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Home Of Rhonda Ward

Warehouse dedication set Monday

Distribution center serves all West Texas prison units

The Texas Department of Criminal, a growing pillar of the Scurry County economy, will be the center of attention Monday as the agency opens its newly-expanded regional distribution center for public inspection.

Top TDCJ officials will be on hand at 11 a.m. at the distribution center, located on U.S. 84. After dedication ceremonies, the public is invited to tour the 130,000-square foot facility that will service 22 prison units located in West Texas.

Snyder Mayor Dayton Robertson will welcome guests that will include TDCJ Executive Director Wayne Scott and Deputy Director Art Mosley.

Other Huntsville guests will include Gary Johnson, institutional division director; Dale Story, director of transportation; Craig Wilson, director of warehouse and supply; and Allen Sailer, facilities director.

Others expected for the event, which coincides with the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Price Daniel unit in Snyder, include John Gilbert, Region V director; and Les Woods, PDU's first warden.

Others who have indicated they will attend include Marshall Herklotz, now director of laundry and food service but who was regional director when the Daniel unit opened. Two former assistant wardens are expected, including Charlie Streetman of Gatesville and Robert Parker of Fort Stockton.

Wilhelmenia Howard, the current warden, and Robin Smauley, Snyder distribution center manager, will be part of the opening ceremonies.

Also expected are State Rep. David Counts and State Sen. Tom Haywood.

Following the dedication ceremonies, the public will be invited to take guided tours of the facility, originally built as a mobile home manufacturing plant.

The building was given to the state as part of the incentive package to lure the TDCJ board to locate a prison unit in Scurry County.

The agency has just completed a 60,000-square foot addition to the building, including 20,000-square feet of cold storage, at a cost of $4.9 million.

The expanded warehouse created 17 new jobs, bringing total employment to 57, including 30 truck drivers.

The distribution facility is the first built outside of Huntsville. Agency officials say the Snyder facility should save the state $1 million annually in transportation costs.

At noon, out-of-town guests have been invited to have lunch with local community representatives, many who were active in the prison project that started in 1986.

Snyder was selected as a site for a 1,000-bed facility in November, 1987, and the unit opened in August, 1989. An additional 340 beds were added in 1994.

Also located in Snyder is the Region V staff for Windham Schools, plus a parole office. Counting, the Cogdell Hospital employees who work in the clinic inside the Daniel unit, the prison accounts for more than 500 jobs and a payroll in excess of $12 million.

At 2:30 p.m., officials will attend a reception for Price Daniel employees at the unit, hosted by Warden Howard who will recognize long-time employees, some who helped open the unit 10 years ago.

Many of the prison officials will also attend the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet set for 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The dinner is co-hosted by State Rep. David Counts and by the Texas Association of Electric Cooperatives.

In addition to prison officials, all area law enforcement officials are invited.

Jerry Baird will prepare the meal, and entertainment will be presented by Cindy Nix.



Burglary trial to begin

A 36-year-old man goes on trial Monday in 132nd District Court, charged with the burglary of the First United Methodist Church.

Steven Greg Mitchell, described as a transient originally from Tyler, is charged with the May 1 burglary. He has been held in the Scurry County Jail since his arrest with bond set at $5,000.

Court records indicate that Mitchell is accused of entering an open door of the church building and made himself a cup of coffee and soup after which he cleaned up the kitchen.

He was discovered by a church staffer, and police were notified.

Police then found the defendant hidden laying on the rear bench in the church sanctuary. Court documents indicate he had previously been issued a criminal trespass warning.

The state intends to show a pattern of criminal activity by Mitchell, including 14 cases from 1995 to 1999 that includes criminal mischief, criminal trespass, indecent exposure, possession of stolen property, shoplifting, burglary and attempted burglary.

Burglary of a building is a state jail felony, and the defendant could receive up to two years confinement.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute the case and may call as many as 22 witnesses. Dena Reecer of Snyder is the court-appointed attorney for Mitchell.

Some 148 prospective jurors have been called for 8:30 a.m. Monday.

'Snow White' on stage

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be presented by Snyder Junior High School's theatre department at 7 p.m. Saturday and Tuesday. Tickets will be on sale at the door at both performances for $4.Advance tickets may be purchased for $3.

All seats are reserved.

This play was written in 1912, before Walt Disney produced a movie based on the Snow White theme. Those attending will notice some difference between the movie version and the play.



Snow White (Ashley Amox) gets an apple from the Old Hag (Paige Smith)



CHECKING OUT — James Bailey, stock and inventory supervisor, (right) and Amanda Marcon, industrial supervisor, were staging and checking outbound supplies Saturday morning at the TDCJ Regional Distribution Center. (SDN Staff Photo)

Crenwelge reelected to board

Ted Crenwelge was reelected to the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation board of directors.

Crenwelge represents District 3 of the SWCD.

The purpose of the program, which is headquartered in Temple, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district.

In addition, the district serves as a voice for farmers, ranchers and local community entities on conservation matters.

The board of directors — consisting of Crenwelge, Jimmy McMillan, Myron Calley, Max Jones and John Anderson — coordinate the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has the authority to enter into working agreements with the governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

The five board members are responsible for district policies and procedures for enacting the district's program within the framework of the Texas soil conservation law.

Besides the local conservation district, there are 215 other districts in the state.

Each is a legal subdivision of a state governmental organization of local landowners with the assistance of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

However, unlike most other legal subdivisions of state government, the soil and water conservation districts do not have the powers of taxation or eminent domain. All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner, or operator, or other potential users of the SWCD's programs.

The local conservation district was organized by a vote of landowners in 1941. Since that time, more than 1,575 owners and operators have become cooperators with the district. The five-member board is concerned with all aspects of the environment in addition to the planning and application of conservation practices on farms, ranches and other land in Scurry and Borden counties.

United Way now at 80% of goal

Scurry County's United Way drive is now at 80 percent of its goal of $60,000, as $48,454.79 has been pledged.

Drive organizers are hoping the 1999 campaign goal can be reached by Nov. 1. Those wishing to make donations to this year's United Way drive can call 573-1731, or send a pledge to Box 1411, Snyder.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "They make laws against bad habits. Unfortunately, it's easier to break a law than to break a habit."

Linda and Terry Huestis, both teachers at Snyder Junior High, passed along the following piece of wisdom.

It's a list of 11 things that high school (and college) graduates didn't learn in the classroom.

The list is perfect for those with no concept of reality, those who believe they are entitled to success without having to work for it.

Rule 1: Life is not fair. Get used to it.

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will not make $40,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping. They called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes. Learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes, and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades; they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This, of course, does not bear the slightest resemblance to anything in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off, and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is not real life. In real life, people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

ASK US

Q-Do city employees earn longevity pay?

A-Yes. Each employee is paid $4 per month in longevity pay for each year the employee works for the city. This cannot exceed $100 per month.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 91 degrees; low, 62; 7 a.m. Saturday, 65; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.52 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, increasing clouds, windy, colder, 40% rain chance. Low 40-45. Sunday, mostly cloudy, windy, cold 30% rain chance. High 50-55.



Taylor Davidson
Chance of Rain

Sunset: 7:11 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:48 a.m.
Of 288 days in 1999, the sun has shone 281 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Do the little things well now. In time, great things will be presented to you, waiting to be done.

—Persian Proverb

Gore may not want any help

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore says he may tell President Clinton that he doesn't want his help on the quest for the presidency.

Gore, who defended Clinton during the impeachment trial and now faces a stronger-than-expected challenge for the Democratic nomination from former Sen. Bill Bradley, said running for the White House is a "very personal quest."

In an interview Friday with reporters and editors at The Washington Post, Gore said he has yet to decide if he's going to tell Clinton not to help his campaign effort.

But, he told the Post, "I may do that."

To be successful, "I have to have a very personal connection and line of communication with the American people," said Gore, comparing the campaign to his first race for the House in 1976, when he asked his late father, a senator, not to speak on his behalf.

Gore criticized Bradley's suggestion that he was waging a "left of center, insurgent" bid for the White House. Gore said a more accurate description of Bradley's 18-year record as a senator from New Jersey would be "cautious moderate."

Despite his professed desire to be his own man on the campaign trail, Gore acknowledged that Clinton already is injecting himself into the race by wooing major donors and talking up his vice president whenever and wherever possible.

On Thursday, Clinton praised Gore as "by far the best vice president in history" and said he did the right thing by moving his campaign operation.

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KEN'S CHICKEN — Chamber staff and Goldcoaters were on hand Friday morning at a ribbon cutting welcoming Ken's Chicken as a new member of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Pictured front from left are John Gayle, Linda Sellars, Donna Fowler, Ken Irwin, Pam Irwin, Joyce Buchanan and Sandra Barboza. Back row are Phil Ragland, R.C. Patton, Dink Foree and Jim Shearer. (SDN Staff Photo)

Earthquake hits S. California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A magnitude-7.0 earthquake centered in the Southern California desert shook buildings from downtown Los Angeles to Las Vegas and Arizona early Saturday. An Amtrak train was knocked off the tracks, but no serious injuries were reported.

Amtrak said its Southwest Chief en route from Chicago to Los Angeles derailed in the Mojave Desert near Ludlow, a community on Interstate 40 more than 125 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

There were 155 passengers on the 25-car train and none were injured, said an Amtrak official at the Wilmington, Del., operations center. The passenger cars remained upright, and Amtrak planned to take the passengers to Los Angeles by bus.

Karen Kahler, a seismologist at the California Institute of Technology, said the quake hit at 2:46 a.m. and was centered 32 miles north of Joshua Tree, 100 miles east of Los Angeles. There were multiple aftershocks.

The earthquake was felt for hundreds of miles across Southern California and at least as far away as Yuma, Ariz. There were reports of scattered power outages and transformer explosions. Downed power lines started small brush fires near Palm Springs.

"That was a bad one. Things are bouncing around all over. But we are all right. I have to go and call the kids," Lucille Manning said from her home in Chino, east of downtown Los Angeles.

The earthquake woke up tourists in Las Vegas, 170 miles from the epicenter.

"I wasn't sure what it was," said John Fabian, who was staying on the 18th floor of the Mirage Hotel. "My wife hit me and said we've got to get ... out of here."

Fabian's wife, Michele, added: "The whole place was shaking like crazy."

Authorities in Las Vegas and the Los Angeles area said there were no reports of serious damage or injuries.

"Most people just slept right through it," said Lt. Rich Paddock of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. "It shook everything pretty good, but that was about it."

The few calls authorities received were from mostly from frightened people who were awakened by the quake and were curious about damage.

The effects of the earthquake were more pronounced in the lightly populated region around the epicenter.

California Highway Patrol dispatcher Joe Serrano in Barstow said a bridge on Interstate 40 was heavily damaged but the freeway remained open.

Jacob Naylor, night manager at the Joshua Tree Inn in Joshua Tree, said the structure lost power but there was no sign of damage.

"Twelve guests, all definitely awake. A couple in from Holland, definitely shocked. A couple in from the U.K. asked me, 'Is this normal?'" Naylor said. "They're all taking it rather well, kind of excited. Vacationers, new experiences, what can I say?"

In Yucca Valley, Dr. Daniel Injo said the Hi-Desert Medical Center was relying on emergency power, as was the San Bernardino County Sheriff's station in Joshua Tree.

Gerri Hagman, owner of the Homestead Inn bed-and-breakfast in Twentynine Palms, near the epicenter, said she had a lot of broken dishes and things thrown off shelves. She couldn't see any structural damage.

Reno OKs seeking the death penalty

TYLER (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno has given federal prosecutors the OK to seek the death penalty for three Marshall men charged in a series of robberies and killings across East Texas.

Two of the men, Charles Stephens, 21, and Daymon Maurice Smith, 20, already face state capital murder charges in the botched robbery of First Federal Savings Bank in Longview. One teller was killed and a bank manager wounded.

Kenneth A. Tatum, 20, was charged in May with attempted robbery in the November kidnapping and slaying of an Overton bank president.

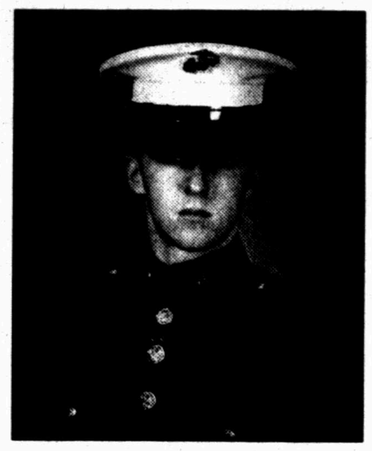
Trial is set for Nov. 8 in Marshall, but U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield of Beaumont has scheduled a hearing Oct. 22 in Marshall on a motion for a change of venue.

Defense attorneys say the trial should be moved because of excessive publicity. They also have asked that each defendant be tried separately.

A federal grand jury indicted the three men in May with varying federal robbery crimes, beginning with the Nov. 4, 1998 slaying of Ronnie Dale Ritch, president of First State Bank in Overton.

Federal prosecutors allege that Stephens and Tatum abducted Ritch, 50, as he left work and forced him to try and re-open the bank's vault. The attempt was unsuccessful.

Ritch's bullet-riddled body was found the next morning in a ditch about three miles north of Mount Enterprise in rural Rusk County. His vehicle was found later in a downtown Kilgore cemetery.



Lance Cpl. Albert Schweitzer

Locals' grandson graduates from Marine basics

Lance Cpl. Albert Ryan Schweitzer, son of Bobby and Sid Harper of Valle De Oro and Mike and Sharon Schweitzer of San Antonio and the grandson of Bill and Loy Forbes of Snyder, graduated MCRD in San Diego on Aug. 6.

He completed 12 weeks of training and the Crucible, and served as squad leader his last two weeks at Boot Camp.

Schweitzer rated second in his platoon and graduated with a meritorius promotion. He returned to MCT and was selected for another meritorious promotion to Lance Corporal by the board.

He was one of two people in his platoon who scored 100 on the Hummer Driving Test.

He is currently at MOS Motor Transportation School in Fort. Leonardwood, Mo.

Schweitzer's first duty station will be in Camp Lejune, N.C.

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Bush visits school in Yakima

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Courting the Hispanic vote with children too young to cast a ballot but old enough to talk to their parents, Republican presidential hopeful George W. Bush read to students and played marbles Friday at a Yakima elementary school.

The 31 million Hispanics living in the United States are the fastest-growing minority group and potentially influential voting bloc, which polls show tend to favor Democrats.

"It's muy importante," Bush, the governor of Texas, said when asked how critical the Hispanic vote would be in next year's presidential election.

Later Friday, he received star billing in Seattle at the National Federation of Republican Women's last convention before the 2000 elections.

Delegates cheered his presentation of himself as one of "a rising generation of Republican leaders who are not just explaining problems, we are solving them."

Welfare reform, crime bills and economic expansion are hallmarks of Republican leadership, he said in a speech that contained no specific policy proposals.

He called for limited, but compassionate government, with help for those who need it, but lower taxes and a leaner, less regulation-happy bureaucracy. He also called for worldwide free trade and warned against isolationism.

Bush's wife Laura, a member of the group's Texas chapter, will speak on Saturday.

Earlier Friday, Bush spent about 90 minutes at the 500-student Garfield Elementary School, which is 76 percent Hispanic and 81 percent minority overall.

In a brief media availability, Bush said he favored changes to current guest-worker laws, which would make it easier for foreign workers to enter this country temporarily, and that he opposed a new amnesty program for illegal immigrants in this country.

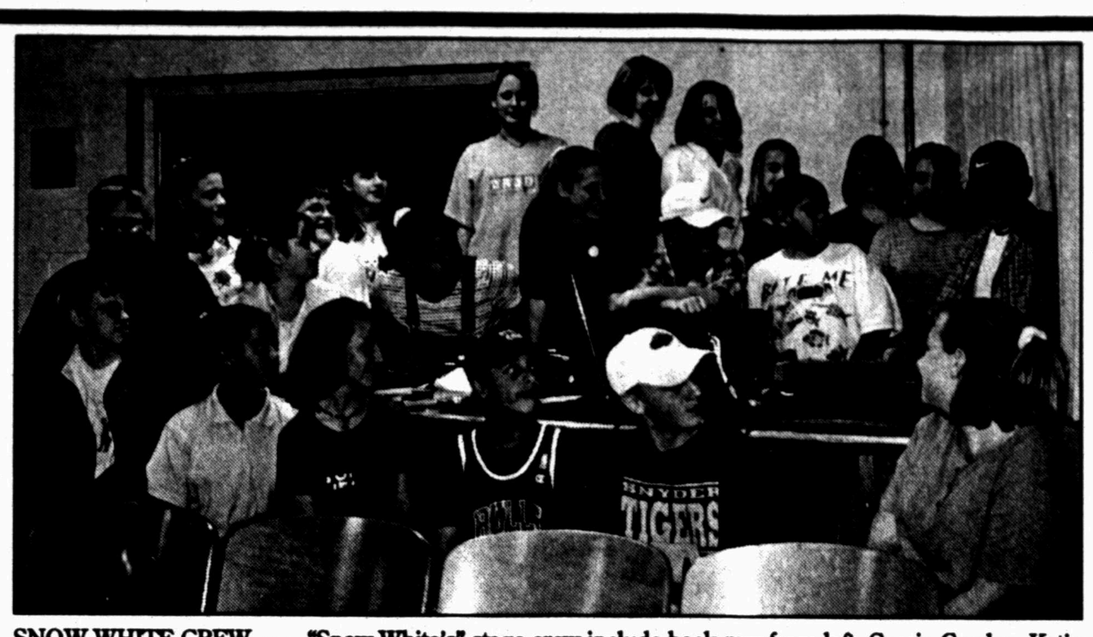
Both are heavily debated topics in agricultural Yakima County, where growers depend on migrant labor. Growers have said they would like changes in guest-worker laws that would improve access to legal workers from Mexico. Some migrant worker advocates have opposed such changes and are seeking a new amnesty program instead.

"I don't think there ought to be amnesty at this time," Bush said.

Bush, who exhibited the same ease with children that his father, former President George Bush, seems to have, selected a book called "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" to read to a group of first-graders at Garfield.

He watched others work on computers and then made a couple of shots in the weekly marble tournament here. He told the students that when he attended Sam Houston Elementary School, "I thought I was a pretty cool marble shooter."

He missed his first shot, however, but made up for it on a second try.



SNOW WHITE CREW — "Snow White's" stage crew include back row from left, Cassie Gordan, Katie Haggard, Candyce Gordan, Chris Callahan, Meagham Langham, Brooke Petersen, Emily Long, Rebecca Pavlovsky; middle row, Josh Derington, Michelle Munoz, Lara Arellano, Laura Calemas, Cody Pechacek, Adam Sauceda, Brandi Russell, Corey Longorio; front row, Cassie Crane, Erin Hackfeld, J.J. Mandrell, Michael Deolloz Ford, Tucker Early, Molly Mason. The Snyder Junior High School production begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, with a final performance set for 7 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets cost $4 at the door. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

'A big problem' - Florida cracks down on rave parties

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — It's a typical rave — loud, throbbing dance music, hundreds of young people and drugs, lots of different kinds. Synthetic and potent substances.

Fade Kainer and his friends are here. The 23-year-old musician doesn't see anything strange in the all-night dance party on South Beach: "I don't know if it's any worse than living in the '60s."

But Florida authorities say the parties and their problems are among the worst in the nation. They are cracking down.

Statewide raids this month at 57 raves netted 1,219 arrests and nearly $9.4 million in drugs, weapons, vehicles and cash. As of June, nearly 1 million pills had been confiscated across the state, according to the Florida Sheriff's Association. Agents seized nearly 49,000 doses during the recent Operation Heat Rave, with an estimated value of $1.2 million.

"We have a big problem in the state," state drug czar Jim McDonough said. "It exceeds the rest of the country."

McDonough blamed Florida's popularity on the state's international connection and the flow of tourists, especially from Europe where raves are very popular.

"Florida is on the cutting edge of focusing on this as a public health issue," said Rob Housman, a spokesman for White House drug policy coordinator Gen. Barry McCaffrey. "Their coordinated effort is a model for other states."

McCaffrey's office lauded the recent crackdown and said that law enforcement officials across the country were beginning to pay more attention to the scene and synthetic drugs popping up everywhere from desert parties in Arizona to clubs in New York City.

The current alphabet soup of designer drugs with names such GHB, MDMA and Special K are more potent, more available and in some combinations, more deadly than some of the substances floating around during the '60s.

Florida officials say there have been six rave-related drug deaths around the state, including two this summer.

Lollipops and baby pacifiers are used by some in the rave drug set because any product containing methamphetamine, as the hallucinogen Ecstasy does, causes one's teeth to grind. You need something in your mouth to avoid biting your tongue or your lips.

"I always think about how many brain cells I'm killing, but I'll go back and do it," said Josh Mangual, 21, a graphic design artist. He added: "It's not the scene that causes drug use, it's the individual."

Authorities say Ecstasy, also called Adam, is the drug of choice for those involved with the club music and rave scene. Many raves attract a younger crowd by advertising that alcohol is not sold on the premises.

The young people who enjoy raving say it isn't fair to reduce their culture to a mere drug fest.

Jenny Margolis, 17, said the scene promotes peace, love, unity and respect. But she acknowledges it is overshadowed by excessive drug use.

"The music brings people together and the drugs pull them apart," she said. "I don't go out to get messed up anymore."

Several Florida cities have taken steps to regulate or ban raves, including Orlando and Tampa. Some say the efforts have merely forced the parties to move to warehouses, homes and other locations.

"If they put an all-out ban on these shows, things are going to get a lot more dangerous," said Jason Donovan, an organizer of the Zen Festival in Coconut Grove last month. "If you try and tell a young person not to do something, they're going to want to do it even more."

Girl kidnapped in front of home killed

GRAIN VALLEY, Mo. (AP) — The nude body of a 10-year-old Kansas girl was found in a rural area Friday, three days after she was abducted in front of her home while roller skating with her sister, her parents said.

The FBI would not disclose how Pamela Butler died and said it did not know whether she had been sexually assaulted.

A suspect, Keith B. Nelson, 24, was captured Thursday after a manhunt in Kansas City, Kan., where the girl lived. He was charged with kidnapping.

In court papers, the FBI quoted a co-worker of Nelson's as saying that Nelson told him two weeks ago that he "would like to kidnap a girl to rape, torture, electrocute, kill and bury."

FBI agent Monte Strait confirmed that the body and some clothing found separately matched the fifth-grader's description. The body was not buried but was covered with sticks.

More than 100 officers had searched a field and woods Friday in Grain Valley, about 25 miles from the girl's home. The body was found near a church where a pickup truck believed to have been used in the kidnapping was spotted a few hours after Pamela disappeared Tuesday.

"They found her. That's all I can say," Pamela's father, Paul Butler, said tearfully said outside her home.

Pamela was skating Tuesday evening when her 11-year-old sister, Penny, saw a man get out of a white pickup, grab Pamela around the waist and throw her into the cab.

"I started screaming, and so did she," said Penny, who was on her front porch at the time. She yelled for an older sister to call police.

Witnesses reported a license number after they chased the truck but couldn't keep up.

The truck was registered to a company formerly owned by David Cunningham, Nelson's boss. Cunningham said Nelson had been driving the truck for two weeks, the FBI said.

Nelson was captured after he was spotted near the Kansas River. Police said he tried to swim away as officers approached.

While authorities searched for Pamela, classmates decorated her home with cards made out of construction paper and gave teddy bears.

Pamela's mother, Cherri West, had appealed to the kidnapper to give back her daughter.

"For someone to come here and do this, it's just not right," she said. "She was just a little girl, she had a whole life ahead."

Nelson underwent surgery Friday for injuries to his knee and leg suffered in a fall, the FBI said. He was in fair condition. He was to spent Friday night in the hospital.

Lawyers want another judge

LUBBOCK (AP) — Attorneys for two Hampton University basketball coaches suing the city of Lubbock want a federal judge to recuse himself from their $30 million civil rights lawsuit.

Plaintiffs' lawyers filed a motion Friday asking that the case be reassigned to a federal judge in Dallas.

The motion says Judge Sam Cummings "has a deep-seated favoritism of the defendants. Clearly the judge's impartiality can be called into question."

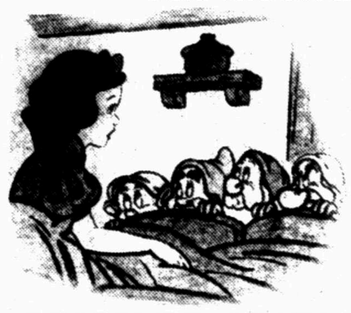
The lawsuit against the city of Lubbock, several police officers and some University Medical Center employees alleges racial bias in the wrongful arrest of the Hampton women's team coach, her husband and an assistant outside a Wal-Mart in November 1998.

The Virginia school's team was in Lubbock for a basketball game against Texas Tech, but the game was canceled because of the arrests.

The city of Lubbock has never lost a case in Cummings' court, according to the plaintiffs' research.

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Skeleton studied

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Kennewick Man, one of the oldest and most complete human skeletons ever found in North America, may have had Asian or Polynesian roots, but a scientist said Friday there are still a lot of questions to be answered.

"It's similar to what we're seeing with other ancient skeletons in both North and South America — there's some difference between them and any modern people anywhere in the world," said Joseph Powell, a professor of anthropology at the University of New Mexico.

In a newly released report for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Powell and scientist Jerome Rose, part of a federal team appointed to examine the bones, wrote that Kennewick Man "appears to have the strongest ... affinities with populations from Polynesia and southern Asia, and not with American Indians or Europeans in the reference samples."

The older the bones, the more difficult it can be to neatly link them to specific populations, he said.



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Court says places of worship must be assessible to disabled

AUSTIN (AP) — A recent appeals court ruling will force churches and other places of worship built or renovated after 1995 to be accessible to the disabled except in areas where "religious rituals" are held, a civil rights group said Friday.

The ruling Thursday by the 3rd Court of Appeals means those facilities must provide handicapped parking, entry ramps, accessible bathrooms and full access into fellowship halls, schools and so on, said Jim Harrington, director of the Texas Civil Rights Project.

The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities sued the state Department of Licensing and Regulation in 1996 after the agency determined entire religious facilities were exempt from disabled access requirements.

"It is an eloquent proclamation of the right of Texans with disabilities to integrate themselves as fully as possible into the full life of the community," Harrington said.

"For many people in Texas, the church is the center of their social and spiritual lives."

Agency officials said they had not seen the ruling and declined comment.

State lawmakers in 1995 voted to exempt places used for religious rituals from disabled access requirements.

Although House lawmakers said places such as altars, confessionals and baptismal fonts should be exempt, they said other areas, such as seating for a congregation, should not.

The Senate sponsor of the measure, David Sibley, R-Waco, disagreed. Court records show Sibley said lawmakers intended to exempt entire buildings in which religious rituals are held from access requirements.

The department's interpretation similar to Sibley's opinion was "unreasonable," the court said in a unanimous opinion.

"The Legislature did not intend to shield entire religious buildings or facilities, as well as attached buildings," the court said.

Sibley was unavailable for comment. A spokeswoman said he had not read the opinion.

Areas such as altars and baptismal fonts would remain exempt, Harrington said. Other areas that might be exempt have yet to be determined.

"I think some of it is going to depend on what a particular religious community determines is used for ritual," he said.

"Bathrooms, ramps, everything else has to conform," Harrington said.

The cost of renovations or upgrading buildings to conform should be small, he said.

Terror plot ringleader receives 11 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Calling terrorism "evil and ungodly," a man once characterized by prosecutors as the architect of plots to kill Egypt's president and blow up the United Nations was sentenced Friday to 11 years in prison.

Siddig Ibrahim Siddig Ali said he was "arrogant, immature and foolish" in 1993 when he designed the plots and discussed them with a government informant who was secretly taping the conversations.

Financial Focus

When the Federal Reserve raised interest rates twice this past summer, it drew massive attention from the media, financial analysts, politicians and just about everyone else with an opinion to offer. But what exactly do interest rate hikes mean for you as an investor?

To understand the effect that rate increases have on investing, you'll need a little background on why the Federal Reserve raises rates at all. Basically, the Fed uses interest rates as a tool to regulate the economy. If the Fed thinks the economy is growing too slowly, it will cut interest rates, thereby encouraging businesses to borrow more to expand their operations. Conversely, if the economy is too "hot", then the Fed will raise rates to slow things down — and head off inflation.

That's what happened this summer. So, what's next? Traditional thinking holds that higher interest rates are bad news for stocks; if it costs more for companies to borrow, they won't grow as fast and won't earn as much. However, studies have shown that the stock market, on average, has historically moved higher after one or two rate hikes. A greater threat to the market actually occurs after the Fed waits too long to curb inflation, and is forced to boost rates several times.

Looking at the situation in this light, it's clear that the Fed's rate increases, while possibly unsettling in the short term, could actually help investors over the long haul. For the economy to continue to grow at a healthy clip, it's essential that inflation remain under control.

Of course, even if the market as a whole is not hurt by one or two rate increases, it doesn't necessarily mean the individual stocks you invest in will be unaffected. If you're investing in an industry, such as financial services, that is highly sensitive to interest-rate increases, you might notice an impact right away. And if you own bonds, you will see their prices drop in a rising-rate environment, because investors can buy new issues at higher interest rates — meaning your lower-rate bonds are worth less.

Generally speaking, though, don't let interest rate movements — up or down — overly influence your investment decisions. Investing is a long-term business, so you don't want to be side-tracked by short-term news. Don't change your goals, and don't abandon your basic strategies. If you like to own stocks, look for those that have solid fundamentals and good prospects for the future. If you own bonds, consider purchasing several, with different maturities, so that you'll always have money coming available to take advantage of rising interest rates.

There's an old saying that "today's newspaper is tomorrow's trash." That's not a bad thing to keep in mind whan you're investing. Rising interest rates may grab a lot of headlines — but they definitely don't tell the whole story.

Senior Center Menu

Monday
Beef/cheese/macaroni casserole, fried okra, steamed cauliflower, tossed salad, brownie

Tuesday
Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, orange whip, chocolate chip cookie

Wednesday
Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, jellied citrus salad, bread pudding

Thursday
Chicken spaghtetti, great northern beans, vegetable sticks, heavenly delight salad, white cake w/strawberries

Friday
Fried fish, broccoli & rice, tater tots, tossed salad, peanut butter chewies

Senior Center News

The AARP pot luck supper and game night will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday. All seniors are invited to attend and bring a covered dish.

New picture identifications for senior citizens will be made Thursday and Friday. Seniors new to our program and those who have a change in information should get a new card.

The cards list health status and phone contacts in case of an emergency. There are some businesses that will give a senior discount to those with a senior I.D. card. Volunteers are needed for this project. Call 573-4035 if you can help.

The Halloween party is scheduled for Oct. 29 from 10:45 a.m. to noon. Seniors are encouraged to join the games and wear a costume. Prizes, punch and snacks will be available.

Walking in the gym, exercise bikes, line dancing, clogging, daily exercise at 11 a.m. and swimnastics on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Western Texas College are all available through the Senior Center.

Monday
Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and AARP supper and meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
"88" play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton band will be performing at 11 a.m., and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon.

Wednesday
Seniors are invited to join us for bingo from 10-11:45 with a short break for exercise. Line dancers will be entertaining at Snyder Oaks at 1 p.m. and the cloggers will practice at the center at 2 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

Thursday
The fabric painting class will meet at 9 am. and the Sunshine Choir will practice at 10 a.m. Seniors may get a new I.D. card from 9 a.m. to noon.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors play "80/88" at 10 a.m. and join the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m. New cards will be available from 9 a.m. until noon.

Prosecutors study case against suspected killer

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A Texas prosecutor said she thinks suspected serial killer Angel Maturino Resendiz eventually will be returned to Kentucky to face trial for the death of a University of Kentucky student.

Devon Anderson, assistant Harris County district attorney, said Friday that once Texas tries Resendiz for the murder of Houston-area physician Claudia Benton, the state has no reason to hold him. Resendiz is scheduled to be tried Feb. 14 in Texas in Ms. Benton's death.

Ms. Anderson and Drew Carter, the Texas Ranger who captured Resendiz at an El Paso border crossing, and two others from the Harris County District Attorney's office, were in Lexington on Thursday and Friday. They discussed Kentucky's case against Resendiz and interviewed the rape victim — the only one of Resendiz's alleged victims to survive.

It will be up to prosecutors in Kentucky and Illinois to determine which state will try Resendiz next. Resendiz is charged with seven murders in the three states, including the bludgeoning death of UK student Christopher Maier, 21, in Lexington.

Resendiz, 40, a migrant laborer, was dubbed the railway killer because the crimes he is charged with took place on or near railroad tracks.

Lexington police have said they have DNA evidence linking Resendiz to the 1997 attack in which Resendiz is accused of beating Maier to death and raping and beating a young woman with him. The two UK students were walking home from a party along railroad tracks in Lexington when they were attacked.

"It's our intention to bring him back and try him," Fayette County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Larson said in Lexington, Ky. "We're going to deal with the death of Christopher Maier. ... That's what he's accused of doing here."

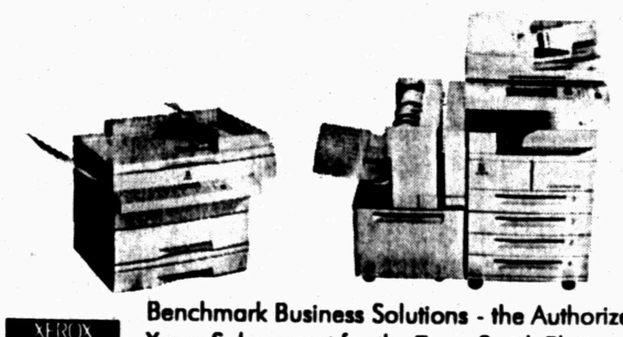
Ms. Anderson said that if Resendiz is convicted in Texas — where officials are seeking the death penalty — the rape victim will testify during the penalty phase of the trial.

