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Hospital lease proposal to be presented Monday

CHS official excited about visit to Snyder

The vice president of Community Health Systems said Friday he is looking forward to Monday, when the company presents its proposal to lease Cogdell Hospital to the commissioners court.

"We're excited about coming back to Snyder and presenting our lease offer," said Bob Hardison.

Hardison said he wouldn't comment on the offer until Monday's meeting, but added the recent due-diligence study has allowed Community Health Systems to learn much more about the hospital.

Paula Lovell, a spokesperson for CHS, has said that the company's initial offer — $5 million up-front and payments to total almost $10 million at the signing of the 30-year lease — was the "minimum" offer.

"That figure could well be increased," Lovell said last week.

The lease proposal and related topics are the only items for Monday's 10 a.m. meeting of the court. One item on the agenda makes note that the meeting may be recessed from day-to-day and continued thereafter until the business is completed.

Following Hardison's presentation, the agenda calls for the court to discuss election procedures, order of election and setting a date for a citizen vote on the proposal, provided CHS's proposal is acceptable to the commissioners court.

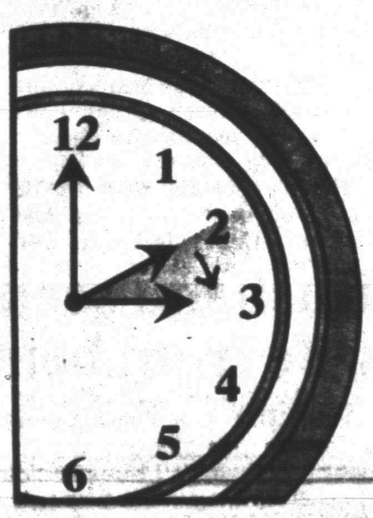
County Attorney Mike Hartman said this discussion could well take place Tuesday morning when the court is scheduled to meet with a San Antonio attorney who specializes in election laws and procedures.

An attorney with the Secretary of State's election division office said last week that such an election must be held on one of the four uniform election dates — May 3, Aug. 9, Nov. 4 or January 17 — and notice of the election must be called at least 45 days in advance. That would mean the earliest date for an election is Aug. 9.

Other agenda items call for discussion of what effect the lease might have on the county's ad valorem tax rate, and in what ways that proceeds from the lease can be used.

The agenda then states the court may go into excutive session to consider the terms of the lease as presented by CHS. Following an executive session, the court would

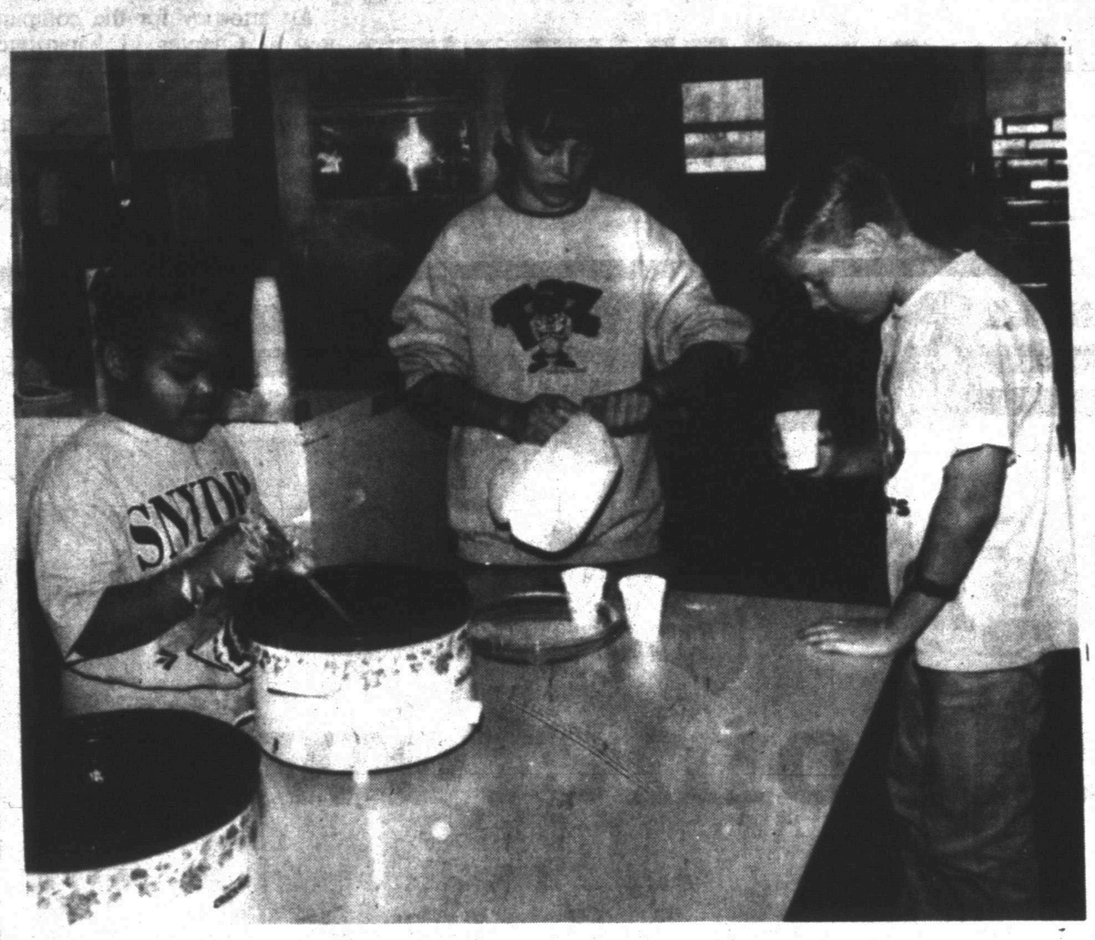
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Spring forward!

Scurry County residents are reminded to spring forward to dayhlight-saving time by moving their clocks forward one hour before they go to bed Saturday.

Officially, the time change occurs at 2 a.m. Sunday.



MILK WITH PANCAKES — Kendall Tidwell prefers milk to drink with his pancakes at the annual Word is Life Deliverance Church's country breakfast Saturday. Serving syrup is Kiki Wofford, left, and serving milk is Rina Geiger. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

'The Tempest' advances

Snyder High's one-act play moves on in competition

Snyder High School drama department took another step towards state here Friday, advancing past the Area round in UIL one-act play competition.

Critic judge Jim Mamarella of San Antonio College selected Snyder High's "The Tempest" and Brownwood's "Nevermore" as the top plays. The crews from both plays were also cited for technical awards.

"Tempest" cast members Jared Dennis and Emily Zeck were selected for the All-Star Cast while Kade Kubena received honorable mention.

Chris Post, Jay Griffin, Andy Parker and Ryan Landes received a superior technical achievement award.

Brownwood's Daniel Dunham was chosen Best Actor from Friday's competition. Sarah Stone of Canyon was Best Actress.

Other All-Star Cast selections were Shannon Miller of Brownwood, Eric Rombokos and Liz Reedy of Levelland, Jason Wilkinson and H.R. Bradford of Granbury and Chris Cost of Canyon Randall.

Among those receiving honorable mention were Maria Collins, Amanda Johnson, Becky Waldrop, Christina Pacha, Faith Scarborough, Bonnie May and Joann Heath of Brownwood; Nick Taylor and Amanda Hamilton of Levelland; and Ashlie Seale-Schmitt of Granbury.

Others were Casey Adkins, Gina Grabber, Cheryl Stocker, Leia Deyhle and Andee Clark of Canyon; and Sarah Marshall of Canyon Randall.

Chosen as the alternate play to advance was "The Night Thoreau Spent In Jail," performed by Canyon Randall.

Granbury performed "The Diviners," which also received a technical award. Other plays were "Trojan Women," presented by Canyon, and "Rhinoceros," by Levelland.

Competition was to continue at Worsham Auditorium on Saturday with an Area Class 5A contest. Entered were Midland High, Odessa High, L.D. Bell, Trinity, Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock High.

The contest was to begin at 1:30 p.m. and end about 7:30. Critic judge is Amber Crafton of Abilene.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's too many people eager to carry the stool when there's a piano to be moved."

While lots of us like food that snaps back at us, we've got some dining friends who flinch at the mention of salsa with a sting.

We ate fish — once — and found it was possible if you put enough picante sauce on it. Chocolate pie even goes better with a jalapeno pepper.

Experts disagree about the source of heat in the peppers. Some claim it's the seeds, while others say the feverish stuff is in the juices hidden in the pulp.

There's now a new scale called Scoville units to measure the heat of various kinds of pepper -- sort of a wind child factor in reverse. That unit of measurement is used to determine the level of "hotness" in capsaicin, the compund that gives all peppers their kick.

The unit comes from a procedure called "high pressure liquid chromatography" in which capsaicin compounds are removed from pepper extract and bombarded with light. The more light absorbed, the hotter the peppers.

The hottest pepper is the habanero, which measures up to 300,000 Scoville units. Pure capsaicin is said to be a sizzling 15 million Scoville units. If you take a single drop of capsaicin and dilute it in 100,000 drops of water, it will still blister the tongue.

People who get a hot bite generally grab for the water glass, but water's not the answer.

The experts say capsaicin is an oil, so it doesn't mix with water which in fact worsens the discomfort by spreading any pain to other parts of the mouth and throat.

The experts say a better remedy includes drinking tomato juice, milk or eating a lemon or lime.

We've concluded there might be another solution for Mexican food lovers. If toncil tinglers depend on light for ignition, then Joni at the Spanish Inn could ask diners if they perfer to be seated in the candlelight section for New York City-type salsa or in the bright room for real Texans.

Pass the chips, please.

WTC Rodeo opens Thursday

There will be plenty of roping, riding and bucking going on in Scurry County Coliseum next weekend as Western Texas College hosts its annual Southwest Region NIRA rodeo.

Some 300 student athletes will be participating from 13 colleges and universities.

"We certainly do want to invite everyone out to the rodeo," said Todd Danley, WTC rodeo coach.

The rodeo opens Thursday and will run through Saturday. All performances are set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $4 for adults, $2 for children. They will be available at the gate but are also being sold in advance by queen candidates Jana McCloy, a physical therapy major from Gruver; Shawna McKee, a nursing student from Roby; and Kathy King, an art major from Merkel.

WTC cheerleaders will be operating the concessions and all proceeds from that will go toward cheerleading and rodeo scholarships.

Competition promises to be keen at the rodeo, which will feature men's and women's teams as well as top individuals making their qualifying bids for the College National Finals Rodeo in June.

Events include bareback, saddle bronc, bulls, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, breakaway roping, goat tying and barrels.

The public is invited to participate in a cowboy church service at 6 p.m. Saturday. The local group 4-Giv'n will present the program.

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QUEEN CANDIDATES



Shawna McKee



Jana McCloy



Kathy King

TCA increases cable rates despite being turned down by city council

Despite being turned down last month by Snyder City Council, TCA Cable has pushed forward with a rate increase, citing federal government rules as the basis.

The increase is reflected on bills TCA customers have received this month.

Council members voted to table the request last month until additional information justifying the increase could be presented by TCA general manager Archie Kountz. TCA requested an increase in the basic service rate of $6.66 to $7.03, and in the standard rate of $13.50 to $13.90 per month.

Kountz is expected to meet with the council Monday to explain why the increase was implemented this month despite the council's denial.

At last month's meeting, Mayor David Holt took Kountz to task for asking for a rate increase for the basic service.

Holt told Kountz that there are many people in the community on fixed incomes who are affected by any increases in living costs, including the basic service from the cable company.

"Raising the costs of the movie channels doesn't bother me, it's the very basic costs," said Holt.

Holt told Kountz in March to bring the documentation to the next council meeting and the council would consider a rate increase.

At that meeting, councilman Dayton Robertson also told Kountz that if his company could justify a rate increase, he might be in favor of it.

"However," said Robertson. "Just because your company can put numbers in a government equation is not good enough for me right now."

Kountz said Saturday morning that that he will present information during Monday night's meeting that will substantiate the increase.

"TCA has had expenses far in excess of the small increase we have implemented and the increase falls within the paramaters the FCC allows without council approval," said Kountz.

ASK US

Q—Since Snyder has a new track at Tiger Stadium, will the District 2-4A track meet be held here this year?

A—No. It will be in Lamesa next weekend.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyer Temps: High Friday, 68 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Saturday, 47; .10 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 6.42 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday, sunny, windy; high, upper 70s. SW wind 20-30, mph, gusty. Caution advised on area lakes. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 70-75. NW wind 10-20 mph.



Abel Estrada
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 7:06 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:26 a.m.
Of 94 days in 1997, the sun has shone 85 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.

---- -Edwin Hubbel Chapin

Judge: state owes company $162 million

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas owes a bankrupt company at least $162 million after the state backed out of auto emissions testing contracts two years ago, a state judge ruled Friday.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in 1993 signed deals with Tejas Testing Technology to operate a federally mandated program to test auto emissions in several metropolitan regions, including Houston, Dallas and El Paso.

Shortly after Tejas testing stations opened in January 1995, drivers protested the tests as cumbersome and costly.

Lawmakers reacted by killing the program. Tejas officials said that left them with $250 million, including interest and attorneys' fees, in worthless testing stations.

On Friday, District Judge Joseph Hart said the state had the right to change its mind about the program but couldn't leave Tejas Testing with a worthless contract. He awarded the company $162 million to recover its investments and said the company could petition the state for another $53.6 million as a reasonable return on its investments.

"Although Tejas complied with the emissions contracts in all material respects ... TNRCC completely defaulted and breached the emissions contracts," Hart said in a decision faxed to all parties in the case.

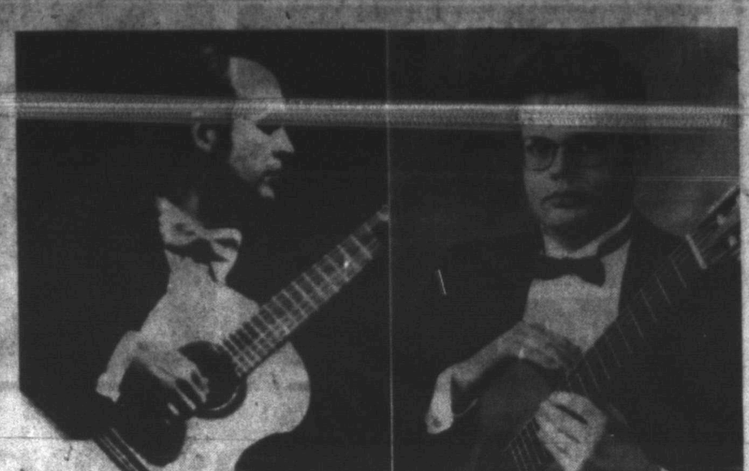
"The story of the aborted emissions testing program doubtless represents one of the more unfortunate chapters in the financial history of this state. Whether the state's abandonment of the program was environmentally wise is not for me to decide. Rather, my decision is focused on the contractual obligations to which the state committed itself."

An attorney for the company, now in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, said the money will go to pay creditors. "it will probably not be an operating company again," said Steve Ravel.

Officials at the TNRCC referred calls to the Texas attorney general's office.

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John Scott Ford Scott McWilliams

Classical guitarists will play at college

A classical guitar performance free to the public is scheduled on the Western Texas College campus Tuesday, April 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Performing will be two nationally-recognized guitarists, Toby McWilliams and John Scott Ford. Both men are now affiliated with the Texas Tech University Music Department, both enrolled in the doctoral program there.

Toby McWilliams has performed throughout Texas and New Mexico, including concerts with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra in January of 1995.

He was the winner of the Texas Tech University Concerto Competition in 1994, and performed Joaquin Rodrigo's "Concierto del Aranjuez" with the Texas Tech Orchestra.

He participated in the recording of Fernando Sor's guitar duets which were recorded in Paris in July of 1995.

He has appeared with a wide variety of artists, including Rita Moreno, Louie Bellson, and Johnny Gimble. He began performing with James Bogle as a guitar duo in 1994.

McWilliams will compete in the International Guitar Competition of Carpentras, France April 15 -17.

Guitarist John Scott Ford received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts degrees from Trinity University in San Antonio and has studied extensively in Mexico City at the Estudio de Arte Guitarristico by personal invitation of its founder and director, Manuel Lopez Ramos.

While residing in Mexico City, he gave a performance for the United States Ambassador to Mexico and members of the embassy staff and was invited to present a recital on behalf of Juventudes Musicales de Mexico.

Ford has published articles in Creative Guitar International on the life and music of Julian Carrillo, was a featured soloist with the Rio Grande Valley Symphony Orchestra and the San Antonio Guitar Society.

Husband seeking to keep wife from being deported

YOAKUM — A Yoakum man is fighting to keep his wife, the mother of his 11-month-old daughter, in the United States as efforts are under way to deport her before the end of April.

Weldon Turner, a 54-year-old plant operator at Bolero Hydrocarbon, said the U.S. Justice Department's Immigration Court has started proceedings to deport his wife to her native Honduras because she missed an immigration hearing.

Turner said his wife, Eva Rodriguez-Ortez, 37, didn't know about the hearing because the government sent a notice to the wrong address. But the Immigration and Naturalization Service said the notice was sent to the address she provided.

"They (immigration officials) said it doesn't make any difference whether she got the notice, just as long as they sent it," Turner said.

"I am scared that when I go to work someone will come and pick her up."

Turner has hired a certified immigration attorney and started the process to halt the deportation. After undergoing 17 months of paperwork, and spending some $8,000 in attorney fees, Turner is no closer to keeping his wife in this country.

INS officials could not be reached for comment.

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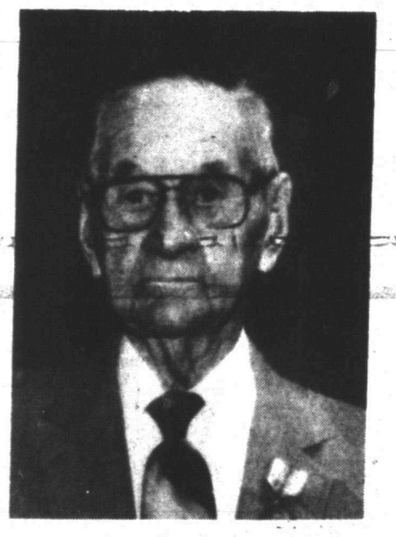
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Bright Spots In Our Hometown!





Tollie Favor & Essie Orms

Between them, two Scurry County residents carry more than 206 years of memories, but their positive outlook for the future makes them bright spots in our hometown.

Snyder National Bank honors a pair of centenarians for April's Hometown Spirit Award.

The honorees are Essie Laura Orms, a fiesty 104, and Tollie Faver, who last month celebrated his 102nd birthday. The two are believed to be the county's two most senior citizens.

Mrs. Orms, a resident of Snyder Healthcare Center, will be 105 on Sept. 3. Last year on that date, Mayor David Holt proclaimed Essie Laura Orms Day.

Born in Cooper, Mrs. Orms had seven brothers and sisters. She married L.E. Orms in 1911. He was a farmer and oil investor, and served as county agent. After his death, she married Beaver Bishop who served as sheriff of Jasper County for 32 years.

While living in Snyder, Mrs. Orms operated a day care center on 23rd Street and touched the lives of many Scurry County children.

The mother of seven children, all but two daughters are deceased. Rea Jordan lives in Snyder and Mary Bishop resides in Gonzales, La. Mrs. Orms has 40 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Tollie Faver, a World War I veteran, remains active and lives with his daughter, Wernette Smith, in Snyder.

Born in a dugout five miles southwest of Light (now known as Fluvanna), Faver drove a car until he was 96 and danced at his 99th birthday.

He attended Favorite School, located on the corner of the Faver's family land. He married Maggie Werner on July 20, 1922. The had met while she was teaching school in Snyder. The couple had three children. A daughter, Charlotte Pitner, died in 1983. Mrs. Smith and son, Arel "Red" Faver, live in Snyder.

Tollie farmed and also worked at a variety of other jobs. He worked at the oil mill, was a mechanic, operated a maintainer, worked as a carpenter, was a roustabout, and served as a custodian for the Snyder schools before retiring in 1965 at the age of 70.

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CTF PROCLAIMS ABUSE MONTH — Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz signed a proclamation declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month, sponsored by the local chapter of the Children's Trust Fund of Texas. Several educational projects are taking place and plans are being made for Scurry County citizens to take part in a candlelight ceremony on April 27 at 8 p.m. at the gazebo near the courthouse. CTF members, along with others working with children are from left, first row, Kathryn Roberts and Mary Ann Juarez; back row, Tom Holcomb, Sheriff Darren Jackson, Justice of the Peace and CTF chairman Charlie Reynolds; Dee Wilson, Zola Schlegel, Carolyn Torres, Dr. Marty Akins and Jo Ann Nunley. (SDN Staff Photo)

Two-year-old girl found dead in motel

GAINESVILLE (AP) — Police on Friday were investigating the death of a 2-year-old girl whose body was found in a motel room.

Jessica Hamilton's mother, 24-year-old Sharonda Hamilton of Dallas, rented the room between 9 and 10 p.m. Wednesday, said Gainesville police chief Carl Dunlap. A maid found the child alone in the room at the Comfort Inn about noon Thursday. Empty Tylenol and Nyquil bottles were found on the bathroom counter, he said.

Police believe Sharonda Hamilton is the woman who apparently tried to kill herself about 7 a.m. Thursday by driving into the Red River. However, a positive identification has not been made, Dunlap said.

Cooke County and Gainesville emergency personnel rescued a woman from the river and took her in guarded condition to Gainesville Memorial Hospital. A hospital spokeswoman said Friday that no information could be released about Sharonda Hamilton.

Cooke County Justice of the Peace Dorthy Lewis said Ms. Hamilton was in the intensive care unit and unable to be interviewed.

"Apparently she intended to kill her child and then kill herself," Ms. Lewis said Friday.

The child had no obvious wounds, Judge Lewis said. Autopsy results, including toxicology lab tests findings, are expected to be released next week by the Dallas County medical examiner, she said.

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Mission Awareness activity is planned

First United Methodist's Mission Committee has spent the past several months planning a Mission Awareness event for the church. Joyce Cooper serves as the mission coordinator.

Representatives of several of the church's mission agencies will visit the church on Sunday, including early worship, Sunday School and the 10:55 a.m. service.

The following schedule will be observed:

—Early worship: Loretta M. Gruver and Jacinto Alderete.

—Sunday School: Gruver, children; Texas Tech Wesley Foundation Group, youth; and Alderete, adult.

—10:55 a.m. worship: Gruver and Alderete plus special music by the Wesley Foundation.

—Noon: potluck casserole meal.

—12:30 p.m. Snyder Neighbors Sharing dessert auction.

—1 p.m.: Doug and Janet Chapman.

—2 p.m.: Volunteers in Mission report.

Gruver has served over 30 years in Liberia as a part of a special healing ministry. At the present, she has been evacuated due to the unrest in Africa. She is now serving in the General Board of Missions as missionary in residence in the South Central Jurisdiction of the U.M. church.

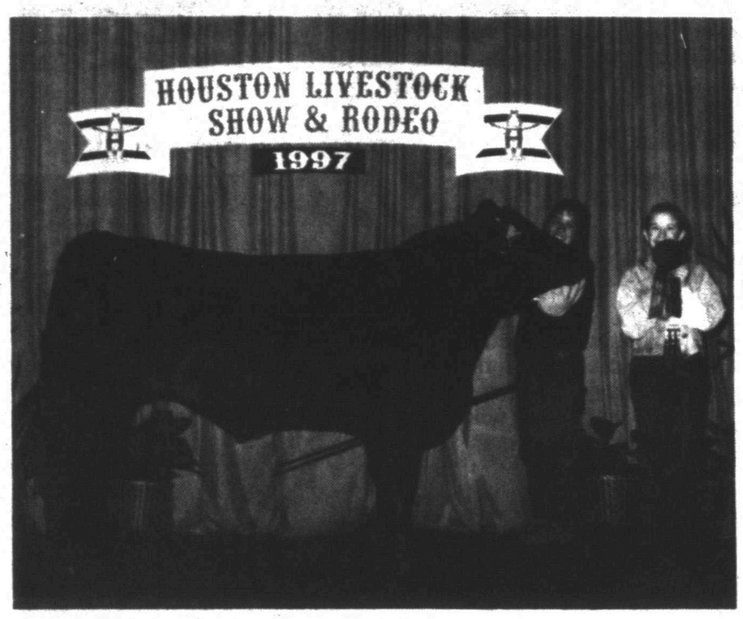
Alderete was born in Socorro, N.M. After graduation from the seminary, he served as a local pastor for 12 years. Since 1967, he has been the executive director of the Wesley Community Center in Amarillo. He is prominently involved in the life of a total community of Amarillo, as well as the greater U.M. church. He has received many awards for his distinguished service in the church and the greater Amarillo community.

The Chapmans began the first evangelical mission project in Norway several years ago, learning the language and organizing small cells of Inquiring Christians for Bible Study and Christian Fellowship.

The Chapmans were forced to return to the states because of health complications, but they will advise and supervise efforts in Norway.

Wesley Foundations are one of the areas of ministry regularly supported by the local church. Several students will also share experiences of their Volunteers in Mission activities.

Volunteers in Missions is an area of service available to all church members. Robert Adams will share some of his experiences in this field of service.



SECOND PLACE — Scurry County 4-H member Morgan Miller exhibited this second place lightweight Chianina Steer recently at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Also shown is her sister, Malorye Miller. The sisters bred and raised the steer. They are the daughters of Ricky and Stephanie Miller. (Contributed Photo)

Woman stuck in tanning bed

NORTON SHORES, Mich. (AP) — Cecilia Wolcott's first tan of the year was almost the last of her life.

She got trapped inside a tanning bed in her home after a switch malfunctioned, preventing her from raising the lid. But she had a cordless phone with her and called authorities for help.

