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For Place One...

Snyder council gets first contested race

May's Snyder City Council election has its first contested race, as the Rev. Caiaphas Cain filed Friday for Place 1.

Dr. Cain is opposing Vernest Tippens, who filed Thursday afternoon for a fifth term on the council.

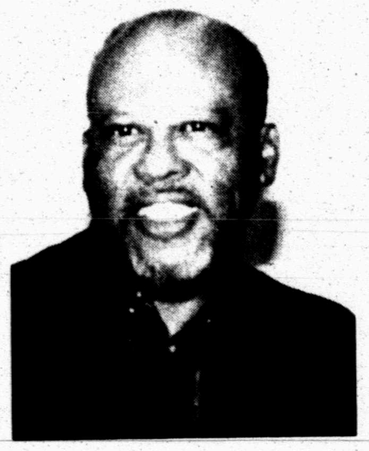
Filing for city council, Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh ISD boards and Western Texas College board of trustees elections runs through March 20. All of the elections are held May 4.

Cain is Presiding Elder, Northwest Texas District, AME Church, containing 17 churches, including Allen Chapel AME Church on Avenue M.

He said he wants to serve on the city council because, "I see a need. I believe with my experience and background I can help the people of Snyder to fulfill goals they may have in the future. I intend to be an active council member for the people of Snyder."

Cain was born and reared in Alabama, graduating from Brighton High School in Brighton, Ala. He is a graduate of American University in Washington, D.C., Wilber Force University in Wilber Force, Ohio, and Paul Wesley Theological Seminary in New York. He is retired from the Army Special Forces and is a former civil servant.

He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and is a Mason. He and his wife, Veralyn, are members of Allen Chapel AME Church. They have four children and seven grandchildren.



Rev. Caiaphas Cain

Place 1 on the council is the only contested seat in the May elections.

Currently running unopposed on the council are Jerry Webb, Place 2; Kenny Gambrell, Place 3; and I.E. Martin, Place 4.

Also unopposed are Snyder ISD incumbents Glenn Clarady for Place 1; Mark McCormick, for Place 4; and Janet Stribling, for Place 5.

Ira public school board also has a full slate of unopposed incumbents: Sid Wall, Kirby Sterling and Lance Autry.

Up for election on the Hermleigh ISD board are full terms held by Milton Adams and James Rinehart, and a one-year partial term held by Jay Roemisch. The incumbents have not filed, but former board member Tony Lambaren and first-time office seeker Burton Sandefur have — both for full terms.

As yet, no one has filed for two places on the Western Texas College board: Place 1, held by Bill Wilson Jr.; and Place 2, held by Carl Williams.



J. WRIGHT MOOAR MARKER - Some 30 people attended the unveiling of a state historical marker Saturday morning honoring J. Wright Mooar, early Scurry County pioneer buffalo hunter and businessman. The site is some 7.5 miles north of Snyder adjacent to U.S. Highway 84. Among those in attendance was Judy Hays, Mooar's granddaughter, who is shown on the right. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chief warns...

Drought, winds make county a 'tinderbox'

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Dry conditions and steady winds can result in a devastating fire, a possibility that is only too real for Snyder Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell.

"This county, along with the rest of the state, is a tinderbox," said McDowell. "It's about as dry as I have ever seen it."

Snyder Fire Department has been called to numerous grass fires lately, but certainly none has caused the damage other parts of the state have experienced.

"We've been extremely lucky so far," said McDowell. "We've been notified of the fires just as soon as they have been discovered and we have been able to extinguish them without too much loss of property."

With the county commissioners court to consider a ban on open fires within the county Monday, McDowell warned of other ways fires might get started besides a controlled burn that gets out of hand.

"Electric fences can start a fire when this dry, brittle grass touches them," said McDowell. He noted that one fire in the western part of the county started that way last week.

"While the grass is as dry as it is and the humidity remains low, it doesn't take much to get a fire started," he said.

McDowell is also sending out a warning about people who burn their grass or trash within the city limits.

"It's against the law to burn anything within the city limits," said McDowell.

"Trying to get rid of a clump of weeds or grass by burning them is playing with danger," said chief. "A small fire will quickly become a big one when there is a 20 to 25 mile-per-hour wind pushing it along."

Citizens who barbecue outdoors are also urged to be extremely cautious.

McDowell suggested that only grills with covers should be used, and he said watering the area around the pit might not be a bad idea

He also suggested families have a water hose hooked up and readily available if they plan a cookout.

Fires have been popping up all over the state and have prompted Gov. George W. Bush to ask for a federal disaster declaration for the entire state. Bush has estimated

See Fire Page 14A

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most people are richer than us for only one reason — they've got more money."

A recent news story about a statue blooper in Baltimore reminded us of a story we had heard repeated about the White Buffalo in Snyder, but we had never actually had it confirmed.

So we called our resident experts on Buffaloes, Aline and G.A. Parks, with the Scurry County Historical Commission. They remembered the situation and knew where to look to back up their information.

The first White Buffalo statue erected in Scurry County was in 1967. It was a bull and didn't conform to the actual facts of history since the famous albino buffalo shot by J. Wright Mooar was actually a female.

The error was corrected by a group known as the Order of the White Buffalo organized in 1960 by history buff Brud Boren. In fact, it was Boren and S.D. Hays who traveled to California to bring the first white buffalo statue back to Snyder.

The more recent goof was in Baltimore where a nine-foot, 800-pound bronze of baseball legend Babe Ruth was placed at the entrance to Oriole Park.

The bronze Babe shows the home run king leaning on a bat and clutching on his hip a right-handed fielder's glove. Babe Ruth was a lefty.

The artist put many hours of research into the project. No fact — how Babe wore his cap or tilted his head — was too small to escape consideration. All except one.

The artist admitted to not being a big baseball fan, but she worked from a vintage glove sent to her by the Babe Ruth Museum.

It was a matter of miscommunication. The artist is unsure. "It was the right glove on the wrong man or the wrong glove on the right man."

At least she knew Babe was a man.

40 years in prison is ordered by jury

A 43-year-old Texas prison inmate who failed to appear in court on four separate occasions, Friday was sentenced to serve four 40-year terms in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

A nine-man, three-woman jury in 132nd District Court set the punishment Friday after on Wednesday having found Joe Henry Anderson guilty of failure to appear.

The jury deliberated about 30 minutes Wednesday before returning the guilty verdict, and the same jury spent almost two hours on the punishment decision.

The four 40-year sentences will be served concurrently, but a hearing before Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney will be held this week on a request by prosecutors to have the 40 years served after Anderson finishes his current 45-year prison sentence.

Anderson was convicted in Scurry County in February, 1995 for retaliation after making threats to kill County Attorney Pete Greene and Snyder Police Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner.

Because of prior convictions, the enhancement resulted in a 45-year sentence in the third degree felony case which normally carries a maximum term of 10 years.

Also because of prior convictions, Anderson could have received a 99-year sentence on each charge of failure to appear.

District Attorney Dana Cooley prosecuted the case, and Anderson was represented by Lance Hall of Sweetwater.

Snyder Wheels swap meet set

Snyder Wheels will sponsor a swap meet and car show next weekend at the county coliseum and annex.

Admission is free to the swap meet, which will run Friday through Sunday. Cost to Saturday's car show will be $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12.

Up to 200 vendors are expected for the swap meet, which will be open daily from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Spaces are still available for vendors who would like to offer their automotive-related items for sale or trade.

Saturday's car show will feature all types of vehicles. Entry is $20. First, second and third-place cash prizes will be awarded in eight classes. Cars will be registered from 8 a.m. until 10:30, and coliseum doors will open to the public from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

In addition, Snyder Wheels will hold a model car show for children and adults. There will be four age groups: 6-8, 9-12, 13-17 and adult. There is a $2 entry fee per model car.

For booth reservations or show entry information, call Bettie Greene at 573-8309 or Gale Titus at 573-3579.

Proceeds from the weekend's activities will be donated to local charities.

Commissioners to view ban on outdoor burning

Consideration of a ban on open fires in the county will be among three items of new business for Scurry County Commissioners Court, when it meets Monday at 10 a.m.

County Judge Ricky Frtiz said the court is expected to act in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 which allows counties to declare a state of disaster "if the threat of danger is imminent."

Fritz said Friday that a fast-moving grass fire could quickly escalate to major proportions to cause a disaster within the county or city.

Fritz said Taylor County passed an emergency declaration Thursday that calls for violators of the no outside burning declaration to be subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000 and/or up to 180 days in jail.

The ordinance in Taylor County can be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer, said Fritz.

In other matters, a Department of Public Safety trooper will address the court on the speed limits on county-maintained roads and Norene Taylor, librarian, will address the court in regard to the hiring of a part-time worker.

Museum to host Texas celebration

The public is invited to attend a Texas Independence celebration at Scurry County Museum from 1 until 4 p.m. Sunday, hosted by the museum and county historical commission.

The museum will feature photographs of Scurry County ranch houses made by former Snyder resident Dudley Cramer as well as a small display of artifacts from its permanent collection.

The commission will show a 30-minute video titled "Historic Homes of Scurry County," which includes on and near the courthouse square and exterior views of 15 houses. The video will be shown at 1:30, 2:15 and 3 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Admission is free but donations are welcome.

ASK US

Q.-Will the college host an art show for high school students this year?

A.-The museum will host art competition March 2 when the Fine Arts Division holds high school open house.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 70 degrees; low, 38; 7 a.m. reading Saturday, 38; no precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Low 45-50. SE wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy. High, mid 70s. S-SE wind 10-20 mph, gusty.



Gusty

Sunset: 6:38 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:51 a.m.
Of 54 days in 1996, the sun has shone 51 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The wrath of a king is as messengers of death, but a wise man will appease it.

Proverbs 16:14

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Dutch tourist slain in Miami robbery

MIAMI (AP) — It was the kind of beautiful day that attracts visitors to Florida from all over the world. It was the kind of crime the Sunshine State has become infamous for in the 1990s.

The ugly side of Florida once again emerged Friday when a Dutch couple became lost in one of this city's worst neighborhoods. Tosca Dieperink was killed after she and her husband, Gerritjan, were ambushed at a gas station.

Dieperink, 43, pulled the rental car into a Shell station — a Dutch owned company whose scallop logo is known worldwide — and got out to ask directions, his map in hand.

He found himself being frisked by a gunman while another armed man approached Mrs. Dieperink sitting in the passenger side of the car. When she refused to unlock the door or roll down the window, the man fired once, shattering the window and striking Mrs. Dieperink in the upper torso.

"One man went up to the car and 'boom, boom, boom, boom,'" said one witness, holding up his hand as if it were a gun. The 39-year-old tourist died two hours later at the hospital.

The couple, who arrived in Florida on Thursday, were in a rental car, but police said it had no markings identifying it as such.

Police don't know if the couple had been followed or, as whites, simply stood out in Liberty City, a mostly black neighborhood where crime is rampant and unemployment high. The neighborhood was the scene of race riots in 1980, in which 18 people died, and has seen other, lesser disturbances over the ensuing years.

The Dieperinks "apparently appeared to be tourists" to their assailants, detective Brian Calloway said. "They saw the opportunity and they acted on what they saw."

Police said the two gunmen escaped in a car driven by a third man, without getting anything from the Dieperinks. They stole a pager from the station manager.

Hours after the shooting, on an almost cloudless day when temperatures reached into the 80s, the rented white four-door sedan sat at the gas station with its passenger window shattered as police lifted fingerprints off it.

Frank K. Simmons, 25, a truck driver, was upset the news media paid so much attention to the killing of a white tourist when blacks were being killed regularly in the neighborhood.

"If it was one of us, nobody would care. It would just be called drug-related," said Simmons, who added that the rear window of his vehicle was shot out recently. "But if it's a tourist, then — whoa — it's a big deal."

Authorities were offering a $6,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailants, described only as black men in their late teens to early 20s.

The killing occurred at the height of Florida's tourist season. The state's $21 billion tourist industry had rebounded in 1995 after suffering from bad publicity from several killings of foreign visitors in the early 1990s. A record 9.4 million visitors came just to the Miami area in 1995, up seven percent from the previous year.

It was the first shooting death of a foreign visitor in Florida since September 1993. A German national was killed last month in the Florida Keys in a drunken fistfight at a bar. Before that, a string of 10 slayings in 13 months tarnished the state's image as a tranquil vacation haven and drove the city to take a number of steps to safeguard tourists.

THANKS!

Hey Everybody,

It's great to be here and okay! It's because we had lots of people who cared and prayed! We want to thank everyone so much! We wish we could write to everyone! I am glad I'm home now! I'm really doing good; but still lazy! Thanks to everyone!

Bill & Trish Payne
David & Vickie Reed

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Monday Feb. 26, 1996, 7:00 p.m.



Nancy Martin

Stansell named banking officer at 'American'

Nancy Stansell was named banking officer Wednesday by Jeffrey Martin, branch manager for American State Bank in Snyder.

Mrs. Stansell became an employee of ASB soon after coming to Snyder in 1981.

A graduate of Jayton High School, Mrs. Stansell is the wife of Steve Stansell who is employed at the Mobil Salt Creek Field. She has three stepchildren, Chris, 20; Cara, 17; and Aaron, 15. They are members of the First Baptist Church.

Martin said, "She is a fine asset to the institution and is deserving of the promotion."

Foster inducted into SPC PTK

LEVELLAND — Marci Foster from Snyder has been inducted into the South Plains College Kappa Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society for students in two-year colleges.

State Representative Gary Walker recently advised the 85 SPC PTK initiates, in order to get the most out of their college education, to become involved, sharpen their oral communication skills and set goals.

Kmart will close 15 more stores

TROY, Mich. (AP) — Kmart Corp. is closing 15 stores in eight states by the end of May and eliminating 1,300 jobs.

The company said Friday the closings are part of an ongoing effort to boost profits by shuttering poorly performing stores.

Of the latest stores to be closed, five are in California, three in Texas, two in Michigan and one each in Maine, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon and Rhode Island.

The Troy, Mich.-based company operates 2,163 Kmart stores and 167 Builders Square outlets in the United States and has operations in several other countries.

SPARTAN sets March 4 meeting

Local and area businesses are invited to a meeting on Monday, March 4, at the SPARTAN service building in Post on U.S. Highway 84.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. and is designed to help small business owners who wish to do business with South Plains Community Action Agency as a vendor. It is the policy of the SPARTAN Transit System to involve minority business, specifically small and disadvantaged businesses and women-owned businesses.

For further information, contact Boxie Weems at 573-7403 or Luis Perez, SPCAA/SPARTAN program director at 1-800-462-8747.

The Warsaw Pact was created on May 14, 1955, as a mutual defense alliance. Members in 1984 were Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Soviet Union. It provides for a unified military command. If one member is attacked, the others will aid it. The pact is headquartered in Moscow.

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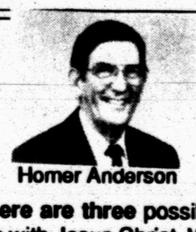
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There are three possible relationships a responsible person may have with Jesus Christ. When we transgress the law of God we pass into the state of sin. People in the state of sin are without Christ, alienated from God. Before we became Christians we were "alienated and enemies in your mind and your evil works" (Colossians 1:21). It is our sins that separate between us and our God so that He will not hear us (Isaiah 59:2).

The one without Christ is "dead in your trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). Those in the state of sin are "by nature the children of wrath" (Ephesians 2:3). The phrase "by nature" is from the Greek word "phusis," by long habit.

Next week we shall consider the second possible relationship, "In Christ, the State of Grace."

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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH — Snyder Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats presented the Business of the Month trophy to the Snyder Daily News during a reception held Tuesday. SDN publisher Roy McQueen, left, accepts the trophy from Howard Crenshaw, representing last month's recipient, Big Country GM Autoland. Refreshments were served to employees and guests. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

No one's making money, but newspapers are going online

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When a computer expert asked a room full of newspaper executives how many of their papers were online, most raised their hands.

When she asked them if they were trying to figure out how to make money at it, every hand in the room shot up.

"Let's face it, the audience is still really small," said Esther Dyson, chairwoman of the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

But the scramble for that audience is intense. This week's Interactive Newspapers Conference in San Francisco was full of papers eager to jump on the digital train before it left the station. Exactly where it was taking them was still a question.

"The media has built up the hype so that advertisers and papers think it's cool. Right now it's not profitable, but it's important to get onto it now so that when it takes off, you're not left behind," said Colin Phillips, co-publisher of Editor & Publisher, an industry magazine.

About 12 percent of the nation's newspapers have an online presence, double the number online only a year ago, said Phillips. But only about 20 are making a profit, and the margin is so pitiful, they wouldn't bother if online service wasn't such a hot button these days, he said.

"There's been this sort of imaginary horse race in the newspaper industry over the last year," said Elizabeth Osder of The New York Times.

"Two years ago the question was whether to partner with an online service or go it alone. Then here comes the Web and everybody can get online. ... Now there is this frenzy to go online and there are a lot of hack jobs out there."

Online news may still be in the research and development stage, but newspaper executives surveyed by Editor & Publisher said they felt they needed to be online "to remain the number one information source in my region."

One way to do that is the model used by Boston.com, the World Wide Web site of The Boston Globe, which is piling on chat rooms, news, weather and links to local radio and television stations.

"We want to use every weapon we can find to establish this as the first place to go in New England, because we want to be the first place advertisers think of," said David Margulius, the paper's director of electronic publishing.

But even so, Margulius admits he has no idea how newspapers can compete online. "The Web is a brutally efficient marketplace," he said.

Some experts say it's not going to be news at all that determines the winners and losers, but papers that can create a sense of shared community. Publishers should be looking to talk radio as their model, Dyson said.

"You're going to need to get people actively involved, because that's what's going to get people there. If they're participating they're going to have much more loyalty than if they'd just been sitting on their couches."

One problem facing newspapers is that just sticking a print product online won't get people excited. But analyst Allen Weiner of DataQuest doesn't think the technology is in place yet for the kind of multimedia pictures and sound everyone is waiting for.

PATH slates area program

Parents, and teens with all types of disabilities (including physical disabilities, learning disabilities, dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, etc.) will be able to obtain information on issues of importance to them on Saturday morning, March 2. The program, "Challenges for Teens with Disabilities: Surviving the Teen Years!" is sponsored by the Big Country PATH Coalition, a group of professionals who work with children with disabilities, and parents.

The keynote speaker will be Robert Reid, of Abilene. A panel of successful adults with disabilities including Marsha Lemery, Barbie Brooks, Victor Hunter, Kendall Cox and Frank Holton, will reflect on their teen years, and offer advice to teens and parents.

The seminar will be at Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3666 Buffalo Gap Road, in Abilene. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9. It is free, and the public is invited. For more information call 817-767-3996 or write to PATH, 1603 Garfield, Wichita Falls, TX 76309.

THANKS

To The People Who Donated Blood For Andy Van Cleave, Grandson Of Georgia Mooty.

Datebook

Feb. 25, 1996

Today is the 56th day of 1996 and the 56th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1870, Hiram Revels of Mississippi became the first black man to be elected to the U.S. Senate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Pierre Auguste Renoir (1841-1919), artist; Enrico Caruso (1873-1921), singer; John Foster Dulles (1888-1959), U.S. diplomat; Adele Davis (1904-1974), nutritionist; Jim Backus (1913-1989), actor; Anthony Burgess (1917-1993), writer; George Harrison (1943-), musician, is 53; Neil Jordan (1950-), film director, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, Cassius Clay, who the next day changed his name to Muhammad Ali, won the world heavyweight boxing title by defeating Sonny Liston.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You have to take chances for peace, just as you must take chances in war." — John Foster Dulles

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1966, visibility in the southeastern United States was reduced to less than five miles by dust clouds that blew east from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

1996 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN

Feb. 24, 1996

Today is the 55th day of 1996 and the 65th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII decreed that Oct. 4, 1582, would become Oct. 15, 1582, thereby correcting the Julian calendar, which was 10 days out of date.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wilhelm Carl Grimm (1786-1859), folklorist; Winslow Homer (1836-1910), painter; Honus Wagner (1874-1955), baseball great; Chester W. Nimitz (1885-1966), U.S. admiral; Michael Harrington (1928-1989), writer; Renata Scotto (1933-), operatic soprano, is 63; Michel Legrand (1932-), composer, is 64.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Matti Nykanen of Finland won his third ski jumping gold medal of the Calgary Winter Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The very development of American society is creating a new kind of blindness about poverty. The poor are increasingly slipping out of the very experience and consciousness of the nation." — Michael Harrington

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1936, dust raised by storms on the Great Plains caused a muddy rain and brown snow to fall over parts of the northeastern United States.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 18) and first quarter (Feb. 26).

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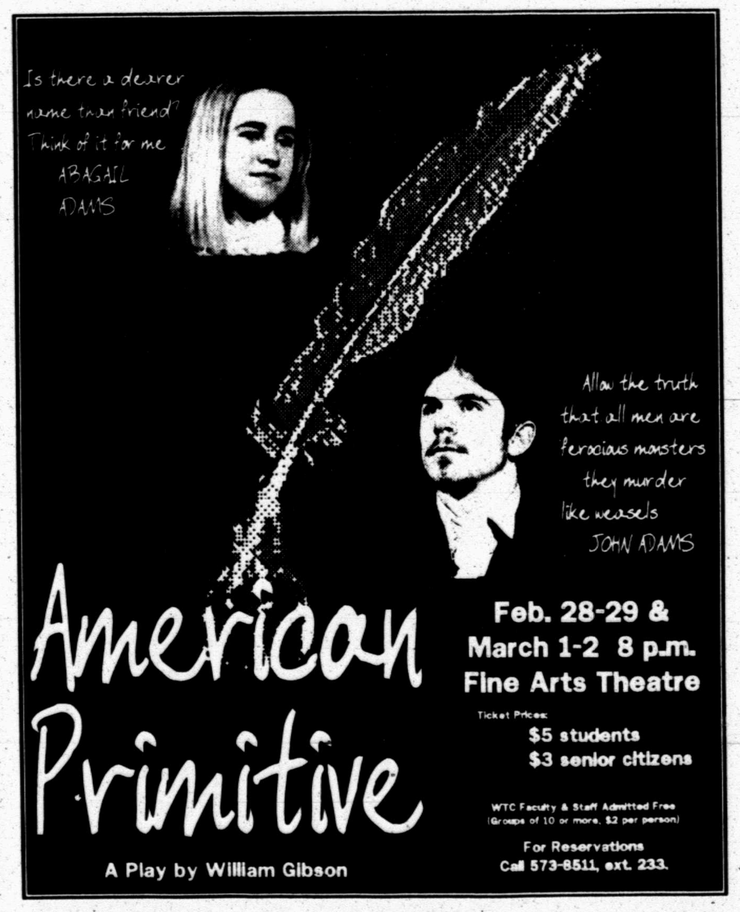
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Civil rights sculpture may cause trouble in Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Snarling dogs led by white policemen lunged at young blacks marching for equality in one of the most haunting spectacles of the civil rights movement.

Now a graphic statue depicting that 1963 episode has raised questions over whether Birmingham's black leaders have gone too far in trying to honor the courage of those protesters.

The 13-foot-tall bronze monument by Ron McDowell of Tuskegee depicts a jut-jawed white policeman with sunglasses holding a black youth by the shirt. A menacing dog held by the officer's other hand snaps at the boy from only inches away.

Conservative City Council member Jimmy Blake said he has received a handful of calls complaining about the work, which was unveiled this week. He said it sends "an incredibly destructive message."

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Thursday is deadline to file for Silver Haired Legislature

Scurry County residents interested in seeking election to the Silver Haired Legislature have until Thursday to file, according to Norma Laywell, director of the Senior Center.

The election will be held May 28, with local voting to be held in the Center, at 2603 Ave. M.

Silver Haired Legislature (SHL) candidates must be at least 60 years old, a resident of a district in which candidacy is sought, and a registered Texas voter. The candidate must complete a short form and submit it with a $5 filing fee and a petition signed by 25 registered voters 60 or older who live in the district.

The Senior Center can provide information about the filing process as well as the work and purposes of the SHL.