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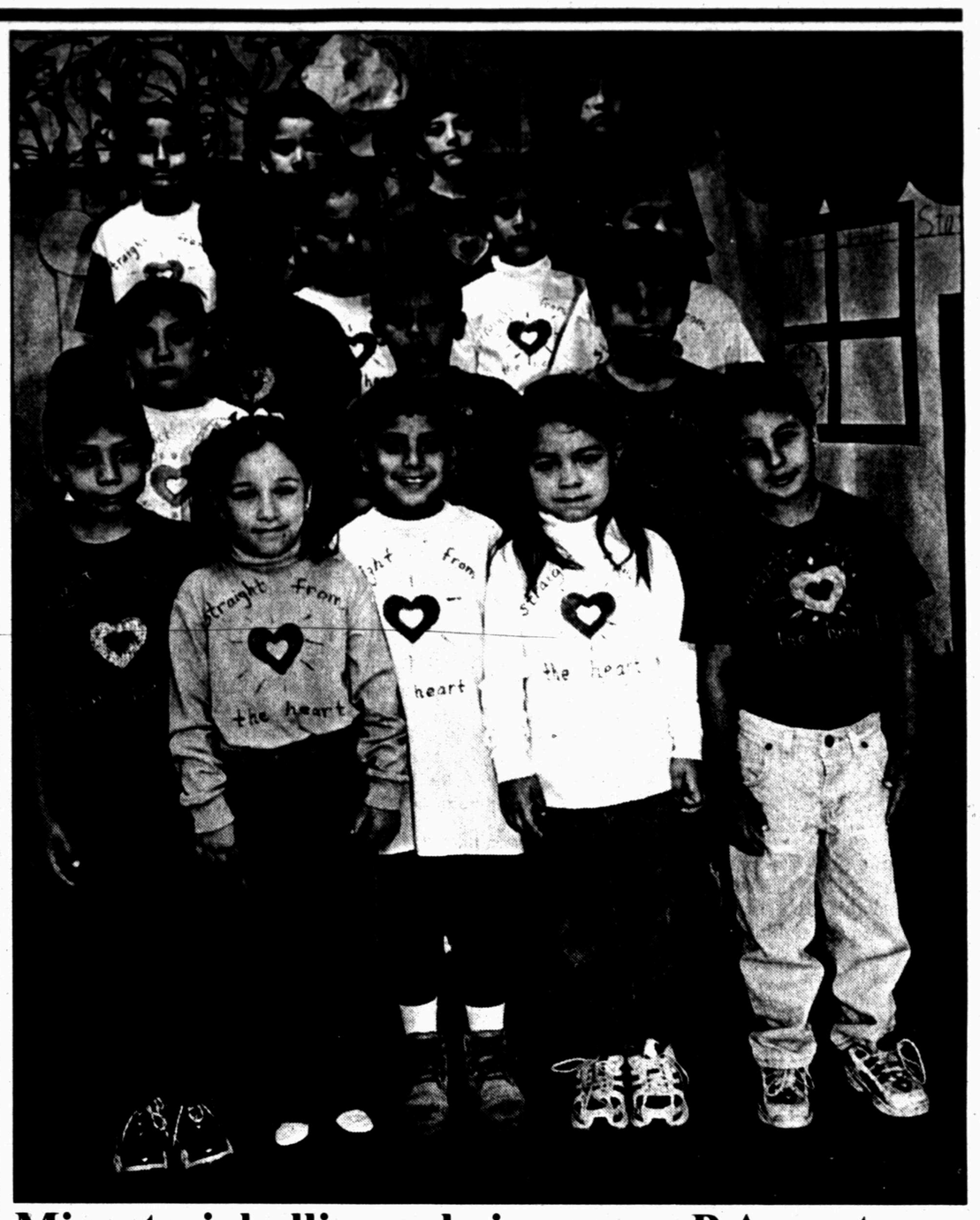
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART — Three Stanfield classes presented "Straight From The Heart" recently. Aleta Long's students (top left photo) are from left, top row, Meghan Cooley, Alex Alcala, Kristie Valadez, Nicholas Smith; second row from top, Cassandra Garcia, Josephine Ornelas, Stacey Clifton, Jake Riley; third row from the top; Jonathan Kerr, Kolby Kubena, LaSwann Medina, Coleton Mitchell, Ben Alfaro; front row, Michael Perez, Lorretta Jaramillo, Danny Clawson, Michael Redman, Kayelyn Benitez, Justin Iglehart. Joshua Pesina is not pictured. Carolyn Torres' students (bottom left photo) are from left, first row, Veronica Morin, Tanner Bragg, Brittni Chaidez; second row, Brance Scott, Britni Grady, Kimberly Nolan; third row, Brent Cole, Joe Luis Espinoza, Jessica Steelman, Jake Pena; fourth row, Sami Dee Barrera, Samatha Medrano, Becky Evans, Aubry Castillo; fifth row, Michael Strong, Stephen Kelley, Terrance Williams, Kylie Moreland. Elvira Gonzales' students (top right photo) Bottom row, from left, Michael Guardado, Patricia Cabrera, Candelario Castro, Wendy Moran, Sergio Guajardo; second row, Alexandra Rios, Joel Gallegos, Antonio Estrada; third row, Victor Soberon, Bianca Cabrera, Samuel Rubio, Juan Tejada; fourth row, Jose Ferruzca, Humberto Juarez; Joe David DePaz, Ashley Fuentez. (Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Minesterial alliance brings own P.A. system

VAN (AP) — To get around a federal court ruling banning prayer over school public address systems at high school football games, the Van Ministerial Alliance brought its own P.A. system to the contest Friday night.

When Van school superintendent Mark Pool asked for a moment of silence, 17-year-old Van High School junior Dee Dee Oliver began talking into a P.A. system provided by the ministerial alliance and situated near the football field.

She asked people to bow their heads, then offered prayer.

"It's our own P.A. system. We're not violating the law," Scott Dornbush, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Van, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Friday's game was the third time the ministerial alliance has sponsored a prayer at a Van football game. As a way to measure whether the public would miss it, no pregame prayer was said last week, Dornbush said. "There was a tremendous response. There were a lot of people asking where was the prayer last week."

Before calling for the moment of silence, Pool read a statement saying the school district felt the court ruling in conflict with a statement by President Clinton in July 1995:

"Nothing in the First Amendment converts our public schools into religious-free zones or requires all religious expression to be left behind at the schoolhouse door."

Pool continued, "Until this issue is finally resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Van Independent School District relies on the faith that our students and citizens will fill the void that this court ruling has created."

Last week, a federal judge in Houston upheld his decision to bar the Santa Fe school district from punishing a student who lead a prayer over the public announcement system.

Marian Lynn Ward, 17, drew national attention when she prayed before her school's season opener on Sept. 3 despite a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling last February that sporting events are too frivolous to warrant organized prayer.

Hours before the game, U.S. District Judge Sim Lake of Houston issued a temporary restraining order barring the school district from punishing Miss Ward.

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Snyder 21, Big Spring 19...

Tigers stun Steers in 5-4A showdown

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

When the Snyder Tigers opened the District 5-4A football campaign last week with a 39-8 thrashing of Andrews, they sent a message to the rest of the league — the Tigers are title contenders.

Evidently, the Big Spring Steers weren't listening.

Snyder built a first-half lead, then hung on Friday night to knock-off the tenth-ranked Steers, 21-19, at Big Spring's Memorial Stadium.

The victory pushes the Tigers to 2-0 in district play, and sets up a first-place battle with the 2-0 Sweetwater Mustangs Friday at Tiger Stadium.

"This win and the one over Andrews are two of the best wins we've ever had in back-to-back weeks," said a smiling David Baugh, the Tigers' head coach. "We started the game the way we wanted to and that gave our kids a lot of confidence. Then in the end, Big Spring made a couple of mistakes and we took advantage of them."

Both Big Spring miscues came in the third quarter. Josh Spencer failed to convert on an extra-point attempt that would have tied the game with under four minutes left in the period, before the Steers committed the only turnover of the night on its next possession.

With Snyder unable to move the ball with consistency into a stiff wind, the Steers looked poised to take control of the contest. But on first down from his own 27 yard-line, Big Spring running back Colby Ford tried to change direction in the backfield and coughed up the ball. Max Blackwell hopped on the fumble, and the Tigers quickly pounced on the opportunity.

It took Snyder only four plays to build an eight-point cushion, with Cumbie leaning across from a yard out for the touchdown. Tovarez Brandon had carried the ball 21 yards to the Big Spring 4 to set up the score. The Ralph Ramon kick made it a 21-13 ballgame.

"The fumble was probably the biggest play of the game," Baugh said. "We worked with our kids this week on stripping the football when Ford slowed down to change direction. It paid off when we needed it."

Holding the momentum, Snyder's defense halted the Steers' next possession, before Big Spring returned the favor with 5:25 left on the clock.

With time becoming a factor, the Steers went to the air. Lance Brock hit James Clements for 42 yards to the Snyder 22 on a key third down, before turning to Ford to do the rest.

Ford, the district's top rusher, carried the ball three consecutive plays, the final one for four yards and the touchdown.

Trailing by two points, with 2:50 left in the game, Big Spring called a timeout to set up their two-point conversion.

After having the momentum snatched from its grasp, the Tiger defense recovered to come up with a big play. Ford took the pitch heading to his left, but was turned in by Matthew Grimmett, and Mark Medley was waiting for him. The junior linebacker hauled Ford down two yards short of the goal line to preserve the Tigers' 21-19 advantage.

Sam Aviles averted another Big Spring threat when he recovered the ensuing on-side kick, but the Steers got the ball back with 1:48 left on the clock and no timeouts.

Desperate to keep their No. 10 ranking, the Steers began to march down the field. Ford carried for 14 yards and Brock threw for eight more to get into Tiger territory.

After Brock spiked the ball to stop the clock, the Steers faced third down with two yards to go. Brock dropped back under heavy pressure, getting hauled down by his facemask. The 15-yard penalty moved the ball to the Snyder 32 with 1:27 remaining.

After Ford was dropped for a yard loss, Big Spring tossed up two incompletions, thanks to good coverage by the Tiger secondary.

On fourth down, with under a minute to go, the Steers dug deep in their playbook for a last-ditch effort. Brock threw a lateral to Jason Choate along the sideline, who in turn lofted a pass toward Clements in the middle. The ball fell threw the arms of the Big Spring receiver at the Tiger 12 yard-line, ending the Steers' threat.

Cumbie knelt down twice to kill the final 49 seconds and secure the victory.

"On that last pass that they had, it looked like the guy was going to catch it," Baugh said. "It really didn't fool us that much, because we had worked on it. We had pretty good coverage, but he still had a chance to catch it. If he would have, it would have been because of good execution on their part. Not because we made a mistake."

The final minutes were indicative of the entire game, as the two teams matched each other almost yard for yard. Both squads tallied 93 yards through the air, with Big Spring holding a seven-yard advantage in the rushing department.

The Tigers set the tone for the night on their opening possession, methodically marching 80 yards in 13 plays and eating over seven minutes off the clock. Brandon carried the ball the final two steps, and Ramon added the PAT for a 7-0 Snyder lead.

The Tiger defense forced Big Spring to go three-and-out on its only possession of the opening quarter, before the Steers pulled even early in the second.

Ford broke loose around right end for a 42-yard scoring jaunt to knot the tally at 7-7.

Pinned at its own 9 yard-line after the ensuing kickoff, Snyder got out of the hole in a hurry. On third down from the 12, Brandon busted through a gap in the Steers' line, then out ran the Big Spring all the way to the endzone. The 88-yard gallop and Ramon kick gave the Tigers' their 14-7 halftime lead.

"Tovares had been sick all week, but he still had enough to out run them," Baugh remarked. "That pretty much did him in for the rest of the first half, though. I don't think he played much after that, until the second half."

Brandon finished the evening with 134 yards on 13 carries, while Ford was limited to 139 yards on 23 attempts.

The Tigers now face a first-place showdown with Sweetwater. The Mustangs were 35-14 winners over Fort Stockton on Friday. Kickoff for the Snyder-Sweetwater battle is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.



RECEIVER TURNED DEFENDER — Big Spring's Colby Ford climbs the back of a Snyder defender to break up an interception, while Matthew Grimmett (82) looks on during district action Friday night at Memorial Stadium. The Tigers held off the tenth-ranked Steers, 21-19, to improve to 2-0 in District 5-4A play. (SDN Photo by Laura Canada)

District 5-4A Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	2	0	5	2
Big Spring	1	1	6	1
Sweetwater	2	0	3	4
Andrews	1	1	5	2
Lake View	0	2	2	5
Fort Stockton	0	2	2	5

Friday's results: Snyder 21, Big Spring 19; Sweetwater 35, Fort Stockton 4; Andrews 44, Lake View 0.

Next week's games: Sweetwater at Snyder; Big Spring at Andrews; Lake View at Fort Stockton.

Game Summary

Snyder	07	07	00	07 — 21
Big Spring	00	07	06	06 — 19

First Quarter
Snyder — Tovares Brandon 2-yard run (Ralph Ramon kick), 4:36.

Second Quarter
Big Spring — Colby Ford 42-yard run (Josh Spencer kick), 9:17.
Snyder — Brandon 88-yard run (Ramon kick), 8:10.

Third Quarter
Big Spring — Ford 3-yard run (kick failed), 3:49.

Fourth Quarter
Snyder — Sonny Cumbie 1-yard run (Ramon kick), 10:22.
Big Spring — Ford 4-yard run (run failed), 2:50.

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First Downs	8	13
Rushes-yards	35-183	36-190
Passing yards	93	93
Comp-Att-Int	5-10-0	7-19-0
Punts	6-25.7	4-33.0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	6-65	7-55
Time of poss.	25:50	22:10

RUSHING — Snyder: Brandon, 13-134; Arizmendi, 10-33; Highfield, 4-19; Cumbie, 6-2; James, 2-minus 5. **Big Spring:** Ford, 23-139; Carnero, 5-28; Brock, 8-23.

PASSING — Snyder: Cumbie 5 of 10 for 93 yards. **Big Spring:** Brock 7 of 18 for 93 yards; Choate 0 of 1.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Grimmett, 3-42; Martinez, 1-36; Brandon, 1-15. **Big Spring:** Clements, 2-50; Nutting, 2-30; Choate, 2-6; Carnero, 1-7.

SMU search uncovers 'serious' rules violations

DALLAS (AP) — An investigation into a suspended Southern Methodist University assistant football coach has revealed more serious violations than the school originally believed.

While most of the information gathered appears to be "secondary in nature," not all the findings can necessarily be deemed as minor, athletic director Jim Copeland said Friday.

"We have found things that are disturbing beyond secondary violations," he said.

SMU announced on Aug. 6 that it had suspended assistant coach Steve Malin with pay and hired the Kansas City law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King to investigate.

The NCAA defines secondary violations as those that provide a limited recruiting or competitive advantage and are isolated or inadvertent.

Major violations are any other than secondary, specifically those that provide an extensive recruiting or competitive advantage.

Copeland would not discuss the specifics of the findings, but said they did not involve any other current or past SMU coaches.

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY
Volleyball: Big Spring at Snyder 9th, JV and varsity, 2 p.m.
Tennis: Snyder varsity at Big Spring.

MONDAY
Golf: WTC at Odessa College Invitational, Mission Dorado CC.
Volleyball: Lamesa at Snyder 7th and 8th, 5:30.

TUESDAY
Golf: WTC at Odessa College Invitational, Mission Dorado CC.
Volleyball: Lake View at Snyder 9th, JV and varsity, 5, 6, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY
Basketball: WTC at South Plains, scrimmage, TBA.
Rodeo: WTC at Texas Tech rodeo.
Tennis: Snyder JV at Lubbock High.
Football: Snyder JV at Sweetwater, 6:30.
Football: Sweetwater at Snyder 8th and 9th, 5 p.m., 6:30.
Football: Snyder 7th and 8th at Sweetwater, 5 p.m., 6:30.
Football: Jayton at Ira JV, 7:30.
Football: Ira JH at Hermleigh, 6 p.m.

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SPORTS

Bulldogs fight off 'Cats, 43-28

LENORAH — Heading into Friday night's key district match-up with Grady, the Ira Bulldogs were coming off a setback for the first time this season.

And following the contest, any questions regarding the Bulldogs' resolve had been answered.

In need of a win to avoid going 0-2 in District 6 Six-man play, Ira responded with solid outings on both sides of the ball to notch a 43-28 victory over Grady.

The win pulls Ira even with three squads, Hermleigh, Borden County and Grady, in a tie for second place in the standings.

After falling last week to highly-touted Sands, the Bulldogs looked to Jose Juarez to help carry the load on Friday. The senior running back answered the call.

Juarez finished the night with 186 yards and four touchdowns, spurring Ira's rushing attack to a 353-yard performance.

But when the Wildcats keyed on Juarez, the Bulldogs effectively employed its passing game to pick up the slack.

Sophomore quarterback Nathan Smith threw a pair of TD passes, including a 27-yard effort to Jerek Brown that gave the Bulldogs some breathing room to open the second half.

Ira was clinging to a 21-14 halftime lead, before Smith and Brown hooked up. The Logan Daves kick pushed the Bulldogs' advantage to 15 points.

Grady trimmed the deficit to 29-22, heading into the final period. But in the fourth, Juarez took over again to put the game away.

Juarez reclaimed the momentum for Ira early in the fourth quarter, streaking 50 yards to paydirt to build the lead to 35-22.

The pesky Wildcats responded on the ensuing kickoff when Frankie Garza raced 59 yards for the score. Garza finished the night with 162 of Grady's 174 yards rushing.

But Juarez proved to be too much for Grady. The senior capped the scoring with a two-yard plunge to secure the victory.

The Bulldogs registered just 34 yards passing, but didn't commit a turnover in the contest.

Ira took the early lead when Juarez dove across from a yard out and Terry Jamison hauled in a pass from Daves for the conversion.

Garza posted the Wildcats' first points of the night on a 39-yard run later in the first period for an 8-7 Westbrook advantage.

The two squads continued to swap touchdowns, with Daves nabbing a two-yard toss from Smith to open the second quarter, before the 'Cats recorded a TD pass of their own.

The first-half scoring was capped by a six-yard scramble from Juarez.

The Ira win sets up a second-place showdown with nearby Hermleigh. The Cardinals trounced Westbrook, 74-30, on Friday to move into the second place logjam.



BRANDON'S BATTLE — Snyder junior Tovares Brandon struggles for extra yards Friday night during the Tigers' 21-19 win over Big Spring. Brandon gave Snyder a 14-7 halftime lead when he raced 88-yards for his second touchdown of the contest. (SDN Photo by Laura Canada)

Cards run wild in district rout

HERMLEIGH — The high-flying Hermleigh Cardinals didn't need to leave the ground Friday night to pick up their district win.

Hermleigh churned out 420 yards rushing, and didn't commit a turnover, en route to a 74-30 trouncing of the Westbrook Wildcats at Cardinal Stadium.

The victory evens the Cardinals (4-4) mark at 1-1 in District 6 Six-man action, while Westbrook falls to 0-2.

Hermleigh controlled the contest by dominating the line of scrimmage. The Cardinals overpowered Westbrook up front, then outran the Wildcats on the corners, finishing with an average of 13 yards per rushing attempt.

Westbrook took an 8-0 lead early in the first quarter, but it was all Hermleigh after that.

Chris McClure raced 60 yards to paydirt to close out the first period, before Andy Luna scooted 25 yards into the endzone to give the Cardinals a 16-8 advantage in the second quarter. Caleb Callaway booted both extra points.

Following another Wildcat score, Callaway hauled in a two-yard scoring toss from Chris Doggett, running the tally to 22-16.

With both teams battling for momentum, Hermleigh went back to its punishing running attack just before halftime.

David Digby powered his way into the endzone from five yards out, before Callaway capped another drive with a nine-yard jaunt, putting the Cardinals on top 36-16 at halftime.

In the third period, Hermleigh struck first when Callaway and Doggett hooked up again, this time for an 18-yard TD that extended the deficit to 26 points.

The Cardinals put Westbrook away for good later in the third when Alfonso Rangel picked off an errant pass and streaked 40 yards to the endzone.

Westbrook managed to trim the margin to 24 points on its next drive, before Digby punished the Wildcats to close out the third period.

Digby rumbled into the endzone from 49 and 26 yards out, reclaiming any momentum the Wildcats might have had.

Leading 60-24, Hermleigh put the ball back in the hands of its speedster to open the final quarter. Luna score broke free of the Westbrook defense and sprinted 60 yards, stretching the lead to 68-24, following the Callaway kick.

The Wildcats added another score, before Doggett capped the night with a 15-yard touchdown toss to Digby.

With its 1-1 district record, Hermleigh is now among four squads in second place. The Cardinals share the runner-up spot with Ira, Borden County and Grady.

Hermleigh will continue the District 6 race Friday when it visits Ira.

Dist. 6 Six-Man Football

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Sands	2	0	6	1
Ira	1	1	6	1
Borden County	1	1	5	2
Hermleigh	1	1	4	3
Grady	1	1	4	3
Westbrook	0	2	2	5

Friday's results: Sands 24, Borden County 14; Hermleigh 74, Westbrook 30; Ira 43, Grady 28.

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Atlanta quiets New York, 1-0

NEW YORK (AP) — So much for a Subway Series.

While the Yankees are doing their part, the Atlanta Braves have just about snuffed out that New York state of mind in the NL championship series against the Mets. The trains might be rumbling toward Shea Stadium next weekend, but it's unlikely there will be any fans in the stands.

The Braves, upset in the NLCS the past two years, are taking no chances this season, building a virtually insurmountable 3-0 lead over the Mets when Tom Glavine started and John Rocker finished a 1-0 victory Friday night.

"It's a long shot. No doubt about that," New York manager Bobby Valentine conceded. "But we're going to show up."

Atlanta can advance to its fifth World Series of the decade — but first since 1996 — when John Smoltz pitches against New York's Rick Reed tonight.

Glavine pitched seven sterling innings, making an unearned run in the first stand up. After Mike Remlinger pitched the eighth, it was time for Rocker to sprint in from the bullpen, well aware he became Public Enemy No. 1 in New York by saying he hates the Mets and calling their fans "stupid."

"He's created some controversy up here, but he went out there and walked the walk and talked the talk, I guess," Glavine said, seeming a little embarrassed by Rocker's shenanigans.

"I know it's an awful lot different than most of us. Most of us just want to quietly come into town, beat somebody and get out of town. But it works for him. John is an extremely intense individual."

The sellout crowd of 55,911 at Shea Stadium was clearly upset by comments made by Rocker and teammate Chipper Jones, waving signs such as "I Want to Fight John Rocker" and serenading Jones with slow chants of "Lar-ry, Lar-ry" — his given name, but one he doesn't like.

In the ninth, Rocker arrived at the mound to deafening boos. Seeming to thrive on the reception, he shook off an error by shortstop Walt Weiss to strike out Mets division series hero Todd Pratt, retire Melvin Mora on a deep fly to center and get Rey Ordonez on a weak grounder to Weiss to end the game.

Rocker pumped his fist at the quiet crowd while the Braves ran on the field to congratulate him.

Coyotes fall to Sands

ACKERLY — For the second year in a row, the Sands Mustangs got the best of the Borden County Coyotes.

Sands limited Borden County to just 200 yards of offense Friday night to take sole possession of first place in District 6 with a 24-14 victory.

The Coyotes, now 1-1 in league play and 4-2 overall, fall into a second-place tie with Ira, Hermleigh and Grady.

The Mustangs set the tone early on, as Borden County could muster just three first downs in the first half.

Sands struck first with a 44-yard scoring aerial, before the Coyotes knotted the tally on a 49-yard touchdown pass from Kevin Pinkerton to Joseph Hardman.

The Mustangs claimed a 12-6 halftime advantage, then stretched the margin to 12 points on a 61-yard run in the third quarter.

Borden County tried to answer back, with Hardman finding the endzone from six yards out. Ed Rodriguez booted the extra points to pull the Coyotes within four points at 18-14.

But with the Mustang defensive unit turning in a stellar performance, Sands put the game away with a 40-yard scoring jaunt in the final period.

Rodriguez was the workhorse against the Mustangs' defense, carrying the ball 17 times for 89 yards, and throwing it twice for 21 more.

Borden County returns home Friday to host the Grady Wildcats in a second-place tilt at 7:30 at Coyote Stadium.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	3	1	1	0	7	15	12
N.Y. Rangers	3	3	1	0	7	16	15
Pittsburgh	2	1	1	0	5	19	16
N.Y. Islanders	1	3	0	0	2	8	12
Philadelphia	0	4	1	1	2	9	16

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	5	2	0	0	10	20	13
Ottawa	4	1	1	0	9	18	13
Montreal	2	4	0	0	4	13	17
Boston	0	4	3	0	3	11	19
Buffalo	0	2	2	0	2	9	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	3	1	1	0	7	14	11
Carolina	2	1	2	0	6	12	10
Washington	2	1	1	0	5	13	12
Atlanta	1	2	1	0	3	9	16
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	0	2	8	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	3	1	1	0	7	17	8
St. Louis	2	3	0	0	4	13	12
Nashville	1	3	1	0	3	10	15
Chicago	0	3	2	0	2	12	20

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	3	1	0	1	7	14	10
Colorado	2	2	2	0	6	14	15
Edmonton	1	2	2	1	5	10	12
Calgary	1	4	1	0	3	13	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	5	2	0	0	10	27	15
Dallas	4	2	1	0	9	16	15
Los Angeles	4	1	1	0	9	18	11
Phoenix	3	1	2	0	8	19	11
Anaheim	3	3	0	0	6	13	14

Overtime losses will count both as a loss and a regulation tie.

Wednesday's Games

Detroit 4, St. Louis 2
New Jersey 3, Anaheim 2
Toronto 3, Florida 2
San Jose 2, Dallas 0
Colorado 2, Boston 1
Carolina 3, Edmonton 3, tie
Calgary 4, Vancouver 3, OT

Friday's Games

Anaheim 3, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 2, Chicago 1
Boston 2, Dallas 2, tie
Los Angeles 4, Calgary 1

Saturday's Games

Buffalo at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Toronto at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Washington, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(Best-of-7)

American League

Wednesday, Oct. 13
New York 4, Boston 3, 10 innings

Thursday, Oct. 14
New York 3, Boston 2, New York leads series 2-0

Saturday, Oct. 16
New York (Clemens 14-10) at Boston (P.Martinez 23-4), 4:22 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 17
New York (Pettitte 14-11) at Boston (Saberhagen 10-6), 7:50 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 18
New York at Boston, 8:17 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 20
Boston at New York, 4:20 p.m. or 8:12 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, Oct. 21
Boston at New York, 8:17 p.m., if necessary

National League

(NBC)

Tuesday, Oct. 12
Atlanta 4, New York 2

Wednesday, Oct. 13
Atlanta 4, New York 3

Friday, Oct. 15
Atlanta 1, New York 0, Atlanta leads series 3-0

Saturday, Oct. 16
Atlanta (Smoltz 11-8) at New York (Reed 11-5), 7:42 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 17
Atlanta (Maddux 19-9) at New York (Yoshii 12-8), 4:09 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, Oct. 19
New York at Atlanta, 3:12 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 20
New York at Atlanta, 8:12 p.m., if necessary

WORLD SERIES

(Best-of-7)

(NBC)

Saturday, Oct. 23
American League at National League, 8:05 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24
AL at NL, 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 26
NL at AL, 8:20 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27
NL at AL, 8:20 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 28
NL at AL, 8:20 p.m., if necessary

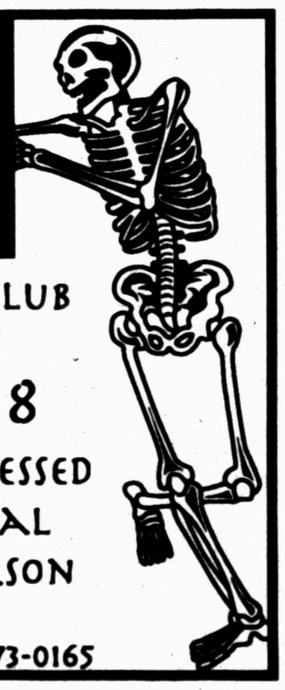
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Baytown Lee 56, Beaumont West Brook 7
Carrollton Smith 49, The Colony 21
Clear Brook 30, Clear Creek 7
Conroe 21, A&M Consolidated 3
Converse Judson 38, SA Churchill 7
Copperas Cove 27, Killeen Ellison 6
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Deer Park 24, Pasadena 7
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EP Del Valle 35, EP Montwood 14
EP Hanks 28, EP Socorro 14
EP Irvin 54, EP Austin 0
Euless Trinity 20, Irving MacArthur 7
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Fort Bend Willowridge 21, Fort Bend Elkins 14
Galveston Ball 44, Alvin 12
Garland 28, South Garland 6
Garland Naaman Forest 34, Garland Lakeview Centennial 0
Georgetown 17, Bryan 10
Harlingen South 17, Edinburg North 9
Houston Bellaire 24, Houston Lee 6
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Seguin 20, Austin High 15
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South Oak Cliff 44, Dallas Adamson 3
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Temple 34, Leander 14
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Beaumont Ozen 41, Silsbee 7
Beeville 50, SA Kennedy 3
Belton 35, Dripping Springs 17
Boerne 20, Kerrville Tivy 6
Borger 51, Caprock 17
Brazosport 41, Wharton 0
Brenham 33, Waller 7
Brownwood 21, Crowley 14
Carthage 35, Whitehouse 9
Cedar Hill 18, Midlothian 14
Cedar Park 45, Victoria St. Joseph 7
Clint 48, Fabens 42
Coppell 44, Colleyville Heritage 30
Crosby 23, Houston Forest Brook 20
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Dallas Spruce 38, Dallas Wilson 0
Dayton 30, Lumberton 13
Denton 38, Burkburnett 13
EP Burges 40, EP Bowie 6
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EP Riverside 58, El Paso 21
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Ennis 21, Lancaster 6
Everman 40, Joshua 6
FW North Side 35, FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 20
FW Poly 26, Western Hills 20
Floresville 53, SA Southside 12
Fredericksburg 6, Medina Valley 5
Frenship 14, Levelland 7
Galena Park 27, Dickinson 9
Granbury 31, Burleson 10
Grapevine 17, Keller Fossil Ridge 0
Greenville 34, Mount Pleasant 20
Hallsville 27, Kilgore 14
Hays Consolidated 36, Bastrop 22
Hereford 27, Amarillo Palo Duro 7
Highland Park 16, Sherman 14
Houston Jones 31, Houston Furr 0
Houston King 44, Houston Smiley 14
Jacksonville 31, Henderson 21
Jasper 22, Livingston 6
Katy Taylor 31, Mayde Creek 7
Keller 29, Southlake Carroll 21
La Marque 65, Santa Fe 0
Lubbock Estacado 28, Randall 23
Mesquite Poteet 35, Denison 0
Mineral Wells 21, Brewer 20
Navasota 20, Montgomery 0
Nederland 35, West Orange-Stark 7
New Caney 21, Channelview 7
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Pampa 16, Dumas 0
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Pflugerville Connally 42, Marble Falls 17
Plainview 23, Canyon 16
Pleasanton 35, SA Memorial 13
Port Neches-Groves 40, Bridge City 14
SA Burbank 24, SA Edison 0
Saginaw Boswell 21, Justin Northwest 0
San Elizario 21, Canutillo 0
San Marcos 35, Lockhart 28
Schertz Clemens 28, SA Lanier 0
Smithson Valley 21, New Braunfels Canyon 15
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Stephenville 54, Cleburne 31
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Sweetwater 35, Fort Stockton 14
Terrell 54, Kaufman 10
Texas City 23, Friendswood 14
Tyler Chapel Hill 21, Longview Pine Tree 7
Uvalde 27, SA Alamo Heights 24
WF Hirschi 20, Wichita Falls 19
WF Rider 23, Denton Ryan 0
Waco University 17, Waco Midway 10
Waxahachie 14, Red Oak 7
Weatherford 42, Springtown 0
West Mesquite 21, Wylie 14
Willis 32, Conroe Oak Ridge 7
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Atlanta 35, DeKalb 0
Ballinger 42, Grape Creek 9
Bandera 61, Liberty Hill 14
Barbers Hill 56, Anahuac 0
Bonham 49, Pottsboro 0
Breckenridge 49, Dublin 12
Bridgeport 14, Little Elm 6
Brownsboro 31, Lindale 28
Bullard 21, Gladewater 14
Buna 12, Woodville 7
Burnet 17, Llano 13
Carrizo Springs 35, Crystal City 0
Childress 33, Vernon 7
Cleveland 28, Coldspring 27
Clifton 17, Comanche 7
Clyde 28, Brady 23
Colorado City 16, Brownfield 14
Commerce 48, Royse City 7
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Daingerfield 48, Clarksville 28
Dalhart 17, Sanford-Fritch 14
Eastland 27, Glen Rose 6
Emory Rains 31, Mineola 8
Fairfield 26, Madisonville 7
Ferris 13, Mabank 3
Forney 28, Kemp 7
Friona 44, Roosevelt 0
Giddings 34, Bellville 7
Gilmer 19, Sabine 9
Goliad 28, SA West Campus 17
Gonzales 20, Cuero 12
Graham 56, Henrietta 7
Hallettsville 34, Edna 14
Hardin-Jefferson 54, Hardin 0
Hillsboro 28, China Spring 24
Hondo 44, Devine 0
Hooks 47, Redwater 0
Huffman Hargrave 29, Harnshire-Fannett 16
Iowa Park 42, Bowie 6
Jefferson 35, Tatum 16
Kennedale 20, Alvarado 6
Kountze 34, Kirbyville 28
La Grange 34, Hempstead 7
La Vernia 12, Marion 0
Lake Travis 33, Lampasas 14
Lake Worth 28, North Crowley 12
Lamesa 34, Denver City 0
Littlefield 42, Cooper 6
Lorena 12, McGregor 0
Luling 36, Industrial 15
Lytle 5, Cotulla 0
Marlin 33, Gatesville 22
Mexia 37, Palestine Westwood 6
Muleshoe 31, Shallowater 7
Newton 41, Orangefield 14
Pearsall 26, Somerset 0
Perryton 27, River Road 21
Poteet 12, George West 8
Quinlan Ford 50, Whitesboro 18
Rains 31, Mineola 8
Robinson 23, Cameron 0
Rockdale 25, Manor 6
Rusk 47, Center 22
Sanger 12, Decatur 7
Sealy 66, Needville 0
Seminole 21, Slaton 2
Shepherd 52, Tarkington 29
Sinton 10, Odem 7
Smithville 7, Columbus 0
Sweeny 46, Stafford 14
Teague 20, Groesbeck 14
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 48, New Boston 0
Texarkana Pleasant Grove 3, Queen City 0
Tulia 28, Dimmitt 14
Van 32, Quitman 14
Waco Connally 34, West 7
Waco LaVega 49, Whitney 0
Waco Robinson 23, Cameron 0
Wills Point 35, Eustace 0
Wimberley 29, Ingram 7
Winnsboro 32, Linden-Kildare 21
Yoakum 48, Palacios 0