The bed "was lit up and it was getting plenty warm," said Ms. Wolcott, 60, who uses the bed to treat a skin condition.

Officers arrest man who ran off with 3-month-old

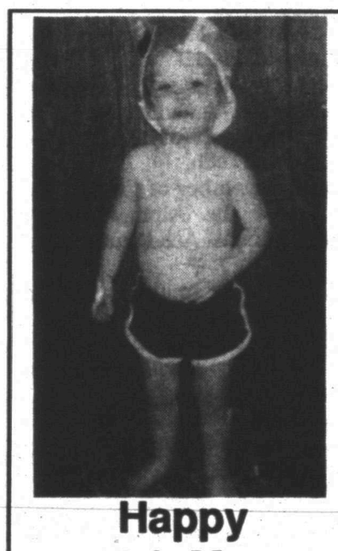
KENNEDALE (AP) — Sheriff's deputies and bloodhounds tracked a man into the woods Friday after he abducted his infant daughter on what he said were instructions from the devil.

Kenneth Allen Braziel, also known as Gilbert Hernandez, was jailed Friday on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against the baby's mother, endangering a child and injury to a child. Bond was set at $100,000 on each charge, Tarrant County sheriff's Cmdr. James Skidmore said.

The situation began unfolding about 1 a.m., when Braziel, armed with a knife, took the 3-month-old from her mother. The couple live in a trailer near Kennedale, but are not married, Skidmore said.

"He was hearing voices and they were from Satan and Satan was telling him to take the baby. That's what she told us," Skidmore said.

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SHS UIL WINNERS — These Snyder High Schools students recently won the District 5-4A UIL Academic Meet. Back row, from left, Kevin Kerr, Melanie Kidd, Kenneth Darlin, Laura Collins, Sarah Lilly, Wade Yearwood, Matt Hester; middle row, Emily Zeck, Jenise Judah, Amy Brooks, Jessica Brown, Christy Tankersley, Cara Glassock, Kelley Garner, La Trisha Lee; front row, Trey Gorman, Michael Hensley, Wade Ashby, Thomas Bishop, Casity Reneau, Jim Caldwell, Nickolas Means. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Senior Center News

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will host its annual fish fry in the Senior Center on Sunday, April 13, and the pubic is invited to attend.

Tickets are $6 in advance or at the door and children under six eat free. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and continue to 1:30 p.m.

Carry outs will be available. Proceeds go for club projects, and these often involve the senior center since the club is made up of men and women 60 and older.

The Retired Teachers Association will meet in the center at noon on Monday. A nine ball tournament is scheduled Monday. Bridge games will begin at 9:30 Monday and Friday mornings.

A 42 "trash" tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Senior citizens are invited to join a swimnastics group at the Western Texas College swimming pool at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Kitchen Band will go to Snyder Oaks Care Center for a program at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Sunshine Choir will meet for rehearsal at 10 a.m. Friday and everyone is invited to join in a Sing Along at 11:30 a.m. Friday.

A video tape titled "Caregivers" is scheduled for showing Thursday morning. It is made available by the American Association of Retired Persons. A tape on funeral planning from AARP is scheduled for April 24.

May Day, the center's major fund-raiser each year, is scheduled May 3 and senior citizens will be giving many hours of volunteer time to put up booths in the coliseum and arrange items for sale there.

Quilt makers work in the center the year around to create quilts which will be sold in the evening auction. Anyone having antiques or collectibles they would like to donate for sale on May Day is invited to contact the center at 2603 Avenue M or call the office at 574-4035.

Funding cuts shut down world's most powerful nuclear reactor

PLAINSBORO, N.J. (AP) — Princeton University's Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor, the world's most powerful tool in the effort to harness the type of energy that powers the sun, shut down Friday because of federal budget cuts.

Even in its final hour, the 15-year-old reactor was doing cutting-edge experiments.

"We've done some truly historic accomplishments," said Rich Hawryluk, the reactor's project director for six years.

Fission, the process that powers nuclear reactors, involves splitting atoms. Fusion, the process that powers stars, creates energy by combining, or fusing, atoms — usually hydrogen — under extreme temperature and pressure.

Scientists hope to develop a fusion reactor that can produce more energy than it needs to operate, thereby harnessing a cheap and inexhaustible source of energy.

But after nearly half a century and $8.2 billion worth of U.S. research, scientists are thought to be decades away from that goal.

The Princeton lab's funding has been cut from $111 million in 1992 to a proposed $52 million for the next fiscal year, even though some scientists argue that America is falling behind foreigners in fusion technology. The U.S. Energy Department ordered that the device be shut down this week.

On Monday, just days before the shutdown, the man who founded the laboratory, Lyman Spitzer Jr., died at age 82.

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Missing jet puzzles AF

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — After three days of searching, the Air Force still had no idea what happened to a bomb-loaded plane that vanished on its way to a training range.

"He took a left, he took a right and he was gone," said Maj. Carla Day of the Civil Air Patrol.

Snow, rain, clouds, wind and cold hampered the search Friday for Capt. Craig David Button, 32, and his A-10 Thunderbolt attack jet.

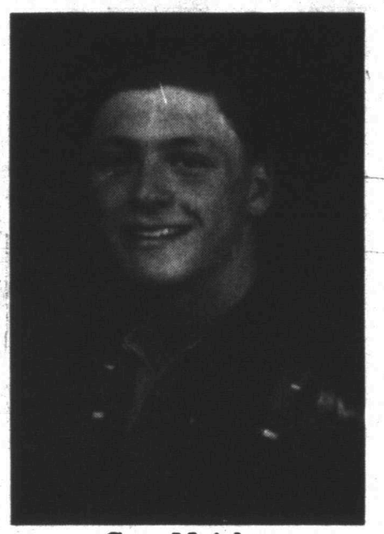
The plane was flying at roughly 380 mph and carried live ammunition, but its bombs should not have detonated in an impact, officials said.

Military airplanes and helicopters centered their search over a 100-square mile area around the Superstition Mountains and Roosevelt Lake, mountainous terrain 60 miles east of Phoenix. They detected no beacons or radio calls.

The jet vanished about noon Wednesday as it flew to a training range west of Tucson, the last in a three-plane formation. It was 100 miles off course before disappearing from radar.

A rancher in a remote part of Gila County reported a low-flying attack jet rattled his pickup truck, then banked toward Roosevelt Lake. Officials said that if the pilot ejected or collapsed, the plane could have kept going on autopilot.

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Greg McAden

McAden accepted into specialty school at Tech

Greg McAden, a sophomore at Texas Tech University, has been accepted into Tech's School of Allied Health at the university's Health Sciences Center.

He will be going into the field of occupational therapy and will begin classes in Lubbock in May. He will be assigned to TTSAH's Odessa campus during the fall semester.

McAden is a 1995 Snyder High School graudate.

He has maintained a 4.0 GPA and has been named to the President's Honor roll for his first three semesters at Tech.

He is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and the Alpha Lambda Delta National Academic honor societies.

McAden, the son of Larry and Janelle McAden of Snyder, is involved in the National Leadership Training with Campus Crusade for Christ.

He has one brother, Jason, who attends Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Is there anyone still around who can recall when people squeezed their own orange juice instead of buying it in a can or carton?

Cotton trade show slated in Lubbock

The largest gathering of Texas cotton industry associates will be at the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association (TCGA) 90th Annual Meeting & Cotton Trade Show.

It will bring more than 5,000 people to Lubbock Thursday and Friday for the meeting and trade show will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Deep in the Heart of Cotton," which reflects upon the heritage of the industry and the state of Texas.

"We look forward to the annual meeting in Lubbock every year," said Sid Brough, TCGA president. "It gives ginners an opportunity to look at new equipment available, visit with interesting technical representatives, and review the operation of our association for the past year while planning for the next."

More than 200 exhibitors will be present at the trade show with products and technology to bring the industry into the next century.

The show officially opens at 9 a.m., Thursday, and will run through Friday evening, concluding with an awards banquet. The banquet will honor the Texas Cotton Ginner of the Year, as well as past officers and the recipient of the 4-H Cotton Award.

This convention is open to the public and admission is free.

Students receive certificates

This is the eighth year that the Tandy Technology Scholars program has made awards to teachers and graduating seniors at American high schools.

The outstanding math, science, computer science student from Snyder High School who received a certificate is LaTrisha F. Lee.

Others who were in the top two percent also received certificates They include Laura Collins, Christy Garner, LaTrisha Lee, and Casity Reneau.

Currently 16,600 public and private secondary schools have been certified to participate in the awards program. That is almost 79.50 percent of all secondary schools in the United States.

The academic top two percent of graduating seniors are eligible to receive certificates recognizing their academic achievements. There are no cash awards in this category. This year the Tandy Technology Scholars program will honor 28,100 meritorious seniors.

Each school may nominate a senior who is outstanding in mathematics, science or computer science. These students receive a certificate recognizing them as a Tandy Technology Scholar.

In addition, they were eligible to compete for the one hundred $1,000 scholarships awarded annually. This year more than one-half of all schools in the country participated in this area of the program.

Each certified school also may nominate an outstanding teacher in mathematics, science or computer science. These teachers receive a certificate of recognition and are eligible to compete for the one hundred $2,500 cash awards presented annually.

Gordy completes basic training

FHTNC — Marine Pvt. Thomas L. Gordy, son of Billie J. Gordy of Snyder, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Gordy successfully completed 12 weeks of training. He and his fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Gordy spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments

Gordy joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School.

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Dropout charged with attack on 9-year-old

CHICAGO (AP) — Drawing gasps from the courtroom, a prosecutor charged a high school dropout with raping a 9-year-old girl and spraying roach killer down her throat, leaving her blind and unable to speak.

"This crime is chock full of violence and brutality," prosecutor Thomas E. Epach Jr. said Friday.

Patrick Sykes, 25, hung his head as Judge William Maki set bond at $6 million.

The attack on Girl X, whose mother has asked that her name be withheld, provoked anguish among many who saw it as a horrifying example of the risks children face in inner-city projects.

The girl was walking home Jan. 9 at the crime-ridden Cabrini-Green public housing complex when she was dragged into an apartment.

Sykes told police he submitted the child to a series of agonizing sexual violations that caused her to scream and whimper, Epach said.

"She kept screaming, so he tried to choke her," Epach said. When that failed to silence her, the prosecutor quoted Sykes as saying that he threw her to the floor "and began to step on her throat."

"The little girl stopped screaming," Epach said.

Worried he might have left evidence linking him to the assault, police said Sykes got himself a can of roach spray.

Date Book

April 5, 1997

Today is the 95th day of 1997 and the 17th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1614, Pocahontas married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia.

On this day in 1986, terrorists bombed the La Belle club in West Berlin, killing two American soldiers and a Turkish woman.

On this day in 1987, "Married... With Children" premiered on television.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Lister (1827-1912), surgeon; Booker T. Washington (1856-1915), educator; Spencer Tracy (1900-1967), actor; Gregory Peck (1916-), actor, is 81; Bette Davis (1908-1989), actress; Arthur Hailey (1920-), novelist, is 77; Colin Powell (1937-), U.S. Army general, is 60; Michael Moriarty (1941-), actor, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1993, North Carolina defeated Michigan 77-71 to win the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem." — Booker T. Washington

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1972, six people were killed when a 500-yard-wide tornado ripped through Vancouver, Wash.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 31) and new moon (April 7).

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April 6, 1997

Today is the 96th day of 1997 and the 18th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1830, the Mormon Church was founded by six believers in a log cabin in Fayette, N.Y.

On this day in 1868, Mormon leader Brigham Young married his 27th, and last, wife.

On this day in 1945, five U.S. Navy ships, including two destroyers, were sunk by Japanese kamikaze pilots near Okinawa.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Raphael (1483-1520), artist; Lowell Thomas (1892-1981), journalist; Andre Previn (1929-), composer-conductor, is 68; Merle Haggard (1937-), singer-songwriter, is 60; Billy Dee Williams (1937-), actor, is 60; Michelle Phillips (1944-), actress, is 53; Marilu Henner (1952-), actress, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1958, golfer Arnold Palmer won his first PGA major, the Masters Tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "How poor are they that have not patience! / What wound did ever heal but by degrees?" — William Shakespeare

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1989, the temperature in Los Angeles topped 100 degrees for the third of four straight days.

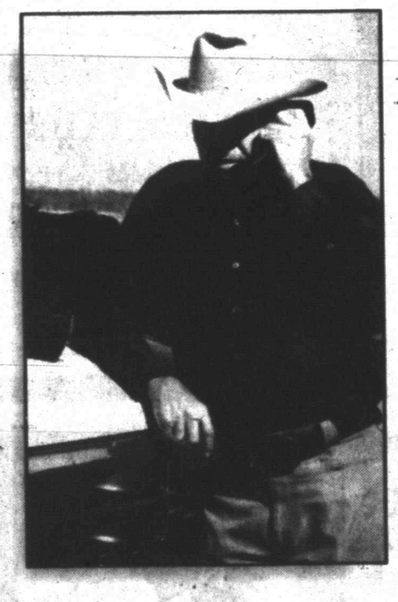
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TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon.

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An Open Letter To The Citizens Of Scurry County

TO BEGIN: I want to clear up some misconceptions. St. Mary of the Plains Hospital is owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, California, a tax-exempt, acute-care general hospital, as part of its Catholic Healthcare ministry.

IN THE NINE (9) YEARS St. Mary has been managing D.M. Cogdell Hospital, ***they (St. Mary) have not spent one dime*** for or at Cogdell Hospital. The contract has been, and is, a management agreement between D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital and Sisters of St. Joseph of Texas d/b/a.

IN THE CONTRACT it is agreed that St. Mary shall, during the term of this agreement, make its personnel available to consult with the board officers, department heads and employees of the hospital. During the term of this agreement, the hospital agrees to reimburse St. Mary for all the services rendered to it.

SPECIFICALLY requested by the hospital, including, but not limited to the hospital C.E.O., St. Mary shall utilize its best efforts to manage the hospital in an efficient manner. St. Mary through the hospital C.E.O. (Jeff Reecer), who shall be a vice president of St. Mary's, shall specifically have responsibility and commensurate authority subject to direction of the board and the hospital.

IN ADDITION, the hospital shall reimburse St. Mary for all reasonable travel and out of pocket expenses.

WE PAY St. Mary's C.E.O. Jeff Reecer's salary of $6,600 per month (plus benefits), $400 per month for auto, plus Bank America Card up to $5,000 per month (the hospital board of directors raised the card's limit from $2,500 to $5,000 at the last board meeting Thursday, March 27, 1997, plus we pay his country club dues, travel expenses, etc.

WE PAY St. Mary Controller, Jerry Vestal's salary of $4,166.66 per month. All monies are sent to St. Mary then they send checks to the C.E.O. and Controller.

DURING their (St. Mary) nine years of managing D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, a large portion of patients have, and are being sent to St. Mary at Lubbock. This causes a big money loss for Cogdell Hospital.

THE COUNTY agreed to give the hospital $395,000.00 per year. But it has consistently been more. The following is the tax support the county has given to the hospital for the last nine (9) years. Now this is over and above what we pay St. Mary's C.E.O. (Jeff Reecer), their Controller (Jerry Vestal) plus benefits and out of pocket expenses.

1987	$464,305.00
1988	$361,836.00
1989	$403,598.00
1990	$477,716.00
1991	$227,398.00
1992	$314,451.00
1993	$376,734.00
1994	$395,000.00
1995	$465,828.00
1996	$494,418.00
1997	$395,000.00

OUR COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO REDO THE HOSPITAL (and it needs many repairs). It can not afford to buy state of the art diagnostic equipment that we so badly need.

THE LARGER PART of Scurry County taxes are now being paid by property owners. Ad Valorem Tax and in order for the county to take over and run D.M. Cogdell Hospital, the people would have to vote for a $5 (Five) million dollar bond issuance just to get the hospital up to where it should be. Then the people would have to vote for a tax increase in order to have the money to keep the hospital open and running for the next five (5) or six (6) years that it would take to get the people (patients) we've lost coming back and using Cogdell Hospital.

ST. MARY built a beautiful clinic across the street from Cogdell Hospital, with state of the art diagnostic equipment, beautiful furnishings, etc. And of course, when you or your loved ones are sick or hurt you will go to a beautiful and clean place, with the best equipment. Having said this, the St. Mary's Clinic alone, will take a million or more dollars from our hospital each year. And all the money from the clinic belongs to St. Mary's.

IN THE NINE years St. Mary has been managing D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital the management contracts have read the same. But this last 1997 contract has a 1.05 financial support added. "As follows": (A) It is anticipated that the operating income from the hospital may be insufficient to fund the operations of hospital during the term of this agreement; and hospital and St. Mary have agreed to fund monthly operational short falls. 'Paragraph 1.05 For the term of this agreement and as conditioned hereafter should hospital incur an operating income loss of between zero dollars ($0) and four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000). St. Mary will fund fifty percent (50%) of such operating income losses up to a maximum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000). In any situation, the maximum amount the hospital will not be greater than two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) for purposes of this agreement. Operating income will be defined as net patient revenue less operating expenses including depreciation, but does not include any revenue received from taxing authorities or from the Medicare Disproportionate, Share Program.

The management agreement between D.M. Cogdell Hospital and Sisters of St. Joseph of Texas d/b/a is 21 (twenty one) pages long. If you would like to read it in its entirety, go to the courthouse, ask to see it. It's public information.

IN SUMMATION (or bringing it all together), everything that has been and is being done at Cogdell Hospital has been done by the Auxiliary Ladies or by money generated by Cogdell Hospital and tax money given to the hospital by Scurry County. ***St. Mary does not contribute money for any reason to Cogdell Hospital or Scurry County. "We pay them" (St. Mary).***

One more thing: the new piece of equipment that the hospital just acquired was not purchased by St. Mary. But was purchased on credit (or leased) by Cogdell Hospital.

This is part one (1) of a two part series. Part two (2) will be the final offer Community Health Services (C.H.S.) makes to "lease" (not buy) "LEASE" Cogdell Hospital.

Paid for by Ruth Shaw.

SPORTS

SDN Sports Week

Monday

SHS varsity boys and girls golf at fifth round of District 2-4A Tournament, Plainview.

SHS varsity baseball, district makeup game at Estacado, 4:30 p.m.

SHS JV baseball hosts Andrews, 6 p.m., Moffett Field.

Tuesday

SHS varsity baseball hosts Plainview, 7 p.m., Moffett Field.

SHS varsity softball hosts Big Spring, 6 p.m., Dale Cates Field.

SHS JV softball at Abilene High, 6 p.m.

Friday

SHS varsity baseball at Lamesa, 5:30 p.m.

SHS varsity boys and girls track at District 2-4A Meet, Lamesa.

SHS varsity tennis at District 2-4A Tournament, Lubbock.

SHS JV softball at Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m.

Saturday

SHS JV baseball hosts doubleheader against Odessa High, 1 p.m., Moffett Field.

SHS varsity boys and girls track at District 2-4A Meet, Lamesa.

SHS varsity tennis at District 2-4A Tournament, Lubbock.

Junior high track fights cold weather

Cold, rainy weather cancelled the seventh and eighth grade boys track teams' best events, but the seventh grade still managed to wind up in second place while the eighth grade tied for fourth.

The rain and the cold forced the cancellation of the pole vault and the high jump, the two teams best events.

"Even though the weather cancelled the vault and the high jump, the boys didn't get discouraged and they didn't let it bother them," said coach Thance Springer.

The seventh grade finished with 86 points behind Big Spring who amassed 174. Lamesa was third with 79.6

Wade Pinson continued to have a stellar season, finishing with three first place medals.

Pinson took first in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.19, first in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.52 and first in the 400-meter dash with a 58.35.

Snyder garnered the top two medals in the 1600-meter run with Rudy Martinez winning first with a 5:40.91 and Johnny Vasquez taking second with a 5:40.95.

Vasquez and Martinez also fared well in the 800-meter run with Vasquez finishing third and Martinez winning fourth.

Zach Billingsley was second in the 200-meter dash with a 27.65 and third in the 400-meter dash with a 1:00.56.

The seventh grade relay teams also had a good showing.

The 1600-meter relay team of Samuel Arizmendi, Marcus Barboza, Shay Franks and James Villareal was fourth with a time of 4:25.46.

The 400-meter realy squad of Miguel Lopez, Brandon McGuire, Chris McLeod and Pinson took fifth with a 55.76.

The eighth grade team finished in a tie for fourth place with Sweetwater. Both teams had 44 points. Andrews was first with a whopping 219 points, Big Spring finished second with 93 and Lamesa was third with 63.

Mark Medley had a good day in the field events, winning sixth in the shot put and fifth in the discus.

Medley had a toss of 119'8" in the discus and a distance of 38'3½" in the shot.

Matthew Grimmett had two top five finishes, taking second in the 110-meter hurdles and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Josh Arizmendi was second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.91 and fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 34'5½".

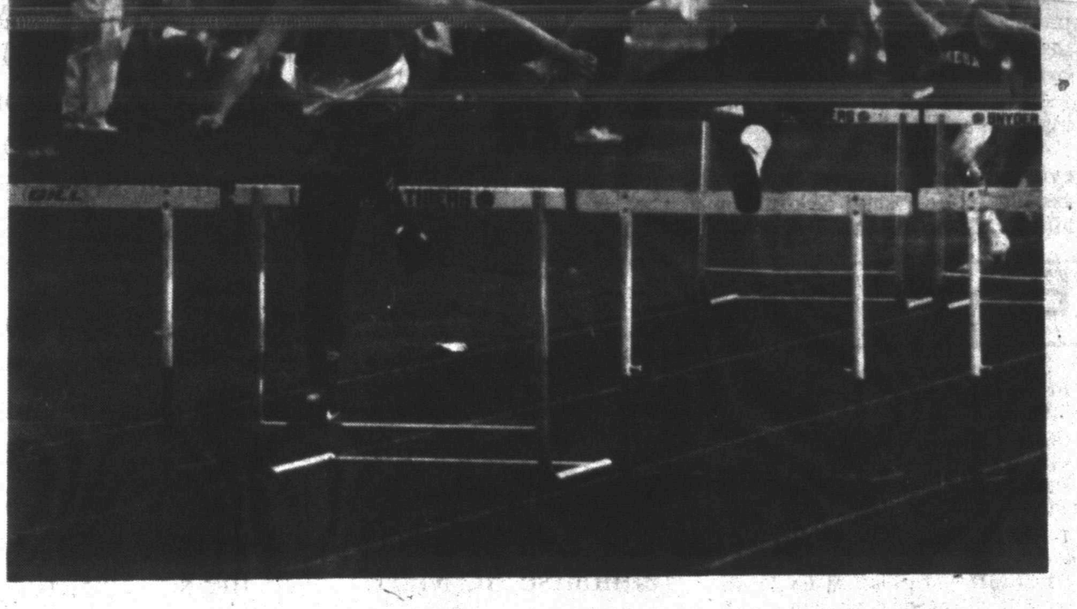
The 400-meter relay team of Juan Aguilar, Grimmett, Edwin James and Arizmendi was third with a time of 49.68.

The 1600-meter relay team of Martin Ferrusa, James, Aguilar and Jared Thornhill finished fifth with a 4:15.28.

"I think that the guys competed harder in this meet than they have all year and I'm really proud of them," said Springer.

"I would also like to thank all of the people who helped in any way. We couldn't have done it without you."

The junior high track squads will finish up their seasons April 18 in Andrews.



CATCH UP — Snyder's Matthew Grimmett tries to catch up to his Andrews opponent in the 100-meter hurdles. Grimmett finished second with a time of 17.24. (SDN Staff Photo By Jamie Sharp)

WTC linksters take second place; own eight-stroke lead

SEMINOLE — With two conference tournaments to go, Western Texas College holds an eight-stroke lead over always-tough Midland College which edged the Westerners for the tournament crown in Seminole on Friday.

WTC fired a nine-under-par 279 on Thursday and held a four-stroke lead over Midland with 36 holes to play on Friday.

Midland responded with an eight-under round Friday morning while WTC was three over. Midland was seven under on the final 18 holes and WTC improved to six under.

Midland won the tournament with a team total of 844, 20 under par. WTC finished second with an 852, 12-under par. New Mexico Military Institute was third at 877.

Coach Milton Ham described Friday's conditions as "wet, windy and cold."

The coach added, "But everybody had to play in it, and Midland College isn't going to roll over and play dead. But 12-under is pretty solid golf over two days."

Steve Young of Midland finished first in the medalist race, shooting a 68 on Thursday and finishing with a 71 and 70 Friday for an eight-under 216.

Andreas Ljunggren of WTC finished the two-day competition at 211, five-under-par with rounds of 69-71-71. Teammate Frederik Widmark was three under, 213, with individual rounds of 69-74-70.

Morten Vildhoj's 214 was two under, composed of rounds of 70-73-71. Jack McCullough finished even par 216 with rounds of 71-75-70.

Other WTC performers were Soren Muller (75-75-74--222) and Ole Fuglsang (78-76-75--229).

Ljunggren, Widmark, Vildhoj and McCullough were all named to the all-tournament team.

Next conference action is the Texas Junior College Championship set April 14-15 at the Wildflower Course in Temple.

Snyder Lady Tigers own whopping 104-stroke lead

Snyder has the opportunity to send both of its girls golf squads to the Regional Tournament.

Snyder's number one team will take a commanding 104-stroke lead into the final round of the District 2-4A tournament.

Snyder I fired a 372 in the fourth round of the tournament in Lamesa last Monday, while Snyder II fired the day's best round with a 345.

After shuffling his teams around for the fourth round, coach Matt Glenn was able to move his Snyder II team into second place in front of Plainview. Snyder I has carded a 1,353 while Snyder II improved to 1,457. Plainview is eight-strokes behind Snyder II with a 1,365.

Julie Doolittle is in front of the district medalist race with a 85-77-76-75 — 313. Teammate Daysha Weaver is only five-strokes back with a 82-78-79-79 — 318. Plainview's Lynsey Henry is third with a 88-89-79-81 — 337.