The SHL meets in Austin during even-numbered years to consider legislative recommendations which are passed along to the Texas Legislature, the governor and the Texas Department on Aging. In 1994, the non-partisan body passed 15 resolutions. Only three failed to pass the regular Legislature in some form in 1995. One was vetoed by Gov. George W. Bush. Preservation of the present Texas homestead law was the session's first priority, followed by expanding options for independent living programs.

Members of the SHL attend an orientation session in Austin from July 30 through Aug. 2. The regular session will meet from Sept. 9-13. SHL members pay their own expenses.

Scurry County is in District III along with Fisher, Haskell, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan and Stonewall counties. Oscar Dickerson of Aspermont, the incumbent, does not wish to seek re-election.

Two Scurry County residents, Delbert Downing and Ruth West, have previously held the office.



SWEETHEARTS AND ESCORTS — Snyder High School sweethearts and escorts: (front row) Anthony Martinez, Keri Kemp (Spanish Club); Jeremy House (softball); Kayla Drain (boys' golf); Megan Harris, Bryant Robertson (band); (second row) Paige Bell, C.J. Chaney (photojournalism); Starling Shields, Ty Estes (baseball); Lucinda Sergent, Dane Crunk (industrial technology); (third row) Candace Barrow (photojournalism); David Kerr, Ana Herr ndez (National Honor Society); James Pilgrim, Julie Doolittle (girls' golf); Wayne Braziel (girl track); (fourth row) Salvador Aguirre, Michelle Spencer (tennis); Trevor Thompson, Haley Ing m (SUN Club); Chris Post, Lisa Thamez (powerlifting). (Photo By Ted Bigham)

Endowment monies sought for state FFA organization

AUSTIN — Familiar to thousands of rural and suburban area Texans are the bright blue and gold jackets worn by young men and women who study the agricultural sciences in Texas schools. The jackets sport the emblem of the FFA, an organization that today is threatened by the ever-widening circle of federal and state budget-cutting.

The good news, however, is that FFA has many friends. They are now joining forces to develop an endowment fund that will preserve the structure of FFA for future generations of students.

Former FFA members, current and past teachers and students, and Texas agricultural leaders have signed on to broaden the funding base for FFA state leadership training, coordination of meetings, conventions, seminars and contests a' ' scholarship funds.

Durwin L. cutive director of the Texas F. Foundation and statewide coordinator of the endowment campaign, reports that more than 60 percent of FFA chapters pledged to underwrite the foundation's current budget. Cash donations, some as high as $10,000, have helped launch the endowment campaign. Contributions in varying amounts, plus vehicles, farm equipment and other donations that can be raffled or sold have pushed the total toward the eventual goal of $500,000 for 1996.

Momentum is building, and it could not happen at a more critical time in FFA history.

"It's really a simple story," said Hill. "State and national funds have been significantly downsized." In the case of FFA, core program responsibilities that were carried out in 1985 by 16 professionals and eight staff support personnel must be provided now by four professionals and one half-time support person.

"There is no reason to believe that the budget cuts will stop at current levels," Hill said.

Early contributions and pledges to the endowment campaign reflect an understanding of the dilemma, and a serious commitment to help by those who already know FFA or have participated in it.

The letters FFA once stood for Future Farmers of America. With the technology revolution in agriculture, fewer farmers are needed to grow food for the rest of the population. Today's FFA, however, continues to prepare students for careers in agricultural science. Even students who choose careers outside of agriculture say the hands-on skills they learned in FFA are valuable to them. In addition, the emphasis in learning and practicing FFA traditions of personal responsibility, productivity and community-building, is attracting growing numbers of parents and students who are participating in FFA chapters in suburban Texas.

"Parents would rather have their youngsters learn about the environment, our food and fiber system, and problem-solving and leadership skills than to have them hanging out at the mall," said Elvin Caraway, a past state and national FFA officer, attorney and FFA Foundation board member.

Interest from the permanent endowment fund will be spent in two ways, Hill explained. It will fund the support staff needed to carry out Texas FFA activities. This includes the state convention, state office coordination, leadership training, career development and the Texas FFA magazine. The funds will also be used to continue and expand the FFA shcolarship program.

"For the students and teachers who've experienced FFA, it is difficult to imagine education in Texas without a significant role for the organization," said Hill. "Make no mistake, current funding will eventually disappear, and if we are not ready with the endowment, FFA as we have come to know it will cease to exist."

To help build a strong Texas FFA for future generations of our young people, send your contribution to Texas FFA Foundation, 614 E. 12th St., Austin, TX 78701 or call 512-472-3128 to find out how you can become a volunteer. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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People avoid completing estate plans for a variety of reasons. For some, the thought of death is uncomfortable. If you are one of these people, which makes you more uncomfortable: talking about death, or the realization that your assets may not be distributed to whom you would choose nor at the time you would choose?

Other people believe they don't have enough assets to warrant an estate plan. However, an inventory of assets and property might surprise these people. Often, there is forgotten property, antiques, jewelry and more. Even if there are no forgotten assets, simply adding them up can be eye-opening.

Whether you have a lot or a little, and even if it makes you uncomfortable, you should have a written estate plan. It's one way to ensure that your estate will go to the beneficiaries you intend at the time you desire.

Because estate laws differ from state to state, it's important to consult an attorney who understands your state's laws. The cost of having a complete estate plan drafted is relatively insignificant compared to its possible tax savings.

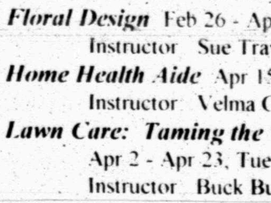
When it comes to the specifics of your estate plan, here are some things you should consider:

If you would like to leave all or part of your estate to your surviving spouse, you should know there may be tax ramifications. Your attorney can advise you of tax consequences and suggest alternatives. This will ensure that your final decision takes full advantage of tax laws without compromising your overall intentions.

If you have minor children, you have a need for a will. A will can provide a specific financial plan for your children while ensuring they are raised by the guardian of your choice. If the court has to administer these assets for the benefit of your children, it may be costly, and the assets may not be handled the way you would desire. In addition, if you die without a will, the state steps in and appoints a guardian, often the nearest relative. Would you like this decision to be made by the state?

Another consideration in estate planning is what happens to your estate should all your beneficiaries die before you. Under many state laws, if this happens, the property can revert to the state--certainly another reason to plan.

Many things can be accomplished by an estate plan. However simple or detailed you choose to make it, a completed plan can allow your estate to be distributed as you truly desire.


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Texas Rangers captain testifies about mysterious Joost deaths

DALLAS (AP) — A Hays County grand jury has questioned the head of the Texas Rangers about his testimony in a case involving the shooting deaths of a Texas Racing Commission employee and his family, The Dallas Morning News reported.

In its Saturday editions, the newspaper reported that Capt. Maurice Cook was subpoenaed after questions arose about what he told a state district judge under oath about the case of commission chief financial officer David Joost during a private hearing in 1993.

Cook's attorney, Dick DeGuerin of Houston, said his client answered the questions Wednesday to the satisfaction of the district attorney and grand jurors, and the case is closed.

"I was told by the grand jury and the prosecutors that it was over," he said.

Hays County District Attorney Marcos Hernandez Jr. was attending a conference out of the city and could not be reached for comment, his office told the newspaper.

The newspaper reported that grand jurors were interested in Cook's testimony about an alleged late-night telephone call made shortly before Joost, his wife and their two young children were found shot to death in their home in March 1990.

On the morning the bodies were found, Joost was supposed to report to the commission on his review of agency expenditures that several legislators had questioned.

Some relatives suspected that the family had been slain because of something Joost had uncovered.

Files released after the case was closed last year revealed that the Rangers determined almost immediately that Joost killed his family and then himself, and they set out to find a motive.

The files revealed that the lawmen suspected that Joost was depressed about his job and killed his family because he suspected that his wife, Susan, was having an affair with her boss.

A transcript of the closed hearing in 1993 revealed that Cook testified that investigators had discovered that telephone records indicated that a lengthy telephone call "the night before at about 12 midnight" had been made from the Joost residence to the home of Mrs. Joost's employer.

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Democratic Senate candidates to campaign for/with Clinton

DALLAS (AP) — The four Democratic candidates seeking Phil Gramm's U.S. Senate seat say that anti-Bill Clinton sentiment in Texas would not keep them from campaigning with the president.

The comments came Friday night after the candidates took part in a debate that was televised statewide on public television stations.

The candidates — U.S. Reps. John Bryant of Dallas and Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, Houston lawyer John Odam and Mesquite school teacher Victor Morales — agreed more often than they disagreed on major issues brought before them by a panel of citizens.

"I think Bill Clinton is doing a good job. I like Hillary, too," Bryant said with a broad smile.

Bryant said he would want Clinton to campaign for him. "I'll campaign for him, too," he said.

Odam was less enthusiastic.

"I won't run away from the president. I just have to stay focused on beating Phil Gramm," he said.

Asked if sharing a Democratic ticket with Clinton would hurt his candidacy, Chapman said: "I don't think so. I don't think it would make much difference."

Chapman added that he would campaign with the president "anytime, anywhere."

Morales said, "I don't worry about Clinton. I will vote for him and I will support him. But I want to tell the voters to, quote, 'look at me.'"

Dallas public television station KERA and The Dallas Morning News sponsored the debate.

During the debate, all emphasized the need to enact campaign reforms to give ordinary citizens a louder voice in government.

Other issues on which they voiced general agreement included welfare reform, balancing the budget, affirmative action and safeguarding the Social Security system.

All candidates voiced disapproval of Republican efforts to cut welfare and entitlement programs. There were some minor disagreements on environmental issues.

On affirmative action, Bryant said it must be kept in force because "racism is not absent from our society."

Chapman said, "As long as we find discrimination in this country it (affirmative action) is needed." He declared that he has been "out front, a leader" in affirmative action through his actions in Congress.

On the issue of discrimination against gays and lesbians, Chapman said, "Any discrimination is wrong."

Bryant said he would vote for an anti-discrimination bill now being considered in the Senate, but would not agree to co-sponsor the legislation.

Odam emphasized reform issues, saying: "We must get lobbyists out of the business of writing the laws."

Morales, who said he was strictly a government outsider, said he would have to study the Social Security issues before he could make a significant comment on them.

Odam said one way to help preserve the Social Security system would be to raise the age requirement from 65 to 68 and he said the wealth of a potential recipient should be considered in determining how much the benefit should be.

Chapman disagreed.

"I would not turn it into a welfare program like Mr. Odam would," he said.

On welfare reform, Bryant said he opposes GOP proposals to give the states block grants and turn the administration of the programs to the state.

He called the Republican proposal an attempt to "dump responsibility back to the states."

"It's a bad mistake, an outrage," Bryant said.

Chapman pointed out that he didn't vote for the Republican welfare reform bill.

Odam said he believes the block grant welfare system plan could work, but said, "We have to make sure it is properly distributed."

In remarks after the debate all four candidates said they believe Gramm's early departure from the GOP presidential race had hurt his credibility with Texas voters.

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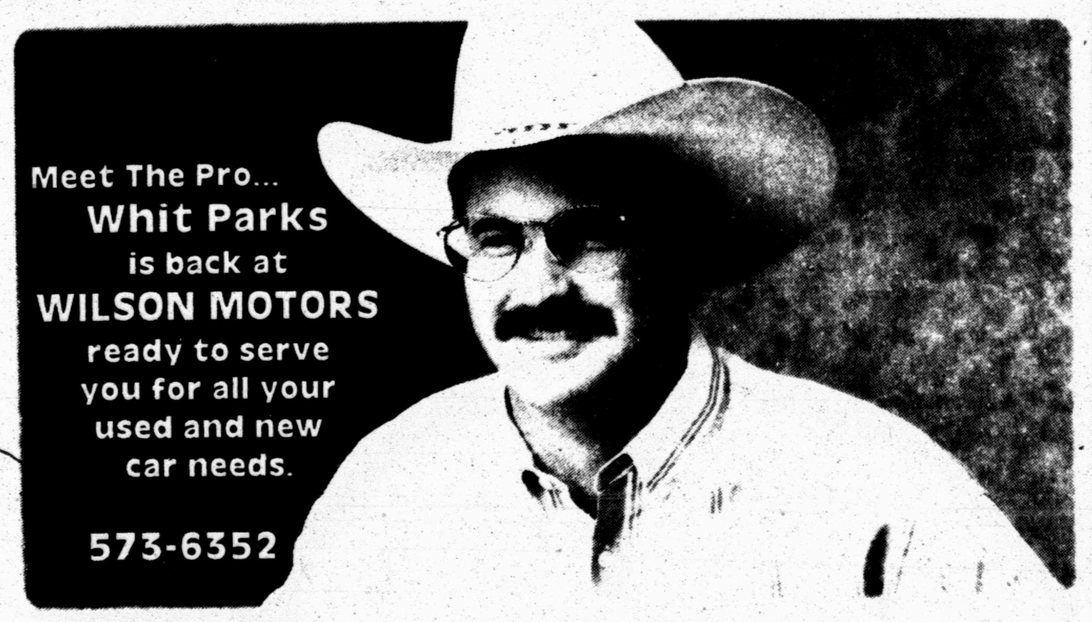
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SPORTS

Garvin and Kidd named to honor team

Snyder's Erica Garvin has been named second team all district in District 5-4A.

The 5-10 junior post player averaged 16.8 points per game for the Snyder Lady Tigers basketball team which finished in third place in the district race.

Being named honorable mention from Snyder was Melanie Kidd. Kidd is a 5-10 sophomore who plays forward. During the season, Kidd averaged 7.5 points a game. She led the Lady Tigers with 28 three-point baskets.

Levelland's Missy Frazier, 5-8 junior forward/post player, was named district MVP. Tanji Meodor, 5-10 sophomore post from Lamesa, picked up newcomer of the year and Dean Weese from Levelland was named coach of the year.

5-4A Girls All District

First Team

Bandi Bayer, Levelland, Post, 6-0 Soph.; Jennifer Hale, Levelland, Forward/Post, 5-5 Sr.; Jennifer Hardy, Frenship, Post, 6-0 Jr.; Natalie Wilson, Frenship, Guard, 5-9 Jr.; Shasta Brooks, Sweetwater, Post, 5-8 Sr.

Second Team

Erica Garvin, Snyder, Post, 5-10 Jr.; Lillis Lewis, Frenship, Forward, 6-0 Sr.; **Shanta** Benson, Estacado, Guard, 5-5 Sr.; Kizzie Fleming, Lamesa, Guard, 5-7 Jr.; Melissa Hudson, Levelland, Guard, 5-6 Sr.

Honorable Mention

Stephanie Karr, Frenship, Guard, 5-2 Jr.; **Melanie Kidd, Snyder, Forward, 5-10 Soph.;** Kari Willmon, Levelland, Forward, 5-6 Jr.; Megan Cobb, Lamesa, Guard, 5-8 Jr.; Amy Yoder, Lamesa, Post, 5-9 Sr.; Wendy Wright, Frenship, Post, 5-11 Jr.



Erica Garvin



Melanie Kidd

Brooks and Miller place at relays

After the first day of events at the ABC Tiger Relays at Frenship High School, the Snyder High School Lady Tigers are sitting in third place with 18 points.

Big Spring is leading the Class 4-A girls division with 24 points. Pampa is second at 21.

The Lady Tigers picked up a first and second place. Edwina Brooks jumped 33'8" in the triple jump and Tina Miller won second in the high jump with a vault of 5'0".

The track meet was to conclude Saturday.

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NewYork	32	20	.615	7
Miami	25	29	.463	15
NewJersey	23	29	.442	16
Washington	23	30	.434	16½
Boston	19	34	.358	20½
Philadelphia	10	42	.192	29
Central Division				
Chicago	48	6	.889	—
Indiana	33	20	.623	14½
Cleveland	30	22	.577	17
Atlanta	29	24	.547	18½
Charlotte	27	25	.519	20
Detroit	26	25	.510	20½
Milwaukee	20	32	.385	27
Toronto	14	38	.269	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	36	16	.692	—
SanAntonio	35	17	.673	1
Houston	35	20	.636	2½
Denver	21	31	.404	15
Dallas	17	35	.327	19
Minnesota	16	36	.308	20
Vancouver	11	40	.216	24½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	40	12	.769	—
L.A.Lakers	33	19	.635	7
Phoenix	26	26	.500	14
Sacramento	24	26	.480	15
GoldenState	25	28	.472	15½
Portland	25	29	.463	16
L.A.Clippers	17	35	.327	23

Thursday's Games

Chicago 96, Atlanta 91
Houston 86, Cleveland 80
Utah 102, Toronto 86
Portland 107, Denver 78
Seattle 106, Golden State 90

Friday's Games

Atlanta 108, New York 97
Miami 113, Chicago 104
Indiana 102, Philadelphia 95
Minnesota 94, Detroit 93
L.A. Lakers 114, Dallas 88
Charlotte 100, Washington 94
Orlando 115, Milwaukee 102
Phoenix 110, Toronto 105
San Antonio 112, Sacramento 105

Saturday's Games

Indiana at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee at Washington, 1 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Vancouver, 3:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Detroit at Portland, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 6 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

Workers needed for Canyon Reef

Anyone wishing to help work the Canyon Reef Relays on March 9 is asked to contact coach Tommy Doyle at Snyder High School or the athletic director's office.

You may call 574-6035, 574-6039 or 573-6301 and give your name.

March Madness softball tourney

The March Madness softball tournament will be held March 9-10 at McKenzie Park in Lubbock.

The tournament will feature men's medium two homeruns, men's low D no homeruns. ASA sanction COR 47 red stitch balls will be used.

Entry fee is $110 per team with a deadline of March 7 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mike Allen at (806) 797-0073 or Pat Kelly at (806) 795-8384.

Hoops Classic set

The first annual Pacesetters Hoops Classic is scheduled for March 15-16, Friday and Saturday, in the Sweetwater High School gym.

The classic is an outsiders, open recreational intramural league tournament. Teams must have a mandatory minimum roster of seven players. Entry fee is $125 per team with the deadline Feb. 29.

For more information, call 573-8657 or in Sweetwater, 235-4262 or 235-5101.

St. Patrick's Day softball tourney

The 11th annual Merchants Classic St. Patrick's Day weekend men's softball tournament will be held in Andrews March 15-17.

Entry fee will be $125 per team with an 8 p.m. deadline on March 13. There will be a 16 team limit.

For additional information, contact James Senger at (915) 523-4564 or (915) 448-1892.

Fantasy baseball league forming

The West Texas Fantasy Baseball league will be forming with the draft to be held on March 24 at 1 p.m. in the annex room of the Housing Authority, 409 Oak Street in Colorado City.

For more information, contact Keith Cranfill at 728-3591.

Working women's golf

Snyder Country Club women members who would like to play golf, but cannot play in the women's golf association are invited to come and play strictly for fun.

The first night of play will be April 2 at 6 p.m. There will be no planned format and you may play as many holes as time allows or as few as you want to.

For more information, contact Cynthia Jackson at 573-7549 or Vivian Norwood at 573-7839 after 6 p.m.

Deion seeking to be all he can be: on the football field

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Strange business this professional sports.

When Deion Sanders decided he was going to take a vacation from baseball, it was news much too big for a Valley Ranch setting.

The press conference took place at his own nightclub, "Prime Time 21" in north Dallas where we're told the cover can reach $15 a head on Saturday nights.

You pull into the parking lot and where you might normally see handicapped parking, you see the first two places reserved for Deion his ownself. "Prime Time 21" is splashed in paint on these two places.

Even for his own press conference security was tight. One reporter had his name, picture and organization on a card and he was told he needed some other identification.

The place was modeled Greek style and there was even a picture of Deion his ownself hanging from a wall without his shirt on. Didn't get that one. Thought I would see Deion in football and baseball gear somewhere.

Deion was in coat and tie, no toga, for the press conference with one of the most beautiful women in America, his wife Caroline, at his side. She would definitely outshine a Greek goddess.

Now, this was a press conference with some style. Deion even had a little feed for the famished press afterward. This very smart businessman knows how to score points even if the marble in the building was fake.

It beat any Cowboys press conference in a dimming three decades memory for pure class. When Don Meredith retired, the Cowboys had the press conference in what amounted to a broom closet in the building on Central Expressway.

Roger Staubach retiring was a big Texas Stadium production, but certainly wasn't held by the player at his own establishment.

The expense? Nobody knows if Deion made owner Jerry Jones pay for it.

If Deion didn't, he should have.

On a day cornerback Larry Brown cashed in his Super Bowl MVP award with a move to the Oakland Raiders, the Cowboys got a full-time cornerback and wide receiver starting in July.

Previously Sanders hadn't been available for the NFL until late September, having played baseball every season starting in 1989. The most time he had ever spent in a training camp was two weeks once with the Atlanta Falcons.

This was a blockbuster event for the Cowboys, who now won't have to worry that much about another wide receiver or another cornerback in the draft. They need some depth but there's no telling what having Deion full-time will mean to the team.

"This was a big, big day for us," said a smiling Larry Lacewell, of the scouting department. "It took a lot of pressure off of us. Now I ask you, who will have three better receivers than Michael Irvin, Kevin Williams and Deion Sanders?"

Lacewell said the Cowboys can now focus on their primary area of concern, linebacking, where the free agent foragers could cause some havoc.

Lady Tigers eliminated at Austin

The Snyder High School Lady Tigers softball team won one and lost two Friday at the Austin tournament.

Snyder lost the first game to Austin Travis by the seven-rule, 7-0. The Lady Tigers could only manage two hits off Travis pitching.

In the second game, Snyder came back to defeat Austin Johnston, 22-0. Brittany Drummond pitched a no hit shut out for Snyder.

Snyder had four in the park homeruns. Joanie Wemken had two, Raechele Wemken and Mendy Winter each had one.

Snyder was eliminated from the tournament by New Braunfels, 9-1. The Lady Tigers could only pick up three hits off New Braunfels pitching.

"We did not hit the ball well at all," said coach Billy Hicks. Snyder's record is now 4-3.

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Drummond, R.Wemken. LP Drummond (1-1).

WTC in 7th at NMMI golf tournament

The Western Texas College golf team is in seventh place after two rounds of the Bronco Invitational tournament being held at the New Mexico Military Institute golf course.

WTC fired a two-day total of 612 (321-291). The second round 291 was the second lowest score for the tournament.

In the medalist race, Morten Vildhoj is tied for first with a one under par 143 (73-70).

The host school, NMMI, is in first place with a 599 followed by Midland College gold 600 and Odessa Junior College white 602.

WTC Individulas

Morten Vildhoj	73-70—143
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Matt Clements	88-75—163
Ryan Swagar	86-82—168
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SPORTS

Despite some evidence, doctor says exercise is still good for you

By CHARLES CLINE
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Running, jogging or racewalking more than 15 miles a week could be dangerous to your health.

No, the surgeon general has not made that declaration. But Dr. Kenneth Cooper, one of the nation's leading authorities on fitness, believes that kind of strenuous activity can weaken the immune system.

Cooper says that fitness devotees seeking a healthy lifestyle should become more familiar with two ominous sounding words — free radicals and antioxidants.

Anyone engaging in strenuous exercise, such as runners preparing for marathons, Cooper says should consume 1,000 milligrams of vitamins E and C daily to neutralize the free radicals floating in the atmosphere — which he maintains can be produced by heavy oxygen intake during long training runs.

His view is not without controversy, but Cooper, credited with helping start the fitness craze with his 1968 book "Aerobics," has not retreated from the theory that he formed after studying several thousand runners and expounded on in his 1994 book "Dr. Kenneth Cooper's Antioxidant Revolution."

Cooper has long recommended that moderate running, jogging or racewalking is enough to stay fit and healthy.

Being fit, he says, doesn't necessarily mean a person is healthy. He contends that consuming antioxidants such as vitamins E and C can help make fitness and health compatible.

His concerns about free radicals and antioxidants were heightened over the years by the deaths of well-known runners Dr. George Sheehan (prostate cancer), Fred Lebow (brain tumor) and James Fixx (heart attack). Other top runners such as Steve Scott, Mark Conover and Marty Liquori have battled cancer.

Cooper concedes that Sheehan, Lebow and Fixx might have died from these diseases without being competitive runners, but he said their deaths show that just running is not a guarantee of prolonging your life, and it might well lead to medical problems.