Class 2A

Abernathy 28, Floydada 7
Albany 16, Anson 6
Archer City 40, Haskell 6
Big Sandy 41, Winona 18
Blanco 34, Stockdale 0
Bloomington 26, Nixon-Smiley 15
Boling 47, Danbury 20
Bovina 35, Olton 21
Boyd 51, Lindsay 14
Brackett 31, Jourdanton 9
Brookshire Royal 23, Ganado 21
Cayuga 21, Crossroads 7
Celina 21, Pilot Point 7
Center Point 27, Natalia 20
Centerville 29, Elkhart 20
Coleman 36, San Saba 0
Comfort 51, Dilley 0
Como-Pickton 21, Edgewood 16
Cooper 55, Rivercrest 0
Crawford 36, Blooming Grove 0
Cushing 52, High Island 37
DeLeon 35, Rio Vista 19
East Bernard 37, Van Vleck 9
Eldorado 56, Junction 0
Elysian Fields 33, Hughes Springs 7
Farmersville 49, Alba-Golden 0
Freer 60, Premont 30
Garrison 17, Alto 14
Goldthwaite 48, Bangs 20
Grand Saline 29, Lone Oak 15
Grandview 42, Palmer 0
Grapeland 55, Lovelady 0
Groveton 27, Buffalo 19
Hale Center 14, Morton 13
Hamlin 35, Hawley 10
Hawkins 15, Arp 6
Hemphill 61, West Hardin 0
Hico 27, Godley 12
Idalou 42, Ralls 0
Iraan 55, Anthony 12
Italy 22, Scurry-Rosser 14
Jacksboro 31, Callisburg 7
Karnes City 38, Skidmore-Tynan 21
Kerens 27, Malakoff 7
Lexington 37, Somerville 0
Little River Academy 34, Johnson City 0
Mart 68, Moody 14
Mason 37, Hamilton 8
McCamey 59, Tornillo 0
Millsap 21, Cisco 13
New Deal 28, Lockney 21
Nixon-Smiley 15, Bloomington 6
Olney 41, Holliday 20
Omaha Paul Pewitt 63, Chism 0
Paradise 21, Nocona 19
Plains 47, Tahoka 20
Post 13, Coahoma 10
Poth 14, Navarro 6
Quanah 49, Panhandle 0
Refugio 63, Kenedy 0
Riesel 14, Valley Mills 7
Rogers 33, Franklin 11
Rosebud-Lott 21, Hutto 17
S&S Consolidated 21, Aubrey 8
SA Cole 35, Randolph 21
Shiner 37, Schulenburg 0
Stamford 32, Jim Ned 19
Stanton 28, Seagraves 13
Tidehaven 17, Brazos 0
Tom Bean 43, Wolfe City 15
Troy 42, Florence 13
Venus 42, Maypearl 7
Weimar 25, Yorktown 8
Whitewright 27, Howe 25
Woodsboro 36, Three Rivers 6

Class 1A

Aspermont 48, Knox City 6
Baird 42, Eden 7
Bremond 35, Chilton 8
Bronte 38, Cross Plains 0
Celeste 54, Ladonia Fannindel 8
Charlotte 45, Pettus 0
Chico 18, Alvord 0
Dawson 35, Itasca 14
Detroit 22, Blue Ridge 14
Falls City 13, Agua Dulce 7
Flatonia 28, Burton 6
Frost 36, Kopperl 7
Gorman 35, Evant 28
Granger 13, Bosqueville 12
Gunter 29, Prosper 0
Happy 20, Kress 14
Harper 21, Irion County 7
Iola 28, Louise 7
Jarrell 14, Bartlett 0
La Pryor 34, Sabinal 12
Leakey 59, Medina 36
Lometa 20, Rising Star 15
Marfa 40, Fort Hancock 0
Menard 49, Nueces Canyon 14
Meridian 42, Axtell 0
Milano 35, Normangee 14
Mildred 35, Oakwood 0
Miles 41, Santa Anna 12
Muenster 15, Valley View 14
Munday 59, Crowell 0
O'Donnell 20, Whiteface 0
Overton 37, Union Hill 13
Paducah 45, Throckmorton 7
Perrin-Whitt 38, Petrolia 8
Petersburg 50, Crosbyton 13
Ranger 33, May 24
Rice Consolidated 17, Hitchcock 14
Roby 30, Robert Lee 21
Rocksprings 39, Christoval 28
Rotan 20, Roscoe 12
Runge 35, Bruni 0
Saint Jo 12, Collinsville 7
Springlake-Earth 28, Vega 0
Sudan 55, Anton 7
Sundown 12, Farwell 0
Tolar 34, Santo 6
Valley 32, Lorenzo 27
Water Valley 18, Sterling City 16
Wheeler 29, Claude 14
Windthorst 50, Bryson 0
Wortham 41, Rice 8

Six Man

Abbott 56, Trinidad 32
Blackwell 22, Highland 14
Calvert 46, Cranfills Gap 0
Coolidge 52, Bynum 6
Cotton Center 50, Lazbuddie 34
Dell City 42, Balmoreah 18
Gordon 48, Blum 0
Hermleigh 74, Westbrook 30
Ira 43, Grady 28
Jayton 58, Guthrie 13
Jonesboro 58, Aquilla 30
Klondike 45, Wilson 34
Meadow 44, Dawson 12
Newcastle 45, Moran JV 0
Paint Rock 54, Veribest 48
Richland Springs 85, Cherokee 48
Ropesville 28, Smyer 13
Rule 62, Rochester 42
Sands 24, Borden County 14
Silverton 95, Amherst 50
Southland 56, New Home 55
Strawn 72, Morgan 12
Trent 63, Loraine 26
Vernon Northside 36, Chillicothe 28
Walnut Springs 46, Iredell 0
Whitharral 50, Three Way 16

Private Schools

Addison Trinity 31, Dallas Christian 7
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Arlington Grace Prep 40, FW Temple Christian 14
Arlington Oakridge 17, FW Trinity Valley 13
Arlington Texas Christian 45, SA Sonrise 0
Austin St. Michael's 32, SA St. Gerard 8
Balch Springs Christian 13, Muenster Sacred Heart 6
Bishop Dunne 43, Garland Christian 24
Carrollton Christian 35, WF Notre Dame 14
Dallas Bishop Lynch 32, North Dallas 6
Dallas St. Mark's 35, Bellaire Episcopal 13
FW Calvary 40, Colleyville Faith Christian 7
FW Southwest Christian 35, Lubbock Christian 0
First Baptist 49, Carrollton Christian 0
Galveston O'Connell 21, Bay Area Christian 0
Hallettsville Sacred Heart 20, SA Texas Military 7
Houston Kinkaid 16, Dallas Greenhill 6
Houston Second Baptist 66, Lutheran North 19
Houston St. John's 44, Tulsa Holland Hall 15
Houston St. Pius 34, Houston Christian 17
Houston St. Thomas 15, Beaumont Kelly 0
Irving Cistercian 34, Austin St. Stephen's 0
Northside Academy 36, Chillicothe 28
Northside Academy 36, Chillicothe 28
Oklahoma City Casady 21, FW Country Day 20
Rockwall Christian 28, Dallas Lakehill 7
Texas School for the Deaf 32, Canyon Creek 8
Tyler Gorman 41, Dallas Tyler Street 22
Waco Christian 8, FW All Saints 6
Waco Reicher 30, TC-Cedar Hill 7
Watauga Harvest 42, Abilene Christian 20

WTC ready for links challenge

After a week off, the Western Texas golf squad will enter the Odessa College Invitational refreshed and ready to play.

The Westerners open the Odessa event, played at Mission Dorado Country Club, with 36 holes on Monday, before finishing up with the final 18 Tuesday.

WTC has steadily improved in this season's opening events, and Coach Milton Ham is looking forward to the challenge at Mission Dorado.

"It's a tough course. We know that going into the thing," Ham said. "But it's going to be tough for everybody. Our guys like playing on tough courses, so we're excited about the tournament."

Martin Gustafson and Michael Hansen will likely pace the Westerners, who haven't finished out of the top-four in an event this year.

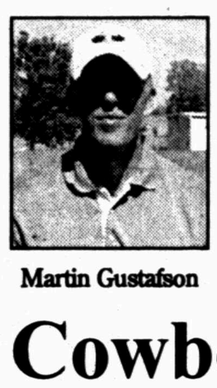
Gustafson was WTC's top player last year, and has continued his solid play this season. Hansen has really come on as late, anchoring the Westerners in their opening event, as well as leading this week's qualifying."

"Michael has really come to the forefront the past few weeks," Ham said. "He's playing some really good golf, right now. In fact, he had the lowest qualifying scores the last two days with a 64 and a 69."

Joining Gustafson and Hansen will be Jason McGrath, Scott McLauchlan and Chad Sauntry.

"Everyone of the guys who qualified this week have tournament experience," Ham stated. "And that's a big help. That's one of the biggest differences between this year and last is that we have some experience now."

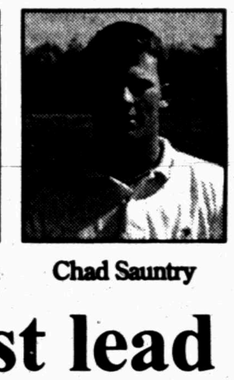
Following the Odessa event, Western Texas will be back on the links Oct. 29-30 at the New Mexico Military Military Invitational.


Martin Gustafson


Michael Hansen


Jason McGrath


Scott McClauchlan


Chad Sauntry

Cowboys share NFC East lead heading into tilt with Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — After the New York Giants won the NFC East in 1997 in Jim Fassel's first season as coach, there was an assumption by many that the days of Dallas' dynasty were over.

How else could you look at it? The Giants had a young up-and-coming team and the Cowboys and their stars, Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin, were aging.

Like many assumptions, it was inaccurate.

The Cowboys not only bounced back in 1998 to win their sixth division title in seven years, they did it by posting the first perfect division record (8-0).

Dallas (3-1) is showing no signs of letting up this year. It will take a share of the first place (Washington) in the NFC East into Giants Stadium on Monday night when it faces the struggling Giants (2-3) on national television.

"I think we are a better football team than a year ago," Aikman said. "Now it's just a matter of proving it. We started off well. Obviously losing Sunday (to Philadelphia) was a big disappointment, but that's life in the NFL when you don't play well. The important thing is to bounce back against New York."

The Cowboys will be without receiver Michael Irvin this week, and maybe forever. The 12-year veteran is considering his future in football after sustaining a neck injury and swollen spinal cord in last week's 13-10 loss at Philadelphia.

"I speak for everyone when I say there is still concern," Aikman said.

The Giants, who missed the playoffs with an 8-8 record last season, come into the game in turmoil.

The defense, which has played well enough for the team to be 4-1, is annoyed with the offense, which has struggled since the opening day of the season.

While there has been no finger pointing, yet, the locker room could get ugly if quarterback Kent Graham's return to the lineup doesn't wake up the offense, which has scored 19 points in the last two games.

Kerry Collins started last week with Graham sidelined by a concussion and he didn't do much in a 14-3 loss to Arizona.

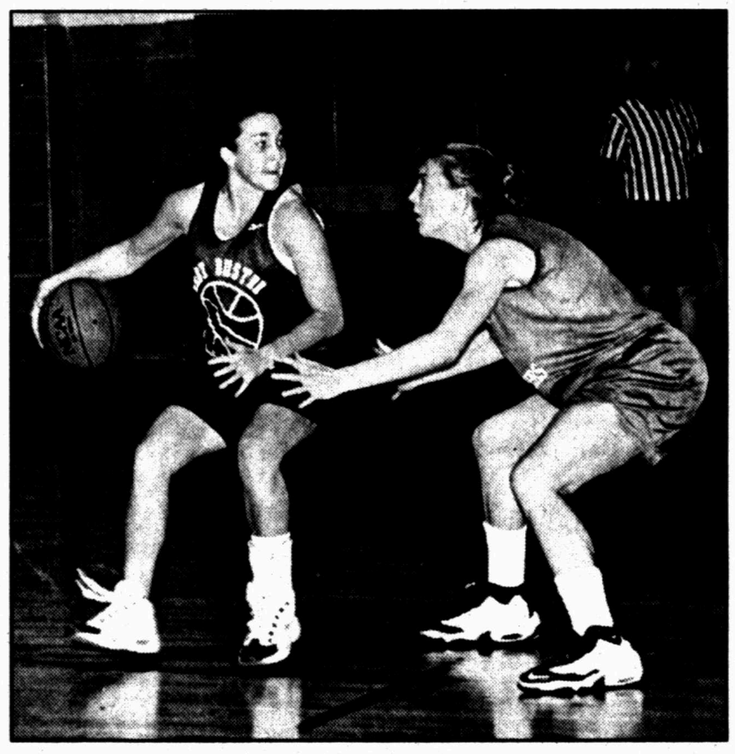
Earlier this week, Fassel got up in front of the team and admitted the offense wasn't doing its job. The offense also took it upon itself to have a meeting.

"These guys know what they've got to do," All Pro defensive end Michael Strahan said. "They're smart enough to figure it out."

Aikman has struggled a little, throwing for 840 yards, eight touchdowns and seven interceptions. Five of the TD passes came in the season opener.

The key for the Giants will be to get more consistent play out of the offense and for the defense to not only slow Dallas, but to chip in with a few turnovers.

In the Giants' two wins this season, they have forced eight turnovers. In three losses, they didn't force a single turnover.


BEGINNING OF BASKETBALL — Western Texas' sophomore point guard Carrie Fincher brings the ball down court against Cisco Friday during the Lady Dusters' scrimmage at the WTC gym. The Lady Dusters will scrimmage South Plains in Levelland, before opening the season Nov. 1 at Cisco. (SDN Staff Photo)

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	1	0	.800	104	73
New England	4	1	0	.800	110	93
Miami	3	1	0	.750	109	91
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	117	98
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	78	103
Central						
Jacksonville	4	1	0	.800	115	52
Tennessee	4	1	0	.800	118	98
Baltimore	2	3	0	.400	77	87
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	100	90
Cincinnati	1	4	0	.200	73	152
Cleveland	0	5	0	.000	43	123
West						
San Diego	3	1	0	.750	94	58
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	85	72
Kansas City	3	2	0	.600	104	86
Oakland	2	3	0	.400	104	100
Denver	1	4	0	.200	70	111

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	110	62
Washington	3	1	0	.750	150	118
Arizona	2	3	0	.400	72	105
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	.400	71	108
Philadelphia	1	4	0	.200	57	96
Central						
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	92	90
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	88	87
Detroit	2	2	0	.500	82	86
Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	97	97
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	82	79
West						
St. Louis	4	0	0	1.000	142	47
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	99	136
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	93	82
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	67	72
Atlanta	1	4	0	.200	61	112

Sunday's Games
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Carolina at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 8:20 p.m.
OPEN: Baltimore, Kansas City, Tampa Bay

Monday's Game
Dallas at New York Giants, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21
Kansas City at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Denver at New England, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
OPEN: Arizona, Jacksonville, Tennessee

Monday, Oct. 25
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 9 p.m.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Antique Schoolhouse Bell Is At Center of Family Discord

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Several years ago my husband's sister asked us if we wanted an old schoolhouse bell she had purchased. She was moving and could not take it with her. Because we like antiques, we accepted her offer.

After much effort and paying to rent a moving truck — the bell weighed 1,500 pounds — my husband moved it to our house. It was so heavy he got it no farther than the top of our driveway, and there it sat for more than two years! It became obvious that the bell was just too large and heavy for us to do anything with. It would have cost us a small fortune to have someone build a stand for it, so I asked a local auctioneer if he could sell the bell for us.

When my sister-in-law learned I had sold the bell, she had a fit! She thought I should have asked her permission to sell the bell, as she had considered the bell only on "loan" to us. I never considered a 1,500-pound item that we paid to move, sitting in my driveway for more than two years, a "loan." I'm angry that this has caused such a rift in my husband's family.

I was always taught that when you are given something, it is yours to do with as you please. My husband feels caught in the middle, and we are now having marital problems for the first time in our 14-year marriage. What do you suggest?

MELVA IN PHILLIPSBURG, N.J.

DEAR MELVA: I, too, have always thought that once a gift is given it belongs to the recipient to keep or dispose of as he or she wishes. However, the bell is gone and there is nothing any of you can do at this point to retrieve it. Perhaps offering to split the money you received for the bell will soothe your sister-in-law's wounded spirit. In any case, you and your husband should not let his sister's attitude sabotage your marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: Tomorrow I'll be celebrating my 64th birthday, and even though I have read your column faithfully for many years, I never thought I would be writing you for advice. This is the dilemma:

I am computer literate, while my wife of 45 years has been somewhat apprehensive about attempting to learn computer basics. Our grandson is 14 and would very much like to have a computer. My wife is adamantly opposed to it at this time. She says that when he graduates from high school, she will contemplate getting him one. I say by that time our grandson would have lost valuable time and the opportunities that come from having knowledge of the computer. There are many youngsters who, upon completion of high school, are forced to go to work. Consequently, their formal education is set aside until later, or perhaps never.

My wish would be for our grandson to continue his formal education after graduating from high school. However, in the event that he does not, I think we should get him a computer *now*, so that he could gain the necessary knowledge to compete in the labor market. As you well know, almost every workplace now requires employees to have at least some knowledge of computers.

Whatever your answer is, I will honor it. If it is contrary to my thinking, I'll never again mention it to my wife. However, if you agree with me, please try to convince my wife that we are doing a disservice to our grandson by not getting him a computer now. Thank you.

MANNY IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR MANNY: I agree with you. Computer proficiency is a skill that students need today. Colleges, as well as employers, expect applicants to be computer literate. If your wife doubts this, she should place a call to some of the local high schools and inquire. Perhaps that will reassure her.

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DEAR ABBY: Please help us deal with a problem we have with a dear aunt.

Every time my husband and I visit her, she greets us by telling us we have gained a lot of weight, then proceeds to tell us about other family members who are also gaining weight. If we dine out, she comments on the amount of food we eat. We are active, and 25 to 30 years younger than Auntie. No one in the family has gained an excessive amount of weight.

She has already noticed that some family members don't visit as often, and her remarks about their weight are the reason.

I don't want to cause hurt feelings. Should we try to talk to her or just ignore her comments?

AUNTIE'S NIECE

DEAR AUNTIE'S NIECE: Talk to her. The time to bring it up is the next time your aunt mentions that the relatives don't visit as often as they used to. Her comments may be well-intended, but they are extremely tactless.

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DEAR ABBY: "Glad I Tried, Joliet, Ill.," who wondered if her comatose mother heard her when she said "I love you," may feel better after hearing my experience.

My aunt was a second mother to me. She kept me when I was a child and was there for me during my critical years. Later in life, I received a call from her daughter saying that she was in a coma and not expected to live. She was living in another state, but I rushed to her side. As I stood alone in her room, I saw her move the big toe on her right foot. I said, "If you can hear me, wiggle your right toe." She did! I then asked her to move her toe once for "yes" to my questions and twice for a "no" answer.

My talk with her lasted several hours. Although she was in a coma, she responded to my every question with the correct "yes" or "no" while I sat there and talked about our lives and the many experiences we had shared. During that time, I recalled many beautiful times, and I talked and laughed while she used her toe to "talk" to me. It was a moving experience that I cherish and will always remember. Two days later, my aunt passed away.

JOHN W. BLACK, MARINA DEL REY, CALIF.

DEAR JOHN: How kind of you to take the time to write and confirm from your own personal experience that people in comas can hear and comprehend. I received a similar account from a widow in San Francisco. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: We were standing around my husband's bed, all so sad, when my son said, "Dad, this is Al. If you can hear me, wiggle your feet." Lo and behold, the covers moved. Then he said, "Dad, Uncle Frank and his wife are here. If you can hear me, shake your feet." You should have seen the covers!

Abby, please consider this proof-positive that people in a coma can hear. My darling was pretty well into the coma because he passed away about four hours later.

SEVEN-YEAR WIDOW, SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR WIDOW: My condolences on the loss of your beloved husband. Thank you for sharing your last precious moments with him so that others will know that as long as the breath of life is there, it is never too late to express your love and compassion for someone near and dear.

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Second baseman Joe Morgan played in 50 post-season games, a record for that position.

Hurricane Irene soaks Florida

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Irene began a slow march up the East Coast Saturday, slipping out of Florida after dumping heavy rain and knocking out power to more than a million people.

The storm blamed for at least seven deaths was expected to hug the East Coast as it moved north and forecasters feared it could gain strength and dump several inches of rain on the flood-weary Carolinas through the weekend.

A hurricane watch issued Saturday stretched north to Cape Hatteras, N.C. The storm was packing winds of 75 mph, though its most dangerous winds were directed toward the sea.

In all, Irene is blamed for killing two people in Cuba and five more near Fort Lauderdale who were electrocuted by downed power lines. As much as 18 inches of wind-driven rain caused scattered flooding over hundreds of miles, from Key West to West Palm Beach, where streets were nearly empty early Saturday.

"We're lucky we have power," said Tom Sullivan, owner of the El Cid bar, where about a dozen people were on hand as the storm swirled outside.

Don Bury, who turned 38 on Friday, refused to let Irene spoil the party.

"It's only a crime they're not playing Frank Sinatra," said Bury, a chef. "Other than that, I can live with the storm."

At 5 a.m. EDT Saturday, the center of the storm was about 25 miles southeast of Fort Pierce and moving to the north-northeast at 10 mph. It was expected to turn to the north and skirt the East Coast.

After drenching Cuba's tobacco fields and collapsing buildings in Havana, Irene rolled ashore Friday afternoon near Cape Sable, 75 miles southwest of Miami, and headed north through the Everglades. Some 1.4 million people lost power with no hope of getting it restored until at least Saturday.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami had to switch over to backup generators when the power went out for about 30 seconds. It took about 90 minutes to reboot all the computers, during which forecasters were able to get data from elsewhere.

Most airlines suspended service to south Florida and the Miami International Airport was shut down for 31/2 hours Friday. The University of Miami closed its campus. High school football games were postponed, as were two $400,000 thoroughbred races scheduled for Saturday at Calder Race Course.

President Clinton declared a state of emergency for Florida, authorizing the Federal Emergency Management Administration to coordinate disaster relief efforts with state officials.

The emergency declaration covered 28 counties from Key West to central Florida. In Miami, police said more than 60 streets were under at least 6 inches of water.

"This is ridiculous," Michael LaCombe said after pushing his car out of shin-deep water. "I should have called in sick."

West of Fort Lauderdale, a 48-year-old woman, her 11-year-old twin sons and their 14-year-old friend were electrocuted late Friday at an intersection in Weston by a downed power line. Minutes later, a teen-ager was electrocuted 10 miles away, Broward County Fire Rescue spokesman Todd LeDuc said.

"We've been given out the message all day that you need to stay inside," LeDuc said. "This is not the time to do damage assessment. We have lines down throughout the county."

Irene's top sustained winds dropped from 85 mph to 75 mph before midnight Friday. However, Max Mayfield, deputy director of the hurricane center, said he was worried the storm could grow more powerful before threatening the Carolinas tonight.

That feeling was shared farther north.

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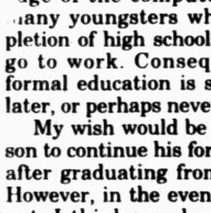
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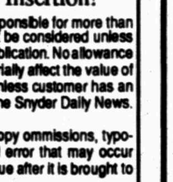
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Dr. Gott

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Amyloidosis is a mysterious disease

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the last few years of his relatively short life, my father suffered from manic depression. About two years before dying, he showed signs of Alzheimer's disease. Then, at age 56, he died of primary amyloidosis. Are these disorders connected in some way?

DEAR READER: Amyloidosis is a chronic disease of unknown cause, marked by deposits, in various organs, of a waxy starchy protein called amyloid. The affliction may be primary (without obvious cause) or secondary (in association with other diseases, such as bone cancer, tuberculosis, rheumatoid arthritis and bowel inflammation). Amyloidosis affects skin, muscle, lungs, heart and liver; it is notorious for attacking the kidneys.

As the amyloid deposits increase in size and number, they affect organ functioning. At present, there is no specific therapy available, other than treatment for the disease with which amyloid may be associated. Heroic procedures, such as kidney or heart transplants, may have to be performed to save the patient's life.

Manic-depressive illness, now referred to as bipolar mood disorder, does not ordinarily accompany amyloidosis, nor do Alzheimer's patients show amyloid protein in the brain. However, there is a remote possibility that your father's amyloidosis could have affected his nervous system, leading to the signs and symptoms of bipolar and Alzheimer's diseases. Most likely, your father had three separate conditions, the most serious of which was amyloidosis. In any case, a postmortem examination would have enabled a pathologist to determine with certainty whether your father's mental changes were the result of amyloidosis. Ask his doctor about the autopsy findings, if such an examination was performed.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 30-year-old son has developed a problem that the family is having trouble dealing with: He has sudden vocal explosions, sometimes expletives, that he cannot control or explain. What is the problem and how can we help him?

DEAR READER: I urge your son to be examined by a neurologist, who can determine if he has developed an unusual form of seizure activity, or an adult type of Gilles de la Tourette syndrome, a treatable condition marked by sudden and uncontrollable muscle twitching and vocalization. If the specialist finds no physical basis for your son's problem, she can then refer him for counseling.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a mild diabetic who recently began eating a cereal sweetened with malted barley. My doctor honestly admits that he doesn't know whether this sweetener could harm me. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Malted barley, when taken in moderation, poses no health hazards for diabetics who must avoid sugar (glucose, sucrose and corn syrup). Check your blood sugar periodically to make sure that your metabolism is in satisfactory balance.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am an 18 year-old lesbian who wishes to stop menstruating. Should I have surgery?

DEAR READER: I'd advise against this choice because it is permanent, and I believe that people should keep their options open. Menstrual cycles can be stopped by a variety of drugs and surgery; however, surgery is irreversible and will forever prevent you from becoming pregnant should you wish to do so.

Ten years ago, I would have answered your question differently: Have the surgery if you choose. However, as you know, many lesbian couples in stable relationships have undergone artificial insemination in order to conceive and raise families. Such couples obtain a huge amount of satisfaction from this endeavor, and — in my experience — they make great parents. Consequently, while I am purposefully avoiding the moral/ethical/religious aspects of this highly charged issue, I do urge the following: Before you try to alter your menstrual pattern, consider counseling. Menstruation poses problems for both straight and gay women in certain circumstances. In most instances, such problems can be solved by a sensitive and knowledgeable gynecologist — and the judicious use of various hormone combinations. If, however, your desire to stop menstruating isn't based on discomfort or pain, it may suggest that you need help in accepting yourself as a physiological woman, regardless of your sexual orientation.

If you choose to follow my advice, see a gynecologist to learn of less drastic methods to stop your menstruation temporarily.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 27 and lost my left leg just above the knee in a farm accident five years ago. My doctors have urged me to use an artificial limb, but I hesitate because my stump is much smaller than my right thigh. Will this make a difference in using a prosthesis?

DEAR READER: Yes and no. Your damaged thigh has atrophied (shrunken) because the muscles have not been used as much as the muscles on your remaining leg. A prosthesis can certainly be fitted to your present stump. However, over time, as you increasingly use your damaged leg, the thigh muscles will grow in strength and bulk. Therefore, you probably will need to have the prosthetic cup adjusted every few months to accommodate the increasing size of your stump.

I encourage you to go ahead and be fitted with an artificial leg. Such a device will give you much more mobility and independence. In fact, I have a farmer-patient with an identical problem. His prosthesis works so well that he hardly limps. Obviously, you will need close medical supervision and attention by physical therapists during the initial stages of your new — and improved — life. These professionals can advise and guide you in picking prostheses that are appropriate and comfortable for you at each level of your development.

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The year was 1978 and the candidate, George W. Bush

AUSTIN (AP) — On the stump, the candidate was for business, against government regulation and intent on running as his own man despite a well-known father.

"Responsibility," he added, "is a good thing to learn."

Yes, that's George W. Bush. But no, he wasn't running for president. The comments were from his first race, for the U.S. House, in 1978.

And he lost.

Much has changed in the 21 years since today's Republican presidential front-runner first sought public office.

Much has stayed the same.

"He was conservative and a personable young man," says Jane Anne Stinnett of Lubbock. "Still is."

In 1978, 32-year-old George W. Bush had moved back to Midland, his childhood home, and entered the oil business. Midland was at the southern end of West Texas' sprawling 19th Congressional District, and change was in the air.

Two years earlier, Democratic Rep. George Mahon, a 42-year veteran of Congress, had drawn a tough challenger — Jim Reese, conservative Republican and former Odessa mayor. Mahon won, but the next year said he was retiring.

In July 1977, Bush announced his candidacy. One of the district's largest newspapers misidentified him as George Bush Jr.

The campaign machine that now raises $56 million in seven months wasn't as well-oiled 21 years ago. Bush found Lubbock campaign chairman Mike Weiss in a clothing store.

"George just drove into town one day and started walking down a strip mall shopping center," Weiss recalled. "I happened to be in a men's store. He walked up and introduced himself. I liked him." The two met again the next day, talked, "And I signed on."

West Texas in 1978, like much of the state, was solidly Democratic. No Republican had been elected governor in 100 years. Democrats controlled politics from the statehouse to the courthouses.

"There was a pretty general feeling that Republicans couldn't get elected," Weiss said.

But Bush's first problem wasn't a Democrat. It was the GOP primary.

Reese ran, as did Joe Hickox of Shallowater. Bush led the primary with 6,296 votes and bested Reese in a runoff, although Reese had the endorsement of Ronald Reagan, who would be the party's presidential nominee two years later.

Bush's November opponent, Democrat Kent Hance, was a state senator from Lubbock, the district's biggest city.

"Lubbock was the big end of the district," Weiss said. "It had the population approximately equal to what was left in all the rest of the district. George had a great following in Midland, but..."

There weren't many philosophical disagreements. Bush said Hance would make a good Republican. Hance said Bush would make a good conservative Democrat.

"On issues of oil and gas, inflation, national defense, the public works bill and extension of time to pass the Equal Rights Amendment, Hance and Bush were as compatible as two warts on a toad," the Midland Reporter-Telegram wrote.

Hance, who now practices law in Austin, said he and Bush shared positions on most issues.

"At one forum, somebody asked us about gun control. Every candidate was against it. When they finally got down to me, I said, 'Not only am I against it — if they ever pass it and try to get your guns, I'll come over to your house and help you.' Even Bush laughed at that."

Bush's speeches were peppered with lines today's audiences will recognize.

On the economy: Government "should help people realize their American dream. People should be given a chance to realize their own ambitions."

On personal responsibility: "In my view, individuals need to solve their own problems. The federal government hurts what we are trying to achieve."

On negative campaigning: "Our whole thing is to keep it positive. People are tired of negative politicians ... I'm convinced people are looking for somebody to say, 'Here's what's good.'"

On the influence of his father, who had been a congressman, U.S. Senate candidate, GOP chairman, CIA director and U.S. envoy to China: "We don't need dad in this race."

Hance did make an issue of Bush's upbringing.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported that he accused Bush of trying to ride his father's coattails, saying: "You do not see a distinction in the ads between George Bush and George Bush."

"Would you like me to run as Sam Smith?" Bush replied. "The problem is I can't abandon my background. I'm not trying to hide behind any facade."

Ms. Stinnett, a longtime Bush supporter, says Bush didn't traffic on his family ties. "The word on the street was he didn't want his dad coming into the district helping. He was going to do it on his own."

The wisecracking Hance, a native of Dimmitt and graduate of Texas Tech University, needled the New Haven, Conn., native about his education — Eastern prep school, Yale, Harvard Business School. He poked fun at Bush's jogging.

"We tried to make it Texas Tech vs. Yale. And in that district, the Red Raiders will beat the Bulldogs every time," Hance recalls.

But the Ivy Leaguer proved a tough opponent.

"Our original strategy was that I'd be the good guy next door, and Bush would be the outsider," Hance said.

010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: DELORES RIOS JR.; I have surveyed the property located at 3000 Avenue J, (N65'Lot1, Block 24, Wilmeth Addition). I declare the structure unsafe as defined by Ordinance #324 of the City of Snyder, and intend to order demolition of said building on or about November 15, 1999. If no objections are received by then the Demolition Order will be issued.

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Bids must be received in the Scurry County Appraisal District office either by hand-delivery or by mail at 2612 College Ave., Snyder, Texas 79549; or by fax at (915) 573-8458 prior to 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 1999.

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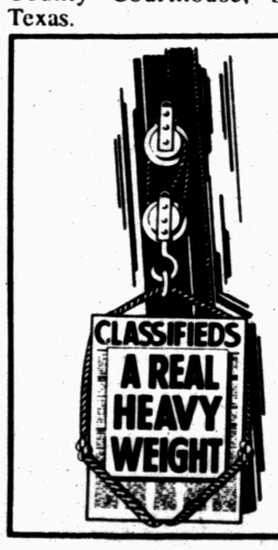
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will receive and open bid proposals for two new vehicles for the Scurry County Sheriff, Monday, November 1, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., during Special Session of Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas.



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THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS PLANNING TO WIDEN FARM-TO-MARKET HIGHWAY 1605 (37TH STREET) BETWEEN SH 350 (COLLEGE AVE.) AND US 180 (EAST HIGHWAY), IN SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY. THE PROPOSED PROJECT INVOLVES WIDENING THE EXISTING HIGHWAY TO FOUR MAINLANES WITH A CENTER LEFT TURNING LANE, WIDENING EXISTING DRAINAGE STRUCTURES, INSTALLING STORM SEWER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, AND NEW SIDEWALKS AND CURB AND GUTTER. ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AND DISPLACEMENTS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.

MAPS SHOWING THE LOCAITON OF THE PROJECT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE PROJECT ARE ON FILE AND AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AND COPYING, AT THE OFFICE OF THE AREA ENGINEER AT 111 NORTH AVE. V IN SNYDER, TEXAS.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TENATIVE SCHEDULES FOR CONSTRUCTION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE.

ANY INTERESTED CITIZEN MAY REQUEST THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD COVERING THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED LOCATION AND DESIGN OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT BY DELIVERING A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE AREA ENGINEER, P.O. BOX 396, SNYDER, TEXAS, 79550, ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 16, 1999.