Snyder's Alyssa Wells is sitting in fourth with a 86-84-90-83 — 343.

The top two teams in the District will advance to the Regional Tournament in San Angelo, April 21-22.

Snyder routs Midland, 26-4

MIDLAND — Any time you can score 26 runs, you stand a good chance of winning.

The Lady Tiger JV softball squad proved this with a 26-4 rout over Midland Greenwood Friday.

"Everyone on the team got a hit," said coach Carman Bohannon, "and we hit the ball really well."

Snyder belted 20 hits before the game was called in the fifth inning due to the 10-run rule.

Courtney Rinehart and Vanessa Jones both pitched for Snyder in the win. Rinehart and Jones combined for five strike outs and four walks.

Miranda Hackford led the way for the Lady Tigers with two triples and a double while Randi Haggard ripped a triple and two singles. Bradi Johnson and Mindy Thompson each had two doubles and a single and Christy Thomlinson hit two doubles.

Rinehart had a double and two singles and K.K. McClain had three singles. Starla Davis hit two singles and Carrie Hernandez hit a single.

The JV owns a 15-8 season record and will journey to Abilene Tuesday to face the Abilene High Lady Eagles at 6 p.m.

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Paul Shuey on a three-year contract extension through 2000.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with C Dan Wilson on a two-year contract extension through 1999.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Signed OF Paul Weichard to a minor-league contract.

CHICAGO CUBS—Placed 1B Mark Grace on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of OF Dave Clark from Williamsport of the New York-Penn League. Placed RHP Kevin Tapani on the 60-day disabled list.

CINCINNATI REDS—Claimed RHP Scott Service off waivers from the Oakland Athletics.

BASKETBALL

BOSTON CELTICS—Signed guard Nate Driggers to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed TE Keith Jennings to a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived RB Stephen Pitts.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Re-signed LB Todd Collins.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Named Jack Del Rio assistant strength coach.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed WR Nate Singleton and RB Corey Croom.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Traded DL Brentson Buckner to the Kansas City Chiefs for a 1997 seventh-round draft choice.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Returned G Jen-Francois Labbe to Hershey of the AHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Loaned G Frederic Henry to Albany of the AHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Recalled D Yannick Tremblay from St. John's of the AHL. Assigned G Don Beaupre to Utah of the IHL.

COLLEGE

COLORADO—Announced G Chauncey Billups will forgo his final two years of eligibilty and enter the NBA draft.

CENTENARY—Named Billy Kennedy men's basketball coach.

KANSAS—Announced the resignation of diving coach Don Fearton.

RIO GRANDE—Named Earl Thomas men's basketball coach.

Dallas wheels to 87-53 win

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Troy Sachs scored 28 points Friday to lead the Dallas Mavericks to an 87-53 win over the Music City Lightning in the semi-finals of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Division I championships.

Dallas (20-1) had 23 steals and forced 30 Lightning turnovers.

Jim Wooten and Willie Buchanan both scored 11 points for Music City (22-9) of Nashville.

Sachs, who led Australia to the Paralympic gold Medal in Atlanta last summer, was 11 for 17 from the floor and 2 for 3 from 3-point range.

Darryl Waller scored 21 for the Mavericks. Reggie Colton added 12 points and Steve Welch chipped in 10.

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SPORTS

Orioles edge Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Brady Anderson sat in front of his locker with a big chunk of ice wrapped around his sore left ribs.

But he wasn't hurting so bad he couldn't crack a joke.

"Is your swing any different?" someone asked.

"Sure," he answered. "Haven't you noticed I'm hitting right-handed now?"

Anderson said his cracked ribs bother him during batting practice. But once the game starts, he blocks out the pain.

"During games I forget about it and I concentrate on what I have to do," Anderson said. "So far, it's worked out pretty good."

Anderson went 4-for-5 with two RBIs Friday night, and Baltimore capitalized on two misplays by Texas shortstop Benji Gil in the seventh inning of a 5-4 victory over the Rangers.

Anderson is now 8-for-12 for the unbeaten Orioles.

"I didn't know what to expect after I hurt the ribs in spring training," Anderson said. "I just know I didn't want to spend any time on the DL. Every day I play is a victory itself. My goal is to be on the field, not sitting."

Baltimore manager Davey Johnson said Anderson may have changed his swing a little, "but not that much."

"He's getting a lot of key hits for us," Johnson said. "All of his hits don't necessarily have to be 'yard' balls. His timing is still a little off, but we'll sure take what he's doing."

Texas was leading 4-2 in the seventh when Jeffrey Hammonds beat out an infield single off losing reliever Danny Patterson when Gil failed to charge the ball.

Gil, who played in only five games last year after injuring his back during spring training, then booted Chris Hoiles' potential double-play ball for an error and Jeff Reboulet reached on a bunt to load the bases.

"That double-play ball was the difference in the game," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "Usually we have good pitching and good defense, but one of them let us down tonight."

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	55	18	.753	—
x-NewYork	52	22	.703	3½
Orlando	41	33	.554	14½
Washington	38	36	.514	17½
NewJersey	23	50	.315	32
Philadelphia	21	52	.288	34
Boston	13	62	.173	43
Central Division				
y-Chicago	64	10	.865	—
x-Atlanta	51	23	.689	13
x-Detroit	51	23	.689	13
x-Charlotte	47	26	.644	16½
Cleveland	38	36	.514	26
Indiana	36	38	.486	28
Milwaukee	29	45	.392	35
Toronto	27	47	.365	37

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	56	17	.767	—
x-Houston	50	24	.676	6½
Minnesota	37	37	.500	19½
Dallas	22	51	.301	34
Denver	20	54	.270	36½
SanAntonio	19	54	.260	37
Vancouver	12	64	.158	45½
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	51	23	.689	—
x-L.A.Lakers	50	24	.676	1
x-Portland	44	31	.587	7½
Phoenix	35	39	.473	16
L.A.Clippers	33	41	.446	18
Sacramento	29	45	.392	22
GoldenState	27	46	.370	23½

y-clinched division title
x-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games
Charlotte 93, New Jersey 87
Washington 110, Chicago 102
L.A. Clippers 113, Orlando 94
Miami 92, Indiana 78
Seattle 103, Milwaukee 80
Golden State 106, Dallas 90

Friday's Games
L.A. Clippers 117, Boston 102
Indiana 114, Philadelphia 103
Atlanta 103, Detroit 89
Minnesota 97, Washington 95
Orlando 93, New York 84
Chicago 84, Cleveland 71
Phoenix 122, Denver 113
Utah 106, Vancouver 79
Portland 108, Milwaukee 93
San Antonio 94, L.A. Lakers 83
Houston 108, Sacramento 94

Saturday's Games
Dallas at Seattle, 3:30 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Washington at Boston, 1 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 5:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Gil Morgan leads Tradition

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — For two days, rain clouds have obscured Gil Morgan's view of Desert Mountain, which carries the Cochise Course on its south shoulder and forms a scenic backdrop for the Tradition.

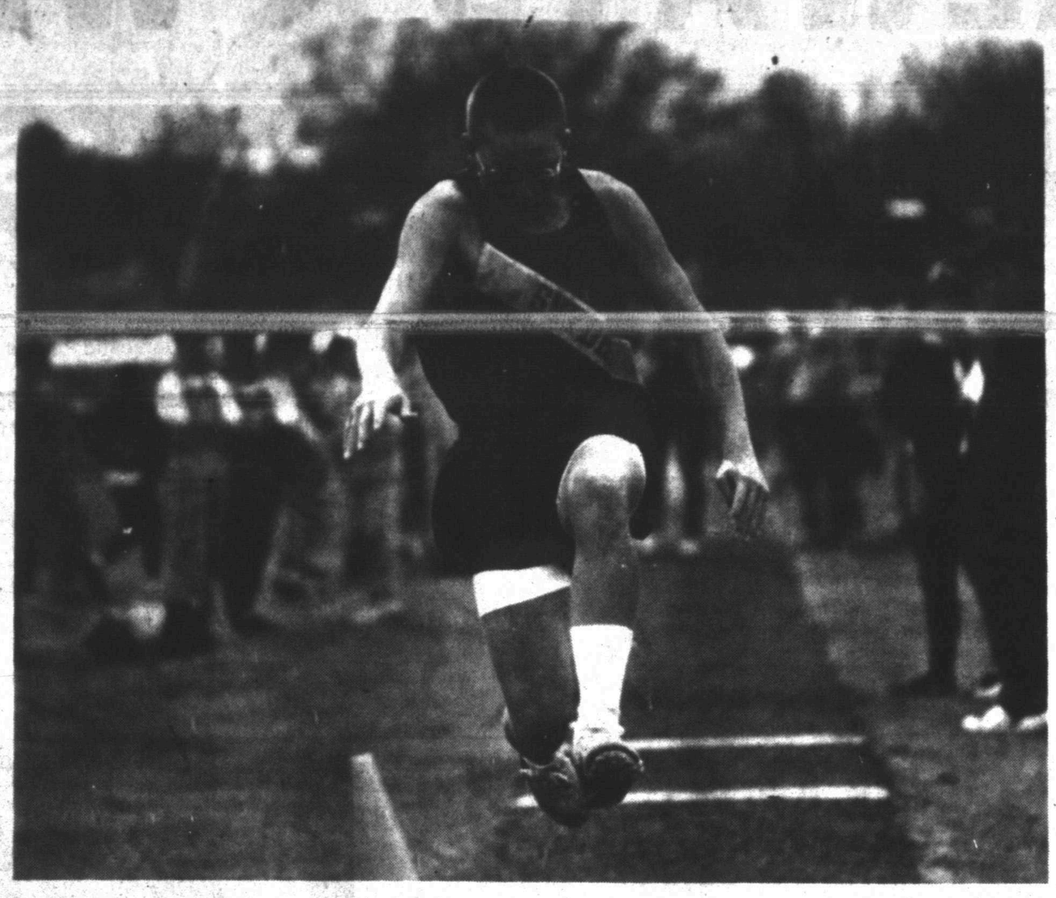
That hasn't kept Morgan from figuring out that putts break toward the valley below or imagining what the Jack Nicklaus-designed layout can turn into if the weather improves and the greens dry out.

"I think this course probably plays a lot harder when it's fast and hard and windy," he said Friday after firing his second straight 6-under-par 66 to lead by two strokes midway through the season's first senior major.

The weather — daytime highs 20 degrees below normal — has been so unseasonable that Morgan wore a red stocking cap with white trim and a red sweater in a place where shirtsleeves normally rule. He took some ribbing about the Santa Claus look.

"My wife said she saw something — she kept saying, 'Ho, ho, ho.' I don't know what she meant," said Morgan, who added that a fan gave him a Christmas list.

Whatever the ensemble, Morgan has played well enough to open daylight. His closest pursuers for the third round were Terry Dill, John Jacobs and Isao Aoki.



UP, UP AND AWAY — Snyder's Michael Arbuckle leaps his way to a seventh place finish in the triple jump at Friday's junior high track meet in Tiger Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo By Jamie Sharp)

Johnson's HIV magically gone

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Magic Johnson says his faith in God and the prayers of friends and family have helped his body push back the AIDS virus to undetectable levels.

"If it wasn't for the Lord's blessing, I wouldn't be as healthy as I am now," Johnson told KCBS-TV in an interview broadcast Friday.

Earlier in the day, his doctors credited powerful drugs with reducing the virus in the former Los Angeles Lakers star's body — but they added that he is not cured.

"Earvin is doing very well," Dr. David Ho and Dr. Michael Mellman, physicians for Johnson, said in a joint statement.

"However, we must emphasize that 'undetectable' doesn't equal 'absent.' It would be premature and incorrect to say Earvin is 'virus free.' We are very pleased he has adhered to his daily drug regimen, and that is reflected in his good health."

"His viral activity is infinitesimal," Johnson agent Lon Rosen said. But he acknowledged that did not mean the virus was gone.

SDN Sports Briefs

Loop baseball game changed

Because of a wet field, the District 2-4A baseball game between Snyder and Estacado that was scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday has been changed.

The game will be played at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Estacado in Lubbock.

SCC MGA hosts events

The Snyder Country Club Men's Golf Association will host its first monthly Saturday Playday on April 19.

The regular MGA play will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

To register for either event, call the pro shop at 573-7101 or 573-6422.

SCC MGA Pro-Am

The Snyder Country Club Men's Golf Association will host its annual Pro-Am on Monday, April 28.

The entry fee is $35 per player and two shotgun starts will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Format will be low ball net using full handicap. The teams will consist of one local PGA professional and three amateurs.

Earlybird softball tourney

The first Bi-Annual Earlybird Softball Tournament will be held April 12 at the Winston Park softball field.

The tournament will be double elimination and the entry fee is $100 per team.

For more information, call 573-8842 or 573-1663.

Little Dribblers tourney

The Aspermont Little Dribbler Association will host a tournament for girls and boys April 11-12 and April 18-19.

Girls in grades 3-6 will play April 11-12 and boys in grades 3-6 will play April 18-19.

For more information, call 1-(817)-989-2700 or 1-(817)-989-3326.

Little League umpires meeting

The Snyder Little League umpires will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Moffett Field.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	3	0	1.000	-
Toronto	2	1	.667	1
Boston	2	1	.667	1
NewYork	1	2	.333	2
Detroit	1	3	.250	2½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	3	1	.750	-
Chicago	1	2	.333	1½
Cleveland	1	2	.333	1½
KansasCity	1	2	.333	1½
Milwaukee	0	2	.000	2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	2	1	.667	-
Oakland	2	1	.667	-
Texas	1	1	.500	½
Seattle	1	2	.333	1

Friday's Games
Detroit 8, Chicago White Sox 7, 10 innings
Toronto 6, Milwaukee 2
Kansas City 2, Minnesota 1
Baltimore 5, Texas 4
Boston 10, Seattle 5
Oakland 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Anaheim 8, Cleveland 6, 11 innings

Saturday's Games
Milwaukee (McAndrew 0-0) at Toronto (W.Williams 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Olivares 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (D.Drabek 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 0-0) at Oakland (Mohler 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Haney 0-0) at Minnesota (Robertson 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Boskie 0-0) at Texas (D.Oliver 0-0), 8:35 p.m.
Boston (Avery 0-0) at Seattle (R.Johnson 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Ogea 0-0) at Anaheim (Hasegawa 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Milwaukee (McDonald 0-1) at Toronto (Hentgen 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Brocail 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Pichardo 0-0) at Minnesota (Radke 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 0-0) at Texas (Pavlik 0-0), 3:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Florida	3	1	.750	-
Montreal	3	1	.750	-
Atlanta	2	2	.500	1
NewYork	1	3	.250	2
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	2
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	3	1	.750	-
Houston	3	1	.750	-
Pittsburgh	1	2	.333	1½
Chicago	0	4	.000	3
St.Louis	0	4	.000	3
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	3	1	.750	-
SanDiego	3	1	.750	-
SanFrancisco	2	1	.667	½
Colorado	2	2	.500	1

Friday's Games
Cincinnati 9, Florida 7
Colorado 5, Montreal 4
Atlanta 5, Chicago Cubs 4
Houston 3, St. Louis 2, 11 innings
Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 13, Philadelphia 3
San Francisco 6, N.Y. Mets 4

Saturday's Games
Colorado (R.Bailey 0-0) at Montreal (Cormier 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (R.Reed 0-0) at San Francisco (VanLandingham 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Morgan 0-0) at Florida (Saunders 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Swartzbaugh 0-0) at Atlanta (Smoltz 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 0-0) at Houston (S.Fernandez 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (F.Cordova 0-0) at Los Angeles (Park 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Mimbs 0-0) at San Diego (Hitchcock 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 0-1) at Atlanta (Maddux 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Ritz 0-1) at Montreal (Bullinger 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Smiley 1-0) at Florida (Brown 1-0), 1:35 p.m.

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AVON-Unlimited earning potential, Quality Product, Training & Benefits. Call 1-800-942-0064.
AVON Ind. Sales Rep.

CNA positions open. Will consider sending to school if qualified. Contact Elia Gonzales D.O.N. for application. Valley Fair Lodge, 1541 Chestnut, Colorado City.

Restuarant located at the Willow Park Inn is accepting applications for cooks, dishwashers, and wait staff. Apply daily from 2 pm to 6 pm. No phone calls please. OPENING SOON! Not affiliated with any past managememt.

EARN $1000 Weekly stuffing envelopes at home. Start now. No experience. Free supplies, info. No obligation. Send LSASE to: Ace, Dept: 1143 Box 5137, Diamond Bar, Ca. 91765.

SUBWAY: APPLY IN PERSON ONLY.

Waitress needed at Plaza Restuarant, Huffman & Hwy. 84. See Marty Sanchez from 6am-2pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

GENERAL MANAGER POSITION
Water Control & Improvement District is seeking these qualifications:
Experience in Administration Skills, including Budget Preparation and Control, Employee Supervision including Clerical, Outside Maintenance, and Police Staff, good people and communication skills. Will be working for a five member Board. Person with experience in public water system and public sewer preferred.
Send resume to:
Chairman of the Board
Rt. 10 Box 400
Lubbock, Texas 79404

General Oilfield help wanted. Clean driving record, DOT preferred. 3220 W. Hwy. 180. Rhodes Operating.

MACHINIST WANTED: Snyder Machine Shop. 304 Old Lubbock Hwy. 573-5097.

Master Journeyman and beginning machinists wanted. Training provided. Send application/resume to Shop Foreman, YZ Industries, Box 890, Snyder.

NEEDED: Delivery Tech and Shipping and Receiving Clerk. Deliver, Set Up, Instruct and give demonstration of mdeical equipment. Must be good with public, able to lift 200 lbs., and have a good driving record. Dress code. Salary plus benefits. Amco Medical Service, 5305 Trinity Blvd, Suite G for applications.

NEEDED: LVN-Good Benefits=Insurance, meals, holiday pay, vacation. Apply at Kristi Lee Manor, Inc., 1941 Chestnut, Colorado City, Texas.

Needed: Part-time kitchen help. Call 573-3427 or see Shirley McMillan on Tuesday or Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

NIGHT CLERK NEEDED: 11:00pm-7:00am Saturday, Sunday & Monday. Non-smoker. Apply in person at Purple Sage Motel.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY: $500 to $900 Weekly/Potential processing Mortgage Refunds. Own hours. (800) 449-1037 ext. 1143 (24 hours.)

POSTAL JOBS: Positions available, no experience necessary. For information call 1-800-994-2900 Ext. 1046.

CNAs - DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE!
To work with our caring team of nurses! Full time day and evening positions available. Call 573-6332 or apply at:
Snyder Healthcare Center
5311 Big Spring Hwy,
Snyder, Texas. EOE

Don't Miss The Deadline
Get Your CLASSIFIED AD In By 4:00 p.m. The Day BEFORE You Want It In The Paper!
(4:00 p.m. Friday For Sun. & Mon.)

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
Snyder, Texas 79549

POSITION: College Preparatory Mathematics Assistant and tutor. Part-time employment. Combination of two (2) afternoons and one (1) evening for a total of ten (10) hours per week, based on school calendar. Will coordinate activities in the college preparatory math lab. EDUCATION: Bachelor's and/or relevent experience preferred. SALARY: Negotiable based on qualifications. Employment to begin September, 1997. Written application accepted until Friday, May 9th. SEND APPLICATION TO: Bill Halbert, 6200 S. College Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-9502. Western Texas College is an equal opportunity institution and is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Applications are received and considered without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, veteran's status or disability.

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
Snyder, Texas 79549

POSITION: Adjunct Instructor, College Preparatory Math. Part-time employment. One (1) night class per week during June and July, 1997 teaching college preparatory math at a prison unit. Security clearance required. EDUCATION: Bachelor's or Masters degree in Math or Math education preferred. SALARY: Based on degree. Written applications accepted until Friday, May 9th. SEND APPLICATION TO: Bill Halbert, 6200 S. College Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-9502. Western Texas College is an equal opportunity institution and is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Applications are received and considered without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, veteran's status or disability.

JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT: Business Office. POSITION: Cashier/Accounts Receivable Clerk 12-month position. SALARY: College Scale. DUTIES: Receipting and disbursing college funds; balance cash drawer, assemble bank deposits, prepare/distribute daily cash receipts; prepare petty cash report; assist public at front counter; answer main telephone for business office; maintain/issue campus keys, coordinate semester registration; prepare/maintain accounts receivable billings. ADDITIONAL DUTIES: Assist accountant, account payable and purchasing. SKILLS/ABILITIES: Able to deal effectively and courteously with the public; general knowledge of accounts receivable and be able to handle large sums of money quickly, accurately and honestly. Ability to maintain professional appearance and work under pressure. Good typing and personal computer skills. Associate degree in office careers or related field preferred, or experience in accounting department or business office utilizing accounting and general office skills acceptable. Requires physical ability to get up and down numerous times during the day and to stand for long periods of time. Submit applications to Mr. E.G. Hickman, Vice President of Business and Finance, Western Texas College, Snyder, Texas, by April 14, 1997. Employment to begin as soon as available. Evaluation by Work Assessment Center required. No phone calls, please. Applications forms, as well as job description, are available at the college switchboard. Western Texas College is in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act and is equal opportunity institution. Applications are accepted and considered without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, veteran's status or disability.

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180 INSTRUCTIONS

ACT TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING
JTPA/VA APPROVED
1-800-282-8658
273 CR 287 Merkel, TX 79536.

MORRIS SHAW SCHOOLS of Defensive Driving Course. Mon. & Tue., April 14th & 15th, 6p.m.-9 p.m., Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College Ave. For more information call 573-2850. No reservations needed. CO199-CP315.

MORRIS SHAW SCHOOLS of Defensive Driving Course. Saturday April 12th, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., cost $30. Snyder Savings & Loan. No reservations necessary. Call 573-2850. CO199-CP315.

190 FINANCIAL

LOW INTEREST RATES- $2,500-$50,000 As Low As $79.64 Monthly. No Fee. For App. 24 hours 1-888-660-1919. TOLL FREE!

210 WOMAN'S COLUMN

ALTERATIONS and other sewing. Call Barbara, 573-9969 or leave message.

MARY KAY COSMETICS. For a complimentary facial and reorders call Geraldine Thames, 915-573-9433, 1808 38th St. Snyder, Tx.

Sewing Machine Repairman will be in Snyder, Wednesday April 9, 1997 doing in home repairs (all brands). Call new # 1-888-558-9300 Now for appointment.

220 FARMER'S COLUMN

BROOM WEEDS are coming up. For Spraying call Snyder Farm & Ranch. 573-0767.

FIELD SEEDS: Hybred Sudan, Grain Sorghum. Rox Candy #1 baleing variety in this area. Call Snyder Farm & Ranch. 573-0767.

FOR SALE: Coastal hay. 1-915-728-5550 (Colorado City).

Good fertilized Coastal Hay, $35 a bale. Free delivery by truckload. 817-392-2003.

HAY FOR SALE: COASTAL or SUDAN. MICHAEL WHITFIELD 915-667-7470.

HAY FOR SALE: Seed Maize 5X6 Round Bales. $20 plus delivery. 806-684-2605.

240 SPORTING GOODS

GOLF CART & BATTERY CHARGER SERVICE & REPAIR
Pickup & Delivery.
Call Harold Yearwood
573-9444

250 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

1978 Tioga 24c Motor Home, less than 27,000 miles. Many extra's. See to appreciate. 573-2342.

1986 26 ft. Mobile Ville Camper. Excellent condition. Loaded. $7,500. 573-9423.

251 BOATS

29 ft. COACHMAN TRAVEL TRAILER. 573-8147 or 573-0495.

ONE OWNER: 1994 18' 5" Cajun Fishmaster Travis Addition w/120 hp Evinrude. Loaded. $12,500 OBO. Days 573-3176 Evenings 573-6515.

We are looking for a Canoe to buy. Call 573-0793, after 6 pm.

260 MERCHANDISE

We are looking for a Canoe to buy. Call 573-0793, after 6 pm.

6' T Post-$1.75; Cattle Panels-$13.29; Farm Gates-$30.00; 6' Chain Link-$53.95; 2x12x18-$24.95; 1x6 Car Siding-30 cents line feet. Builder's Surplus 915-235-9966

Champion 4000 CFM air conditioner, used one season, $275. Pioneer Furniture, 2310 College, 573-9834.

CONVALESCENT NEEDS
Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Canes, Home Blood Pressure Kits, Etc.
Sales & Rentals
3706 College 573-7582

ESTATE SALE: Toro C-5002 V Commercial self-propelled mower. New $1000 Now $500. Tur-Cut 5 hp. Tif Mower, like new $500. 915-965-3412.

FOR SALE: Hide-a-bed, electric stove & washer/dryer. 573-1650 leave message.

GERANIUMS ARE COMING! Monday at First United Methodist Church parking lot (downtown).

Gold Whirlpool refrigerator-runs good-$100. Kool-Mate refrigerator for truck, auto, boat. Used 1 month-$75. 573-8486 leave message.

GRASSBURS-GET RID OF THEM w/Treflan granules. Call Snyder Farm and Ranch. 573-0767.

Rear Tine tiller, New 8 hp motor, lawnmowers-$50 & up, air conditioners. 573-9595.



Before You See The Weeds
ferti·lome
SNYDER FARM & RANCH SUPPLY
800 37th Street
Snyder, Texas 79549

SPECTACULAR SAVINGS! 40 gallon Aquarium with freshwater fish & cabinet, ONLY $150. Call 573-6230.

Start now to prevent fleas on dogs & cats without internal poisons. Ask EZELL KEY FEED & SEED 573-6691 about HAPPY JACK TABLICKS. Chewable & Nutritious. Repels fleas naturally.

GUARANTEED USED APPLIANCES: Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Ranges & Freezers. WESTERN AUTO 2510 AVE. R.

LIFT CHAIR FOR SALE, $150. CALL 573-9065.

