	6	8	.429	6½
Boston	5	8	.385	7
Washington	5	8	.385	7
Philadelphia	2	11	.154	10
Central Division				
Chicago	12	2	.857	-
Atlanta	9	6	.600	3½
Indiana	6	6	.500	5
Charlotte	7	9	.438	6
Cleveland	6	8	.429	6
Toronto	6	10	.375	7
Detroit	5	9	.357	7
Milwaukee	4	10	.286	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	12	4	.750	-
Houston	11	4	.733	½
SanAntonio	8	4	.667	2
Dallas	6	8	.429	5
Denver	4	9	.308	6½
Minnesota	3	10	.231	7½
Vancouver	2	14	.125	10
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	11	4	.733	-
Seattle	10	6	.625	1½
L.A.Lakers	8	7	.533	3
Phoenix	7	7	.500	3½
L.A.Clippers	7	8	.467	4
Portland	7	8	.467	4
GoldenState	5	10	.333	6

Friday's Games

Toronto 105, Philadelphia 102
New Jersey 131, Boston 123, OT
Miami 108, Charlotte 101, OT
Dallas 106, Atlanta 98
Phoenix 111, Minnesota 105
Seattle 110, Milwaukee 99
L.A. Lakers 113, Vancouver 100

NCAA hoops

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EAST

No major team scores reported from the EAST.

SOUTH

LSU 83, McNeese St. 73
South Alabama 72, Southern, NO 61

MIDWEST

No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.

SOUTHWEST

No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.

FAR WEST

Utah 91, Lewis-Clark St. 64

TOURNAMENTS

Ameritas Classic
First Round

Grambling St. 69, Pepperdine 62
Nebraska 82, Georgia Southern 59

Bank One-Foothills Dodge Ram Classic
First Round

Colorado St. 78, NE Louisiana 60
Weber St. 100, Texas Southern 88

Boilermaker Invitational
First Round

Murray St. 76, Drexel 75
Purdue 78, Ill.-Chicago 67

Capital Bank Classic
First Round

Miss. Valley St. 63, Idaho 61
SE Missouri 109, Troy St. 91

Coors Light Classic
First Round

Fresno St. 66, Maine 49
Princeton 61, Boise St. 41

Cyclone Challenge
First Round

Iowa St. 75, Tennessee St. 67
Richmond 74, Texas-Pan American 71

First Bank Classic
First Round

Marquette 72, Columbia 45
Wis.-Green Bay 60, Texas A&M 49

Hawkeye Invitational
First Round

Colgate 53, Mississippi 51
Iowa 104, E. Tennessee St. 58

Iona-Pepsi Classic
First Round

American U. 69, Wagner 64
Iona 70, Cornell 64

MetLife Classic
First Round

SW Texas St. 68, Hofstra 66
San Francisco 66, E. Washington 48

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COGDELL HOME HEALTH OPEN HOUSE - In observance of National Home Health Week, Cogdell Memorial Hospital's Home Health Agency hosted an open house for area citizens. Among those attending the event were, from left, Denise Carter, office manager and LVN; Dr. Bid Cooper, medical director for the agency; Sherma Barham, R.N., home health manager; G.A. Parks, Jr., chairman of the board of Cogdell Hospital; and Ruth Johnson, clerk. (SDN Staff Photo)

Change in plea is requested

HOUSTON (AP) — An attorney wants a federal judge to let his client, allegedly caught in a NASA bribery sting, change his guilty plea because prosecutors didn't show him videotapes that would have helped his case.

Leonard Neal Jackson's attorney, Jim Lavine, said Friday that he recommended the guilty plea without having had access to two videotapes he believes indicates the government targeted and went after his client.

Jackson was one of 13 individuals charged along with two companies after an undercover FBI probe of fraud among NASA contractors and employees.

Dale Brown, a former aerospace executive, and Jackson were accused of paying $500 to a Defense Department official to influence the awarding of a $220,000 contract.

As part of the 20-month investigation, an FBI agent masqueraded as wealthy but corrupt businessman John Clifford, who wanted to get a bogus kidney device flown on the space shuttle.

Prosecutors said the men offered bribes, traded inside information, took kickbacks and peddled influence.

In Japan...

Another troop rape probed

TOKYO (AP) — Another rape case allegedly involving U.S. troops surfaced Friday in Japan, where tensions are already high over the rape of a 12-year-old girl.

U.S. military officials said they are investigating allegations a female Marine was raped Wednesday by another Marine at Camp Hansen, a U.S. base on Okinawa, a southern Japanese island.

In September, a 12-year-old Japanese girl was raped, prompting huge protests of the American troop presence, in part because many Japanese saw the U.S. military as interfering with Japanese jurisdiction.

The rape occurred off base, and the military delayed handing over three suspected U.S. servicemen until they were formally charged, a decision allowed under the U.S. security agreement with Japan. The three are now on trial.

Relations between the American troops and their Okinawa hosts have yet to recover, although the military has tightened discipline. Many Japanese remain critical of the security agreement.

The new investigation also comes less than a week after a local woman reported she was raped at knifepoint in a bar near another Marine base on Okinawa. The woman described her assailant as an American who spoke English and had close-cropped hair.

On Thursday military police distributed a composite drawing of the suspect.

The three Americans charged in the September rape are: Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas; Marine Pfc. Rodrico Harp, 21, of Griffin, Ga.; and Kendrick Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Ga.

The trial resumes Monday at the district court in Naha, the state capital of Okinawa.

Also Monday, another Marine, Pfc. Josua Hill, of Youngstown, Ohio, is to go before the Naha court after having confessed to bludgeoning an Okinawa woman to death in May.

There are 27,000 U.S. troops on Okinawa and 45,000 in all of Japan. .

Chemical leak cleanup is expected to be expensive

MARSHALL (AP) — The U.S. Army is scrambling to stop a chemical leak from an old East Texas landfill before it contaminates nearby Caddo Lake.

The chemical trichloroethylene, a volatile organic solvent, was first detected in May. The Army had initially planned to cap the landfill at the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant, near Karnack, but the potential seepage has forced it to focus on protecting the lake.

Traces of TCE and other solvents have been found since in groundwater and sediment of nearby Harrison Bayou.

Army officials conducted a public hearing Thursday in Karnack with officials from other governmental and environmental agencies to discuss the leak.

Part of the problem is the uncertainty about what exactly is in Landfill 16. It was used in 1942-44, when Longhorn was making the explosive TNT.

The cost of the TCE cleanup would have to be added to the $14 million already expected to be spent on capping the dump, Army spokesman James McPherson said.

The Army will ask for cleanup funding once it determines how the situation will be rectified.

Karnack is 15 miles northeast of Marshall.

Hope won't star in Christmas special this year

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Hope is hanging up his silver bells — at least for now.

For the first time since 1950, Hope won't be starring in a Christmas special this holiday season. He's not retiring, just taking a breather.

Hope, 92, and NBC decided to concentrate on other specials for 1996, network spokeswoman Pat Schultz said.

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After describing the hardships of the sinner, the Psalmist closes by saying, "For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish" (Psalm 1: 6).

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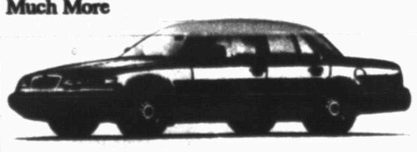


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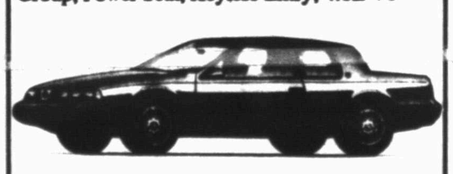
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Elderly woman is robbed

LUBBOCK (AP) — Residents are pitching in to help a 97-year-old woman recover from an assault and robbery.

Virginia Roan, a great-great-grandmother of four, was robbed and terrorized by two men in her home Thursday night.

On Friday, a local radio station raised more than $1,500 and replaced most of the items taken from the woman as she sat helplessly in her favorite chair.

"A local handyman has even offered to fix her door to make it more secure," said KLLL general manager Scott Harris, whose station also offered a $1,000 reward for clues that led to the arrest of the robbers.

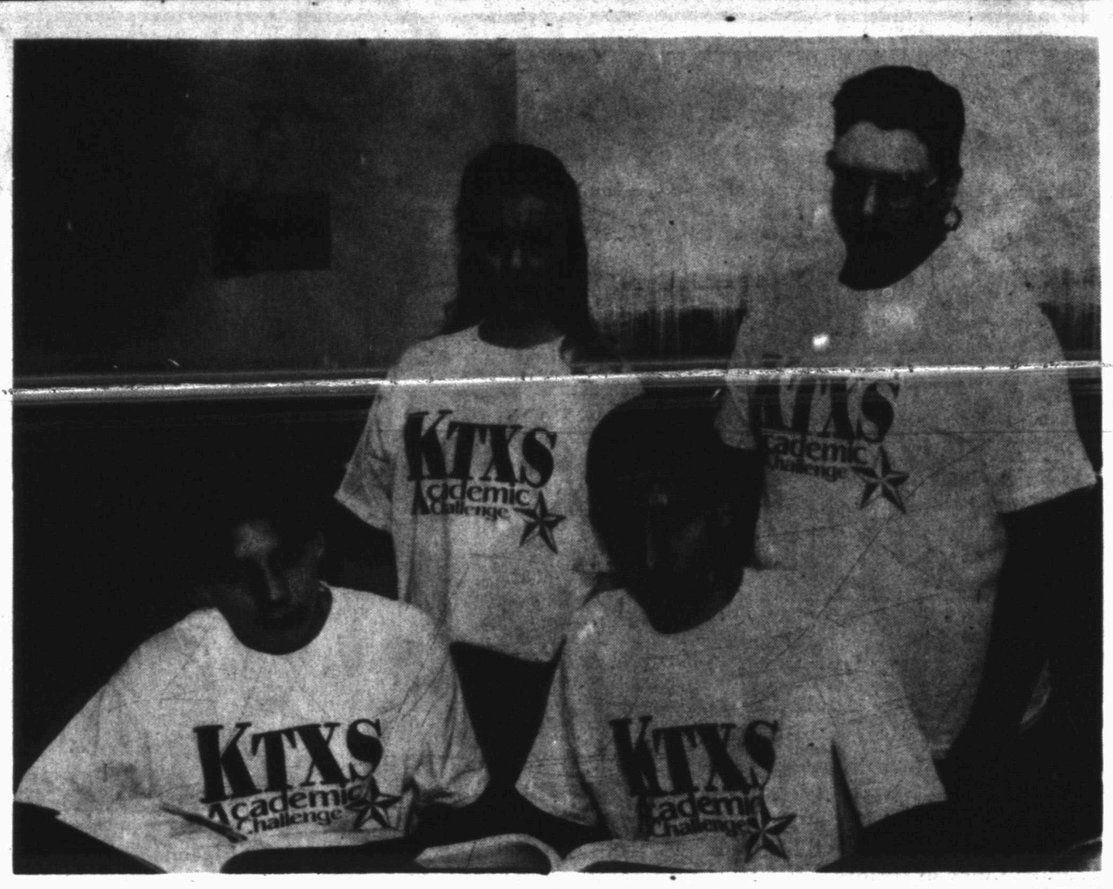
Throughout the day Friday, concerned friends called and visited the longtime music teacher.

The community support, she said, has been overwhelming.

"My phone's been ringing constantly all afternoon. People have called who haven't called me in years," she said.

Still, Lubbock and her North Overton neighborhood don't appear as secure to Mrs. Roan as when she moved here 54 years ago.

Across the street from her home, a low-rent apartment complex stands where she once grazed her cow. A couple of blocks south, police regularly arrest prostitutes who loiter on street corners.



ACADEMIC CHALLENGE — These four Hermleigh students defeated Santa Anna during Hermleigh's initial appearance in KTXS' Academic Challenge. That appearance will be broadcast Dec. 6 on Channel 12 on Snyder Cablevision. Hermleigh's next competion will be in February. Sitting, From left are sitting, Larry Lambaran and Jack Hudgins; and standing, Donnis McHaney and Waylan Jackson. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gramm blasts Bosnia policy

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — President Clinton made no greater case for sending U.S. troops to Bosnia this week than he has the past three years, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said in the president's home state Friday.

The Republican presidential hopeful castigated the president's decision and touted his own chances in the state's GOP primary during a brief news conference at Little Rock National Airport.

"I have listened now for three years as the president has tried to make the case (for troops in Bosnia) and I don't think he's made it in three years or the other night," Gramm said.

He said the president had failed to explain what national interest U.S. troops were being sent to protect in war-torn Bosnia.

"I'm not willing to put brave young Americans as buffers between warring factions that have broken every cease-fire and have violated every treaty for the last 500 years," Gramm said. "If they continue to do in the future what they've done in the past, and they start shooting again, Americans are going to die."

He said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's support of Clinton's deployment was proof the GOP front-runner is out of step with most Republicans, including those in Arkansas.

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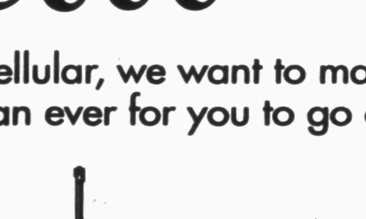


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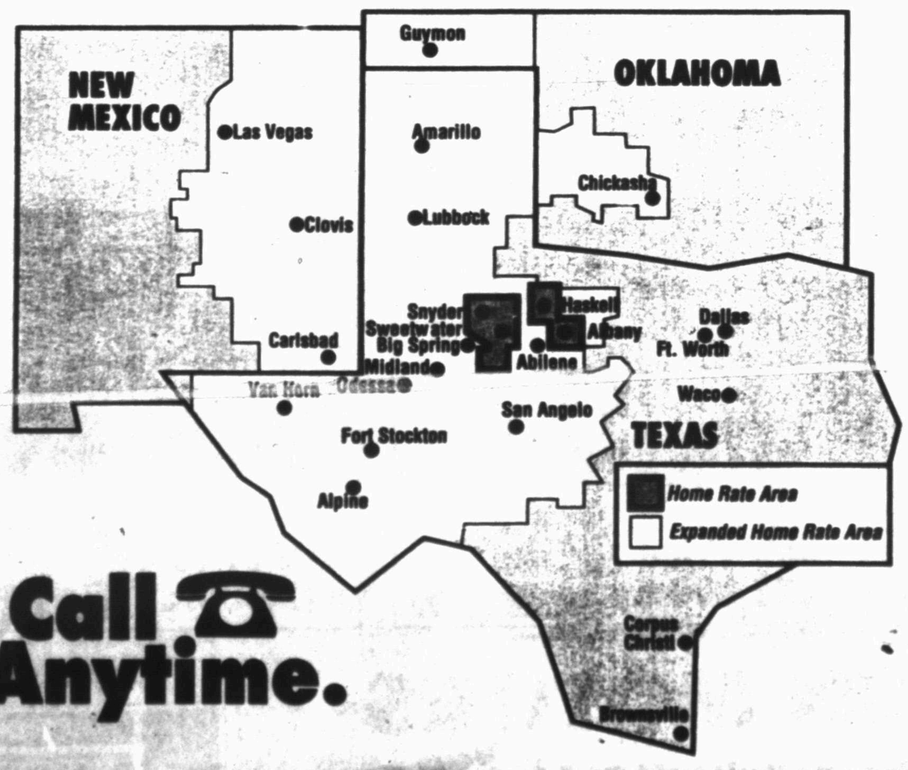


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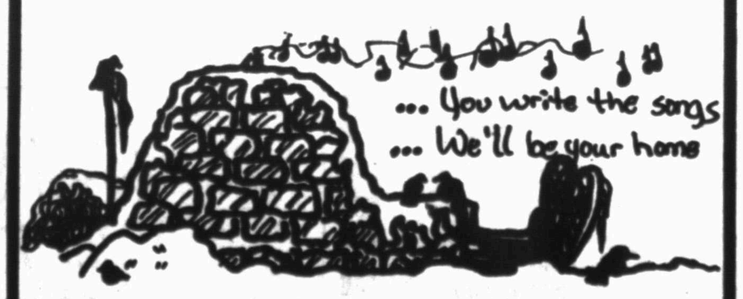
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Grandma Says Turnabout's Fair Play, but Daughter Cries Foul

DEAR ABBY: Our grandson, "Ricky," is 2 1/2 years old. Over the last year, I have watched him become quite a "brat" when he is with his mom and dad. Ricky is wonderful when he's alone with me, but when his mom (our daughter) and I are with him and she corrects him, he hits her! She then corrects that (sometimes) by talking to him, or at best, making him stand in the corner. In the time it takes her to turn around, he's out of the corner and crying, so she makes him say he's sorry. (Whoopee!)