IN THE EVENT THAT SUCH A REQUEST IS RECEIVED, A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ADEQUATE NOTICE WILL BE PUBLICIZED ABOUT THE DATE AND LOCATION OF THE HEARING.

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Thank You

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Oversight group to focus on alleged massacre

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army will lead the U.S. investigation of an alleged mass-killing of South Korean civilians by American troops during the Korean War, but the Defense Department will set up its own steering group to coordinate the work, Defense Secretary William Cohen said.

In a letter sent Friday to Army Secretary Louis Caldera, Cohen said the Army would conduct interviews and other work to determine "the full scope of the facts" and compile a report of its findings. He said there would be no deadline but the inquiry should be done as expeditiously as possible.

"I do not want to set an artificial deadline that might present an obstacle to a full presentation of the facts to the public," Cohen wrote.

On Sept. 30, The Associated Press reported accounts by American veterans and South Korean villagers that U.S. soldiers killed up to 400 civilians under a bridge at No Gun Ri, South Korea, early in the war.

This week a subsequent AP report said that in addition to the No Gun Ri incident in late July 1950, a short time later the Army destroyed two strategic bridges as South Korean refugees streamed across, killing hundreds of civilians. Cohen made no mention of investigating the additional incidents.

Besides Cohen's instructions to Caldera, the Pentagon on Friday made public a Cohen letter to South Korean President Kim Dae-jung from Oct. 8, in which he promised to pursue the truth "no matter where it leads."

"I want to convey my commitment to determine, as accurately as possible and in close coordination with your government, what happened at No Gun Ri 50 years ago," Cohen wrote in the letter to Kim.

"We understand the enormous historical, political and emotional importance of this undertaking for you, your government and your people," Cohen said. "It holds great importance for the U.S. government and the American people."

Cohen's letter contained his most extensive comments on No Gun Ri. Asked about the AP report on the day it was published, Cohen told reporters he knew of no evidence to support the allegations. "But to the degree there is any substantive information that is forthcoming, then certainly we will look at it," he said, adding that the matter had been examined by the Army in the past.

Shortly afterward he authorized Caldera to begin a formal investigation. The South Korean government has begun its own inquiry; the U.S. investigation has not yet started, although Cohen set it in motion Friday.

Cohen told Caldera the Army is responsible for a "full and comprehensive review of the facts."

Cohen also said he was establishing a Defense Department steering group to oversee the probe and to coordinate with the South Korean government. The group will be headed by Rudy deLeon, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, and will include other high-level officials including Judith Miller, the department's top lawyer.

Cohen also said he would ask several people from outside the Pentagon to advise the steering group. He mentioned no names but officials said the outsiders likely would be retired officers and ambassadors.

"This will enable us to receive a variety of perspectives and insights on this particularly sensitive and important matter," Cohen wrote in a letter to Caldera. He said there would be no deadline for completing the investigation but asked that it be done "as expeditiously as possible."

Cohen said in his letter to Kim that the Pentagon inquiry would be guided by two overarching principles.

"The first is a determination to find the truth no matter where it leads," he wrote. "The second is a commitment to work cooperatively with your government to ensure that no relevant information is overlooked and that you have complete confidence that the whole story has been told."

Cohen said he discussed the matter in a telephone call Tuesday with Defense Minister Cho Sung-tae.

Four-step plan can help cardiac arrest

The American Heart Association's Operation Heartbeat initiative aims to increase public awareness and support for a strong chain of survival for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. The chain of survival is a four-step process for providing quick treatment that may determine whether a person lives or dies from sudden cardiac arrest. The steps are:

1. **Early Access to Care** — Early access means immediate engaging the emergency system. In most communities, dialing 911 activates the emergency medical system, which dispatches the appropriate emergency personnel to the scene.

2. **Early cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)** — This means promptly and correctly administering the mouth-to-mouth breathing and chest compressions of CPR to provide the oxygen and blood flow needed by the heart and brain. If performed properly, CPR can add a few minutes to the time available for successful defibrillation. (Thanks to the American Heart Association, millions of people have learned CPR, but it is not a replacement for defibrillation in saving lives during sudden cardiac arrest.)

3. **Early Defibrillation** — Early defibrillation means having a properly working defibrillator immediately available at an emergency and delivering an electrical shock to restore the heart's normal rhythm. Early defibrillation is the only known therapy for most cardiac arrests, most of which are caused by an irregular heart rhythm (arrhythmia) called ventricular fibrillation (VF) causes the heart's electrical impulses to become chaotic. The heart stops suddenly and the victim collapses and loses consciousness. Each minute of delay in returning the heart to its normal pattern of beating decreases the chance of survival by 7-10 percent.

4. **Early Advanced Care** — After successful defibrillation, most patients need highly trained medical personnel for advanced treatments — such as airway control or intravenous drugs — on the scene or on the way to the hospital.

The American Heart Association's Operation Heartbeat estimates that strengthening the chain of survival nationwide can save 50,000 lives each year and improve the national sudden cardiac arrest survival rate from 5 percent to 20 percent and higher.

Banking interests help Bush; Wall Street backs Bradley

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employees of MBNA Corp., a major bank and issuer of credit cards with two major issues before Congress, were the biggest contributors to Gov. George W. Bush's presidential campaign in the last three months, an analysis shows.

Meanwhile, former Sen. Bill Bradley's biggest donors during the period were employees of the same Wall Street investment houses that have supported him throughout his campaign, according to an Associated Press computer analysis of contributions to the presidential candidates. Bradley is a former consultant to financial companies.

Vice President Al Gore's top givers were lawyers.

Bush, the Republican front-runner, raised another $20.2 million between July 1 and Sept. 30, bringing his record-setting total to $57.4 million. He raised $77,400 from employees of MBNA Corp., the nation's second largest issuer of credit cards.

Congress is considering legislation to allow banks, insurance companies and investment houses to enter each other's markets — a measure sought by all three industries — and a credit card industry-backed bill to overhaul bankruptcy laws.

Bush also raised $54,750 from employees of Ernst & Young, an accounting firm that lobbies on behalf of electric utilities and the high-technology industry, among other clients. Ernst & Young also has been a big financial backer of Gore's presidential campaign.

Bradley outraised Gore in the third quarter of 1999, taking in $7.3 million compared with $6.8 million by the vice president. Gore also received $534,293 from his general election fund for legal and accounting expenses to pay a share of fund-raising costs.

Bradley, Gore's only rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, raised $167,200 from employees of Goldman Sachs, $75,450 from employees of Lehman Brothers, and $63,440 from employees of Merrill Lynch, which also is pushing for the banking bill.

Gore took in $21,750 from members of the law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt, which lobbies on behalf of such companies as Boeing, General Electric and United Parcel Service; and $20,750 from members of the law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, whose clients include Honeywell.

"They represent a pretty elite and rarefied group of interests," said Sheila Krumholtz, research director for the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan research group. "These players are among the top bundlers cycle after cycle and, of course, they have specific legislative agendas that they are pursing. Their giving represents all of the reasons their clients are hiring them."

Bush not only raised more money than any other presidential candidate, he also spent more.

He spent $12.8 million in the period, more than doubling his campaign expenditures. Overall, Bush has spent $19 million, including $7.1 million on fund raising and $2.9 million on travel.

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Doctor rescued from South Pole

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) — After five months isolated by the Antarctic winter and forced to treat herself for a breast lump, Dr. Jerri Nielsen finally put her care in somebody else's hands.

In a daring operation, a crew from the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing rescued Nielsen Saturday from the U.S. National Science Foundation's South Pole research station, where she was the only doctor.

"From the National Science Foundation's perspective, this is a wonderful day," said spokesman Arthur Brown.

Nielsen, 47, discovered a lump in her breast in June after the darkness, swirling snow and ultra-cold temperatures of the Antarctic winter had closed in, sealing off the Amundsen-Scott research station and its 41 inhabitants to the outside world.

A risky air drop of medical supplies in July allowed Nielsen to begin treating herself with chemotherapy. But rescue efforts had to wait for summer to set in and temperatures high enough to allow airplanes to fly safely.

After days of waiting on the Antarctic coast for temperatures to thaw, the rescuers finally reached their destination Saturday.

An LC-130 plane — equipped with skis to allow it to land on a runway carved out of polar ice — touched down for just 22 minutes at the pole. It kept its engines running in case temperatures of minus 58 degrees prevented them starting again.

The air was barely warm enough for rescuers to attempt their mission: If temperatures drop below minus 58, the plane's hydraulic systems, critical to its ability to land and take off, become hard to handle and make flying risky. But as a "weather window" opened, the plane, its crew of nine and a two-member medevac team picked up Nielsen and dropped off a replacement doctor.

Six hours later, Another Air National Guard plane, a C-141 Starlifter, arrived in Christchurch, New Zealand, and was believed to be carrying Nielsen. Officials refused to confirm whether Nielsen was on board, but one military source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the C-141 had left McMurdo base on the Antarctic coast one hour after Nielsen arrived there from the pole.

Officials said the rescue operation was possibly the earliest ever post-winter flight to the world's coldest region.

While at the McMurdo base, physicians put her through tests to assess whether she is strong enough to fly home. She was unavailable for comment Saturday.

Nielsen, from Youngstown, Ohio, was expected to fly via Christchurch in southern New Zealand to the United States for treatment for what is believed to be breast cancer. The NSF has not released information on Nielsen's diagnosis or her condition at the doctor's request and also refused to disclose details of

Pentagon leaders view coup in Pakistan as pro-western

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon leaders are not alarmed at the military takeover in Pakistan. They view Gen. Pervaiz Musharraf, who declared himself Pakistan's supreme leader but did not spell out his intentions, as pro-Western and capable of controlling the country's nuclear weapons.

"From what we know about Musharraf and his government, in the most fundamental respects we expect them to be careful stewards of their weaponry," said Kenneth Bacon, the chief Pentagon spokesman.

Still, he and other officials said, the first priority should be a restoration of civilian rule.

For now, U.S. leaders feel confident in the leadership and competence of Musharraf and those around him, said a senior U.S. defense official who discussed the matter on condition he not be further identified. He said there was no apparent reason to worry about nuclear control.

The White House announced that it will impose new sanctions against Pakistan as an expression of displeasure at the coup. State Department officials said a $1.7 million health program, operated by private organizations, would be suspended. But a $2.5 million program to counter narcotics would not be interrupted.

President Clinton's foreign policy and legal advisers were studying how to apply more pressure to Pakistan.

In Islamabad, Musharraf promised to establish an "efficient and impartial interim setup." The statement was the first indication of Musharraf's plans for running the country and implied that the interim arrangement might be a step toward restoring civilian and democratic rule.

U.S. Ambassador William Milam met with Musharraf for two hours Friday to press for assurances on a transition to civilian rule.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said Musharraf "didn't give an indication of what his intentions were or his timeline."

U.S. military leaders have not had close contact with the Pakistani military in recent years because of extensive U.S. sanctions imposed in 1990 by the Bush administration and additional restrictions following Pakistan's nuclear tests in 1998. But military relations were close during the Cold War.

In an interview at the Pentagon, the senior U.S. defense official said there is little reason to believe the coup leaders will act rashly or create a nuclear confrontation over the disputed Kashmir territory.

Asked about the coup leaders' ability to maintain stability and to control the country's nuclear weapons, the official said the leaders had had control of the weapons for a long time and the Americans were not worried.

The official also said Musharraf was scheduled to visit U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla., and U.S. Pacific Command offices in Hawaii in November. He said Musharraf had not been disinvited.

Because of U.S. sanctions during the 1990s, Musharraf is the first Pakistani military leader in many years who received no training in the United States. The last U.S. military exercise with Pakistan was a small session with the army in 1997.

Davidians trial likely to be slated for May

WACO (AP) — Lawyers in the Branch Davidians civil lawsuit emerged from a status conference Friday with a likely trial date in May.

Plaintiffs' attorneys and federal lawyers met in a private meeting with U.S. District Judge Walter Smith, who said he will order a new date early next week.

Smith last month postponed the wrongful death trial set for Oct. 18 to give government agencies more time to surrender to his court all evidence related to the April 1993 siege at the Branch Davidian compound.

Lead plaintiffs' counsel Michael Caddell said the trial probably will start in May because the judge wants proceedings to wrap up before a yearlong renovation begins at the Waco courthouse this summer.

Caddell said the two-hour meeting with Smith also addressed disputes between the two sides over the exchange of pretrial documents.

"It was very candid," Caddell said. "Both sides had plenty to say."

Government attorneys filed a motion early Friday asking for 90 days to turn over plaintiffs' discovery requests and requesting that plaintiffs' attorneys stop any depositions until the documents are produced.

Obituaries

Clara Martin

1906-1999

LORAINE – Clara Martin, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Oct. 14, in a Sweetwater hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Martin, 93, is set for 1 p.m. Sunday in the Loraine Cemetery with Wesley Wood officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 31, 1906 in Covington, Tex., she married Ross David Martin on May 23, 1923 in Hill County. He died in 1969.

Mrs. Martin had been a resident of Loraine since 1967 and she was a member of the Crockett and Smiley Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Billie June Martin.

Survivors include a son, Ross C. Martin of Omaha, Neb.; three daughters, Sybil Jones of Sweetwater, Betty Joyce Cortney of Davis, Okla., and Karen Elaine Martin of Pasadena; 18 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

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Felony assault charges send two subjects to jail in Snyder

Felony assault charges sent two subjects to jail early Saturday morning following back-to-back, unrelated disturbance calls.

Dispatchers received the first call at 1:20 a.m. Saturday from a woman who reported a family disturbance in the 2500 block of 27th Street.

Officers responded and requested Snyder EMS in reference to a 34-year-old male subject who had his leg broken in two places.

Belinda Jo Calloway, 33, of 2513 27th Street, was arrested for felony assault/family violence.

The offense is a felony because the victim sustained serious bodily injury.

Another subject at the scene, a 26-year-old male, was taken into custody for failure to identify.

The second disturbance call came in at 1:43 a.m. at 400 29th Street.

Officers responded and arrested 27-year-old Luis Alaniz Jr. for felony assault/family violence. The subject has prior family violence convictions so the charge is a felony.

Two other arrests were made early Saturday morning.

At 12:22 a.m., officers took a 19-year-old male into custody in the 5300 block of Trinity Blvd. for driving while intoxicated.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 4:06 a.m. at the Western Texas College dorm parking lot for public intoxication.

In activity Friday, a woman requested an attempt to locate on her 14-year-old son at 8:47 a.m. in reference to him running away from home.

The boy was located and transported to Snyder High School upon request of his mother.

The woman called police back at 1:07 p.m. stating that the school had contacted her in reference to her son not returning to class after lunch. A second offense report for runaway was filed.

The juvenile was later located in the 1800 block of Avenue I and transported to the police department where he was released to his parents. An offense report for Class C assault/family violence was also filed in the incident.

Officers were called to Arrow Construction at 11:48 a.m. in reference to an employee hearing gun shots being fired. Officers responded and located a subject whose grandson was shooting a pistol in the backyard. The subject was outside the city limits and he was advised of the complaint.

Commissioners to consider buying College Ave. site

The Community Supervision and Corrections Department should know Monday whether it will be moving to a new and more spacious office as the Scurry County Commissioners Court will consider authorizing the purchase of a College Avenue building.

The probation department presented a second proposal to the commissioners court two weeks ago to acquire a new building for the department. The cost to the county is estimated at around $25,000 instead of an original proposal of $50,000.

The building is located at 2511 College Avenue (formerly Don's Surplus).

The department's new proposal calls for the county only to purchase the new building, not fund any renovations.

CSCD would cover all renovations and make every effort to make the building energy efficient.

Rent would be paid to the county for use of the building and would still return the county's investment within a five-year period.

Not only would the move relieve the cramped spacing problem, it would also allow the department to hire two new employees.

In other business, the court is expected to proclaim the week of Oct. 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week, an annual campaign to promote alcohol and drug abuse awareness.

County Treasurer Charlie Bell will also present the third quarter financial report and the court will consider a resolution in support of the 2000 Census.

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Anyone interested in participating in the annual Washington, D.C. and New York City trip are asked to meet at 4 p.m. Sunday, at Snyder Junior High School. The trip dates are July 3-8 and the $1,500 cost includes all expenses. Deadline for signing up is Nov. 1.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Book fair

"Books are Fun," a one-day book fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital. Sponsored by the hospital auxiliary, proceeds will be used for the hospital.

AARP meeting

The AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday for a pot-luck supper and games at the Senior Center. Bring favorite games.

East parent council

The East Elementary parent council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the school library.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Design of the Book of Revelation," followed by "Overcoming Adversity."

Adult education classes

The classes will be taught in the WTC library, Room 209, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-11 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. Classes are for those working on GED refresher courses and ESL.

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease support group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Program will be "What's New With You?" and a video, "Wonders of the Brain."

Historical commission

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Business will include the election of officers.

SHS choir boosters

Snyder High School choir boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room to work on yard signs.

Inmate art show

The third annual Inmate Art show continues through Thursday at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College.

Fajita cookout

The annual fajita cookout sponsored by First Christian Church will be before the Sweetwater game Friday. The fajitas will be served before the game beginning at 5 p.m.

Chili supper

The SHS basketball booster club will have a chili supper with homemade cobbler from 5-7 p.m. Friday before the Tigers play Sweetwater. Time is from 5-7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased from any high school basketball player or at the door. Carry outs available. Call 573-2553 for tickets. Funds will be used to purchase new uniforms.

Enchilada dinner

St. John's Catholic Church will sponsor an enchilada dinner with rice, beans, salad next Sunday in the Hermleigh school cafeteria. Price is $6 for adults and $3 for children under 6. Proceeds will go to build handicap ramps at the church.

Glass donations sought

The Ira senior class is seeking donations of drinking glasses (any type) for the fall festival. Call the school at 573-2628 and the glasses will be picked up. Deadline is Oct. 27.

WTC Fallfest

Fallfest at Western Texas College will be held from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, in the courtyard. Sponsored by the Student Government, all proceeds will help fund their trip to the state convention. There will be numerous booths and activities for all ages. Tickets are 25 cents each and prizes will be given away at all booths.

Spook house

Snyder Healthcare Center will conduct a Spoek Houst from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. Donations of wrapped candy will be appreciated and should be taken to Dorothy at 5311 Big Spring Hwy.

Fall festival

Games, concessions and door prizes will be part of the Fall Festival from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The event is for birth through 6th grade.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church will host its annual Lord's Acre Festival Nov. 13 in the Scurry County Coliseum, featuring a variety of specialty items for the holidays, home-made goodies, an auction and a barbecue dinner.

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 23. Copies may be ordered by paying $14 now, or paying a deposit of $7 with the balance due when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. Orders will be accepted in the school office or room 110. There will be no extra copies.

Support groups

Support groups for Cancer, Grief and Divorce Recovery meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church. For information call 573-263. A new group for sexual assault survivors will meet at a confidential time and location. For information call 573-1822. Child care is provided.

Pick 3

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

3-0-5

Cash Five

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

15-17-21-31-38

Texas Million

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

42-44-50-97

SJHS implementing Peer Mediation program

Anger often provokes students into striking out with their fists, or worse yet, reach for a gun. Anger resolution is a positive step toward avoiding conflicts that get out of hand and result in some type of violence.

That's the primary focus of a new program — Peer Mediation — being implemented this school year at Snyder Junior High School.

The initial training session was held last Wednesday at the Patterson Ranch. Twenty-seven students are being specially trained this semester.

Coordinators of the new program include Dixie Haggard, assistant principal; Leslie Murphy, science teacher; Janeen Patterson, drama instructor; Sylvia Sapsky, counselor; and Trey Wilson, school resource officer.

Barbara Granato, director of special programs, serves as the guest facilitator. Patterson Drilling, one of the junior high's adopt-a-school partners, is sponsoring the program.

According to Haggard, who initiated the program, "School Team Mediation" is an innovative preventive approach for handling conflicts in schools. Staff and students learn specific skills in communication, dispute resolution, and socialization, which they then apply in the school, family, and community setting.

"Benefits to schools are that the students take responsibility for solving their own problems and teachers can concentrate on teaching," she said.

The goal of the School Team Mediation program is to help students control their anger before anyone raises a fist or reaches for a weapon.

Mediation redefines conflict in such a way that no one has to lose. It reduces the number of disputes that occur and the amount of staff time spent on discipline, resulting in an improvement in the school environment, Haggard explained.

School Team Mediation empowers students to resolve conflicts through improved and specific communication and problem solving skills. The mediation program includes development of skills in anger and conflict management, practiced within a safe and structured process, Haggard added.

Mediation is voluntary, Haggard said. Unless both disputants agree to try to solve their problem, the mediation will not go forward. The mediator is pledged not to give advice, take sides, find fault, or take responsibility for solving the problem.

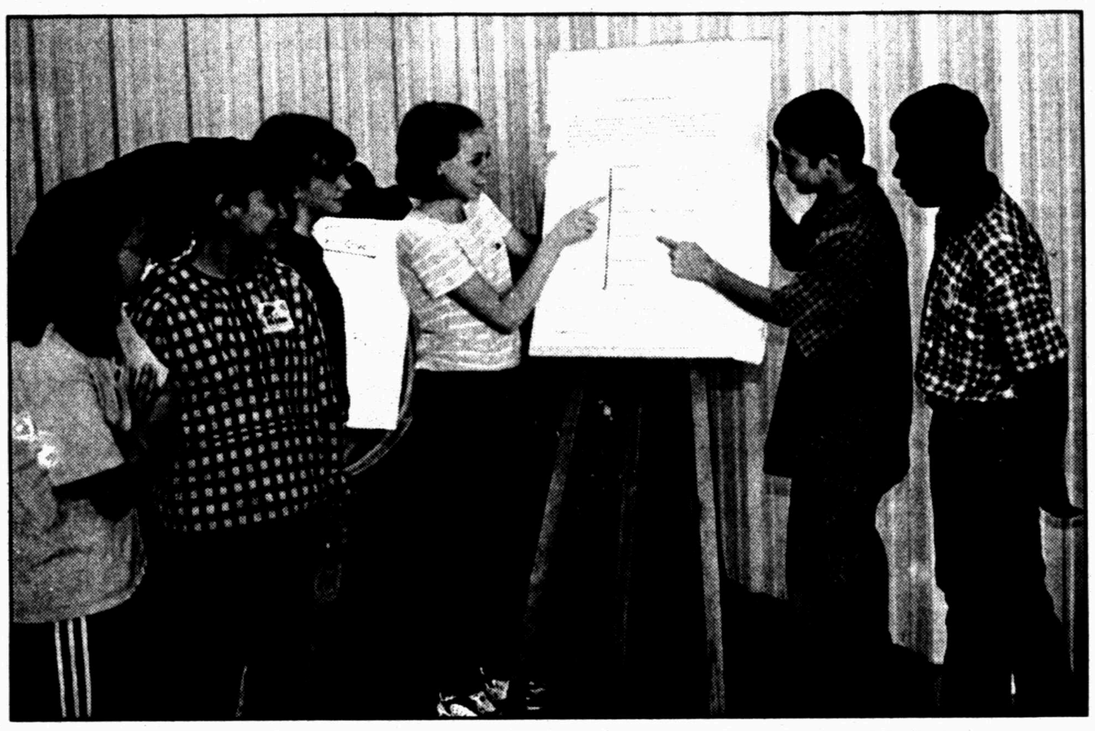
Rather, the mediator helps parties find their own solutions and reach agreements that will allow them to continue their relationship. Through mediation the participants can:

*Feel significant in the school

See Peer, Page 1B



NEW PROGRAM — Snyder Officer Trey Wilson is helping to organize a Peer Mediation program at Snyder Junior High School. Students who attended a recent training session include from left, Kalli Wesson, Katie Bryant, Stephanie Williamson, Katie Haggard. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



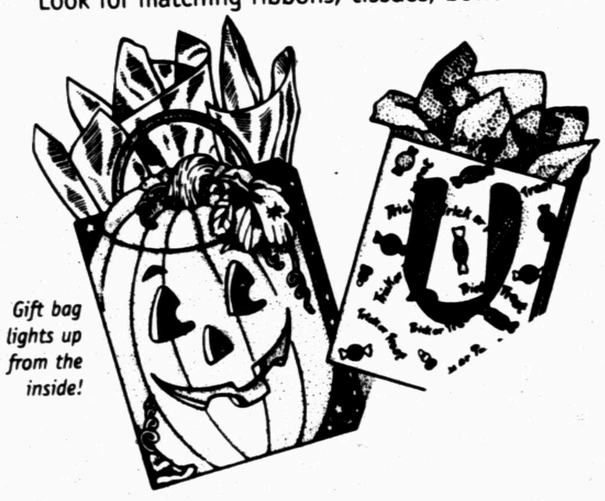
GETTING READY — A group of Snyder Junior High students are training for Peer Mediation, a new program being implemented. From left are Paige Smith, Kim Rivera, Courtney Cox, Erin Burleson, Kendall Doty, Joe Maldonado. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



REGISTRATION — Barbara Granato, SISD director of special programs, registered junior high students who have been picked for the fall Peer Mediation program. Pictured from left clockwise are Boicy Martinez, Kendall Doty, Joe Maldonado, Demetrius Horn, Israel Alvarado, Sterling Millhollon, Jeffery Scott, Josh Proctor. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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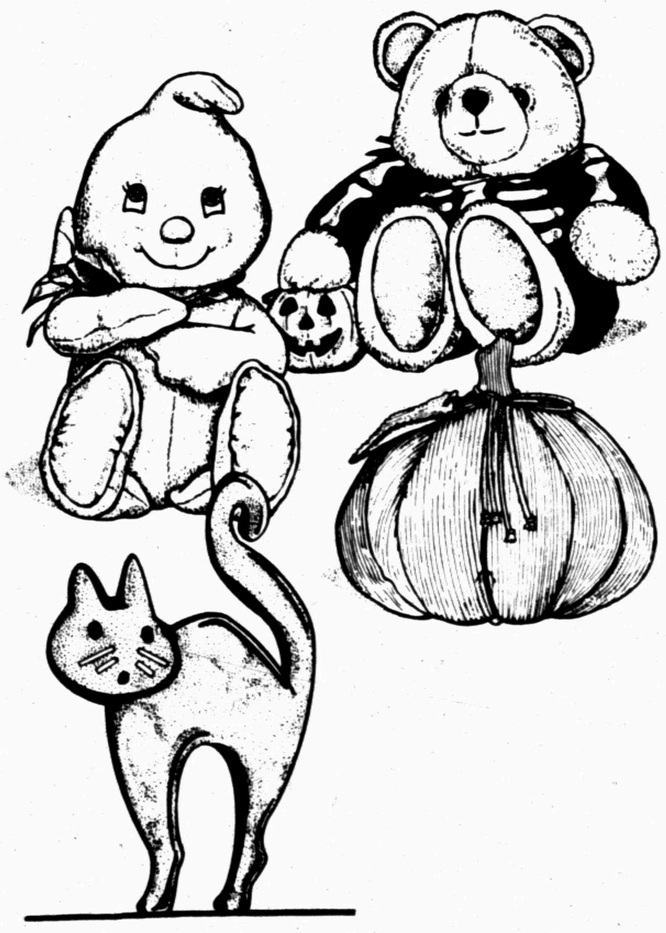
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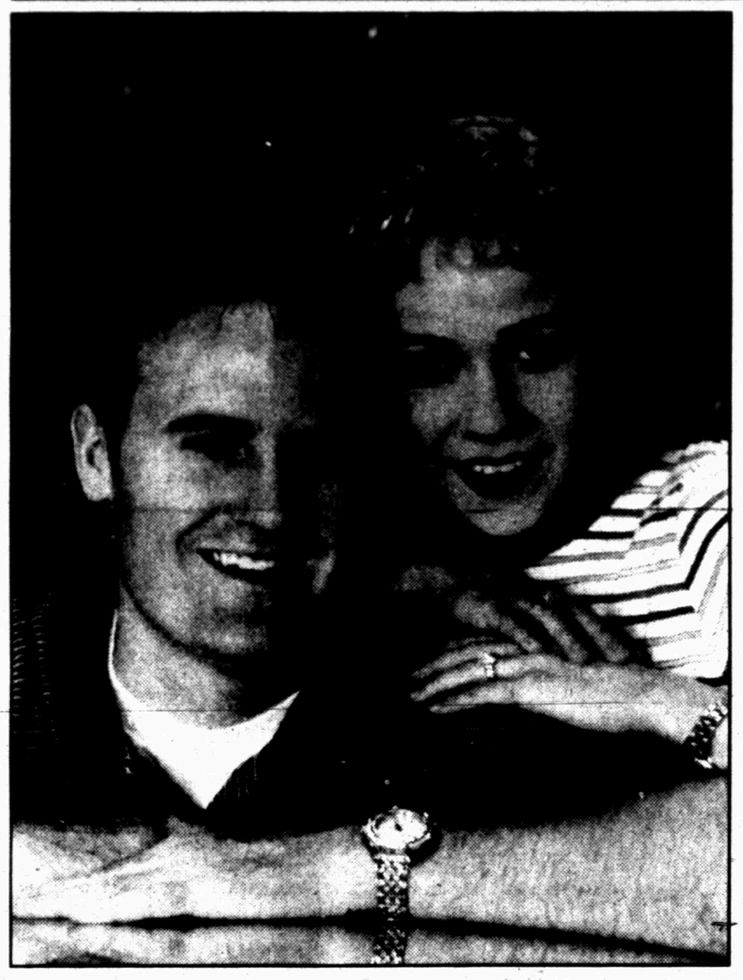
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MYERS-LOVELESS ENGAGEMENT — Ray and Gloria Myers of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melissa Carol Myers, to Ryan Scott Loveless of Amarillo. He is the son of Rick and Bonnie Loveless of Amarillo. They have set their wedding ceremony for 6 p.m. on Dec. 18 in East Side Church of Christ in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

DAR meets at Snyder Country Club

Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution tended to the usual first of the year business at the Snyder Country Club Tuesday.

Regent Joanne Sterling conducted the meeting. Lois Bartels gave the national defense report which stressed the importance of helping young boys in America.

A thank you note was read from Charlene Light, counselor at Snyder High School, who expressed appreciation for the DAR scholarship presented to Shannon Hall. Mrs. Light said "DAR chose a remarkable young lady who will make the most of her varied abilities and will represent the DAR standards extremely well." Shannon attends Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

In concern for patriotism, DAR continues to pay for a flag provided by the Rotary Club. Rotary members place the American Flag around the square, on College Ave. and at many residences on holidays.

Martha Schiebel was added as a pending member.

Dorothy Campbell gave a program to 12 members and two guests and hostesses were Joanne Sterling and Jane Hinton.

Bridal Registry

Monica Rosson and Scott Squiers
Emily Everhart and Mat Powell
Janell Johnson and Thad Davis
Leslie Lewallen and James Hoyle
Laura Ready and Bryan Vincent
Twylla Brown and Eloy Chavez
Angela Brewster and Dale Gideon
Jami Anderson and Richard Johnston, III
Carla Alexander and Darrel Herode
Ashly Weaver Pitner and Trevlyn Pitner
Tracey Palacios and Brian Hilburn
Katrina Carrasco and Eric Garivay
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BOSTON (AP) — The Prince Spaghetti kid says he won't answer to Italian slurs on the job.

In a commercial for Prince Spaghetti, the kid played by Anthony Martignetti came running when his mother cried, "Anthony! Anthony!" from an apartment window.

Martignetti, now 42, is suing the Stop & Shop dairy plant where he says his supervisor calls him names like "guinea" and "meatball."

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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West ♠ Q 5 ♥ Q 10 7 5 ♦ Q 9 ♣ K J 10 9 6		East ♠ 10 7 6 2 ♥ J 6 4 3 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ Q 3
	South ♠ 9 4 3 ♥ A K 2 ♦ A K 10 8 6 ♣ A 7	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

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

Opening lead: ♣ J

Not always only on paper

By Phillip Alder

Despite what you might think, textbook deals do arise in "real life." Take this example, which occurred during the 1962 Bermuda Bowl match between Argentina and the United States.

How should the play go in three no-trump after West leads the club jack?

Even if you use a 16-18 one-no-trump opening, this South hand is too strong for that bid. The good five-card suit and all those aces and kings make it worth nearer 20 points than 18.

South starts with seven top tricks: two spades, two hearts, two diamonds and one club. So, four diamond tricks, not five, are sufficient to bring home the contract.

The Argentine South won the second club trick, cashed the diamond ace, played a spade to dummy's king, then finessed the diamond jack. However, West scooped up the trick with his queen and claimed three club tricks: one down. Agreed, assuming West is long in clubs, the diamond finesse is slightly better than 50-50, but it is the wrong play.

At the other table, Mervin Key won trick two with his club ace, then cashed the ace and king of diamonds. When the queen dropped, and the spade queen tumbled too, he ended with 11 tricks: three spades, two hearts, five diamonds and one club. Yet if the diamond queen hadn't dropped, Key would have played a third diamond. If East had to win the trick, the contract would have been safe. Alternatively, if West had won with the diamond queen, South would have had to hope the clubs were splitting 4-3, not 5-2.

If the diamond finesse was working, declarer didn't need to take it to succeed.

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Bridge Scores

FRIDAY Oct. 8

Jane Hinton directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

A Group

1. Martha Fagin, Dorothy Rosson.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.
3. Betty Courtney, Barbara Yorgesen.
4. Louise Thompson, Nona Morrison.

B Group

1. Martha Fagin, Dorothy Rosson.
2. Mippy Brownlee, Nina Nesbit.
3. Sue Reed, Anita Talbott.
4. Doyle Fowler, Christine Stuard

TUESDAY Oct. 12

1. Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.
2. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.
3. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

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Stokes, Barker marry

SHREVEPORT, La. — Amanda Loree Stokes of Shreveport and Francis Gilbert "Beau" Barker Jr. of Bossier City were united in marriage at 6 p.m. on Oct. 2, in Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport.

Dr. W.D. "Step" Martin, pastor, officiated the double-ring ceremony. He also officiated at the bride's parents' wedding in 1970.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stokes of Shreveport and her grandparents are Dot Stokes of Snyder and the late Carl Stokes and Beulah Cole of Shreveport, and the late Lunsford H. Cole.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gil Barker of Bossier City and his grandparents are Marie Barker and the late Thomas M. Barker Sr., and Mary Padgett and the late Louis H. Padgett Jr., both of Louisiana.