YOU ALWAYS HIT THE MARK WITH
THE CLASSIFIEDS
573-5486

310 GARAGE SALES

Sewing Machine Repairman will be in Snyder, Wednesday April 9, 1997 doing in home repairs (all brands). Call new toll free # 1-888-558-9300 Now for appointment.

315 WANT TO BUY

We Buy Good Used Furniture & Estates. Pioneer Furniture
2310 College Ave. 573-9834

320 RENT OR LEASE

KEY MOBILE HOME PARK on West 37th St. Large Lots. Now Locally Owned. 573-2149.

325 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 bedroom furnished apartment for rent. Bills & cable paid. Deposit. 573-5879 or 915-728-8482.

1 bedroom furnished apartment. Bills paid. $225 month. 2908 Ave. V. 573-9068.

WESTERN CREST APARTMENTS 3901 Ave. O. Check It Out!!! Snyder's Best!!! W/D Connections, Covered parking & Beautiful Club House. Call 573-1488.

WINDRIDGE VILLAGE 5400 College Ave. Single Story Homes. Professional on site mgr. & maint. To provide you with a comfortable & relaxing home. Call 573-0879.

1 bedroom furnished apartment for rent. No utilities paid. 573-9047.

Western Crest Apartments
Move In Special
$100 Off 1st Full Month Rent
•Washer/Dryer Connections
•Covered Parking
•Swimming Pool
•Playground
•Central Heat & Air
•Beautiful Lanscape
Call 573-1488 or Come by
3901 Ave. O, Off 37th Street

Windridge Village Apartments
Move In Special
$100 Off 1st Full Month Rent
•Swimming Pool
•Laundry Room
•Central Heat & Air
•Beautiful Single Story
Call 573-0879 or Come by
5400 College Ave.

2-bedroom Apartments. Starting at $150 per month. Water paid. No pets. More information call 573-5773.

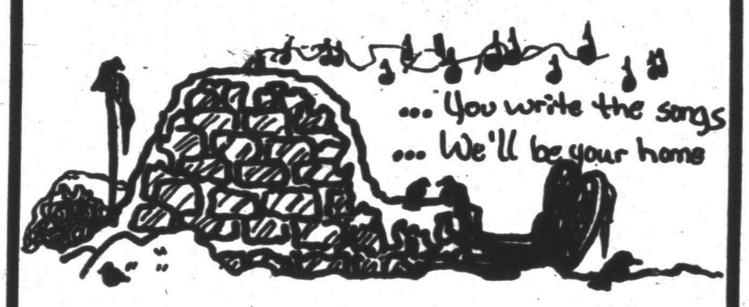
FOR RENT: Furnished efficiency duplex apartment. Bills paid. $250 month & $150 deposit. 2503½ A 27th Street. 573-7008.

FOR RENT: Large 2 bedroom duplex Apartment. Partially furnished. 1802 28th St. (East end) $175/mo. $100/dep. 573-5525.

On the square large upstairs apartment. Ideal for one & furnished. $275 month. 573-7071 A.M. only.

KINGSWOOD & EASTRIDGE APARTMENTS
100 37th Street
Snyder, Texas
915- 573-5261
•One Bedroom From $240
•Two Bedroom From $286
•Cent. A/C & Heat
•Refrigerator & Ranges
•Carpet
•Playground
•Laundry Rooms
•Resident Manager
Equal Housing Opportunity

Field Crest Apartments



Furnished or Unfurnished
700 E. 37th Street 573-3519

Summer Job Opportunities At Western Texas College

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT: Continuing Education
POSITION: Summer Youth Program Director
SALARY: Based on experience and Educational background
RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsible for supervision/coordination of Summer Youth Employment Program. Reports to and works directly with the Director of Community Service.
SPECIAL SKILLS: Able to work well with youth and personnel management experience required.
EMPLOYMENT DATES: 8am-5pm Mon-Thursday June 2 - June 26, 1997

DEPARTMENT: Continuing Education
POSITION: Summer Youth Program Employment/Training Supervisor (2 positions)
SALARY: Based on experience and Educational background
RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsible for teaching job-site training techniques and supervising worksite employment activities in the subject of ***Landscape design and gardening techniques.*** Reports to and works directly with the Program Director.
SPECIAL SKILLS: Able to work well with youth and personnel management experience required. Some developing of curriculum for training and employment activities may be required.
EMPLOYMENT DATES: 8am- 5pm Mon-Thursday June 2 - June 26, 1997.

DEPARTMENT: Continuing Education
POSITION: Summer Youth Program Employment/Training Supervisor (2 positions)
SALARY: Based on experience and Educational background
RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsible for teaching job-site training techniques and supervising worksite employment activities in the subject of ***Theatre set design and production techniques.*** Reports to and works directly with the Program Director.
SPECIAL SKILLS: Able to work well with youth and personnel management experience required. Some developing of curriculum for training and employment activities may be required.
EMPLOYMENT DATES: 8am-5pm Mon-Thursday June 2 - June 26, 1997.

DEPARTMENT: Continuing Education
POSITION: Lifeguards for Summer Program
SALARY: $5.00 per hour
EMPLOYMENT DATES: 2-5pm + special events June 2 - August 1, 1997.

DEPARTMENT: Continuing Education
POSITION: Concession Stand Worker for Summer Program
SALARY: $4.75 per hour
EMPLOYMENT DATES: 2-5pm Mon-Fri + special events June 2 - August 1, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT: Continuing Education
POSITION: Kids' College Teachers
SALARY: Based on experience and Educational background
RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsible for teaching 1-6 graders in summer 2 week enrichment program.
SPECIAL SKILLS: Able to work well with youth. Some developing of curriculum and activities may be required.
EMPLOYMENT DATES: Mon-Thursday 12:40-5:15 (contingent on class enrollment) June 16 - June 27, 1997.

DEPARTMENT: Continuing Education
POSITION: Kids' College Runners for Summer Program
SALARY: $4.75 per hour
EMPLOYMENT DATES: Mon-Thursday 12:15-5:15pm, June 11 - June 27, 1997.

DEPARTMENT: Continuing Education
POSITION: Swimming Instructor
SALARY: Based on experience
EMPLOYMENT DATES: June 3-August 1, 1997 (Contingent on class enrollment)

DEPARTMENT: Continuing Education
POSITION: Weight Room Attendant
SALARY: $5.00 p/hr
EMPLOYMENT DATES: June 3-August 1, 1997 1-4pm Mon-Thursdays

Contact Continuing Education Department
573-8511 Ext. 342

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330 HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom house. $360 month $140 deposit. 573-8015.

FOR RENT: Small house. Ideal for one! Call 573-0965.

LEASE: 3-1-1, fenced nice yard. 213 36th Place. 573-0712 after 5 pm.

Neat 3 bedroom 1 bath, appliances, window units. 1610 27th. $275 month. 915-243-5400.

Nice house for rent: 3 bedroom 2 bath, all electric. 4111 Eastridge. Call 573-8505.

Unfurnished 2 bedroom, $200 month, $75 deposit. 2108 26th. 1 bedroom furnished, $200 month, $75 deposit. 2106 26th. 573-5911.

335 MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

2 & 3 BEDROOM Mobile Home for rent starting at $275. 573-1711.

340 MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

1995 Skyline 3-2 doublewide w/ fireplace & sun room. Assumable loan, small down payment. 915-267-1955 or 915-267-6505 after 6 pm.

1997 Fleetwood Doublewide, #1 Homebuilder in America. Garden tub & 5 yr. warranty. $1500 down, $234.09 month, 9.25% apr var. 360 months. Homes of America 1-915-363-0881 or 1-800-725-0881.

1997 Singlewide, 2 or 3 bedroom, $180 month, 5 year warranty, 5% down, 240 months, 9.75% var apr. 1-800-378-0998 J. Hite Homes.

1997 Doublewide, 3 bedroom 2 bath. $234.42 month, 5 year warranty, 5% down, 360 months, 9.25% var apr. 1-800-378-0998 J. Hite Homes.

J HITE HOMES SPRING SPECTAULAR Home Sale now in progress. 1-800-378-0998.

3 bedroom 2 bath on two fenced lots. $1,000 down, $300 month. 2105 Gilmore. 573-2251.

Clearance Sale! Everything discounted. Free Air Conditioning & Skirting, with every home purchase. Manager's gone crazy. He says everything must go. Choose your payments and terms. Hurry before he comes to his senses. Call Dave at 1-915-363-0881 or 1-800-725-0881.

LOOK! $248 month and you can own a new 1997 Fleetwood, 18' wide! 3 bedroom 2 bath, 5% down, 9.75% apr var. 360 months. Don't wait any longer. Homes of America Odessa, TX 1-915-363-0881 or 1-800-725-0881.

Only $245 month, 1997 new 3 bedroom 2 bath. Quit renting and start owning your own home. 12 years to pay. 9.75% apr var. 5% down. Homes of America Odessa, TX 915-363-0881 or 1-800-725-0881.

Used 1992, 3 bedroom, all included, only 10% down, $177 month, 13.75% apr, 120 months. Homes of America Odessa, TX 1-915-363-0881 or 1-800-725-0881.

Used Mobile Homes starting at $995. Come pick yours out today, hurry they won't last. Homes of America Odessa, TX 915-363-0881 or 1-800-725-0881.

360 REAL ESTATE

3612 Ave. V. Large brick home, 3-2, CH/A, rock fireplace. Remodeled. 573-1484. $69,500.

3700 Muriel: 2 bedroom 1 bath. Nice! · $11,900. Cash or Bank Finance only. 573-9001.

BY OWNER: Old West 3-2-2, 2 living areas, dining room & basement. 2674 square feet, $65,000. 573-1625 573-7621.

CASH FOR YOUR HOUSE OR EQUITY REGARDLESS OF CONDITION. (806)794-5964.

Country living, 3 bedroom, about ½ acre. $18,000, will finance. Small down payment, around $275 month. 11898 Hwy. 208 S. Dunn. Call 573-5067.

FARM FOR SALE: Camp Springs area. 80 acres CRP, 67 native grass. $250 per acre. 806-684-2605.

FOR SALE: 3 or 4 bedroom, 1½ bath w/storm cellar, workshop & storage building. Call 573-9534 for an appointment.

HOUSE TO BE MOVED: May be seen at 2905 College. Make offer! Call 915-243-5400.

House for sale by owner. 304 23rd. 2-1 with large dining room & huge den. 573-4409.

I'M MAD...at the banks and mortage companies who don't give real estate loans to persons with past bad credit, problems or new employment, because I do. Call Molly Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, 817-773-3270, Temple.

Large 2-1-1, with separate dining room & utility room. 306 33rd Street. $24,000. 915-573-9619.

Large 3-2-2 Brick Home. New carpet, paint. Quiet neighborhood, $99,850. Seller will finance. 2700 33rd Street. 573-5595.

MOUNTAIN HOME! 6 miles East of Cloudcroft, New Mexico ski area. Write for more information: C. Parkes, 36 Will Scarlet-Robin Hood Estates, Mayhill, New Mexico 88339.

TREES, CREEK...PEACEFUL. 3-2 (2300 sq. ft.) w/barn, stalls & pens. 23 acres. Denson Road. Appointment Only. 573-8580.

#1 FOR RENT: $450 month 3111 38th Place. Owner will sell & carry papers.
#2 SECTION OF RANCH LAND Some minerals, lots of deer, nice home.
#3 HOUSE & LOT In Country $21,500
Roswell Rigsby Real Estate
573-7682

Elizabeth Potts Realtors
573-8505
1707 30th Street

3600 41st 3-2-2 $80T
3503 44th 3-2-office $60's
3807Gary BrewerRd Nice $73T
3303 Ave. U 3-2-2 $68T
3503 Kerrville 3-2-2 $49.5T
3908 Eastridge 3-1-2 $30T
3714 Austin 2-2-cp $25T
LAND FOR SALE Call For Info
Nice 3-2-1cp CH/CA $49T
201 Hickory Only $13T
411 31st 3-1¾-1 $26T
North 13A 3-2 Brick & Lg. Shop
4502 Galveston 3-2-2 $86.5T
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3000 Crockett 4-3½-2 Pool
2400 32nd Beautiful-Historic
Several Rental Homes Avail.
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Annette Waller 573-9467
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611 Coliseum Dr.
Ford Spikes
573-8571 573-3452

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1504 Preston Trail 3-2-2-Pool
1868 Santa Fe 3-2-2-shop
4502 Galveston 3-2-2 nice
3307 Irving 4-2½-2 Nearly new
3718 Dalton 3-2-1 Redone $30's
4300 Ave. U 3-2-2 Lg Rms.
Country-Brick 3 bd. w/acres
Restored 3-2-din. 2300 32nd
43 acres; 25 acres; 75+ acres
Wenona Evans 573-8165
Faye Blackledge 573-1223
Dolores Jones 573-5308
Wendell Wilks 573-8965

STEVENSON REAL ESTATE
4102 College
573-5612 or 573-1755

Out of City Nice Reduced $75T
3403 Irving 4-2 Patio $69.5T
4300 Ave. U 3-2-2 $59T
Pleasant Hill Rd. 2-Story $32T
115 25th. 2-1-1 2-LA $26.5T
33 Acres Close In $21.5T
3730 Ave. U 3-1 $31.5T
Com. Bldgs on square Own.Fin.
Country 2-1 $18T
640 Acres Cult. & Past., Tanks, creek, N. of Camp Springs
160 Acres Deep Creek 4 yrs. left on CRP approx. 65 A Past.
4502 Galveston Nice $86.5T
2113 42 3-1-2cp CH/A $36.5T
2100 42nd 3-2-1 2L.areas 52.5T
404 35th St. 3-2 CH/A $35T
3001 34th 3-2 $59.9T
Lmsa.Hwy House Lg.Shp $35T
2 Houses outside Snyder $65T
1904 Ave. M 2-1-1 $25T
2903 36th 3-3-2 Red. $82.5T
Bill Dryden 573-9739
Doris Beard 573-8480
Frances Stevenson 573-2528

FOR SALE IN ROTAN - Large 3Br, 2 bath, large utility, 2 car carport in rear, great storage & cabinets, large master bedroom. Master bath has huge Whirlpool tub, 2 vanities, 2 closets, new paint & carpet.
Must see to appreciate - 60's
Call 1-800-817-4470
or 1-817-572-5557



Classifieds
573-5486

362 FARMS & RANCHES

FOR SALE: 160 Acre Farm. Call 573-6466.

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

BID NOTICE

The City of Snyder is accepting bids for the purchase of a used water truck. The bids will be accepted at the City Hall in the Accounting Department. The opening will be on Friday, April 11, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE
SCURRY COUNTY
FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

Scurry County has proclaimed the month of April as "Fair Housing Month." Scurry County endorses and supports the principle of fair housing and encourages all citizens to support the law of the land in regard to the right of every person to have access to adequate housing of his choice.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bid proposals for a depository institution on Monday, April 14, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. during special session of Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of SNYDER, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Ciudad de SNYDER, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on MAY 3, 19 97, for voting in a general election to elect MAYOR, TWO AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBERS, SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMEMBER.
(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de MAYO de 19 97 para votar en la Elección General para elegir ALCADE, DOS CONCEJALES EN GENERAL, UNO SOLO MIEMBRO DISTRICT 3 CONCEJALES)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

CITY HALL	CASA DE AYUNTAMIENTO
1925 24TH STREET	1925 POR LA CALLE 24
SNYDER, TX 79549	SNYDER, TX 79549

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
CITY HALL, 1925 24TH STREET, SNYDER, TEXAS 79549
(location) *(sitio)*
(LA CASA DE AYUNTAMIENTO, 1925 POR LA CALLE 24, SNYDER, TEXAS 79549)
Recommended but not required

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on APRIL 14, 1997
entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 DE ABRIL DE 1997
and ending on APRIL 29, 1997. *(y terminado el 29 DE ABRIL DE 1997.)*

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)
JEANNE JOHNSON
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votación Adelantada)
P.O. BOX 1341
(Address) *(Dirección)*
SNYDER, TEXAS 79550
(City) *(Ciudad)* (Zip Code) *(Zona Postal)*

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)
APRIL 25, 1997 (25 DE ABRIL DE 1997)
(date) *(fecha)*

Issued this the 10TH day of FEBRUARY, 19 97.
(Emitido este día 10 de FEBRERO DE 19 97.)
Signature of Mayor *(Firma del Alcalde)*

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A RULE 37 CASE NO. 0215561
DATE OF ISSUANCE: March 25, 1997

CORRECTED NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant, SHARP IMAGE ENERGY INC. P.O. BOX 1888, BIG SPRING, TX 79721-1888, has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line requirement to drill Well No. A2, Cary "A" Lease, 40 Acres, Sec. 125, Blk 97, H&TC RR CO/A P Bush Jr. Suvey, A-2249, Wildcat Field (s), Scurry County, being 5 miles in west direction from Ira, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

350' from the north line and 580' from the west line of lease.
350' from the north line and 1848' from the est line of survey.

Field rules for the Wildcat field are 467/1200, 40 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8300 feet.
PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37(h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer the the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, vince Hatfield, President, at (915) 267-3126. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6748.
IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED OR DELIVERED ON THE SAME DATE TO APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY MAY 6, 1997. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT WILL BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

D.M. COGDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Outpatient Rehab Relocation

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr Jeff Reecer CHE, Administrator, D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, hereinafter called "Owner" for the D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Snyder, Texas, Outpatient Rehab Relocation, in accordance with Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents which were prepared by and may be obtained from Joe D. McKay A.I.A. Architects, will be received at the Office of Administration, D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas 79549, until 2:00 P.M., April 22, 1997, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Sealed envelopes containing proposals shall have identification on the face as to the name of bidder and project being submitted.

A cashier's check or acceptable Bidder's Bond, payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total for the bid submitted, must accompany each bid.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the Proposal, the Owner reserves the right to adopt prices written in words or to reject all formalities.

Plans ans Specifications may be examined without charge in the Office of the Architect, and may be procured from Joe D. McKay A.I.A. Architects, 1402 Avenue N, Lubbock, Texas 79401, upon a deposit of $100.00 per set as a guarantee of the safe return of the plans and Specifications. The full amount of this deposit will be returned to each Bidder immediately upon return of the plans and Specifications in good condition. No refund on Contract Documents and Plans returned later than ten (10) days after the Award of Contract will be obligatory.

Interpretation of the intent and meaning of the Drawings, Specification and other pre-bid documents will not be made to any Bidder orally. Every request for such interpretation must be in writing, and to be given consideration, must be received at least 72 hours prior to the time fixed for the opening of bids. Any and all such interpretations, and any supplementary instructions issued, will be mailed or delivered, in the form of addenda, to all prospective Bidders, at the respective addressed furnished for such proposes. Failure of any Bidder to receive any such addendum will not relieve such Bidder from any obligation under his bid as submitted. All addenda issued will become part of the Contract Documents, and shall be acknowledged in the bid.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be conducted for the General Contractors and the prime Subcontractors on April 15, 1997 at 10:00 A.M. at the D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas 79549

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Card Of Thanks



Thank You

We wish to take this means of expressing our appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their sympathy, kindness and thoughtfulness in the death of our loved one, Mariann.

Robert P., Robert L., Tonya, Tom & Emily

Thank You

To the many friends who were so generous with their acts of kindness, beautiful floral offerings, and all who assisted in any way, we wish to say thank you and may God's riches blessings rest in you and yours.

The Family of Lorraine Cooley



UIL PARTICIPANTS — These Ira students have entered UIL competition for the 1996-1997 school year. Back row, from left, Katie Howard, Chris Gee, B.K. Box, Jenson Gainer, Theresa Crosby, Amanda Darnell and Lisha Leatherwood; middle row, Charity Sims, Carla Smith, Rikki Wilkes, Jacey McCright, Stacey Taylor and Hayley Smith; front row, Jose Juarez, Josh Long, Perry Jamison, E'Lissa Goolsby and Tye Shirley. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS — These Ira students have all qualifed for the regional UIL literary meet. From left back row, Jose Juarez, B.K. Box, Chris Gee; front row, Stacey Taylor, Hayley Smith and Theresa Crosby. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is prednisone the best therapy?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has chronic atopic dermatitis for which his doctor prescribed prednisone. How harmful is the constant use of prednisone? Would he be better off using licorice root?

DEAR READER: Atopic dermatitis is a chronic skin reaction, of unknown cause, marked by weeping, crusting lesions on the face, scalp and extremities. This rash can be exceedingly itchy, so that patients with relatively trivial inflammation are prone to scratch constantly, leading to further irritation, in what is called by dermatologists an "itch-scratch-rash-itch" cycle.

The diagnosis is made by the appearance of the lesions.

Oral steroids, such as prednisone, are the treatment of last resort, for reasons I'll mention in a moment. The usual therapy for this annoying skin condition is two-fold: cortisone cream and antihistamines (to control the itch). That is, topical treatment is usually sufficient to manage the problem, and improvement usually appears within a week.

However, in severe or resistant cases, prednisone may be necessary. The drug works well to reduce inflammation and itching, but it should not be used for extended periods (for example, longer than a month), because it causes diabetes, cataracts, fragile bones, susceptibility to infection, and a host of other, unpleasant consequences.

The problem is that when the prednisone is stopped, the dermatitis may reappear in a matter of days or weeks. Thus, most experts recommend topical therapy (which is relatively safe), reserving oral steroids for more complicated cases.

The use of licorice root would not, in my opinion, be appropriate. This herbal food has not been shown to benefit patients with dermatitis; moreover, licorice has been identified as a cause of hypertension, an unwelcome problem that most patients would rather do without. I suggest that your husband see a dermatologist for further advice and treatment.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads II: Herbs and Other Healing Fads." 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: Because my sister-in-law had a sore on her lip, I asked her not to kiss my infant son. She became upset and said it was a sunburn blister. The next time she visited, she had an identical sore that she claimed was caused by "stress."

I believe that she has a chronic virus infection that is worsened by sun exposure and stress — and is contagious. She denies this. As you can imagine, the situation has caused havoc in our family, in part because my husband sides with his sister. Who is right?

DEAR READER: Until proven otherwise, you are. Recurring herpes blisters can be triggered by the very factors that you mention — and they are readily spread by direct contact, such as kissing.

In my view, your sister-in-law should visit her doctor and have a herpes culture of her next blister. If the lesion is sterile, then it probably is merely a "cold sore," harmless and non-communicable.

If, on the other hand, she has herpes, she can be treated with anti-virus drugs, such as Zovirax or Famvir. (Once she is free of blisters, she is no longer contagious.)

I side with you. I wouldn't let ANYONE with a sore on the lips or in the mouth kiss my baby.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have learned that you published a book ("No House Calls") several years ago. How do I get a copy?

DEAR READER: Alas, you cannot. The book is out of print. Nonetheless, you could try to find it in any bookstore that carries out-of-print publications. Thanks for writing.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 60-year-old diabetic (in fair control) who is experiencing progressive kidney failure. How can I avoid dialysis?

DEAR READER: For diabetics, "fair" control is not enough to prevent organ damage (to eyes, kidneys and heart). Rather, such diabetics must strenuously attempt to keep their blood sugars as close to normal as possible (for example, a fasting sugar below 120 milligrams per deciliter).

Only by strictly controlling their elevated blood sugars (with diet, exercise and medication) can diabetics postpone premature health problems.

You should work more closely with your physician to bring your blood sugar into the normal range.

Progressive kidney failure is a dangerous consequence of inadequately controlled diabetes. In addition to the general measures I mentioned, you may be helped by using low doses of an ACE inhibitor (such as Vasotec, Captopril, Altace, and others), which seem to protect the kidneys and diminish the heart strain that can accompany diabetes. Ask your doctor about this.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from halitosis (bad breath). My dentist assures me it's not coming from my teeth. I occasionally have a sinus infection, successfully treated with antibiotics. I've had a tonsillectomy. What kind of medical specialist should I see?

DEAR READER: There are many causes of halitosis, ranging from the fermentation of food particles between the teeth to liver or kidney disease. In addition, chronic sinus infection — even when it is hidden and produces no other symptoms — can produce bad breath.

I suggest that you start with your primary-care physician. You should have a complete examination, including blood tests, a chest X-ray (for lung infection) and a CT scan of your sinuses. If these tests are normal, your doctor may choose to refer you to a gastroenterologist or an ear-nose-and-throat specialist. Most cases of halitosis can be successfully treated, once the cause is identified.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I find that I can sleep soundly if I take a Tylenol PM at bedtime. Is there any harm in this practice?

DEAR READER: Probably not. But I doubt that you need the Tylenol. This product also contains Benadryl (the active ingredient), so I suggest that you simply try Benadryl (50 to 100 milligrams at night) as an equally safe, alternative sleep aid.

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'Robin Hood' school funding may be on its way out in state

AUSTIN (AP) — The Robin Hood school funding system that forces wealthy school districts to share their money with poorer ones could be on the way out.

Lawmakers struggled for nearly 10 years before coming up with the share-the-wealth plan in 1993. Before that, three school funding plans were ruled unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court.

The current system, upheld by the court in 1995, depends heavily on local school property taxes and state contributions to pay for school operations. It designates 91 school districts as wealthy because they have an abundance of taxable property to raise local money for schools.

The plan forces those schools to share their money with districts that have less taxable property from which to raise local school funds for themselves. There are 1,044 Texas school districts.

A House committee working on a way to lower local school property taxes across the state has developed a plan to replace much of the local school taxes with state taxes, eliminating the need for wealthy districts to share their money, committee members say.

Under the plan, local residential property taxes would drop from an average of $1.40 per $100 in value to 50 cents per $100 for school operations. Business property would be taxed by the state at $1 per $100. Taxes could be higher to pay for school buildings and other debt.

The funding plan also allows school districts to increase the 50-cent residential property tax level by up to 10 cents to pay for extra programs.

Districts would have to hold local elections to raise that additional money and wouldn't get additional state funds for the extra tax.