Last weekend, I baby-sat Ricky. He was great until his mother got home. Then he did something she had told him not to do, so he turned around and hit me, and Abby, I slapped him right back — on the shoulder. It wasn't a hard slap, but it was firm.

The situation then turned very cold because I had slapped Ricky instead of having a "discussion" with him, or his mother. My husband told me that my daughter and her husband do not want anyone to touch their child, and it wasn't my place to punish Ricky. We had quite a disagreement over it. I had never touched my grandson before, but I refused to put up with this child hitting me. I have not had the opportunity to be around Ricky again to know if my actions had any effect on him.

It is embarrassing when we go out in public, or with the rest of the family, and Ricky hits his mom and dad in the face and they do nothing! What do you think, Abby?

OUT IN THE COLD IN PHOENIX

DEAR OUT IN THE COLD: Slapping your grandson was probably instinctive, but hitting a child teaches him that might makes right. Make it clear to him that you will not tolerate his hitting you — you can get your point across by being firm verbally — but leave the discipline to his parents.

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DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the letter from "Amy in Burfordville," the young woman who had an accident when she fell asleep while driving. She was indeed very lucky. More often than not, drowsy-driver accidents are fatal. In many cases, the cause of these accidents goes unidentified.

The majority of single-vehicle accidents can be attributed to drowsy drivers — more so than to alcohol. Yet the elimination of drowsy driving has not been a national priority. Please alert your readers, Abby. It is unsafe to drive if you are not fully alert.

WILLIAM C. DEMENT, M.D., PH.D., STANFORD UNIVERSITY SLEEP RESEARCH CENTER

DEAR DR. DEMENT: Thank you for mentioning this problem. Most people know that no one should get behind the wheel of a car if he or she has been drinking. But few realize how dangerous it is to drive if you are sleep-deprived.

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DEAR ABBY: My college classmates and I are concerned that something as minor as leaving one's hat on is seen as disrespectful. Times have changed, and so have people. Keeping a hat on during dinner is not considered disrespectful by a young person's peers. Neither does the young person intend any disrespect to his elders. If no disrespect is intended, then none should be taken.

Each generation has its own standards of courtesy, Abby. I'll bet your elders took offense at some of the things your generation did, too.

IN TUNE WITH THE TIMES

DEAR IN TUNE: I see many more hats at tables these days, it's true. However, well-mannered people of every age still observe the niceties. If that means removing a hat occasionally, it seems a small sacrifice.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 14 years old and enjoy reading your column. Two years ago when I was in the seventh grade, the school counselor gave everyone in our class a copy of a poem in your column, "To Achieve Your Dreams, Remember Your ABCs." It helped me when I didn't know what else to do. I somehow lost my copy; would you please print it again? I know it will help others, too.

DEANNA EVERETT, DALLAS

DEAR DEANNA: You are a wise young lady. The author of the poem is Wanda Carter, who wrote it during a difficult time in her life. To help her cope, she began recalling positive phrases. Putting them in alphabetical order made it easier for her to remember a particularly appropriate one. The poem brought her comfort and has inspired many who have read it. Here it is:

TO ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS, REMEMBER YOUR ABC'S

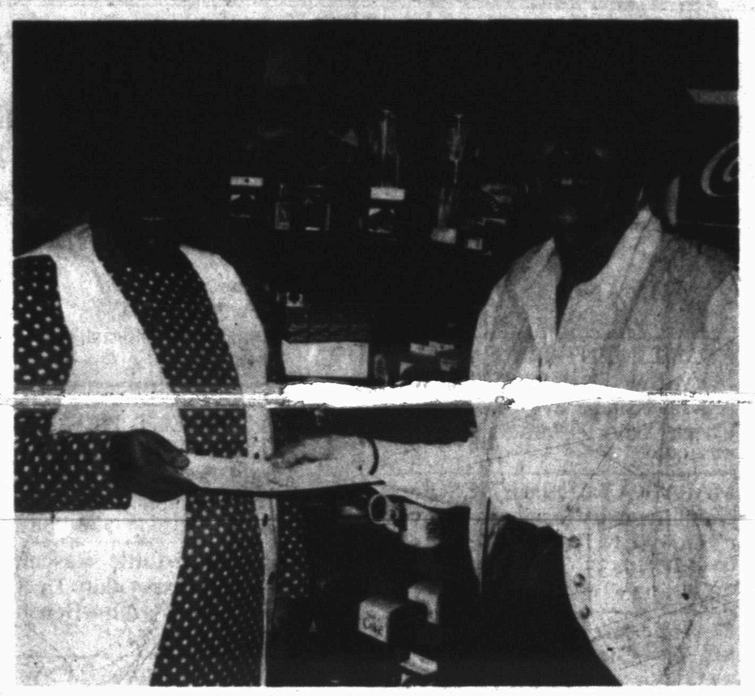
— Avoid negative sources, people, places, things and habits.
— Believe in yourself.
— Consider things from every angle.
— Don't give up, and don't give in.
— Enjoy life today; yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come.
— Family and friends are hidden treasures. Seek them and enjoy their riches.
— Give more than you planned to give.
— Hang on to your dreams.
— Ignore those who try to discourage you.
— Just do it!
— Keep on trying. No matter how hard it seems, it will get easier.
— Love yourself first and most.
— Make it happen.
— Never lie, cheat or steal. Always strike a fair deal.
— Open your eyes, and see things as they really are.
— Practice makes perfect.
— Quitters never win, and winners never quit.
— Read, study and learn about everything important in your life.
— Stop procrastinating.
— Take control of your own destiny.
— Understand yourself in order to better understand others.
— Visualize it.
— Want it more than anything.
— Xccelerate your efforts.
— You are unique of all of God's creations. Nothing can replace you.
— Zero in on your target and go for it!

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WORTH QUOTING: "Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years because even in biblical times, men wouldn't stop and ask for directions." (Elayne Boosler)

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WINS TRIP — Vernest Tippens, left, recently won two airline tickets and $500 spending money in a statewide contest which included entries from Leader Drug Stores throughout the state. Paula McWilliams, right, owner and operator of McWilliams Pharmacy, the local Leader Drug Store, is shown presenting the tickets. In addition, Mrs. McWilliams also won two airline tickets for having a Snyder winner. (SDN Staff Photo)

McWilliams awards travel prize

Vernest Tippens won two airline tickets and $500 spending money in a statewide contest, sponsored locally by McWilliams Pharmacy.

Paula McWilliams has owned and operated the pharmacy for 24 years. As a result of having a winner drawn from her pharmacy, McWilliams also won two airline tickets.

McWilliams Pharmacy used the contest to call attention to its new status as a Leader Drug Store. Leader Drug Stores — some 2,100 across the nation — form a co-op that gives each store greater buying power, resulting in lower prices at the counter.

Customers from across Texas entered the contest. Four winners were drawn. They each won two American Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental United States as well as $500.

McWilliams said, "It's amazing that with the huge number of entries, someone from Snyder won."

Tippens said she might use the tickets to go to Atlanta and see the Olympics.

News Briefs

Observatory launched

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA launched a U.S.-European observatory today on a $1 billion mission to study the sun, from the mysterious solar core all the way out to its torrid atmosphere and beyond.

The unmanned Atlas rocket carrying the spacecraft blasted off at 3:08 a.m. from Cape Canaveral Air Station, more than a week late because of rocket problems.

The Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, called Soho, should reach its final destination in four months — a point nearly 1 million miles from Earth and 92 million miles from the sun. The gravitational pulls of Earth and the sun cancel each other at this point.

There, Soho will peer continuously at the sun and send back data for two years, longer if NASA and the European Space Agency can afford it. It is considered the most complex observatory ever built to study the sun's deep interior as well as the corona, its outer atmosphere, and the ever-expanding solar wind.

Judge impartiality doubted

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A judge whose chambers were damaged when a bomb blasted the federal building to smithereens could have doubts cast on his impartiality, an appeals court said in removing him from hearing the case.

U.S. District Judge Wayne Alley was expected to formally recuse himself on Monday. The court directed that the trial be reassigned to a judge from outside the state.

Alley's courtroom and chambers were across the street from the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building when a truck bomb ripped through the structure, killing 169 people. Alley was not at the courthouse, but one of his staff members was injured in the April 19 blast.

"We conclude that a reasonable person could not help but harbor doubts about the impartiality of Judge Alley," the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver wrote.

Donna Rice fights smut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even when she was known as the woman who brought down a would-be president, the target of humiliating "bimbo" jokes and worse, Donna Rice hoped that someday something good would come of it all.

Now, eight years after starring in the Gary Hart sex scandal, she is devoting her hard-won fame and media savvy to a cause — protecting children from computerized smut.

"I always wanted this experience and the notoriety I had to help to do some good," said the former Miami model, now married and known as Donna Rice Hughes. "If I can do some good, somehow, it's all worth it."

As a spokeswoman for the anti-pornography group "Enough is Enough!" she lobbies Congress to restrict on-line obscenity — vulgar words and pictures, including child pornography, transmitted by computer network and accessible to children.

Simpson's records sealed

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — The guardianship case involving O.J. Simpson's two children will be closed to the public, with even the case's court schedule remaining secret.

Orange County Commissioner Thomas Schulte took the action Friday in response to a media request, saying it was necessary to protect the privacy of Sydney, 10, and Justin, 7.

Simpson was acquitted in October of the slayings of the children's mother, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman in June 1994.

Ms. Simpson's parents, Louis and Juditha Brown, filed a petition seeking legal guardianship of the children the month after the slayings.

Alan Simpson to retire from Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Alan Simpson is expected to become the 12th senator to announce retirement at the end of this term, creating more open Senate seats in 1996 than in any election cycle in 100 years.

Several highly placed GOP sources, who insisted on anonymity, said the 64-year-old Wyoming Republican would break the news during an appearance late today in his hometown of Cody.

The announcement follows that of another moderate Republican, five-term Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon, who said Friday that he, too, was calling it quits.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Will stroke victim recover speech?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband had a stroke and is in a nursing home. He still can't use his right arm or leg, nor can he talk. Is there medication to help his brain? I use a hand vibrator on his neck and arm, but I'd be very pleased if he could talk again.

DEAR READER: When a stroke occurs, part of the brain is deprived of oxygen and dies, causing symptoms that depend on the location of the damage.

Your husband has had a major stroke that affected his speech center, as well as one side of his body. This is, as I'm sure you've been told, extremely serious. It's unlikely that he will ever regain the functions that he has lost.

Nonetheless, the prognosis is not necessarily grim. By retraining other nerves and brain tissue to compensate for the affected portions, physical therapists and speech therapists may be able to treat your husband's weakness and speech difficulties. This is a long and arduous process, as you can imagine, and he may require extended institutionalization while he works hard to recover.

Here is the bottom line: Your husband's damage, although permanent, can be moderated by a lengthy process of rehabilitation.

Incidentally, the vibrator treatment you are giving him will not improve his condition, but it may feel good to him — and to you, because at least you are doing something. Your best hope is to rely on the expert care being rendered by the professional staff in the nursing home.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can be done to help hardening of the arteries? Medication doesn't seem to work and I exercise as much as possible by walking.

DEAR READER: If anyone had an answer to this question, he or she could retire to a private island in the Caribbean.

Arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) is an inevitable consequence of the aging process. True, some people — chiefly diabetics — have accelerated arteriosclerosis, but all of us will get it sooner or later. There is no cure for it and no medicine to slow its inexorable progression.

Nonetheless, people can do much to compensate for it. Stop smoking. Pay attention to your cholesterol and eat a balanced, low-fat diet. Keep as physically active as possible. Take care of yourself by getting adequate rest, moderating alcohol consumption and treating illnesses (such as hypertension) as they arise. Also, listen to what your body is telling you and get an annual check-up from your family physician.

Other than following these suggestions, there's not much else you can do. Aging is built into our genes and, until scientists can rearrange these genes, we have to accept the hands we have been dealt.

One last thought: Don't forget to keep a sense of humor.

To me, the most notable thing about the recent World Series is that everybody was spitting. Constantly. Everywhere the TV camera probed, the players were spitting; so were the coaches and the umpires. These people in professional baseball all chew something. I always thought this object was a plug of tobacco. But, no. Some players chewed gum — and spit. I saw one pitcher chewing bubble gum, blowing bubbles... and spitting. Sometimes, the players on the bench ate what appeared to be popcorn; they'd chew a mouthful — and spit. Frankly, I found the entire preoccupation off-putting. Do we really want our kids seeing grown men spitting all the time? Is this baseball or is it just a disgusting habit? Or both?

I played a fair amount of baseball in school. When I was growing up, our idols were Joe DiMaggio and Bob Feller. Of course, we didn't have television at that time and couldn't hear the men spitting on the radio. However, in the sports reels at the movies, they didn't constantly spit, except onto their hands when they came to bat. The spitball was, I believe, illegal.

I think that professional baseball players spit because this unattractive affectation is a method of relieving tension. If so, I wish that these men would get some stress counseling and learn to cope with their anxieties in a more appropriate fashion.

During the pre-antibiotic era, at the early part of the century, when tuberculosis and other lung infections were common, there were rules against spitting in public. The theory — right or wrong — was that spitting spread disease. Eventually, this activity became merely rude, on a par with pulling at your crotch or loudly letting wind in public. I'm not much of a baseball aficionado, so I can't comment on the latter, but baseball players certainly tug at themselves a lot, too.

I suppose it's one thing to hawk and spit on the field once in awhile, but it's quite another to be constantly expectorating in the bullpen. I mean, do these guys really relish walking around in all that mucus and saliva? Maybe the goo really can spread disease. If so, wouldn't the men enjoy better health by swallowing their own germs? In any case, while I'm not charging a violation of the public health code, I would like to see the game cleaned up a bit and made somewhat more hygienic.

Also, I'm concerned that our young may come to see spitting as "cool." Are we metamorphosing from the Me Generation to the Spit Generation? Will, in fact, millions of tow-headed Little Leaguers become more adept at spitting than bunting?

It's time to take a stand. I don't believe that professional athletes should use health-harming tobacco products in public. And they shouldn't be allowed to spit all the time either, no matter what they've got in their mouths. Certainly, such a change in the rules cannot be accomplished by fiat. However, we owe it to our ballplayers to teach them how to behave more politely. Real men don't spit.

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Incest, murder plot led grandfather, girl to prison

NEW ALBANY, Miss. (AP) — It's a story William Faulkner might have written: An 11-year-old girl begins a two-decade affair with her grandfather, bears him two children and at age 30 confesses to plotting to kill her husband.

But it's not fiction to Teresa Hutcheson. She lived it. Now she and her grandfather are going to prison.