White columns with urns of white calla lilies, two seven-branch white candelabras and fresh greenery decorated the setting for the vows. Pew bows were of silver and gold.

Four white candles decorated with greenery burned in the baptistery in memory of the late Lunsford H. Cole, Carl E. Stokes, the Honorable Louis H. Padgett Jr. and Thomas M. Barker Sr., grandfathers of the bride and groom.

Candlelighters were Madison Saylors, cousin of the groom from Allen, and Ryan Gullatt of Monroe, La. Madison wore a gown of Montego shantung that matched the bridesmaids' and Ryan wore a black tuxedo.

Four Seasons stringed quartet from Louisiana furnished wedding music. The bride's father sang a solo, "Parent's Prayer," Other selections included "Jesus Loves Me" and "The Light of the World is Jesus."

Mr. Stokes gave his daughter in marriage as she was attired in a gown of white matte satin by Emme. Her sheath gown was fashioned with a stylized halter bodice with crossing straps at the back. Bands of petite starburst medallions of pearls, silvery inlaid crystal beads were edged with rows of beading to border the neckline and encircle the front waist. Her bodice was embellished with a solid array of seed pearls and the detachable cathedral length train was sprinkled with pearls and edged with the same beading detail as the bodice. Multiple layers of silk illusion were attached to a rhinestone and pearl halo to create the bridal veil.

She carried a bouquet of fresh white calla lilies tied with silver and gold ribbon.

Maid of honor was Shannon Johnson and matron of honor was Jennifer Ebarb Adams, both of Shreveport. Bridesmaids included Mikelyn Smith of Zachary, Mandy Yelvington of Hamburg, Ariz., Misti Chance of Keithville and junior bridesmaid was Emily Gullatt of Monroe.

The attendants wore navy blue floor-length Montego shantung dresses with scoop neckline and navy blue sashes of organza. The dresses were fashioned by the bride's grandmother, Dot Stokes of Snyder. Attendants carried bouquets of fresh white calla lilies tied with silver and gold ribbon.

The father of the groom was best man. Groomsmen were Brandon Barker and Travis Barker, brothers of the groom from Coronado, Calif.; another brother, D.J. Barker from Bossier City; Jeremy Stokes, brother of the bride from Rapid City, S.D.; and Daniel Padgett, cousin of the groom from Bossier City, was junior groomsman.

Ushers included Brad Dowden, Gary Donavan, Rob Kenny, Mark Vidrine, John Byrd, Nick Lusco, friends of the groom.

The groom wore his United States Marine Officer uniform. Groomsmen and ushers and fathers wore black tuxedos.

Robyn Miller and Nanci Miller, cousins of the bride from Shreveport, registered guests.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church and the bride's table was covered with a white linen cloth and was decorated with baby's breath, greenery and white tulle. It held a four-tiered round white cake with Bavarian cream filling decorated with icing ribbons and pearls.

Serving were Pam Martin, Hope Jones, Katherine Petchand and Phyliss Johnson, all of Shreveport.

From the groom's table, Jennifer McDowell and Shalane Sikes, both of Shreveport, served a two-layer square chocolate cake with the Marine emblem on top and garnished with chocolate covered strawberries.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Barker departed the church in a white limousine to the bride's home and then to Dallas and Jamaica for their honeymoon.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Louisiana State University and the groom is a lieutenant in the U.S. Marines and is stationed at Camp LeJeune, N.C. They will live in Jacksonville.

Guests attended from Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Dakota, Arizona, California and Louisiana.



Mr. and Mrs. Beau Barker Jr.
(Contributed Photo)

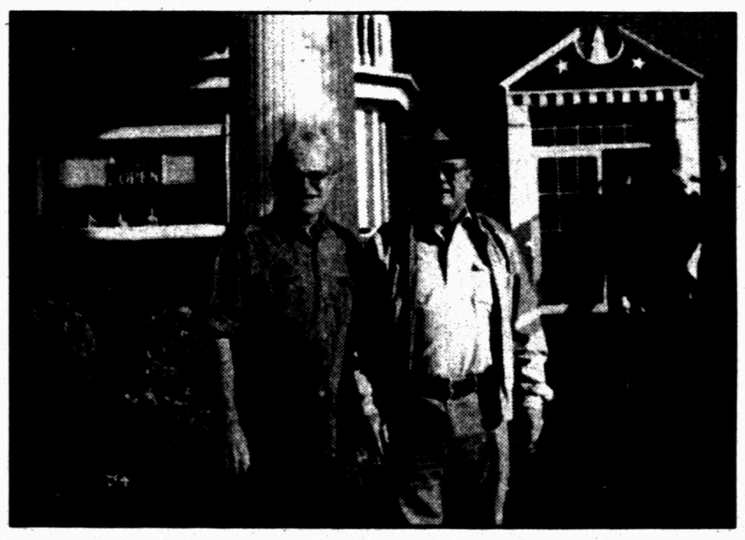
Cage in accident

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Nicolas Cage was unhurt after his chauffeur-driven Bentley got into a fender-bender.

The actor was riding in the car on Hollywood Way at about 4 p.m. Thursday when a teen-ager in a Toyota turned in front of the car, police said.

The other driver also escaped injury. No charges were immediately filed.

Cage, who won an Oscar for "Leaving Las Vegas," currently stars in "Bringing Out The Dead," a movie about New York City paramedics.



ARMY BUDDIES REUNITED —Franklin Rudisaile, left, of Perryville, Mo., and Jack Rains of Snyder met recently in Branson, Mo. They served together in the Army at Hanford, Wash., in 1956 and had corresponded only with Christmas cards for 43 years before visiting for a day at Branson. (Contributed Photo)

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Jester and Billie Pippin

Pippins renew wedding vows

Billie and Jester Pippin of Snyder have renewed their wedding vows in celebration of 30 years of marriage.

Married Oct. 7, 1969 in Snyder by then Justice of the Peace Jimmy Billingsley, the Pippin's chose to renew their vows Oct. 9 in their church home, Snyder's First Church of the Nazarene.

Pastor Mike Howard performed the ceremony, accompanied by his wife, Diane, who read I Corinthians, Chapter 13, known as the "love chapter".

Their son, Craig Pippin of Snyder, served as best man and their daughter, Christina Nobles of Snyder, was matron of honor. The Pippin's granddaughter, Jessica Nobles, was the flower girl.

Family friend Bill McFarland of Eden escorted Mrs. Pippin down the aisle.

Billie is the daughter of Ellen Edwards of Eden and the late Ed Edwards.

Jester is the son of the late Frank and Birdie Pippin.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock n' Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; free quilt lessons and for more information call 863-2416; 8 a.m. to noon.

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet for a potluck supper and games at the Senior Center, bring your favorite game; 5:30 p.m.

Al-Anon, Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 5 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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 appointment, call 573-9742.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information cal 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.



Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Williams
(Contributed Photo)

Williamses celebrated 60th anniversary in Hermleigh

Aubrey and Rosie Williams of Hermleigh celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a surprise family dinner Saturday.

Hosting were their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their children include Aubrey Gene Williams of Hermleigh, Virginia Williams of Hermleigh, David Williams, Janie Sullenger and Betty Thompson, all of Snyder, and Ruby Gates of San Antonio.

Both were born in Hermleigh in 1917, Rosie (Kuss) on Sept. 26 and Aubrey on June 28. They married in Sweetwater on Oct. 15.

Since their marriage, they have lived on the Williams' homeplace 3½ miles northeast of Hermleigh. Aubrey is a retired farmer and carpenter.

They have 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Day celebrated

ABILENE, Kan. (AP) — More than 2,000 people beaming with civic pride celebrated the state's first Dwight D. Eisenhower Day in the town that Ike called home as a boy.

On a grassy area between the Eisenhower Library and Museum, spectators sang, waved miniature flags and released red, white and blue balloons on Thursday to commemorate the birthday of the nation's 34th president.

Anne Eisenhower, who traveled from New York to speak at the event, told the crowd that her grandfather always remembered his roots.

"He never forgot Abilene," she said. "Most importantly, he chose Abilene as his final resting place."

The Legislature enacted a law earlier this year to establish a statewide observance in Ike's honor each Oct. 14. The day is a commemorative day rather than an official holiday, so state offices remained open.

School Menus

Ira ISD

All meals are served with choice of milk.

Monday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Tuesday
Goulash
Black-eyed Peas
Fried Okra
No Bake Cookies
Wednesday
Patty Melts
French Fries
Pork and Beans
Apple Crisp
Thursday
Hot Dogs
Pinto Beans
Tater Tots
Shape-Ups
Friday
Sandwiches
Chips
Fruit

Hermleigh ISD

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls
Tuesday
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Wednesday
Juice
Breakfast Pizza
Thursday
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
Friday
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
LUNCH
Monday
Enchiladas/Chili & Cheese
Spanish Rice
Tossed Salad
Tortilla Chips
Baked Apples
Tuesday
Barbecued German Sausage
Potato Salad
Pickle Spears
Hot Rolls
Orange Cake
Wednesday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Buttered Corn
Soft Bread Sticks
Apple Wedges
Thursday
Chicken & Dumplings
Buttered Spinach
Hot Biscuits
Chilled Peaches
Friday
Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
Relish Cup
Tater Tots
Banana Pudding

Snyder ISD

All meals are served with choice of milk. Breakfast menus include a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast w/Jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Cheese Toast
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Biscuit w/Jelly
Wednesday
Waffles w/Syrup
Thursday
Scrambled eggs
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Oatmeal w/Brown Sugar
LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Tetrazzini
Carrots
Oven Fries
Fresh Apple
Tuesday
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cookie
Wednesday
Chef Salad
Spinach
Potato Puffs
Peach Cobbler
Thursday
Burrito or
Frito Pie
Green Peas
Tossed Salad
Apple Crisp
Friday
Corn dog or
Sloppy Joe on a Bun
Potato Puffs
Mixed vegetables
Ice Cream

Treasured class ring is returned

BROCKTON, Mass. (AP) — When Tom Myrick's treasured class ring slipped from his finger as he swam off the Florida coast in March, he thought it was gone forever.

The Boston College ring Myrick had worn for 43 years was returned to him on Wednesday. It was presented to him by 11-year-old Emily Stafford, who found it while snorkeling off West Palm Beach, Fla., more than a month after it was lost.

"When I lost this, I was just devastated," Myrick said as Stafford returned the class of 1956 ring. "I never thought I'd see it again."

Stafford's mother, Beth, called Boston College to report finding the ring, but she said her calls weren't returned.

Finally, last week, a family friend called Boston College's Alumni Association for help with the ring, which is engraved with Myrick's initials.

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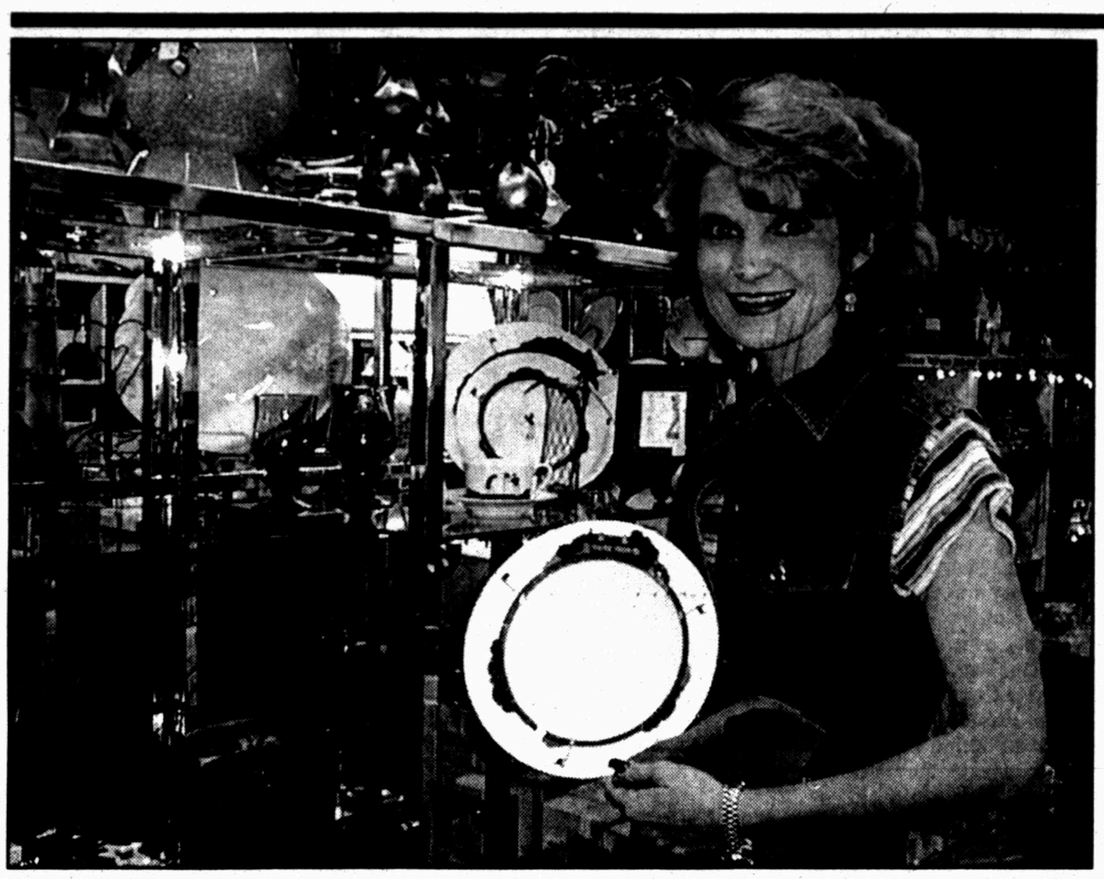
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TABLESCAPE EVENT — Martha Ann Woman's Club directors have planned Tablescapes, a luncheon and display of various holiday and special event table settings. Also included will be festively decorated trees. The displays are provided by members of participating clubs and will include several professional holiday decorations. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by calling 573-3427, 573-6717 or 573-6443. Lyn Lancaster of Classic Interiors chooses some items she might use for Tablescapes set for 11:30 a.m. Oct. 30. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Peer Mediation program set

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environment,

*Express their feelings,

*Explain their points of view,

*Understand the other party's position,

*Explore solutions,

*Negotiate a win/win resolution to their conflict.

Haggard said the junior high team mediation program trains selected students and educators as facilitators who assist disputants in resolving conflicts.

This component can significantly report a 60-80 percent drop in discipline referrals, fewer fights, and a pervading sense of caring and peace throughout the campus.

Anyone who observes a conflict can refer the disputants to mediation, or mediation may be requested by the disputing parties themselves.

Mediation is not the solution for all disputes or conflicts and it is no means for students to avoid the consequences of their behavior, Haggard said.

Fall Peer Mediation students include Israel Alvarado, Katie Bryant, Erin Burleson, Courtney Cox, Sonia de la Cruz, Manuel De Paz, Kendall Doty, Tucker Early, Kayla Guerrero, Ashley Gunset, Katie Haggard, Demetris Horn, Joe Maldonado, Leslie Marquez, Boicy Martinez, Sterling Millhollon, Ashley O'Dell, Josh Proctor, Kim Rivera, Jacob Rodriguez, Jeffrey Scott, Paige Smith, Victor Terrazas, Nicki Traylor, Kalli Wesson, Stephanie Williams, Misha Wofford.

Diarrhea...

American Home Products pulls vaccine from market

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Home Products pulled its vaccine against the leading cause of childhood diarrhea off the market Friday, because of concerns that it may increase infants' risk of bowel obstruction.

The government in July advised doctors to temporarily stop giving children the vaccine against rotavirus after counting at least 20 infants who developed a bowel obstruction.

The vaccine's manufacturer took the bigger step Friday of withdrawing the vaccine from the market because reports of bowel obstruction possibly linked to the product have reached about 100, said spokesman Doug Petkus.

Doctors who still have doses of the vaccine in their offices should immediately return them to the manufacturer.

The obstruction occurs when one part of the bowel becomes enfolded within another. Symptoms include vomiting, bloody stools and abdominal pain. Surgery is often needed to clear the blockage if it isn't caught early.

An estimated 1 million infants were vaccinated with RotaShield since it received government approval to sell a year ago. The three-dose series is given at ages 2 months, 4 months and 6 months.

Before its approval by the Food and Drug Administration, five cases of the bowel obstruction were reported for every 10,000 vaccine recipients.

The bowel obstruction was listed as a potential adverse reaction on the package insert. Concern arose when doctors discovered that the rate of the problem appeared much higher.

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Ferdinand Magellan, the Portuguese navigator, set out for from Spain in 1519 on a voyage to find a western passage to the Indies. One of his ships eventually circled the world.

New CEO for L.A. school district causes new upheaval

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The superintendent of the nation's second-largest school district says he is still in charge, though everyone who used to work for him is under orders to report to someone else.

"There is only one superintendent in charge of this district and you are looking at him," Superintendent Ruben Zacarias said this week.

The district is struggling with low test scores and a scandal over a $200 million high school built on a badly polluted site. On Monday, the school board voted to appoint Howard Miller chief executive and gave him "complete authority" over everything from construction to instruction.

The next day, Zacarias met with Miller and then asserted that he was still the boss.

"I can always use an extra pair of hands." Zacarias said "Mr. Miller does report to me. He takes direction from me."

However, board members are preparing a package to buy out the remaining 18 months of Zacarias' contract, the Los Angeles Times reported Friday., citing sources it did not identify.

Zacarias "has no interest in a buyout" but would have no choice if a board majority approves the offer, said Brad Sales, a spokesman for the superintendent.

Becki Robinson, vice president of United Teachers-Los Angeles, the union for instructors in the 700,000-student district, called the situation "very distressing."

"We seem to have a train speeding down the track without a conductor on board — or two conductors wanting to go in different directions," she said.

Hispanic lawmakers who support Zacarias were angry at the appointment of Miller by newly elected school board members.

"By expanding his authority, they have violated the goodwill and trust we placed on these individuals," said state Sen. Richard Polanco, a Democrat. "It's a clear-cut attempted coup by a shadowy corporate elite entity, and we won't stand for it."

Miller was a school board member in the 1970s until he was recalled in a voter backlash against the use of forced busing to integrate schools.

Two weeks ago, he was appointed head of the troubled facilities division after the board determined that development plans for 100 new schools were so far behind that the district probably would miss a July deadline to qualify for up to $900 million in state bond money.

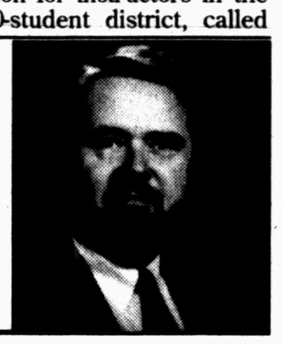
As CEO, his marching orders include assembling a crisis management team to make a "top-to-bottom" management review and recommend a reorganization.

He also was given until Oct. 22 to recommend action against nine school district managers involved in the fiasco over the Belmont Learning Center — the nation's costliest high school. Construction began on the school even though its site, a former gas and oil field, emits explosive methane and other toxic gases.

District officials are still deciding whether the school should ever open.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Rising above the Entrepreneurial Plateaus

(Last of two-part series)

Last week I discussed how small-business owners often hit no-growth, flat spots in their businesses. They max out production capacity, find an unexplainable ceiling on sales levels or hit the limit on personal performance.

We call these flat spots entrepreneurial plateaus. Every business owner experiences them, but some are able to move onward and upward.

In part one, we showed you how to climb above the profit plateau. This week, we'll explore climbing to new heights above the people and performance plateaus. Lace up your hiking boots.

The people plateau

Your business will never out-grow the quality of the people who work there. You'll never rise above the level you're on if you don't have good people to execute the details.

Here are some ways to find, hire, grow and keep good people. You can use these to take your business to a higher plateau of service.

First, you must create a place where people want to work. Today's employees are looking for interesting jobs where they can use their skills and education. They want to make decisions, help solve problems and feel valued for their accomplishments. They desire room to grow and advance and fair wages and benefits.

Second, know what kind of person and skills you need. Create a job description that spells out the duties, functions and requirements of the job. Then write down what skills, abilities and education are required to do the job well.

Third, find the right person. It's easier to find a match if you know what you're looking for. Take your time during this stage. Don't let a sense of urgency rush you into accepting less than you need.

Fourth, be thorough. Check references carefully. Go beyond the references given. Interview the most qualified candidate more than once. Let the candidates do most of the talking.

Fifth, grow skills to grow results. Training will help your employees take your business to a higher plateau. Train to improve basic job functions, product knowledge, communication skills, customer care and selling skills.

The performance plateau

I've read many books on improving personal performance. I know the seven habits, the seeds of greatness, how to swim with sharks, how to sell my way to the top and how to get what I want through negotiation. I know it's easier to succeed than to fail, that time is everything and that there is chicken soup for every problem. I've learned the success system that never fails, the law of increasing returns and what they don't tell you at Harvard.

I've also learned that none of the books will get me out of bed in the morning. Many authors offer good advice and proven systems for improving performance. But none of these systems will work if I choose not to work the system. I must choose to change.

So how do you get to the next higher performance plateau? Three easy steps. Well, OK, three really hard steps.

Step One — Know where you are. You must see the plateau. You must be sick of sitting on this level. Only when you're entirely fed up with being where you are will you be motivated to move on to a higher level.

Step Two — You must want to reach a new height. Climbing to a new level will require change. It will require extra effort. It will take commitment. You have to want it badly enough to pay the price.

Step Three — You must have a plan. Put your goals in writing. Make them clear, specific and measurable. Break your long-term goals into short-term steps. Focus on achieving one step forward today.

Happy climbing. I'll see you at the top.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105

Lawsuit claims Marines jailed the wrong man

ATLANTA (AP) — Arrested for jumping a commuter train turnstile, Martin L. King was shocked to find himself shackled and taken to the brig at Camp Lejeune, N.C., charged with deserting the Marines.

King said he told authorities they had the wrong man; he'd never been in the military. Still, he was held for 40 days, during which he claims he was sexually assaulted by another inmate.

"It was a nightmare," King said Thursday. "It basically felt like I was being terrorized by the government. That was very, very scary."

King, 33, is suing the Marines and the U.S. government for unspecified damages, alleging he was falsely imprisoned. The suit, filed in federal court in Atlanta, is awaiting a trial date.

According to King's suit, his ordeal began when someone stole his Social Security number and used it to enlist in the Marines. The unknown man finished basic training in 1992 at Parris Island, S.C., then disappeared.

Then in early 1996, King was fired on his first day as a YMCA counselor because a background check showed he was wanted for desertion. When he went to a Marines recruiting office in Atlanta to clear up the error, he said, he was laughed at and sent away.

"Here was an innocent guy who told everybody he possibly could that he was innocent, that they had the wrong man," said Marc Bardack, one of King's lawyers.

Three months later, King, a former college student, had a late-night janitor's job, no money and was living in a shelter.

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Flight delay problems will worsen if they are not fixed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air travelers will not be able to trust flight schedules at all unless federal regulators fix a slew of problems, air carriers say.

In the latest round of finger pointing over flight delays this year, the Air Transport Association of America is releasing a report that blames the Federal Aviation Administration for an increase in delays.

"The FAA's system is broken," said the report made public by the House Transportation Committee. "If it is not fixed, the resulting delays will virtually eliminate the dependability of airline schedules and the system will descend into gridlock."

FAA Administrator Jane Garvey told lawmakers Thursday that the government is doing the best it can to fix a complex and outdated system plagued by unusual weather problems this year.

"The FAA is willing to do whatever is within our power to improve the efficiency of the air traffic system, so long as safety is not compromised," Garvey said.

The trade group predicted that by 2008, the number of passengers will increase 43 percent and 2,500 more planes will be needed. With the current system in place, the additional traffic would cause a 250 percent rise in delays, the group said.

From April through August this year, delays rose 36 percent, a figure federal officials largely blamed on weather. The delays intensified the fight among air traffic controllers, airlines and the federal government over who is responsible and how to fix the problem.

Last year, delays cost airlines and fliers $4.5 billion, the report estimates. More than 100,000 people were delayed each day, it said, with fliers in Dallas-Fort Worth, Chicago O'Hare and Detroit airports least likely to fly on time.

Air traffic controllers say airlines cause much of the problem by scheduling more flights into some airports than can land, causing a backup. The airline report contends delays attributed to a large number of scheduled flights amounted to only 7.5 percent of all air traffic delays.

The FAA, meanwhile, says weather problems account for 75 percent of delays.

The House and Senate are in negotiations on two versions of a bill that would provide millions of dollars to build runways and other facilities to handle large volumes of flights and passengers.

But the shortage of facilities is only part of the problem, Garvey said. Her agency is in the midst of a $13 billion modernization program to update air traffic monitoring systems and to find ways to deal with bad weather and a booming regional airport industry. She said the modernization will take about eight years, and travelers in the East should see benefits within five years.

The improvements include upgrading FAA computers and displays in key traffic control centers. The agency also is studying technology that would free pilots from the limits of the existing system of aerial highways and let pilots take routes they select.

Q & A

Is Ritalin misused?

(The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devotes this column to questions about substance abuse.)

Ritalin Misuse

While Attention Deficit Disorder and hyperactivity are very real conditions responding well to use of the drug Ritalin, some experts question whether the drug is sometimes being incorrectly prescribed for children who have a grab bag of other behavioral issues.

Dr. David Welsh, a Fort Worth psychologist, who is a consultant with school districts and health care organizations, said he is concerned that far too many children are being medicated when their issues are not really neurological.

"There are more and more kids in classrooms having difficulty controlling their attention and controlling their activity level. Everybody agrees on this," Welsh said. "But do we assume more and more kids are medically or psychiatrically disabled?"

Welsh, said there is a "strong, seductive appeal" to prescribing the drug to kids with behavior problems because a pill is not labor intensive, it doesn't take a great deal of energy, insurance will pay for it, and it takes a huge burden off teachers.

"Ritalin is enormously effective at dramatically altering a child's behavior overnight," Welsh said "Some problems require time or energy. In American society we want things fast and medicine works fast."

Dr. Leon Eisenberg, told the *New York Times* recently that: "The availability of the pill has allowed doctors to disregard the importance of finding out what's going on with these kids... managed care and psychotropic drugs are a Satanic mix."

Nervous system

Ritalin, or methylphenidate, is a stimulant that acts on the central nervous system in a similar manner as amphetamines. It is used in the treatment of ADD, hyperactivity, the combination of those two behaviors called ADHD, as well as narcolepsy.

"Kids have the ability to live up to expectations. Once shoes are put on a child, the child will walk in those shoes for a long time," Welsh said. "Adults will see the label before they see the child. Children will disable themselves."

Prescription boom

Nationwide, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration estimates that Ritalin prescriptions have increased 600 percent in the past five years. Welsh said the production of Ritalin by pharmaceutical companies increased by 400 percent between 1990 and 1994.

"Part of what is behind the ADD culture is that it is very big business," Welsh said. Welsh said there may be as many as 2 million children on psycho-stimulants in the U.S. today.

The rapid increase in Ritalin use is becoming a subject of some concern to the nation's opinion-makers. The *Wall Street Journal* recently questioned whether normal boyhood behavior is being diagnosed as "a malady," because boys make up 80 percent to 90 percent of all ADD cases.

Street market

There are some reports nationwide that Ritalin is being diverted into the illegal drug market. Although no street market in Ritalin has been detected in Texas, the drug has a long history of being sold alone or in combination with heroin by street dealers in Chicago. There are also reports in Texas of Ritalin being brought in from Mexico, obtained from Mexican pharmacies and physicians.

Incidents of children bringing Ritalin to school to share with other students have been reported in this state, along with illegal sales by parents taking their children's Ritalin. This activity is not organized and appears to be small-scale, according to the Texas Epidemiology Work Group, which has been on the look-out for such trends.

Side effects

Ritalin tablets produce a mild to moderate stimulant effect when taken as tablets. When the tablets are crushed, snorted or injected, the drug acts as a powerful stimulant, and is similar to amphetamines in the nature and duration of the effect. Paradoxically, for persons with ADD, the drug appears to have a calming effect, enabling the person to focus on tasks and be less easily distracted by external stimuli.

Side effects can include nervousness, insomnia, loss of appetite, nausea, dizziness, palpitations, changes in heart rate, skin rashes, abdominal pain, weight loss, toxic psychosis, psychotic episodes, dependency and severe depression on withdrawal.

High doses can result in fevers, convulsions, irregular heartbeat, paranoia, hallucinations and delusions. Sniffing the drug can burn nasal tissue.

Beneficial

"It can be beneficial when used appropriately, and can be harmful when misused," Spence said. "We know there are those whose lives are greatly improved with Ritalin, and we know there are those who have abuse and dependence problems with it."

Send questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. 24-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Football means no early start to trial

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — One of the state's most anticipated court cases — the trial of a man accused of helping kill Matthew Shepard — will have to wait: The University of Wyoming football team is playing its big rival.

Fans who plan to attend the Oct. 23 night game between Wyoming and Colorado State have grabbed up all available motel rooms for that weekend. That means there's no place to house a jury for Aaron McKinney's trial at that time.

"We have no place to sequester the jury before Oct. 25," court spokesman Allen Johnson said Thursday.

McKinney, 22, is accused of first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery in the death of Shepard, a gay college student. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Court officials had set aside up to two weeks for jury selection. The process is ahead of schedule, but the lack of available beds to sequester a jury means opening statements can't be moved up.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

E.D. Walton Construction, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Dean and JoAnn Nolan, 1999 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Bobby Joe Cumbie, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Brandy and Arlie Burleson, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Marlene Beck, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Betty Jane Carroll, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Jackie Goldsberry, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Koy and Tammy Blocker, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Janna S. Helms, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Samson Investment Co., 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Harold Chevrolet.

Joe and Melissa Blackmon, 2000 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Raleigh Morton, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Dalton Cade Walton, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jimmy D. and Leona Browne, 2000 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Billy J. Carter, 1999 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Russell B. Mounger, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Paige Eiland, 1999 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

Billy Jack and Sherry K. Carroll, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Glen David Strong, 1999 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Rodney G. Childress, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Lacy and David Lehnert, 2000 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Jerry Don Brown, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Larry T. Bills, dba Bills Consulting, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Alan Freeman, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

James B. and Greg Sullenger, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Robert C. Meeks, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

GELCO Corp., three 1999 Ford Crown Victorias and three 1999 Ford pickups from Wilson Motors.

GELCO Corp., 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Randy R. and Christy A. James, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Larry Pick, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Martha Snowden and Johnny Calvin Snowden, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Krista Kaarina Porter and Gregory Allen Porter, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Angelica Gabriela Corona and Gary Wayne Corona, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Teresa Michelle Breedlove and Kenneth Dean Breedlove, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Gladys Williams to Betty Williams Beaver, 2 acres out of the south one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

J.H. Marks Trucking Co. Inc. to Richard D. Gillham, Lots 5-7 and 9-15 in Block 2 of the W.L. Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Myron Fenton to John Vigneau, individually and as custodian for Caliber Vigneau, a minor, all of Lot 9 of the Scott Replat of Block 5 of the Adams Addition.

James William Hazle, Jerry John Hazle and Joe F. Pittman to Brenda J. Atchley and Judy A. Jerome, Lot 12 and the south 7 feet of Lot 11 in Block 3 of the Martin Addition, Section 3.

Gene C. and Lorraine R. Long to Jady A. Gilbert, 3 acres in Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Billy Ray Browning to James A. and Donna A. Mills, Lots 7-12 in Block 2 of the Evancrest Addition.

David and Julie Strunk to Joe E. and Helen L. Spivey, Lot 2 of the Avila Subdivision, a replat of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 2 of the Bassridge Addition.

Jeffrey E. and Alisha Henry to Michael Todd and Sheila Ann Sorrells, Lot 14 in Block 1 of the Wall Addition.

Opal Dee Rambo Family Revocable Trust to Randall W. Rambo and Susan Lynne Gallegos, to each an undivided one-half interest in Lot 12, Block 10 of the Highlands Addition.

Scurry County to the City of Snyder, a 1.539-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Scurry County to the City of Snyder, a 1.549-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Donald T. and Kathy L. Patten to William Anthony Patten, Lot 6 in Block 11 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Train wreck kills 2, hurts more than 12

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A commuter train plowed into the rear of a freight train near Johannesburg Friday, killing at least two people and injuring more than a dozen, police said.

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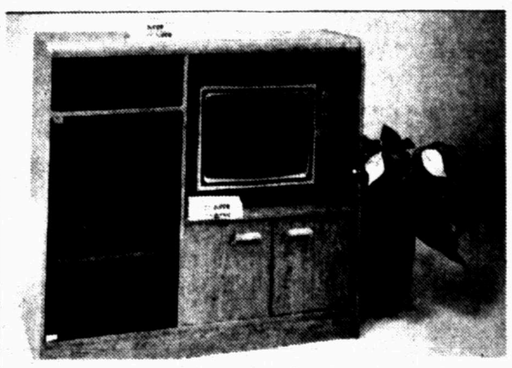
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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

You guys hear about the big brouhaha uprising of private investigators about the new TV show called *Snoops*?

Unless you are one of these elitists who doesn't believe in watching TV, or maybe you just got back from a trip to outer Mongolia, you have heard of David Kelley. David Kelley is the brilliant, Emmy-award winning writer and producer of some of television's finest dramas, such as *Picket Fences, Chicago Hope,* and *The Practice*, as well as the whimsical and totally original comedy, *Ally McBeal.*

On September 26, a new TV show with the Kelley name attached (as producer, not writer) debuted, called *Snoops.* Starring Gina Gershon as the owner-operator of a private investigation firm, Glenn Hall, Inc. (she's Glenn), the show is packed full of all kinds of high-tech toys, gorgeous women in various stages of undress (usually the excuse is that they're "undercover"), and depicts the private investigators as being completely heedless of the law as they wiretap their targets' phones, hack into protected records, break and enter private homes to illegally install audio-visual equipment, and so on.

Now, there have been many, many TV shows through the years showing private detectives, from *Charlie's Angels* to *Rockford Files* to *Magnum, P.I.*, and the country's PI's have never complained before. But this time, no less than the National Council of Investigation and Security Services and its State Associated Advisory Board, rose up in protest in the form of a letter faxed to Kelley from the organization's president, John Talaganas.

"Whereas your previous work has brought television audiences excellent insight into the daily lives of other members of the legal community," the letter states, "it is our position that you have completely missed the mark by portraying private investigators as nothing short of criminals in *Snoops*...We find your inaccurate portrayal of professional private investigators to be more than disappointing—possibly even dangerous."