Under the current funding system, schools are guaranteed a certain amount of money up to a tax rate of $1.50.

See Tax plan, Page 13A

Cisco man arrested on felony DWI charge

Following a report at 6:35 p.m. Friday that a man was assaulting a woman outside a vehicle on U.S. Highway 84 and FM 1673, DPS troopers arrested 34-year-old Rodney Gene Payne of 606 W. 11th St. in Cisco for felony driving while intoxicated. A 34-year-old woman was arrested at the scene for public intoxication.

Another report of an altercation resulted in a 32-year-old Snyder man being arrested at 8:41 p.m. in the 500 block of 29th Street on assault charges.

A report of several items being stolen from an Odessa High School school bus Friday night is still under investigation by the Snyder Police Department. The bus, which had brought the Odessa students to Snyder for one-act play competition on Saturday, was parked at The Shack when several back-packs containing money and other items were taken around 10:30 p.m.

In other activity Friday, deputies submitted an offense report for criminal mischief at 7:35 a.m. in reference to damage to a vacant house in the area of Taylor Street and Avenue P.

A woman requested to speak to an officer at a residence in the 2000 block of Avenue N at 8:39 a.m. in reference to her seven-year-old son refusing to go to school. The officer did advise the child did go to school.

Dean Nichols requested to speak to a deputy at 9:41 a.m. in reference to the theft of some items from a vehicle at the Lone Star Pistol Range. An offense report for theft was submitted.

A woman requested to speak to an officer at 4 p.m. in reference to a 14-year-old female not returning home from school. An offense report for a runaway was submitted. However, the girl did return home shortly after 6 p.m.

An officer was requested at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church at 4:35 p.m. in reference to some damage. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

A report of possible prowlers was made at 10:39 p.m. from the 3000 block of Avenue A.

Births

Lupe and Mary Flores announce the birth of their six-pound, ½-ounce son, Joshua Patrick Flores, at 10:36 p.m. on March 23 in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Grandparents are Johnny and Trinidad Lopez of Snyder and Felecita Gallegos of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Martina Flores of Snyder. He has three sisters, Patricia Escobedo, April Hernandez and Amanda Flores, all of Snyder.

Ex-sheriff under investigation

SWEETWATER (AP) — State and federal agencies are looking into the financial dealings and related transactions of former Nolan County Sheriff Jim Blackley.

Current Nolan County Sheriff Donnie Rannefeld made the announcement Friday.

After Rannefeld took office on Jan. 1, he said he discovered financial discrepancies in the sheriff's office over the past several years.

The Nolan County Sheriff's office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rangers, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI are investigating.

Blackley, who was sheriff for 13 years, reportedly said he was unaware of the investigation and had no comment.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, April 6, 1997

An old friend you were extremely close to might come back into your life in the year ahead. Your buddy, who has always been popular, might introduce you to a new circle of friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The edge you'll have over your competitors today will be a stronger will to win. This is the equalizer if the going should get tough. Aries, 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. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Persons you've helped previously will be eager to reciprocate today. Call upon tried and true backups, not new friends who are untested.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Because of your enthusiasm for a new endeavor, an old project might be neglected today. Neither one has to be denied if you devote equal time to each.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are in a very good achievement cycle, so make an effort to focus on meaningful objectives today. Stick to goals that entice you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might have to tell an associate something unpleasant for his or her own good, and you won't avoid your responsibility. What you say will be very helpful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to work closely with someone who is a bit touchy today. Take pains to treat this person appropriately; if you do, you'll be treated similarly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The pace your mate establishes today might not be as rapid as yours. For the sake of harmony, get in step with his or her tempo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will probably not get any handouts today, yet you can reap impressive rewards if you're prepared to build a deal from the bottom up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're involved in a competitive, fun activity today, don't take the event too seriously. Win with grace or lose with class.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A heavy-handed approach will only create greater problems in any domestic disruptions today. A light, tender touch, however, will help smooth things out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is the right day for you to make a neglected call, either in person or on the phone. Be receptive, because it could turn into an enjoyable development.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It might be necessary for you to be a trifle stubborn in your commercial dealings today. However, don't ask for more than you deserve, nor accept less.

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Your Birthday

Monday, April 7, 1997

In the year ahead, you might experience a role reversal. Instead of being someone in the ranks, you may strive for and attain leadership.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Endeavors you originate or expedite today have an excellent possibility of fulfillment, but you must make the transition from talk to action without hesitation. Major changes are ahead for Aries 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. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your objectives will be achieved today, but you may have to put the needs of another above your own in order to accomplish it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not give up your goals today, because you may be much closer to the finish line than you realize. Be tenacious, not timid.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might have to move at a measured pace today, but do not dismay. Let time be your ally, not your pursuer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use caution when speaking with associates today, because fellow conversationalists will be absorbing your every word.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Joint endeavors could hold more promise for you today than do-it-yourself situations. Do not be afraid to ask another for help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A close associate might make a critical decision today that will also affect you. Fortunately, his or her determinations will be sound ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Success is imminent today if you proceed in an orderly fashion. Proper procedures will enhance your productivity; poor organization will be disruptive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not do anything foolish today, but don't be afraid to take a chance when you've calculated all the possibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Put on a happy face today when you're at home, because if your demeanor casts shadows over others, it'll spoil everyone's day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Use common sense to utilize your time effectively today. If you fail to make proper appointments, you may not find anyone available.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Keep your eyes open today for unusual developments that appear to have potential. You might join in something that is rather good.

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The basic monetary unit of Denmark, Sweden, Norway and is the krone, and its chief fractional unit is the ore.

About 43 percent of the more than 8,000 man-made objects orbiting Earth are American.

Wool team second overall

Ira's wool judging team placed second overall during recent competition in Sweetwater.

Rikki Wilkes was the third high individual, Hayley Smith was 6th high and Audra Oliver was 9th high.

Other team members are Jenson Gainer and Jacey McCright.

The wool team was to compete this Saturday at Clarenden Junior College. Their next competition will be the state meet on April 19 at Texas Tech University.



SECOND OVERALL — Ira's wool team members who placed second overall in Sweetwater are from left, Rikki Wilkes, Audra Oliver, Hayley Smith, Jacey McCright and Jenson Gainer. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Reporter not covering trial

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Morning News reporter whose copyright story said Timothy McVeigh had confessed to the Oklahoma City bombing is not covering jury selection in McVeigh's trial, his editor said Friday.

Pete Slover would have faced a potential conflict of interest in covering the questioning of potential jurors, said Morning News managing editor Stuart Wilk.

Slover's story, which cited defense documents as saying McVeigh had confessed, appeared on the newspaper's World Wide Web edition on Feb. 28. McVeigh's attorneys have denied the report.

"We thought there was an excellent likelihood that questions would be raised on Pete's story and whether a potential juror had read it," Wilk said.

"One of our basic rules is that you don't write about yourself."

However, Wilk said Slover could rejoin the newspaper's four-reporter team on coverage of the Denver federal trial. Twenty-nine prospects had been questioned through Friday afternoon in the first week of jury selection.

Slover consented to his temporary removal from the story and continues to work on investigative stories related to the bombing, Wilk said.

U.S. planning 2 underground explosions sometime this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite protests by anti-nuclear activists, the Energy Department says it will proceed with underground explosions this year using nuclear materials at the federal test site in Nevada.

Energy Secretary Federico Pena, announcing the tests Friday, said they are "an essential component of the department's program for ensuring the safety and reliability of the (nuclear weapons) stockpile."

Energy Department scientists took pains to emphasize that each of the two underground tests — one in June and a second in the fall — will involve chemical, not nuclear, explosions. Officials said the largest explosion would be equivalent to 81 pounds of TNT.

Although small amounts of plutonium — about a pound for each of three charges in the first test — will be present, the package is designed so that it will not achieve a nuclear chain reaction.

The tests are "fully consistent" with the nuclear test-ban treaty signed by President Clinton last September, said Joan Rohlfing, deputy assistant secretary for national security.

Opponents view the tests as a possible prelude to renewed nuclear testing and development of new weapon designs.

But Rohlfing told reporters in a telephone conference call that the test "will not in any way facilitate new weapons development."

In anticipation of the government's announcement, several hundred protesters gathered at gates to the Nevada test site in recent days. Twenty-two protesters were arrested Thursday when they blocked highway traffic by chaining themselves to concrete-filled barrels.

Critics have questioned the contention by DOE scientists that the experiments are needed to ensure that the existing nuclear stockpile is reliable. They argue that scaled-back tests at weapons labs can develop the information needed.

"The program they have put together is vastly larger and more expensive than what is needed. It's a program that if it were ultimately successful would also enable them to design new weapons without testing," said Tom Cochran of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Cochran said nuclear nonproliferation efforts "would be better served" if the Nevada test site were closed down. The government conducted 928 nuclear weapons tests during the Cold War years at the Nevada site, the last in 1992.

Energy Department officials, trying to dispel concerns, released a review by an independent panel of scientists that concluded the tests would add "valuable scientific information" on the performance of nuclear weapons.

The detonations 980 feet underground are supposed to help scientists determine how parts of a warhead, including the small amount of plutonium, behave under explosive pressure. This information will be used later to develop computer models that simulate actual nuclear detonation.

Plans had been announced in late 1995 for a series of six such "subcritical" tests with the first four expected last year. But the tests were delayed for a variety of reasons, including problems developing an environmental impact statement and to get an independent scientific review, Rohlfing said.

A black child born in Washington, D.C., has a lesser chance of seeing its first birthday than a child born in Jamaica, Tobago or Trinidad.

Educator and agricultural chemist George Washington Carver was illiterate until the age of 20.

FCC not pleased with plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Federal Communications Commission is throwing cold water on a proposal that a coalition of long-distance and local telephone companies claims would cut customers' bills but that others say would increase them.

At issue are two areas of phone regulation being re-examined by the FCC: a subsidy program that keeps local phone service affordable in high-cost areas and for low-income customers, and $20 billion in annual access fees that long-distance companies pay local phone companies to route calls.

Nynex, Bell Atlantic and AT&T said Friday that their proposal would increase some charges to residential and business customers but would net them $400 million in savings, mostly from reductions in access fees.

Nynex, which provides local phone service in the Northeast; Bell Atlantic, a local provider in the mid-Atlantic states; and long-distance giant AT&T asked the FCC to approve the plan so it can take effect July 1.

But Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumers Union's Washington office, said the phone companies' plan would raise monthly bills by more than $3 billion a year in new charges and fees.

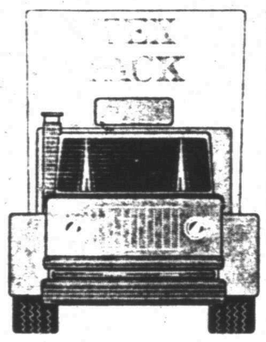
FCC Chairman Reed Hundt said, "I don't think Congress intended to have us raise residential basic dial tone (rates) like AT&T and Bell Atlantic propose. And I think I'm reading Congress right on this."

Robert Blau, a BellSouth vice president, also opposed the plan. "This is a ruse for the companies to reduce the amount of money that goes to support local phone service in high-cost areas and would put pressure on state regulators to increase local rates" to make up the difference.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Princess Anne, others evacuated

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Police evacuated Princess Anne and thousands of other fans after receiving coded bomb warnings a half-hour before the prestigious Grand National steeplechase was to be run Saturday. Organizers canceled the race.

Police said they carried out two controlled explosions on suspicious objects found at the course.

It was the third straight day of bomb scares in England. On Thursday, major highways around Birmingham were closed while police searched for bombs. They found two, and the Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility.

Rush hour rail service in London was disrupted by bomb threats Friday evening, but no devices were found.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for disrupting the Grand National, but suspicion fell on the IRA.

"I am appalled that the IRA seem to be threatening hundreds of thousands of people and causing such disruption," said Prime Minister John Major. "This is further demonstration of their contempt and disregard for the lives and interests of ordinary people."

The 38 horses were already parading Saturday when police told organizers that two coded bomb warnings had been received.

Evacuation of the main grandstand began a half-hour before the race was to begin. Then, at the precise moment the steeplechase was due to go off, officials announced the entire track would be cleared and racing called off.

"We are going to evacuate the whole course. There is no possibility of racing and we are going to abandon racing for the day," said the clerk of the course, Charlie Barnett.

Some 60,000 fans were present at Aintree racecourse, including Queen Elizabeth II's only daughter and the actor Gregory Peck, who was celebrating his 81st birthday.

The main stand was evacuated and thousands of fans streamed across onto the course along with racecourse and catering staff, jockeys, trainers, owners and media.

Anne, who was accompanied by Special Branch detectives, was ushered to safety.

Security already was tight because of two bombings earlier in the week near Liverpool.

Lease proposal due

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Depending on the court's action, commissioners may then consider possible hearing dates on the matter and consider retaining legal counsel pertaining to a lease.

Though not an agenda item at this time, commissioners are also expected to receive a report from a research committee formed to gain input on Community Health Systems. Cogdell medical staff is also expected to review the proposal and state its opinion as a group.

The court may wait to hear from both of those groups before reconvene and consider an order that a lease of Cogdell Hospital would, or would not, be in the best interest of Scurry County. making a decision.

Currently, Cogdell is managed through a contract with St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. Cogdell's board of managers recently signed a new three-year agreement with St. Mary.

Commissioners asked St. Mary to make a lease offer but officials said they were interested only in continuing the management contract.

Sex offender bill OK'd by Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Sex offenders who don't get a prison sentence could face up to two decades of supervision in the community under a bill approved by senators who say Texans want to crack down on such crimes.

A type of community supervision known as deferred adjudication, in which there is no finding of guilt, "has raised the ire of many of our constituents" when applied to sex crimes, Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said Friday.

Under deferred adjudication, people can wipe their records clean if they stay out of trouble for a certain amount of time. The longest they currently can be put on deferred adjudication is 10 years.

If they commit a second crime after completing deferred adjudication, the offense for which they received a deferral isn't counted against them for purposes of determining punishment.

Under the bill by Ms. Shapiro, the possible supervision time under deferred adjudication would be doubled for people who commit sexual assault and other sex-related offenses; sex offenders would be prohibited from receiving deferred adjudication more than once; and such deferred sentences could be used to enhance penalties for subsequent crimes.

A judge could give sex offenders deferred adjudication only if it was found to be in the victim's best interest. The public would be notified when a sex offender was given such a sentence.

Currently, Ms. Shapiro said, "A criminal can walk out of the courtroom and say, 'I have not been convicted of a sex offense.'

"The veil of secrecy that deferred adjudication brings with it is unacceptable for sex offenses, in my opinion," she said. "So often the recidivism (repeat-offender) rate is so high, and undetected, these individuals go on and continue their dastardly deeds."

Defense lawyers, prosecutors and victim advocates had input on the measure, Ms. Shapiro said.

She has led a drive to get tough on sex offenders ever since the notorious 1993 murder of 7-year-old Ashley Estell of Dallas, who was abducted from a Plano park, molested and killed in 1993 by a paroled sex offender.

In 1995, Ms. Shapiro passed a package of measures called "Ashley's Laws." This legislative session, the Senate already has approved a "two strikes" bill by Ms. Shapiro that would impose a flat prison sentence of at least 35 years on a person convicted for a second time of a felony sex offense.

The deferred adjudication bill is SB381.

Beat poet laureate Ginsberg dead at 70

NEW YORK (AP) — Allen Ginsberg, the poet laureate of the Beat Generation whose writing and lifestyle shaped the music, politics and protests of the next 40 years, died Saturday morning. He was 70.

Ginsberg died in his Lower East Side apartment at 2:39 a.m. of a heart attack related to his terminal liver cancer, said Bill Morgan, his friend and archivist. The poet was surrounded by family and friends.

Ginsberg suffered from chronic hepatitis for years, which eventually led to cirrhosis of the liver. His diagnosis of terminal liver cancer was made eight days ago and made public on Thursday. He suffered a stroke Thursday night and slipped into a coma.

Ginsberg has spent several days in a hospice after the diagnosis, but then decided he wanted to return home. "He was very energetic," Morgan said. "He wore himself out (Thursday) talking to friends and writing poems."

He wrote about a dozen short poems on Wednesday. One of the last was titled "On Fame and Death"; others ran the gamut from nursery rhymes to politics.

During the conservative, McCarthy-era 1950s, when TV's married couples slept in separate beds, Ginsberg wrote "Howl" — a profane, graphic poem that dealt with his own homosexuality and communist upbringing.

"I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked," began the seminal "Howl." It was dedicated to Carl Solomon, a patient he met during a stay in a city psychiatric ward.

Ginsberg became America's most popular and recognizable poet, his balding, bearded visage one of the enduring images of the 1950s beatnik explosion of Jack Kerouac, William S. Burroughs and Neal Cassady. The group, disillusioned with conventional society, created their own subculture.

Ginsberg's acolytes comprised a who's who of pop culture, from Bob Dylan to Yoko Ono to Vaclav Havel to Patti Smith to Michael Stipe to Billy Corgan.

Tax plan

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Members of the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding on Friday said that has been a driving force in the growth of local school taxes across the state.

To pay for the local school property tax cuts, lawmakers would expand the state business tax to all businesses — except sole proprietorships. Only corporations currently pay the tax. Lawmakers also would raise some taxes, like those on alcohol and tobacco products and would increase the number of goods and services subject to the sales tax.

The committee, which has scheduled public hearings on the plan Monday and Tuesday, had considered a 10-cent tax on lottery tickets. That would have driven sales down, but would have increased lottery revenues by $300 million in 1998-99.

The committee has opted away from the 10 cent tax. Instead, it will force the Texas Lottery Commission to cut administrative costs, which average about 7 percent of all lottery proceeds. It will also lower prizes, which average 57 cents per $1 spent on tickets, to about 55 cents per $1.

"It won't make a blip," said Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston. He sponsored the 1992 constitutional amendment that led to the lottery. "Players won't notice it."

Obituaries

Hettie Taylor

1905-1997

COLORADO CITY — Hettie Erwin Taylor, a former resident of Dunn, died Friday, April 4, in a Lubbock nursing home. She was 91.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Colorado City Cemetery. The Rev. Mark Spence will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born in Cuthbert, Mrs. Taylor married Arlie M. Taylor in 1923 in Mitchell County. He preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Taylor had lived in Dunn and Colorado City before moving to Lubbock in 1988.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews.

Snyder man also faces fed charges

A 48-year-old Snyder man under indictment in Scurry County also faces federal charges.

Tommy Brian McKinley, the defendant in two sealed indictments returned by a Scurry County grand jury last summer, also faces a three-count indictment in U.S. District Court.

McKinley, former owner of McKinley Plumbing, was indicted by a federal grand jury in March. He is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm, receiving and possessing an unregistered firearm and transferring the record of such, as well as aiding and abetting.

McKinley was indicted on March 12 and was arraigned March 27, entering a not guilty plea before Magistrate J.O. Warnick Jr. McKinley is free on the federal charges on a $5,000 bond. McKinley's federal court trial has been set for May 5.

McKinley, who lived at 2808 Ave. T, was arrested in Lubbock in February, was indicted on by a Scurry County grand jury for aggravated assault. He was also indicted for possession of less than one ounce of a methamphetamine. Bonds on the state charges totaled $15,000.

Rodeo

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Stock contractor is Harry Vold of Colorado. Announcer will be PRCA favorite Jody Carper of Big Spring. The bull fighters are Gerry Bym of Stephenville and Jason Hawkins of Malagda, N.M.

Eddie Smith of Portales, N.M. and Danny Williams of Denver City are the judges.

There will be a dance Friday and Saturday nights at the Scurry County Rodeo Association Arena on Gary Brewer Road.

What's Up?

Hermleigh Cemetery Association

Hermleigh Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Hermleigh Community Center. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Eighth grade parents

Parents of Snyder eighth graders are encouraged to attend an organizational meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Savings and Loan. Plans will be made for the end-of-school party.

Wildflower tours available

Scurry County Museum will be conducting wildflower tours starting Monday and continuing through April 30. Tours should be scheduled at least five days in advance by calling 573-6107. The tours will be given by Western Texas College botany students.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider 10 cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Civil defense sirens

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

Band meeting slated

There will be a band meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The seventh Bible tape, "King of Kings," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "God I Accept."

Hermleigh Festival

The monthly planning meeting for the Hermleigh Festival will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Hermleigh Community Center.

Classical guitar performance

A free classical guitar performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College. Toby McWilliams and John Scott Ford, nationally-recognized guitarists, will perform.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Senior Center. Cost is $6 per plate, including carryouts. Children under six eat free.

SNS needs financial help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing, which repairs homes of persons over 65 or disabled, is in need of donations for the April 26 workday. Donations can be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, or dropped off at Sam Robertson's Insurance or the West Elementary School office.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

Lotto Texas

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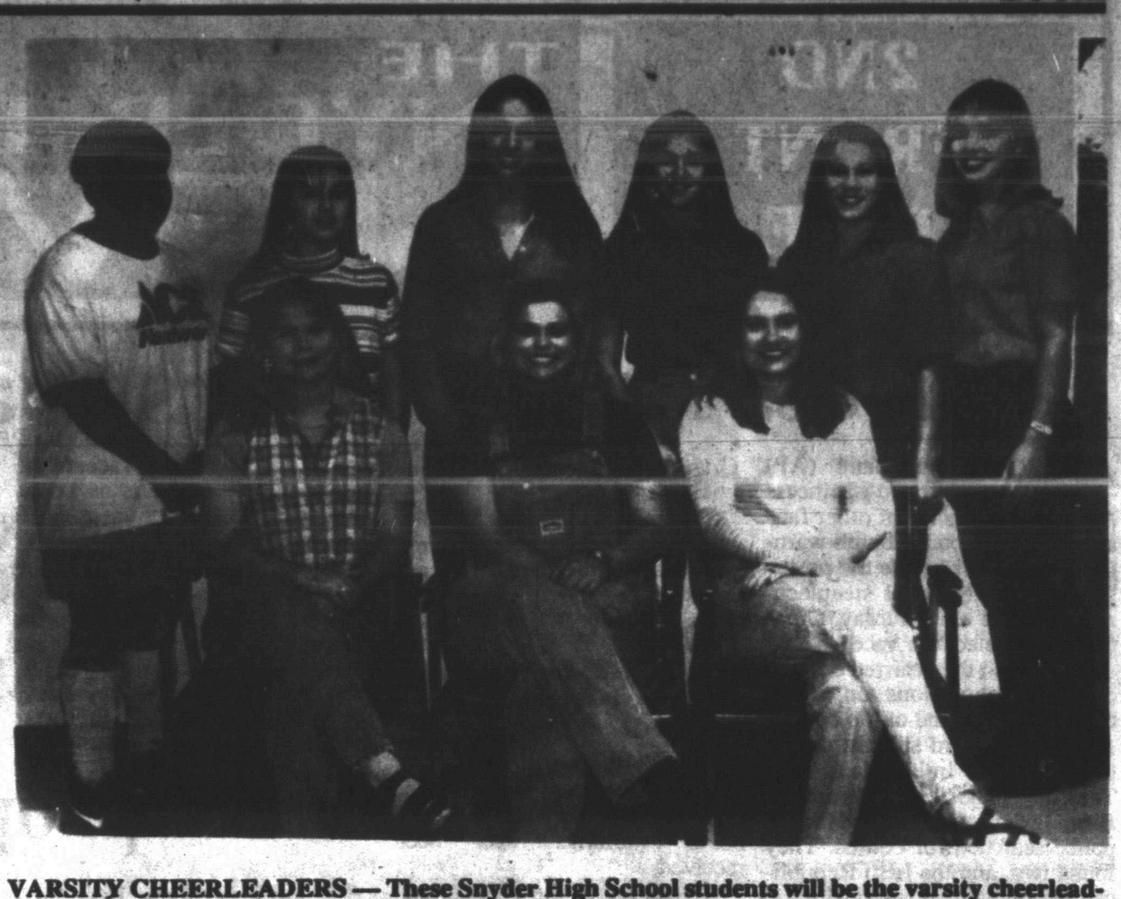
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JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — These Snyder High School students will be the junior varsity cheerleaders for the 1997-1998 school year. From left, back row, Janette Allen, Lindsey Nicholson, Amy Brooks, Tessa Hildebrand; front row, Debbie Foster, Jennifer Mayer. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — These Snyder High School students will be the varsity cheerleaders for the 1997-1998 school year. From left, back row, K.K. McClain, Ashley Grimmett, Jill Willingham, mascot, Michelle Lewallen, Lila King, Brooke McGuire; front row, Shannon Hall, Starla Davis, Mary Hollis. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

UT reports applications from blacks, Hispanics fall sharply

AUSTIN (AP) — In the wake of a court ruling that halted the consideration of race in university admissions, University of Texas applications from blacks and Hispanics have dropped dramatically, according to figures released Friday.

Twenty-four percent fewer black students applied for fall 1997 admission, while Hispanic applications fell by 22 percent. The total number of applications from all potential students dropped 13 percent.

The decrease in applications from blacks and Hispanics is partly due to a ruling last year by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, UT said Friday.

The court invalidated the former admissions policy at the University of Texas law school, which was meant to boost enrollment of minorities, saying it amounted to discrimination against whites. The decision was made in a lawsuit by four white law school applicants, including lead plaintiff Cheryl Hopwood.

In a legal opinion that angered a number of minorities, Morales said the court decision meant Texas' public universities can't use race or ethnicity as factors in admitting or assisting students.

That view has been countered by assistant U.S. education secretary Norma Cantu, head of the Office of Civil Rights. She told Morales in a letter that the ruling doesn't invalidate "narrowly-tailored" race or ethnicity considerations.

Still, universities have devised race-neutral ways meant to promote diverse student bodies.

UT began changing its admission policy last year. While test scores and class rankings are still used, the policy gives consideration to essays, personal achievements, work experience and special circumstances.