Mrs. Hutcheson, 31, and William Douglas Hinson, 71, were sentenced this week to five-year prison terms with no chance of parole for a failed plot to have a hit man kill her husband and make it look like a hunting accident.

They will begin serving their sentences in January.

Jimmy Dean Hutcheson has filed for divorce.

Details of the story have shocked and disgusted residents of this rural community where Mrs. Hutcheson lives with her grandmother and the two children, a 16-year-old girl and 9-year-old boy.

"The old man ought to be castrated," said Clarke Bell, as he sat drinking coffee at Jimbo's Restaurant.

Authorities taped conversations in which Mrs. Hutcheson and her grandfather promised the would-be hit man $25,000 from a $200,000 insurance policy on her husband's life. The man went to police.

U.S. District Judge Neal Biggers, who handed down the toughest sentence allowed by law on Tuesday, said the case was "the most sordid" he had ever seen from the bench.

But relatives and people who knew the family, including Mrs. Hutcheson's husband, knew of the incestuous relationship between grandfather and granddaughter.

"Nobody said anything back then," Mrs. Hutcheson said in an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday. "If people want to bitch about it now, someone should have stepped in long ago. They knew."

Their affair was "something that just sort of came about," she said. "I was a kid and my grandfather was weak."

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Simpson murder trial cost LA more than $9 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The O.J. Simpson trial cost Los Angeles County more than $9 million, with about a third of that spent on sequestering the jurors for nine months, a report released Friday said.

The trial cost more than all others in the county except the McMartin Preschool molestation case, which cost about $13.2 million. That case, which ended in January 1990, involved an 18-month preliminary hearing and two trials — one of nearly three years.

The District Attorney's Office spent more than $4 million on Simpson's trial, and the courts spent more than $2 million. Just tracking the expenses cost the auditor-controller's office more than $25,000, said Tyler McCauley, assistant auditor-controller.

The jurors' room and board alone cost $980,145. Other costs included guarding the panel around the clock, the judge's salary and autopsy expenses.

The figures do not include the jail costs for Simpson or the costs Los Angeles police and other agencies incurred during the slow-speed Bronco chase that ended with Simpson's arrest in June 1994.

Simpson was acquitted Oct. 4 of murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

The cash-strapped county must bear the expense of his trial without state or federal money aid, McCauley said. However, the county made $300,753 in rental money from TV crews who staffed "Camp O.J." in the court parking lot.

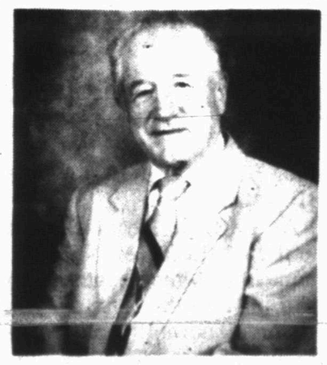
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To. U.S. troops...

Clinton gives pep talk

BAUMHOLDER, Germany (AP) — To lusty roars of approval, President Clinton told American troops headed for Bosnia peacekeeping duty what they wanted to hear today: "If you are threatened with attack, you may respond immediately and with decisive force."

Addressing 4,000 soldiers in camouflage fatigues and standing in formation, Clinton declared, "Everyone should know that when America comes to help make the peace, America will still look after its own." Both the soldiers and their families cheered.

The remarks were designed to boost the morale of troops, help build support in Congress and gain the confidence of a skeptical American public.

But even with aggressive rules of engagement, Clinton warned that casualties could occur once 20,000 U.S. ground troops are sent to the war-ravaged country to help implement a fragile peace treaty.

"As president, I take full responsibility for your well-being, but I also take pride in the knowledge that we are making this mission as safe as it can be," Clinton told the crowd at the Baumholder U.S. Army base, home to the 1st Armored Division.

Anxious soldiers, their spouses and children stood huddled in the cold as Clinton — standing in front of a huge banner bearing the division's "Old Ironsides" nickname — justified his plans to risk American lives for a war in Europe.

Tank crewman Spc. James Lenzner, 23, from Antigo, Wis., and his wife Marina, 24, waited in chilly rain with their 8-month-old daughter Courtney to hear Clinton.

"Well, I volunteered for this job, (but) I don't want to leave my wife, and my baby doesn't want me to go," he said.

His friend, tank gunner Sgt. Howard Baker, 24, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., said, "My main concern is mines and the unknown."

Gen. William Nash, commander of the 1st Armored Division opened the ceremony by declaring, "We are prepared to do our duty."

Clinton's address was a mix of pep talk and presidential reassurances that the soldiers could defend themselves.

Drawing whoops of assent from the soldiers, Clinton told them, "There is no doubt in my mind this task force is ready to roll."

"Your mission: to help people exhausted by war make good on the peace they have chosen," he said.

"It is in our nation's interest and consistent with our values to see that this peace endures," Clinton said. "We are counting on you ... to get that job done."

After his remarks, soldiers broke formation and pressed toward Clinton to get a closer look or shake his hand.

Recalling the division's storied history, Clinton said, "Now America calls you again. ... This time, not with a call to war, but with a call to peace."

He promised to "minimize the risks," but said "there could be accidents," given lingering hatred in the Balkans.

Responding to complaints that previous peacekeeping missions were muddled by international bureaucracies, Clinton said, "There will be no confusing chain of command" this time.

To hoots and cheers, Clinton said the U.S. force in Bosnia will be armed and given free reign to defend itself "to make those who might wish to attack think twice."

Clinton arrived in Germany from a triumphant three-day visit to London, Northern Ireland and Ireland, having roused adoring crowds with emotional pitches for peace between Protestants and Catholics.

Clinton flew into NATO's Ramstein Airbase to be greeted by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and U.S. Army Gen. George Joulwan, commander of allied troops in Europe.

A handful of protesters greeted the president. Among them was a woman holding a baby in one hand a sign in the other reading: "Draft Dodger Go Home." Another sign read: "Ho, ho, ho. The president who stole Christmas."

Bomb threat is hoax at Snyder High

For the second time this semester, Snyder High School has received a telephone call claiming that a bomb has been planted in the building.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said a call was answered at the high school office around 1 p.m. Friday and the caller said a bomb was in the building.

Lomax said the alarm was sounded for a fire drill and the students were out of the building for approximately 35 minutes while members of the Snyder Police Department searched the buildings.

Lomax said nothing was found.

The first bomb threat was made earlier in the fall and was called in before classes started when only the faculty was in the building, Lomax said.

Students arrested in school drug sting

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Seventy-three students and 15 other people were arrested Friday after an undercover drug investigation at area high schools.

The drugs involved include crack, LSD and so-called designer drugs like Ecstasy, Wake County Sheriff's Capt. J.L. Brown said. Charges ranged from drug possession to possession with intent to sell. Most students were released into their parents' custody.

Officers and criminal justice students at community colleges were enrolled as seniors at 12 high schools in the fall after principals complained about increased drug activity on campus.

The investigation has led to more than 300 indictments, authorities said.

A student at Athens Drive High School, Jonathan Edwards, saw a classmate arrested.

"Police began to look and told him to get his backpack and bring it outside, so they searched his backpack and when they found what they wanted they came in and arrested him," Edwards said.



Trio announce for office

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large area and pledged to make Cogdell Hospital a top-flight facility. "I know there are changes coming at the hospital but I feel strongly that we need some form of local control of the facility," he said.

"I feel that my greatest accomplishment as a commissioner has been helping keep the county's parks, the coliseum and other facilities, including keeping the hospital open during bad economic times while cutting over $30,000 from the precinct's budget over the past 10 years," said Gray.

Gray and his wife, Donna, have two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Kyle of Odessa and Sandee and Brad of Shallowater.

Gray is a member of the First Baptist Church, Snyder Lions Club and the local chamber of commerce.

Fritz is one of a number of people expected to file for the sheriff's office in Scurry County. The current sheriff, Keith Collier, has announced that he will not seek another term.

Fritz, who is running on the Republican ticket, is a Scurry County native.

He is a graduate of Snyder High School and Western Texas College and was employed at the Snyder Police Department from 1975 to 1984. From 1984 until 1987, he worked at the Hendrick Home for Children, River Ranch. He has been employed with the Scurry County Sheriff's Office since 1987. He currently serves as chief criminal deputy with an advanced peace officer certificate.

Fritz, 38, is a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and the chamber of commerce Goldcoats. He had his wife, Sharon, have two daughters, 11-year-old Shiloh and eight-year-old Brittany.

Also up for election is the Precinct 1 commissioner's post, held by Ralph Trevey.

The offices of district judge and district attorney will be on the March ballot. Holding those offices are former district attorney Ernie Armstrong, who was appointed as 132nd District Court judge by Gov. Bush this year, and Dana Cooley, who was named by the governor to take over as district attorney.

The county attorney's post, currently held by Pete Greene, will be up for election. Two others are constable of Precinct 1, held by Jimmy Wilson, and constable of Precinct 2, a post made vacant when Marshall R. Bryant Jr. moved from the area.

Potential candidates should file with their respective party chairman. Drew Bullard is the Republican Party chairman for Scurry County. The Democratic Party chairman is Charlie Freeman.

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Rangers players to visit

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emphasized Mayoral.

At a meeting this week, the proposed visit got the blessings of Snyder ISD principal Larry Scott, SHS baseball coach Roland Herrerra, SJHS principal Kellye Starnes and director of curriculum for SISD, Wendell Sollis. A former Snyder resident and now the production manager for the new amphitheatre at The Ballpark in Arlington, Billy Atwood also attended the meeting.

Mayoral was quick to recognize Atwood as the person who made him aware of Snyder and its rich baseball heritage and the importance of bringing players such as Rodriquez, Gonzalez and others to town to speak on the importance of staying in school and the program of dedicating one's life for a better tomorrow.

Mayoral, who has seen every major league baseball park in the United States and all the major parks in Puerto Rico and Mexico, also had a tour of Moffett Field.

"A lot of minor league clubs would be proud to have this caliber of a ball park to play in," said Mayoral.

Mayoral knows baseball as evidenced by his resume that lists stints as scouts for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Chicago White Sox as well as serving as general managers of baseball teams in the Puerto Rican Winter League.

He has been with the Rangers since 1992 when he served as the assistant director of public relations.

He is currently a member of the "Experts Committee" of the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum at Cooperstown, N.Y.

He has received numerous awards from various baseball associations over the past 30 years, including being inducted into the Puerto Rico Sports Hall of Fame for his efforts in promoting international baseball.

Mayoral said one of his greatest honors was being invited to addresss Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government during a special ceremony honoring baseball in Latin America.

Current plans are to have Mayoral and the members of the Rangers here sometime in late January or early February.

"When we come back to Snyder, I want everyone to come out," said the jovial but sincere Ranger. "I feel these guys will bring a message for everyone."

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Misty Click, 4400 Ave. U Apt. 1A15; Thomas Holder, 4505 Denison; Marion Becerra, 110 35th; Marilyn Lockhart, 2711 26th; Rosa Medrano, 2700 Ave. G.

DISMISSALS: Sue Carpenter, Virginia Eime, Elma Ferch, Raymond Ornelas, Emory Smith, Johnnie White, Marion Becerra, Aryn Calley, Manuel Herrera, Micheal Holloway, Marilyn Lockhart.

CENSUS: 50 (Med., Surg.-6, Long-term Care-38, CCU-2, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Misty Click of Snyder announces the birth of her son born at 5:35 p.m. on Dec. 1 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 7½ ounces.

What's Up?

Arts & crafts festival at coliseum

The annual Scurry County Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival is on-going at Scurry County Coliseum.

There is no admission charge for the event, which will be held through 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Snyder chapter of the American Business Women's Association will handle the concessions.

Civil defense sirens

Snyder's civil defense sirens will be tested at noon Monday, weather permitting.

Battle of Bands coming

Scurry Youth Center will host a "Battle of the Bands" from 7-10 p.m. Saturday at the center.

Video series continues

A new Key To The Kingdom video series will air on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The second tape, "You Can't Keep a Good Man Down," will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday.

Cogdell dinner reservations

Reservations are needed by Monday for hospital employees planning to attend the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Awards Dinner, set for Dec. 14 at Scurry County Coliseum. Employees may contact Christy Brown at 574-7437 for reservations.

Junior High Night Out

Junior High Night Out will be held Tuesday at Spanish Inn. All parents, students and staff are encouraged to participate.

Lions Club won't meet

Snyder Lions Club will not meet at noon Tuesday but will have Ladies Night on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Health unit to be closed

Scurry County Health Unit will be closed for computer training Monday through Friday next week.

AARP chapter to meet

Scurry County AARP chapter will meet at noon Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club for its installation banquet. Snyder ISD Supt. Gayle Lomax will be the speaker.

County has one new agenda item

One new item of business faces the Scurry County Commissioners Court when it meets Monday at 10 a.m.

Sheriff Keith Collier will address the court in regards to advertising to hire a new female jailer.

In other business, the court will consider line-item transfers and the payment of the county's bills.

DCOS to meet briefly Monday

Development Corporation of Snyder board members will meet at noon Monday to approve a resolution relating to $565,000 in DCOS sales tax revenue bonds for industrial park development.

Cash 5

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

6-7-8-28-30
(six, seven, eight, twenty-eight, thirty)

Pick 3

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

1-4-1
(one, four, one)

3 people arrested, one on felony charges

Three people were arrested Friday, including one on a felony motion to revoke probation charges.

Deputies arrested 26-year-old Joe John Vera, 312 25th St., at 5 p.m. Friday at the adult probation department on outstanding warrants from Nolan County.

He was arrested on a warrant for felony motion to revoke probation charges for driving while intoxicated and a warrant for public intoxication.

At 3:05 p.m. Friday, deputies arrested a 25-year-old male on an outstanding warrant for criminal mischief.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old female at 8:16 p.m. Friday in the 1500 block of 28th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers were notified at 2:32 p.m. Friday that some windows at Lang Tire had been shot with a BB gun.

At 2:13 p.m., Jim Pemberton notified officers of a theft of a money bag which contained a gas card and checks.

Chris Thornhill notified officers at 2:31 p.m. of the theft of two copper coils. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

At 4:58 p.m. Friday, officers filed an offense report for Class B mischief in reference to a window being broken out of a vehicle while it was parked at Snyder High School.

Late Friday night, officers received two reports of a strong odor of gas in the vicinity of 3900 Avenue T and in the area of the Lamesa Highway.

At 10:34 p.m. Friday, a person notified officers that someone had torn down Christmas lights in the 1800 block of Scott.

Angel Tree provides holiday cheer for children of inmates

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

For many Scurry County children, Angel Tree joy may be the only kind of joy they will receive this Christmas.

For children who have one or both parents in prison, Christmas can be a bleak holiday without presents. Sometimes ample food or other amenities which are so often taken for granted are also lacking.

However, Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship, helps brighten an inmate's child's Christmas by providing one or more presents given in the name of the inmate and in Jesus' name.

Angel Tree's philosophy is to show Christian love to everyone, regardless of their circumstances.

Scurry County volunteers are working diligently to secure and deliver presents for local children by Dec. 16. More help is needed because the task is far from complete.

In 1994, gifts were distributed to 67 children in the county. More than a 20 percent increase is expected this holiday, according to Bee Beauchamp, one of the local coordinators.

As of this week, some 102 children are on this year's Angel Tree list with more expected as Christmas nears.

Others helping to coordinate Angel Tree on the county level include Donna Gray and Olga Gonzales.

Scurry volunteers are working closely with Jean Hardee of Colorado City, former Snyder resident, who serves as the Angel Tree coordinator for this area.