Cooper said free radicals, particles that are a natural toxic byproduct of metabolism, can activate LDL (bad cholesterol), damage cells and damage DNA strands, as shown with a recent study at Ulms University in Germany.

This is harmful, he said, because when a person is running and breathing in more oxygen, more blood that is full of free radicals and pollutants is flowing to the brain.

"With this polluted blood going to the brain, it can cause more tumors, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease," Cooper said. "I get runners in all these categories, and many are elite runners."

Even those who do moderate exercise should take the antioxidants, he said, to combat potential problems. He follows his own advice, runs 15 miles a week, takes antioxidants and adheres to a low-fat diet.

Cooper reached his conclusions after studies from a data base of about 60,000 patients at The Cooper Clinic, a division of his Cooper Aerobics Center in Dallas. But his theory hasn't gone unchallenged.

Runner's World magazine reported in September that more, not less, exercise is better for a person's immune system, citing, among others, a National Runners' Health Study and Harvard Alumni Health Study. The article "How Much Should You Run?" written by executive editor Amby Burfoot, said Cooper's theory had many problems.

Burfoot, in a phone interview, said he holds Cooper in the highest regard and that he, too, takes antioxidants.

"But do I think runners running 40 miles a week are in danger? No," he said. "My biggest concern is with him using anecdotal stories when he's touting his book. He gives the impression that runners are dropping dead all over, when most research shows that runners are healthier.

"He's waving a warning at a small percentage of runners who run 40 to 50 miles a week. There could be different forces on the body there. We all know, for example, that a person is not the healthiest person on earth for 72 hours after running a marathon. But the same thing doesn't exist 72 hours after, meaning that somehow the body heals itself very quickly."

Burfoot said he takes vitamins E and C not because of Cooper's hypothesis about excessive exercise, but "just because of the total health hypothesis. There are a lot of reasons to do it."

But Cooper gets some support from an article in the March issue of Runner's World.

The upcoming issue includes the Ulms University study and a rating of the big three antioxidants, vitamins E, C and betacarotene. The study showed that eight male subjects, after running to exhaustion on a treadmill, each had suffered greater-than-normal damage to DNA strands.

The men took 1,200 milligrams of vitamin E for 14 days before a second treadmill run, and DNA damage was said to be significantly reduced and four of the men had no exercise-induced DNA damage at all.

Cooper further countered the September article by saying that one must look at the source of data from these studies. For example, he said the Harvard Alumni study, which contends that health benefits are greater with more strenuous exercise, was based on questionnaires. Cooper said study results are notoriously bad when based on questionnaires because many respondents exaggerate.

"There's usually no correlation to what they do to what they say they do," he said.

But he also concedes that his arguments are educated theories, and said he isn't adverse to changing his position providing reliable research proves him wrong. "I've changed my positions on different things several times over the years," he said.

Neither is Cooper suggesting people quit running marathons or ultramarathons. He encourages exercise and said running has many positive effects such as lowering cholesterol, blood pressure, weight and possibly increasing longevity.

While the antioxidant controversy continues, Cooper has added another element into exercise and staying healthy, religion, in his new book "It's Better to Believe."

He tackles the problem of why so many quit exercise programs, and said that people must recognize that exercise is "a journey, not a destination."

Cooper, who'll be 65 in March, said religious beliefs help determine a person's discipline and it's a "major factor in health."

"People should strive to be spiritually fit as well as physically fit and the two complement each other," Cooper said.

TAYLOR MADE

By Brent Taylor Sports Editor

Last weekend, the family loaded up the Explorer and headed to northern New Mexico for what has become our annual ski trip.

After leaving Las Vegas, N.M. and heading up the mountain, it did not take us long to add a nick name to our trip...in search of snow.

We have made our yearly jaunt for sever years to Sipapu with friends from Littlefield and never have we seen the lack of snow we encountered.

The conditions reminded me of a conversation we had last year with the owner of Sipapu. Mr. Bolander told us, "Running a ski resort s just like farming. If you don't get the moisture, you don't have a very good year."

"If New Mexico and Colorado ski areas don't get some snow soon it will be a very short year.

Taylor Made

Every year that we go skiing, I always think of a story we saw several years ago. I think it has ruan in this paper before, but it is worth repeating.

A friend returned from a holiday ski trip to Utah where the conditions were perfect—12 below, no feeling in the toes, basic numbness all over, and a "tell me when we're having fun" kind of day.

One of the women in the group complained to her husband that she was in dire need of a rest room. He told her not to worry, that he was sure there was relief waiting at the top of the lift in the form of a powder room for female skiers in distress. He was wrong, of course, and the pain did not go away.

If you've ever had nature hit its panic button in you, then you know that a temperature of 12 below zero doesn't help matters. So, with time running out, the woman weighed her options. Her husband, picking up on the intensity of the pain, suggested that since she was wearing an all-white ski outfit, she could go off into the woods. No one would even notice, he assured her. The white would provide more than adequate camouflage. So she headed for the tree line, began disrobing and proceeded to do her thing.

If you've ever parked on the side of a slope, then you know there is a right way and wrong way to "set" your skis so you don't move. Yup, you guessed it. She had them positioned the wrong way. Steep slopes are not forgiving, even during embarrassing moments. Without warning, the woman found herself skiing backward, out of control, racing through the trees, somehow missing all of them, and onto another slope. Her derriere was still bare, her pants down below her knees and she was picking up speed all the way. She continued on backward, totally out of control, creating an unusual vista for other skiers.

The woman skied, if you define the verb loosely, back under the lift and finally collided violently with a pylon. The bad new was that she broke her arm and was unable to pull up her ski pants.

At long last her husband arrived, put an end to her nude show, then went to the base of the mountain and summoned the ski patrol, who transported her to the hospital.

In the emergency room, she was regrouping when a man with an obviously broken leg was put in the bed next to hers.

"So how did you break your leg?" she asked, making small talk.

"It was the darndest thing you ever saw," he said. "I was riding up the ski lift, and suddenly I couldn't believe my eyes. There was this crazy woman skiing backward out of control down the mountain with her bare bottom hanging out of her clothes and her pants down around her knees. I leaned over to get a better look and I guess I didn't realize how far I'd moved. I fell out of the lift."

"So how did you break your arm?"

SDN SPORTS WEEK

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Thursday: New Mexico J.C. at Lady Westerners, 7:30

GOLF
Monday: Snyder JV Invitational, boys and girls
Friday & Saturday: Snyder boys at Austin Invitational
Snyder girls at Midland Invitational

TENNIS
Friday: Snyder at Lubbock
Saturday: Snyder at Sweetwater
Snyder JHS at Lubbock Tournament

BASEBALL
Monday: Snyder at San Angelo Central, 4:00
Frenship 9th at Snyder, 6:30
Tuesday: Abilene High at Snyder, 5:00
Thursday - Saturday: Snyder at Big Spring Tournament
Saturday: Wylie at Snyder JV, 1:00
Colorado City at Snyder 9th, 4:00

SOFTBALL
Tuesday: Lubbock High at Snyder, 7:00
Hawley at Snyder JV, 5:30
Friday - Saturday: Snyder varsity & JV at Brownwood tourney

TRACK
Saturday: Snyder boys and girls at Mustang Relays in Andrews

Frenship wins playoff over Polytechnic

The road to the state championship got one game closer for the Frenship Tigers Friday night as they defeated Fort Worth Polytechnic, 64-51, in an Area playoff held in Abilene

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The officer of the month for January 1996 is Corp. Brian Peterson. Corp. Peterson and his wife, Lana, have two children Brooke 9 and Chase 5.

Corp. Peterson was born in Gainesville, Texas and is a 1986 graduate of R.L. Turner High School in Carrollton, Texas. He also has attended Western Texas College and is a 1991 graduate of the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene, Texas.

After completing the police academy Mr. Peterson was employed by the Snyder Police Department on August 7, 1991. Officer Peterson was promoted to the rank of Corporal on March 1, 1995 and is currently assigned to the Patrol Division.

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Government won't prosecute Internet material until ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has agreed to refrain from investigating or prosecuting Internet users for indecent or "offensive" material while a court considers a challenge to a new telecommunications law.

The agreement was announced Friday by Chris Hanson, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, which is leading a constitutional challenge by 19 groups to a section of the law, the Communications Decency Act.

Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern confirmed the agreement, which is to be filed in court on Monday.

Under a provision of the law, a special three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia is to hear the effort to overturn the law.

The panel has decided to hear evidence March 21 and 22 and April 3-5 and 12-15 if necessary. It can rule anytime after that. The moratorium on prosecution and investigation will extend until the ruling is issued.

In case the law is upheld, the government reserved the right to prosecute later any violations dating from passage of the law.

Last week, one of the three judges, U.S. District Judge Ronald Buckwalter temporarily blocked enforcement of part of the act. Buckwalter said the definition of indecency is so vague that people wouldn't know they were breaking the law until they were arrested.

However, Buckwalter refused to block a separate section of the law aimed at "patently offensive" material. His ruling confused lawyers for the government and the coalition of civil rights groups because the Federal Communications Commission, and indeed the law itself, used the terms "patently offensive" and "indecent" interchangeably.

The judge left the government free to prosecute those who make available to minors any on-line communication that "in context, depicts or describes in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards, sexual or excretory activities or organs."

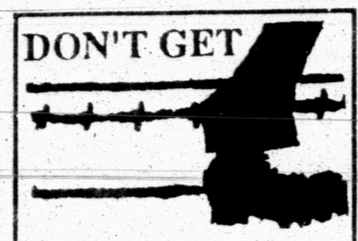
But the agreement will at least postpone any action under that section.

ACLU attorney Catherine Weiss noted that the agreement did not need to address the law's restriction on speech about abortion over computer networks. This is because the Clinton administration said when President Clinton signed the law revamping the nation's telecommunications laws on Feb. 8, that it would not bring prosecutions for abortion-related speech on the Internet. It said those provisions of the act are unconstitutional under a long line of Supreme Court decisions.



MORE SWEETHEARTS AND ESCORTS — Other sweethearts and escorts at Snyder High School are (front row) Jim Caldwell, Heather Ward (Tiger's Tale); Tino Vasquez, Melissa Castro (cross country); (second row) Roy Sallee, Stacey Parker (Tiger's Lair); Trisha McGrew, Kevin Kerr (French Club); Scott Hall, Kathryn Robbins (Student Council); Zeb Alexander and Lindsey Griffin (volleyball). (Photo By Ted Bigham)

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FDA panel rejects test for ulcer 'bugs'

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — The scientist who discovered that a bacterium, not stress, causes most ulcers now wants to check patients for the germs with a slightly radioactive breath test.

But a government panel decided Friday that while Dr. Barry Marshall's PYtest is safe, he must provide more proof that it works as well as promised before selling it to Americans.

"This is a test that's needed and one that will be useful," said Dr. Thomas Burks of the University of Texas. But without confirmatory evidence, "I cannot recommend approval."

Fellow members of the Food and Drug Administration advisory panel unanimously supported Burks' conclusion. The FDA is not bound by advisory committee decisions but usually follows them.

Some 20 million to 30 million Americans will get ulcers at some point in their lives, and up to 5 million take ulcer medication every year.

The vast majority are caused by H. pylori, a bacterium that infects some 30 percent of Americans. The World Health Organization also has declared the bacterium a top carcinogen, responsible for many cases of stomach cancer.

Not everyone with H. pylori will get sick, but the National Institutes of Health recommends that patients be treated with antibiotics to eradicate the infection. The question is how to diagnose an H. pylori-caused ulcer.

Most doctors diagnose ulcer patients with an endoscope, a tube inserted down the patient's throat into the stomach, through which a piece of tissue is pulled to test. A blood test can detect the body's immune response to H. pylori, but doesn't tell if the infection is current or old.

Marshall, of the University of Virginia, invented a 10-minute test to check patients' breath for H. pylori.

Patients swallow a capsule containing carbon-14, a mildly radioactive isotope that is naturally present in the environment. The amount in PYtest provides no more radiation exposure than someone would get from drinking 15 glasses of orange juice or a fraction of that absorbed from one plane flight, Marshall said. FDA radiation experts agreed.

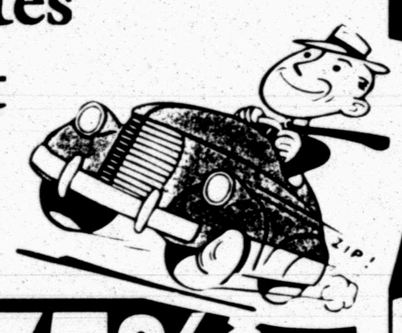
The stomach of a patient with H. pylori infection contain an enzyme called urease. Carbon-14 reacts with urease to form particles in carbon dioxide that the patient exhales 10 minutes after swallowing the capsule. The air is caught in a balloon and tested for those particles, Marshall explained.

If the patient is no infected, the carbon-14 is simply excreted in the urine and isn't detected in their breath, he said.

A study of 200 patents found PYtest 98 percent accurate at diagnosing the ulcer-causing bacteria. It correctly declared 88 percent of uninfected patients as well, as good as the invasive tests patients now undergo, Burks said.

But a confirmatory trial on 500 more patients had statistical and design flaws that meant data from just a handful of the patients was usable, the panel decided, asking for better proof.

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At 13, young activist presses leaders on children's issues

TORONTO (AP) — At 13, Craig Kielburger has become one of Canada's highest-profile lobbyists, pressuring the government to toughen its stance against child labor and child sex in foreign countries.

This week, the Foreign Ministry tried to sign him on as an adviser on children's issues. Craig declined: He didn't want to compromise the independence of his fast-growing nationwide organization, Free the Children.

"I should be working for my peers and not for the government," Craig told a news conference at Parliament in Ottawa. "We, the youth, must retain our own vision."

Craig, the son of two teachers from the Toronto suburb of Thornhill, formed the group last April after reading an Associated Press story about a 12-year-old Pakistani boy murdered because he spoke out against forced child labor.

Later in the year, Craig won a standing ovation for a speech about child labor to the Ontario Federation of Labor, whose members contributed $115,000 to his cause.

He went on a seven-week fact-finding trip to Asia that coincided with Prime Minister Jean Chretien's trade mission to India and Pakistan last month.

Craig asked for a meeting with Chretien in India, and was rebuffed. He stole the spotlight nonetheless by holding a news conference to introduce two children he had helped free from what he said was an exploitative fireworks factory.

Chretien then met with the teenager, and agreed to put child exploitation on his official agenda.

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A CAPPELLA CHOIR — A cappella performers at Snyder High School: (front row) Patricia Cunnington, Christina Bullard, Carol Strayhorn, Shelly Englert, Joe Bilano, Richard Rodriguez, Jay Ball, Scott Hall and L.S. McClain. Not pictured are Amber Bell, Jacob Crawford and Jonathan Pennington. (Photo By Ted Bigham)

Gerber answers critics with full page ads plus coupons

FREMONT, Mich. (AP) — Gerber Products Inc. fought back a consumer group's criticism about the quality of its baby food with full-page newspaper ads saying "Gerber sets the record straight on nutrition."

Gerber, which has about 70 percent of the baby food market, also included in the ad a $1 coupon off the purchase of 12 jars.

Last week, the Center for Science in the Public Interest filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission, claiming that Gerber is misleading people by saying its food is superior in nutrition. It said Gerber adds water, modified food starch and sugar to many of its products, when other manufacturers don't use them.

The group asked the FTC to prohibit Gerber from making deceptive nutritional claims. The company calls the complaint "utter nonsense."

In the ad, which appeared Friday in The New York Times, USA Today and other metropolitan papers across the country, Gerber said it uses tapioca in some recipes to add texture and a small amount of sugar in others to provide flavor "without compromising the nutritional value."

The company also said it makes more than 190 different kinds of baby food, including many that have just a single ingredient plus a little purified water.

Gerber said it also has plans for television ads.

The campaign suggests that criticism by the Washington-based consumer group may have hit a nerve among parents. Spokesman Van Hindes said the company did some research by phone, but he declined to elaborate. "Parents may have been misled," he said.

The center's consumer studies often receive wide publicity and have at times prompted big changes by business. They have taken a critical look at food in family-style, Chinese, Mexican and Italian restaurants, delicatessen sandwiches and movie-theater popcorn.

The director of the center said Friday the Gerber ad is shameful.

"Gerber would better serve its customers by taking this ad budget and using it to put more real food in its products," Michael Jacobson said.

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Ex-National Security Agency staffer arrested as KGB spy

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — At the height of the Cold War in the mid-1960s, Robert Stephan Lipka — then an Army clerk at the National Security Agency — would play chess in a park with a Russian named Ivan.

Nearly 30 years later, another Russian asked Lipka if the name "Rook" meant anything to him.

Lipka — not knowing his questioner was an undercover FBI agent — said yes.

The admission led to Lipka's arrest Friday on charges of selling the country's most classified secrets to the former Soviet Union for cash, including reports for the White House and U.S. troop-movement data during the Vietnam War.

Rook, a chess piece, was Lipka's code name when he spied for the Soviets from 1965 to 1974, according to his arrest warrant.

Prosecutors wouldn't elaborate on what documents Lipka sold, but Assistant U.S. Attorney Barbara Cohan said he had access to "the highest secrets of the U.S. government at that time."

"You only had to look at what was going on during 1965 to 1967 to infer what those secrets were," Cohan said.

An FBI affidavit disclosed that Oleg Kalugin, former chief of KGB foreign counterintelligence, described Lipka's spying without mentioning his name in the book "The First Directorate," published in this country in 1994.

"This young American handed over a significant amount of material to the KGB," Kalugin wrote.

Kalugin said his NSA mole used the money he had received from the KGB to pay for his college education.

Lipka, 50, a coin collector and gambler, went to Millersville University after leaving the army, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1972.

He was arrested Friday morning at his home in Millersville, Pa., just after his two children left for school. His wife, Deborah, a postal worker, was picked up by agents at work later.

A heavyset man who walks with a limp, Lipka was taken before a federal magistrate. Three times, he asked to speak to the head of the NSA and the NSA director of security. "I don't know any of the people named in this complaint," he said.

Lipka was charged with conspiracy to commit espionage and U.S. Magistrate M. Faith Angell ordered him held for a hearing on Wednesday.

According to the FBI, Lipka told an unidentified witness in 1966 and 1967 that he was selling NSA material to the Soviets. Lipka stole the information by photographing NSA documents with a camera the Soviets had given him and hiding documents in his shirt or wrapped around his leg, the witness told the FBI.

Lipka would drop the documents in the woods of Rock Creek Park near Washington, every four to six weeks, for the three years he worked at NSA, Cohan said.

Lipka told the witness he received $500 or $1,000 cash for each delivery. The FBI did not identify the witness, but said the person was given immunity and is cooperating.

The New York Times Saturday identified the witness as Lipka's former wife, who told authorities about his alleged espionage in 1993. The couple divorced in 1974, and the Times said it was not known why she waited nearly two decades to turn in her former husband.

The Times said it could not reach the woman, identified only as Patricia.

Shortly after his ex-wife went to authorities, a federal agent posing as a Russian military official met with Lipka four times in 1993. Lipka admitted to spying, telling the agent he had been underpaid, the affidavit said.

The agent offered to pay Lipka for materials left over from his espionage. The government mailed Lipka a $5,000 money order, which he cashed, but did not receive anything in return, the affidavit said.

FBI Agent Bob Reutter did not say Friday why it took three years to arrest Lipka. "Earlier investigations were unsuccessful," he said without elaborating.

The FBI said three confederates of Lipka, identified as working for the Soviet KGB spy agency, were not charged. All have returned to Russia, Justice officials who requested anonymity said.

Despite his alleged secret life as a former spy, Lipka kept a relatively high profile in central Pennsylvania. He frequently wrote letters to Lancaster newspapers on subjects from Rush Limbaugh to school lunches to politics, and wrote a coin column in the 1970s and early 1980s.

While still in college, Lipka ran as a Democrat for Lancaster City Council.

G. Terry Madonna, a Millersville University professor who was once in a class with Lipka, remembered him "as kind of a campus activist."

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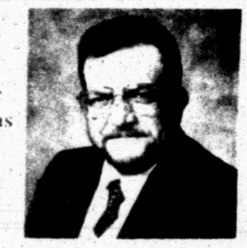
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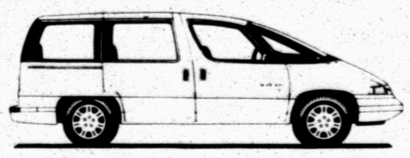
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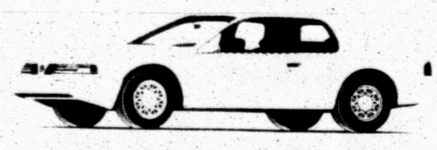


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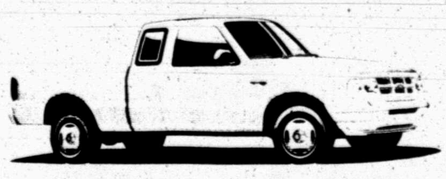
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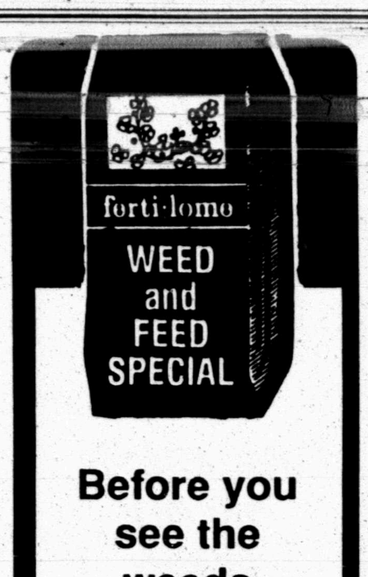
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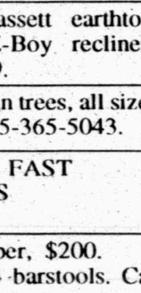
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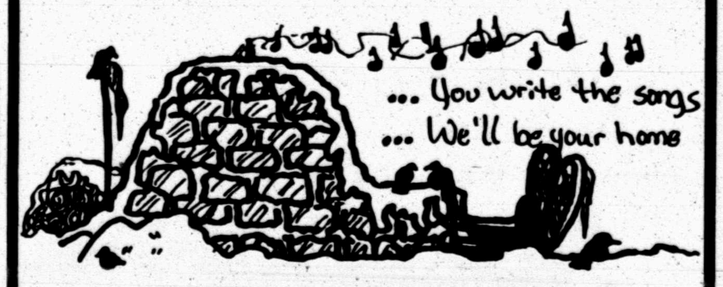
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Card Of Thanks

To all our friends who helped us with contributions, who prayed for us, or just had us in their thoughts, our most heartfelt thanks. You helped us get through a very difficult time. May God keep you in his heart.

Mrs. Anthony "Mac" McIntire
Michelle McIntire
Chad McIntire

010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Texas
County of Scurry

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of Thomas Waylen Holder, deseased, Probate Case Number 5,282:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of Thomas Waylen Holder, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 22nd day of February, 1996, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Marie Joycelyn Holder, 4505 Denison, Snyder, Tx. 79549 within the time prescribed by law.

Excecuted this 22nd day of February, 1996.
Marie Joycelyn Holder,
Independent Executrix
of the estate of
Thomas Waylen Holder, deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF DEFAULT

Notice is hereby given that united states district court-Lubbock, Texas, Case No. R454510633, duly served February 6, 1996, A.D. upon Defendants: Sam Cummings, Steven Sucsy, Marvin Williams, Jr. and R. David Freriks, and said Defendants being in Default on February 9, 1996, A.D. and the date of Publication hereof, and Default Judgment in favor of Demandants Johonnas Justus, Eicke, sui juris, the united States of America and Texas, ex rel. Johonnas Justus, Eicke, sui juris, qui tam, will enter accordingly.

Notice of same has been duly given.

WTC play will open

A student-produced version of "American Primitive" opens Wednesday in the Fine Arts Theatre on the campus of Western Texas College.

The play will continue nightly at 8 p.m. through Saturday.


Michael McQuerry

The production is directed by Michael McQuerry, a freshman at WTC and a Snyder High School graduate.

"American Primitive" was written by William Gibson and is based on the writings of John and Abigail Adams during the Revolutionary War.

McQuerry notes the play deals with the hardships of John and Abigail Adams as they live separate lives during the war.