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Judge reduces award for 2 whistleblowers

WACO (AP) — An Austin judge Friday dramatically reduced a $36 million judgment against the Texas State Technical College System.

Judge Scott McCown awarded more than $2 million to David Snyder, former police chief at TSTC's Amarillo campus, and Eldon Davidson, the Amarillo school's former dean of students.

Snyder will get 1.5 million.

The original award would have been almost half of the 8,000-student system's operating budget of $80 million.

On March 7, an Austin jury found that the two men were forced out of their jobs for reporting alleged campus corruption in November 1994.

"If the money was taken from our funds — and we didn't get it back some other way — it literally would have wrecked the TSTC System," said Ralph Strother, TSTC's interim chancellor.

"We would have had to reduce programs, maybe close campuses. This is a great relief."

Both Snyder and Davidson can decline to accept the judge's award. If they do so, however, the jury's judgment will be set aside and a new trial would have to be held.

Neither Snyder, who is the police chief in Shallowater, and Davidson, vice president for instruction at Flint River Technical Institute in Thomaston, Ga., could be reached for comment.

Strother said he expected the jury's award to be reduced.

"Legally and factually the evidence simply didn't support the award," Strother said. "Frankly, I never thought the evidence supported their winning, but I accepted the verdict of the jury. I think the amount of the award was clearly a manifestation of the high emotional level injected into the trial."

In 1995, the year Snyder and Davidson filed their "whistleblower" lawsuit, a Potter County grand jury indicted eight people with ties to the former TSTC-Amarillo campus, now the Amarillo Technical Center. It is no longer part of the TSTC System.

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SHS choir students, sponsors take on the 'Big Apple'

Snyder High School choir students spent an unforgettable four days in New York City last month, marveling at big city sights and singing in prestigious places like Carnegie Hall, something most high schoolers only dream about.

During the week of the 19th through the 24th, 42 sophomores, juniors and seniors and five sponsors combined business with pleasure as they absorbed as much of the "Big Apple" as they possibly could.

Sandwiched between fun-filled tours and excursions, the choir students also gave several performances, including one at the Metropolitan Opera. They twice sang impromptu on the sidewalks.

Neither performance at Carnegie or the Met was on their itinerary, which made those engagements even more special. Ronda Haire, choir director, said that throughout their visit, "We seemed to be in the right place at the right time."

After singing at Carnegie, Haire said they were also invited to sing at the Met. Both proved to be spectacular opportunities for the Snyder bunch.

Prior to singing at Carnegie, they listened to world-reknowned violinist Isaac Stern practice.

When he finished, they were invited to sing; but, due to union rules, they could not perform on stage.

— Instead, they sang in front of the stage, but the effect was just as awesome. Both the Carnegie and Metropolitan performances were the most moving, Haire said.

Carnegie alone was enough to make the entire trip worthwhile. The "wow" looks on the faces of students as they sang there said it all, not only for Haire, but also for principal Larry Scott who, along with his wife, Susan, accompanied the group.

Singing at Carnegie, had a "wonderful effect" on her students, Haire said. They enjoyed hearing what the adults hear when they finished a phrase, she added.

Haire noted that her students will probably appreciate their Carnegie experience even more in the years to come.

The students' first singing engagement was at the South Street Seaport. They also sang at the Lincoln Center.

Their final performance was on board the USS Intrepid, a decommissioned aircraft carrier. The patriotic songs they sang touched a Pearl Harbor survivor who saluted them. Carol Strayhorn, choir student, said he also remarked, "That's why I served for 35 years."

The group also visited the "Today" show set, but did not get to perform.

Sightseeing kept the students as busy as performing did.

In planning the biennial trip, Haire said she had told the New Hampshire tour company who arranged their visit, "We want to do and see as much as we can in four days."

Sites included West Point where two SHS graduates are enrolled. J Parker was away for spring break, but Matt Parker, a plebe or freshman, remained on campus. Plebes marched for Parents Day, which the Snyder group also enjoyed, despite cold and windy weather.

The group toured the United Nations but students were not as enthused about it as they were about other sites, including Central Park, the memorial to John Lennon and the place where he was killed.

Visiting the memorial was especially moving for Isaac Spoor, who said he had "always wanted to touch it." The mosaic featured "Imagine," the title to one of Lennons' albums.

The group also visited the Statue of Liberty, but ran out of time before they could reach the crown. Some had gotten as far as the arm area before having to leave. Thomas Strayhorn, one of the sponsors, said visitors were having to wait their turn because only 40 people could fit in the crown at one time.

Other sites included the Air, Sea and Space National Museum and the Empire State Building, including the section where the gunman had opened fire just a few days before.

They barely missed the bomb scare excitement at Trump Towers, the one with the hotel. A short time after they left, fire trucks converged on the area.

On Palm Sunday they attended services at St. Thomas, an Episcopalian cathedral. A cantor sang.

The Snyder group attended two Broadway performances, "Les Miserables" and "Phantom of the Opera."

Shopping turned out to be "as entertaining as anything else we did," Haire said, "especially Fifth Avenue."

Highlights included the F.A.O. Schwarz Toy Store which featured gigantic displays, while Nike Town had whole floors dedicated to a particular sport.

She added that her students all were "good bargainers."

Mealtimes were a treat and included genuine Italian and Chinese food as well as Planet Hollywood, where the choir sang impromptu on the sidewalk.

When they sang at another location, the dock at the South Street Seaport, they said people gave them money because, apparently, that's what they were used to doing.

During their four days in New York, Haire said her students learned the meaning of such terms as "downtown, uptown and across town."

Though they slept very little, Haire said it didn't really seem to matter. She added that they had excellent tour guides who kept them well informed.

The group stayed at the Plaza Hotel, where "Home Alone 2" had been filmed.

As a first-time visitor to the Big Apple, Larry Scott enjoyed touring places he had only seen on television. He described everything they did as "fun, exciting and educational."

He added that their trip was so enjoyable, that he wished all students could have the opportunity to go.

Thomas Strayhorn noted that while New York was "an exciting place," they were amazed at how close together the buildings, businesses and living quarters were.

Haire said they were also impressed with the diverse culture they encountered, noting that she had met people from Poland.

They encountered few celebrities except for Stern, and Lisa Hartman Black, who is married to Clint Black. At first she did not want to admit who she was because she did not want to attract an audience.

Several choir students shared their enthusiasm for the New York City experience. Jonathon Pennington liked being able to show New Yorkers that "Texas has great voices. We're not all hicks."

The trip fulfilled two dreams for him. He had always wanted to visit New York City and see "Phantom of the Opera." He now does not think that New York City is as bad as some people say. "I think the reports have been exaggerated."

Other students also responded. April Baker appreciated the opportunity to visit a big city and encounter a more diverse culture

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..."Texas has great voices. We're not all hicks."



CENTRAL PARK — Snyder High School choir students posed for this picture taken in Central Park. It was all part of the fun of spending four days in New York City for the biennial choir trip. (Contributed Photo)

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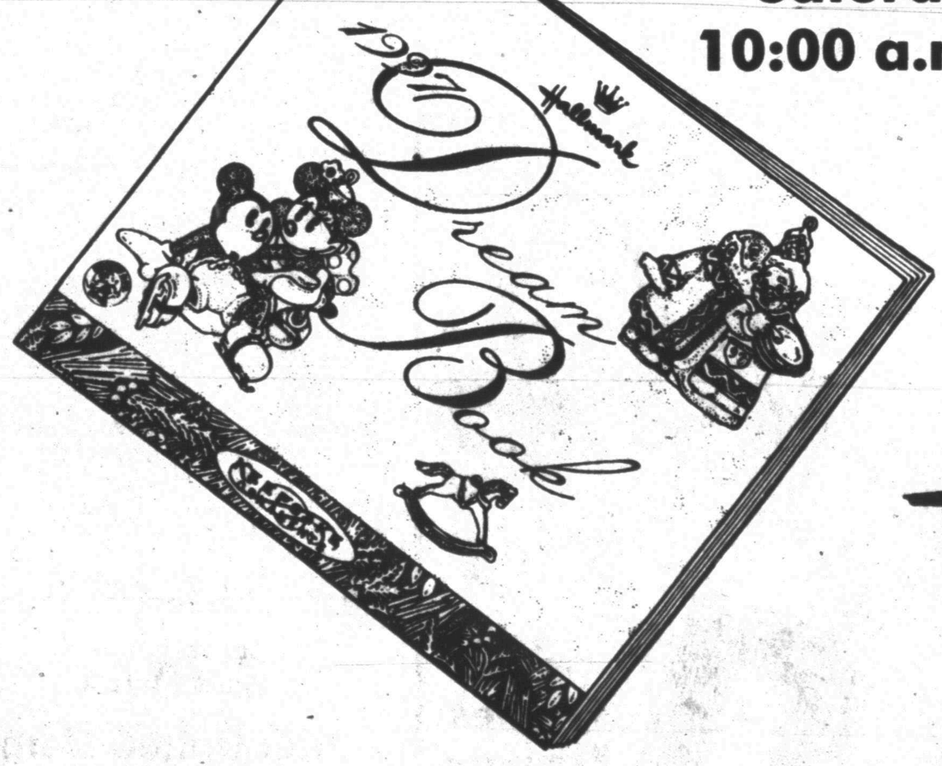
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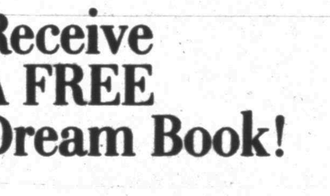
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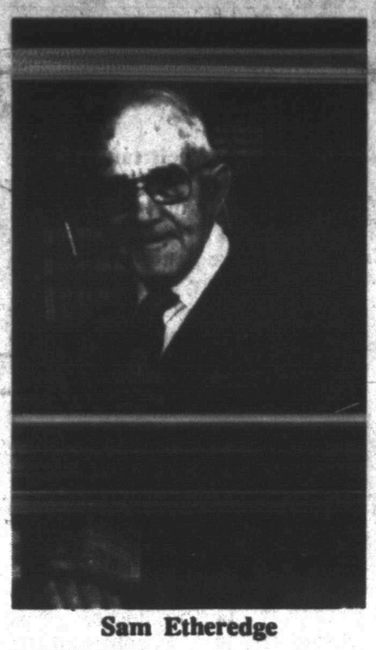
90th birthday celebration on April 13

Sam Etheredge's two children are planning a celebration for his 90th birthday. The come and go event will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 13, in the Roby Community Center.

Willie S. (Sam) Etheredge was born on April 11, 1907 in Fisher County.

His son and daughter, and their spouses, are Jackie W. and LaNelle Etheredge of Hobbs, Tex., and Windell and Ann Barrett of Camp Springs. He has seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

They invite all friends and relatives to join in the birthday celebration.



Sam Etheredge

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

Plainview Family Community Education Club; for information, call Bonnie Foree, 573-6807; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program will be the Ira Combo, directed by David Brown; 4:15 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

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

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving (one day) Course; cost $30; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary, call 573-2850 for more information; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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



DECISIONS, DECISIONS! — Vickie Bell, Gay Idom, and Lyn Lancaster, from left, sort through several pieces for the "just right" look in preparing a table setting for the Martha Ann Woman's Club's Luncheon and Tablescapes. Tickets are $10 and are on sale for the event to be held on April 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse. Several businesses and individuals will display tables with various themes. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Menus

Ira

MONDAY
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Brownies

TUESDAY
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Whole Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Apple Crisp

WEDNESDAY
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Peaches
Rolls

THURSDAY
Corn Dogs
Tater Tots
Pinto Beans
Oatmeal Cookies

FRIDAY
Steak Sandwiches
French Fries
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Peanut Butter Chewies

Snyder

All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast, assorted fruit juice and milk.

BREAKFAST
French Toast Sticks

TUESDAY
Cinnamon Rolls

WEDNESDAY
Sausage & Biscuit

THURSDAY
Breakfast Pizza

FRIDAY
Breakfast Pocket

LUNCH
MONDAY
Hamburger on a Bun
Chili Dog
Lettuce & Tomato
French Fries
Orange Halves

TUESDAY
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Chicken Pot Pie
Tossed Salad
Fresh Apple

WEDNESDAY
Chili Mac
Corn Dog
Tossed Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruit Gelatin

THURSDAY
Sausage Pizza
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Mixed Vegetables

FRIDAY
Steak Fingers
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cream Gravy
Rolls

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

TUESDAY
Fruit
Pancakes/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast

THURSDAY
Fruit
Fried Ham/Biscuits

FRIDAY
Student Holiday

LUNCH
MONDAY
Enchilidas
Ranch Style Beans
Shredded Lettuce
Crackers
No Bake Cookies

TUESDAY
Lasagna
Buttered Corn
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Slices

WEDNESDAY
Chicken & Dumplings
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Biscuits
Cherries/Whipped Topping

THURSDAY
Chili Dogs
Tater Tots
Relish Cup
Bread Pudding

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	04-05-97
	♠ A 6 5	
	♥ 3	
	♦ K Q J 10 8 7	
	♣ A 7 2	
West		East
♠ Q 7 4		♠ K 10 3 2
♥ Q 10 7 4 2		♥ J 9 8 5
♦ A 9		♦ 4
♣ Q 9 6		♣ K 8 5 4
	South	
	♠ J 9 8	
	♥ A K 6	
	♦ 6 5 3 2	
	♣ J 10 3	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

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

Opening lead: ♥ 4

Not a misprint, a misplay

By Phillip Alder

There are some funny misprints in the press. Last January in The New York Times, there was an article about the presenters of the BBC's "Today" radio program, Sue MacGregor and John Humphrys. In commenting on MacGregor, the writer observed: "Though her questioning can be persistent, her timber (sic) is soothing and her diction exacting."

Well, South felt as thick as two short planks after going down in this contract. How would you have played in three no-trump after West had led the heart four and East had put up the jack?

North had hoped his seven tricks would be sufficient. And a vulnerable game bonus isn't sawdust.

Thinking there were no slivers in his path, declarer won the first trick with his king and played a diamond. However, he ran into a mahogany-tough defense. Knowing the heart position, West whorled in with the ace and returned his second diamond, locking declarer in the dummy. Whatever South tried next, the defenders had a riposte. If he ran the diamonds, both East and West would discard hearts. If he tried a black suit, West would win the trick and return that suit.

"Maple I suggest we teak a few moments to spruce up your play?" pine-d North. "Fir-st, aspen ebony — they will tell you that alder players sitting West willow-ly lead an honest fourth-highest. So, you know the missing hearts must be splitting 5-4. This makes it safe to cash both your heart tricks immediately. Then play a diamond. You lose only four tricks: three hearts and one diamond."

"What an oak I am!" commented South.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Seven tables were directed by Dot Casey at the Snyder Country Club.

N-S
1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Grace Jay, Johnye Van Dever.
3. Dot Casey, Margaret Birdwell.

E-W
1. Betty Boyd, Mary Bast.
2. Nita Talbott, Malven Stevenson.
3. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal

SUNDAY
No Game

TUESDAY

Three tables were directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Rube McKinley, Louise Thompson.
2. Nona Morrison, Shirley Stewart.
3. Martha Fagin, Barbara Yorgesen.

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Best videos

By The Associated Press

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2. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," (Disney)
3. "Bambi," (Disney)
4. "Lord of the Dance," (PolyGram)
5. "Riverdance-The Show," (VCI-Columbia Tristar)
6. "Fargo," (PolyGram)
7. "Honey, We Shrunk Ourselves," (Disney)
8. "The Birdcage," (MGM-UA)
9. "Harriet the Spy," (Paramount)
10. "Independence Day," (Fox)

Abuse resources

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Texas and statistic booklets are available.

A handbook called "What Can We Do About Child Abuse?" including legal definitions of child abuse and neglect, is available from the Attorney General's Office by calling 463-2100.

"The State of Texas Children 1996: A County by County Fact Book" is available from the Texas Kids Count Project. Contact the Center For Public Policy Priorities at 512-320-0222, or visit www.cppp.org.

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MAWC GAME DAY — Mary Ann Key, Loyce Thompson, Helen Hood and Donna Early, from left, study their hands for bidding during a game of bridge at Martha Ann Woman's Club game day and luncheon. Game day is held the last Wednesday of each month and games of choice may be played. Reservations are necessary on the Monday preceding game day by calling 573-3427. The luncheon begins at 11:30 and working women who cannot play games during the afternoon are welcome to attend. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Enhance plants with a vacation

Some houseplants are ready for spring too

By ED HUTCHISON
For AP Special Edition

Most people enjoy a summer vacation outdoors, and so do houseplants.

Being outdoors in summer can be a nurturing tonic for houseplants that have spent the winter inside, where light is low and the air is hot and dry — opposite the climate favored by these plants which originated in the tropics.

Why bother? Isn't a houseplant just that — a houseplant?

Most houseplants will do all right if their entire life is spent indoors. But given a few months of fresh air, abundant humidity and long hours of steady light, plants grow lushly, enhancing their appearance and building reserves for the rigors of indoor life next winter.

A few exceptions: African violets, gloxinias and other plants with soft, fuzzy foliage are best left indoors, because even indirect summer sun can burn or spot their foliage.

Most native tropical plants thrive under the protective canopy of tall trees. The leafy canopy shields the plants below from the hot sun. Plenty of light filters through, but its harshness is broken. The air is continually warm and moist. While these conditions are hard to duplicate in any but a few of the 50 states, you can come close enough.

Begin by finding the right amount of sun.

Putting a houseplant outdoors in full sun, even for part of the day, is risky because of the intensity of the light. Too much light will burn and discolor leaves, stunt the plant and dry the soil very fast.

Instead, gradually introduce the plants to the outdoors over a two- to three-week break-in period, beginning when the weather settles into its normal summer pattern.

For the first week or two, put the plant in a shady spot. Define "shady" as a spot that's bright enough for reading a newspaper at 2 p.m. This suggests a location on the north side of the house or a sheltered area on the east side. Avoid west and south exposures entirely for the this break-in period.

This first spot may be the right one for the rest of the summer. Houseplants that do well indoors under low light conditions will likely flourish in what seems like a fairly shady spot outdoors. These include peace lily, golden pothos, bamboo, Chinese evergreen, snake plant, green corn plant, and several others.

Other houseplants will need more light, and it is these that can be moved to a brighter location after the first week or two outdoors. These include grape ivy, ivy, prayer plant, jade, weeping fig, schefflera and rubber tree. For these, consider protected south and west exposures or areas that get some morning and afternoon sun — but not sun all day.

Putting the plant on hard surfaces such as brick or concrete may create an unhealthy microclimate. Surfaces like these in full sun absorb the sun's warmth, and by mid-afternoon, the immediate area can be too hot for the plant. Watch for sudden wilting at midday, or gradual leaf burn. These are signals that the spot is too hot.

Summer vacation for people usually means more food and beverages, and so it is with houseplants. The potting soil will dry out much more quickly than when the plant was indoors, and because the plant will be growing fast, it will need more food. Check plants daily, and when the top inch of soil feels dry, give it a good drink. Feed once every six weeks with a houseplant fertilizer unless label instructions recommend otherwise.

The plant may outgrow its pot over summer. Look for roots snaking out the drainage holes or gathering on the surface of the soil. If the plant looks as if it's going to burst the pot, it's time to repot. Choose a container with drainage holes and one that is one size larger than the existing pot. Repot with fresh, store-bought soil blended for houseplants. Garden soil is too heavy for houseplants.

A good time to repot is a few weeks before vacation's over. Doing so gives the plant some time to get used to its new surroundings. Summer's over when nights begin turning chilly, which can be weeks before the first frost. Check the plant for insects before bringing it back indoors. If any are found, a gentle stream from the garden house will knock them off. Or use a houseplant insecticide.

Fragrance gardens

Your local garden center is an excellent source of fragrant plants that will thrive in your area. Give some thought as to the placement of your garden, such as along your front porch or in places where the scents can waft into the house — such as nearby a frequently opened door or window.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
German Sausage w/Barbecue Sauce
Steamed Cabbage
Scalloped Potatoes
Tomato Wedges
Sliced Peaches
Oatmeal Cookies

TUESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Chopped Broccoli
Pineapple-Cheese Salad
Coconut Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Swiss Steak
Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce
Herbed Green Beans
Lettuce Salad
Cherry Cobbler

THURSDAY
Grilled Ham
Cream Gravy
Baked Potato
Black-eyed Peas
Fresh Spinach Salad
White Cake w/White Icing

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Creamy Coleslaw
Bread Pudding

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams & Nancy Nash-Cummings



Goats loves these license plates

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I wonder if you could give me some information on two Illinois 1945 license plates I have in my possession. They are wartime plates, made from soybeans. — **BETTIE ZBYROWSKI, Valparaiso, Ind.**

DEAR BETTIE: This was a new one to us, but fortunately not to Jim and Nancy Schaut, authors of "American Automobilia" (Chilton Books, division of Wallace-Homestead Book Co., 1994).

They write: "During World War II metals were scarce and many states experimented with fiberboard plates. Illinois license plates were fiberboard made from a soybean base. Folklorists claim that the goats of Illinois thought these tags were delicious." In fair condition, your two plates are worth about $30 each.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Please help me! I have been looking for a heavy-duty shower curtain like the ones you find in motels. I've looked everywhere. Could you tell me where I can find or order one? — **PEGGY THRASHER, Centreville, Miss.**

DEAR PEGGY: We found your curtain in a catalog that sells hospital, school, office and professional-quality motel and hotel housekeeping supplies. It is called Young's, and the address is 55 Cherry Lane South, Soudertown, PA 18964; 1-800-523-5454.

The shower curtain is white, 8-gauge vinyl film impregnated with a microbiotic KV-33 bacterial, fungus and mildew barrier (whew!). The eyelets are finished with rust-proof, anodized metal grommets, and there are no side or bottom hems to hinder the runoff of soap and water. This also makes the curtains easier to clean.

The 42-inch by 72-inch curtain is stock #A-22900 and costs $18.80. The 70-inch by 72-inch curtain is A-22901 and costs $20.30. Neither of the above prices include shipping and handling.

SUCCESS AT LAST!: Shortly after Christmas we published a letter from Deborah Roussos of Concord, N.H., which contained the fateful words: "I heard that if anyone can help me, you two can." She was looking for a pair of size-18 Sorel-type boots for her son. We searched everywhere, asked for help from our readers and spent restless nights feeling that we had let our side down... not to mention Deborah's son.

But this week, while on the trail of something completely different, we had a breakthrough and discovered a catalog and store called Friedman's, 209 Mitchell Street, Atlanta, GA 30303; 1-800-886-3668. These folks carry men's shoes (everything from boots to athletic shoes to dress shoes to sandals) in sizes 7 to 22. Now we can finally get a good night's sleep.

FEEDBACK: Another great find: We've had so many people, including Lillian Van Metre of Gonzalas, La., writing to ask where they can get manual typewriter ribbons replaced or re-inked. We received a letter from John H. Smith, president of SAS Industries, Inc., 3091 North Bay Drive, North Bend, OR 97459; 1-800-245-5657. He writes: "We specialize in ribbon and printer-cartridge recycling. We actually replace old, worn-out ribbon with brand-new, freshly inked ribbon. We offer a wide range of colors and provide solutions for a large assortment of hard-to-find ribbons and cartridges."

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Violence comes in many forms

Violence is a major threat to the healthy development of today's children.

Children encounter violence in their homes, schools and neighborhoods. Although the impact of violence is most harmful when children are victims, there is evidence that just witnessing violence can be traumatic to a child. Violence affecting our children takes many forms:

Family Violence

More than half of the children whose mothers are battered are likely to be physically abused themselves. Even if children are not experiencing physical abuse, the emotional toll of witnessing the abuse of a loved one is great. Hostile or aggressive arguments between parents and other family members also frighten children, in addition to setting a poor example for handling anger.

Gun Violence

Every day in America, 15 children and teens die in gun-related homicides, suicides, and accidents. In a national survey of students in grades 6 through 12, 59 percent said they know where to get a gun if they wanted one, and two-thirds said they could get a gun within 24 hours. An estimated 12 million elementary-aged, latch-key children have access to guns in their homes.

Violence in the Media

Children learn and imitate what they see. With the average American child exposed to about 200,000 acts of violence on television by the time they are 18, it is not surprising that these children become less sensitibe to violence and more likely to develop aggressive behaviors.

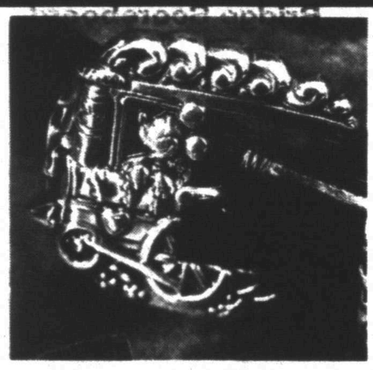
Newman donates land with strings attached

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) — Someday everyone could enjoy scenery that is now Paul Newman's own.

Newman, 72, and his wife, Joanne Woodward, 67, have offered to donate riverfront land worth more than $1 million to their town — with some strings attached.

Newman wants the town to preserve the 7.6 acres as open space and buy 30 acres that his neighbors have for sale. Town officials set aside $3.75 million for that land Tuesday.

Town planner Katherine Barnard said the Westport can't take actual possession of the donated land until the couple dies or after 25 years.



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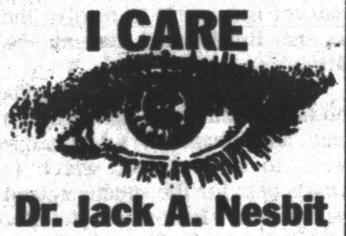
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Dallas winners claim jackpot in Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — A trust made up of 23 co-workers in the Dallas County public defender's office on Friday claimed a $45 million Lotto Texas jackpot.

The 23 lawyers, secretaries, clerks and investigators pooled their money for the March 29 drawing.

They said they've been playing the lotto for the past 18 months, and had matched four of six numbers the previous Wednesday to win $129.