Angel Tree volunteers include churches as well as individuals, businesses, clubs and civic organizations. The organization is not limited to adults as children and teen-agers may also help. Through their combined efforts, Christmas gifts are purchased and delivered throughout the county, brightening Christmas considerably for children of inmates.

Participating churches or businesses often set up Angel Tree trees as they coordinate their gift-giving efforts.

Angel Tree volunteers may buy one or more gifts or contribute what funds they are able. The organization suggests that each child receive two presents — a toy and an article of clothing, each costing no more than $20. Guidelines were established, Jean said, to ensure that all children receive gifts of equal value.



ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS — For the past 14 years, Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship, has been providing Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Two Snyder women, Olga Gonzales, far left, and Bee Beauchamp, far right, are coordinating the program in Scurry County. They are working with Jean Hardee of Colorado City, center, who is the area coordinator. Hardee's husband, B.B., volunteers with Angel Tree as well as a prison ministry. (SDN Staff Photo)

Angel Tree workers keep all names confidential. Therefore participants are given coded names or numbers or the generic "boy or girl" reference when they shop for presents. Children are eligible from birth to age 16. Volunteers may request a certain age group to work with, if they choose, she added.

Angel Tree encourages home delivery of gifts because personal contact with the families is very important. Sometimes, Jean said, those who deliver gifts will take pictures of children as they open their presents and send them to the incarcerated parent(s).

Angel Tree is especially important to Texas inmates and their families because inmates are not allowed to send gifts through the mail.

She added that the effort to reach out to inmates' children and their caregivers does not end when the Christmas holiday fades and the new year begins.

Angel Tree volunteers are encouraged to remain in touch with the inmate's family. By reaching out to them throughout the year, Jean said, it is sometimes possible to lead the family to the Lord and into regular church attendance.

To qualify for local Angel Tree gifts, inmates' children — whether natural, adopted or step — must live in the county. However, their parent or parents do not have to be incarcerated in Snyder or Scurry County.

The incarcerated parent or parents usually submits names to Angel Tree. However, others can also submit names of inmates' children.

Inmates obtain AT application forms from their prison chaplain who in turn sends the completed forms to Prison Fellowship headquarters for distribution to area coordinators according to zip-codes.

Volunteers at the city or county level then take over. More are always needed since the number of children in the program grows each year, AT volunteers said.

As names are received, local Angel Tree volunteers contact the caregiver of each child to obtain their consent as well as suggestions for gifts. Most cooperate, but occasionally AT's help is not accepted, Jean said.

Caregivers supply clothing sizes and specify colors. Every effort is made to buy what each child requests, the volunteers said.

Children also receive a color book and activity books telling about Jesus, provided by the American Bible Society. A Bible for each family is also provided.

Angel Tree benefits inmates as well as children because the absent parents experience the vicarious joy of giving gifts to their children. An added bonus is receiving thank you letters from the recipients. In one incident, described in AT literature, a little girl wore the sweater given in her dad's name when she visited him.

Angel Tree volunteers say that children of inmates "are paying for crimes they did not commit." When parents are locked up, their children are locked out of their lives, they added.

Jean became involved with Angel Tree when her husband, B.B., served nine months in prison. When he was released B.B.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Targeting All Parents; "ADHD in the Classroom," Humble-Smith School; 10 a.m.

Storytime for 4- and 5-year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

AARP; will meet at Martha Ann Woman's Club for an installation banquet; Superintendent Gayle Lomax will be the speaker; noon.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call Nathalie at 573-0015.

Scurry County Historical Commission; Dermott School; 5 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

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

Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for inofrmation call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club prayer coffee; home of Martha Schiebel; 9:30 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Rudy's Restaurant; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

TAP; ADHD in the Classroom; Northeast Elementary; 7 p.m.

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Richardson, Tate unite in marriage

ROSCOE — Toni Cheree Richardson became the bride of Kevin Brice Tate at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 10 in the Roscoe Church of Christ. Royce Clay of Colorado City officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Marianne Richardson of Irving and J.B. Jr. and Kathryn Tate of Snyder.

Vows were repeated in a candlelight setting provided by a brass candelabrum, decorated with English ivy. Pews were marked with green and white bows, embellished with string pearls.

Candlelighter was Scott Richardson, brother of the bride.

A chorus, composed of family, friends and the couple, sang "Worthy is the Lamb," "Christ We Do All Adore Thee," "How Heavenly," "Fairest Lord Jesus," "Lord, We Come Before Thee Now," "The Wedding Song," "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple," "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

Given in marriage by her grandfather, S.E. McGowan, the bride wore a formal gown of brocaded white roses on white. The fitted bodice had a dropped waist and was encrusted with hand-beaded pearls and iridescent beads. The gown featured a beaded, scalloped sweetheart neckline with beaded Renaissance sleeves. The full skirt and semicathedral-length train was accented by a beaded bow in the back.

To complete her attire, the bride wore a headpiece decorated with pearls and iridescent beads attached to a two-tiered waist-length veil. The bridal bouquet was composed of white silk roses, morning glory, lilies and greenery.

Kam Jenkins of Richardson served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Browne of Colorado City and Renae Brownfield of Irving, sisters of the bride, and Shannon Parker of Irving.

Attendants were attired in fitted hunter green brocaded tea -length dresses with long sleeves and scalloped sweetheart necklines. Each carried silk long-stemmed white roses with greenery and baby's breath.

Flower girls were Elsa Keller of London, England, cousin of the bride, and Haley Brownfield of Irving, niece of the bride. They wore identical hunter green original designs with a ruffled bodice and back skirt with lace insets below the sash waist. Each wore a halo of off-white ribbons and rose buds.

The groom was attired in a black fulldress tuxedo with a white vest and bow tie. He wore a boutonniere of silk roses and baby's breath.

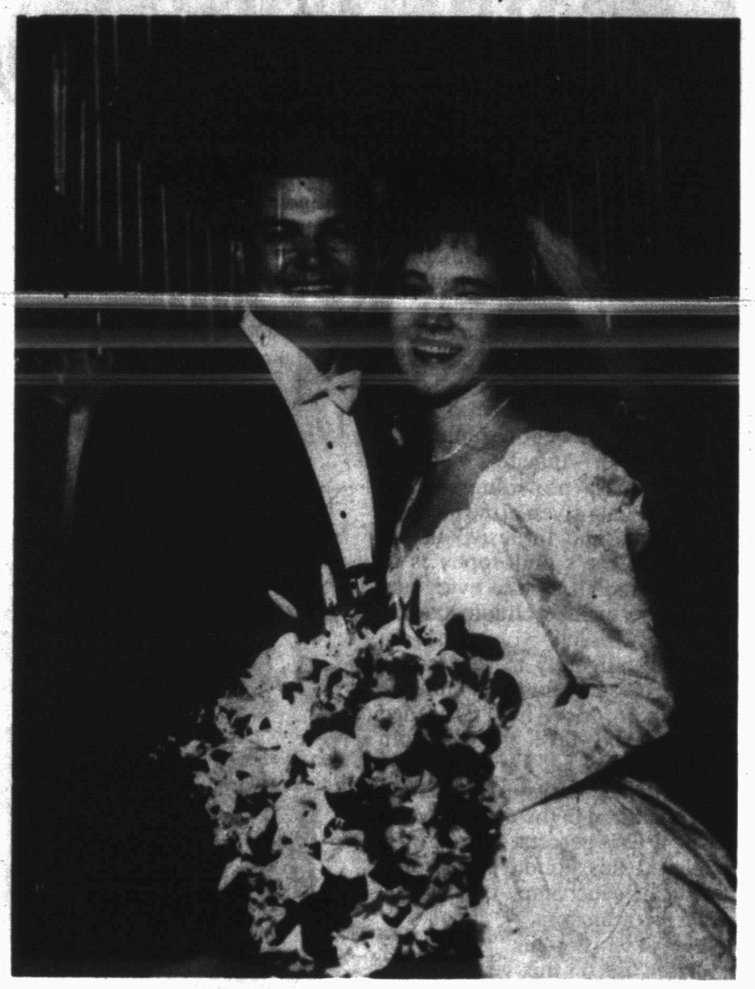
Hollis Browne of Colorado City served as best man. Clay Peterson, brother-in-law of the groom, Koby Zahn and Jason West served as groomsmen. They are from Abilene.

Ushers were the groom's uncles, Ronnie Helm from Roscoe and Sam McGowan of Allen. Ring bearers were Scott (Scooter) Brownfield of Irving, nephew of the bride, and Carlton Peterson of Abilene, nephew of the groom. All male members of the wedding party wore black tuxedos with cummerbunds and bow ties. Each wore a silk rose and baby's breath boutonniere.

Guests were registered by Janna Peterson of Abilene, sister of the groom, at a table covered with hunter green brocade and decorated with candles and a silk "throw" bouquet.

Honored guests included Samuel E. and Ruth McGowan of Irving, grandparents of the bride, and Karlvin and Rosalie Helm of Roscoe and J.B. Sr. and Evalyn Tate of Hermleigh, grandparents of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Roscoe Community Center. The bride's table was covered with a white eyelet embroidered cloth, accented with hunter green and white bows with string pearls.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Brice Tate
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

The three tiered wedding cake was decorated with silk English ivy and topped with a musical Precious Moments bride and groom figurine. Punch was served from a crystal punch bowl belonging to the groom's great-grandmother. Silver and crystal appointments accented the table with the bride's bouquet as the floral centerpiece.

Servers were Joshelyn and Linsey Helm of Roscoe, cousins of the groom.

German chocolate cake was served from the groom's table, covered with a brown cloth and topped with a smaller white lace cloth. Brass candelabra with silk greenery and ceramic dalmation figurines, a gift from the bride to the groom, complemented the table. Serving were Melanie and Lacey Kidd of Snyder.

Guest's tables were covered in white cloths, decorated with greenery and holding Princeton Gallery collection, ceramic dalmation figurines.

White lattice panels, decorated with white lights and greenery, served as the backdrop for the bride's and groom's tables. A tulle bow, embellished with greenery, decorated the entrance.

Hunter green and white rice bags were passed out by Jami West of Abilene.

Following a honeymoon trip to Dallas, the couple is at home in Roscoe.

The rehearsal dinner, held at Reta's Barbecue, was hosted by the groom's parents.

Wedding courtesies included a couples shower in the home of Monte and Linda West in Snyder, a bridal tea held in the Royce and Linda Clay home in Colorado City and a bridal shower given by friends from the West Side Church of Christ congregation in Irving.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Irving High School and is currently a student at Western Texas College. The groom is a 1989 graduate of Snyder High School and Abilene Christian University in 1993, with a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology. He is employed as city manager in Roscoe.

Scurry County Library News and Views

The Scurry County Library recently received several Spanish novels on loan through the Big Country Library system in Abilene. They may be checked out for a two-week period. Also received are some new Spanish titles among the extension loan books. All of these are located in the adult reading room behind the young adult section, along with the permanent collection.

BOOK FEATURE

"Atlas of Russia and the Independent Republics," by Moshe Brawer.

In December, 1991, the Soviet Union, the largest country in the world, ceased to exist as a subject of international law. Occupying about one-sixth of the inhabited part of the world's land surfaces, the former Soviet Union became 14 sovereign states, in addition to Russia. This is the first atlas to examine the former Soviet Union on a region-by-region and country-by-country basis. A combination of text and maps describes and portrays these new states.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Betty Crocker's Pasta Cookbook."

"A Festive Christmas."

"Winning Volleyball for Girls," by Deborah W. Crisfield.

"The Big Book of Large-cast Plays," by Sylvia E. Kamerman.

NEW FICTION

"Darksaber," by Kevin J. Anderson.

"Miss Read's Christmas Tales,." by Miss Read.

"The Hundred Secret Senses," by Amy Tan.

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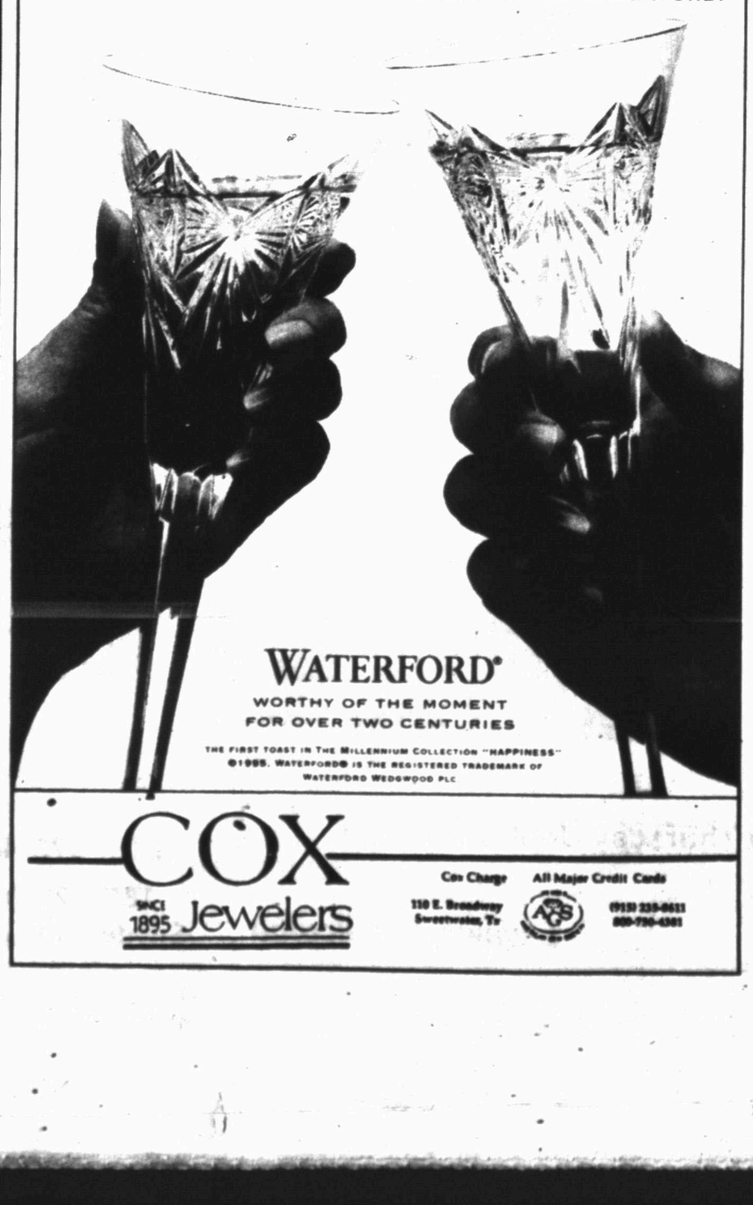
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Dale and Frances Hess
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Local's parents celebrate their golden anniversary

Dale and Frances Hess of Roscoe were united in marriage 50 years ago on Dec. 2 and will celebrate their golden anniversary with a dinner and dance at the Wagon Wheel Ranch Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Hosting the event will be their daughter, Diane Beard, and Bobby, Dale and David Beard.

Others in the houseparty include Barbara Butler and Kathy Hurst.

Mr. Hess, born on May 1, 1925, in the Inadale Community, is a retired farmer and a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shriners and the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Hess was born on Feb. 26, 1926, at Hermleigh and is a housewife.

The couple met in 1944 at Hermleigh and married in the Pyron Community where they lived for a time.