It also shares with the audience the feelings of each toward the war and how both are very close even though the war has driven them apart.

The three-member cast for "American Primitive" is Josh Palmer of Snyder as "John Adams;" Sally Allen of Andrews as "Abigail Adams;" and Patsy Dunavant of Early, portraying "John Quincy Adams" as a 10-year-old child.

Taped voice-overs for the production will be provided by two faculty members, Michael Endy, head of the drama department; and Bill McGlothing, WTC English instructor.

The student crew includes Cody Cummings of Garden City, stage manager; Melissa Shatney of Shatney, costume designer; Jeff Corkran of Snyder, sound designer; and Tonya Tiday of Graham, box office manager.

Reservations may be made through the Fine Arts Theater Box Office or by calling 573-8511, ext. 233.

Tickets for the regular performance will be $5 for students and $3 for senior citizens. Groups of 10 or more can receive tickets for $2 per person.

WTC faculty, students and staff may attend the play free of charge.

Former resident receives honors

Janice Ireland, GRI, of Friendship, former Snyder resident, has received dual honors from O'Farrell Realty. She has been named the 1995 Top producer and 1995 Top Listing Agent.


Janice Ireland

Ireland is a consistent Multi-Million Dollar Producer and has been O'Farrell's Top Producer for the last four years.

She is also a top relocations expert and is well-known for going the "extra mile." Ireland is the daughter of Harley and Jo Smith of Snyder.

Al O'Farrell of O'Farrell Realty, said this is the first time in O'Farrell's history that the same person has walked away with both honors.

NYC policemen fired over incident

NEW YORK (AP) — Two police officers have been fired for their role in a drunken scandal in Washington last year in which some officers slid naked down a beer-soaked hotel bannister.

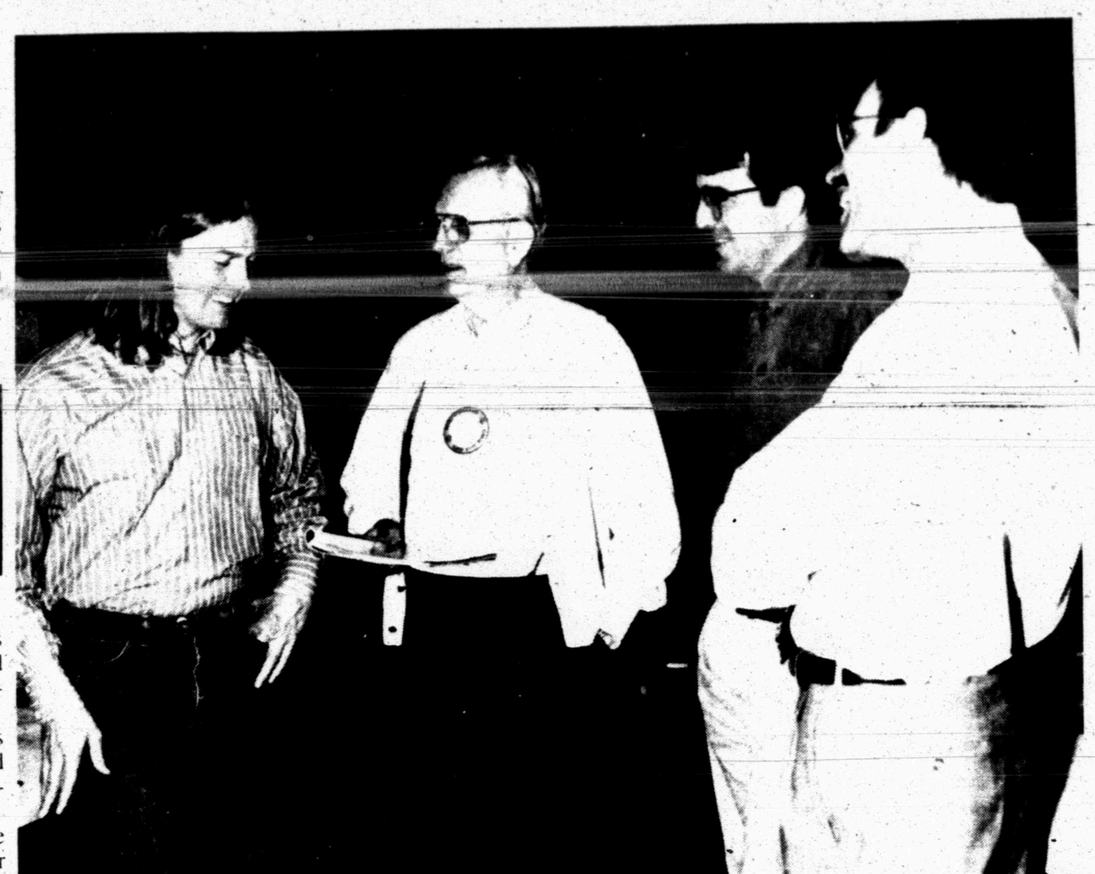
The men who were fired, Wayne Hagmaier and James Morrow, were among nearly 1,000 New York officers who traveled south last May for a memorial service for their slain comrades.

Guests and staff at the Hyatt Regency hotel said large numbers of officers joined in a party that quickly got out of control. Some stripped in the lobby, sprayed fire extinguishers in hallways and set off fire alarms, forcing many guests to evacuate.

Witnesses said Morrow, 29, and Hagmaier, 25, slid naked down the bannister. At an administrative trial, Hagmaier was found guilty of public nudity and spraying a fire extinguisher; Morrow of nudity and an overindulgence of alcohol.

They were fired Thursday.

One other officer quit because of the scandal and three were docked pay and placed on probation.



ROTARY VISITOR - Actor Barry Tubb visited the Snyder Rotary Club this week and following the meeting, he visited with Rotary members (from left), Roy Baze, Dayton Robertson and John Best. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dole campaign coming close to reaching spending ceiling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole's presidential campaign could soon hit a government-set spending ceiling, possibly before the crucial March 7 primary in New York and the Super Tuesday primaries in seven states on March 12.

Records show that Dole, who is facing robust challenges from Lamar Alexander and Pat Buchanan, is zooming toward the limit for candidates seeking the Republican presidential nomination. Federal election law limits spending in the primaries to just over $30 million for each candidate who, like Dole, has accepted taxpayer-backed financing for his campaign.

Based on a 1995 estimate of the spending cap, Dole started February with just $8.4 million left to spend under the law.

If he were to spend the maximum in each of the next nine primary states, he would be over the limit by March 5, before the March 7 primary in New York, where advertising is always expensive, and a week before Super Tuesday.

Even before the first primary votes were cast, the Senate majority leader had spent $21.6 million through Jan. 31, according to his latest report to the Federal Election Commission.

And that figure doesn't include his hefty, last-minute expenses this month for the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary.

An as-yet uncalculated cost-of-living adjustment will push the final spending cap up slightly, but it won't be nearly enough to allow Dole to pay for a lengthy, bruising primary contest.

By contrast, neither of Dole's chief rivals — Alexander, the former Tennessee governor, and Buchanan, the conservative commentator — is anywhere near the spending limit, having spent $9.2 million and $10.6 million, respectively, through Jan. 31.

And multimillionaire publisher Steve Forbes is not subject to the spending limit because he refused federal funding for his campaign and is paying most of his expenses out of his own bank account.

"If this race is going to continue to be close, Dole's going to have to be careful — the ceiling is a danger," said Frank Fahrenkopf, who was the Republican National Committee chairman during George Bush's 1988 campaign. "His best hope is that he begins to pull away in the next couple of weeks."

By any measure, Dole's finances are certain to be worrisome.

Primaries in several large states come after Super Tuesday, including Texas and California. Dole's report shows he has yet to make a dent in his spending in those states, where reaching voters requires expensive ad buys that Dole has yet to make.

Student arrested for possession

Three people were arrested Friday, including a 14-year-old Snyder High School student who was charged with possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

The student was taken into custody at 11:21 a.m. by the Snyder ISD resource officer. He was taken to the police department and later released to his parents.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at 9:44 p.m. Friday in the 3800 block of College Avenue for minor in possession of alcohol.

At 11:38 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 24-year-old male for outstanding city warrants and for public intoxication.

In other activity Friday, an offense report for criminal mischief was submitted at 9:57 a.m. in reference to damage to an apartment at 3009 Ave. N. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

A resident of Trailertopia requested to speak to an officer at 10:49 a.m. Friday in reference to problems with a neighbor. An offense report for Class B misdemeanor indecent exposure was submitted.

An officer was requested at Dollar General at 4:53 p.m. Friday in reference to an employee having money stolen from a purse. An offense report for Class A theft was submitted.

Brandy Roberge requested to speak to an officer at 5:06 p.m. Friday in reference to her vehicle being scratched with a key while it was parked at Snyder High School. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

An officer was requested at 5:19 p.m. in the 900 block of 30th Street in reference to juveniles throwing rocks at a residence.

A person notified the police department at 5:31 p.m. that four juveniles were spray painting dumpsters in an area around Skinny's on 37th Street.

Officers were called to the 1000 block of 33rd Street at 4:57 a.m. Saturday in reference to a disturbance.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Some Thought Should Go In Before Any Tattoo Goes On

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Sorry in Maine," the woman who went to a tattoo parlor with a girlfriend and left with a rose about the size of a half-dollar tattooed on her shoulder: She thought it was so cool, she went back a week later and had another rose tattooed on the outside of her ankle.

What a coincidence! I, too, have a rose tattooed on my ankle and I love it. I put a lot of thought into getting a tattoo because I knew it was a permanent decision. Unlike "Sorry in Maine," I have never regretted it.

But I have a word of advice for anyone who wants a tattoo. Circumstances change, so never have someone's name tattooed on any part of your body.

NEEDLED IN FORT WORTH

DEAR NEEDLED: Sounds like good advice to me — right to the point. (Sorry, I couldn't resist it.) However, before doing anything irreversible to one's body, one should give it plenty of serious thought.

Read on for a letter in a similar vein:

DEAR ABBY: I never thought I'd be writing to you, but I have seen nothing but negative comments in your column about tattoos on women. I just had to write on my own behalf — and I'm sure there are many other women who do not regret their tattoos.

Before I got one, I thought long and hard, then asked my husband if he'd mind. He said, "It's your body." So I searched and searched until I found a tattoo artist who did the kind of work I liked. I decided on a 2-by-4-inch tiger in blue, because I'm a cat lover. After it healed, I got a small tattoo of red and blue roses on my forearm.

I suspect the reason many people regret getting tattoos is because they did it on a dare or when they were under the influence.

I took my time, realizing this was something that would be with me forever. I would never have another person's name or initials tattooed on myself.

I was 40 when I got my first tattoo, and have heard only two nasty remarks from men. One was from my father, who thought I was nuts. The other was from a male who does not deserve mention. Someday I plan to get a third tattoo, although I have not yet decided what it will be.

TATTOO MARY IN
OTTUMWA, IOWA

DEAR TATTOO MARY: The majority of those who responded to the letter from "Sorry in Maine" were not in favor of tattoos for anyone; but since you are an adult who made an informed decision, I say good for you.

Some readers mentioned that a temporary tattoo is also available, lasts through showering and swimming, and can be removed with a special cream. (It's an excellent way for people to satisfy their curiosity with no permanent consequences.)

Some employers revealed that "a good overall appearance" tops their list of expectations for potential employees, and they would be less likely to hire people with visible tattoos. While acknowledging that their bias may be unfair, they associated a lower level of performance with people wearing tattoos.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What to do when blood fats rise

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain what cholesterol and triglycerides are. What is the difference between them, and what help is there for my elevated values? Someone recently told me that nothing can be done to help me.

DEAR READER: The blood contains two major fats: cholesterol and triglycerides.

As a rule of thumb, cholesterol levels should not exceed about 200 milligrams per deciliter. The higher the level, the greater risk of a person developing arteriosclerotic plaques that can lead to stroke and heart disease.

People with elevated cholesterol levels have a genetic tendency to this abnormality. However, the level can be reduced by prudent dieting (reduction of saturated fats) and/or several types of prescription drugs (Mevacor, Zocor and others). Thus, for such patients, much can be done to treat high cholesterol concentrations.

The role of triglycerides in causing cardiovascular disease is less clear. Health problems are a consideration only when the triglyceride level is more than two or three times normal (150 mg/dL). Such high concentrations often cause inflammation of the pancreas, liver and kidneys. A low-fat diet with or without triglyceride-lowering drugs usually is effective.

I don't know where your friend obtained his information. Physicians have a variety of effective techniques and medications to reduce blood fats in patients with unacceptably high levels. Ask your doctor about this.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." 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: Do you have any information on the effectiveness of shark cartilage in the treatment of cancer, and is it possible for bone cancer to go into remission in a female in her early 40s if she is treated with shark cartilage?

DEAR READER: Shark cartilage has gained a lot of media attention recently as an anti-cancer compound. Although research into its effectiveness is presently under way, scientific studies have thus far been inconclusive.

For no known reason, some cancers (including bone cancer) may go into remission with no therapy whatsoever. Therefore, anecdotal reports of "cures" from one substance or another must be viewed with skepticism.

Until shark cartilage has been proved worthwhile, I recommend that patients stay away from it. There are many useful alternatives, which can be prescribed by oncologists (cancer specialists). I believe that these drugs are superior to shark cartilage.

As a society, we seem more and more preoccupied with our colons.

One evening, during a national news program on a major television network, I was deluged with 30-second spots that promoted several products for constipation. I couldn't believe that I — and millions of other viewers — sat at our dinner tables and were subjected to a topic that was, a generation ago, reserved for a more private room in the house or for a doctor's office.

I watched aghast, as people frolicked on my TV screen, extolling the virtues of regularity and the incredible good health that follows a satisfying evacuation. I mean, really. Have we sunk to such a nadir that we're even INTERESTED in bowel habits, much less scientific references to waste products, while we enjoy an evening meal? Isn't there a more appropriate time to address this issue?

Goodness knows I and other physicians are well aware that constipation is a universal human complaint in the industrialized world, where diets tend to be fiber-free. I'm aware that irregularity comes with old age, along with wrinkles and gray hair. Heck, I sit in my office all day and listen to prim and proper elderly people, who wouldn't be seen dead in public without a coat and tie or fresh lipstick, share a litany of bowel problems with me, an almost total stranger.

Yes, it's true. When I pick up my mail every morning at the post office, I can count on someone coming up to me, tugging at my coatsleeve and breathlessly enumerating his or her bathroom activities. I don't really object to this; it comes with the territory. And I usually mouth a few words about prune juice, extra fluid and additional bran, while I desperately attempt to discard mounds of unsolicited second-class mail. This exercise, in a strange and personal way, is my own unique form of evacuation.

But now the whole topic has gone national and, I fear, young copy-writers in huge advertising agencies are increasingly pandering to Americans' No. 1 fear: My God, what if I don't have a bowel movement today? Forget the forced furloughs of government workers, the earthquakes in California, the war in Bosnia, and the other trivial topics. If I don't empty my colon on schedule, what else matters?

From a practical standpoint, you must understand that a daily bowel movement is not tantamount to good health. If you experience periodic constipation that cannot be solved by simple changes in diet, you should get a check-up by a doctor — in his office, rather than in a public building. Then you may choose to try an over-the-counter laxative, on occasion, if the constipation doesn't have an ominous cause, such as a bowel obstruction. But don't become obsessed with a clean colon.

Judging from what I see in nursing homes, most elderly persons watch talk-shows or game-shows. It seems to me that this is the more appropriate venue for laxative advertising, not the evening news.

Of course, the cynic might conclude that national news shows are the ideal time to address the issue of waste material, because the news and its presentation is so excremental anyway.

In any case, from now on, I'm going to watch the evening news either before or after I dine.

1996 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN

Fatherhood changes actor's perspective

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paul Reiser has some keen new insights since he became a parent. And some advice: Throw out his old book.

Reiser, co-star of NBC's "Mad About You" and author of "Couplehood," is turning his comic observations to parenthood these days.

He signed a publishing deal reportedly worth $5 million. His first book was a best-seller, with 2.5 million copies in print.

But he's got a new take on things domestic since Ezra Samuel, his first child, was born in September.

"It's true what they say: A baby does change everything," Reiser said Thursday. "So, whatever I said in 'Couplehood,' forget it. Disregard completely.

"In fact, if you have the book there, just throw it out. Seriously. Toss it."

Los Angeles was originally named El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciúncula. The English translation of that is: The Village of Our Lady the Queen of the Angels of "Little Portion."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 25, 1996

Your hobbies might provide you with an additional source of revenue in the year ahead. Take care not to get involved with projects that are too complex or time-consuming.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may get involved unwittingly with someone who might try to impede your progress by means of underhanded methods today. Back off if you sense this development. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you let your ego get in the way today, you may not achieve an important objective. You might make wrong moves deliberately just to prove you're right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Associating with the wrong individuals in a collective endeavor today could produce undesirable results. Try to make rational selections.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make concessions when dealing with friends and family today as long as they don't ask something out of line with your standards and principles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use common sense regarding the demands you place on yourself today. You will impair your efficacy if you attempt to do two or more things simultaneously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone who is not fond of you might make an attractive proposal today. Examine the package from top to bottom to see if there are strings attached.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you're obstinate and inflexible today, you might run into people prepared to test your mettle. Incidentally, these contests will not have victors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although you have the ability to recognize faults in others, you find it easy to forgive most people. Unfortunately, you may not have this quality today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take a realistic, prudent stance in your commercial affairs today. Keep a tight hold on your billfold, but don't expect to get a lot for a little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In order to lead today, you must first set the proper example for others to follow. If you try to wiggle out of your responsibilities, others will also.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might spend so much time worrying about the reliability of others that no one will be able to depend on you, either.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to temper your optimism with practicality today. Poor judgment may lead you to think the odds are in your favor when the opposite is actually the case.

1996 by NEA Inc.

Monday, Feb. 26, 1996

In the year ahead, your chart indicates that you may develop a more optimistic and positive attitude than you had in the past. The words "I can't" will not be in your vocabulary.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although you might be tempted to do otherwise, you should avoid discussing confidential family matters with outsiders. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Seek companions today whose basic interests closely parallel yours. He or she should also operate on the same mental wavelength.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) As today's events unfold, you might be exposed to a number of small opportunities for material reward. Interestingly, no one thing will relate to another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The good news you've hoped for in regard to something outside of your sphere of influence might present itself today. Keep the faith.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your powers of observation and your ability to probe beneath obtrusive facades will be your greatest assets today. Trust your instincts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can acquire helpful information today from discussions with associates who do not limit their thinking to traditional concepts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Act in harmony with your ambitious impulses today. You can advance your position in life by utilizing your ideas effectively.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Mind, not muscle, will give you the edge in physical competitions today. Keep your game plan flexible, and work on ways to outsmart the other guy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you will have the ability to perceive merit in shifting conditions which may confuse others. You will know how to adapt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your willingness to cooperate today will encourage others to act in a similar fashion towards you. This kind of behavior will generate winners.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though you might not reap large benefits today, you can turn a tidy profit by investigating sound, painless ways to economize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to expand your social activities today. You will be in a warm, gregarious mood and capable of finding enjoyment with friends from all walks of life.

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Contrary to popular belief, porcupines cannot shoot their quills at attackers. What actually happens is that when they hit another animal by swinging their prickly tails, many of the quills come loose and work their way into their enemies' skin. These tiny puncture wounds can debilitate or kill the attacking animal.

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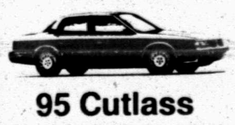
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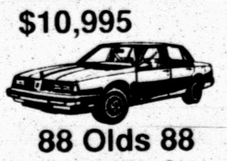
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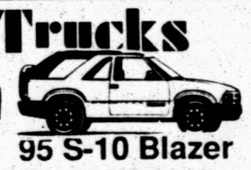
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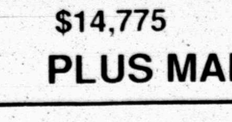
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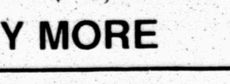
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Obituaries

Grace Daniell

1909-1996

Graveside service is set for 1 p.m. Monday in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder for Grace Daniell, 87, of Springfield, Mo. Mr. Homer Anderson, minister of 37th St. Church of Christ, will officiate.

Mrs. Daniell died Thursday, Feb. 22, in a Springfield nursing home.

She was born in Gustine, Tex., on Jan. 17, 1909 and moved to Snyder with her family in 1913. She moved to Springfield, Mo., in the late 1970s. Mrs. Daniell was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ewell Daniell, in 1970, and a daughter, Millie Ann Graven, and four brothers and one sister.

Surviving are a brother, Ennis Floyd of Snyder; three sisters, Ola Floyd, Nell Graham and Jetahn Rainwater, all of Snyder; a granddaughter, Gayla Graven of Pensacola, Fla; two grandsons, Bobby Frank Graven of Brookline Station, Mo., and Danny Graven, both of Springfield; and two great-grandchildren.

Personal, Professional Service

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Nora Burns

1906-1996

Funeral service was to be held at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Nora Rene Burns, 89, of Snyder who died Thursday, Feb. 22, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Officiating was to be Mr. Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ. Burial was to follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Burns was born April 23, 1906 in Lewisville, Ark. She married Jewell F. Burns on Dec. 14, 1924 in Hope, Ark. He died on Aug. 24, 1978. Mrs. Burns had been a resident of Snyder since 1925.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, three sisters, and two grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter, Faye Terrell of Amarillo; a brother, Lynn Sewell of Lewisville, Ark.; a grandson, Shaun Terrell of Snyder; and three great-grandchildren, Stan Titus, Katheline Titus and Caroline Titus, all of Amarillo.

Dorothy Mills

1918-1996

SAN ANTONIO — Service for Snyder native Dorothy T. Mills will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Ventura Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Born in September, 1918 in Snyder, Mrs. Mills died in a San Antonio hospital on Thursday, Feb. 22. She helped start churches in the Philippines and Germany during her family's military assignments and taught Bible classes for many years. Mrs. Mills taught art in the public school system and was a member of San Antonio de Bexar Chapter DAR and received a letter of appreciation from USAF Chief of Staff.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Col. Robert J. Mills USAF Ret.; two sons, Lt. Col. Robert J. Mills Jr., USAF Ret., and David W. Mills; a sister, Wilma Terry Stone; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

NASA delaying satellite launch

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Computer problems forced NASA Saturday to delay by one day the release of a satellite on a 12.8-mile tether from space shuttle Columbia.

Mission Control told the astronauts aboard Columbia that managers wanted to wait until Sunday to unreel the half-ton metal ball, in order to better understand the sporadic computer trouble. The satellite was supposed to have been released this afternoon on the end of a cord as thin as a boot lace.

The computer problems cropped up Friday as the astronauts switched on satellite experiments. The crew, with help from engineers on Earth, resolved the trouble this morning, but NASA decided it was prudent to wait an extra day.

Early votes total 73

Some 73 early ballots have been cast in the March 12 party primaries, with just over half of them Republican, the county clerk's office reported Friday afternoon.

Thirty-eight people cast their votes in the Republican primary; 35 in the Democratic. Voters may cast a ballot in either primary, but not in both.

Early voting is held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through March 8 on the third floor of the courthouse.

Fire

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that the state is spending $300,000 to $400,000 per day fighting grass fires.

On Friday, President Bill Clinton declared an emergency in 21 Texas counties which will allow the federal government to reimburse 75 percent of the firefighting costs in those counties. Among those counties are Taylor, Brown, Tom Green and McLennan.

Over 3,000 fires across the state have consumed more than 79,000 acres since the first of the year.

In Shackelford County, a fire was contained Friday that had burned more than 10,000 acres Wednesday and most of Thursday.

Fisher County Commissioners called an emergency meeting Friday and passed a resolution banning all burning in the county.

A large fire in Parker County near Poolville was contained Friday but not before it consumed over 16,000 acres and injured 49 people. In a three-county area, including Parker, Wise and Jack counties, 50 homes were destroyed and 86 farm buildings burned.

Officials in Parker County said they plan to file misdemeanor charges against a county resident for violating the public burning ban. The charge would be a Class B misdemeanor and punishable by a $1,000 fine and a 180-day jail term.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Katherine Floyd, 303 36th; Joyce Boyd, P.O. Box 1354; Joshua Gonzales, 2701 46th; Don Molina, Colorado City; Valdean Riley, 2006 37th; Pauline Stuckey, 3211 40th.