Teresa Pigg-Curry, the pool organizer, said she wouldn't let her co-workers touch their $5.60 shares from that earlier drawing.

"Julie Clancy wanted lunch money the next day, and I didn't let her have it. It went right back into the pool," she said.

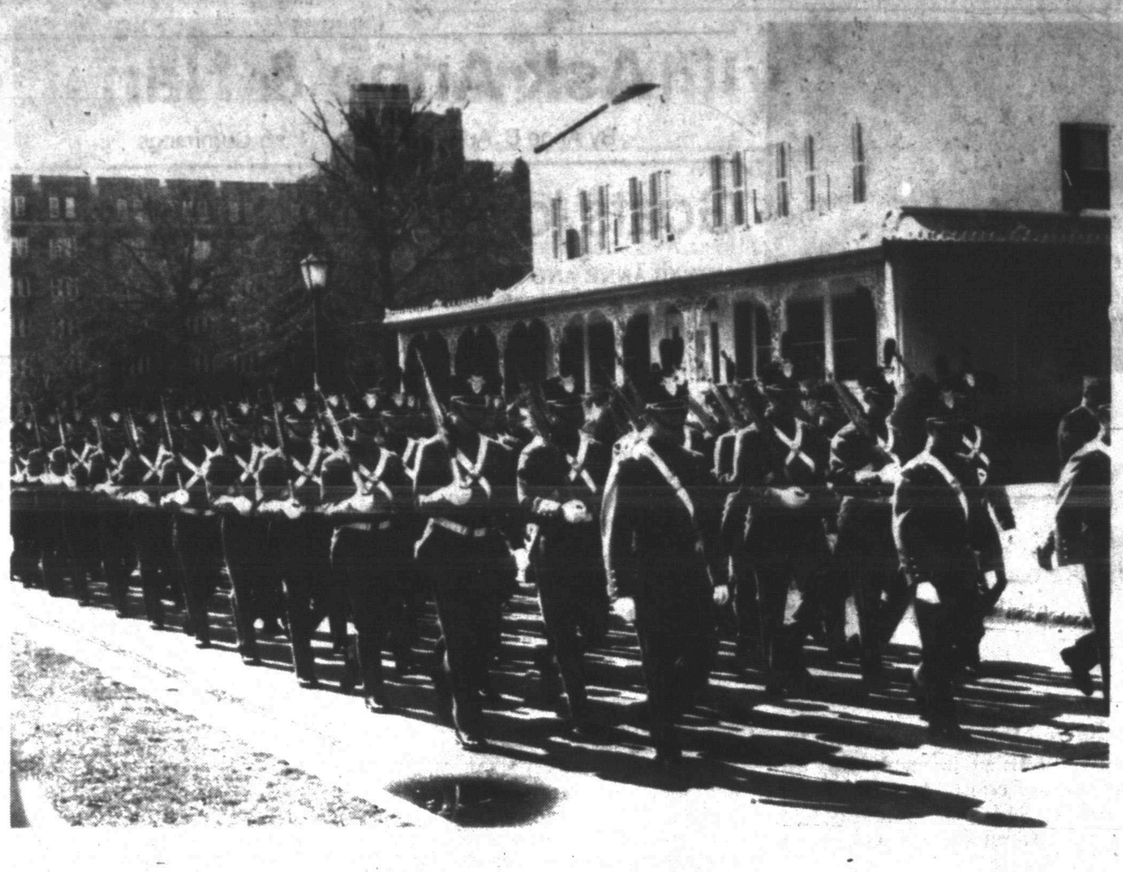
The group bought 129 tickets for the March 29 drawing.

After winning, they met on Easter Sunday to decide their next step.

"Mostly, we hugged and screamed a lot," said Jane Roden, who hosted the gathering. "Then we drank champagne and tried to eat fajitas, but I think we were just too excited to eat. I've still got about eight pounds of fajitas sitting in my freezer."

Their "Lucky 23 Trust" received the first of 25 annual payments of $1.8 million each.

The $45 million jackpot pushed ticket sales to a near record high. Total lottery ticket sales for that week were $94.96 million, second only to the $102.3 million sold during the game's first week of operation in May and June 1992, officials said.



PLEBES — During Snyder High School's choir trip to New York City, one of the fun sites they visited was West Point where they saw the plebes or freshmen march for Parents Day. (Contributed Photo)



STATUE OF LIBERTY — Snyder High School choir students and sponsors enjoyed many sites during last month's choir trip, to New York City, including the Statue of Liberty. (Contributed Photo)

Choir trips draws rave reviews

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than Snyder. At the Statue of Liberty, she said she thought of the immigrants who see it for the first time.

Carol Strayhorn's experience was wonderful and she heartily recommends the trip to other students.

Richard Rodriguez noted that "We were appreciated because of our cooperation."

For Laurie Kerley, the most enjoyable moments were at West Point and Planet Hollywood.

Haire said the choir takes a trip every two years. She said she and her students really appreciate everyone in the the community for supporting all of their fund-raisers.

"We couldn't have made the trip without their support," she added.

The choir students will perform its patriotic program for the public at the April 15 Spring Concert.

Those attending included Haire, Pam Dortch, Becky Johnson, Al and Debbie Phillips, the Scotts, David, Ellen, Carol, Thomas and Vina Strayhorn, Elizabeth Bishop, Autumn Pollard, Maribeth Dillaha, Meeghan York, Melissa Castro, Veronica Garza, Jackie Hernandez, Felicia Castillo.

Also, Michelle Dortch, Angie Reynolds, Angela Matthews, Mimi Stout, Jay Ball, John Gutierrez, Pennington, Richard Rodriguez, Baker, Melanie Kidd, Christina Sauceda, Gayle and Virginia Lomax, Dennis and Gloria Ball, Stephanie Alderete, Erica Arellano, Allison Bowden, Catrina Lopez.

Also, Chris Fuentez, Reid Johnson, Kaleb Herrley, Josue Parra, Isaac Spoor, Joseph Hernandez, Ty Jones, James Tatom, Kara Gowin, Michaelin Huckabee, Lori Marshall, Andrea Robinson, Julie Doolittle, Lila King, Sarah Knowles and Kerley.



CONTRACT — This photo was taken during Snyder High School's annual choir trip. Note the older style building featuring a satellite dish. One of the World Trade Center's twin towers can be seen in the background. (Contributed Photo)

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Dispute rocks exotic animal sanctuary

BOYD — There is little at the Texas Exotic Feline Foundation northwest of Fort Worth to indicate that a war rages for control of the animal sanctuary.

A walk around the Wise County preserve finds the foundation's lions, tigers and other big cats going about their normal routines. Some sleep, others pace or become excited as visitors walk by their cages.

The sanctuary was built by Gene Reitnauer and her former husband, Robert, to take in large cats that were abused, abandoned or given up by their owners.

But in the past few months, turmoil has obscured that mission.

What began with questions over money and personality clashes has evolved into much more. The state accuses Gene Reitnauer of commingling the foundation's assets with her own and then trying to cover up her actions.

Ms. Reitnauer has been barred from the facility since the state attorney general's office seized the property in November, and the receiver appointed by the state has literally banished Ms. Reitnauer from the foundation by erecting a 10-foot green fence around her home that sits just a few feet from the animal's cages.

The harsh feelings left simmering from her removal erupted into a March 21 confrontation. In that dispute, Ms. Reitnauer and a friend, Felix Laughlin, were arrested after Laughlin pointed Ms. Reitnauer's gun at the foundation's workers, according to Wise County Sheriff Phil Ryan.

A new restraining order was issued last week that bars Ms. Reitnauer and some of the former volunteers from entering her yard — a move that some of the former donors say is being done to intimidate them.

That is only the latest conflict since a flurry of civil lawsuits were filed last fall by two wealthy Dallas donors, including one of the original Blockbuster Video investors, David Cook, and Attorney General Dan Morales.

With depositions occurring on an almost weekly basis and calls to the sheriff commonplace, authorities are worried there could be more trouble.

Everybody thinks they're right and the other side is wrong, Ryan said. "They think they are the ones who have the best interests of the animals at heart. We just keep telling them to let the courts decide the matter. We've told both sides we'll file criminal charges on either side if they start using weapons like last week."

Ms. Reitnauer did not return phone messages last week. But in interviews the day of the gun incident, she said she felt that workers were provoking her into a reaction. She said green netting attached to the fence surrounding her home, which resembles the material used on tennis court fencing, could be a fire hazard.

"They want to get rid of me in every sense of the word," Ms. Reitnauer said. "They have cut me off and I don't understand how they can do this to me."

Ms. Reitnauer and Laughlin have tried to file a criminal trespass complaint against the refuge's workers that is being reviewed by Wise County officials. But the sheriff said his interpretation of the temporary injunction allows the sanctuary's workers to come into her yard.

"It is my opinion that those men came on her property without her permission and Felix was protecting her property," said attorney Kenda Culpepper, who is representing both Ms. Reitnauer and Laughlin.

Workers, who are not commenting on the advice of attorneys, contend they have been repeatedly harassed and verbally abused. They say Ms. Reitnauer and her friends erected a scaffold in her back yard to peer into the grounds and shout at visitors touring the sanctuary.

Ms. Reitnauer's property is under dispute because a majority of the nonprofit foundation's cages were constructed on her land, according to lawsuits filed by donors Cook and Louis Dorfman.

The situation has become so bizarre that Dorfman, who filed the first suit against Ms. Reitnauer, has purchased the mortgage on her home. Ms. Reitnauer said it is Dorfman's latest attempt to remove her permanently from the preserve as soon as possible.

"He doesn't want to wait for the courts so he's hoping I'll miss a payment, but that's not going to happen," she said.

Dorfman said he purchased the mortgage to protect the animals.

"I want to ensure my cats have a home," said Dorfman, who boards several large cats at the facility.

"That is what it is all about, making sure nothing happens to them if Gene can't make payments and defaults on her loan," he said.

Although the lawsuits began with discrepancies over money, the debate has shifted to the quality of care, arguing that others cannot feed the animals properly.

Dallas real estate broker Fred Brodsky organized the effort more than two years ago to bring three African lions, who were emaciated and in poor health, to the foundation from a Mexican zoo. Brodsky, along with Warren Cox of the Dallas Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said recent tours found the animals in good health.

The foundation is also permitting visitors to tour the facility for a $20 donation, although some former volunteers said they have been denied access.

Brodksy said both sides should let a sense of normalcy return and wait for the courts to resolve the dispute. But he said that may be difficult.

"I'm afraid it may have gone too far for both sides to take a step back and focus on what really needs to be decided, which is what's best for the sanctuary and the animals," Brodsky said. "But that's what both sides need to be thinking about rather than settling scores."

Racism remains

NEW YORK (AP) — The widow of Jackie Robinson is troubled by what she calls a "residue of racism" among baseball's executives.

"I'm sure he'd be pleased with the integration factor of players," Rachel Robinson said Thursday. "But the front office and general scheme still don't have equal opportunity. We still don't own any part. He'd be disappointed with that."

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Woman's disappearance still mystery

IRVING (AP) — Roji Varghese has spent the last year peering into white cars, hoping he'll find the one that leads to his wife, who vanished a year ago without a trace.

"If we had like a clue, somewhere to look, we'd still be looking, but we're at a dead end," he said.

The last time Varghese heard from his wife, Reena, was on April 4, 1996, when she called to say she was leaving work.

She walked to the parking lot — in a mist, after dark — with two other nurses at Methodist Medical Center in Dallas and got in her white 1990 Toyota Corolla, apparently headed home.

She carried no more than $10 cash because, as a new mother concerned about her weight, she was afraid she'd spend it on her lunch break. She'd been back at work only three days and was still breast-feeding 3-month-old Sarah.

Varghese started worrying when his wife didn't reach their Irving home in half an hour, so he tried the cell phone that she always plugged in when she got in the car. No answer. Minutes later, he called the hospital, then the mobile number again. Fifteen minutes later he asked hospital security to check if her time card was punched and her car was gone. They were.

Now panicked, Varghese trekked down Interstate 30 to the hospital, where he and guards looked for broken glass or other signs of trouble. Nothing.

It was time to call the police. They issued an all-points bulletin for the woman, then 25, and her car, which sported two bumper stickers — one for a Christian radio station and another that read "Don't Miss Heaven For The World."

Meanwhile, shocked friends from the couple's church started arriving at the Varghese home. They scoured the freeway looking for broken guard rails that might signal an accident. And they searched a 30-mile radius for any scraps of the bumper stickers.

A year later, Mrs. Varghese's car hasn't been found, her cell phone hasn't been turned on and her four major credit cards haven't been used.

"The car not ever showing up anywhere is the big mystery to me," said Dallas police detective Mary Stout, who is handling the investigation. "It's just unusual for a car to disappear like that."

She fears something sinister happened. Her gut feeling is that "somebody got her."

"Nothing else fits. Nothing else fits," Stout said.

Police and Varghese say the couple had no marital or financial problems and agree that the new mother would not have abandoned her daughter.

Sarah's grandmother quit her job and watches over the almost 15-month-old girl while her father works at a Grand Prairie trucking company. Varghese hopes his wife will return before he has to explain her disappearance to his daughter.

"We're praying for her every day," Varghese said.

Religion helps sustain Varghese, whose home is filled with Christian knickknacks, religious messages and family photos. His daughter listens to sing-along Bible verses on tape. Varghese not only prays at his church several times a week but also asks for prayers on the Internet from people he's never met.

"It's unbelievable how many people pray," said Varghese.

Varghese is not convinced that his wife is the victim of foul play.

Officials won't dismiss case against dead man

ROCKWALL (AP) — Robert Staley didn't show up for his day in court again this week, but no one's out beating the bushes for him.

That's because he's been dead for a year.

However, the August 1995 cocaine-possesion charge against him is very much alive. The county's legal system has kept the case alive, repeatedly resetting pretrial hearings because no death certificate has been received.

Until the death certificate arrives, Staley is officially a bail jumper in the eyes of the law.

"We have to have a death certificate," said Judy Perser, court administrator for state District Judge Sue Pirtle. "Then we will gladly lay him to rest."

The court has repeatedly asked defense lawyer Ted Sansom to provide the death certificate, but he claims that's the district attorney's job, Ms. Perser said.

"It's been going back and forth," she said.

Assistant District Attorney Rick Calvert said it's difficult to get a death certificate unless you're an immediate family member because "you have to jump through all these hoops" with Dallas record-keepers.

Relatives of Staley, a longtime Veterans Affairs Medical Center employee, could not be located for comment, The Dallas Morning News reported Friday.

Sansom, a court-appointed lawyer, says he's had almost no contact with the family and showed court officials an obituary in hopes that would suffice.

At the latest court hearing held Monday, Sansom told the judge, "I'd rather do a jury trial than get a record out of Dallas."

"I assume your client wants to maintain his right to remain silent," the judge jokingly told Sansom.

One problem in getting the record is a strange coincidence.

Staley and his son, also named Robert W. Staley, died almost exactly a year apart while living at the same address.

The younger Staley died of a cocaine overdose on April 2, 1995.

Bill would end utility commission

AUSTIN (AP) — The state agency that regulates electrical rates and local phone services would be dissolved by legislation approved by a Senate committee late Thursday.

The Texas Public Utility Commission was created in 1975 to regulate phone companies and utility companies. It sets rates and rules for how the companies operate in Texas.

Under the bill approved by the Senate State Affairs Committee, those duties would be transferred to the Texas Railroad Commission. That commission, which oversees oil and gas production in Texas, regulated utility rates before the PUC was set up.

Both commissions have seen their roles change in the last few years. The railroad commission once regulated some transportation issues. Those have moved to the Texas Transportation Department.

State lawmakers in 1995 deregulated local phone services and now are considering deregulating the state utility industry.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Dwayne and Eva Mack, 1997 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Joe D. Glover, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

NALCO and Exxon Energy, 1997 Ford pickup from Jordan Ford.

Maxine I. and James Courtney, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Curry Auto Leasing, Mark D. and Debra L. Wages, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Lisa and Yolanda Rosas, 1996 Ford Mustang from Wilson Motors.

Merrell Daggett, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jerry Don Greene and Lee Ann Byrd, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

LaRue and Margaret Watkins, 1997 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Jeanne A. Ferris, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Tom Wadleigh, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Guy Eugene Stom, 1997 Chevrolet van from Big Country Autoland.

Gerald D. and Joan B. Logan, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Carl Smith, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Lar Max Company and Larry R. Falls, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Grimmett Bros Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

George W. Kiker, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Guy Glosson, 1997 Plymouth van from Snyder Chrysler.

Electric Submersible Pumps Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Steve Gutierrez, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Glenn H. Pierce, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Steven Rich, dba RICHOCO, LLC, 1997 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Don Bamert, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Stephen and Rose Sandridge, 1997 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Don and Darlene Bevins, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Peterson Drilling Co., 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Sierra Well Services, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

W.J. Kahl, 1997 Dodge truck from Snyder Chrysler.

Cody C. Nichols, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Joyce Herridge, 1996 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

Donald L. Compton, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Adan Martinez and Yolanda Marisela Garcia, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Darrell Doty and Melissa Doty, as next friend of Bryce Lane Doty, a minor, vs. D.M. Cogdell Hospital, Gary A. Nussey, M.D., Ann Pendleton, R.N., Bobbie Carroll, R.N. and Lynn Breeden, LVN; order of non-suit against Cogdell Hospital, Ann Pendleton, Bonnie Carroll and Lynn Breeden.

In the marriage of Krista Ann Pylant and Bradley Joe Pylant, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Robert Dee Mitchell and Tammy Denise Mitchell, divorce granted.

Filed in District Court

Miller Robinson vs. Whataburgber and WhatACo of Texas Inc., suit for damages.

Deed Records

Edwin and Elaine Ann Galyean to Roy O. Magness, all of Lot 19 in Block 8 of the First Replat of the Parkway Addition, Second Section.

Odeatha Anderson to Don Marshall Taylor, all of Lots 10-12 in Block 18 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Homer D. Nelson and Bobby Lack to Loyd Nichols, five acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 158, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Loyd Nichols to Lone Star Pistol Range, 1.035 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 158, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Stella J. Bailey, individually and as attorney-in-fact for William E. Bailey, and Vernon Eugene Groce to Loyd Nichols, the west 10 feet of Lot 5 and all of Lots 6-12 in Block 22 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Billy John Voss, Carl Ann Preston, Martha Jane Partain Simpson, Cliff Voss, Denise Voss Beck, Vance Voss, and Vaughnie Voss to Delia R. Franco, all of Lot 1 and the east 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 26 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Kathy Harrell Voss and Becky Harrell Hale to Eicke and Penny Perry, 329.589 acres in Sections 78 and 79, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Opal Dorothy Lavender to Ramio and Lupe Ruiz, the north 75 feet of Lot 1 in Block 46 of the Blankenship Addition.

Myron Fenton to Bobby Nolan, the east 44 feet of Lot 1 in Block 32 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Becky Crain to Russell Jones Jr., all of Lot 3 in Block E of the Highland Park Addition.

Grace Ann Smedley and Amelie Michelle Holder, independent co-executrices of the estate of Marie Joycelyn Holder to Grace Ann Smedley and Amelie Michelle Holder, all of Lot 3 in Block 6 of the Bassridge Addition.

Joe and Muriel J. Vincent to Keith and Temi Matthies, all of Lots 11-12 in Block 4 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Donna Rosengrants, attorney-in-fact for Evelyn L. Duff, to Lawrence N. and Anna Marie White, all of Lot 22 and the south 10 feet of Lot 21 in Block 3 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Richard Dupree to Oma Nell Kroger, all of Lot 3 in Block 4, First Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Billy Don and Patricia Carole Haynes to Alan D. and Julie K. Culp, the west one-half of Lot 3 in Block 33 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

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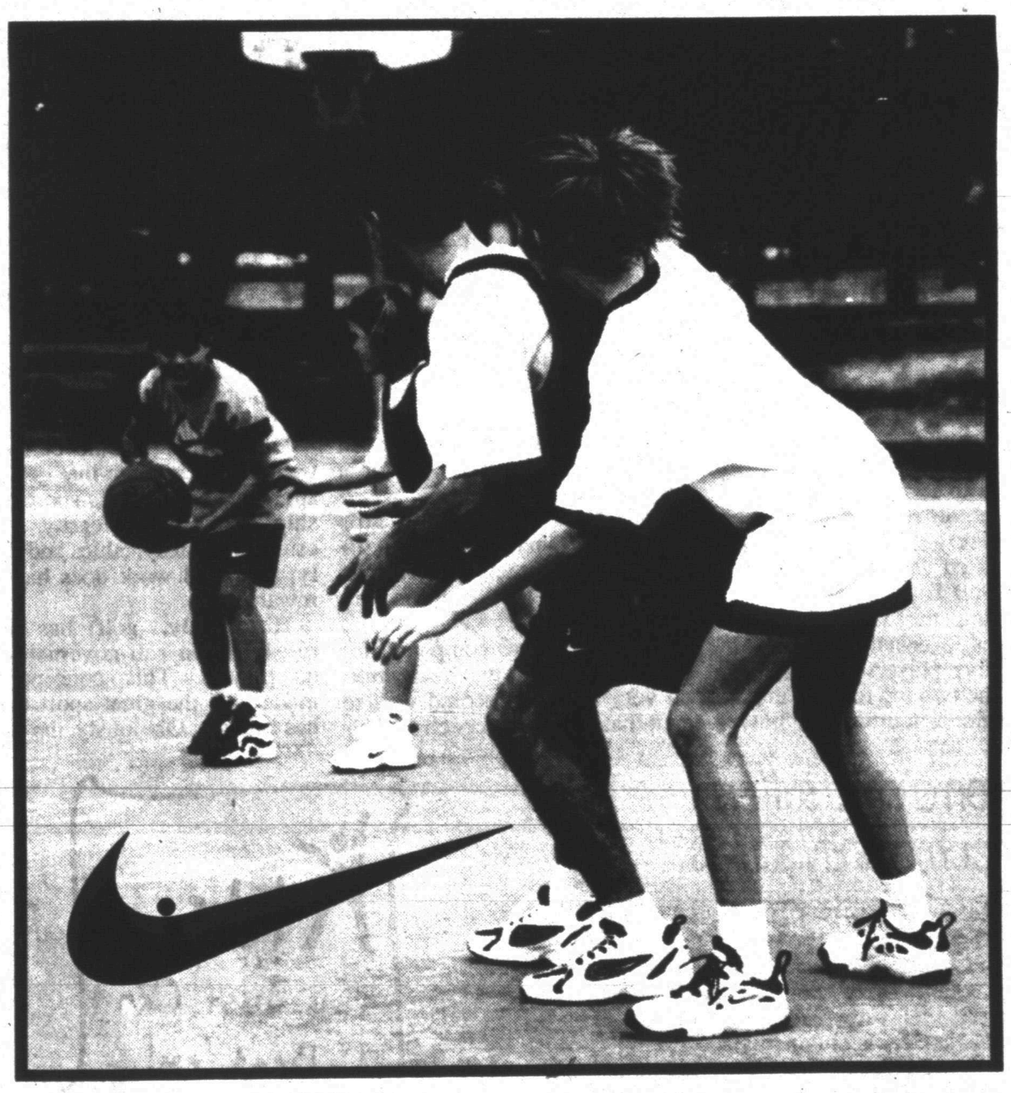
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Cults: Resisting the lure of false prophets

Deanie Francis Mills

One of the most terrifying aspects of the Heaven's Gate cult and the 39 members who committed mass suicide is how normal they all seem in the videos they left behind. They don't seem crazy. In fact, these were highly intelligent people operating a successful business.

And yet they all truly believed that their leader was Christlike and that they were all leaving to crew a spaceship which remains hidden behind the Hale-Bopp comet. Before they killed themselves, they even packed their bags!

So far I have researched and written three books which dealt with a cult background: "Spellbound," which featured satanic and ritualistic cults, "Freefall," which depicted a deadly New Age group, and my upcoming debut hardcover, "Ordeal," which examines the militant militia extremist, many of whom function in a cult-like environment, such as the Branch Davidian compound and the notorious "Freemen" up in Montana.

I have researched and written three books on the cult phenomenon, and yet I still don't understand how anybody can fork over their body and soul to a single leader or small group and be willing to die for them.

Only now, I have a son who is away at college, a son who is bright and beautiful — but lonely, grieving the recent death of his best friend, and searching for answers: the very profile of the type of person most likely to be targeted for cult recruitment.

In fact, many cults openly recruit on college campuses for that very reason, and thousands of heartsick parents have lost their young people into the bowels of the Moonies or some other creepy group who slipped in and stole their children when they thought they were safe in the dorm.

Sometimes they never see them again. Sometimes they have to hire private detectives to literally kidnap the kids and "deprogram" them. Sometimes the kids return years later, strangers. Sometimes they die right along with fellow cult members.

The reason young people, and the drifing searchers of the world, are vulnerable to such machinations, is that the cults seem so normal at first. After all, there are legitimate organizations which use many of the same techniques to bond their members, such as convents and monasteries — even the military. They don't look like a cult. Their pitch sounds reasonable.

So how can we tell? And how can we teach our young people to be alert and aware of the manipulations of a group which may even appear Christian at first? How can we prepare them to resist the lure of the false prophets?

In a book called "Gaslighting, The Double Whammy, Interrogation, and Other Methods of Covert Control Psychotherapy and Analysis," author Theo L. Dorpat, M.D. points out that it is the very similarities which make cults so deadly. He lists six characteristics of cults which, when taken as a whole, can set off alarm bells for the curious who have been approached:

1. Cult leaders are charismatic, authoritarian, and dominating individuals. They can be spell-binding speakers and charming individuals.

2. Followers join the cult when they are emotionally disturbed and/or in transition between developmental states; i.e., when identity and security needs are the greatest.

3. The followers idealize the cult leaders. Both the leader and followers consider the leader to be the supreme authority — even assuming cooperation of the other cult members.