The couple are members of the Methodist Church and have two grandchildren.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Tamale Casserole
Spanish Hominy
Refried Beans
Sliced Tomato
Coconut Pudding

TUESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Asparagus
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Pecan Pie

WEDNESDAY
Meatloaf w/Brown Gravy
Au Gratin Potatoes
Harvard Beets
Spinach Salad
Baked Apple

THURSDAY
Swiss Steak
Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce
Turnip Greens
Macaroni Salad
Cherry Turnover

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Baked Beans
Whole Small Potatoes
Creamy Coleslaw
Pineapple Flop Cake

Menus

Snyder

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Breakfast Pizza
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Orange Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Sausage & Biscuit
Assorted Cereal
Fruit Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Orange Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast Taco
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Apple Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Scrambled Eggs w/Toast
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Grape Juice
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Sausage Pizza
Corn Dog
Buttered Corn
Pineapple Tidbits

TUESDAY
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Salisbury Steak w/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Yeast Rolls

WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Baked Chicken
Green Beans
Fruit Cocktail
Texas Toast

THURSDAY
Chicken Burger
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Lettuce & Tomatoes
French Fries
Diced Pears

FRIDAY
Roast Beef w/Brown Gravy
Broccoli & Cheese
Baked Potatoes
Chocolate Cake
Yeast Rolls

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MONDAY
Nachos w/Ground Beef
Pinto Beans
Mexicali Corn
Peaches

Scurry Charter Chapter Of American Business Women Association will sponsor the Concession Stand at Arts & Craft Show Dec. 2, 3, 1995 at the Coliseum

Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund

TUESDAY
Chicken Pot Pie
Shredded Lettuce
Crackers
Pears
Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Vegetable Soup
Peanut Butter Sandwiches
Cheese Wedge
Crackers
Brownies

THURSDAY
Barbecue on Bun
French Fries
Vegetable Salad
Bread
Oranges

FRIDAY
Cheese Burgers
French Fries
Cookies

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Milk

TUESDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Rolls
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Waffles/Syrup
Milk

THURSDAY
Fruit
Toast & Jelly
Milk

FRIDAY
Juice
Sausage/Biscuits
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Carrot Coins
Fruit Cup
Milk

TUESDAY
Beef & Cheese Nachoes
Ranch Style Beans
Tossed Salad
Corn Bread
Peach Cobbler
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Buttered Spinach
Hot Rolls
Spice Cake
Milk

THURSDAY
Burritos/Chili/Cheese
Mexican Corn
Relish Cup
Sopapilla
Milk

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Lemon Squares
Milk

On July 8, 1896, William Jennings Bryan captivated the Democratic National Convention in Chicago with a speech in which he denounced supporters of the gold standard, saying, "You shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold." The next day, Bryan was nominated for president in the first of three unsuccessful bids for the White House.

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The Garden Editor

By Dr. Ted Brice

Why do we look at bird feeders in the fall and winter months of the year? Birds have to eat all 12 months of the year. I suppose we think that birds can forge for themselves in the spring and summer months with insects and seeds more prevalent during those times.

Let's look at the various types of bird feeders. There are two basic types (not styles) of feeders. One type is functional, for feeding birds, the other type is one that is attractive to the landscape and not functional for feedig birds.

Recently a picture of a bird feeder appeared in another area newspaper. The feeder was beautiful and expensive, but not functional. I have over 50 styles of bird feeders that will range from a few dollars to well over $500.

The hummingbird needs a style feeder. It needs to have something red on it because red attracts the hummingbirds. You should never use red coloring in the homemade hummingbird food because it will cause the bird to become very sick and die within 24 to 36 hours.

There are bird feeders and bird houses designed certain type birds. Let's look at the purple martin — this bird will eat it's weight in insects each day. The purple martin will go south in the fall and return in the spring. This migration follows insects. The purple martin is a very clean bird and will not eat or live in a dirty place. This brings up a certain large plastic bird feeder and bird house designed for purple martins. Also, there is a house and feeder made of a beautiful plastic, but when the heat of our summer (102 degrees plus) the feeder and house become soft and as the temperature rises even higher, the house become soft and as the temperature rises even higher, the house became soft and as the temperature rises even hight, the house and feeder melted and collapsed around the pole.

There are some birds that will only eat from the ground. These birds will eat bird feed (seed) spilled from a bird feeder. We have doves in this area that eat from the ground and not from feeders. I must say here, not to throw old bread and toast in the garbage. Break it up and pitch it our for these birds. Let's remember that birds can use our help.

When feeding birds with purchased seed, the type of bird seed will attract a lot of birds including the sparrows. It is hard to believe, but I use five pounds of this type of bird feed per week. Therefore, I watch for special prices and buy it in larger quanities (25-pound containers).

If you want song birds, you must use sunflower seed to attract them. I suggest you place the bird feeder at a position that allows you to watch the birds feed at a window inside your home.

As time goes by, you will learn different things about the feeding habits of our birds. There is one thing that is very important — that is not to place the feeder where the feed can get wet and sour. If your bird feed sours, you should dispose of it and clean the bird feeder. If a bird ate any of this soured bird fed, it will kill the bird within a few days. This is where a "functional" bird feeder comes into play.

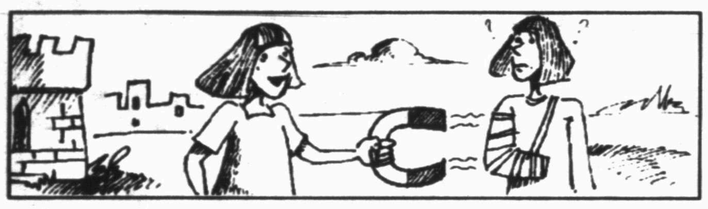
As I referred to earlier in this column, there was a picture of a bird feeder in another area newspaper showing a beautiful bird feeder. I have used the same feeder since it was first offered for sale several years ago and I have found it to be the worst kind in letting the feed get wet. Therefore, I moved the feeder to hang under the porch roof, keeping the rain off. This has helped in keeping the bird feed dry, but at the same time limiting its access to the birds.

Remember to hang a bird feeder or house where it is not accessible to cats and squirrels. If you are placing the feeder or house on a pole within the garden or yard, use a metal pole. If you have to use a wooden pole, fit it with a metal sleeve in order to discourage cats and oather varmits from getting to the house or feeder.

It seems that new bird feeders and houses come on the market each month. Some claim to be the best of all feeders or houses of a particular kind. Remember two basic facts to look at when you are making your purchase — the functional type and the type that enhances the garden or architecture of the home. If you are truly interested in feeding the birds, get the functional type.

Let me leave you with this thought, "God does not deduct from man's alloted time those hours spent gardening. Good gardening until next week," from Dr. Ted Brice.

Questions will be answered by Dr. Brice by writing in care of the Snyder Daily News, Dr. Ted Brice; P.O. Box 9;49; Snyder, TX 79550.



In the middle ages many people believed magnets had medical powers.



GIFTED, TALENTED PROGRAM — Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met recently in Meloney Early's East Elementary fourth grade gifted and talented classroom. Members observed an American Indian project of family trees and a science fair and wrote encouraging notes to students. DKG is an honorary teachers' group, interested in education at every level. Pictured from left are Carol Miller, Carole Haynes, Lois Boles and Early. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings



Do shredded tires wipe out termites?

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I was listening to a radio show last weekend and someone called in about termites. As you know, chlordane was the only chemical around that killed termites, but our Great Big Brother in Washington saw fit to stop it from being made. I'll have to send them a thank-you note when my house falls down. We can still get Dursban, which supposedly kills termites but leaves no residual action as chlordane does, so you might as well just be spitting into the wind.

Anyway, then someone calls in and says that ground-up tires kills or stops termites. You dig a trench around the house and fill it with ground-up tires and the termites won't cross it. Now, where can I get ground-up tires? It seems with the problem of landfills, someone could make a killing doing this. I love your column, by the way, and have learned so much about things I didn't even know I needed to know about. — **IDA SHOEMAKER, North Loup, Neb.**

DEAR IDA: We don't know whether anyone is making a killing in the recycled tire market, but there are quite a few "shredders" out there. There is even a nationally distributed monthly trade publication, Scrap Tire News, which reports on developments, technology, recycling and uses of the shredded (or ground-up) tire.

Road repair, septic fields, fill for perforated drainage pipe, surfaces for riding rings and playgrounds are just a few ways shredded tires are used... but termite prevention is a new one to all the folks we spoke with in the business.

PLEASE! Let us and the people at Scrap Tire News know if it works. Their phone number is (203) 668-5422. The company that does tire shredding nearest you is Shredded Steel Inc. in Monroe, Neb. (Oh yes, the steel from the steel-belted radials is also salvaged.)

You can contact Jeff Andrews at (402) 495-3605 to find out the price (the lowest grade of shredded tire usually goes for about $1/yard) and discuss the question of delivery. By the way, it takes 2,200 tires to make 50 yards of usable tire shreds. (And you thought you learn some things from our column you didn't even know you needed to know about... thanks to questions from readers like you, just think of all the things WE learn.)

STUMPED: Sandra Freeman of Chino Valley, Ariz., is trying to locate a manufacturer of PVC pipe furniture. She writes, "They are the only source for the parts to make a quilt frame for our local Senior Center."

HINT OF THE WEEK: Pat Foti of Saint Martinsville, La., writes that Arm and Hammer Carpet Deodorizer has been almost 100 percent effective in getting rid of crickets, fleas and cockroaches in her house. We also received a note from a lady in Baton Rouge, La., who asked us how to contact R.E. Davis (also from Baton Rouge), who was having a problem with geckos in his house... she wrote that she would love to adopt at least some of his geckos as they consume both cockroaches and mosquitoes at an incredible rate and are cute to boot! (P.S. She found Mr. Davis, and we hope to hear from her about how the story ended.)

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Please help me come up with a crispy Toll-House cookie. I have varied my recipe every way I can think of and can only come up with a soft cookie. — **MARILYN B.**

DEAR MARILYN: Our sure-fire way of making chocolate chip cookies crispy is to use all butter for the shortening and to flatten them with the bottom of the glass as soon as they come out of the oven. Good luck!

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048.

Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings are co-authors of "Ask Anne & Nan" (Whetstone) and "Dear Anne and Nan: Two Prize Problem-Solvers Share Their Secrets" (Bantam). To order, call 1-800-888-1220.

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Beeks, Jenkins inducted into KDP chapter

The Abilene Christian University Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, Theta Epsilon, has inducted two area residents, Alison Beeks and Debra Jenkins, into the honor society of internationl standing in education.

Because of their high scholastic standing, Miss Beeks of Hermleigh and Ms. Jenkins of Snyder were initiated into this organization on Oct. 31. Requirements for eligibility into KDP are based on a high grade point average. One must be a junior or senior with at least a GPA of 3.0.

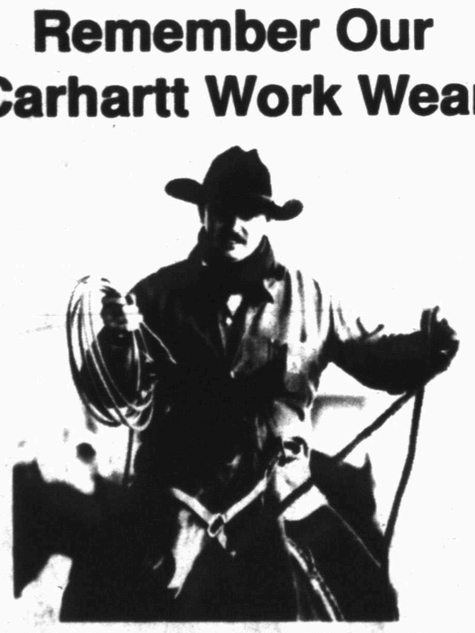
Classified as juniors, both recipients are elementary education majors at ACU, specializing in reading.

Alison is the daughter of Neil and Cheryl Beeks of Hermleigh. Debra is the mother of Zealia Jenkins, a student at Texas A&M, and Shauna Jenkins, a student at Western Texas College. She has two grandchildren, Nathan and Briana Jenkins.

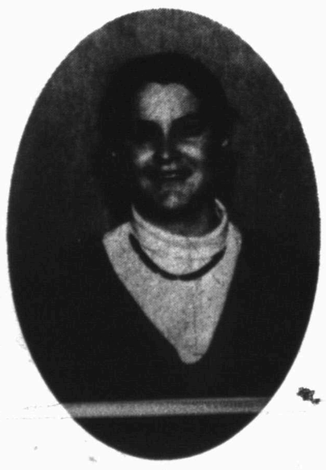


COSMORAMA MEETS — Cosmorama Study Club's recent meeting, held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club, was highlighted with a program by Tina Sanders, owner of Timber and Threads. Hostesses were Helen Dillaha, Nan Swanson and Mary Lois Wilson. Shown from left are Sanders, and members Paula Gilbert and Margaret Drum. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Scurry County Folks

Continued from 1B

by Shirley A. Gorman

began working with a prison ministry as well as the Angel Tree program.

He enjoys the volunteer work. For him, the best part is seeing the face of a child light up when a knock on the door a few days before Christmas brings presents from his or her absent parent.

These emotional moments make it all worthwhile. He has been an Angel Tree volunteer for the past two years.

that her being bilingual is invaluable to the local program.

Olga's husband, Leandro, is the pastor of Primevera Iglesia Bautista.

Local AT coordinators may be reached at the following numbers: Bee, 573-0509; Olga, 573-4819; and Donna, 573-2376.

Angel Tree was founded 14 years ago in Alabama as a local program. A total of 556 children of inmates' were reached that year.

Angel Tree's philosophy is to show Christian love to everyone, regardless of their circumstances.

This is Bee's first year with Angel Tree. She had been looking for some kind of multiple church project when she first heard of AT. She said she decided that "rather than wait for the kind of job I thought I wanted, I decided to take the job that needed to be done."

AT work could easily be overwhelming for one person or a handful of volunteers but many people working together can get the job done, she added.

For Bee, one of the joys of working with the Angel Tree program are the happy coincidences where what is donated is exactly what a child is requesting.

Olga had prayed for "the Lord to use me" so when she learned about Angel Tree she decided to volunteer. Hispanics find it easier to talk to Olga, Bee said, adding

AT has grown and expanded so much that in 1994 433,000 children were reached. Many more children are expected for this Christmas.

Angel Tree volunteers are assisted at all levels by Prison Fellowswhip, the founding organization. PF area directors and experienced members work with churches or organizations to train volunteers as well as provide promotional material and support.

Prison Fellowship was founded during the 1970s by Charles "Chuck" Colson, who served time in prison for charges related to Watergate.

PF's mission statement is "to exhort, assist, and equip the church in its ministry to prisoners, ex-prisoners, victims and their families, and in its advancement of biblical standards of justice."

AIDS journal portrays quiet victims

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — Janice Burns says she and her husband, William, were a "nauseatingly cute" couple who loved vacations and shopping for home furnishings.

"We love to eat out, go to Broadway shows, and shock people by revealing our liberal outlooks that hide under our conservative exteriors," Mrs. Burns wrote in 1987, when she was a 24-year-old university researcher married to a rising star in the financial community.

Then comes the kicker: "We spend $1,200 each month on prescription drugs, and we will never have children. ... We are HIV-positive."

Thus begins "Sarah's Song," Mrs. Burns' journal covering the years from 1987, when she and her husband were diagnosed with HIV, to 1994, when her husband died of AIDS at age 29.

The Warner Books publication — named for the daughter Mrs. Burns desperately wanted — is a painfully poignant rendering of death foretold, of a woman whose world turned into a numbers game: How many pills, how many T cells, how many hospitalizations, years, months, days, hours until the counting stops?

"There are still a lot of people who stereotype people with AIDS," said Mrs. Burns, now 32 with full-blown AIDS. She is partially deaf and blind in one eye, takes 40 pills a day and has been hospitalized four times since June.

"There are those who don't want someone like me to have AIDS because it means they or someone they love can be at risk," she said in an interview Wednesday, two days before today's commemoration of World AIDS Day.