DISMISSALS: Austin Davis, Denece Hensley, Vanice Lovett, Joyce Boyd, Opal Callaway, Joshua Gonzales, Don Molina, Valdean Riley.

CENSUS: 60 (Med., Surg.-16, Long-term Care-37, OB-4, Nursery-3).

Births

Brandon and Travis announce the birth of their brother, Colton Buin Jackie Dee Claxton, who weighed nine pounds, eight ounces. He was born on Feb. 18 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Parents are Brandon and Jeanette Claxton of Snyder.

Paternal grandparents are Jerrel and Judy Pyland of Carlsbad, N.M., and Gary and Dee Claxton of Huntsville. Maternal grandparents are Don and Velma Massingill of Gail. Paternal great-grandparents are Cecil and Dorothy Lankford of Snyder and Ellen Claxton of Snyder, and the late Buin Claxton. Their maternal great-grandmother is Nora Massingill of Colorado City.

What's Up?

Anxiety 4th Hereford bull sale

The National Anxiety 4th Hereford Association is sponsoring a bull sale at the Scurry County Coliseum Ag Complex beginning Monday at 12:30 p.m. Sixty bulls and 10 females will be offered at the sale.

No HISD classes Monday

Hermleigh ISD students and teachers will have a holiday Monday. Classes will resume Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, Hermleigh ISD board will meet to review remodeling plans.

NAACP banquet Saturday

Scurry County NAACP will hold its annual banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday at Rudy's. The speaker will be Anthony Brooks, associate pastor of St. James Baptist Church in Colorado City.

Tickets are $10 at the door.

SHS Class of '76

Snyder High School Class of '76 will have a reunion planning meeting at 4 p.m. Sunday at Pizza Inn. All class members are urged to attend.

Bible lessons to air

A series of Bible lessons on video tape is being aired on Snyder's TCA Cable TV channel 2, featuring Mike Tackett as speaker. The first tape, "The View From the Cross," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Booster club to meet

SHS All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the First Christian Church.

Ira Masons to convene

Ira Masonic Lodge 934 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

ACS, Dialog to meet

The local American Cancer Society chapter will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday with the Dialog meeting set to follow at 7. Both are held in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Image workshop

"Image," The Process of Change is the topic for the spring women and self-esteem workshop sponsored by Western Texas College.

The workshop will be held Monday through March 29 with meeting times from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays in the GED classroom in the Learning Resource Center.

Carolyn Osborn, licensed professional counselor, will conduct the workshop. Admission is free. Interested persons should call 573-8511, ext. 397, to register.

Toastmaster workshop set

The Tumbleweed Toastmasters Club of Snyder will conduct a four-session public speaking workshop on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 in the chamber of commerce beginning Monday.

Cost is $25 for all four sessions. For information, contact Pearline Stewart Nolan at 573-8401 during the day or 573-9812 in the evening.

The Odd Couple

Performances of "The Odd Couple," a Ritz Community Theatre production, continues at 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The production is the female version of playwright Neil Simon's highly successful "The Odd Couple" of the 1960s, updated for a more modern audience.

Other performances are set next weekend, and reservations may be made by calling the Senior Center between 2 and 5 p.m. weekdays.

TSTA meeting set

The local chapter of Texas State Teachers Association will meet at 4:15 p.m. Monday at Rudy's Restaurant. Special guest will be Jeff Hardaway of Lubbock, new Uniserve representative for Region 30.

Cash 5

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

20-21-23-24-33

(twenty, twenty-one, twenty-three, twenty-four and thirty-three)

Pick 3

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

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(zero, eight, eight)

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Quartet praises the Lord through song, voice

Matt Cross, James Hanks, David Trevey, Wayne Knox

Brought together by a mutual love of singing and gospel music, four Snyder men known as 4-Giv'n praise the Lord through voice and song every time they come together, whether for practice or performance.

4-Giv'n, one of Snyder's newest songsters, is comprised of David Trevey, Matt Cross, James Hanks and Wayne Knox.

The quartet sings at local churches and activities such as the July Fourth Prayer Breakfast. One of their latest appearances was to be Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman



GOSPEL QUARTET — 4-Giv'n, a gospel quartet in Snyder, has been singing locally and throughout the state for the past several months. From left are, David Trevey, first tenor; Matt Cross, second tenor; Wayne Knox, bass; and James Hanks, baritone. (SDN Staff Photo)

The group's debut performance was at an evening service at Avenue D Baptist Church. Understandably "nervous" at their initial appearance, they have since sung at various church services, including funerals, and will also sing at their first wedding, for Trevey's sister.

Other churches they have sung at include one in Grand Saline, where Cross' father-in-law is the pastor. They also performed for the pastor's five brothers.

More recently, the quartet appeared in the Ritz Theatre production, "Forever Plaid." Due to that engagement, they said they have "received more exposure;" however gospel music — all types — is still their main focus.

Cross explained it this way: "Although singing in the Ritz will always be a highlight of our lives, we receive the greatest joy from singing about Jesus and His love for you and me."

Each has favorite gospel songs and Hanks, Cross and Trevey are interested in composing their own music as well.

Trevey sings first tenor, Cross, second tenor; Hanks, baritone; and Knox, bass.

Trevey serves as the quartet's director. Hanks is the official driver. Knox is the prayer captain. Cross is the booking agent and treasurer. The quartet does not charge for their performances but a love offering is accepted with all funds going to materials and travel expenses.

The four all agree, "We're not in it for the money."

4-Giv'n has been together about 1½ years. Though 4-Giv'n is gaining recognition, that is not the name the quartet started out with. Originally called His Voices, Hanks explained that since everyone kept getting their name wrong, they "gradually progressed to being called 4-Giv'n."

That name is derived from the fact that " we are *4* men from West Texas who have decided to *give* their voices to the one who has *forgiven* them," Cross added.

Cross and Hanks are original members of the quartet. Cross, who said he loves to sing men's gospel music, was instrumental in getting the group together.

He broached the possibility of organizing a quartet to Hanks one Sunday after church. Though he had never sung in a quartet before, Hanks readily agreed because he can't remember a time when he wasn't "interested in music."

Though he had never have sung in a quartet, Hanks has had experiences singing with church and school choirs. Two older brothers also sang in choirs while they were growing up.

Hanks originally sang bass, but later switched to baritone when that position needed to be filled.

In the beginning, two other singers joined Hanks and Gross to form the original quartet. They never performed together though. After a few months, two members quit for various reasons, and the quartet later stabilized with the addition of Trevey and Knox, who accepted invitations to join. This foursome has been appearing regularly, averaging one engagement a month.

The group meets on Sunday nights to practice. For Cross, these worshipping and singing sessions "lift my spirits;" so much so, he said, that "I would love to do it all the time."

Cross, the son of dairy farmers Fred and Ann Cross, recalled, "I always liked music" and often "accompanied myself when working on the farm" while growing up. He frequently sang with church choirs.

Trevey's musical knowledge is a real boon for the group. The assistant band director at Snyder Junior High School, he said he has "always been interested in music." He loves to perform and did quite a bit of it during his college days, but "gospel music is more meaningful to me," he now says.

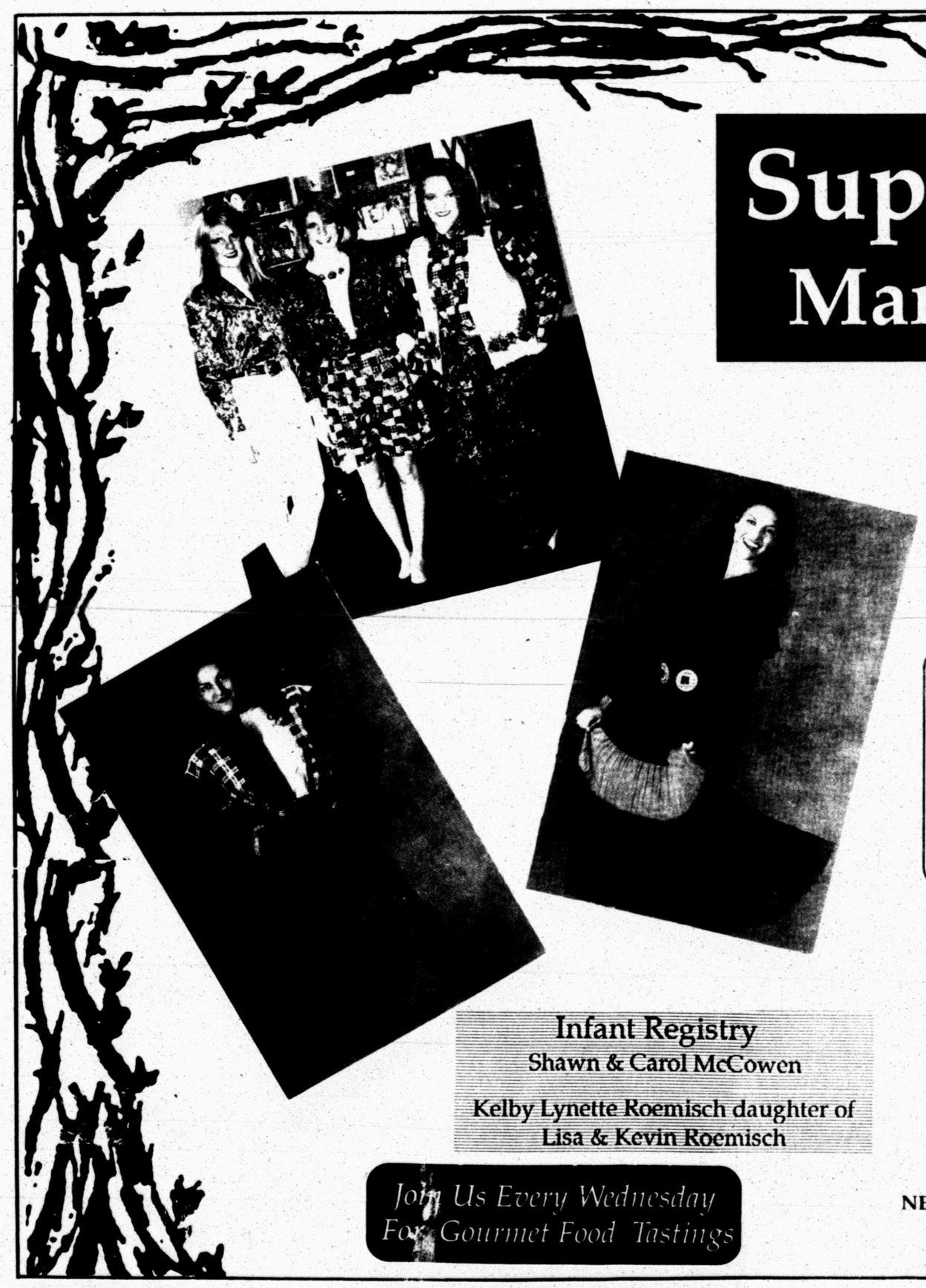
Each agrees that while the quartet is a "great blend of sounds and voices," it is an even "better blend of the group's spirits and personalities."

Besides lifting their spirits, they say singing gospel music has also bound them closer together in friendship and camaraderie. In fact, even if they did not have the quartet in common, they would still get together, they said.

Though the Snyder songsters enjoy practice sessions, even long ones, they sometimes wish they could spend time together for non-quartet activities.

All four are members of First Baptist Church which allows them

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WED IN FEBRUARY — Natalie Wieck and Darin Clawson were married Feb. 9 at Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo with the Rev. Charles Greenwell officiating. Parents of the couple are Larry and Elizabeth Wieck of Dalhart and Ronnie and Sandra Clawson of Snyder. Matron of honor was Valarie Miller of Amarillo and best man was Brad Gambrell of Lawn. Mrs. Clawson, a 1986 Dalhart High School graduate, received certification in medical information management from Amarillo College and is employed by Dr. Lourell Sutliff. Her husband is a 1988 Snyder High School graduate and is employed by Century Terrace Apartments. After a wedding trip to Nashville, the couple live in San Angelo.

Poetry writers meet

Scurry County Penwomen met for its February meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nunn with Sherry Bryant presiding.

Mary Westmoreland opened the meeting with a prayer poem.

Bertha Warren announced that she had read her poetry to residents of Rotan Nursing Home and that she had sent four items and photographs to the Birds and Blooms magazine.

Garnet Quiett reported that she submitted a devotional to Mature Living magazine.

Following reports, Helene Tutt presented the program playing an audio tape by her son-in-law, Bob Campbell, a poet and teacher at a university in Boulder, Colo.

Tutt shared a poem about love which Mrs. Charles C. Donaldson sent her mother after the death of her grandmother.

During the reading session members where members read their own love poems included Warren's "Impossible Dreams and Sweet Promises;" "Love and Be a Friend," by Quiett; "The Eyes Have It" and an excerpt from her book, "Growing Up on Deep Creek."

Other were "Facets and Valentine Lines," by Tutt; "Baby Dear and Two Hearts Entwined," by Bryant; "A Cowbird's Boot."

Bryant dismissed the group with the words of encouragement from "The Heart's Anchor," by William Winters, following refreshments.

The next meeting will be March 21 in the home of Garnet Quiett. Writers and visitors are welcome to attend.

Zoe Caldwell Treated

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony-award winning actress Zoe Caldwell was briefly hospitalized after she collapsed and was unable to complete a performance of "Master Class" on Broadway.

Caldwell, 62, who stars as opera diva Maria Callas in the play, was treated at St. Clare's Hospital and released.

Details of Caldwell's illness were not immediately available.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

American Cancer Society; board room in Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

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

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room in Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Luncheon/Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by ;calling 573-3427; $7 per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m.; games follow.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

The Garden Editor

By Dr. Ted Brice

Daffodils have four basic requirements to grow well and to produce abundant quality flowers; proper soil conditions, nutritions, sunlight and water.

First, pick your site and prepare your beds ahead of time. Daffodils grow best in full sun, however, some reds and pinks benefit when grown in partial shade by producing more colorful blossoms. The bulbs are tolerant of up to half day shade. For show flowers, one should consider a site with wind protection such as hedges or windbreaks.

A spot with excellent drainage is of the utmost importance. One can improve a poorly drained site with the installation of drainage tiles, or by raising the beds and/or the addition of well decomposed organic material and sand.

Proper fertilization will keep your daffodils blooming for many seasons to come. Daffodils prefer low nitrogen, moderate phosphorous, high potash fertilizer with trace elements made available during their entire growth season — fall to spring. I recommend a top dressing as opposed to putting fertilizer in the bed as this may tend to burn the bulbs and cause them to rot in the fall after planting.

For organic nutrients, use a little cottonseed or blood meal for nitrogen, bone meal for phosphorous and calcium, and New Jersey greensand or wood ashes for potash. Bone meal is not a complete bulb food. Bone meal to bulbs equates to broccoli to humans in that, although broceoli is a very nutritous vegetable, a diet of broccoli alone would leave us rather weak and unhealthy. Unfortunately, bone meal also attracts rodents and dogs who may dig up your bulbs.

Watering bulbs may be necessary if you do not get enough rain, one-half inch per week generally. Water is needed in the fall to assure good root growth before freezing weather sets in; again in the spring when active top growth starts; and April and May, the most critical time when bulbs are manufacturing food for next year's bloom.

To keep flowers up to show quality and size, the bulbs should probably be dug every three to five years and divided. Dig about eight weeks after the flowers bloom when the foliage begins to turn yellow, but before it disappears completely. If you prefer, you may separate the bulbs and replant them the same day.

Daffodils make wonderful companion plants in perennial gardens and borders. Don't be afraid to experiment with different combinations.

The Garden Editor, Dr. Brice, will answer any questions by gardeners if sent in care of the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX 79550.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	NORTH 02-24-96 ♠ Q 3 ♥ A Q J 2 ♦ 10 3 2 ♣ 7 5 4 2	
WEST ♠ A J 10 8 6 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ K ♣ 10 9 6 3		EAST ♠ 9 7 2 ♥ K 5 4 3 ♦ Q 7 6 5 ♣ J 8
	SOUTH ♠ K 5 4 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A J 9 8 4 ♣ A K Q	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

When should you lose your honor?

Arthur Schopenhauer, the German philosopher, said, "Fame is something which must be won; honor is something which must not be lost."

In today's deal, which occurred during an Irish tournament, South lost his honor at the wrong moment, thus missing a chance at fame.

I think South was too strong for his opening bid of one no-trump, which showed 15-17 points. With a prime 17 and a five-card suit, the hand is worth nearer 19 points than 17. However, when North had enough to invite game, South moved on with alacrity.

West led the spade jack: queen, two, five.

South could see six tricks: one spade, one heart, one diamond and three clubs. As West was marked with the spade ace, South knew he had to keep East off the lead. So, since declarer had to play on diamonds, he called for the diamond 10, passing the card to West's singleton king. Back came a club to declarer's king.

Aware he couldn't afford to try the heart finesse, South played a heart to dummy's ace. Then came a diamond to declarer's jack. West's discard was a bad blow as the contract was no longer makable.

As you've no doubt noticed, South made his fatal error at trick two. He should have led a low diamond to his jack. After West wins with the king and returns a club, South plays a heart to dummy's ace and runs the diamond 10, keeping the lead in the dummy for another diamond finesse. Now four diamond tricks are won and nine taken in all.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Dot Casey directed three days of Snyder Duplicate Bridge games held at the Country Club.

FRIDAY

N-S

1. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
2. Frances Stevenson, Mal Stevenson.
3. Louise Thompson, Jane Hinton.

E-W

1. Monte West, Rogene Spruell.
2. Verdi Kimbro, Marjorie Brown.
3. Martha Fagin, Pat Floyd.

SUNDAY

Four tables.

1. Louise Thompson, Dot Casey.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
3. LaVerne Hood, Mary Ann Key.

TUESDAY

Three tables.

1. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. J.O. Morrison, Nona Morrison.
3. Dot Casey, Charlie Blakey.

Elizabeth Taylor is through with marriage, but not men, she says

NEW YORK (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor tried so hard to make her eighth marriage work, she even cooked.

Friends say the main reason her marriage to Larry Fortensky didn't work was that he is quiet and shy, and preferred simplicity to all the trappings and staff of Taylor's busy life, People magazine reports.

"I know Elizabeth cut back on the help and people coming over," a friend, songwriter Carol Bayer Sager, tells People in its March 4 issue. "She even sometimes put on an apron and went into the kitchen to cook him dinner."

Taylor said practice doesn't make divorce easy.

"You don't get over men like the flu," she said. "Every divorce is like a little death."

"I'm not going to join a nunnery," she said. "I said I'm through with marriage, but I'm not through with men."

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The reason that there seem to be few smiling faces in old photographs is because the first cameras didn't have shutters. Subjects would have to stand perfectly still for several minutes.

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From Italian designers...

Spring, summer fashions

By DANIELA PETROFF
AP Fashion Writer

ROME (AP) — It's back to the future for fashion in 1996, with Italian designers taking a new look at the mod styles of the 1950s and 1960s for their spring-summer collections.

Sometimes feminine, often funky, the oldies but goodies will all return — shifts, shirtwaists, caftans, hip-huggers and hot pants.

These styles are updated mainly through technologically advanced fabrics — combinations of synthetics and silks, which create new textures.

The most futuristic is the super-stretch lurex in shimmering shades, which will positively blaze in the summer sun.

Just like in the heydays of Audrey Hepburn and Jacqueline Kennedy, Brigitte Bardot and Marilyn Monroe, Bob Dylan and the Beatles, the look is a combination of top-drawer chic and counter-culture cool.

Neat little suits with short belted jackets and proper mid-knee hemlines, country club shirt dresses and polo shirts will share the closet with bell-bottoms and wide-lapeled pantsuits, cropped lurex T-shirts, caftans and pedal pushers.

Waistlines are either demurely cinched, dropped or bared to hug the hip and reveal the navel.

1996 marks the year of the bejeweled belly button, a fad started by Naomi Campbell during the spring-summer showings in Milan last October.

Small shoulder purses, thick-heeled pumps or posh suburban footwear — loafers and buckskins — and oversized plastic jewelry complete the vintage picture.

Hairdos range from the debutante page boy and ponytail to other-side-of-the-tracks wild and frizzy styles.

Speaking of debutantes, they will all be coming out again in 1996 in a series of dainty chiffon gowns and pretty floral printed petticoat dresses.

For the more aggressive set, the Italian designers unleash a myriad of spotted and striped prints. This, too, is a revival item, as are the shocking lime pink and yellow shades — certainly not familiar in normally understated Milan.

The revival look when previewed in October was met with mixed reviews.

"Seeing it all over again reminded me of how awful the look was way back then," said Mary Lou Luther, a veteran U.S. fashion editor who writes a syndicated fashion column.

But the young set, which is now rediscovering the Beatles and lapping up such film favorites as "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and "Some Like It Hot" on TV, are sure to make the look their own.

Junior fashion followers have already shown their enthusiasm for past looks by snapping up all the thick-heeled 1940s pumps launched this winter.

The bad news for this spring is that curves, bosoms and bottoms are out again to return to a Twiggy ironing board silhouette. So now that the Christmas season is over, a rigorous diet is a must.

On the good side, local thrift shops are sure to have a wide selection of vintage apparel at affordable prices.

How Italian designers interpret the spring look depends largely on their trademark styles.

It is easy for Valentino, the late Jacqueline Kennedy's favorite designer, to revive the best in 1960s feminine chic. His second line Oliver collection features dainty prints, petticoat dresses and jumpsuits worn under short jackets.

Gucci, known for its classic styles, puts some new zing into a stuffy country club wardrobe. The horsy set will now sport see-through polo shirts, shirt dresses, rushes and lace for country club dinner dances.

Doing the 1960s for the first time are Milan's trendiest designers, Dolce and Gabbana, mere babes-in-arms when the Beatles first made music history.

Their strongest summer style is the pantsuit with low waisted bell-bottom pants and long, wide-lapeled double-breasted jacket. Ultra short shiny vinyl skirts worn with lurex T-shirts are also typical 1960s fare.

Giorgio Armani shuns most of the mod fashions, sticking to his tailored suits in understated shades. Nighttime, however, is a modern debutante's dream of diaphanous pastel-colored chiffon ball gowns.

Gianni Versace offers the most modern version of the revival look. He does it with 1990s flair, which means gold buttons, fitted bodices and see-through skirts. Versace's favorite shock color is lime green. But the new Versace suit with short jacket and just-above-the-knee hemline comes in sedate navy blue or demure apricot.

The most low-key and low-waisted collection of the season is Prada. Full of polo shirts, shifts and shirt dresses, the styles are drab, to say the least, anything but spring-like colors: chestnut brown, grape purple and olive green.



BPS QUEEN — Janeen Patterson was selected Valentine Queen for Xi Alpha Alpha Theta, Beta Sigma Phi Chapter at its recent meeting held at the historical Dodson House. Sorority members choose their Valentine Queen for their inner beauty including kindness, sincerity, humbleness, caring; and their leadership abilities, accepting responsibility, diplomacy, being a confidant and her dedication to the organization. Mrs. Patterson will reign as the BSP Sweetheart until February of 1997. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Fashion: piercing perils

ST LOUIS (AP) — Not only are more people, men and women alike, piercing their ears these days, but also their noses, eyebrows, lips and tongues.

The next fashion trend may be trips to the plastic surgeon to undo the damage, according to Dr. J. Regan Thomas, professor and chairman of the department of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

"We're certainly seeing more men of all ages and professions who are having their ears pierced. We're seeing men and women continue to add multiple holes to their ears. In addition, we're seeing other parts of the face and head be pierced as well. Along with these trends has come an increase in some potentially serious complications," he says.

The most common problem is tearing or a complete split in the earlobe, which often happens when an earring catches on something or is pulled as a result of activity like sports of holding a curious baby, Thomas says. Repairing a split earlobe usually requires plastic surgery to stitch the lobe in a way to prevent notching or deformity. Visible scarring normally results.

Infections and resulting deformity can arise from the practice of piercing cartilage rather than soft tissue, he says. While the earlobe itself is made of soft tissue, the outside edge near the top of the ear — a common spot for multiple ear piercing — is cartilage. Portions of the nose also are made of cartilage, which has a poorer blood supply than soft tissue, is less resistant to infection and a higher chance of scarring and deformity.