The letter goes on to point out that an accurate portrayal of PI's at work would "show them locating missing children and dead beat parents, or investigating insurance fraud, sexual harrassment claims, or employee theft, (or) conducting surveillance of a disgruntled employee who has openly threatened the lives of his co-workers...We believe you could more accurately portray private investigators and still have an entertaining show."

With that, the NCISS requested a meeting with Mr. Kelley. So far, Kelley's offices have ignored the letter.

Now, as a writer of fact-based fiction, I can relate to what these guys are saying, and I can sympathize with it. In fact, I had a similar conversation just the other day with my co-writer of a thriller we're doing that involves espionage. As a former intelligence operative, my partner naturally wants to present as accurate a portrayal of a spy mission as he possibly can. Since I usually spend up to six months researching my books, I agree with him.

To a point. But.

There is one thing that most professionals who scream at fictional movies and books that protray their work need to understand: We *can't* show it exactly as it is supposed to be. (Not that I'm defending *Snoops*, which is such a bad show that the critics have taken to calling it *Oops.*)

But what working professionals need to understand, from a writer's point of view, is that there are certain things that the fans of this kind of book or movie or TV show not only expect, but *demand.*

For one thing, they want a clearly-defined good guy or pair of good guys they can cheer on, and they want a bad guy they can hate. With our book, for instance, my partner grumbled that the head of our counter-terrorism group, a retired Marine Corps Major General, would not be in the thick of the action himself, but would be back at headquarters, dispatching a team. Realistically, he is absolutely right. But the readers don't want a bunch of guys they haven't gotten to know sent hither and yon solving problems—they want their favorite good guy right in there mixing it up with the bad guy, *mano a mano.*

"He's gotta be there," I explained. "So if that really bothers you, then you have to think up some kind of plausible reason why he *would* be there. Because in fiction, the *team* is there to support *him*—not the other way around."

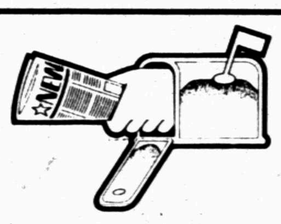
Back to the disgruntled PI's—the bald truth about most investigation work is that it is a crashing bore. I've hung out with PI's on the job before. I've gone on stake-out with them. You sit in a van with video equipment for *hours* and *hope* the guy you're watching actually does something wrong. If not, you go back home and try again tomorrow.

Translate that to a movie or a book. Put it in real time. See if the audience is going to sit there for eight or ten hours and wait for something to happen, then watch you go home and spend another two hours typing out a detailed report for your client. I don't think so, Tim.

A reputable writer of fact-based fiction can strike a balance, I think. There's no need to be ridiculous, like *Oops*, er, *Snoops.* Shows like *NYPD Blue* and *Law and Order* have been big successes—with the fans, the critics, and with the all-important number-crunchers as well. It is completely possible to preserve the dignity of certain hard-working professionals while still managing to spin a rip-roaring good yarn.

Unfortunately, sometimes even award-winning writers sometimes forget that, eh Mr. Kelley?

Letters to the Editor



In Support of Noah Project

Dear Editor:

I know you are aware of things in this community more so than others. That is why we write you with concerns.

I'm aware Noah Project is fairly new. I've stayed there. Neighbors there told me of how quickly it got situated due to community support. It is dedicated to victims of domestic violence.

It is customary during the whole month to pay homage to those who died due to domestic violence, and acknowledge the survivors by wearing purple ribbons. Men, women and kids who have survived abuse are termed survivors by society.

My son and I are survivors. We've stayed at other Women's Protective Service shelters before fleeing to here. I am physically disabled from my assaults.

My husband is prohibited by law from leaving my hometown due to being found guilty in a court of assault against me in 1997. But stalking continued. Burglaries, I could do nothing about because of community property law, though he never lived with me during this time. (There were) repeated attempted break-ins while I was alone.

If not for Noah Project I would be in a coffin now.

I've checked with Noah staff and there is no fund-raising being done in Snyder as is customary in larger cities during Domestic Violence Month.

In Lubbock, large jars are located at checkout stands in Wal-Mart and convenience stores. And of course grocery stores take the lead with this and dispense free purple ribbons with safety pins on counters.

Let's finish what you started!

Cindy Sparks

P.S. Starting over isn't cheap

Ranger Fan

Dear Editor:

Thanks to TCA Cable for making it a great year for hundreds of Ranger fans.

Truman L. Wilson

"Easy To Get In Trouble" By Red Green

It's easy to get in trouble when you try to help. I'm talking about when you see your wife or your kids struggling to do something and you butt in and say, "Here. Give me that." They think you're trying to be a showoff or a know-it-all, and you're doing it to inflate your own ego. Nothing could be further from the truth. Your ego can't take any more pressure, so the last thing you want to do is inflate it.

Plus, your wife has that big pin she always keeps handy. The reason you say, "Here. Give me that," is to spare your loved ones the painful learning curve you've had to go through on figuring out how to do things. You know that if something's stuck, or doesn't fit, or isn't straight, then you just haven't hit it hard enough. At our age there's almost nothing we haven't dropped, hammered, rolled, driven through, smashed, cut too short or burned. We also see this as an opportunity to save our loved ones from pain and injury. On them, a cut or bruise would be an unsightly blemish. On us, it's just one more knothole in an already gnarled tree.

So please, explain to your family that when you say, "Here. Give me that," you're not trying to be the star — you're offering to take one for the team.

Weird Hair

One of the rights of passage of middle age is the ability to grow hair where you can't shave. When your memory, hearing and eyesight go south, hair follicles go off in all the other directions. You have to wonder what kind of evolutionary advantage this was to our caveman ancestors — if they couldn't see, hear or remember what animal they were hunting, what good could a big tuft of ear-hair be?

Well, Mother Nature does things for a reason. Weird hair used to be a sign to youngsters that older guys had survived long enough to reach the age of wisdom. (This was a long time ago, when kids didn't know more than we do." But weird hair still gives us an advantage in keeping our kids on the straight and narrow: Just threaten not to trim it and say you're going to the mall with them. Kids will see the wisdom in that pretty quickly.

The Big Fix

If you're like me, you probably like to know how something works before you use it. And if you're like me, if something breaks — or after you take it apart to see how it works — it doesn't work any more. There are probably some things you shouldn't fool around with, like portable dialysis machines or anything that has that radioactive sign on the outside.

The point is, sometimes — as hard as it may be — you've just got to say, "I can't fix this." Don't say it out loud, though. Just gather up all the bits of the computer or the VCR or whatever and stuff them back where you found them... or as close as you can get, anyway. Then, in a loud voice, say something like, "This thing is just so poorly designed — I never would have put the comstater next to the pulse regulator!" Then walk calmly to a phone — not the phone you tried to fix; the other phone — and call a professional.

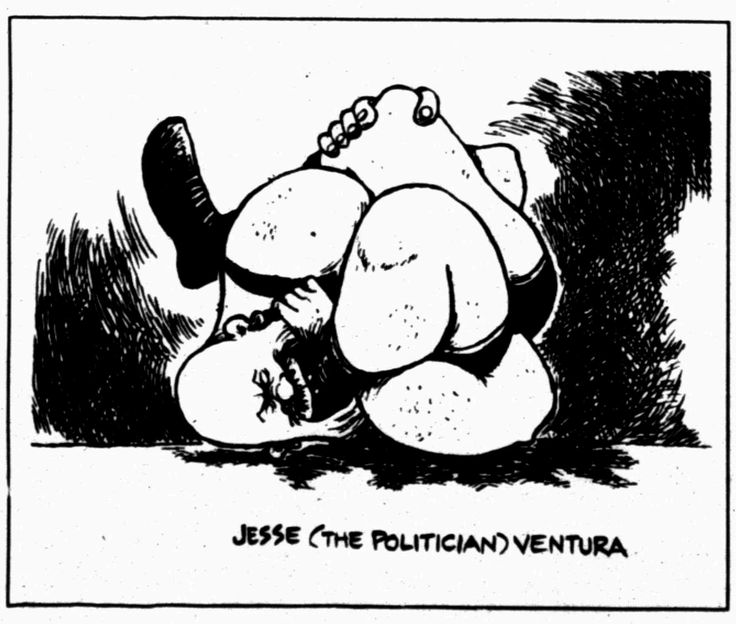
Don't spare the horses

You know you're getting a little older when there are certain phrases that you say a lot. Phrases like, "When I was young," and "There's an old saying" and "Ouch."But don't panic. Even if you're obsessed with the past, disappointed with the present and you've written off the future, there is hope on the horizon.

Because when you were young, virile and able, you were also broke. Or, if not broke, at least your demand far exceeded your supply in the financial department. Well that's all changed, and it's time to level the playing field. I recommend you level that field by getting yourself a vehicle with a massive engine. Maybe you've saved and invested well, or maybe that college fund for the kids ended up where it was supposed to all along — under the hood. What you can no longer do physically, you make up for with engine size. Especially now that the oil crisis is finally over. There's an old saying, "It doesn't take as many muscles to smile as it does to frown." Well, it takes even fewer to punch that gas pedal down and say a big "giddyup" to a double overhead cam supercharged monster. And the smile is automatic, especially with a couple of Gs pulling your face back behind your ears. It's a 400-horse power facelift. So instead of always looking back at your own life, you can check your rearview mirror and look back at everybody else's.

Quote of the Day: "They say you become what you think about. And I don't think about much." — Red Green.

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Pentagon hackers:

Spies have played cat-and-mouse with each other for centuries, but now the mouse is attached to a computer.

Federal officials have acknowledged that hackers broke into Defense Department networks from overseas, stealing information that FBI agent Michael A. Vatis says is "unclassified but still sensitive information about essential defense technical research matters."

It's not just the Pentagon, either. Hacker tracks have been found in networks dealing with Energy Department nuclear weapons and research labs, at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and at numerous university research facilities and defense contractors.

While these attempts to tap into the United States' most sensitive computer systems are alarming, they are not surprising. Any country paying attention is concerned about or actively involved in the development of cyberwarfare.

What is alarming is that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is woefully short of its goal of 243 agents assigned to computer crime.

The Washington Post and The New York Times quote various law enforcement officials as saying that only a handful of agents are assigned fulltime to computer operations in just 10 of the bureau's 56 field offices.

Officials cite a variety of problems: lack of adequate training, a huge increase in the number of cases being handled and slow equipment procurement procedures, a particular danger in an industry where new machines are obsolete by the time their drawings leave the drafting table.

The FBI is not alone in finding it difficult to acquire top-level computer people. Add to that the qualifications to be an FBI agent and the quest for qualified computer sleuths becomes daunting.

But we've seldom shrunk from spending whatever it takes to defend the United States of America. That ought to apply equally to cyberspace and combat aircraft.

The Dallas Morning News on megamergers:

Despite a momentary pause last fall, megamergers are back.

In reality, the multibillion-dollar combinations never really vanished. They've just become bigger, splashier and arguably more troublesome for regulators.

MCI WorldCom's proposed $115 billion purchase of Sprint now ranks as the world's most expensive merger in an industry that is synonymous with the word. Even when their superheated stock prices cool off, the final deal is likely to command a higher price than the unions of SBC Communications and Ameritech; Bell Atlantic and GTE; or even Exxon and Mobil.

Not that long ago, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said he thought merger activity posed no threat to the economy. Perhaps it is time for him to dust off his famous irrational exuberance comment.

Across the globe, light-handed regulation has fueled economic activity, competition, innovation and, as we are now witnessing, unprecedented merger activity.

What's less clear is whether anything ought to be done to slow merger activity. Just last year, defense giants Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman called off their corporate wedding after the Justice Department contended it would cripple defense industry competition.

MCI WorldCom presents similar concerns because its tentacles engulf the world. In long-distance service, it will have 30 percent of the consumer market, second only to AT&T.

But unlike the shrinking defense industry, the telecommunications market is growing despite megamergers. New companies continue to enter the race.

Nevertheless, MCI WorldCom's deal will face tough scrutiny from regulators here and in Europe. Both are aware that too much market power in the hands of a powerful few will stymie competition. Yet Europe's history of risk-discouraging government regulations, and the United States' own history of telecommunications lethargy before a federal court broke up the old Ma Bell, underscore the dangers of monopolies.

The U.S. debate could present an intriguing philosophical schism. The Federal Communications Commission embraces an arm's length approach to regulation, a position that is embodied in the commission's final vote on the merger of former Baby Bells SBC and Ameritech. At the other end of the spectrum, the Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission have been more combative.

The MCI WorldCom's merger also steps up pressure on state and federal regulators to permit regional telephone companies such as Bell South, Bell Atlantic and SBC to provide long-distance services. Despite the increased pressure, federal regulators would be wise not to ease long-distance entry until they are fully satisfied that local telephone service markets are irreversibly open to lasting competition.

Megamergers are testing the limits of regulation and competition as never before. Will regulators be up to the task?

San Antonio Express-News on Philly fans:

Philadelphia sports fans have long had the reputation for being among the toughest and cruelest of fans.

But on Sunday, in a game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Dallas Cowboys, many of them took their cruelty and crudity to an abysmal low.

When Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin did not get up from a hard collision with an Eagles player and the ground, a wave of cheers swept through Veteran's Stadium.

Granted, Irvin is one of the most flamboyant players in the National Football League and, to opposing players and fans, one of the most obnoxious. His off-the-field problems also have been well documented.

But for fans to become joyful about an opposing player's injury is appalling. In Philadelphia, it became macabre when a stretcher was rolled onto the field and ignited a new round of cheering. For all the fans knew, they were celebrating the permanent paralysis of a player.

As classless as were many of the fans, the Eagles players were classy and caring, motioning to them to be quiet.

"Just plain ignorant," is how Eagles wide receiver Charles Johnson, who caught the game-winning touchdown pass, described the behavior.

A sportswriter for the Philadelphia Daily News referred to the cheering Eagles' faithful as "thousands of low-class Eagles fans."

Irvin suffered swelling of the spinal cord in at least two places, as well as head and neck trauma.

But his rehabilitation will come long before that of Philadelphia Eagles' fans.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Oct. 17, 1999

In the year ahead, strive to participate in involvements in that will enable you to display your full talents and abilities. The more you are able to implement them, the greater your success will be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you take as gospel the facts offered by someone you know tends to exaggerate things, you could be setting yourself up for a costly mistake today. Evaluate your source. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your usual keen judgment might not be up to par today, so be extra careful about making decisions you'll have to live with. It's best to talk things over first with experienced people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Make certain you'll be able to honor any lavish promises you make today before you generously offer to give away the store. Later, you'll have to ante up whatever it is you pledge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Treat serious matters with the seriousness they deserve today, especially those of a financial nature. You could be in for a big loss if you are indifferent to reality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't butt in today where others have a different way of doing something, especially if it involves something important. Your interference could be damaging.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The secret to success is to be both a dreamer and a doer. If you fail to take positive measures to implement your dreams or ideas, they'll count for nothing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your balloon could burst if you build your hopes today upon unrealistic premises. guard against any tendencies you get to expect more from developments than conditions warrant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Rely solely upon your own efforts today if you have a specific objective you're trying to achieve. Lady Luck won't be replacing hard work or ability. Trust yourself at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If something doesn't compute in your mind today, don't expect it to work out in the real world either. Wishful thinking will lead you down a slippery road.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be very careful today or you might be taken in by glitter which overshadows the true worth of something. This includes both the packaging of items or people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Should you feel a need to seek advice today, keep in mind that some people are inclined to tell you only what they think you want to hear instead of frank opinions. Only the truth can help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Without stern self-discipline today, you could easily be inclined to overindulge in some manner. Remember, there is a price to pay for everything and you might not like the cost.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Oct. 18, 1999

You could be more fortunate than usual in areas that involve your relationships and friendships in the year ahead. By the end of this cycle, your lot in life could be greatly improved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Through one of your social involvements today, something unexpected could develop that you'll find rather pleasing. It may be a new person entering your life. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Apply a little ingenuity today and you should be able to devise ways to get a few things you've been wanting for your family, but thus far have been unable to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because your mind is exceptionally alert today, you could be able to pick up some valuable elements from the conversations of others that'll go right over the heads of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Through a rather unique and unexpected source, an unusual financial opportunity might arise today. You'll be able to recognize its potential, even though most others will not.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) When it comes to promoting your self-interests, don't let any grass grow under your feet. Today is definitely a good time for you to take action. Don't hesitate!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) As a Pisces, you could be a bit more physical than most. Today might prove this to be true when you follow a hunch which pays off in more ways than one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Being quick to grasp a new area or idea is your forte today, so don't be hesitant to tackle a situation you haven't attempted previously. Your competency might even surprise you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Although your edge in competitive situations might not be gigantic, it'll be enough to win at this time. Conditions and circumstances will be favoring you today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to deal with persons who are directly at the top when it comes to presenting a new idea or plan today. If you go through subordinates, they're apt to alter your suggestions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Taking the thoughts of others and figuring out ways to make their thinking even better is what you'll do best today. Draw upon the conceptions of your peers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if you have to make some decisions today under pressure, have faith in your instant evaluations. Your judgment is better than usual, so trust your instincts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Just because routines are comfortable and don't take much creativity does not necessarily make them the most productive way to do your work today. Be a bit experimental if you can.

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Court: S.C. video gambling vote struck down, games to be banned

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina's Supreme Court may have finally broken the state's $2.8 billion-a-year video gambling habit Thursday after years of dithering in the Legislature.

The court disallowed a Nov. 2 referendum on the future of video gambling, ruling that the Legislature unconstitutionally delegated its lawmaking powers to the voters. But the court upheld the part of the referendum law that bans the games come July 1.

"Hallelujah! Video poker is dead in South Carolina," said House Speaker David Wilkins. "I think the Supreme Court has resolved this once and for all."

Video gambling operators said they will try to persuade lawmakers to rework the law and resurrect the referendum. But legislators and Gov. Jim Hodges said the issue is dead and the ban will stand.

"It's not going to happen. The votes are not there," said Hodges, who has said he would vote to ban the games.

The games that former Gov. David Beasley once branded the "crack cocaine of gambling" became legal without any debate in 1986, when a little-noticed amendment was stuck into a budget bill. Video gambling spread across the state like the South's everpresent kudzu, and by last year there were at least 33,000 machines.

Now, 24-hour virtual casinos with neon lights, dozens of games and video blackjack and video craps games greet visitors at most larger towns along state borders. Convenience stores, bars, even coin-operated laundries have a couple of machines tucked away in a corner.

Proposed Propositions 1,8,10 are examined by Rep. Counts

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles by State Rep. David Counts concerning the proposed amendments to the state's constitution.)

During the 1999 Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature passed legislation creating 17 proposed amendments to our state's constitution. These will be on the ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Over the next several weeks, I will be submitting a brief summary of the background and intent of the proposals. I will also briefly discuss some of the arguments for and against each proposed amendment.

This week, I will focus on three propositions which will affect the executive branch and the powers of the governor. These are Propositions 1, 8 and 10.

Proposition 1 deals with succession to the office of governor. Currently, the constitution is unclear as to whether or not the lieutenant governor is required to assume the office of governor in the event of a permanent vacancy. And, if the lieutenant governor does assume the duties of governor, there is no requirement that he or she give up the powers of lieutenant governor.

It is important to bear in mind that the lieutenant governor's primary role in state government is to serve as President of the Senate, an extremely important and powerful position. If the lieutenant governor were to assume the duties of governor without giving up his or her power as President of the Senate, the balance would be shaken. One person would wield a great deal of influence as the head of both the executive branch and the state senate, one of the two houses of the legislative branch.

Proposition 1 would require the lieutenant governor to forfeit that office when filling a permanent vacancy in the office of governor. Put simply, if the governor dies, resigns or is impeached and forced to leave office, the lieutenant governor would automatically become governor and give up the duties of lieutenant governor.

The amendment also requires the senate to then convene and elect a Senator to serve as lieutenant governor until the next regular election.

The proposal i meant to offer clarification to a currently vague section of our state constitution. Opponents argue that this would lead to bitter partisanship in the senate and would cause a logjam in the legislative process.

The second of the three proposals is Proposition 8, which requires the adjutant general to be directly accountable to the governor. The Adjutant General's Department provides military support to state civil authorities to provide for the safety and welfare of Texas and its citizens.

Currently, the adjutant general is appointed to a two-year term and cannot be removed from office unless he or she receive a trial regarding the removal; or the governor, along with the consent of two-thirds of the senate, removes the general. Proposition 8 would allow the governor much greater flexibility and would develop more accountability in the Adjutant General's Department.

Like Proposition 8, Proposition 10 requires an agency head to be directly accountable to the governor. In this case, the agency head is the Health and Human Service Commissioner.

The commissioner oversees the operation of 11 state agencies dealing with the health and welfare of Texans. During the legislative session, the legislation gave the commissioner broad managerial power over the agencies so that they would be directly accountable. Proposition 10 is means to ensure that the commissioner is also accountable by giving the governor the ability to directly oversee the commissioner's actions.

The arguments against Proposition 8 and 10 are the same. Opponents are concerned that the constitution would become overly specific by including certain agency heads. This action, opponents say, could open the door to expansion to other agencies.

This also leads to a concern about expanding the power of the executive branch. The Texas Constitution was written to avoid giving too much power to one person. Opponents of these propositions argue that if this oversight power is given to the governor, then power would be too concentrated, causing some people to ask if this is what the framers of our state's constitution would have wanted.

Supporters of Proposition 8 and 10 argue that the constitution must evolve in order to remain meaningful and workable.

These three propositions are challenging issues to deal with and our constitution requires your specific input on them. That's why they are on the ballot for Nov. 2.

I encourage you to read all you can about these proposition and then go vote. You can vote early Oct. 18-29, or you can cast your ballot on Election Day, Nov. 2.

You have a vote and your vote matters.

Representative Counts represents Texas House District 70, which includes Borden, Fisher, Garza, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lynn, Nolan, Scurry and Stonewall counties.

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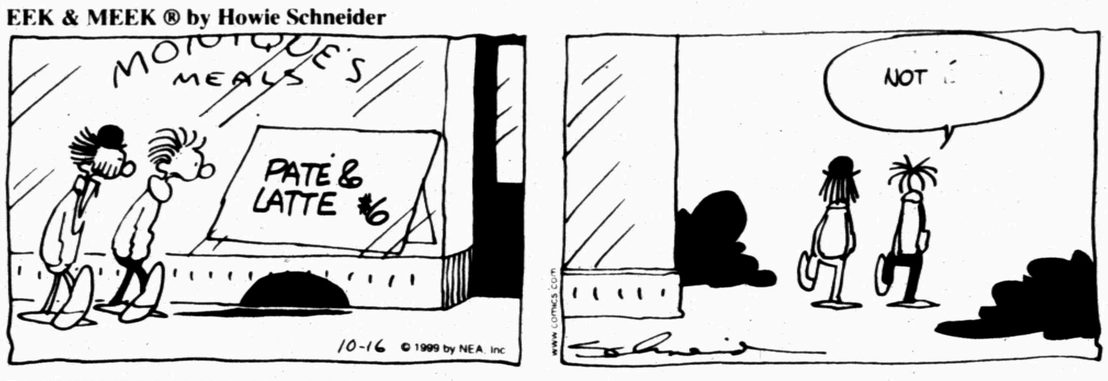
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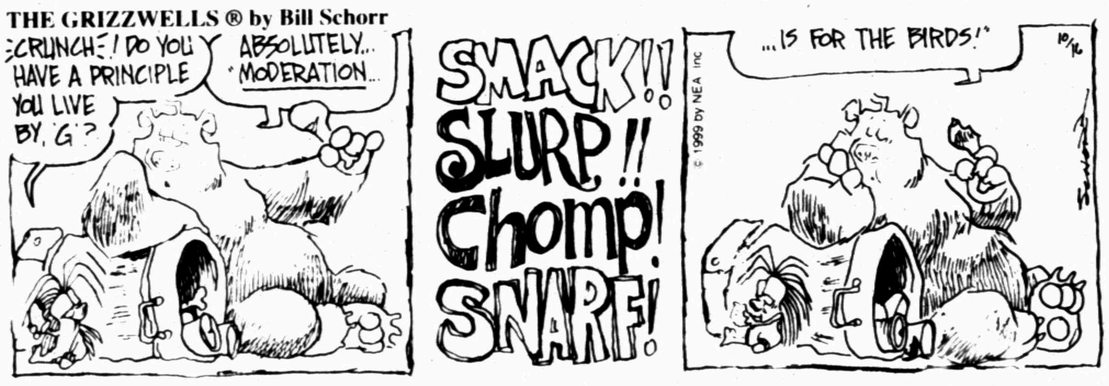
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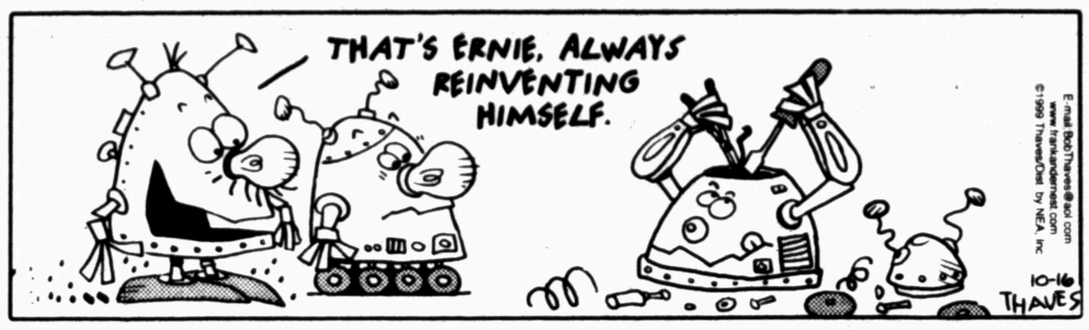
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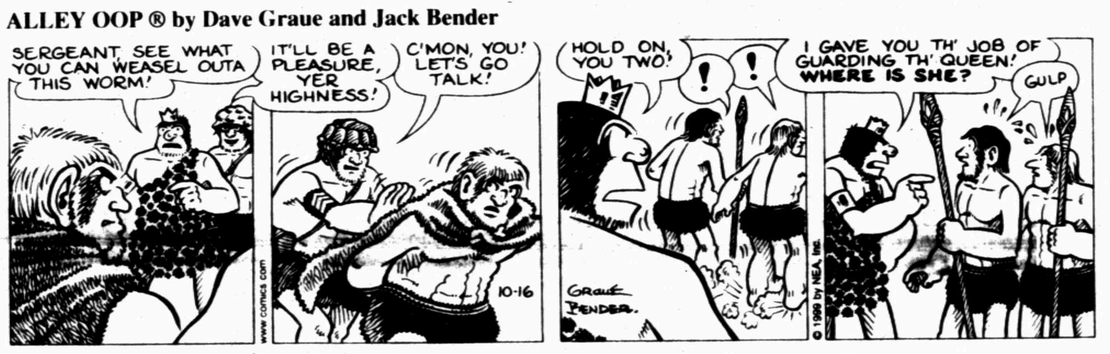


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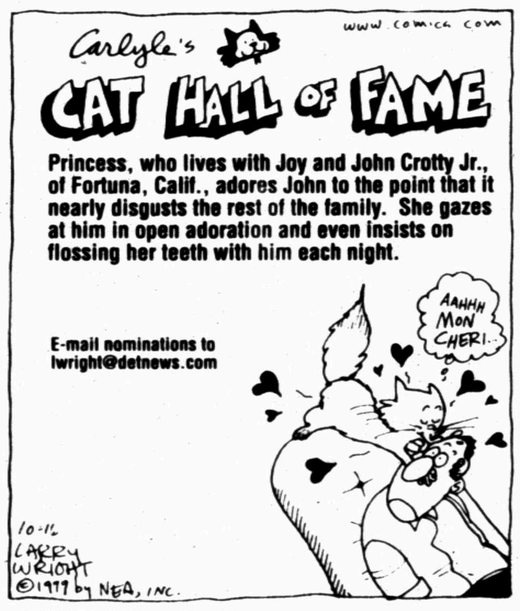


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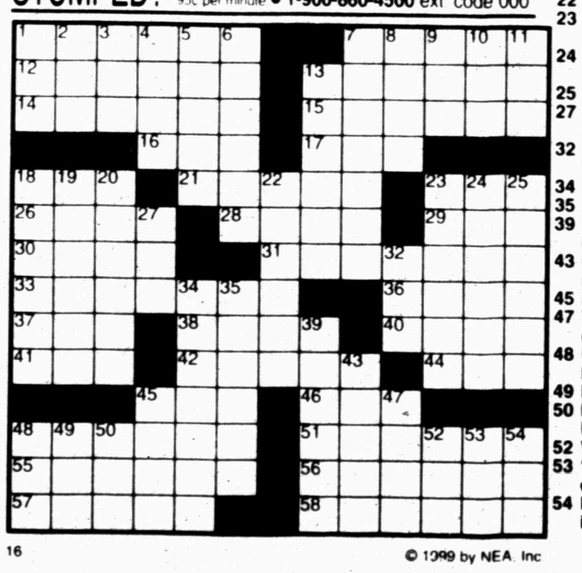
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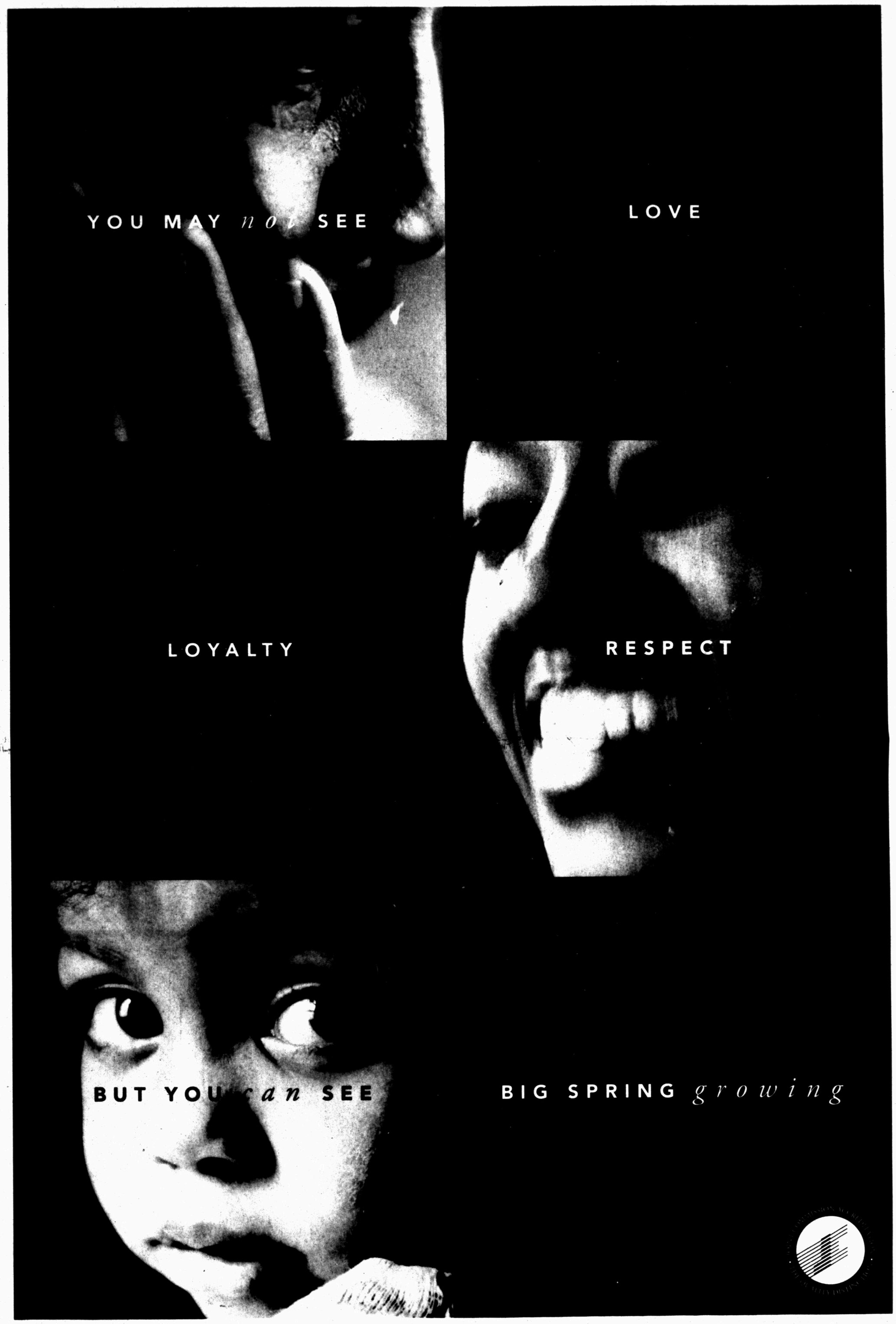
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Saturday, Oct. 16, 1999

Today is the 289th day of 1999 and the 24th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1933, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

On this day in 1962, in Washington, D.C., the first motown revue began a two-month tour. The revue starred the Miracles, the Supremes, Mary Wells, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye.

On this day in 1987, after 58-1/2 hours of frantic efforts, 18-month-old Jessica McClure was rescued from an abandoned well into which she had fallen.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Noah Webster (1758-1843), lexicographer; Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), writer; Eugene O'Neill (1888-1953), dramatist; William O. Douglas (1898-1980), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Angela Lansbury (1925-), actress, is 74; Dave DeBusschere (1940-), basketball great, is 59; Tim McCarver (1941-), baseball star-broadcaster, is 58; Suzanne Somers (1946-), actress, is 53; Tim Robbins (1958-), actor, is 41; Bob Mould (1960-), musician, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, the New York Mets defeated the Baltimore Orioles 5-3, winning the World Series in Game 5.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Fortune is like glass — the brighter the glitter, the more easily broken." — Publilius Syrus

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Oct. 17).

Sunday, Oct. 17, 1999

Today is the 290th day of 1999 and the 25th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1777, forces under British command surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, N.Y.