More than 501,000 U.S. AIDS cases were diagnosed from 1981 through October 1995, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 311,000 of those people, or 62 percent, have died.

Most interesting to Mrs. Burns is that the number of cases attributed to heterosexual transmission increased from 3 percent during 1981-87 to 10 percent from 1993 to October 1995. Female cases increased from 4,035, or 8 percent of the total between 1981-87, to almost 18 percent — 43,383 — from 1993-October 1995.

"I see more and more women who look like myself in support groups," said Mrs. Burns, a middle-class Catholic from the New York City borough of the Bronx.

Her neat Yonkers apartment is filled with books, including a huge Bible on a stand in the living room, and is dominated by a nearly finished wooden Victorian dollhouse.

She started the dollhouse in 1992, before her husband died, and still plans to complete it. "I'll get to it one day," she said, the only time she speaks of the future during a 90-minute interview.

Mrs. Burns believes her husband was infected with the virus that causes AIDS during a brief homosexual affair when he was 18. She married him a few years later and they were diagnosed as HIV-positive shortly after their first wedding anniversary, in February 1987.

The couple became activists, founding advocacy groups and speaking on television shows and before high school groups, trying to tell the world that AIDS can strike anyone.

Mrs. Burns maintains that even if she had known William Burns was HIV-positive, she still would have married him.

"I had a love, despite AIDS," she wrote at the end of her book. "I could live off this love for the rest of my life. I think I will."

Toy testers check for safety, durability, fun

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — Five months later, Gooey Louie is still at the bottom of the toy list.

"It's just a stupid toy," said Brenna Gethers, 14, of Mount Vernon, one of 28 toy testers this year for the magazine Zillions, a children's version of Consumer Reports.

Every year, Zillions has experts test 10 toys for safety and durability, and then the young testers rate just how much fun they are. The results are published in the December-January issue to help youngsters and parents in their Christmas shopping, according to Moye Thompson, managing editor of Zillions.

More than a dozen of the testers who analyzed the toys in August returned Thursday afternoon to the headquarters of Consumers Union, the magazine's publisher, for the release of the ratings.

The toy testers got another chance to play with the toys. They shot each other with Nerf Ripsaws (Kenner, $15), Skyblaster Turbo Catchers (Oddzon Products, $25) and The Adventures of Batman and Robin Space Shooters (Milton Bradley, $10).

They chased after each other in games of Backwards Basketball (Kenner, $20), tried to pull each other off plate-sized teetering bases in Tugger War (Pressman, $10) or huddled off in groups to enjoy less physical games.

Gooey Louie (Pressman, $13), sat pretty much abandoned. Gooey Louie, a plastic head with strands of green stuff in his nose and a pink and blue brain, was ranked "poor" when the kid testers first had at him in August. And their opinions apparently weren't changed.

Barry Schwartz, spokesman for the toymaker, said Gooey Louie was one of the best-selling games on the market and suggested that the testers, ages 9 to 13, were a bit older than target age group of up to 7 or 8.

"Let's face it, it's a nose-picking game — kind of gross fun," Schwartz said.

Battle Dome (Parker Brothers, $35), a competitive pinball game that was ranked top toy during the original testing, was still popular.

"It's a challenge," said Nicky Califano, 11, of Yonkers.

"There's lots of action," said Miriam Farber, 9, of Tarrytown.

"It's not boring," said Kevin Mott, 9, of New City.

"But sometimes the balls get stuck in the top dispenser," remarked Ray Burke, 12, of Mount Vernon as he tried to get the black and yellow marbles moving.

Everyone liked toys that shot something — be it a Nerf ball, a foam disc or a badminton-like Skyrocket — at someone else.

"I just like shooting," shrugged Nubian Lawrence, 11, of Yonkers.

The Space Shooter had had targets, according to the box, but the targets somehow disappeared and the fast-flying foam discs wound up zinging across the playroom, aimed at another person.

Backwards Basketball, a game where two players mount basketball nets on their backs and then try to dunk balls in the opponent's hoop, was "tiring," said Steve Toth, 13, of Morris Plains, N.J., while Maital Friedman, 11, of Yonkers loved it.

"It's fun to run around and get it into the other person's basket," she said, gasping for breath.

It was ranked fair in the magazine because the straps and nets kept popping off the backboard.

A second look at Karate Fighters (Milton Bradley, $13), boosted its fun in Jodi Detch's eyes.

"I like it a lot," the 9-year-old Ridgefield, Conn., resident said, and was surprised that this was ranked "poor," the only other toy besides Gooey Louie with that rating.

Forty years ago, Rosa Parks began movement

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The slim, spectacled woman in slacks and a windbreaker riding bus No. 7607 smiled as she recalled the days when she and other blacks took to their feet rather than sit on segregated buses.

Blacks had long accepted separate bus seats "because that's the way it was," said the woman, who would only give her name as Gertha. "It wasn't a choice. We had no transportation, so we had no choice."

But that changed 40 years ago today, when black seamstress Rosa Parks, tired from a long day of sewing in a store, sat firmly in her seat and ignored orders to give up her place to a white man.

She was arrested, and the civil rights movement began. Blacks boycotted the segregated buses, eventually winning their case in the U.S. Supreme Court and inspiring a wave of protests that helped bring down segregation laws across the South.

A historic marker now stands on the spot where Mrs. Parks was arrested, in front of the Empire Theater on Montgomery Street. On the anniversary of her act of defiance, Mrs. Parks and others from the era were to return to the site for a ceremony.

"She realized it was wrong. She had that courage," said Gertha, 74, who did her insurance sales by foot during the boycott. "It was wrong, but nobody stood up and said nothing, so I thank God for her today."

A year after Mrs. Parks' conviction under a city ordinance, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered integration of all public transportation, the first in a series of landmark civil rights decisions that eventually erased the white-black dividing line in public places.

Four decades later, most of the faces on a downtown bus are still black and poor. Most believe things could be better but the conditions that bind them to poverty today aren't as obvious as segregation.

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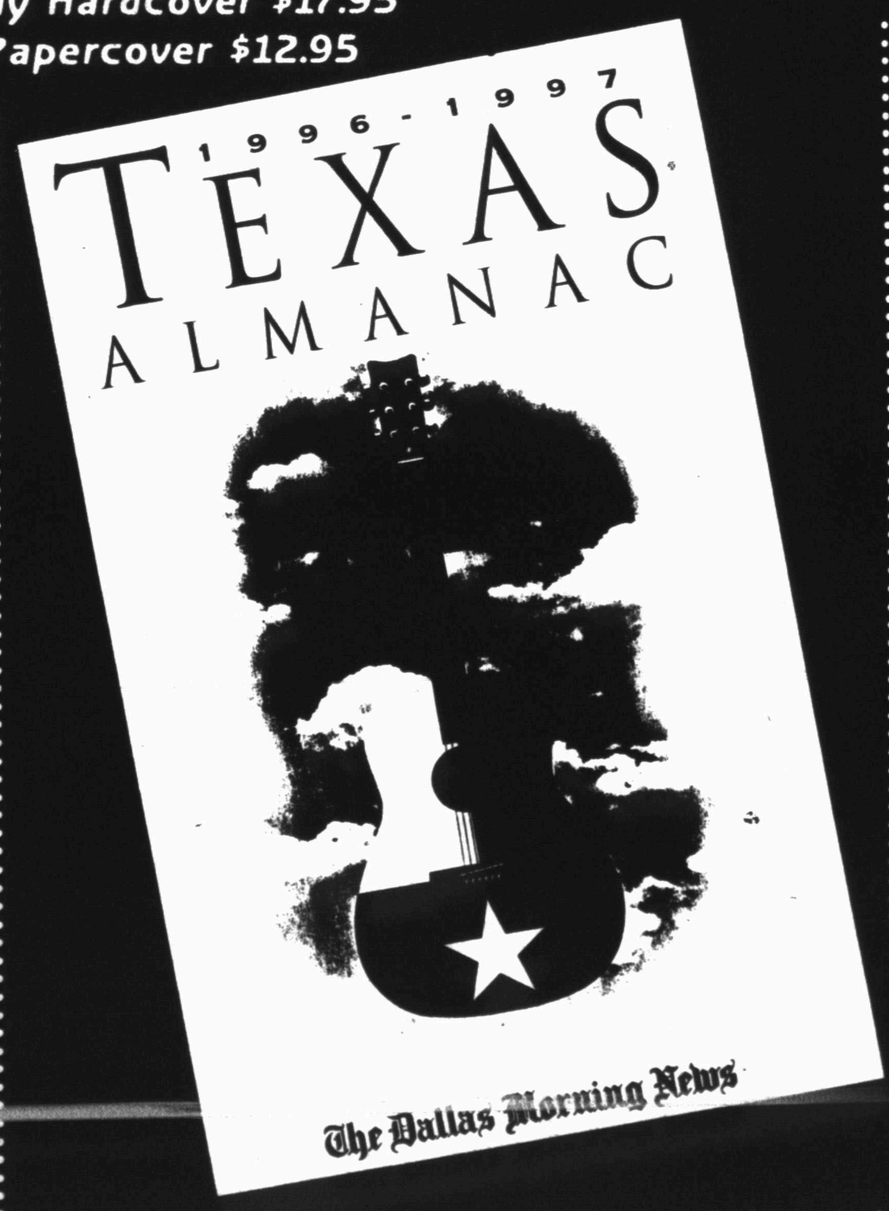
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Editorial Comment

Lobbying overhaul: It's about time

It only took half a century and intense pressure from their constituents, but Congress has finally approved an overhaul of the lobbying law.

It's only one step, but we say "great."

The new law will require lobbyists to disclose who their clients are, the issues they are seeking to influence and how much they spend persuading Congress and the executive branch.

"This Congress is no longer going to be wined and dined." said Rep. John Bryant, a Texas Democrat.

Well, not as much, anyway.

The new law will close a lot of loopholes by broadening the definition of lobbying to include not only direct contacts with policymakers and their aides, but also preparation and research intended to be used to influence policy.

Lobbyists who spend at least 20 percent of work time engaged in paid lobbying will have to register under the new law. Disclosure reports will be required every six months and lobbyist who fail to comply could be levied civil fines up to $50,000.

However, the law exempts clients who spend less than $5,000 on lobbying in six months or organizations that spend less than $20,000 in six months.

So the law isn't perfect. It doesn't address, for example, so-called "grassroots" lobbying, the fastest-growing area — and most despicable, many think — in the persuasion business. This includes advertising, toll-free phone lines and computerized mass mailings.

But, at least some reform was finally passed. It's the first time since the law was written in 1949 that it has been updated — despite 10 tries at reform, including last year when — get this — Rep. Newt Gingrich shot it down with a last-minute end-of-the-session attack.

Lawmakers have promised that ommissions and other loopholes in the new law will be addressed "in future legislation."

We only hope it doesn't take another 50 years.

Editorial Roundup

Gaming proceeds: who gets 'em

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

B is for bet, as in a whole lot of bettin' goin' on.

I is for insufficient, as in profits to charitable organizations.

N is for numbers, as in something isn't adding up.

G is for grope, as in a state Senate investigation looking for the reasons why.

O is for overextended, as in too much of an arguably good thing.

BINGO. It has become a $640 million enterprise in Texas since voters legalized the game in 1980, ostensibly to help provide financial support for licensed charities.

State gaming regulators, however, have become alarmed by the paltry return from bingo operations, which are paying less than 8 percent of their profits to the charities sponsoring them. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has responded by appointing a three-member panel of state senators to inquire into "unfair or anti-competitive practices."

Bingo operators complain of a confusing web of regulations that stifle their ability to make enough money. They also point to the stiff competition with the Texas lottery that siphons away players who once had only bingo to satisfy their urge to test the laws of chance.

One conclusion is inescapable: Revenues going to charities, the apparent justification for legalized bingo, are grossly inadequate. Whatever remedies lawmakers may consider, a "truth in gambling" provision should be required.

Every game — bingo or the lottery — should contain a specific disclosure of how proceeds will be distributed, including administrative overhead, payments to players and allocation of profits. People who play to help support a charity should know what portion of the pot goes for its stated purpose.

On auto insurance reform

The Dallas Morning News

If Gov. George W. Bush still wants to replace Texas' inefficient, expansive and litigious system of automobile insurance, he must launch the same kind of intense lobbying and education campaign that got tort, education and welfare reforms passed in the last legislative session. Soon.

Texas needs good, no-fault automobile insurance more than ever. Costs keep rising. In 1991, the average Texan paid $612 annually for automobile insurance; in 1993, he paid $666, an increase of nearly 7 percent. For 1996, Texas insurers propose an 11.3 percent increase in standard rates.

In the meantime, the number of uninsured Texas drivers has risen from one in five in 1994 to one in four this year, according to Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer. This grim statistic points out the need for urgent reform.

Experts differ as to whether a good no fault system would actually reduce costs. Some say costs would stay about the same. Others such as House Insurance Committee Chairman John Smithee of Amarillo, think rates would fall 12 to 18 percent.

"One thing is certain: Texans, whose rates are the 17th highest in the country, would get more for their money.

With no-fault, victims would go to their own insurers for compensation. They would have to prove guilt only in extreme cases. They would get to keep more of their claims because they would have less need for lawyers. They would be covered even if hit by uninsured drivers. There would be less bureaucratic rigmarole.

If Texas copied Michigan's exemplary no-fault system, victims would be reimbursed for all their losses. That doesn't happen now. Many Texas victims are thrown into poverty because they do not receive enough to cover their medical expenses and job loss expenses and because they must pay big chunks of claims to lawyers.

As a candidate, Mr. Bush campaigned for no-fault. Through no fault of his own reform bills failed in the 1995 Legislature. To avoid the same outcome in 1997, he must lend his prestige and popularity to the reform effort. If he waits, the necessary critical mass of public support may never materialize.

Advocates of the status quo, mainly trial lawyers, will certainly spare no effort to stop no-fault again.

Texans need no fault Mr. Bush, are you listening?

Preserve membership in NAFTA

The Waco Tribune-Herald

President Clinton demonstrated his leadership abilities the most when he stood up against labor unions, environmentalists and isolationists in both parties to fight for passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The agreement, which holds the promise of great economic expansion for Texas and the United States, was barely passed at a time when Democrats still controlled both houses in Congress. Clinton needs to exercise some of that same leadership to prevent NAFTA critics from overturning the trade agreement.

It's true that NAFTA has not lived up to its billing. But that has not been the fault of the trade agreement. Mexico's economy turned sour soon after Canadian and Mexican leaders joined with American leaders to sign the trade agreement more than two years ago. The downturn in Mexico's economy had nothing to do with NAFTA, but it has certainly delayed many of the expected benefits.

NAFTA has prevented Mexico's economic woes from hurting the U.S. economy. Before NAFTA, Mexico's officials typically reacted to economic downturns and peso devaluations by cutting off U.S. trade with huge tariffs on imports. The U.S. economy, along with many jobs, suffered a downturn during Mexico's 1982 economic crisis. NAFTA prevented a recurrence of that experience.

NAFTA puts the United States into the world's largest trading bloc encompassing 360 million people. It permits Canada, the United States and Mexico to compete with powerful European and Pacific Rim trading blocs.

Texas is expected to benefit from NAFTA more than any other state. Both former Gov. Ann Richards and incumbent Gov. George W. Bush are strong NAFTA supporters.

Gov. Bush estimates that more than $20 billion worth of goods enter Mexico through Texas. Texas shares a 1,248-mile border with Mexico. The Texas economy benefits from Mexican trade. That translates into jobs for Texans. And a stronger economy in Mexico will reduce the problems of illegal immigration here by increasing wages there, which will lessen the pressure for Mexicans to sneak across the border to obtain higher paying jobs.