"Infection can lead to a loss of cartilage," says Dr. Anthony P. Sclafani, facial plastic and reconstructive fellow in Thomas' department.

Pepitone in rehab after license lifted

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Yankee first baseman Joe Pepitone is taking a walk, after pleading guilty to driving while impaired and being ordered to give up his driver's license.

Pepitone, now in public relations for the Yankees, also was fined $350 during a court appearance Thursday and was ordered to attend an eight-week rehabilitation program. His license is lifted for 90 days.

School Menus

Ira

MONDAY
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Birthday Cake

TUESDAY
Chalupas
Vegetable Salad
Spanish Rice
Crackers
Brownies

WEDNESDAY
Goulash
Corn Sticks
Black-eyed Peas
Corn Bread
Cherry Cobbler

THURSDAY
Stromboli
Mixed Vegetables
Sliced Potatoes
Crackers
Peaches

FRIDAY
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Pizza
French Fried Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Peanut Butter Cookies
Fruit Cocktail

TUESDAY
Chicken Spoonbread
Mashed Potatoes
Giblet Gravy
Green Peas
Waldorf Salad
Cherry Turnover

WEDNESDAY
Meatloaf
Coan O'Brien
Blackeyed Peas
Carrot-Raisin Salad
Orange Whip

THURSDAY
Ham Cheese Macaroni Casserole
Diced Carrots
Italian Green Beans
Fresh Spinach Salad
Lemon Refrigerator Dessert

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Pinto Beans
Savory Potatoes
Fresh Tomato
Cornbread
Red Jello w/Topping

Snyder

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
French Toast Sticks
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Biscuit & Gravy
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon Roll
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Donut
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast Pizza
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Sausage Pizza
Stuffed Potato w/Crackers
Tossed Salad
Fruit

TUESDAY
Beef Nachos
Frito Pie
Pinto Beans
Fruit Gelatin
Corn Bread

WEDNESDAY
Rib Sandwich
Chicken Burger
Baked Beans
Pickles
Pears

THURSDAY
Salisbury Steak w/Brown Gravy
Steak Fingers w/Cream Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Sheath Cake

Hermleigh

MONDAY
Student Holiday

TUESDAY
Juice
Breakfast Pizza
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
Milk

THURSDAY
Juice
Toast & Jelly
Milk

FRIDAY
Fruit
Sausage & Biscuits
Milk

TUESDAY
Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
Crackers
Sugar Cookies
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Lasagna
Buttered Corn
Carrot & Pineapple Salad
Hot Rolls
Chilled Pears
Milk

THURSDAY
Roast Beef/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Rocky Road Pudding
Milk

FRIDAY
Chili Dogs
French Fries
Relish Cup
Orange Cake
Milk
Green Beans
Hot Rolls

FRIDAY
Vegetable Beef Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Whole Oranges
Cookie

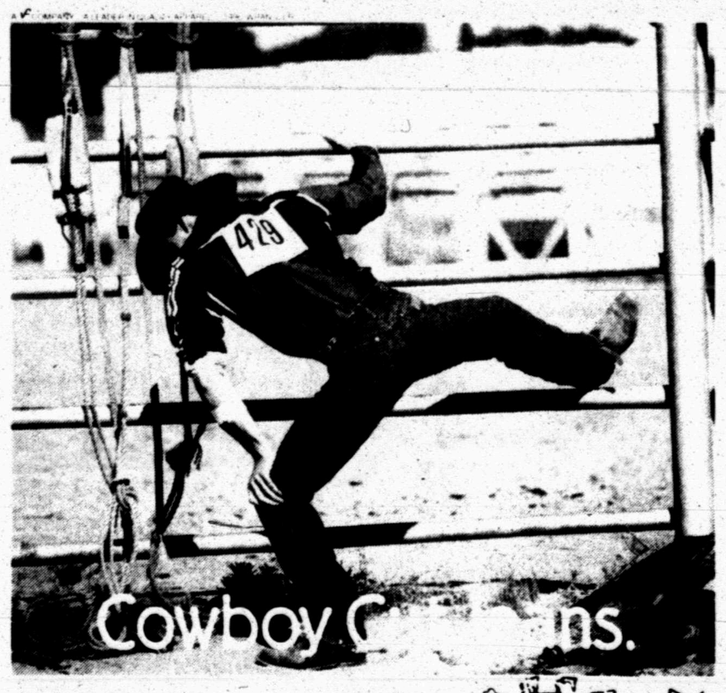
Bride & Groom Registry



Jamie Rigby & Cory Fisher	Lynda Lantz & Casey Peterson	
Kristen Grant & Ben Murphy	Lisa Pendleton & Cody Williams	Lori Etchison & David Cozart
Lei Holcomb & Wayne Holloway	Rana Eicke & Shane Meier	Tana Surratt & Kevin Holt
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GRADUATES — LVN graduates pictured (back row, from left) include Ladena Jackson of Snyder, Andreia Medlin of Big Spring, Misty Gruben of Rotan, Shanna Covey of Snyder; (front row) Kim Roquemore of Snyder, Sabrina McCauley of Snyder, Teresa Burns of Ackerly, Barbara Seay of Snyder and Chris Lopez of Big Spring. (WTC Photo)

Nurses graduate at WTC

Western Texas College graduated a class of nine licensed vocational nursing students Thursday, Feb. 22, with ceremonies held at Trinity United Methodist Church.

In addition, 12 LVN students were "pinned," indicating they have completed the first six months of the 12-month training class.

LVN graduates from Snyder are Shanna Covey, Ladena Jackson, Sabrina McCauley, Kim Roquemore and Barbara Seay.

Others are Chris Lopez and Andreia Medlin of Big Spring; Misty Gruben of Rotan and Teresa Burns of Ackerly.

Among the students "pinned" Thursday, eight are from Snyder, Stephanie Davis, Amanda Garza, Stephanie Hall, Laurie Hoops, Patty Olivarez, Hayley Patterson, Jeronimo Ruiz and Leonard Tovar.

Others are Charles Sweatt of Hermleigh, Dana Eaton and Cindy Posey from Rotan and Ruby Combs of Spur.

At Thursday's ceremony, featured speaker was Kerry Smith, a registered nurse at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The welcome was given by Michael Thornton, dean of continuing education at WTC. Thornton offered both the invocation and the benediction also.

The certificates of graduation and the six-month pins were given to the graduates and students by instructors for the LVN program, Diane Beard, Carol Watkins and Donna Robinson.

Processional and recessional music was played by Connie Dickerson and singing entertainment was provided by Patricia Cagle.



PINNED — Students "pinned" Thursday were (back row, from left) Charles Sweatt of Hermleigh, Hayley Patterson of Snyder, Leonard Tovar of Snyder, Stephanie Hall of Snyder, Dana Eaton of Rotan, Amanda Garza of Snyder (front row) Stephanie Davis of Snyder, Patty Olivarez of Snyder, Cindy Posey of Rotan, Ruby Combs of Spur, Laurie Hoops of Snyder and Jeronimo Ruiz of Snyder. (WTC Photo)

Bush confident board will investigate

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush emphasized Friday that he has full confidence the Texas Board of Criminal Justice will thoroughly investigate a $33.6 million food contract negotiated by former prison chief Andy Collins without formal bidding.

"I say to Texas, we will get to the bottom of this," Bush declared. "It's going to take awhile to get to the facts. I think it's important that we let the process work."

About 16 months ago, Texas prisons began using VitaPro, a soybean-based meat substitute produced by a Canadian company, in meals. The system also planned to market the substance to other prison systems.

State officials at that time predicted cost savings from using the food extender in Texas and profits from selling the product. But a state audit revealed there were no savings, and outside sales are less than $100,000.

Now retired from the prison system, Collins has been paid $1,000 a day for work as a VitaPro consultant.

On Thursday, members of the Senate Criminal Justice committee said they had lost confidence in the prison's governing board.

Hospice will close

BEDFORD (AP) — Sandy French thought she had found a dream home, but now she's going to have to find some place else to die because DFW Palliative Care Center is closing.

Officials at the hospice announced Wednesday that they are closing because only eight of their 30 beds are filled.

"It's frustrating to me for a lot of reasons," said owner Kevin Walters, who also owns APEX Home Health Care in Fort Worth. "We have such a good staff, and I know that we took good care of patients. But maybe it just wasn't the right time.

"It's one of the hardest things I've ever done."

Ms. French, who has lived at hospice for about two weeks, described the hospice as "like a dream home for someone who is dying."

"You can't ask for anything better," she said. "This place is all I ever wanted.

The 52-year-old woman who is dying from pancreatic cancer was told eight months ago that she had six months to live. She's been able to keep her cat of 13 years, Festus, in her room in a cardboard box.

But with the impending closing, she and the other seven terminally ill patients will have to find new accommodations.

Scurry County Folks

Continued from 1B

by Shirley A. Gorman

to borrow sound equipment whenever they need to.

All but one of the group is married, so family support is crucial. Hanks, "the single guy," said he appreciates the support given by his friends' wives and families, who often accompany them on singing engagements.

Usually, practices and performances aren't a strain on family life, but practicing some five to six nights a week for "Forever Plaid" did begin to cut "into time with the families."

"I have really enjoyed the friendships that have developed within the past 18 months," Hanks said. "I enjoy performing but worshipping in music form is my main focus."

Though not trained in music, Knox has always enjoyed singing. Choosing not to "let words or notes bother me," he said he just enjoys "blessing others through gospel songs."

Hanks grew up in Snyder and is a 1981 graduate of Snyder High School. He also graduated from Parker College of Chiropractic in 1988. Two years later he returned to Snyder, buying Dr. Leslie Butler's practice. Dorthey Hanks is his mother.

Trevey, a 1988 SHS graduate, earned a music degree at Howard Payne University. He has been assistant band director at SJHS since the fall of 1993. His wife, Tara, works at Thornhills. He is the son of Ralph and Virginia Trevey.

Cross, a 198- SHS grad, has managed the Heart Gym at Cogdell Memorial Hospital since it opened in December of 1991. He is a graduate of Hardin Simmons University where he received a degree in exercise science.

Lisa, his wife, is a nurse at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Knox and his family, wife Rita and sons Seth, a senior at SHS, and Joshua, a fifth grader, have lived in Snyder since October of 1992 when the oil company Knox then worked for transferred him here. They had been living in Bowie.

When the company wanted to transfer Knox again, he said they made a "family decision" to remain in Snyder instead. Since Knox had logged 17 years with the company, it was a hard decision to make, but he credits both the quartet and the Snyder community with prompting their decision. He now works for Sun Pipe Line.

Starr expands probe into 1992 campaign funds given to Clinton

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr has expanded his investigation to include certain contributions made to President Clinton's 1992 campaign.

The independent counsel, who had previously dealt almost exclusively with financial deals among a small set of Arkansas friends, won broader jurisdiction as he looked at a pair of Arkansas bankers indicted this week.

The revised jurisdiction also gives him permission to look for obstruction of justice, a charge that can outlive some statutes of limitations.

According to newly unsealed documents, Attorney General Janet Reno and the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington gave Starr permission last summer to examine some campaign contributions made during Clinton's run for president. Starr also won permission to look at other matters that remain under seal.

"We have not been put on any notice," White House lawyer Mark Fabiani said Friday. "As far as the scope of the independent counsel's work, our position has been that we will cooperate by providing whatever information the independent counsel needs to do his job, hopefully quickly and fairly."

That Starr would look at matters beyond Arkansas was not entirely unexpected. His office said last year that White House aide Bruce Lindsey, Clinton's 1990 gubernatorial campaign treasurer, was a target.

When Perry County Bank owners Herby Branscum Jr. and Robert M Hill were indicted Tuesday, a separate court filing outlined how Starr obtained jurisdiction over the men. The filing was necessary because the pair are not related to Starr's original charge: to investigate the Whitewater land development and two federally backed lending companies, Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan and Capital Management Services.

The jurisdiction notice includes exhibits that previously had been under seal. They give Starr permission to explore Branscum's and Hill's relatives and others regarding contributions to "the 1990 Clinton gubernatorial campaign or the 1992 Clinton presidential campaign."

The notice also says he can look for obstruction of justice, perjury, destruction of evidence, intimidation of witnesses or conspiracies among them. The expansion order includes seven paragraphs that remain sealed.

Obstruction of justice charges can be used after the statute of limitations expires on a crime or if prosecutors cannot prove an illegal transaction was completed. Gov. Arch Moore of West Virginia, for example, pleaded guilty to federal obstruction charges in 1990 after discussing ways to cover up illegal campaign contributions with an associate.

The Branscum-Hill indictment is the first Whitewater accusation to mention Clinton by name. It says Hill hand-delivered "at least $7,000" to Clinton a month after his November 1990 re-election. Without naming names, the indictment also says the men gave money to a federal candidate in 1991 and another state candidate in 1993.

It was legal for Hill to give Clinton the $7,000 and for Clinton to accept it. The indictment only alleges that Branscum and Hill raised the money illegally.

Branscum was appointed to the state highway commission after the contribution was made.



From her woodland studio in Holland, artist Marjolein Bastin brings to life her passion for all living things by giving form and color to the many everyday nature scenes that so often go unnoticed. She is widely recognized for her sensitive, detailed artwork, but what is most satisfying for Marjolein is sharing her world with all people in the hope of touching others as nature has touched her.

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New Vehicle Registrations

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Keith Matthies Construction Co. and Keith Matthies, 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Ronnie V. Lamb, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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E.D. Walton Construction Co. Inc, two 1996 Ford pickups from Wilson Motors.

Michael Tyrrell, 1996 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

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G&W Trucking Inc., 1996 Dodge truck from Frontier Automotive.

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Grimmett Brothers Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

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Patterson Drilling Co, two 1996 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Donald Huddleston, 1996 Ford Thunderbird from Wilson Motors.

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Marriage License

Jefferson Leath Trulock of Colorado City and Carol Jane Eiland of Snyder.

Francisco Suarez Castillo and Elizabeth Gonzalez, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Mark S. Graham vs. Jean Nannette Fine, suit for injunctive relief.

Cargill, Inc., dba ACCO Feeds, vs. Sny-Tex Feeders Inc., suit on account.

Action in District Court

Jerry House, individually and as next of friend of Jeremy Brandon House, vs. Richard Basiel Troyer and Watkins Motor Lines Inc., defendant's motion for a new trial denied.

Deed Records

Billy John Voss, independent executor of the estate of Loretta Jane Voss, to Billy John Voss, tract one being 183 acres in the northeast one-quarter and the northwest one-quarter of Section 152, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 359.69 acres in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being a 57.2 by 109.3 foot acre in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract four being a 1-acre tract in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract five being the south one-half of Section 98, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract six being the south one-half of Section 98, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract seven being the south one-half of Section 206, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract eight being the north one-half of Section 191, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Florentz Winston Joyce to Travis Hatter, Mary Boone, Wade Hatter and Helen Hatter, each a 2.52 percent undivided interest in 6,093.5 acres commonly known as the South Pasture Ranch, located in the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands contained in 37 various tracts described in either the J.P. Smith survey or the Kirkland and Fields survey; plus all the southeast one-quarter of Section 7, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; also all the south 480 acres of Section 183, Block 3, H&GN survey; and all the north 200 acres of Section 184, HH&N survey.

First National Bank of Abilene, independent executor of the estate of Ralph Neal, to Koy L. Neal, all of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 9 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Rodney B. and Charlotte R. Clifton to Violet Rasmus, 18.821 acres in the west one-half of Section 74, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Effie Watkins Wheeler to Billy R. and Donna Kay Hallman, 190 acres out of the south one-half of Section 25, Block Y, T&P survey.

Trudie Lorece and Mason T. Richburg, et al, to Billy R. and Donna Kay Hallman, tract one being 190 acres out of the south one-half of Section 25, Block Y, T&P survey; tract two being the southwest one-quarter of Section 7, Block 24, T&P survey; tract three being the east one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 7, Block 24, T&P survey.

D.B. Crockett and Linda Johnson, independent co-executors of the Mae Gray estate, to Keith L. and Temi T. Matthies, all of the north 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 20 of the Blakenship Addition.

Gloria M. Norvell to Pearline Selmon, all of the south 50 feet of the southeast one-quarter of the Gann Block of the Wilmeth Addition.

Ann M. LaRoux to Orin R. LaRoux, Patsy LaRoux Hart, Marshall T. LaRoux and William J. LaRoux, all of Lot 7 in Block 3 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Lyndon Yarbrough to Jack's Roadboring and Pipeline Construction Co., 12.73 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 96, Block 3, H&GN survey.

John D. Curtis Jr., individually and as independent executor of the estate of John D. Curtis Sr., Natalie Jeanette Clark, Willie Marie Moore and Wanda Jean Porter to Elvin and Ima Lee Curtis, all of Block 11 of the John D. Curtis subdivision of a portion of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Navy seeks common thread in crashes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy is using a temporary shutdown of F-14 flight operations to try to answer a haunting question triggered by three recent crashes: Might the sudden string of losses mean the whole F-14 fleet is unsafe?

Because the pilot and radar intercepter officer aboard an F-14 that crashed in the Persian Gulf on Thursday ejected and were rescued, the Navy may get some early clues. The two-man crews were killed in the previous two crashes.

The Navy identified the rescued men today as Lt. Cmdr. Roger Allen Pyle, 34, of Peoria, Ill., the pilot, and Lt. Thomas A. Eberhard, 29, of Washougal, Wash., the radar man. The Navy said both escaped with only minor injuries.

Cmdr. Stephen Pietropaoli, a Navy spokesman at the Pentagon, said there would be no comment on the suspected cause of Thursday's accident until the investigation is completed.

He said there had not yet been a decision on whether to salvage the wreckage from the crash site in the northern Gulf, just south of Iraq. He said the plane was about 30 miles from the carrier USS Nimitz when it went down.

Adm. Mike Boorda, the chief of naval operations, ordered all 337 of the remaining F-14s to stop flying for three days. Navy safety and engineering experts will review the three F-14 crashes in search of common threads.

An F-14 crashed last Sunday in the Pacific Ocean; another crashed Jan. 29 in Nashville, Tenn. There have been 10 crashes in the past two years and 32 since 1991. The F-14's crash rate in the period is a little worse than for other planes, but the Navy so far has not identified a specific reason for the losses.

"This is a mystery," said Kenneth Bacon, chief spokesman for Defense Secretary William Perry.

Just two days earlier Bacon had said in response to questions about Sunday's crash, in which the two crewmen were killed, that the Navy saw no pattern in recent F-14 crashes that would call for special safety precautions.

Each of the last three planes to crash was based at Miramar Naval Air Station near San Diego, although they were from different squadrons. Six of the Navy's 13 F-14 squadrons are at Miramar. The others are at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia.

The planes cost $32 million apiece.

The F-14 is a carrier-based fighter, first put into service in 1973 and designed to attack hostile aircraft under any weather conditions. There are three models of the twin-engine aircraft in use. The "A" model, of which Thursday's loss was one, is the oldest and has two Pratt & Whitney turbofan engines.

All 211 "A" models still in service are due to be retired by 2004. The "B" and "D" models have newer General Electric engines. They are scheduled to keep flying until 2010 when a new-generation front-line fighter is due.

During the 72-hour stand down, none of the remaining F-14s, including the others aboard the Nimitz, will be flown, spokesman Pietropaoli said. An exception will be made Friday when the 14 F-14s aboard the carrier USS America fly, under closely restricted conditions, into their home base at Oceana, as the America returns from the Mediterranean, he said.

Spring specialty courses provide leisure, income

Western Texas College's Continuing Education Division has scheduled a virtual buffet of courses designed to meet various needs and interests of the Snyder community and surrounding area.

Individuals 10 and up can learn the basics of sewing while others master the essential elements of lawn and tree care. Some of the courses to be offered this spring include the art of cooking, floral design, sewing, small engine repair, lawn care, photography and home health aide.

Courses offered again by popular demand are windows operating system, substitute teacher training and nurse aide training.

For the area elementary youth, "drama for kids," will be offered after spring break and correctional officers will have the opportunity to participate in "survival Spanish."

While many of the courses provide recreational or leisure activities, it's easy to see when viewing the list that several can also lead to supplemental income through "cottage industries" like small engine repair.

Other courses such as nurse aide, home health aide and substitute teacher training directly address job training requirements.

Individuals interested in Continuing Education classes should contact the Continuing Ed office at 573-8511, ext. 390 for further information and to pre-register.

817, 210 codes will be split

FORT WORTH (AP) — Residents of Fort Worth and San Antonio may soon join Houstonians and Dallasites preparing to get acquainted with new area codes.

The Public Utility Commission has ordered its staff to begin drafting plans for geographically splitting the 817 area code in North Texas and the 210 code in South Texas.

With the action, the PUC has apparently rejected any attempt by Southwestern Bell to "overlay" a second area code in the regions to commingle with the current codes.

The idea was hotly debated in recent months in Dallas and Houston, where geographic area code splits will be carried out later this year.

"They came down solidly that they want a geographic split," PUC spokeswoman Leslie Kjellstrand said.

The far-ranging 817 code covers a swath from the Oklahoma border to the Waco area, including Wichita Falls, Fort Worth and Waco.

The 210 code, carved out of the 512 area code in 1991, includes San Antonio and extends southward to the Mexican border.

Southwestern Bell agrees with geographic splits.

"We would have probably come to the same conclusion," Jon Loehman, a regulatory director at Southwestern Bell, said. "The hard part is deciding where to draw the line, not whether to draw the line."

The PUC ordered its staff to work with phone companies to come up with several plans to split the codes.

Bell told the PUC that it expects to exhaust its phone number supply in the 210 and 817 codes within two years.

The Dallas and Houston metropolitan areas will get additional area codes later this year. Most of Dallas will keep 214 and most of Houston will keep 713, but Dallas suburbs will get a new number on Sept. 14 and Houston suburbs will get a new number on Nov. 2.

Dialers to both cities will have a six-month grace period in which the old area code for the changed regions will still remain active.

Fund-raising dinner held for officer in King beating

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fund-raising dinner for an ex-policeman from Los Angeles raised $2,500 to help him fight federal prosecutors trying to send him back to prison for beating Rodney King.

The take from Thursday's "Homecoming Dinner" for Laurence Powell was less than the organizers, a conservative legal group, had hoped.

A Los Angeles police group canceled a similar dinner in December after appeals by city leaders.

At a pre-dinner gathering, Powell told a crowd of about 100 well-wishers that he was "doing my job as I was trained that night."

The dinner was held two days after the Supreme Court heard arguments on whether the sentences Powell and fellow former officer Stacey Koon eventually received for the videotaped beating of King were too lenient.

About 30 members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People protested the dinner outside the hotel where it took place. Several wore signs that read: "The NAACP Opposes Police Brutality."

"I do not know who is welcoming Officer Powell home," said Sylvia Williams, executive director for the Washington branch of the NAACP. "We certainly are not."

Powell said he felt as though he had been punished for doing his job. He also said his being punished has made it harder for police officers trying to maintain law and order.

"It just kind of puts me in awe sometimes," Powell said.

Senior Center News

Senior citizens who gave volunteer time to the Senior Citizens Center and/or the community are reminded that they need to report those hours to the Senior Center office by Thursday to receive recognition at the banquet honoring volunteers on March 22. Volunteers are to keep a record of their hours throughout the year and they can pick up a new form when they turn in this year's report form.

Thursday is also the last day on which candidates can file for election to the Texas Silver Haired Legislature (SHL). Details about the SHL election and the duties of those elected can be obtained at the Senior Center.

Bridge and a domino tournament are scheduled in the center at 9 a.m. Tuesday, canasta at 1 p.m. Wednesday, and bridge at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

Benny Benitez and his band will play for country/western dancing in the center at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Other special events for the week include the February birthday party at 10 a.m. Wednesday and a Leap Year party at 11:15 p.m. Thursday.

A program on nutrition facts will follow the Leap Year party. The ladies' pool class meets at 1 p.m. Thursday. The Kitchen Band will perform at about 11 a.m. Wednesday and the Sunshine Choir will rehearse at 10 a.m. Friday.