On this day in 1933, physicist Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

On this day in 1979, Mother Teresa of India won the Nobel Peace Prize for her work to alleviate human suffering.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jupiter Hammon (1711-1790), poet; Nathanael West (1903-1940), novelist; Arthur Miller (1915-), dramatist, is 83; Rita Hayworth (1918-1987), actress; Montgomery Clift (1920-1966), actor; Evel Knievel (1938-), daredevil, is 61; Margot Kidder (1948-), actress, is 51; George Wendt (1948-), actor, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, the New York Yankees defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-2, winning the World Series in Game 6.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?" — Jean Jacques Rousseau

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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Labor Department fines Tyson Foods over death, injury

HOPE, Ark. (AP) — The Labor Department has fined Tyson Foods Inc. nearly $60,000 for child labor law violations after a teen-ager was killed at an Arkansas plant and a young worker was injured in Missouri.

In the Arkansas case, investigators said 15-year-old Juan Alderete of San Felipe, Mexico, was electrocuted when he walked into a ventilating fan while chasing chickens in April. The Labor Department said he should not have been working so late or in a job that hazardous.

In the Missouri case, a teenage worker seriously injured both legs when he slipped and fell into an auger. He suffered severe nerve damage and second-degree burns.

The Labor Department said a 15-year-old and two 14-year-olds also were found to be working at the plant illegally.

Tyson Foods spokesman Archie Schaffer said he had not heard of the fines announced Wednesday and could not comment immediately. The company has 15 days to request a hearing before an administrative law judge.

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American and North Korean forces clashed for the first time in the Korean War on July 3, 1950

Doctors Without Borders wins Nobel

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Doctors Without Borders, which changed the way the world views its role during conflict by claiming a right to intervene in any country to treat the wounded, sick and starving, won the 1999 Nobel Peace Prize today.

The volunteer organization — officially called by its French name Medecins sans Frontieres — was set up in 1971 by 10 idealistic French doctors, frustrated by the quiet neutrality of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The group quickly became known as "the French doctors" and the first wave of volunteers made their mark in helping the starving and ill victims in the war in Biafra 30 years ago; they have been present in hot spots around the globe since then, including the recent conflicts in Kosovo and East Timor.

Doctors Without Borders "has adhered to the fundamental principle that all disaster victims, whether the disaster is natural or human in origin, have a right to professional assistance given as quickly and as efficiently as possible," the Norwegian Nobel Committee said in announcing the award.

Doctors Without Borders has more than 2,000 medical professionals working in 80 countries. They hold as one of their most important tenets a "right to intervene" regardless of international policy toward a government.

Bernard Kouchner, one of the group's founders who now serves as the top U.N. representative in Kosovo, said the award has made him reflect.

"I'm deeply moved, and I'm thinking of all the people who died without aid, of all those who died waiting for someone to knock on their door," he told France Info radio.

"Am I proud? No. My feeling right now is that I'm very emotional, and perhaps, aware of the political importance of this prize. There have been detractors, people who laughed at us, but that's normal. They didn't understand," said Kouchner.

Unlike the Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders does place blame for the suffering it finds.

Many, if not all of the doctors, including Kouchner, were born after World War II and were highly aware of the role Nazi death camp physicians had during the Holocaust. They were determined to change the role of doctors in wartime.

When Doctors Without Borders began sending physicians to conflicts, there were very few independent, privately funded humanitarian aid groups working worldwide. The group's actions have since been imitated by other organizations in other nations and have set the tone for independent humanitarian aid work.

In its nearly 30 years of existence, the organization's doctors and volunteers have traveled to disaster areas in Nicaragua, Vietnam, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Kosovo and now Timor.

"National boundaries and political circumstances or sympathies must have no influence on who is to receive humanitarian help. By maintaining a high degree of independence, the organization has succeeded in living up to these ideals," the committee said.

The five-member awards committee works in secrecy during its five or six meetings a year, and refuses to comment on or release candidates' names. This year it said only that there were 136 nominees and the winner was selected on Sept. 29.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can vitamin B6 help carpal tunnel?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have recently read some articles about using vitamin B6 to treat patients who are suffering carpal tunnel syndrome. According to the articles, it sounds like the vitamin has significantly reduced the symptoms of that ailment. In your professional opinion, is vitamin B6 really useful for treating carpal tunnel syndrome? What about people who are suffering from tendinitis? What is the recommended dosage? Thank you for answering these questions. — S.Q.

DEAR S.Q.: The carpal tunnel is a passageway located just below the wrist. Through this opening pass nine of the tendons that control the movement of the fingers, arteries, veins and the median nerve, which carries nerve impulses between the brain and the thumb, index finger, middle finger and one-half of the ring finger.

Carpal tunnel syndrome results when repetitive up and down finger and wrist movements — such as typing on a keyboard — irritate the lining of the tunnel and it begins to swell. This puts pressure on the nerve, resulting in tingling, numbness and eventually, pain.

Vitamin B6, also known as pyridoxine, is known to play a role in nerve transmission, and there are a few studies that have shown that high intakes of B6 may be helpful in treating carpal tunnel syndrome. It isn't a consistent picture, as there are other studies that have reported no benefit. There is, by the way, no evidence that B6 can serve in a preventive capacity. In addition, I haven't seen any research on the use of vitamin B6 as a treatment or a preventive measure against tendinitis.

The therapeutic amount used in the carpal tunnel studies was 100 milligrams of B6 taken two or three times a day. This is quite a bit higher than the Daily Value for vitamin B6, which is 2 milligrams per day. There are health concerns when vitamin B6 is taken at such an elevated level, so you should speak with your health professional before embarking on such therapy. This would especially be the case if you are on any other medications, or if you have other preexisting health conditions. While it is true that B6 is a vitamin, when you take it at this level, it is acting as a drug.

Although adverse effects from vitamin B6 are not generally found below dosages of 500 milligrams per day, they have been reported at lower levels. The most common side effect is referred to as a "sensory neuropathy," which is a condition that involves changes in sensation in the hands and feet. The side effects subside once the B6 is discontinued. If you are taking high levels of vitamin B6, be alert and report to your doctor if you start to experience any unusual sensations in your extremities.

Finally, there may be other treatment avenues available. A study in the November 11, 1998 Journal of the American Medical Association found that yoga exercises can be of help. It is also important that you consider any work/lifestyle habits that may be contributing to this condition.

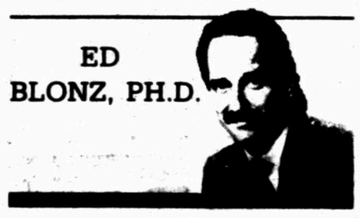
DEAR DR. BLONZ: I take a multiple vitamin that has vitamin E in it. The health-food store told me that men should not be taking any vitamin E at all because of the chance of getting prostate cancer. I have never heard of this before and would like to know if this is true. I take a dietary supplement called "A to Z." I am 55 years of age and I have multiple sclerosis. Thank you for your help. — G.S., Blue Springs, Mo.

DEAR G.S.: I have never heard of any relation between vitamin E and the risk of prostate cancer. If anything, antioxidants such as lycopene (found in tomatoes), vitamin E (mixed tocopherols), and selenium may play an important role in preventing the progression of this disease.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Price Daniel Unit marks 10th anniversary

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

All facets of law enforcement will be spotlighted in Scurry County Monday as the City of Snyder, Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the Development Corporation of Snyder host an appreciation event for the 10-year anniversary of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Price Daniel Unit.

A highlight of the day will be the dedication of the expanded Regional Distribution Center at 201 N. Kings Highway at 11 a.m.

TDCJ employees will be honored at a reception at 2:30 p.m. at the Price Daniel Unit.

And at 6:30 p.m., Rep. David Counts will host the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner at Scurry County Coliseum.

It's only fitting that the 10th anniversary of the Price Daniel Unit be observed the same day Rep. David Counts is hosting his traditional appreciation banquet for law enforcement personnel, as it was Scurry County's top law officer who suggested the idea of locating a prison here.

Keith Collier, who served as sheriff from 1965 until 1996, brought back the idea for a prison from a meeting in Huntsville in 1986.

Many believe it was a decision by the then-Scurry County Economic Development Committee to donate the former King's Highway building that turned the tide in Snyder's favor in 1987 when Snyder was awarded a 1,000 bed prison – the first TDCJ unit located in West Texas.

Roy Baze, who served as the chairman of the prison task force, said then that he felt including the vacant industrial building was a key factor in the decision to site a prison in Scurry County.

The committee had originally submitted a plan where the building would be offered if a 2,250-bed prison was awarded, and had offered to sell or lease it if a 1,000-bed unit was built.

As the hearing began on Nov. 9, 1987 before the then-Texas Department of Corrections board, Snyder amended its offer to donate the building for either type facility.

The change was made as then-County Judge Bobby Goodwin made his presentation to the TDC board.

"We sensed our need to clarify our offer," Baze said following the presentation.

"After our presentation, the TDC chairman sent an associate to make sure the building was part of the deal," said Baze.

"That tells me it was critical."

Baze said at the time that the change in plans was based on several factors – in large part the knowledge that Amarillo and Childress had strong support.

Amarillo was claiming support from two-thirds of the Texas Senate while Childress had offered such incentives as a free building in that county, plus a large tract of land and local bond monies for construction of a state prison.

Baze said he saw the offer of the vacant building as a long-range planning tool for future TDC construction in Scurry County.

And he was right – as evidenced by the expansion this year of the 70,000-square feet building by an additional 60,000-square feet, including 20,000-square feet of cold storage space.

This expansion has created more than 17 new jobs and added over $300,000 to the warehouse's payroll.

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But how did Snyder and Scurry County get the 1,000-bed Price Daniel Unit?

An "Ask Us" question in the Snyder Daily News asked what the secret ingredient was that swayed the TDC board to locate the prison here.

The answer mentioned a little luck and some hard work.

It should have read, "a lot of hard work by many, many people."

When the community decided to go after a prison unit, a series of presentations were scheduled at various groups and organizations, and to anyone who would take time to listen.

"We want every citizen to be informed," said Jack Denman, who headed up the industrial team's speakers bureau. "We want to answer citizen's questions with factual information that we have collected the past year."

The Economic Development Committee was headed by Rev. Miller Robinson, then minister of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Members of the speakers teams included Denman, Robinson, Baze, Collier, Roy McQueen, Baze, Jack Smartt, Red Favor, M.L. Duke, Joe Fowler, Elizabeth Potts, Dr. Harry Krenek, Wedge Turner, John Gayle, Bob Hawes, Bobby Goodwin and Troy Williamson.

What they told citizens could be summed up by a study by the National Institute on Corrections for the Alabama corrections department.

"The overwhelming benefit of a new prison is that is provides the community with a well-managed, non-polluting industry which will provide local jobs and bring career-minded professionals to the community."

The promise of such an industry spurred the community to work throughout the summer of 1987 in order to submit bid documents to Huntsville with hopes of locating a prison here.

The bid documents were hand-delivered to TDC officials in Huntsville on Sept. 21, 1987 and the wait began to see how close the community met the 24-page bid outline of the TDC.

What was in Snyder's complete bid package was kept a secret until the bid deadline passed in order for another community "to just top our proposal."

The bid specifications had only been received less than a month earlier, and work promptly began.

The work continued on weekends, weekdays and holidays.

The effort by the community was such that Baze – a 35-year veteran of national and international business and finance as senior vice president for Exxon – commented that he had never seen a project which had such overwhelming cooperation."

The bid was a 116-page document which included nine topographic maps of the county and the affected land area.

Baze estimated at the time that 60 to 70 individuals were involved in some aspect of the effort to put the package together.

Baze said the biggest shock came early in the process of putting the bid package together when specifications called for an area that would involve a minimum of 300 square acres with a buffer zone surrounding it of 800 to 900 feet.

A big hitch in the bid specs called for the land elevation not to vary more than six feet at any point.

At that point he noted, "We didn't have a single piece of property that qualified," a change, which eliminated many months of land negotiations, completed by the committee.

The search began again, and property was eventually found in the area containing prime farm land where the prison was eventually located...and where the land was eventually purchased after local citizens raised over $1 million in less than three weeks after Snyder was awarded a 1,000-bed prison unit.

County Judge Bobby Goodwin made Snyder's presentation in Austin before the TDCJ board following the completion of the bid submittal, and he was joined by representatives of every taxing entity in the county, plus resolutions passed by city councils from El Paso, Abilene, Midland, San Angelo, Plainview, Big Spring, Sweetwater, Levelland, Brownfield, Colorado City and Rotan.

The prison board awarded a 1,000-bed prison to Snyder on Nov. 9, 1987, and the unit opened in Aug. 1989.

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One of the driving forces in Snyder's attempt to convince the Texas prison board to locate a unit in Snyder was the need for more jobs in a field not associated with the petroleum industry.

The promise of secure jobs...jobs not affected by the whims of some oil-rich foreign country, or jobs not affected by the lack of rain or an abundance of bugs...spurred many to work to bring a unit here.

In 1989, as Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees transferred to Snyder and were seen wearing their trademark gray uniforms, the sight of a person in a uniform almost always drew a second, or maybe a third look in a grocery store or other location.

Now, 10 years later, a correctional officer's uniform is hardly even noticed.

While the Price Daniel Unit entered its last months of construction, a correctional officers school opened on the Western Texas College campus.

Some of those enrolled in the first of many such classes, were doing the actual construction work on the prison itself, and attending the officer school with hopes to obtain more stable employment than construction work.

While it was necessary for persons wanting to be a correctional officer to attend a CO school, or the TDCJ academy in Huntsville, others seeking clerical jobs or the like made application much like they would in the "free world."

Applications were turned in...and the wait began for an interview, or the word that he or she had been offered a job.

Over 40 people who began working at the unit in August, 1989 are still at the unit.

And three employees who had transferred to other units have now transferred back to the local unit.

Those who have been at the unit since it has opened have seen some changes in policies and procedures, and in the type of inmates who are now in the system – not only at the local unit, but the system as a whole.

Job security is the reason many of the workers at the local unit chose to work for the prison system, and job security is the reason most are pursuing a long-term career with the TDCJ.



WARDEN'S SECRETARY — Debra Cheyne began her TDCJ career 10 years ago serving as a secretary to the unit's chaplain. She has served two wardens as secretary.

Kenneth Harbin was working at the Phillips 66 Super Center on East Highway when it was announced a prison would be built in Snyder.

"I was always interested in some form of law enforcement," said Harbin. "My brother Robert worked for the police department and he kept my interest up."

Harbin said he was making about $1,200 a month at the service station, and started at the unit with a salary of $1,747 per month.

"That's an obvious reason to be here, the money, but I get a lot of satisfaction out of working here.

Harbin works the 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. shift and has worked in the radio tower for the past five years. As a result, he has very limited contact with inmates.

"I have enough contact to know that the type of inmates here, and throughout the system, has changed."

Harbin said when the unit opened, most of the inmates were older and were just wanting to do their time and get out.

"The inmates are now serving longer sentences, and those in on aggravated charges must serve at least 75 percent of their time before they are even considered for parole," said Harbin. "When the unit opened, they just had to serve one-third of their time before being considered for parole."

Harbin said he remembers one notable happening at the prison that really sticks out in his mind.

"We got a call one weekend from a woman who said drugs were going to be delivered to the unit during visiting hours. We kind of thought it was a prank call because the woman identified herself as the inmate's mother and it was her daughter who was going to try and smuggle the drugs in."

"Sure enough, we caught the inmate's sister with drugs," said Harbin.

Robert and his wife Sherry are among several husband and wife teams that are employed with the prison system. His wife works at the TDCJ warehouse and has so for the past five years.

When asked if he would still be a resident of Snyder if the TDCJ jobs were not available, Harbin said he probably would be.

"I was born and raised here so we would probably be working somewhere else in Snyder. I'm just thankful the prison is here," said Harbin.

Another husband and wife team who have been here all 10 years the prison has been open is Kyle Herrley and Theresa Kildow.

Kyle was working as a carpenter with his dad, Bert, when he began his TDCJ career.



HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM — Kyle Herrley and Theresa Kildow have both worked for the Price Daniel Unit for 10 years. However, they work different shifts.

And why did he give up carpentering for a job with the state?

"More money, more benefits and more stability," Herrley quickly answered.

Herrley has risen from the rank of correctional officer to that of lieutenant. He works the 2-10 p.m. shift, and Theresa works the early shift at the unit.

"I'm getting off when Kyle comes to work," said Theresa. "It works out well because I then have time to pick my son up at school."

Herrley agrees with Harbin that different type inmates are now in the prison system.

"When it first opened here, there were very few fights on the unit. Now, gangs are within the system and the longer sentences have changed many inmate attitudes."

"The threat of discipline does not bother an inmate who knows he has to serve as much time as they do with aggravated cases. They have no way to get "good time" so there is no way to use it as leverage for good behavior," said Herrley.

Inmates without aggravated convictions can obtain good time credit by good behavior and receiving credit for education, going to work details at the proper time, and other factors.

Herrley said he was apprehensive when he first started working for TDCJ.

"I started working first at the Ferguson Unit near Huntsville and I was working administrative segregation where the inmates are placed when they cause trouble," said Herrley. "I saw a lot of things there I haven't seen since working here at Price Daniel."

"A few inmates here don't have any respect for officers. At Ferguson, none of them did."

Theresa also worked at the Ferguson Unit and she, too, agrees, a lot more went on in that unit than does here.

"Stabbings, gang fights, homosexual acts, self-mutilations ...that was a stressful job," she said.

Theresa, a graduate of Ysleta High School in El Paso, has had a number job since graduating including a sales representative for a seafood company in San Antonio and working for Safeway in Monahans.

"Working for the prison system is really one of the better jobs in the state of Texas," said Theresa. "There's good health benefits, it's a secure job and I really can't see myself doing anything else."

Debra Cheyne is still another part of a husband and wife team at the unit.

Debra has served two wardens as secretary during her 10 years at the unit, while her husband, Joe, has worked for TDCJ for three years as a grievance investigator.

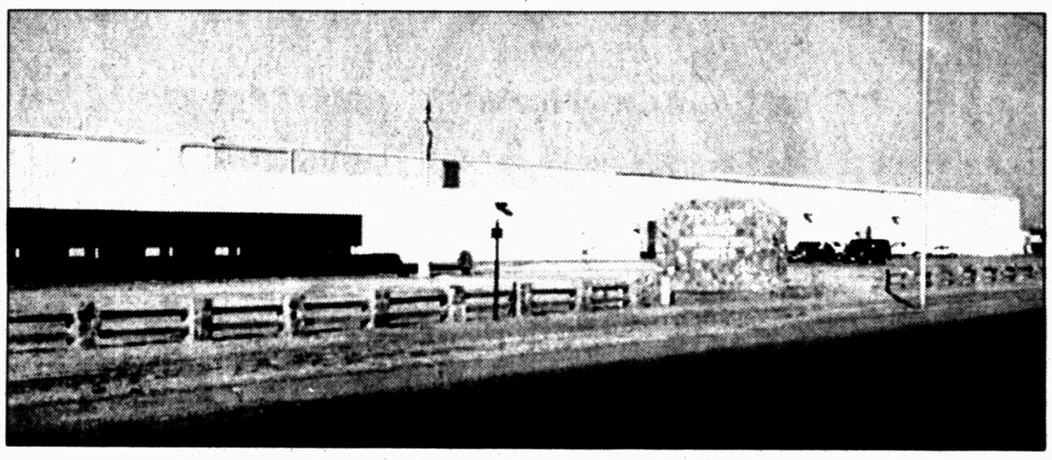
Debra says the call from then Warden Les Woods came the night before new employees were to gather for an orientation meeting at Scurry County Coliseum.

Debra first served as the secretary to the prison chaplain, and then she transferred to a supply clerk.

She then transferred to

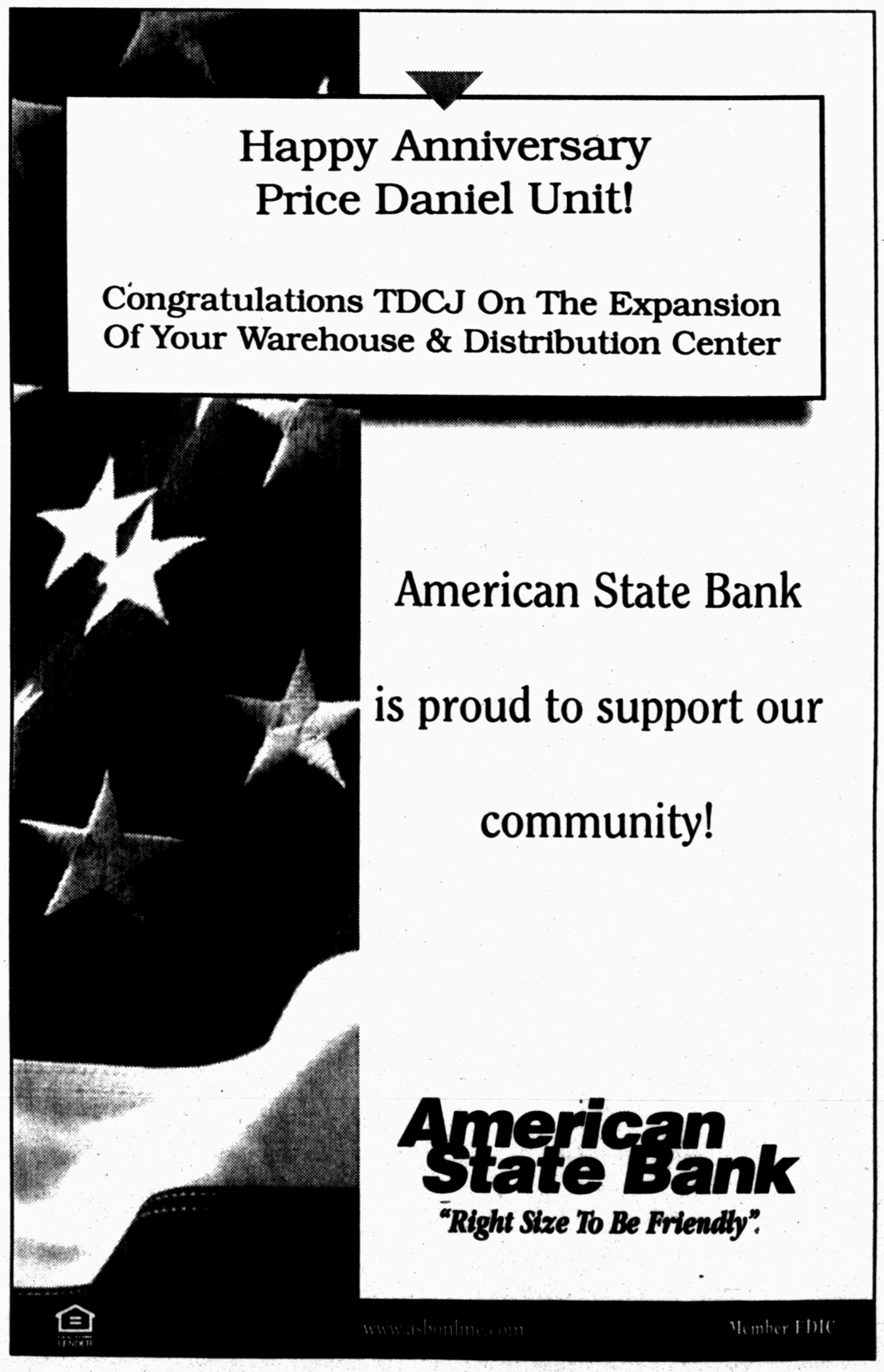
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inmates records, and she has been a secretary to the warden since Dec. 1995.

"Warden T.J. Medart hired me as his secretary," said Cheyne.

Unlike Herrley and Kildow, both Cheynes work the same 8 a.m until 5 p.m. shift.

Debra said she was not as apprehensive about being around inmates as most of the females were

"While Joe was a deputy sheriff for the county, I went with him several times to either pick up a prisoner or deliver someone to Huntsville," said Debra. "When I worked in supply, there were about 20 to 30 inmates in the area all the time. I never felt apprehensive about my safety."

While some employees of the unit have little contact with inmates, Lanette Callaway does.

She serves as a counsel substitute at the unit.

"We are the liaison between the inmate and the state in a disciplinary hearing," said Callaway.

"We help the inmates prepare their witness statements before their hearing before the Captain, she explained.

Callaway said most of the hearings involve inmates being out of their designated areas, possession of tobacco and refusing to go to work or school.

"Fighting is another reason inmates are disciplined and we see an increase in that during the summer," said Callaway.

She explained the living area of the inmates are not air conditioned and that tends to increase the tension among the occupants of a building.

Callaway chose a career with the TDCJ after spending some time running her own day care facility at her home.

"After my youngest child started to public school, I decided I did not want to keep children any more. So I made application to the prison."

Callaway started her career in the Price Daniel mail room where part of her duties were to scan over all inmate mail – incoming and outgoing.

"We were looking for any type contraband, such as stamps, money, or even drugs," said Callaway. "We had to make sure all the magazines the inmate received were on the Huntsville-approved list."

She too, had applied to Warden Woods and he called her just before a Monday orientation meeting.



Don McArthur

"I walked in the coliseum and all I saw were people in gray uniforms," laughed Callaway. "I finally saw Debra (Cheyne) and I began to feel at home. And I have for the past 10 years."

Don McArthur, a native of Rotan, has also been at the unit for 10 years.

"I didn't go to the WTC officer school," said McArthur. "Instead, I went through the TDCJ academy in Huntsville for six weeks."

McArthur's post at the Price Daniel Unit is the number two picket at the back of the unit.

"The only contact I have with inmates is when they are working outside the fence and they holler something up to me in the picket," said McArthur.

"My job keeps the inmates on the inside from going over the fence. No one has tried it back here because I think they know I'll shoot them if I have to," said McArthur.

McArthur, who has a degree in agriculture education from Texas Tech, says a job at the unit is like most other jobs.

"You have good days and you have bad days," said McArthur.

"It's better than when I was growing up on the farm when we had good years and bad years," laughed McArthur.

McArthur was a jailer in Nolan County when the prison positions began opening up in Snyder.



Fairy Eicke

"I figured it would be better to work for the state than any county."

Readers of early reports on Snyder's attempt to land a prison might be surprised to read that Fairy Eicke has been working at the unit ever since it opened.

"We fought the location of the prison out here," said Eicke. "We live three miles from the unit and while we were for a unit in the county...it was one of those 'not in our neighborhood' things," said Eicke, who is now a parole officer.

"It is kind of ironic that I have been here 10 years. We fought it and lost. So I figured I just would go to work here and see how the thing was going to operate. It was the fear of the unknown at the time," said Eicke.

After 10 years, Eicke certainly knows now what is going on at the unit.

"There has not been any security threats for the people living out here. All the wardens place security as a top priority. I've never had a problem."

Eicke started out as a proper-



Kenneth Harbin

ty clerk when the unit opened before transferring to the furniture factory as an accountant.

"Of course we didn't handle money, but I did all the purchasing of supplies and raw materials," said Eicke.

She then transferred to classifications where she was a case manager.

She began work as a parole officer in 1995.

"When an inmate applies for parole, it is my job to make sure all the paperwork is filled out correctly. I send it in and the parole board will decide whether an inmate is paroled or not. I do not make any recommendations of any kind," said Eicke.

In summing up her 10 years, and those of others, Eicke said the prison has been a good source of job opportunities for the entire community.

Currently there are approximately 300 people employed at the Daniel Unit in the correctional division. The yearly payroll is $8,770,359.

Twelve people are employed in the Windham School regional offices located at the unit and the annual payroll is $410,000. The school employs 19 people inside the unit with an annual payroll of $816,377.

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COUNSEL SUBSTITUTE — Lanette Callaway had her own daycare facility before deciding to apply for a job at the Price Daniel Unit when it opened 10 years ago.



PRISON TOUR — In 1987 Jack Smartt, Roy McQueen and M.L. Duke (from left) toured the Michaels unit at Tennessee Colony to learn about the impact of a prison on a local community.

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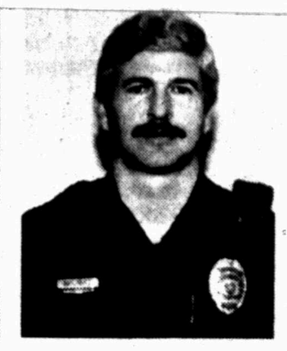

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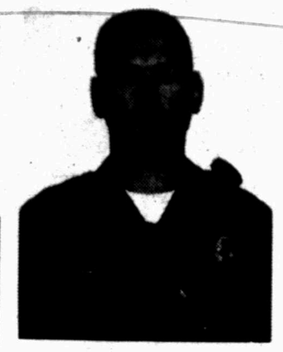

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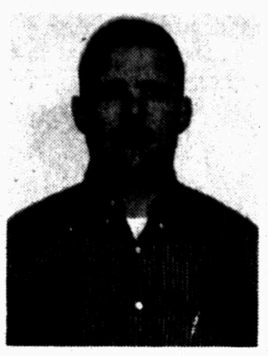

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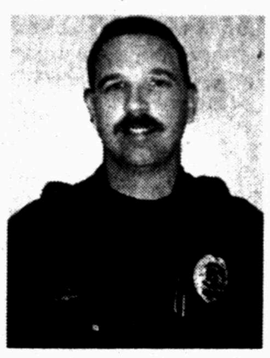

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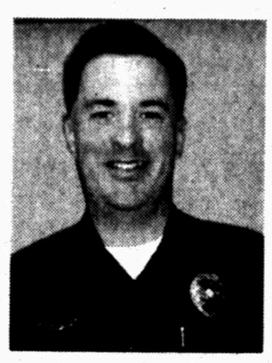

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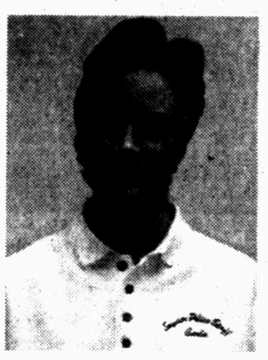

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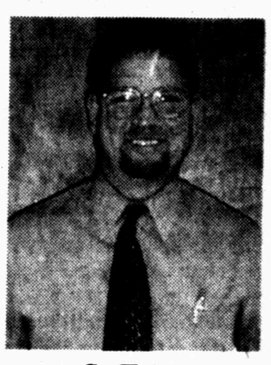

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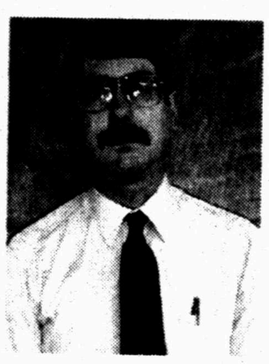

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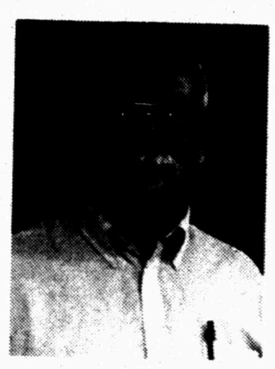

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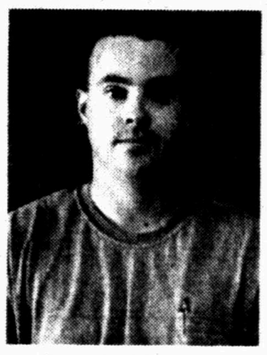

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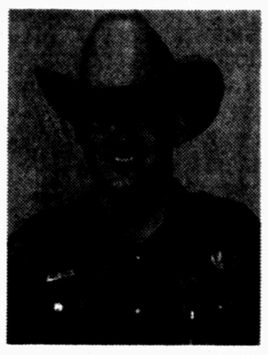

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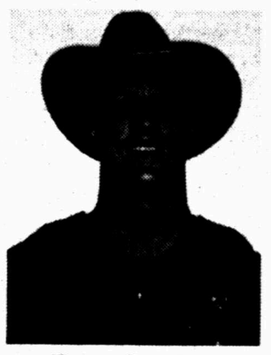

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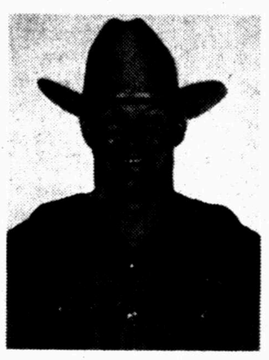

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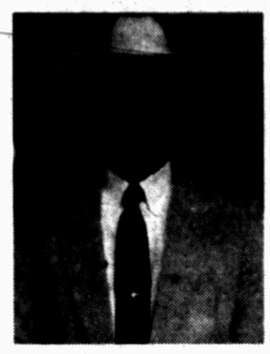
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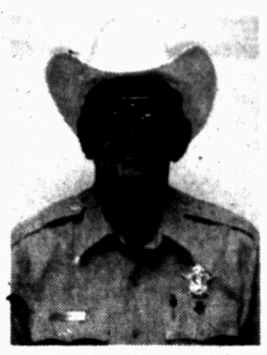
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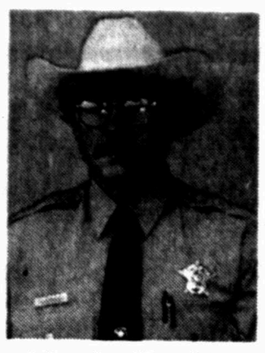
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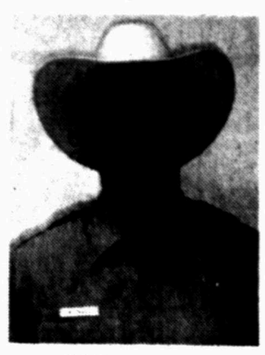
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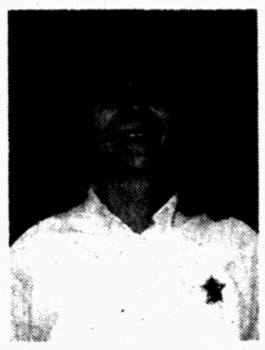
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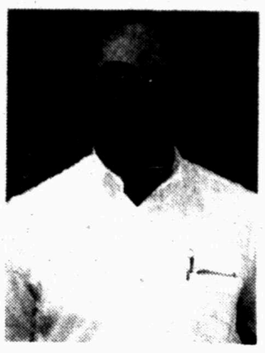
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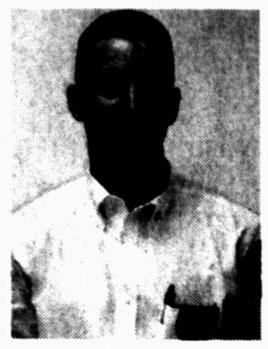
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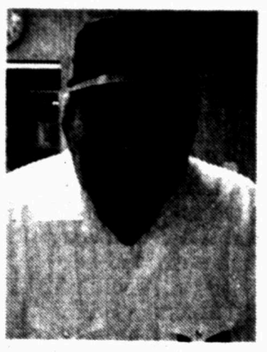
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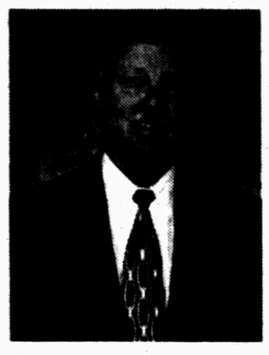
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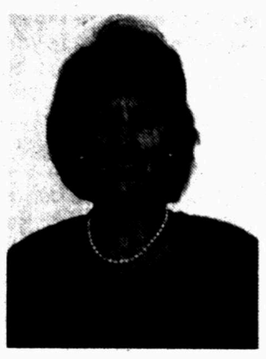
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Bud England, age 75, still working as guard

By Shirley A. Gorman
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For some people, the mid-60s means retirement or at least making retirement plans. But when Bud England turned 66, he knew he didn't want to quit working. Instead, he discovered another career.