Now that legislation has been introduced to pull the United States out of NAFTA, Clinton should renew the leadership he showed in 1993 to preserve U.S. membership in NAFTA.

Letters to the Editor

Get some help

Dear Editor:

If there is anyone out there who has an alcohol or drug problem, please get yourself some help. Don't be scared of how society will look at you or judge you. Do it for yourself before it's too late. The temporary escape from your problems (whatever they may be) will not be worth the punishment you may someday face.

If there's anyone too afraid to help themselves, let me help you. Communication with someone you trust can be the first step in solving the problem before it escalates out of hand.

Write me if you need to.

Brent Roemisch,
300 26th St.,
Snyder, TX 79549

Definite success

Dear Editor:

The first annual community Thanksgiving Day dinner was a definite success. This project, which is sponsored by the Snyder Rotary Club, hopes to evolve into a tradition each Thanksgiving in this community.

Many thanks to Stan Pavlik and the employees of The Shack restaurant who donated their time and expertise for this endeavor.

Hats off to Mr. C.R. Perez and Lawrence IGA for the donation of the turkeys and other food items utilized. A special thanks to Shirley Fritz for being the "head cook and bottlewasher."

But most especially, I want to thank the student volunteers from Snyder High School Student Council and the Snyder High School National Honor Society for donating their time and holidays to cook and serve the less fortunate. Along with their sponsors, Betsy Griffin and Richard Hester, they served approximately 100 meals on Thanksgiving Day.

One glance at all of these community members giving of themselves on Thanksgiving Day and you were reminded of what this day is all about and how thankful we all are to live in this fine community.

Very truly yours,
Gayle Lomax
Project Chairman
Snyder Rotary Club



Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

Several years ago, I was approached by a local gentleman who claimed that he was ready to write a novel and hoped I might help him with it. Without the slightest trace of teasing or jest, he said, "I mean, after all, if YOU can write one, ANYBODY can write one!"

I find this attitude prevalent most everywhere I go. Whenever I keynote a writer's conference anywhere, I inevitably meet half a dozen men in their forties or fifties who are becoming restless in their professions, or older, retired gentlemen. They want to take their experiences in law enforcement or business or practicing law and become the next John Grisham or Michael Crighton. At least several times a month, I am approached by such men through e-mail — and I am talking about top professionals from all over the country. (Women, it seems, have similar longings but don't always act on them.)

Most everybody, it seems, has at least one story in him.

However, this past year I met at least three men in their forties who had literally quit their jobs to write a novel, then contacted me months later in a panic when they found out the raw truth that WRITING a book and SELLING it are two entirely different things. They wanted to know what to do? What to do? I found myself saying or writing in letters the same things so often that I finally decided to do a column about it for anyone out there in Scurry County who may be harboring similar novel-writing dreams.

First of all, you've got to get the romance of writing out of your head. To the uninformed, it seems like the ideal life, lazing around the house waiting until the mood strikes you, then pouring out a bestseller. Even in movies or on TV, you'll see the star of the show send off a manuscript and two weeks later, get a check in the mail for $500,000. I even saw one sitcom in which the publisher told the first-time author, "The book'll be in the stores in two weeks."

Hogwash.

What you have to realize is that writing is not an art form — it's a BUSINESS. And the publishing industry is one of the most competitive, cut-throat businesses you will ever find anywhere, especially if you want to break into the bigtime: New York City.

What most people think is that all you have to do is get an idea for a story, tell that story, then send it off to an eager publisher who can't wait to pack you off on a glamorous 18-city book tour with your own publicist accompanying you and flowers in every hotel suite.

Here are some raw truths:

*The average income for most writers is $7,500 a year — the same figure it was 15 years ago when I started.

*Out of, oh, about 50,000 working writers in this country, there are only around 200 working writers who earn enough money each year to make a living at it. It took me 12 years to join that elite 200.

*Editors and agents routinely reject 99% of what crosses their desks. Let's look at that figure again: 99%. It is no exaggeration.

*For every published book you see in a bookstore, there are approximately 100 rejected manuscripts which never got published.

*It takes an average of two to five years to sell a first novel. Then at least one more year before it is published. (That's not counting the year it takes to write it.)

*The average advance for a first novel is $5,000 — this is for hardcover or paperback.

Now, lest you throw down this paper in disgust and frustration — hold on a minute. It's damn difficult but it's not impossible. (James Michener, Mary Higgins Clark and Robert Ludlum all wrote first novels after the age of 40.) Here is what I tell professional people who'd like to take the plunge: Marketing is everything.

If you wanted to retire from your line of work and start a business selling widgets, what would you do? Would you quit work, design a widget, then go open a widget store on the square? Only if you wanted to go bankrupt before the end of the year.

No — you would research the market. You'd study all the other widgets in the marketplace. You'd see which widgets sell the best and figure out a way to make your widget somehow different and yet better. Only then would you see about opening a widget business.

Well, why should the publishing industry be any different than the widget industry? Before you write that great American novel, spend some time in a bookstore. See what's being published, where the glut is and where there seems to be a gap. Once you decide which type of book you want to write, then read, read, READ. Read all the books you can find which are similar to the book you want to write. Read the good and read the bad and see what you can learn from both.

All three of the men who had quit their jobs had written serial killer stories. Not one had taken the trouble to hang out in a bookstore and see that there are hundreds of serial killer stories out there right now — too, too many for the market to bear. It has become an industry joke — but for the men who had quit their jobs, ther was nothing to laugh about.

(Same with the O.J. books. Of the 35 books published during the Simpson trial, only six earned out their advances. Which didn't stop my agent, Russell Galen, from making a multi-million dollar deal for Simpson defense attorney Johnnie Cochran just last week. High-profile celebrities play by entirely different rules than the rest of us poor slobs.)

By this time, you should be aware that although you may be a crackerjack lawyer or businessman or teacher, you really don't know anything about writing and publishing. It's time you learned. Go to the library and read books on the business and craft of writing. Attend writer's conferences. Join writer's organizations. Go online and look up writer's chat forums.

And write. Write every day — you wouldn't wait until you were in the mood to go to work in your new widget store — so don't expect to write only when you feel like it, either. Establish a work habit. Working at home doesn't mean you get to lounge around all day — it means you get to work at home. You set up a work schedule just like you would do at the widget store and stick to it. My experience has been that the more money I wanted to make, the harder I had to work. Twelve-hour days are now the norm for me.

This column is not meant to discourage all you burgeoning novelists out there — it's meant to set up some guidelines to help you along the way and save you years of trial and error. If you really want to do this, you'll do it simply because you love it.

If you have a nice retirement income and/or a spouse making enough money for two, and you're itching to tell a story, then I say go for it. Take the leap. Have fun. It's a big tall cliff you're jumping off, but I guarantee, some of us have been known to sprout wings — and boy, what a glorious ride it can be.



TOUR OF HOMES — The Mark McCormicks' new home, which will be open for the Tour of Homes on Dec. 10, has a traditional appearance inside and out. The front porch runs the length of the house, reminiscent of times when families and neighbors gathered on porches after supper to enjoy visiting. Persons making the Dec. 10 home tour can start at the McCormick home at 2805 32nd. St. or any of the other four homes or at the Cornelius-Dodson House on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds. (SDN Staff Photo)

McCormick home in Tour of Homes

The one new house on the 1995 Christmas Tour of Homes set for Dec. 10 is that of Mark and Janie McCormick at 2805 32nd St. The McCormick family moved into their new home in mid-September and look forward to celebrating their first holiday season there.

The McCormicks had been thinking about a new home and features they would like, but had no floor plan picked out when they were ready to build. They talked with their building contractor about the features they wanted included and have found that everything worked out well.

The children especially enjoy an upstairs game room. Janie's favorite area is the living-dining area. She chose earth tones including soft peach, teal and beige for the interior design.

The Tour of Homes is sponsored by Historic Scurry County, Inc. and the Historical Commission. Tickets are $10, with proceeds going to help move another structure to Heritage Village on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds. The Cornelius-Dodson House, the Dermott School and the Hermleigh calaboose are already there. Open house is scheduled in the house in conjunction with the tour and refreshments will be served in the school.

The home tour begins at 2 p.m. and continues to 4:30 p.m. Persons making the tour may begin at any of the five homes to be open or at the Cornelius-Dodson House.

Also open during the tour hours will be Classic Interiors, Countryplace, Nathalie's, Initial Ideas, Timber and Threads and the Pleasure's Mine.

Information about the tour can be obtained by calling 573-9742 or 572-2763.

Historic video preview set

Scurry County Historical Commission members will preview a video titled "Historic Homes of Scurry County" when they meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Dermott School.

The new 30-minute video features 15 of Scurry County's older homes and a mini tour of some of the historical markers around the courthouse square. The narration tells much county history. It was produced by You Star Video of Snyder and narrated by Perry Westmoreland using a script by Aline Parks.

The video will go on sale Dec. 10 in the Dermott School during the Christmas Tour of Homes. It will also be on sale at the Deep Creek Boot and Repair Shop at 1910 25th St. and can be purchased from G.A. Parks Jr., chairman of the Historical Commission. Proceeds go to the commission.

Indictment sought

EL PASO (AP) — Prosecutors will go to a grand jury in two weeks to seek a murder indictment against a Dallas nurse accused of taking an oxygen mask off her gravely ill father just before he died.

Authorities arrested Martha Thiele on a murder charge on Sept. 21, alleging her actions a day earlier had caused 88-year-old Efrain Tellez's death at Columbia Medical Center-West. She has since been freed on bond.

Her attorney, Jim Darnell, maintains no crime has been committed and refuses to refer to Tellez's death as a mercy killing.

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by Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 3, 1995

Compensation denied to you in the past might begin to flow into your bank account in the year ahead. Situations you thought were unprofitable may also yield benefits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A hobby or pastime may have greater potential than you realize. See if you can figure out ways to capitalize on this new endeavor. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your marvelous presence will enable you to add sparks and luster to social gatherings today. When you enter a room, you will not go unnoticed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Luck may favor you today in arrangements where you look out for the welfare of others as well as your own. A considerate attitude could be profitable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Better communication with a valued friend will be possible today. You can say what is on your mind without fearing a misunderstanding or a personal attack.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This may be one of those unusual days when you get the recognition you deserve. Material benefits may accompany applause.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Assertiveness will produce desirable results today. Try to be a go-getter when something meaningful is at stake. Do not wait on others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It will be imperative to appreciate your powerful status. Use this to your advantage, and attempt to change any undesirable situations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Working in conjunction with other people will produce more constructive results than doing things on your own. Seek competent associations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Instead of waiting to be told what to do, assume the initiative and try to direct the course of events. You will be better at leading than following today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A romantic interest will be extremely responsive to your charm and sex appeal today. This impression will last for a long time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Substantial enjoyment and gratification can be possible if you concentrate on assignments that allow you to improve outmoded methods or systems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Pleasant surprises could be in store for you today at work. Individuals who don't usually cooperate, may bend over backwards to help you.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 4, 1995

When goals are worthy and meaningful, successful routes to prosperity will be found in the year ahead. This can be a great year if you are properly motivated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This will be a good day to tackle assignments you've been reluctant to think about. The amount of things you can successfully conclude will surprise you. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state desired zodiac signs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will need some pleasurable diversions to feel your best today. However, avoid activities that only waste your time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you are in a position to take care of an old family obligation, try to do so today. You will feel like a great weight has been lifted from your shoulders.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The probability of personal achievement looks good today because you will be both a visionary and a realist. This will make a winning combination.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A reliable friend could be waiting in the wings today to help you wiggle out of several difficult binds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to arrange a reunion today with an old friend you haven't seen much of lately. The get-together will be stimulating and mutually rewarding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can gain the support of others today by underplaying your intentions. Let colleagues think that what you want to do is essentially their idea.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Two avenues might open today and provide a way to achieve your goals. Each could bring you satisfaction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When handling complex developments today, your leadership qualities will be very effective. Your methods will be assertive, and you'll know what needs to be done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Use experiences to guide you today if confronted by a testy situation similar to one you successfully dealt with recently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You should be willing to work hard today for yourself, and also for a person you are obligated to help. These efforts will enhance feelings of self-worth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your image will be substantially strengthened today if you can live up to the commitments you make to others. Bend over backwards to prove your reliability.

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Family Focus

By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.



Q. I want to control and lead my strong-willed child properly, but I'm afraid I'll break his spirit and damage his emotions in some way. How can I deal with his misbehavior without hurting his self-concept?

A. Breaking the spirit of a child is different from shaping his will. The human spirit relates to the self-esteem or the personal worth that a child feels. As such, it is exceedingly fragile at all ages and must be handled with care. You as a parent correctly assume that you can damage your child's spirit quite easily . . . by ridicule, disrespect, threats to withdraw love and by verbal rejection. Anything that depreciates his self-esteem can be costly to his spirit.

However, while the spirit is brittle and must be treated gently, the will is made of steel. It is one of the few intellectual components that arrives full strength at the moment of birth. In an issue of Psychology Today, this heading described the research findings from a study of infancy: "A baby knows who he is before he has the language to tell us so. He reaches deliberately for control of his environment, especially his parents."

This scientific disclosure would bring no new revelation to the parents of a strong-willed infant. They have walked the floor with him in the wee small hours, listening to this tiny dictator as he made his wants and wishes abundantly clear.

Later, a defiant toddler can become so angry that he is capable of holding his breath until he loses consciousness. Anyone who has ever witnessed this full measure of willful defiance has been shocked by its power. One headstrong 3-year-old recently refused to obey a direct command from her mother, saying, "You're just my mommy, you know!" Another "mere" mommy wrote me that she found herself in a similar confrontation with her 3-year-old son over something she wanted him to eat. He was so enraged by her insistence that he refused to eat or drink anything for two full days. He became weak and lethargic, but steadfastly held his ground. The mother was worried and guilt-ridden, as might be expected.

Finally, in desperation, the father looked the child in the eyes and convinced him that he was going to receive a well-deserved punishment if he didn't eat his dinner. With that maneuver, the contest was over. The toddler surrendered. He began to consume everything he could get his hands on, and virtually emptied the refrigerator.

Now tell me, please, why have so few child development authorities recognized this willful defiance? Why have they written so little about it? My guess is that the acknowledgement of childish imperfection would not fit neatly with the notion that little people are infused with sunshine and goodness, and merely "learn" the meaning of evil. To those who hold that rosy view I can only say, "Take another look!"

Q. Do you believe that parents should eliminate all aspects of individuality within family life? And what about healthy competition? Should it be discouraged in order to minimize jealousy between children?

A. Definitely not. I am saying that in matters relative to beauty, brains and athletic ability, each child should know that in his parents' eyes, he is respected and has equal worth with his siblings.

Praise and criticism at home should be distributed as evenly as possible, although some children will inevitably be more successful in the outside world. And finally, we should remember that children do not build fortresses around strengths--they construct them to protect weaknesses.

Thus, when a child begins to brag and boast and attack his siblings, he is revealing the threats he feels at that point. Our sensitivity to those signals will help minimize the potential for jealousy within our children.