Bernhard Bartels will assist senior citizens in filling out income tax forms from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays. There is no charge for this service. Persons requesting assistance are to bring business papers for 1995 with them.

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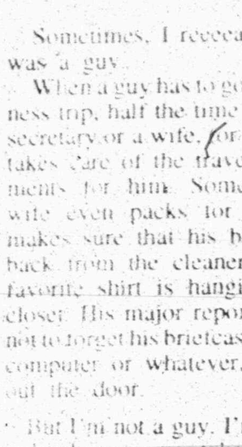
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Sometimes, just sometimes, I wish I was a guy



DEANE FRANCIS WILLS

Sometimes, I reeeeally wish I was a guy.

When a guy has to go on a business trip, half the time he's got a secretary or a wife, (or both) who takes care of the travel arrangements for him. Sometimes his wife even packs for him. She makes sure that his best suit is back from the cleaners and his favorite shirt is hanging in the closet. His major reponsibility is not to forget his briefcase or laptop computer or whatever, and he's out the door.

But I'm not a guy. I'm a mom, and when moms take business trips, they have to think for four or five other people besides themselves. Not only do they need their briefcase or laptop too, but they've also got to make sure the kids have lunch money and the fridge is stocked and the laundry's done and six different people each get assigned one of her daily tasks, so that the plants don't die and the pets don't starve and nobody has to drip-dry after a shower.

Why is that?

I used to think it was the woman's fault, that she had created this monster by trying to maintain control over the household. That she had nurtured herself half to death and so everybody got spoiled to it and it was her own fault for not making them do their share.

I don't think that anymore.

A couple of years ago, I had two back-to-back trips. I was promoting a book and doing writer's conferences and researching another book, and over a two-week period I was in about three different spots in the country. Now, anyone who flies knows that one of the biggest drags is living two hours from the airport. If you've had a layover in some distant city; if you've had to run your fanny off from one end of a behemoth airport to another to make a flight connection; if you've had to lug your luggage out to the pay-to-park place, (after waiting half an hour by the baggage terminal) and THEN drive for two hours to get home, you know what I'm talking about. Add to that the physical and mental strain of having to be "on" for days on end, and you get the picture. You're just beat.

Now, a guy comes home from a trip like that, chances are his wife's got dinner cooking and the house straightened up and a beer waiting in the fridge. Somehow, I got this cockeyed idea in my head that I'd find the same thing.

Oh Lord. We do live and learn, don't we?

When I came bumping in the back door, bags banging against my shins, the first thing I noticed was that the place looked like Hiroshima after the bomb.

Oh, they were gleefully glad to see me, and they wanted to hear all about my trip. (in three-minute intervals, during the commercials), but otherwise, nobody seemed to notice the laundry strewn from one end of the house to the other, the dishes piled in the sink, the grease spattered all over the stovetop, the mounds of wet towels in the bathroom.

I remember, I went into a white rage so intense that I couldn't even speak. In fact, I DIDN'T speak, not for days. Neither did I get up in the mornings. I decided to let them get their own selves out of bed and get their own breakfast and make their own lunch and wash their own towels and cook their own damn dinner.

I was real mad.

The mistake, see, was that I had assumed. (You know what they say about assuming anything.) I had assumed that my loving family would somehow empathize with my plight, would know how tired I would be, and would go out of their way to spoil me. HA! I laugh.

Eventually the gang caught on, though they never did seem to understand what the big deal was. Still, my next homecoming from a big trip was much nicer. But there's a trick to it.

The trick is: I don't assume anything anymore. I literally s-p-e-l-l out tasks for each individual family member: what has to be done on this day and that. Though I'm not as compulsive as some women — who actually cook a week's worth of meals and freeze them; I mean, come ON, why do you think God created microwaves? — I still leave absolutely nothing to chance.

(The ivy in the kitchen gets watered on Fridays. Check out the chart, you'll see.)

So when a mom leaves on a business trip, she's got to juggle a lot more things than just packing her bag or making hotel and airline reservations and seeing to it that her best suit is back from the cleaners. She's got to make sure everybody's carpooled and meals are planned and somebody is designated to take out the trash. (It never ceases to amaze me how much stuff they can cram into the trash without carrying it out; mountains of stuff; towers of stuff; anything, ANYTHING to avoid assuming responsibility for such a loathesome task which, I might add, moms do daily.)

Now, see, if I was a guy...I wouldn't even NOTICE it. That's the beauty of the world of guydom. That's why I wish I was one sometimes. Then I could just walk out the door and not even glance back once.

I'll be thinking about that this week...right after I order up some room service, plop back in the pillows, and punch in a pay-per-view movie on the remote control.

High cost of being poor

By John Hildreth

A mere $35. That's what Frank Allen has left for groceries, incidentals and bus transportation between work and home for the month. Once again, Frank faces living another month on credit — a credit card that charges the outrageous rate of 24 percent, already carrying a balance of $3,652.

Where did Frank's money go? A majority of it was caught up in the cycle of excess fees and expenses that face the poor. He must cash his monthly paycheck in the amount of $925 at the local check-cashing operation and pay a service fee of $18.50. Where there, he must buy four money orders to cover his monthly bills; the rent check alone will eat up 45 percent of his paycheck.

Since he can't afford telephone service, he crosses the street to use the payphone to make eight local calls and one long distance call. After completing his "personal business" Frank must take his small son Ricky to the doctor for his asthma, which has recently gotten much worse. Because of cutbacks in Medicaid coverage, Frank is forced to pay $75 for Ricky to get the medical attention and medicine that he requires.

Being poor can be awfully expensive. Making ends meet is a difficult enough challenge for most Americans. For poor persons trying to make ends meet, it is overwhelming.

In the U.S., business is conducted mostly without regard for the needs of the poor. They are forced to pay more for basics such as financial services, insurance, housing and health care that others often take for granted.

Because of financial restraints and the undue burdens placed upon low-income families, their situation serves as a constricting double bind in their hopes to break the cycle of poverty. They literally can see no way out as they are forced to use the limited, yet expensive, means they have to manage their finances.

In many instances, corporations "nickel and dime" the poor into even greater poverty. Since Texas has one of the highest percentages of residents without phones, a recent proposal by the payphone industry to double rates to 50 cents per call would greatly impact poor Texans. A survey conducted by the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas revealed that of 172 phoneless individuals surveyed in Texas, 88 percent had monthly incomes of less than $1,200. The payphone thus serves as a lifeline to the phoneless.

Check cashing operations and credit card companies are other big businesses that exploit the needs of the poor. For example, check cashing services that target low-income households continue to grow in numbers even though their rates are as much as five times higher than those charged by banks. According to a Consumers Union report, check cashing outlets are disproportionately located in major urban areas, often in low-income neighborhoods. These outlets thrive since mainstream financial institutions do not serve low-income customers.

Credit card companies are also jumping on the bandwagon. For example, in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, credit card companies have been handing out cards to the poorest of residents. Faced with little or no cash, the credit card seems to be a pot of gold. Amongst overdue bills and hungry kids, credit cards are often too tempting to resist.

Problems buying auto insurance — a necessity required by law — continue to plague low-income communities. Underwriting guidelines used to determine who insurers will cover are not regulated. Companies use factors such as credit history or even what credit cards are in the family's name to determine who can get lower-priced coverage. Therefore, coverage often has little to do with driving records and more to do with credit ratings.

Studies by the Texas Department of Insurance also show that enrollment in TAIPA — the high-cost pool intended for high-risk drivers — and in County Mutuals, which sell at unregulated rates, are substantially higher in low-income neighborhoods.

Additionally, Texas families are forced into inadequate housing at expensive rates. A recent Harvard University study found that a large percentage of low-income families pay more than half of their income for rent. The persistence of poverty and the ongoing loss of low-cost housing stock serve to ensure that millions of low-income families are forced into poor quality but not necessarily low-cost housing. Cutbacks in housing assistance serve to accentuate this problem for the few families who actually receive such assistance.

This cycle of poverty ensures that those already caught in its vicious spiral remain there. Corporate America should not resort to deceitful marketing schemes for profit in poor and underserved communities. Services that most of us take for granted should be available to all Texans as a reasonable cost.

John Hildreth is the director of the Southwest Regional Office of Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports.

Letters to the Editor

A loving person

Dear Editor:

I am the mother of Carolyn Carr, the woman who was murdered in your town. I'm writing because there are things I didn't get a chance to say that I would like you good people to know about Carolyn.

Carolyn was a beautiful person and a wonderful loving daughter, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She gave a lot of love and received a lot of love in return from all of us.

We did not see each other every day but we spent quality time together whenever we could. Whenever I spent a night at her house we would have so much fun together. She would make me a bubble bath, do my nails, she was that kind of person that didn't mind going out of her way to make a person feel good, to bring a smile to a person's face. She always took interest in doing things to make others happy.

Carolyn would walk in a room full of people and would pick the person who looked the saddest and do her best to cheer that person up. She was that kind of a loving person and I miss her so much. I still find it hard to believe that she is gone. She is missed by all the family and all the friends that she left behind.

The hurting thing most of all is the way she died; a slight relief is the way she lived and the way she loved, and Carolyn truly loved the Lord and that is the greatest comfort of all.

It showed in her everyday life and it is what made her the very special person that she was, is and will always be remembered as in our hearts and minds. Carolyn is truly missed, and she was and still is truly loved.

We, the family, thank you good people of Snyder, the jury, the DA, the judge and the court officials, and last but definitely not least, the police department who worked very hard so that justice could be served. A special thanks to your newspaper which covered the story and gave me a chance to share memories of Carolyn. God bless each and everyone of you!

Ms. Melba Mathiew
(Carolyn's Mother)
Houston

Support museum

Dear Editor,

For the last 11 years, I have had the honor and the privilege of being the director of your Scurry County Museum. I want to thank all of you for the nice letters, calls and comments of appreciation I have received this last month (and over the years). I have enough wonderful memories to last a lifetime!

Contrary to what some people believe, the museum is not an elitist organization; the museum belongs to all the people. It is the collective memory of your community. It is not, and should not be, just a story of prominent people, but of all people; the farmer, the rancher, the housewife, the school teacher and the oil field worker.

Even if you are not a native of this area, you can share the common experience of major events such as the Depression, WWII, etc. You can also share in the beauty of a wild flower or a lovely painting or sculpture.

Please, support your museum. You can do it financially, by volunteering and by attending special events. It is extremely important that we preserve the heritage of this wonderful land for our children and our children's children.

Shirley Leftwich
Snyder

Editorial Comment

On military cutbacks

The Dallas Morning News

The recent announcement by Defense Secretary William Perry that more cuts in the nation's military reserve forces are scheduled for fiscal year 1996 represents bitter but necessary medicine. Efficiency demands that military downsizing in the post-Cold War era target units in both the reserves and the regular military.

Explaining the cuts does not render them any less painful for those serving in superfluous units. The pending round of cutbacks — the third of five that are scheduled — will affect nearly 16,000 Americans who serve in such units, or about 1.6 percent of the U.S. military's reserve component.

Part-time military service in the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps is a source of pride in the tradition of the civilian-soldier that extends back to Revolutionary War days. But it also a means of augmenting civilian paychecks and doing "something different."

These considerations are important for individuals in the reserves, but the Pentagon cannot be swayed by them. the two legitimate criteria are the usefulness of reserve components in furthering a national military strategy in time of war, and their usefulness in responding to critical domestic emergencies.

Sadly, no state is scheduled to take a bigger hit than Texas. Over the next seven months, reserve units throughout the state are scheduled to lose 2,679 positions. At the local level, the move will be keenly felt with the loss of the VMFA-124 fighter attack squadron, a Marine unit, at the Dallas naval air station.

From a high of 1.2 million in 1989, the Pentagon plans to reduce reserve strength to just over 950,000 by the end of 1999. That is obviously a reflection of post-Cold War realities. Reasonable people may disagree over how fast the reduction should occur, but a reduction is imperative.

As with the base closing issue, it is likely that new geopolitical and fiscal realities will not prevent politicking against the cuts. But when all is said and done, the actual need of the armed forces for critical missions abroad and at home must prevail over purely political considerations.

Putting B-2 on back burner

The Waco Tribune-Herald

President Clinton made a gutsy decision recently when he stopped production of the B-2 bomber program.

The decision took courage because this is an election year, not because the cancellation will be criticized by America's military brass or their supporters.

Clinton's decision flew in the face of conventional wisdom that requires incumbent candidates to dump huge piles of tax dollars into all the states where they need votes in the next election.

In the case of the B-2, the controversial stealth bombers are built in Southern California by Northrop Grumman Corp. More than 9,000 workers are employed on the B-2 project. But the number that incumbents look at is "54." That's the number of electoral votes assigned to California — a treasure-trove of electoral votes for presidential candidates.

Congressional Republicans figured they had a win-win idea for the Grand Old Party when they added $493 million to this year's defense budget to continue the production of B-2 bombers. The way they figured it, California voters would be grateful to the Republicans for the gift. And if Clinton axed the program, then California voters would punish Clinton. And it may work out that way. But it shouldn't.

The Pentagon didn't want the B-2 program to continue. The military brass didn't want the extra money to keep the program alive. The taxpayers already shelled out $44 million for 20 B-2 bombers and military officials thought that was enough.

The $493 million added by the Republicans in this budget would eventually cost taxpayers $30 billion to keep the production line running for the next two decades — for something top military officials, including Defense Secretary William Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, opposed.

Clinton can turn the trap planned for him to his advantage by chopping off other election-year military and pork-barrel programs. The unneeded Seawolf submarine program is another example of election-year pork designed to win votes in Connecticut. Each Seawolf sub costs taxpayers about $2 billion even though the subs are no longer needed to ensure future military readiness.

There are also all those military bases that the military and base closing commissions have recommended closing as unneeded. But many bases are kept in operation just to win votes to help political parties or individual politicians. If it's unneeded, it should go.



Carbon monoxide detectors save lives, but also frustrate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Invisible, odorless gas seeping from the furnace in their Natick, Mass., home could have killed Neil and Mary MacIsaac and their five children. But the piercing shriek of a carbon monoxide detector warned them in time.

If they had a detector, Indis and Irene Vilks might also have survived.

The Vilks died together Christmas night, a day after celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary, when gas from a faulty furnace filled their Silver Bay, Minn., home.

"It's such an easy thing to happen, and it happens so quick," said their son, Val Vilks, who discovered his parents' bodies Dec. 26. "It's very important for the message to get out: Buy a detector."

It's a message the Consumer Product Safety Commission has promoted since the detectors came on the market in 1992, but so far only about 6 percent of U.S. homes have them. They cost from $30 to $70.

Commission members hope the devices will become as popular as smoke detectors, which have been sold for 25 years and are now in almost 90 percent of households.

But like the early smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms are still being fine-tuned. They have caused frustration for some consumers and firefighters, who complain the detectors are overly sensitive.

Several researchers argue, however, that most problems are caused by consumers who place the detectors too close to furnaces, or by untrained firefighters and repair workers who dismiss legitimate calls as false alarms.

That happens easily, because opening a window or door can dissipate the gas before help arrives, masking a problem that will probably recur if not fixed.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission held a two-day hearing, ended Thursday, to study the issue. It plans to make recommendations in June, which could bring about voluntary changes in the way the detectors are calibrated or the instructions they come with.

"We know that carbon monoxide detectors save lives," said commission Chairwoman Ann Brown. "Now we need to find ways to make them as reliable as possible so people will buy them and use them."

Carbon monoxide, created by burning fuel, becomes dangerous when it's not vented to the outdoors.

The commission says about 220 people per year die of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning in the home, most often from furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces, gas ovens, or automobile exhaust in a garage.

Tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis died in September 1994 when the Southampton, N.Y., cottage where he was staying filled with gas produced by a pool heater in the basement.

Each year, at least 5,000 people seek treatment for illness caused by the gas. Officials believe many more cases are never reported because the symptoms mimic the flu — headache, fatigue, nausea and weakness.

Last December, a Cleveland family of four came to a hospital emergency room with complaints they feared might be caused by carbon monoxide. They were told they had the flu, and sent home.

Within the week, the Reed family died of carbon monoxide poisoning. A bird's nest had blocked their furnace flue.

While acknowledging the danger, some fire officials question whether the detectors are being pushed on a confused public.

Family Focus

By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.



Q. We have several teenagers in our home, and it seems like it is getting more and more difficult to make them mind us. What can we do to maintain discipline with our teens?

A. Your only tool of discipline is to manipulate your teenager's environmental circumstances in moments of confrontation. You have the keys to the family automobile and can allow your son or daughter to use it (or be chauffeured in it). You may grant or withhold privileges, including permission to go to a party. You control the family purse and can choose to share it or loan it or dole it or close it. And you can "ground" your adolescent or deny him the use of the telephone or television for a while.

Now obviously, these are not very influential "motivators," and are at times totally inadequate for the situation at hand. After we have appealed to reason and cooperation and family loyalty, all that remains are relatively weak methods of "punishment." We can only link behavior of our kids with desirable and undesirable consequences and hope the connection will be of sufficient influence to elicit their cooperation.

If that sounds pretty wobbly-legged, let me explain what I am implying: A willful, angry 16-year-old boy or girl can win a confrontation with his own parents today, if worse comes to worst. The law leans ever more in the direction of emancipation of the teenager. He can leave home in many areas and avoid being returned. He can drink and smoke pot and break many other civil laws before he is punished by society. His girlfriend can obtain birth control pills in many states without her parents' knowledge or permission. And if that fails, she can slip into a clinic for an unannounced abortion. Very few "adult" privileges and vices can be denied a teenager who has the passion for independence and a will to fight.

How different was the situation when Billy Joe was raised on the farm in days of old, living perhaps eight or 10 miles by horseback from the home of his nearest contemporary. His dad, Farmer Brown, impressed by his own authority, could "talk sense" to his rebellious boy without the interference of outside pressure. There is no doubt that it was much easier for father and son to come to terms while sitting on a plow at the far end of Forgotten Field.

But today, every spark of adolescent discontent is fanned into a smoldering flame. The grab for the teen dollar has become big business, with enticing magazines, record companies, radio, television and concert entrepreneurs to cater to each youthful whim. And, of course, masses of high school students congregate idly in the city and patronize those obliging companies. They have become a force to be considered.

Unless teenagers have an inner tug toward cooperation and responsibility, the situation can get nasty very quickly. But where does that voice of restraint originate? It has been my contention that the early years of childhood are vital to the establishment of respect between generations. Without that kind of foundation--without a touch of awe in the child's perception of his parent--then the balance of power and control is definitely shifted toward the younger combatant. I would be doing a disservice to you if I implied otherwise.

Q. My husband and I are divorced. Should this change the way I discipline my children?

A. The principles of good discipline remain the same, regardless of the family setting. The procedures do become somewhat harder for one parent, like yourself, to implement, since you have no one to support you when the children become defiant. You have to play the role of the father and mother, which is not easily done. Nevertheless, children do not make allowances for your handicap. You must demand their respect, or you will not receive it.

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Child-custody parity groups working on women's behalf

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soon after she lost custody of her young daughter, Michelle Thompson-Pattan founded the Michigan Alliance for the Rights of Children to give women who share her plight somewhere to turn.

Large national feminist organizations like the National Organization for Women are not in business to help mothers facing loss of child custody, so women like Thompson-Pattan are forming grassroots organizations.

"I speak from experience. There are too few places where women facing heart-breaking and financially ruinous situations can get help," says Thompson-Pattan, who spent more than $100,000 in legal fees and costs in losing custody to her daughter's father.

Groups like the Michigan Alliance have sprung up across the country because fathers increasingly are fighting for and winning child custody. Many women who join these groups contend that the legal system discriminates against mothers.

"It's a backlash battleground and women are getting chewed up," says Phyllis Chesler, an authority on child-custody proceedings that stem from divorce.

Chesler, author of "Mothers on Trial" says her research shows that fathers who seek custody of their children now win more than 70 percent of the time.

"Financial resources is a key ... women generally don't have enough money to engage in this trench warfare," she says.

"Double standards pervade the child-custody courts," Chesler says. "Fathers often win custody even when they are parentally uninvolved or abusive; mothers lose it for any departure from an idealized stereotype of motherhood. Many good mothers, not crazy or man-hating women, are being torn from their young children's lives."

And "feminists' desire to invite men into the nursery has caused confusion or ambivalence" among leading women's groups, keeping them from the fray, she says.

Emily Brundage of the Committee for Mother and Child Rights in Virginia says custody courts are failing to protect vulnerable children.

"Men who fight for custody are not necessarily the nurturing, supportive type. Many have hidden agendas — a need to control the mother and children, avoiding child support payments or even to continue an abusive relationship," she says.

But David L. Levy of the Children's Rights Council says focusing on the hottest custody battles ignores the bigger picture. Women head 85 percent of the nation's single-parent families, he notes.

"Cases involving prolonged and bitter litigation may represent 3 percent of all custody proceedings," says Levy, whose group is accused by women's organizations of being more interested in the rights of fathers than those of mothers and children.

Levy, however, says some fathers' rights groups criticize his organization for not being militant enough. And he offers no apologies for fathers who enter custody fights with fatter wallets than their ex-wives.

He, too, criticizes custody courts.

"The courts love to pick winners and losers," he says. "That's appropriate when you're fighting over a piece of furniture, but by picking winners and losers in custody, you assure that the children are losers. We need to demilitarize divorce."

Liz Richards, who leads the National Alliance for Family Court Justice from her Virginia home, is particularly embittered by her experiences in the Virginia court system.

Richards says she and other women in her group have encountered "judicial conduct maliciously defiant of the evidence and standards of justice. ... It is so bad, I'm recommending to Virginia legislators a plan for replacing them with computers," she says.

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U.S. economy expanded just 2.1% in 1995

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy expanded by just 2.1 percent in 1995, the weakest performance since the last recession, with partial closures of the federal government worsening the slowdown at the end of the year.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that the increase in the gross domestic product, the broadest measure of economic health, for all of last year was the slowest since the economy actually shrank by 1 percent in 1991. The GDP had expanded by 3.5 percent in 1994.

The severity of the slowdown was underscored by the fact that growth in the final three months of the year was a barely discernible annual rate of 0.9 percent, just half of what private economists had been expecting.

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Freight train going to fast, engineer had tested brakes

RED CLIFF, Colo. (AP) — A freight train was out of control and traveling more than four times the speed limit when it derailed on a steep mountain pass, killing two crewmen, officials said.

There was no immediate indication that brake failure was to blame in Wednesday's wreck. The engineer had tested the brakes at the top of the pass minutes before the derailment and didn't radio the dispatcher with any problems, officials said Thursday.

The train was traveling 64 mph in a 15 mph zone when it left the tracks, said Julie Beal of the National Transportation Safety Board.