Now, after nine years as a correctional officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Bud still has no plans to retire.

"I want to work as long as I can do the job and satisfy the people I work for," he said. "I don't want to sit at home. My prayer is that the Lord will use me to help the inmates so they can turn their lives around and not keep coming back to prison."

"Bud said he likes working for the TDCJ because it allows him to "support my family, serve the Lord and the state."

At age 75, Bud may have the distinction of being the oldest correctional officer in the state. Working at Price Daniel Unit since July of 1991, Bud said he has gotten to know many of the inmates who have been there for a while.

Any fears he might have had about working inside a prison have long since dissipated. "I believe the inmates would sooner fight for me than attack me," he said.

At Price Daniel, Bud is usually assigned to the chapel when a program is planned. Otherwise, he is assigned wherever he is needed.

He said his main responsibilities are to supervise the inmates, make sure they get to wherever they are assigned, and, to keep them from hurting themselves or others.

During his nine years at the unit, Bud has seen a few changes. One of the biggest was installing fences inside the compound. When he first arrived at the unit, he said there was a fence across the middle with a recreation area on each side.

Now there are fences around both recreation areas as well. At one time, the inmates had more freedom to move about, unless they were assigned to a particular place. He thinks that changed about the time the other fences were installed.

Now unless the inmates have to go to work, school or recreation, they are not supposed to be out of their building. And even when they have to go somewhere, they usually need a pass.

Before being hired by TDCJ, he enrolled in a three-week correctional officer class at Western Texas College.

Bud first learned about the course from a friend, Charles Henderson, who now works at the Wallace Unit in Colorado City.

Bud expressed some concern at the time that at 66 he might be considered too old, but he learned that TDCJ doesn't discriminate because of age.

"I decided to take the test and give the course a try," Bud recalled.

After receiving his certificate, he was first assigned to the Ramsey III Unit, south of Houston, where he worked for 61/2 months. In July of 1991, Bud was transferred to the Price Daniel Unit, which had opened in August of 1989.

"In class, we were taught not to turn our back on an inmate," Bud said. "One of my first jobs at Ramsey III was punching inmates' lunch tickets."

Because of the way the cafeteria was laid out, the inmates had to come behind him to get their drinks.

Before the end of that week, Bud said, "I had decided that the inmates weren't going to bother me."

—

Bud was born in the hills of Arkansas and well remembers spending his boyhood picking cotton in Texas and Oklahoma. In 1935, he said his family traveled as far as Buckeye, Ariz. to pick cotton.

The next year they sold everything they had in Arkansas and headed for California. They got as far as Gila Bend, Ariz. before they turned back and spent the winter in Buckeye. Then they moved to California in the spring of 1937. Bud graduated from Exeter High School in California.

After graduating from high school, Bud worked for the Santa Fe Railroad until he enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II.

While in the service, he said Santa Fe sent him a $10 check at Christmas for each of the three years he served. Bud spent 18 months at Camp Barkley in Abilene and then 18 months in France.

He and his wife ImoD. married on April 24, 1944 in Abilene. When he was discharged in 1946 he did not return to the Santa Fe Railroad because of the job location and he would have had to work seven days a week, leaving no time to attend church.

He returned to Abilene where the couple lived until 1950. For a few months, he worked for his father-in-law building homes.

He also worked for Crain Office Supply, first in the print shop, then making deliveries and then he was moved into sales.

The Englands moved to Snyder on Feb. 1, 1950 and opened Bud's Office Supply in 1951. They enjoyed a thriving business which allowed them to rear four children, Bud said.

But in time discount stores and direct order houses that could sell office supplies for what he had to pay for them as well as a downturn in the economy and the oil field forced them to close their store, a hard but necessary decision, Bud said. "I just could not compete with them," he added.

Before it closed, ImoD. managed the store for a while after Bud began working for the TDCJ.

Of his 55-year marriage, Bud said, "ImoD. has been a faithful, loving, hard-working mate for all of these years."

They have three daughters, one son and about 10 grandchildren and some six great-grandchildren.

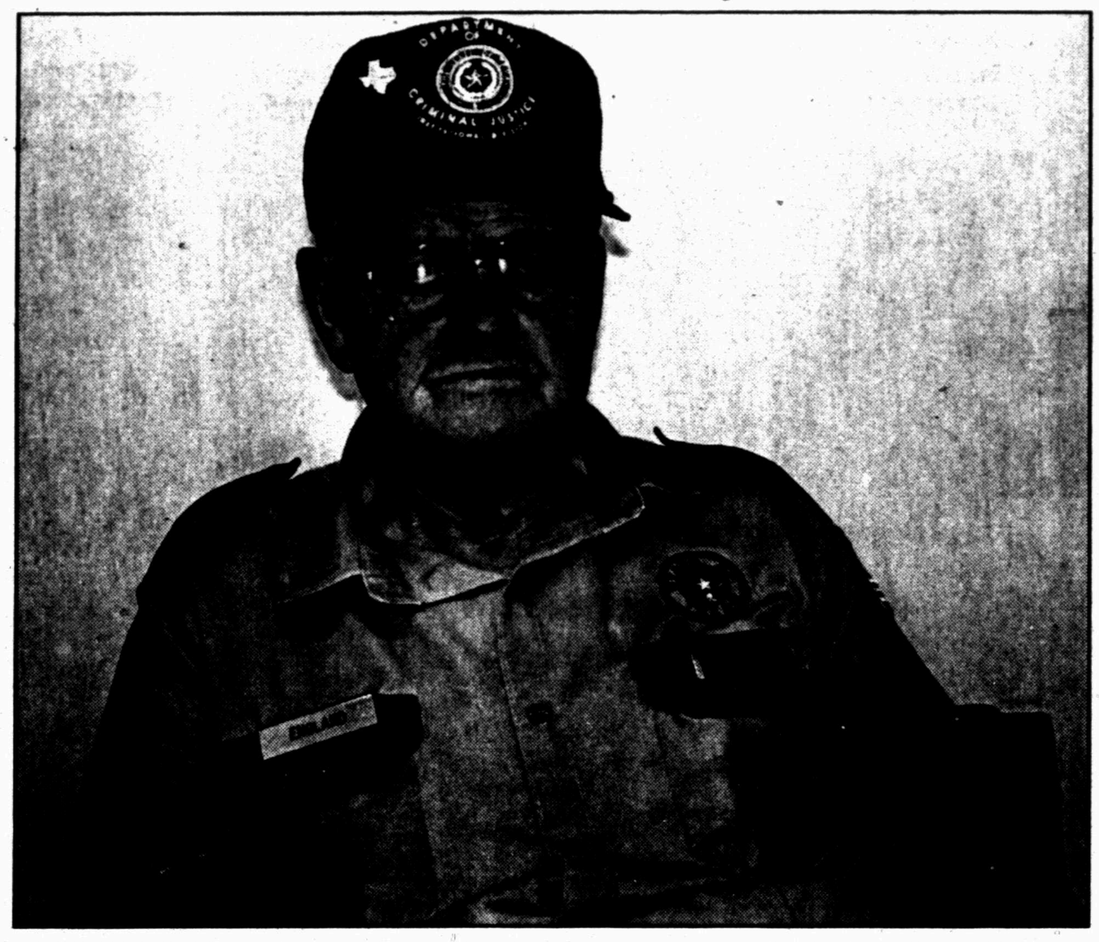
One daughter, Linda (Joe) Heflin, lives in Crosbyton. She worked for the federal courts for many years before retiring. Her husband has a law office in Lubbock.

Another daughter, Glenna Kay (Keith) Crews, lives in Houston. She taught for several years before pursuing a successful legal career, but has since returned to teaching school. Her husband is a CPA and he manages property.

Karol Ruth Dent is pursuing a nursing degree at Angelo State University.

A son, Rudy Alan England, is an attorney in Houston.

Besides visiting family and friends whenever they can, Bud said their house and two acres of weeds keeps him busy. That's why he jokes to the inmates that, "I work at home and come here to rest."



LONGTIME EMPLOYEE — Bud England has been a correctional guard at the Price Daniel Unit since 1990. At 75, he may be the oldest correctional guard in the state. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



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TEXAS BOARD OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE — Serving on the Texas Board of Criminal Justice include, from left, seated, Patricia Day; John David Franz, secretary; Allan Polunsky, chairman; and Carole Young, vice chairman; standing, Al Moran, Hank Moody, Judge Mary Bacon, Mac Stringfellow and Don Jones. (Contributed Photo)

Nine serve on TDCJ Board

The nine-member Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ) is appointed by the governor to oversee the TDCJ, which provides confinement, supervision, rehabilitation, and reintegration of the state's convicted felons. The board members, who are appointed for staggered, six-year terms, are responsible for hiring the executive director of the department and setting rules and policies, which guide the agency. TBCJ members also serve as the Board of Trustees for the Windham School System within the department of Criminal Justice. In this capacity, they are responsible for providing general oversight and the hiring of the school system's superintendent.

There are TDJC divisions, which report directly to the Board. They are Inspector General, with oversight of the Internal Audit and Internal Affairs Divisions, and the office of State Counsel for Offenders.

The next TBCJ meeting is set for Nov. 18-19 at Midland.

Allan B. Polunsky, chairman

(Term expires Feb. 2001) — has been a member of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice since 1987. He served as secretary of the board from 1989 until 1995, when Governor Bush appointed him chairman. During his tenure, he has seen the State's criminal justice system change dramatically. He was a member when the prison, parole and probations systems merged in 1990 to become the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. His strong leadership has provided oversight during times of overcrowding, mass prison expansion and administrative reform. Mr. Polunsky is partner at the law firm of Polunsky and Beitel and currently resides in San Antonio.

Carole S. Young, vice-chair

(Term expires Feb. 2001) — was appointed to the board in 1995. She was elected secretary in 1997 and vice-chair in September of 1998. She chairs the board's Health Care Committee, which oversees the medical services provided to offenders. As a member of the Programs and Services Committee, she is also responsible for overseeing the agency's community services activities and educational programs. Ms. Young is also a member of the Human Resources, Support Operations, and the Victim Services Committees. She works as a business writing consultant and resides in Dallas.

John David Franz, secretary

(Term expires Feb. 2001) — was appointed in 1995 and elected secretary in 1998. Mr. Franz chairs the Facilities Committee, which oversees the construction of new prisons, state jails and related infrastructure. He also leads the board's Legal Committee. Additionally, Mr. Franz is a member of the Community Justice Assistance, Parole and State Jail Divisions Committee, Human Resources, and the Management Information System Committees. He serves as the mayor of Hidalgo and is senior law partner with Franz & O'Hanlon Inc. in McAllen.

William "Hank" Moody

(Term expires Feb. 2005) — was appointed in 1998. Mr. Moody chairs both the Audit and Finance and the Management Information Systems Committees. He also serves on the Facilities, Health Care, Institutional Division, and Support Operations Committees. Mr. Moody has joined agency efforts in reengineering its offender management information system to create seamless integration of agency services. He is retired from the internationally recognized accounting firm of Peat Marwick and currently resides in Washington, Texas.

Alfred M. Stringfellow

(Term expires Feb. 2003) — was appointed to the board in 1997. He is responsible for overseeing the Support Operations Committee and TDCJ's Institutional Division Committee which governs the state prison system, its policies and procedures. Mr. Stringfellow also serves on the Audit and Finance, Community Justice Assistance, Parole and State Jail Divisions, and the Facilities Committees. He is president of A.M. Stringfellow Investments, an oil, gas and real estate development company in San Antonio.

Al Moran

(Term expires Feb. 2005) — was appointed to the board in 1997. He chairs the board's Human Resources Committee and is a member of the Programs and Services Committee, where he oversees the agency's "aftercare" programs. He is also a member of the Institutional Division, Management Information Systems, and the Victim Services Committees. Mr. Moran is partner at the Harrington, Moran, Barksdale & Day law firm in Fort Worth and resides in Arlington.

Patricia A. Day

(Term expires Feb. 2003) — was appointed in 1997 as a representative of crime victims. Ms. Day chairs the board's committee on Victim Services, and as a member of the Programs and Services Committee she is also involved in the oversight of the agency's sex offender and substance abuse treatment programs. Ms. Day is a member of the Community Justice Assistance, Parole and State Jail Divisions Committee, Human Resource, and Support Operations Committees. She serves as executive director of Victims Outreach, a non-profit organization that she founded in 1986 to assist victims of violent crime.

Judge Mary Bacon

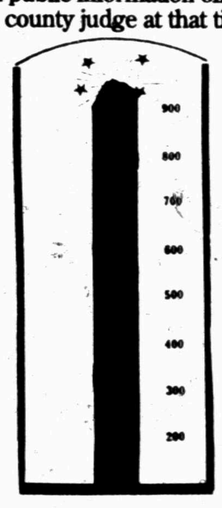
(Term expires Feb. 2005) — was appointed in 1999. Ms. Bacon is a retired District Court Judge and brings along with her a strong understanding of the state's probationary system. Ms. Bacon chairs the CJAD, Parole and State Jail Divisions Committee. She is a member of the Health Care and Legal Committees. As a member of the Programs and Services Committee, she is also responsible for overseeing the Aftercare programs. She is also a member of the Victim Services Committee. Ms. Bacon currently resides in Houston.

Don Jones

(Term expires Feb. 2005) — was appointed in 1999. Mr. Jones is a strong supporter of community service and has been very involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry at the Preston Smith Unit in Lamesa. Mr. Jones chairs the Programs and Services Committee, overseeing Faith Based Programs and Volunteerism and is a member of the Audit and Finance Committee. He is also a member of the Facilities, Institutional Division, and the Management Information Systems Committees. Mr. Jones is vice president and chief financial officer for Collins & Ware, Inc., an independent oil and natural gas company. He currently resides in Midland.



WELCOME TO SNYDER – Community leaders turned out to welcome TDCJ employees to a barbecue held in the courtyard at Western Texas College prior to the unit's opening in August, 1989. Charlie Brown, then public information officer for the prison system, is greeted by Snyder's M.L. Duke and Bobby Goodwin, county judge at that time. (SDN Staff Photo)



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4 wardens have been assigned to PDU

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Since opening in August of 1989, the Price Daniel Unit has had four wardens. Les Wood was first, serving until 1993. Robert White came on board in September of 1993. T. J. Medart followed in June of 1994. The present warden, Wilhemina Howard, was assigned in March of this year.

When Woods was transferred in 1993, he was appointed senior warden of the McConnell Maximum Security Unit in Beeville.

At the time of his appointment to Price Daniel, his first as warden, Woods had been with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 16 years.

He moved here from Palestine. Then 36, Woods was promoted from assistant warden at the Coffield Unit in Henderson County where he had been since January of 1984.

He began his career with TDCJ as a correctional officer in November of 1972.

He had also worked at the Beto I and Wynne Units

He is a native of Palestine in Anderson County and graduated from Sam Houston State in 1981 with a degree in criminal justice. He also attended Henderson Junior College.

Today Woods is the warden for the Allred Unit in Wichita Falls.

At the time Robert White was assigned to PDU, he was an 11-year veteran with the Department of Criminal Justice. He was 46.

Before White joined the TDCJ, he was a special field investigator for the General Counsel of the Veterans Administration for 10 years.

Working out of Waco, White was responsible for the West Texas area including Scurry County. A graduate of Richfield High School in Waco, White served four years in the military and is a Vietnam veteran.

in Navasota. In June of 1984, White transferred to the training academy at Huntsville as a sergeant.

In the training academy, he obtained the rank of captain. He was then assigned to a women's unit in Gatesville. In October of 1990, he was assigned as a private prison monitor in Cleveland. He was named warden of the Diboll Detention Center in June of 1992.

White was assigned to PDU from September, 1993 to June, 1994 when he left to become warden at the new 2,000 bed state jail facility in Beaumont.

He is no longer with the TDCJ but is employed by Wackenhut Corp., a private prison company. White is the warden at Cleveland Correction Center in Cleveland.

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T.J. Medart of Tulia, then 48, then assumed the duties of warden. For the previous two years, he had been warden of the TDCJ's 500-bed detention center in Tulia.

When he transferred to Snyder, he was an 11-year veteran of TDCJ. He had graduated from Howard Payne University. He had also been a chaplain for two years, beginning at the Ramsey III Unit at Rosharon. He then worked in the classification department for two years before moving into health services for five years.

Medart was named facility administrator in Tulia in June of 1992. The Lamesa native is now the senior warden of the Central Unit in Sugarland.

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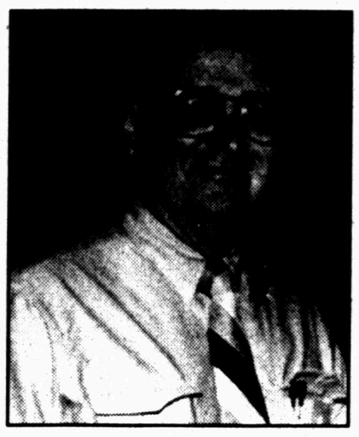
Wilhelmenia Howard moved to Snyder from Amarillo where she served as the senior warden at the Neal Unit. She is a native of Killeen and earned her bachelor's and masters degrees in psychology.

She has worked for the TDCJ since 1985, spending most of her career in the Gatesville area prison units including death row for women.

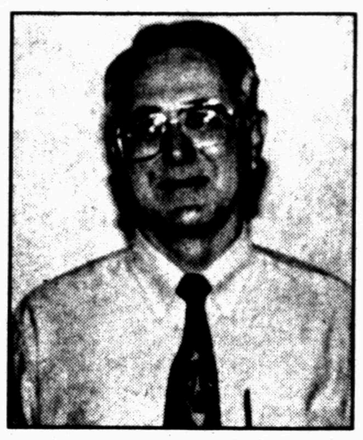
She had moved to Amarillo in 1993 to open the Neal Unit. In Amarillo, she was active in the chamber of commerce having served on its board of directors. She also served on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board at Amarillo College.



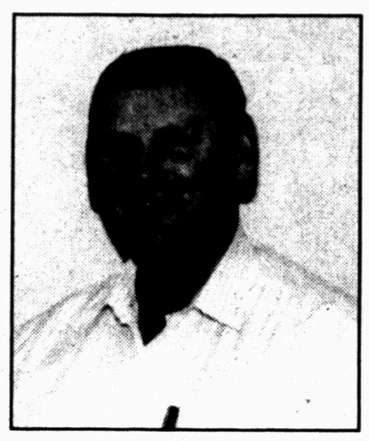
Wilhelmenia Howard



T.J. Medart



Robert White



Les Woods

Windham School vital prison part

The Price Daniel Unit's Windham School is part of the state-wide system which offers a public school education that is offered to all inmates who have not received a high school diploma or a GED equivalent.

The school employs 19 teachers at the local Price Daniel unit with an annual payroll of over $800,000.

The headquarters of the Western Region of the school system is located in Snyder and employs 12 people with an annual payroll of $410,000.

Bob Martin is the Region Five director and the assistant director is Bill Moss.

The principal of the Windham School is David Denison.

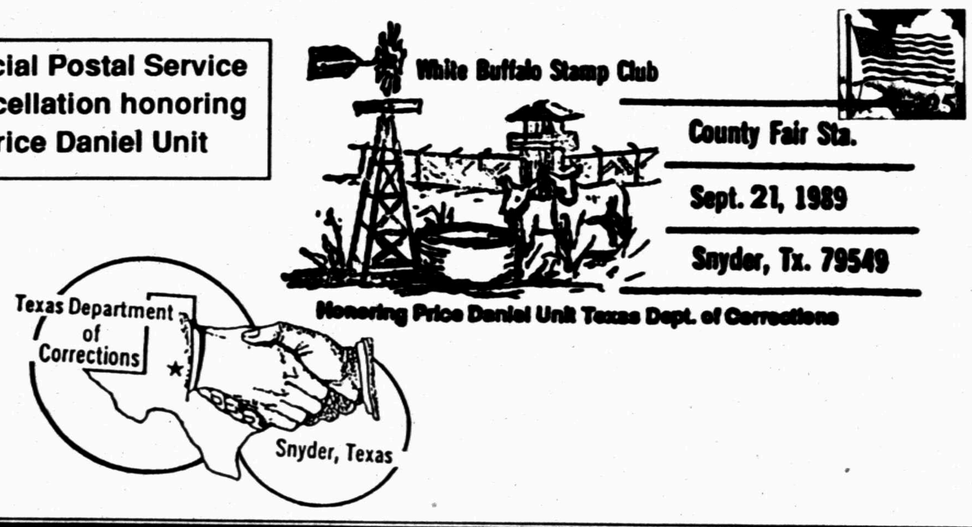
Kindergarten through college courses are taught at the unit to approximately 350 inmates. Courses include special education classes, English as a second language, reading and computer usage.

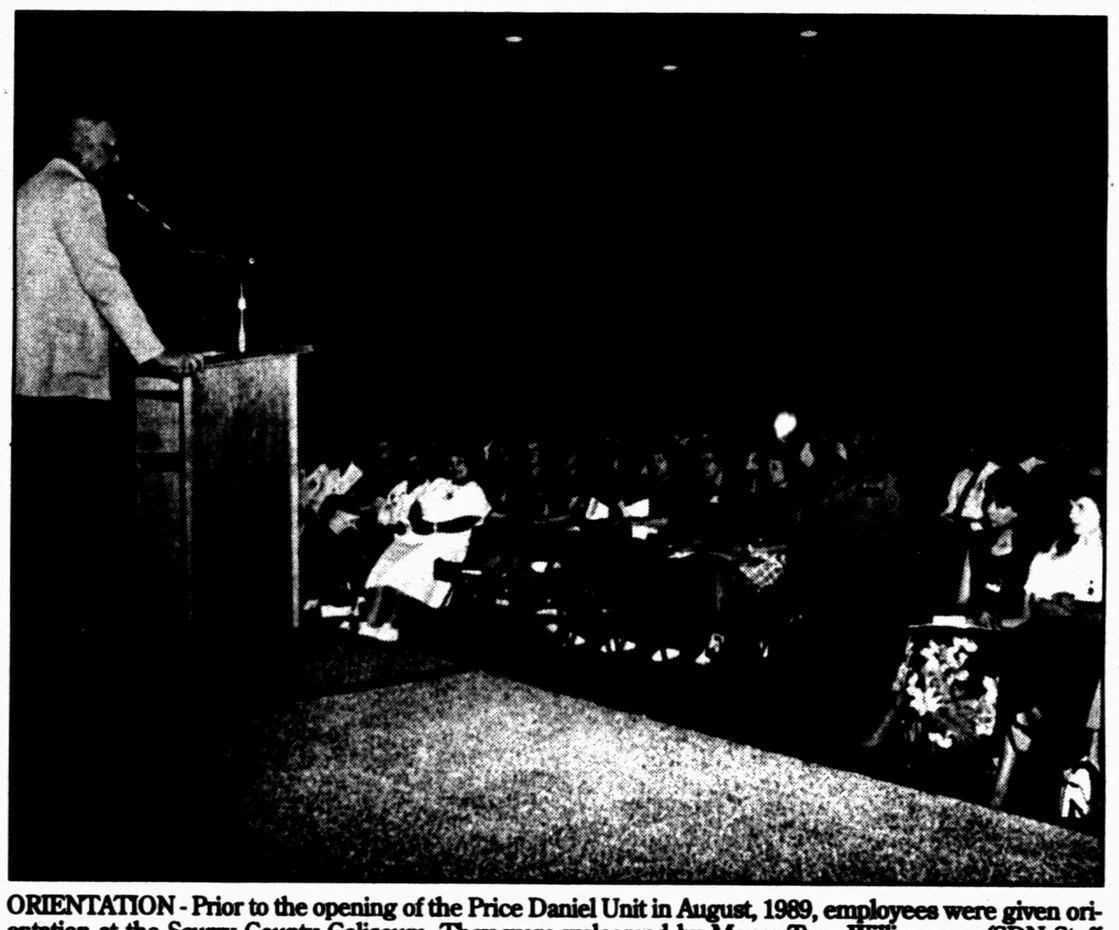
Classes begin at 5:15 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m.

Inmates enrolled in the school are tested every four months for progress and awarded incentives for their progress.

The top incentive the inmates can receive is to watch a "free world" movie in the school's library. Two of the movies the inmates have been allowed to view recently are "Patch Adams" and "Mighty Joe Young."

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ORIENTATION - Prior to the opening of the Price Daniel Unit in August, 1989, employees were given orientation at the Scurry County Coliseum. They were welcomed by Mayor Troy Williamson. (SDN Staff Photo)

Prison was entire community effort

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Later, a dorm-type facility was added to the unit to increase its capacity to over 1,300.

A chapel was eventually constructed using funds generated locally and through grants in an effort spearheaded by McQueen.

The effort to locate a prison in Snyder overcame many obstacles, including the fact the community is located "west of I-35," and even a lawsuit filed by local citizens who opposed the prison's current location.

Prison-related employment is almost 500 persons with an estimated annual payroll of $12 million.

The effects of the prison is far-reaching, including an agreement with Cogdell Memorial Hospital to provide inmate health care inside the Price Daniel unit.

Western Texas College also has benefited from the location of the Price Daniel unit, as well as other prison units in the area.

WTC teaches both pre-service and in-service classes for correctional officers, as well as teaching academic and vocational courses at area units.

In addition, Snyder-area churches have provided numerous volunteers for religious programs inside the Daniel unit.

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Parole office expands in past decade

When the Texas Pardons and Parole Board opened an office in Snyder 10 years ago, in conjunction with the opening of the Price Daniel Unit, a four-person staff handled the office's workload.

A decade later, two of the original four employees are still in Snyder, but the staff total has tripled in size, and the office is now its own subdivision, handling cases from 11 prisons and three work camps around the state.

"When this office first opened, we were supervised by the office in Angleton," explains unit supervisor Dawn Hollis, one of the two original staff members. "But now we're our own subdivision known as the Western Parole Division, and we're supervised out of Gatesville."

Clerical supervisor Nancy Fletcher is the other original staff member. The current staff of 13 people handles the paperwork for inmates up for parole in its 11 prisons and three work camps. Along with Snyder's Price Daniel Unit, included in the Western Parole Division are Fort Stockton, Abilene and Colorado City, all of which have two prisons, and El Paso, Lamesa, Brownfield and Lubbock, with one prison apiece. The work camps are located in Sweetwater, Big Spring and San Angelo.

"The parole officers at each of those units interview and counsel the inmates who are eligible for parole. Then they send the information about where the inmate would like to be paroled to, and so forth, to us," Hollis said. "Then we take all of the inmate's information and type it onto the correct forms and get it all together to send to the member of the parole board in Abilene."

The board member in Abilene votes in favor of or against parole, then sends the file to another board member for vote. If the two members agree, no more votes are needed. But if the decision is split, a third member votes to break the tie.

After sending the file to the board in Abilene, the local office then notifies the inmate's unit that a decision is forthcoming.

"At this office, we don't decide who gets paroled or who doesn't. Only the board members make that decision," Hollis stressed. "And even they don't decide when an inmate is eligible for parole. State law decides that. At this office, we make sure under state law that the inmate is indeed eligible. Then once it is verified, we handle the clerical work and send the file on its way."

With so many prisons in its division, the Snyder office prepares and sends approximately 150 files per week to the parole board.

A parole office vehicle transports all of the files back-and-forth, to ensure the items aren't tampered with in the mail. Jim Bishop whose official title is inventory and stock clerk drives the vehicle that handles the local office.

Parole officers Christi Woodard and Fairy Eicke also work at the local office, along with clerks Tanya Minton, Linda Miller, Melissa Chavez, Rhonda Clements, Melissa Mitchell, Julia Roth, Rebecca Hurt and Melanie Hunsaker.

If a parole officer at a unit needs assistance, Hollis will dispatch Woodard or Eicke to help.

After parole, a former inmate is then supervised by a field officer.

"Our office deals with what is called institutional parole," Hollis explained. "We handle the inmates' files only as long as they are in prison. After they are paroled, they report to someone in field parole."

Currently there are no field officers in Snyder. If a person was paroled to Snyder, they would report to a field officer out of Abilene.

In addition to Hollis and Fletcher, original members of the staff were Ronald Robinson and Jane Woods, wife of of the Price Daniel Unit's first warden, Les Woods.



Dawn Hollis



Nancy Fletcher



Fairy Eicke



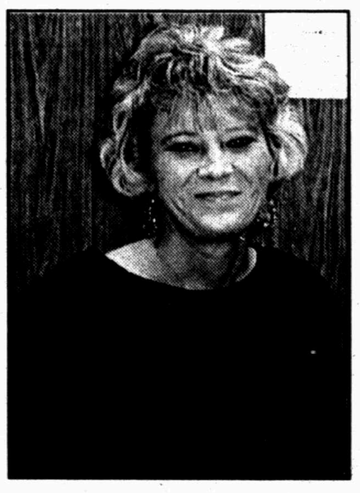
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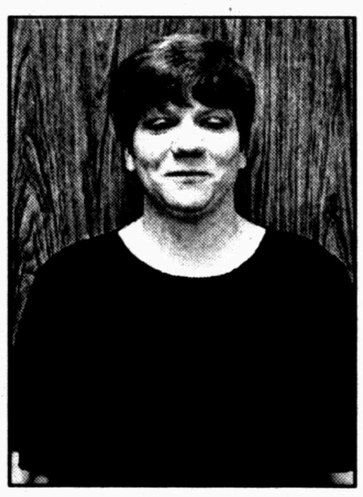
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Probation handled by local CSCD

With eight staff members, the Community Supervision and Corrections Department has a full-time job supervising the probation of over 500 adults.

The majority of the department's cases are local, however some extend across Texas and even into other states.

"We currently have 274 cases which are termed direct cases," explains Sy Tabor, director of the CSCD. "These are people who reside in either Scurry or Borden County. Then we also have 249 indirect cases. These involve people who either did not reside here when they committed the crime, or have moved elsewhere during their probation."

At the moment, the department is handling eight cases involving residents of another state. Tabor said that in those cases, the current state of residence handles the immediate supervision, but it is the duty of the Snyder department to take action, if the probation is violated.

Of the 274 direct cases, 179 of them are felonies, while the remaining 95 are misdemeanors.

Along with Tabor, there are five staff members who directly oversee the probation cases, including community supervision officers Doug Price, Marshall Finley and Shelly Elliot. Scotty Welch is the work program coordinator, and Jana Dickie is the director of the treatment alternative to incarceration program, which helps with people in need of alcohol and drug treatment.

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Regional distribution center an added asset to community

Twelve years ago it was an abandoned industrial building thrown in to sweeten a proposal to locate a prison unit here in Snyder. Today it has been turned into a "win-win situation" for the community and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The newly-enlarged TDCJ warehouse and distribution center, located in the former Wickes building on U.S. 84, was part of the incentive package to lure the TDCJ to decide to locate the Price Daniel unit in Snyder in 1987.

The 75,000-square foot building was first used for storage of materials during construction of the unit and then used as a warehouse.

As more units were added in West Texas, the building was used to store supplies. With the addition of 60,000-square feet, including 20,000-square feet of cold storage, the facility will now supply commodities for 22 criminal justice facilities located in West Texas.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice estimates that the facility, the first of its kind outside of Huntsville, will save the agency $1 million a year in transportation costs.

Cost of construction was $4.9 million.

Robin Smauley serves as manager of the facility, a position he has held for nine years and 10 months.

George Roberts is the assistant manager and has been employed there nine years.

Eddie Beal and Glenn Burns are both warehouse coordinators. Beal has worked for the warehouse five years while Burns has been there about a year.

The distribution center now employs 56 people including 18 in warehouse staff and 33 in transportation staff, with an annual payroll of more than $1 million.

In addition, Smauley explained that the company that handles commissary items for this region is also located in the center.

"Boyd E&R Distribution Warehouse employs five and they are located under the roof with us," he said. "It is a separate operation, but one of these days I see it being together."

The company handles the items for the commissary that are sold on the units including soft drinks, candy and writing paper.

"They handle special things like that. They service 22 units with 34 commissaries. Some units have multiple commissaries on them."

Smauley said there is a need at the distribution center for 48 inmates. The inmates are on trusty status and are essentially learning job skills.

"They do everything that deals with a warehouse including forklift operations, inventory clerks, janitors, and shipping and receiving."

It was Snyder's central geographic location in addition to the added plus of the existing warehouse that was a primary factor in selecting the city as the site for the regional distribution center.

This translates into better service to the units and a trimming of some 900,000 miles annually from trucks hauling out of Huntsville.

The addition of freezer and cold storage space means vendors can deliver perishable goods directly to the center — saving TDCJ the extra freight cost from Huntsville.

While the distribution center is primarily for TDCJ facilities in far North and West Texas, the Snyder warehouse will supply units throughout the state when it is more cost-effective to do so.

Monterey Construction Company of Wolfforth was the general contractor for the expansion project and a groundbreaking ceremony was held Aug. 12, 1998.

Among those present at the ceremony were Rep. David Counts of Knox City and Art Moseley, TDCJ deputy executive director from Huntsville.

In his address, Rep. Counts called the expansion project a "win-win situation."

"This is a great opportunity for the community," he said. "We get a few more jobs and the taxpayers get some relief."



GROUNDBREAKING — A groundbreaking ceremony was held Aug. 12, 1998 for the regional distribution center. From left are Joe Brozo with Monterey Construction of Wolfforth; Roy Baze of Snyder; Art Mosley, TDCJ deputy executive director from Huntsville; Rep. David Counts of Knox City; Roy McQueen of Snyder; and Robin Smauley, distribution center manager. (SDN Staff Photo By Jo Ann Nunley)

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