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

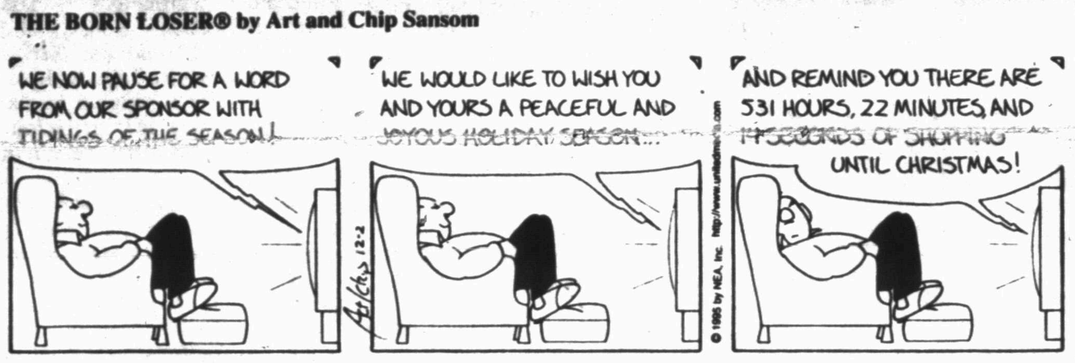
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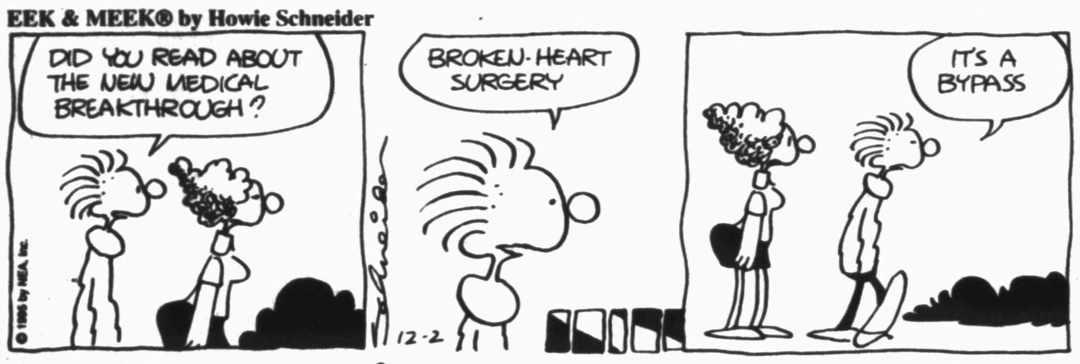
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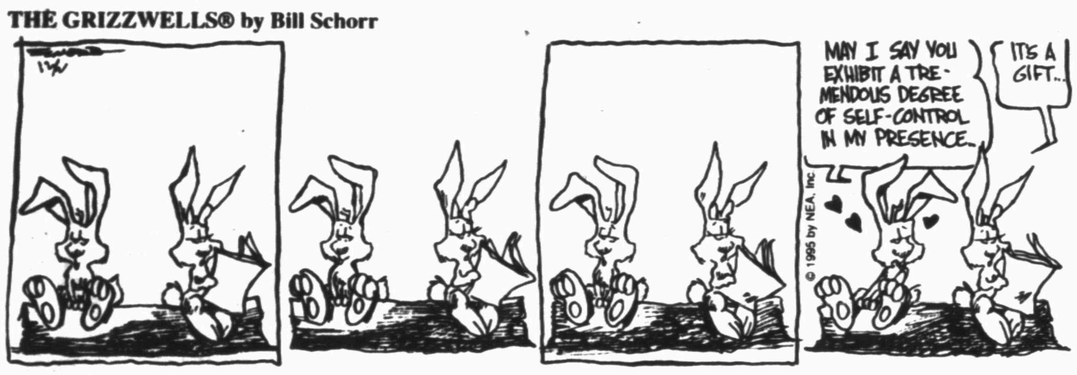
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Betty's Journal
Dec. 2, 1995
I've begun to question whether it was the snake who corrupted Adam or Adam who corrupted the snake.

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Boil slowly
5 Goblet part
9 Author — Rand
12 — Major (constellation)
13 Prod
14 Shame!
15 Protracted
16 Fire residue
17 Likely
18 Goalie's need
20 Start of a toast
22 Fled
23 Vaudeville star, Eddie —
24 Field flower
27 Old
31 Arizona mining town
32 Eyelid problem
34 Prescribed amount
35 Author Grey
37 Surface measures
39 Drivers' org.
40 Author — Caldwell
42 Clues
44 Printer's measures
45 Roman bronze
46 Beat
49 Pecan confection
53 Mimic
54 Actress Sue —
56 Bard's river
57 — Tin Tin
58 Gilded
59 Verne hero
60 Explosive (abbr.)
61 Biblical brother
62 Colors

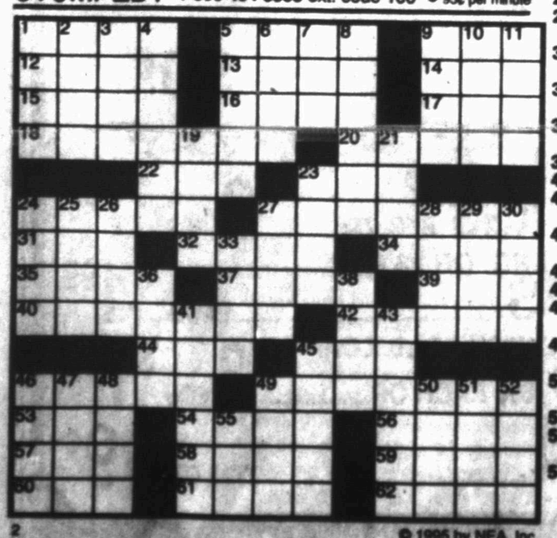
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2 Video-game movie
3 Anglo-Saxon slave
4 Bets
5 Actress Sarandon
6 Walked
7 Self-esteem
8 System
9 At a distance
10 Cry of pain
11 Catches
19 Takes care of the bills
21 Viewed
23 Run away
24 Stupefy
25 Partly open
26 Charged particles
27 Bronte heroine Jane —
28 Horse color
29 Future attys.' exam
30 Positive words
33 Processes hides
36 — out (uses frugally)
38 Mets' stadium
41 Mrs. Marcos
43 N.Y.C.'s Staten —
45 Dress material
46 Role
47 — — arms
48 Season of fasting
49 Minute opening
50 Actress Judith —
51 City in Alaska
52 Adam's grandson
55 Hoodlum

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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"WHAT'S THE SCORE?"



AWARD WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER — Mickey Gutierrez of Midland, former Snyder resident, is a photographer for the Olan Mills Studio in Midland. He has won first place in the print exhibit for the OM studios throughout Texas for the past two years. He is shown with the large format studio camera he uses at Olan Mills and a 35mm SLR which he uses for personal work. (Contributed Photo)

Ex-resident wins awards

MIDLAND — Mickey Gutierrez, former Snyder resident, has won first place in the print exhibit for Olan Mills Studios across Texas for the past two years.

The 23-year-old went to work for Olan Mills 19 months ago. A brother who made glamour portraits taught Gutierrez what he knows about photography.

Taking studio-portraits brings Gutierrez into contact with children on a daily basis, something he has come to enjoy very much.

His photographs often have a theme such as holiday or special occasion. About one-half of Gutierrez's ideas are original and the rest are borrowed.

He is allowed creative freedom in his photography and likes the relaxed atmosphere he works in because he does not have to wear a tie or keep his hair short.

Gutierrez is a former hairdresser who quit doing that full time so he could concentrate on his photography.

A native of Snyder, Gutierrez attended school here, moving away in 1987.

He is the son of Manuel Gutierrez of Snyder. Other local relatives include two aunts, Blandina Morales and Patsy Fuentez; an uncle, Lucio Solis Jr.; and a grandfather, Lucio Solis, Sr.

HUMC will light first Advent candle Sunday

Hermleigh United Methodist Church, in preparation for the Christmas season of Advent, will be lighting the first Advent candle during the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday.

The Altar Guild has been busy preparing the Sanctuary by placing evergreen and poinsettias on the altar and throughout the church.

The church tree with Chrismons will be put up and all members and friends are asked to bring money, groceries and items for the Christmas Cheer baskets. These are to be given to the elderly, needy and rest home residents.

Elmwood West United Methodist Church will present a Christmas cantata Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3:15 p.m.

The Christmas Eve candlelight-communion service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24. The old 1907 church bell will be rung welcoming the season.

Rev. Jim Reinbolt is the pastor. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Date Book

Dec. 2, 1995

Today is the 336th day of 1995 and the 71st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1620, the first English-language newspaper was published.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georges Seurat (1859-1891), painter; Adolph Green (1915-), playwright-lyricist, is 80; Alexander Haig (1924-), U.S. general/politician, is 71; Julie Harris (1925-), actress, is 70; Edwin Meese III (1931-), former U.S. attorney general, is 64; Tracy Austin (1962-), tennis player, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, Anthony Davis scored six touchdowns — including kickoff returns of 97 and 96 yards — in leading Southern California to victory over Notre Dame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "As of now, I am in control here in the White House." — Alexander Haig, shortly after President Reagan was wounded by an assassin

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1978, a 24-hour rainfall began in Singapore that dumped more than 20 inches of rain on the southeast Asian city.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 29) and full moon (Dec. 7).

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Dec. 3, 1995

Today is the 337th day of 1995 and the 72nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1984, more than 2,000 people were killed by gas that leaked from a Union Carbide chemical plant in Bhopal, India.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stuart Gilbert (1755-1828), painter; Joseph Conrad (1857-1924), writer; Jean-Luc Godard (1930-), film director, is 65; Andy Williams (1930-), singer, is 65; Ozzy Osbourne (1948-), singer, is 47; Katarina Witt (1965-), figure skater, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, the Notre Dame football team completed its fourth consecutive undefeated season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "All ambitions are lawful except those which climb upward on the miseries or credulities of mankind." — Joseph Conrad

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1952, an Arctic air mass moved over China's Kowloon Bay inducing an unusual thick fog.

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Bingo, 8 Ball planned at Senior Center

Bingo will get underway at 10 a.m. Monday in the Senior Citizens Center, with an 8 Ball Tournament also scheduled. Juanita Ellington will be leading the modified exercise class which meets in the center at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Hoss Clayton and his band will be playing in the center's dining room at 11 a.m. Tuesday. 42 will get underway at 9:30 a.m.

The Sunshine Choir will sing Christmas songs in the extended care wing of Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 10 a.m. Tuesday. They will be performing their Christmas music in the center at 11 a.m. Friday.

Mary Torrence and Herman Richburg will present a musical program in the center at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday. The Kitchen band will go to Snyder Healthcare Center for a program at 10 a.m. that day. Canasta players will get together in the center at 1 p.m.

Pat Reynolds will sing in the dining room at 11:15 a.m., Thursday. The Tri Chem textile painting class will meet at 9 a.m.

Blood pressure checks are made from 9:30-11 a.m. each Friday in the center. Bridge games will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays.

Senior citizens are invited to join a group making the Christmas Tour of Homes from 2-4:30 p.m. on Dec. 10. They will meet at the Senior Center about 1:30 p.m. and visit five homes and the Cornelius-Dodson House. Refreshments will be served in the Dermott School. Information about the tour can be obtained by contacting Norma Laywell, director of the center.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

First Baptist Church, 1995 Ford bus from Wilson Motors.

Royalty Well Service, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Billy Newton, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Monte and Kellie Craven, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Rancho Escondido and Charles Tate, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Loyed B. Dempsey, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

George Alvarado, 1996 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Lana Cline, 1996 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Mesquite Oil Tools, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Shane Terry, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Calvin E. Hunter, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Edith Blanton, 1995 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Andy C. Melendez, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jimmy C. and Dorothy N. Adair, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Dan and Anita Humphries, 1995 Ford stationwagon from Wilson Motors.

Shane S. and Rose M. Ussery, 1995 Ford from Wilson Motors.

T and T Transports Inc., 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Courtney King, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Robert M. McCommon Jr., 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Kelly Mechelle Lowery, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Rodney and Cindy Josey, 1995 Chrysler from Snyder Chrysler.

Jack's Roadboring and Pipeline, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mark and Alton Gross, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Rayburn H. Byrom, 1995 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Virgil M. and Lola Rhodes Walton, 1995 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Enrike Carrisalez and Mary Helen Martinez, both of Snyder.

Roger Garza and Francis Cerda Torres, both of Snyder.

James Harley Hall and Toni Jo Evans, both of Snyder.

Marcus Shane Parham and Tracie Michelle Laroux, both of Snyder.

William Don Stanley and Lois Lee Tharp, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Pamela Raye Earnest and Hank Vannon Earnest, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Stephen Glenn Sorrells and Cathy Joy Sorrells, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Marie Kirchhoff Gloyd and Ronald Wayne Gloyd, divorce granted.

Filed in District Court

Joe Lara and wife, Virginia Lara, vs. Johnny Jimmie Mata and wife, Mary Lou Mata, suit on contract.

Tisha Morrell vs. Migel Jaramillo, damages from motor vehicle accident.

Deed Records

Laverne Lee to Carlene Lee and Joe S. Lee, .482 acres in Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey. (Corrected)

Patricia Ann Stahl and Margie Sue Rose to Charlene Merritt, the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 33 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Claudine Atwood, individually and as independent executrix of the William Franklin Atwood Estate, to Russell Jones Jr., 0.17 acre tract out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 180, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Michael D. Taylor to Russell Jones Jr., all of Lot 15 in Block 8 of the Parkway Addition.

Stephen C. and Karleen M. McMahan to Perry L. and Shari Jamison, 1.6421 acres in Lot 6 of the R.G. Davenport subdivision in Section 34, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Ernest and Brenda Salazar to Maria Coronado, all the east 5.5 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 in Block 48 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Morris Williamson, independent administrator of the Estate of Michael David Williamson, to Morris Williamson, the northeast one-quarter of Section 245, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Delia Thomson Hardin to Veterans Land Board of Texas, 158.96 acres in the southeast part of Section 644, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Veterans Land Board of Texas to Bill Anderson Kirby, 158.96 acres in the southeast part of Section 644, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Agatha Lochabay to Abelino L. and Maria E. Valadez, the west 50 feet of Lot 1 and the east 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 11 of the Adams Addition.

Pamela Raye Earnest to Hank Vannon Earnest, 1.47 acres out of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Cecil Don and Patricia Anne Vineyard to Pat Anne and Cecil Don Vineyard Living Trust, a tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 192, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Cecil Don and Patricia Anne Vineyard to Pat Anne and Cecil Don Vineyard Living Trust, 82.67 acres out of Section 232, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Cecil Don and Patricia Anne Vineyard to Pat Anne and Cecil Don Vineyard Living Trust, an undivided one-half interest in 128 acres out of 200 acres in the south end of Section 12, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Cecil Don and Patricia Anne Vineyard to Pat Anne and Cecil Don Vineyard Living Trust, all the southwest one-quarter of Section 191, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Noreen Ball to Ronald D. and Lee Spruill, all the north one-half of Lot 2 in Block 10 of the Manry Addition.

Verda Johnson to Christopher and Linda Derrick, tract one being 0.6371 acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 58, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being a 30-foot wide access road in the southwest one-quarter of Section 58, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Christopher and Linda Derrick to Salomon Gonzalez Jr., tract one being 0.6371 acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 58, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being a 30-foot wide access road in the southwest one-quarter of Section 58, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Arthur Lawson Dennis, independent executor of the estate of Harvey Ben Dennis, to Harvey Lawson Dennis, the west one-half of Section 337, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Suspect's wife's body returns home

WACO (AP) — The remains of Emilita Reeves, the third wife of Jack Reeves to meet an untimely death, have been flown back to her native Philippines.

The body of the 26-year-old mail order bride was found in a shallow grave near Lake Whitney in October. She had been missing for a year.

Reeves, a retired U.S. Army sergeant, is charged in her death as well as in the death of his second wife, Sharon DeLane Reeves.

"This is another chapter in the book that's closed," Ron Barr of Wichita Falls.

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