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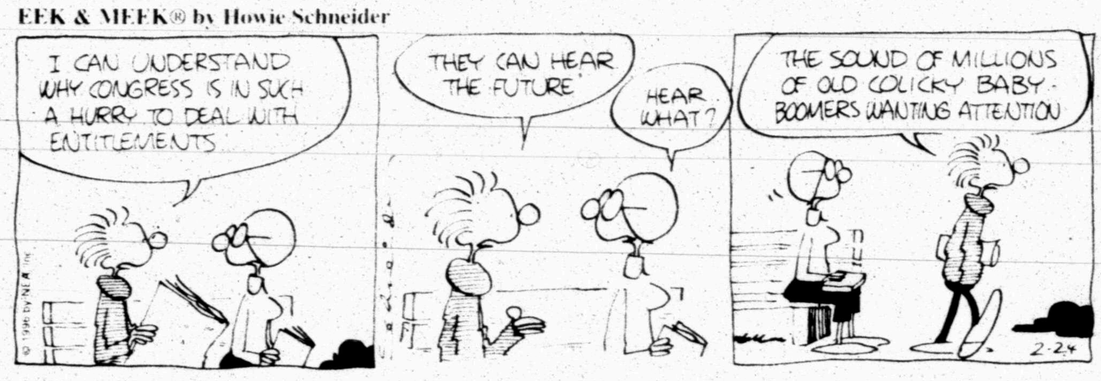
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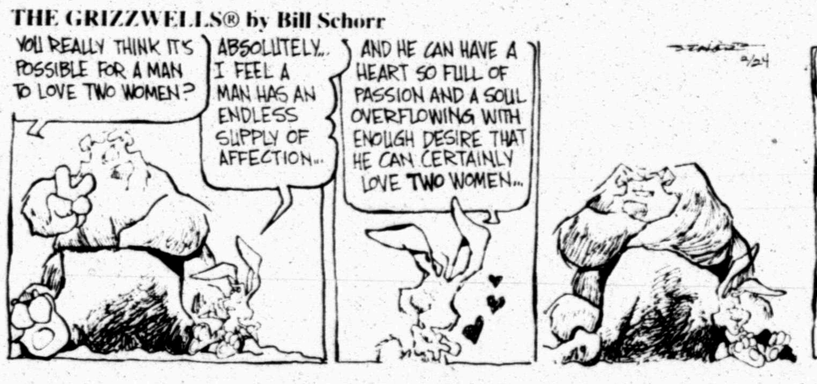
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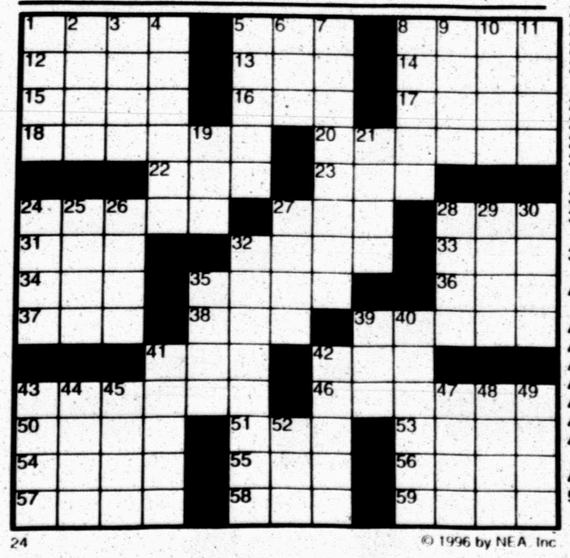
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Missing files latest wrinkle in infamous case

CLEVELAND (AP) — More than 40 years after his wife was killed and 26 years after he died, Dr. Sam Sheppard has moved a step closer to clearing his name.

But the case that helped inspire the TV series and movie "The Fugitive" won't go away quietly. The prosecutor's files on the 1954 slaying have disappeared, perplexing prosecutors and family lawyers.

"I'm not saying there was a cover-up," Sheppard family lawyer Terry Gilbert said Thursday. "This whole thing may be innocent. But everybody would like to see what's in those files."

Officials said the files may have been taken by a former prosecutor who now has Alzheimer's disease.

Sheppard, a prominent osteopath, was convicted of beating his pregnant wife, Marilyn, to death at their home in suburban Bay Village. Decades before the O.J. Simpson trial, the case was labeled the "trial of the century."

Sheppard spent 10 years in prison before his conviction was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. Represented at his second trial by a young F. Lee Bailey, he was acquitted in 1966. He died in 1970 at age 46, knowing that people still believed he was a murderer.

Now the family wants to finish the job of clearing Sheppard. But before relatives can file a wrongful-imprisonment lawsuit, they must persuade a judge to declare him innocent.

On Thursday, Gilbert told Judge Ronald Suster of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court that the request was bolstered by three arguments: evidence of misconduct in the investigation and first trial; evidence of Sheppard's innocence; and evidence that another man, Richard Eberling, might have killed Mrs. Sheppard.

Assistant Prosecutor Carmen Marino said the county will contest the request, but he offered no arguments during the 90-minute hearing. He refused to discuss the missing files.

Another hearing was set for next Thursday, when the prosecution was expected to present its side.

Eberling, in prison on an unrelated murder conviction, was a handyman who had worked at the Sheppard home a few days before the slaying. Prosecutors want a blood sample from him to compare with blood found at the house that did not match either Sheppard or his wife.

Eberling has denied involvement in the slaying; his guilt or innocence need not be proved for the Sheppard motion to prevail.

The missing files, which were not mentioned in court, contain the sum of the prosecutor's investigation, including witness statements and investigators' notes.

The files are not believed critical to the family's request. Relatives already have outlined their case and transcripts of Sheppard's trials and appeals are still available.

Gilbert and Marino have speculated that former prosecutor John T. Corrigan may have accidentally taken the documents when he retired in 1991. Corrigan, 75, now has Alzheimer's disease and probably could not help find the files or recall where they might be, said his son, Michael Corrigan.

In the courtroom Thursday as an observer was Fred Drenkhan, a former Bay Village police chief who was a patrolman in 1954. Drenkhan said he could not be positive that Sheppard killed his wife.

"We were a small department, and maybe we didn't do things up to snuff," Drenkhan said. "But we did the best we could."

Producers of "The Fugitive" have denied that the series and the film were based on one case but acknowledge drawing some elements from the Sheppard case.

In the series, a doctor claims his wife was killed by a one-armed man who escaped after a struggle. Sheppard was never a fugitive but insisted that his wife's killer was a bushy-haired stranger who escaped after a struggle.

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School enrollment will break record

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a Maryland high school, the first lunch shift must begin at 10 a.m. to allow time for all students to be fed.

In Florida's Dade County, the public schools are enrolling an average of 100 new foreign-born students every day.

"We have 2,000 portable classrooms and right now we have 24 new schools under construction," said Alan Olkes, chief of staff of the Dade County public schools where enrollment is expected to rise 35 percent to 445,516 by 2005. "And we're building our schools bigger and stuffing more kids into them."

School enrollment this fall is expected to be the highest so far this century, topping even the surge of baby boomers that filled classrooms in the 1970s.

An estimated 51.7 million young people will file into public and private elementary and secondary schools this fall, eclipsing the record 51.3 million baby boomer class of 1971.

Surging enrollment is forcing financially strapped school districts across the nation to build more schools and additions, use more portable classrooms, buy more textbooks and schedule extra lunch periods.

And enrollment is expected to continue climbing — to 55.9 million by 2005.

"It's a rather dramatic increase in enrollment that we see coming. Some of it is immigration. Some of it is the baby boom echo — the children of baby boomers," Education Secretary Richard Riley said.

Riley cites the projected enrollment gains in his effort to maintain or increase federal school funding.

Elementary schools began seeing rising numbers of students in the mid-1980s as the children of about 76 million baby boomers — born between World War II's end and 1964 — headed to school, according to Tom Snyder, an Education Department statistician.

That second generation of baby boomers is now moving through high school. But elementary schools have continued to feel enrollment pressure because the number of U.S. births, propped up by immigration, has remained steady during the past four or five years, Snyder said.

To meet the need for space, school districts are building schools and additions and using portable classrooms while keeping a close eye on teacher-student ratio requirements in their states, said Michael A. Resnick, senior associate executive director of the National School Boards Association.

Some districts are redistricting. Others are considering holding school year-round, he said.

In Montgomery County, Md., enrollment is growing by about 3,000 students a year, spurred by a flow of new immigrants from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Vietnam, Cambodia and the former Soviet Union, said Ana Sol Gutierrez, president of the Montgomery County Board of Education.

U.S. to pay Iran $131 million for claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Iran announced a $131.8 million settlement Thursday of Iranian claims against the United States, including compensation for the 1988 shooting down of an Iranian airliner that killed 290 people.

The State Department said no U.S. money would go to the Iranian government. Family members of Iranians killed when the U.S. Navy cruiser Vincennes shot an Iran Air A-300 Airbus out of the air over the Persian Gulf on July 3, 1988, will share $61.8 million, the department said.

It said the other $70 million in the package will go into bank accounts used to pay off private U.S. claims against Iran and Iran's expenses for the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal, which is handling the claims. That portion was in settlement of Iranian claims involving banking matters, not the airliner, U.S. officials said.

Contradicting the U.S. statement that the Iranian government was receiving none of the money, Tehran announced the settlement as merely a payment to Iran. In addition, the government news agency IRNA reported that $30 million was to compensate for the lost airliner, but U.S. officials denied that.

In light of the agreement, cases covered by the settlement that were pending before the bilateral claims tribunal or the International Court of Justice were dismissed, officials said.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the airliner settlement "does not signal any change in our relations with Iran."

Settlement of the bank claims portion of the package also has "no political significance," Burns said, noting that other claims have been settled periodically over the years. Many of those arose when then-President Carter froze Iranian assets in the United States in response to the taking of American hostages at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979.

"There is no change to our opposition to objectionable Iranian policies such as support for terrorism and pursuit of weapons of mass destruction," he said.

Iran had filed a claim before the World Court in The Hague about what the United States says was the accidental shooting down of the airliner, although then-President Reagan immediately offered to pay families of all victims.

The suit, U.S. officials said, made it impossible to pay Iranian victims. Now that can be done. Survivors of Italians, former Yugoslavs and other nationalities aboard the plane already have been paid, Burns said.

The settlement would provide $300,000 for wage-earning victims and $150,000 for non-wage-earners. To make the payments, $61.8 million will be deposited in a bank in Zurich, Switzerland, in an account jointly held by Iran and the United States.

The Swiss Embassy in Tehran will make actual payments to victims' families after consulting with U.S. officials on each case, the State Department said.

Tehran's announcement of the settlement was in starkly different terms.

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Columnist finds not even gourmet cooks can dress up prison's food

AUSTIN (AP) — Some Texas prison officials may have cooked up a deal to purchase $33.6 million worth of VitaPro, but restaurant chefs found that the soy-based meat substitute won't cook up into much else.

In an experiment orchestrated by Austin American-Statesman columnist John Kelso, not even some of Austin's best cooks had much success with the stuff.

Nothing helped. Not grilling. Not yellow tomato basil sauce. Not even champagne. One described its odor while simmering as "roadkill helper."

"I've decided not to rob any banks in Texas, because if I ever eat VitaPro again it will be too darned soon," Kelso said in a column published Friday. "Some states have chain gangs. Texas has VitaPro."

The VitaPro purchase is being investigated by state and federal authorities. Legislators are hopping mad. The governor wants answers. The prison governing board is scrambling to figure out how it wound up buying 39 metric tons a month.

VitaPro comes in three varieties — beef, chicken and burger mix.

The idea was that the state would make money by selling excess VitaPro to other institutions, while saving money by feeding it to inmates because fake meat is cheaper than the real thing.

But other institutions aren't buying, and VitaPro is piling up in the warehouse.

The first expert approached by columnist Kelso was Dan Haverty, executive chef of the Shoreline Grill, who whipped up a dish he called "Huntsville chicken."

Haverty boiled water and whisked in VitaPro. As the mix tightened, he added dried habanero pepper and guajillo powder. After letting it cool, he formed the VitaPro into a cutlet, rolled it in bread crumbs, deep-fried it, then set it atop a bed of ancho sweet potatoes.

He decorated the plate with yellow tomato basil sauce and other colorful items, serving it with La Grande Dame campagne.

"He should have sucked down the booze and tossed the VitaPro cutlet in the lake," Kelso wrote. The initial taste was OK, but the aftertaste "was sidling up on raunchy."

Judge hears relatives' pleas, gives lab the maximum fine

MILWAUKEE (AP) — After months of waiting, relatives got to speak out in court about the pain of losing Dolores Geary and Karin Smith to cervical cancer because a medical lab misread the women's Pap smears.

"Dolores died needlessly, and nobody wants to admit to her death," Vernon A. Hanley Jr., Geary's brother, told the judge Thursday before Chem-Bio Corp. was hit with a maximum $20,000 fine for reckless homicide.

Smith's husband, Peter, said his family's pain was hard to explain.

"It is extremely difficult to think that she would be here, alive, today if simple procedures were done by the lab," he said.

Circuit Judge David Hansher said the fine — "$10,000 per life" — was "absolutely inadequate" and urged lawmakers to set tougher penalties.

The case represented the first time a lab was hit with criminal charges for misreading Pap smears. Chem-Bio of suburban Oak Creek pleaded no contest Dec. 4 in the deaths.

Martin Kohler, a lawyer for Chem-Bio, apologized to the victims' families in court.

At an inquest, experts reviewed the women's test slides and said signs of cancer were obvious. Had the Pap smears been read properly, prosecutors said, the women would have had up to a 95 percent chance of survival.

The judge told the lab it could either pay the fine to the court or donate the $20,000 to a cancer organization in the names of the victims. The lab has 60 days to decide.

All of the women's tests were sent by their health maintenance organization, Family Health Plan, to Chem-Bio and handled by the same technologist, June S. Fricano.

The inquest jury had recommended charges against Fricano and the lab's medical director and part owner, Dr. Robert F. Lipo. Instead, they signed deferred-prosecution agreements in which they admitted no wrongdoing but agreed to limit their professional activities for six years.

Geary, 39, a mother of three, died in 1993. Smith, a 29-year-old accountant, died March 8. Geary had Pap smears reported as normal in 1987 and 1990. Pap smears from Smith were reported as normal in 1988 and 1989, as were three biopsies in 1989 and 1990.

Both families sued the lab, the HMO, Fricano and Lipo and others. The Geary family settled for $3.5 million, the Smith family for $6.3 million.

Part of duo sentenced to 10 years

HOUSTON (AP) — A minister's daughter, half of a suspected Houston robbery duo who became known as "Thelma and Louise," is splitting with her partner and heading to prison.

Joyce Carolyn Stevens was sentenced to 10 years behind bars after pleading guilty to three charges of aggravated robbery.

The plea bargain came a day before jury selection began for her partner, Rose Marie Turford, who headed for trial on aggravated robbery charges.

Attorneys began questioning 80 prospective jurors Friday.

Authorities believe the pair netted some $250,000 in cash and goods by robbing about 10 men in Texas.

The women earned the "Thelma and Louise" tag because their escapades, leading police on a cross-country search, were similar to characters in a movie of that name. The two skipped bail in Houston and embarked on a four-month flight that ended in Canada last October.

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Chrysler Corp. will fight fed agency finding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chrysler Corp. said Friday it will fight a federal agency finding against some of its cars because it believes the safety test they were said to have failed was arbitrary.

At a hearing focusing on technical arguments, Chrysler lawyer Lewis Goldfarb said the highway safety agency did not specify in advance the standard that Chrysler failed, an omission that set an unacceptable precedent for the industry in meeting future safety tests.

"Tell us what the requirement is, and we'll meet it," said Goldfarb. "We are concerned with future tests of compliance."

The government's highway safety agency said in January that some 1995 Chrysler Cirrus and Dodge Stratus cars failed a safety test of seat belt anchor strength in back seats.

More than 91,000 of the vehicles are on the road.

Michael Brownlee, an associate administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said the agency's clear policy has been since 1991 that it can test for seat belt anchoring adequacy by pulling on the seat belt from a position close to the seat or several inches further away.

Almost all vehicle safety recalls are done voluntarily by an auto company, either independently or at the strong nudging of NHTSA.

Chrysler's decision to fight NHSTSA's test sets up a rare confrontation between NHTSA and an auto company which leaves NHTSA with two options: Back down or issue a recall of the cars to force Chrysler into repairing the belt anchors.

A recall decision would be contested by Chrysler, said Chrysler spokesman Jason Vines, which could then bring the case to court.

NHTSA has decided to argue a recall case in court only eight times in the agency's history and has won all but one of those cases.

Agency officials have said all along that the agency would seek public comment before deciding whether to recall the vehicles to fix the belt anchors.

"It is a serious action by the agency but it is also not the final word of the agency," Michael Brownlee, the agency's associate administrator for safety, said on Jan. 23 when the decision was announced.

Such an initial decision has only been issued twice in the agency's history. The decision is so rare it was viewed by auto safety experts as a way to publicly pressure the automaker. Chrysler had earlier told NHTSA it would not voluntarily recall the vehicles.

During a routine test in July, NHTSA found a defect in the vehicles' rear seat-belt anchoring system — a weld nut that pulled out of the floor of a 1995 Cirrus. The same system is used in the Stratus.

The government standard requires seat belts to sustain a 3,000-pound load for 10 seconds. NHTSA officials said the agency's test pulled on the belt at a distance of 5 inches from the seat back, which agency officials believe represents how much belt a thin passenger might use.

Chrysler's test pulled at a distance of about three inches from the seat back, which fits no one, agency officials said.

Deutch says China uncertain enemy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States should take seriously China's opposition to an independent Taiwan, a senior senator just back from China said Friday.

Calling discord over Taiwan "the most dangerous" of many disagreements between Washington and Beijing, Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said Chinese leaders made clear to him they will not brook any drive toward independence on Taiwan.

"The Chinese leaders by their words and by their actions make it abundantly clear that any attempt by Taiwan to establish its independence from the mainland will result in a confrontation with the mainland," Nunn said in a Senate floor speech. "It is clear that the Chinese do not desire a military clash, but it is also clear that they believe that their national sovereignty and their national pride are at stake on the question of Taiwan's future."

Nunn, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, traveled to China last month for meetings with senior officials, including President Jiang Zemin.

"Neither America nor Taiwan should take lightly this Chinese position," Nunn said. "Beijing has drawn a firm line on this question."

Nunn's broader point was that while Chinese policies do not always accord with U.S. preferences, China is emerging as a world power with which the United States must open dialogue at the highest levels to smooth out the relationship. His comments came a day after CIA Director John Deutch told the Senate Intelligence Committee that the CIA knows "very little about Beijing's future leadership and intentions."

A rapidly expanding economy has enabled China to buy sophisticated fighter planes, submarines and antiaircraft missiles from Russia. That newly acquired power is one ingredient in China's recent threatening moves and rhetoric against neighboring Taiwan.

"The potential for hostility due to miscalculation or accident is great," Deutch said.

"There has been a military buildup in the area," Deutch said. "This is a matter in which the (intelligence) community is following extremely closely, on a minute-by-minute basis."

Although China's conventional military is no match for its U.S. counterpart, China is becoming an increasingly influential military force in Asia.

Its sale of cruise missile technology to Iran adds a dangerous weapon to the volatile Persian Gulf.

Arab trade with Israel said growing

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian businessman Hany Rizk jokingly characterizes one of his new ventures as "Twinkies diplomacy."

"Just think," he says. "At the same time in the morning, kids in Egypt, Tel Aviv and Saudi Arabia are eating the same product from Cairo."

Rizk's regional distribution of Twinkies cream-filled cakes, made under license from Continental Baking Co. of St. Louis, is just one example of the warming business climate between the Arabs and their former enemy, Israel.

Regional business deals, trade offices and tourist packages have been on the rise since the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord in 1993. They've gotten a further boost with hopes for a peace deal between Israel and Syria.

The reason is that both sides see profits and other opportunities for growth.

"Countries like Egypt gain a link to the Israeli marketing network to the West," said Hussein Matawi, director-general of the Federation of Egyptian Industries. "Israel ... has the benefit of normalization, becoming a part of the region."

Egypt and Israel already are building a joint oil refinery and negotiating over a natural gas pipeline. Jordanian factories are making clothes for export via Israel. Tours link the Sinai Desert of Egypt to Jordan's antiquities and Jerusalem's holy sites.

Promising even more Arab-Israeli business are new commercial offices being set up in Israel by the North African nations of Tunisia and Morocco and the Persian Gulf state of Oman.

Public resistance to dealing with the Jewish state keeps many deals hush-hush.

Even the enthusiastic Rizk won't name his Israeli partner in a joint venture to produce frozen vegetables, coffee and cookies in Egypt for sale both within Egypt and for export.

"Businessmen are practical, more interest-oriented than the public," he said. "They will be one step ahead of the public."

Hard-liners opposing trade with Israel come in all stripes. Arab nationalists want to withhold trade to force the surrender of lands won by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war. Others fear smaller Arab economies will be overwhelmed by high-tech Israel. Many Arabs simply cannot forget the 50 years of fighting.

"Business is something related to our expectations and aspirations after signing the (peace) treaty," said Jad Makdah, managing director of Jordan Clothing Co. in Amman, the Jordanian capital.

Across the border, Dov Lautman, chairman of Israel's largest textile manufacturer, concurs. His Delta Galil Industries has subcontractors making clothes in Jordan and Egypt, where labor costs are lower than in Israel.

"They gain employment," Lautman said. "Also know-how and technology."

There are no firm figures on Arab trade with Israel, in part because so much occurs through third countries like Cyprus and Malta. Reports have circulated for years of Israeli sales of citrus juice to the Persian Gulf and agricultural equipment to neighboring states.

Oded Eran, director of the economic department at Israel's Foreign Ministry, predicts that Israeli exports to and imports from Arab countries could reach $1.5 billion annually within several years — more than 10 times the current estimated level.

Arab-Israeli trade would represent just a fraction of the $20 billion a year in commerce among Arab countries.

Israeli exports to Egypt have tripled to $30 million a year since 1993. Imports rose more than fourfold to $47 million annually. Tourism in both directions increased more than one-third last year.

Yousef bin Alawi, Oman's minister of state for foreign affairs, says the time is right for business, even if full diplomatic relations must await formal peace.

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Smugglers continue to take toll on animals throughout the world

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — A walk into the dusty customs warehouse, back behind the piles of contraband Oriental rugs and stacks of smuggled Yugoslav vodka, found a sight to break an animal lover's heart.

There were heaps of confiscated snow leopard and tiger skins, orangutan skulls, stuffed tropical birds, the remains of dozens of other creatures — grisly evidence of the lucrative world trade in endangered wildlife.

"It was an extraordinary collection," said Tom de Meulenaer, European director of TRAFFIC, an international group that monitors the illicit trade. "It reads like a list of the world's rarest animals."

Twenty years after TRAFFIC was set up by the World Wildlife Fund to help nations enforce a global convention banning trade in 2,000 endangered species, the smuggling of live and dead animals continues unabated.

World events have opened up new markets and previously untapped sources to the illegal traders.

De Meulenaer says the collapse of the Soviet Union and rapid economic growth in China and Southeast Asia have sparked a boom in poaching and smuggling.

"Russia is facing a major economic crisis and it's clear that the natural resources are the first to be plundered," he said in an interview. "We have seen a surge in poaching which is unparalleled ... Much of the trade is linked to China and Asia, where demand is increasing."

De Meulenaer cites Siberian tiger, Saiga antelope and musk deer as Russian species threatened by poachers freed from Communist-era controls. In the Caspian Sea, sturgeon are at risk of extinction because of overfishing by Russian gangs that traffic in caviar.

"All the controls that were in place are now not there. The local mafia has taken over," de Meulenaer said.

TRAFFIC's major concern is for the survival of Russia's bears. Increasingly they are being hunted for their gall bladders, a traditional Chinese cure for liver diseases and headaches.

The high prices Asian dealers pay to supply a thriving traditional medicine market threatens other species. TRAFFIC says a Russian poacher exchanged a single dead tiger for three new trucks in 1992. In Taiwan, tiger bone sells for up to $550 a pound.

In western Europe and North America, private collectors, circuses and furriers pay big money for smuggled animals. Traffickers have been found with pythons under their shirts, rare frogs in shampoo bottles and turtles stuffed into teddy bears.

Last year, British police broke up a parrot-trafficking ring that used women couriers wearing special bras to smuggle cockatoo eggs from Australia.

TRAFFIC says another blow to fighting animal trafficking was the lifting of frontier controls within the 15-nation European Union. That was aimed at making legitimate trade easier, but it has made it harder for customs officers to catch smugglers.

"There is very little coordination," de Meulenaer said. "Traders are clever enough to abuse it."

William Wijnstekers, an EU official in charge of monitoring wildlife trade, says new rules should be introduced this year "to fill some of the gaps caused by the abolition of internal border controls."

The new measures will tighten frontier and point-of-sale controls and boost cooperation between customs agencies of EU members. They also are expected to go at least some way toward meeting conservationists' demands for more severe punishment.

TRAFFIC is not seeking the Draconian measures used in China, which has executed people attempting to smuggle skins of giant pandas. But it would like to see heavier fines, confiscation of goods, revocation of trading licenses and jail sentences.

"In the West the smugglers risk very little," de Meulenaer said.

Light fines deter little when potential profits are so high. Recently, a German was caught at the Brussels airport with more than 1,000 tiny Central American poison arrow frogs hidden in hand luggage. They can sell for $70 each in Europe, de Meulenaer said.

Smuggled animals often suffer inhumane treatment during transport. And confiscation does not end their ordeal. Overcrowded zoos are unwilling to take them and government agencies have no facilities, so often the animals are killed.

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