4. The cult leaders suppress the followers' disagreement or opposition, usually by shaming or shunning them with the complicit cooperation of the other cult members.

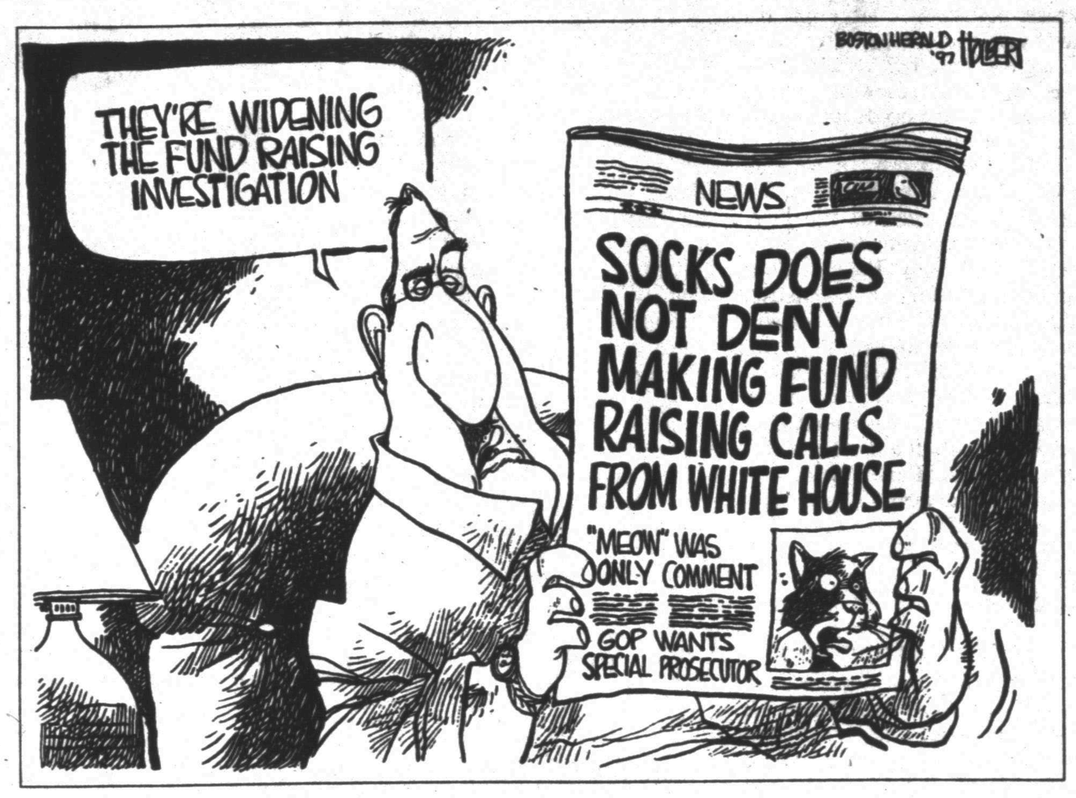
5. Followers become totally involved in the cult, which often controls every single aspect of their personal life, including sex, social relationships, diet, dress, work, and the like.

6. Cults tend to have long-lasting traumatic and destructive psychological effects on the followers, who gradually lose their autonomy and their capacity for critical thinking. Dr. Dorpat maintains that it takes someone exiting a cult three years to recover psychologically.

Another warning bell to watch out for is the gradual or even sudden isolation from family and friends and the encouragement to forsake all for a whole new life.

Solid spiritual instruction at home is not always a guarantee against cults, because sometimes young people will feel the need to rebel. So it is important that we also give our children, first and foremost, a strong sense of self. They need to believe that they can lick anything, given enough time and experience. A good dose of skepticism, even a touch of suspicion about anyone they do not know, doesn't hurt either.

Instead of turning loose little lambs to be led to the slaughter, let's give our young people the cunning of the coyote and the courage and keen observation of the hawk...all dressed up in sheep's clothing.



Letters to the Editor

At all cost

Dear Editor:

The reason for writing this letter is to express my disgust for an area golf coach and his tactics of trying to secure the second place seed in the District 2-4A Girls Golf Tournament.

During the last two district matches, a coach must play the same five players on said team. Only the two top teams can go to the regional tournament; however, in this case, that is not how it will probably be.

If you have been keeping up with the weekly standings in our district, you can probably see what I am so disgruntled over.

Snyder A team has earned the number one seed, which they well deserve. The number two seed has been a close race between Plainview, Lamesa and Snyder B.

This past week at the fourth district match, the said coach moved his top two players from the varsity team, who are also the top medalists in district, down to his B team to turn the odds in their favor. If he had not made the move, the original B team score would have and should have been 391. However, with the two "A players" playing on the B team, the B team scored a 345 for a 46-stroke improvement.

It seems wrong that two girls can qualify two teams to go to the regional tournament. No, this is not an illegal move, but it is very unethical.

There are teams competing for the number 2 seed that have worked very hard and scored well to earn that place. The coach said his B team deserved to get the second seed. Well if they deserve it, then let them earn it! The other teams sure have.

What are our kids learning? If they want something, it will be given to them on a silver platter?

Plainview, Lamesa, Levelland, and Frenship have worked hard and maybe the same could be said for Snyder's "original" B team up until the fourth district match. All that the coach has shown his "original" B team is that he did not have enough confidence in them to do it on their own.

Is this an ego trip for him? Frankly, what it does for him does not matter. But what happens to our children does matter.

Our children should be taught by men and women that golf is a sport that exemplifies sportsmanship, honesty, integrity, self-esteem, courtesy, ethics and finally, that hard work does have its reward.

Historically, golf has been ruled by the self-governance of its players. This concept has made golf the great sport that it has become. Obviously, the coach mentioned above has forgotten what golf is all about, yet has no problem with "winning at all cost."

Thank You,
Jay Lynn White,
Scott Scarborough
Mark A. Hughes
Vickie Wilkerson
Monty Wilkerson
Freda Hawkins
Kim Hawkins
Guy and Gay Price
Lamesa, Texas

Need some answers

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Tuesday's (May 1) front page article about the county commissioners voting to apply for a second grant worth $250,000 for Hermleigh water.

I have a few questions that I hope Commissioner Jerry Gannaway can respond to with some answers.

Question #1 - Before the first $250,000 grant, a smaller grant was obtained for the purpose of buying a building to house the Hermleigh Water Works office. This building stands at 800 James St. If there is a building, why do Hermleigh residents have to pay their water bill at the county courthouse?

Question #2 - The sign outside the building at 800 James clearly states that it is the office of the Hermleigh Water Works. Why does Big Country Incinerator (BCI), owed by John Williamson, and J-B-S Construction, owned by Burton Sandefur, currently conduct business out of this building? Hermleigh Water Works is not even at this building.

Question #3 - Where are the new lines that have been laid with the first $250,000 grant as stated in Tuesday's paper? I know of one that has been laid but where are the others the article implies has been laid?

Question #4 - Who is on the committee to verify where the grant funds are spent? Hermleigh used to have a water board that met regularly to help provide input on our water system. What happened to our water board?

Question #5 - Why was the land that was purchased for the new well put in Scurry County's name?

Commissioner Gannaway, please provide answers to these questions as many residents are waiting to hear the answers.

Sincerely,
Chris Porter
Hermleigh

'When a child suffers, our community suffers'

Dear Editor:

Children depend on those who care for them to provide for their health, safety and emotional well-being. When parents and other caregivers are not able to meet this responsibility, the results to children and to society are often tragic.

Last year in Texas, more than 45,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect. In Snyder and Scurry County, we find that we are not immune to the abuse and neglect of children. Last year in Scurry County the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services investigated 53 cases of reported child abuse. Of the 53 cases reported there were 25 confirmed cases of abuse.

Scurry County at this time has 23 children in conservatorship. Conservatorship is when a child is taken from the home for reasons of abuse or neglect and placed in foster care. This seems to be a remarkably high number of conservatorships for a county our size, especially when we look at our neighbors in Dawson and Nolan counties. Dawson County has four children in conservatorship and Nolan County has only one. Again, Scurry County has 23 children in conservatorship.

Child abuse and neglect recognizes no boundaries.

Abused and neglected children often carry the burden of their experiences into adulthood in the form of substance abuse, depression, physical disabilities, learning difficulties, criminal activity and the continued cycle of child abuse. This cost to the lives of children also means increasing costs of care systems such as child welfare, education, health care, and juvenile justice. Clearly, when a child suffers, our community suffers.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Texas. It is a time to reflect on what we are doing as a community to support children and their families. Children don't come with instructions and too many parents face raising their children without the knowledge and support they need and deserve. We all have opportunities to reach out to parents in our families, neighborhoods, places of worship and places of employment. This April let's make sure all parents know that their hard work is valued, both in what it will mean for the future of their children and their community.



Scurry County is a wonderful place to live and raise our children. One abused or neglected child in our midst is one too many. We can do better. We will do better. We need your help. Please join the growing team of individuals who throughout this county are making a difference in the lives of our children.

To report child abuse or neglect please call the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-5400.

Sincerely,
Charlie Reynolds,
Chairman Scurry County
Family Pride Council
of the Children's
Trust Fund of Texas

EDITORIAL COMMENT

So-called tort reform

The Austin American-Statesman

Having gotten a large bite of the apple in the 1995 legislative session, tort "reformers" are back for another. But the Legislature ought to wait and see if consumers finally start getting their full slice of the apple — benefits they were supposed to reap for having the number and size of lawsuits curtailed.

Texans for Lawsuit Reform put up a passel of bills this session alleged to "maximize the benefits of all Texans — business professionals, trade groups and consumers alike," the group stated in a cover letter to an analysis of its new agenda. The letter also promised that the group was "performing in-depth background research as well, to insure that each initiative has a solid foundation in both the law and common sense."

But despite all that effort, at least one of the initiatives contained an enormous loophole that would have enabled nursing home owners to escape liability for the criminal acts of employees who hurt patients. ...

Maybe the savings will increase down the road, if fewer lawsuits result in more savings to corporations and insurers. But lawmakers ought to hold off on more "reform" until and unless consumers see more dramatic results.

High-definition TV channels

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

There are plusses and minuses if the federal government gives broadcasters the TV channels needed for high-definition digital television signals — the next generation of television.

Broadcasters feel they were promised the airwaves free, and plead that they have spent a lot of money developing the higher-quality TV technology. Also, the government would have more leverage over use of the "public airwaves" than it would if those airwaves are sold. Those are among the reasons for giving away the channels.

On the other hand, selling these frequencies to the broadcasters — who will then make fabulous profits from them, not only for standard TV but also for data transmission and other commercial uses — could raise somewhere between $11 billion and $70 billion for the public good.

We tend to agree with former Sen. Bob Dole and the public interest group Common Cause — an unusual combination — that it is in the taxpayers' interest for the frequencies to be sold, and that a giveaway would be perceived by many as a rip-off. At the very least, the decision should be delayed and Federal Communications Commission ground rules firmly established for use of the new channels, because this is a matter of immense public importance.

State Board of Education

The Dallas Morning News

One thing can be said for certain. State Board of Education meetings are no longer dull.

The usually calm sessions have been turned upside down by heated charges that a national public education conspiracy is about to infiltrate the Texas schools.

Six board members, supported by Christian conservatives, are fighting a new curriculum plan on the basis that it will tie this state's schools to "liberal" national education standards.

The six also claim technical courses recommended for the curriculum are an attempt by industry to have available cheap labor.

The Texas Business and Education Coalition, a group of educators and top business executives, is infuriated by the charges. And rightly so. The coalition supports courses that help high school students prepare to enter the work force. But the organization also strongly supports greater math, education and science requirements. ...

Another false claim is that the new curriculum can be linked to one source — the National Center on Education and the Economy.

The center was retained to help develop the curriculum standards. But dozens of committees and scores of educators and private citizens spent months drafting the document.

The conspiracy theorists are jeopardizing the board's most important assignment in years. Nothing is more critical to public education than clear guidelines, outlining what students are expected to know.

The board will take up the first section of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills plan on April 9. The State Education Board should use this meeting to get back on track. The new curriculum deserves to be adopted. ...

EPA says despite its error, air pollution rules needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency says its miscue in calculating the number of lives that may be saved by tougher clean air standards does not change the basic issue: Current standards are inadequate to protect public health.

Opponents of the proposed tightening of air quality regulations latched onto the EPA's error on Thursday, arguing that it shows the agency's research into the new requirements is sloppy.

Paul Bailey, head of an industry coalition opposed to the EPA rule change, accused the agency of making "a 10th grade math error" when it calculated that 20,000 premature deaths would be avoided by the tougher pollution controls, when the number should have been 15,000.

"The real answer is that the benefits are unknown," said Bailey, an executive with the American Petroleum Institute and head of the Air Quality Standards Coalition, a broad group of businesses fighting the EPA proposal.

While embarrassed about the error, the EPA stuck by its guns on the overall issue.

"This error does not change the fundamentals of our proposal — 15,000 premature deaths is a significant number that underscores the need for us to consider a stronger standard," EPA spokeswoman Loretta Ucelli said.

Supporters of the proposed tighter requirements for controlling smog-causing ozone and fine soot accused opponents of grasping at straws.

"It's not really a big thing," said Paul Billings, director of government affairs at the American Lung Association. "Whether it's 15,000 lives or 20,000 lives, it's still too many lives. They (opponents) have had very little to crow about."

The EPA conceded that calculations it has used to support the proposed standards contained a "technical error." The error was traced to a chart on a scientific study that had been labeled incorrectly as showing an arithmetic "mean" when it actually was a "median," causing EPA officials to extrapolate incorrectly that 20,000 lives would be saved instead of 15,000.

A final rule is expected this summer.

Meanwhile, some environmentalists accused the industry coalition of trying to hide an economics study that suggested the impact of the new standards might be far less than industry has claimed.

The study, commissioned by the American Iron and Steel Institute, is purported to show that the new rules would have little adverse economic impact on the city of Pittsburgh.

"The big polluters have consistently lied about the potential impact of the proposed standards. Now they're staging a coverup," said Frank O'Donnell of the Clean Air Trust, an environmental group.

Bailey, the industry coalition leader, said it had been decided to incorporate the Pittsburgh study into a broader nationwide study that will be completed soon.

"Nobody said let's deep-six this study," Bailey said in an interview.

Also, a group of scientists has found what they believe may be a breakthrough in determining the sources of certain fine airborne particles that the EPA wants to regulate under its new proposal.

This could make it easier to develop a pollution control strategy, scientists say, and counter criticism that not enough is known about these emissions to regulate them at this time.

Town that wouldn't drown celebrates 100 years of life

KATONAH, N.Y. (AP) — The town of Katonah should have disappeared under water a century ago.

Yet here is Deirdre Courtney-Batson's 110-year-old house, surrounded by azaleas and draped in wisteria, looking as if it had been standing on this plot forever.

In fact, it was dragged there — by horses, a century ago, on wooden beams greased with laundry soap. So was the house next door, the one next to that, Healy's deli around the corner and about 50 other buildings around town.

Rather than let their town be swallowed up by a reservoir built for New York City's growing thirst, the 19th century inhabitants of Katonah spent seven years dragging their town a half-mile away to keep going on new foundations.

It was the town that wouldn't drown.

"Katonah was unique in its desire to stay together," said Martha Skolnick, who lives in what was a barn in Old Katonah. "There's still some of that feeling. I can feel the history of my house every moment."

On Saturday, 100 years since the first mail delivery to "new" Katonah, the people of this Victorian hamlet 40 miles north of Manhattan will celebrate their stubborn, inventive predecessors.

There will be a parade, art show and a tour of what remains above water of Old Katonah — foundations, sidewalks, even some trees recognizable from old photographs.

"When you live in a house with a history like that it makes you want to find out more about it," said Ms. Courtney-Batson, a historian. "You want to know about the people who did this kind of thing."

In the 1880s, Katonah had several hotels where city folk spent their summers, factories that turned out ribbons and magnifying glasses and a railroad station for farmers to send milk to New York.

Then came New York City, with the power to condemn certain riverside settlements so it could dam the water and divert it for its swelling population.

Old Katonah was near the Croton River, so it was condemned. Residents were compensated for their loss, and many used the cash to buy a home elsewhere.

But others decided the town should leave with them. Katonah's town fathers bought nearby farmland and sold plots to neighbors who had bought back their homes at auction.

"If you wanted to buy your own house back, nobody would bid against you," said Skolnick, president of the Katonah Historical Museum. "It was sort of an unspoken agreement."

The buildings were hauled south, a very tough task at the time.

Workers had to jack up the house, secure it to a sled of heavy timbers, tie the sled to a capstan (a large rotating spool) hundreds of feet away and have horses turn the capstan, winding the rope.

People often remained in their homes during the move, since it could take weeks. Sometimes three or four houses were strung together.

The town has prospered and is considered a desirable place to live. Said Ms. Courtney-Batson of the town's history: "These were people who fairly early on decided that they could and would control their lives."

'Roseanne' spinoff set

NEW YORK (AP) — Spurned for a 10th season on ABC, Roseanne will star in a spinoff on another network, The New York Times reported today.

ABC has withdrawn from negotiations for a new show with Carsey-Warner Productions, which produces "Roseanne," unidentified executives told the newspaper. The network gave up its option on the spinoff because it was unwilling to pay the asking price.

"Roseanne" has portrayed the life of the blue-collar Conner family since 1988, but in the show's latest season their fortunes changed after they won the lottery. The Roseanne Conner character may be the only one from the original show to continue in the spinoff.

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'Dame County!' headline stirs comntroversy and cancellations

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — There is nothing like a dame headline to get people calling for the headline writer's head.

When Dane County voters elected women as county executive and Madison mayor for the first time ever, The Capital Times ran a bold, above-the-fold headline Wednesday proclaiming: "Dame County!"

Then came the complaints and cancellations.

One caller found the headline "tasteless, stupid and offensive." Another called it "an example of the worst form of sexism and chauvinism that I've encountered in a long time."

At least two of the more than a dozen callers in this liberal college town canceled subscriptions to The Capital Times, circulation 22,000.

Associate City Editor Ron McCrea, who wrote the headline, said he was just aiming for a playful way to report the story.

He toyed with "On Ms. Consin!" — a play on the state song, "On Wisconsin!" "Another one was 'Femme Finale!' and of course 'Women Rule,'' but none of these looked very good when we put them on the page," he said.

Before going with the headline, he took an informal poll of women in the office, and they didn't find "Dame County!" offensive, he said.

"It is definitely slang, but it is affectionate slang," McCrea said.

Mayor-elect Sue Bauman, who made local history along with County Executive-elect Kathleen Falk, said she generally doesn't like the word but thought the headline was "kind of clever."

Kathy Maeglin, editor of the newspaper's section geared toward women, didn't like it.

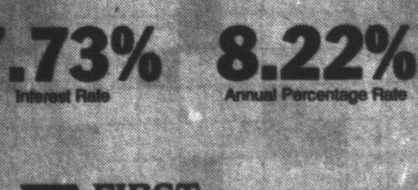
"I think that dame is a derogatory term for woman. I guess I view it the same way I would view the word 'broad,'" Ms. Maeglin said. "I always think of the 'South Pacific' song, 'There Is Nothing Like a Dame.'"

The Dictionary of American Slang defines dame as "a woman or girl, especially a troublesome one. .... Depending on the emphasis, it can now mean a promiscuous woman ... a sexually attractive woman, an unemotional, sexless woman worker, or even an ugly old woman."

Webster's New World College Dictionary notes that the word was "originally, a title given to a woman in authority or the mistress of a household."

McCrea said it was just the sort of "simple, bright headline" he wrote during five years at Newsday in New York, where newspapers battle for the snappy headline.

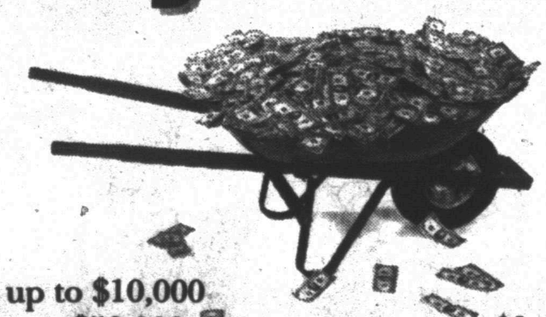
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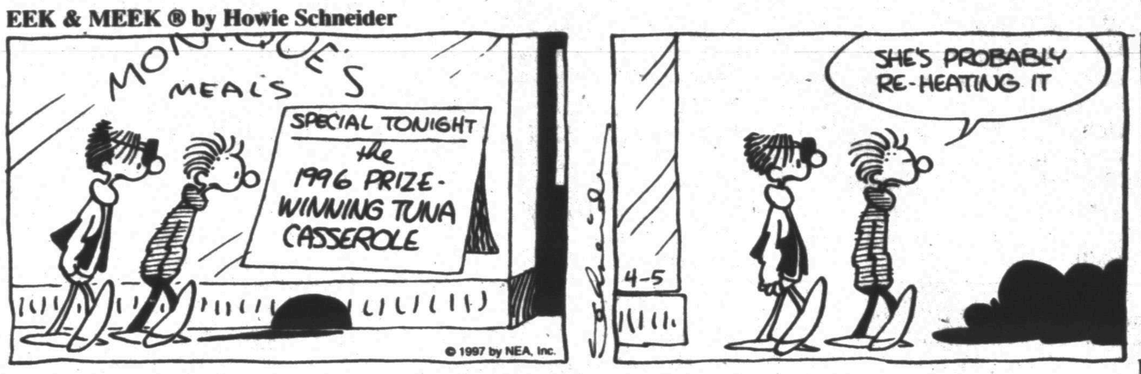
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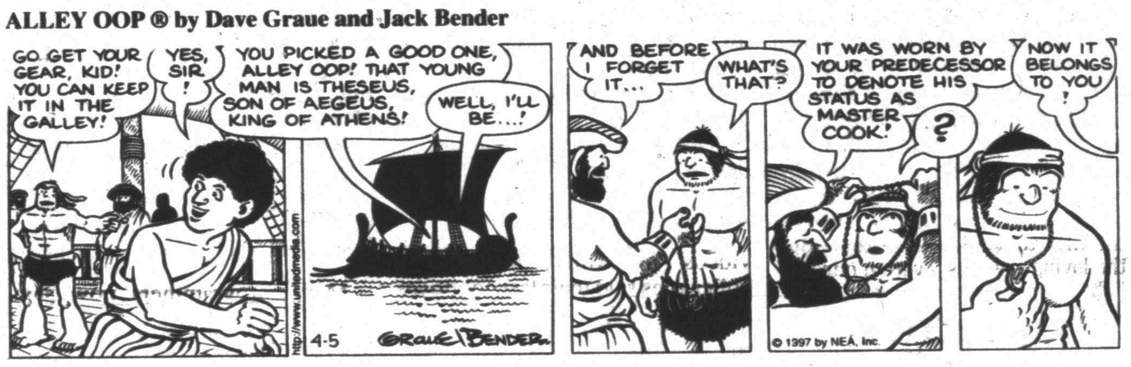
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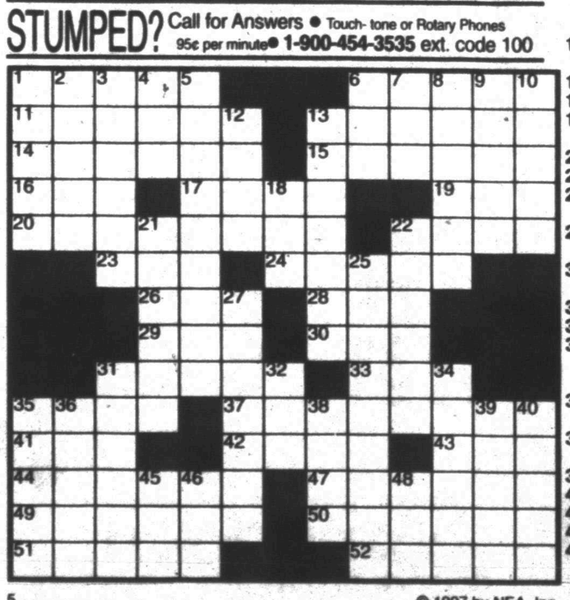
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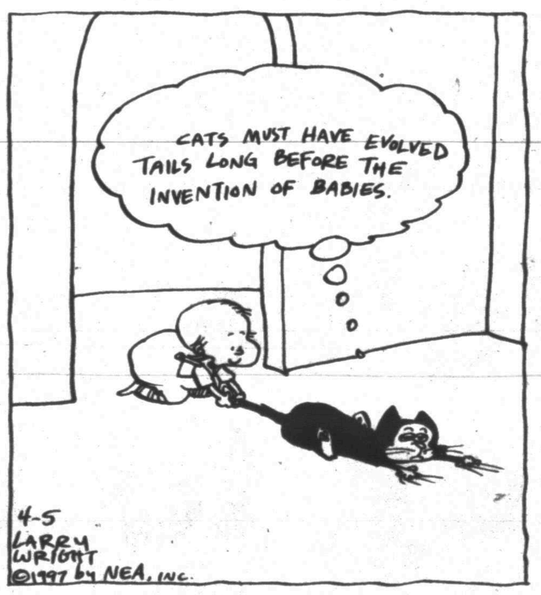
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Wedding Thanks Get Mixed Up When Gifts Lack Proper Card

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the woman complaining about the value of a wedding gift reminded me of something that happened to us years ago.

My family declined an invitation to the wedding of a neighbor's son, but we sent a gift — an expensive crystal bowl trimmed in sterling silver. We had it gift-wrapped and asked the salesperson to send it to the couple with our card.

A couple of months later, we received a note that said, "Thank you for the orange ashtray." We debated and finally decided not to embarrass the couple by correcting their error.

However, we've always feared that they thought we were cheap, and wonder if we should have corrected them.

Perhaps if you publish this, the couple will recognize themselves. They are mature enough by now to view this as a rather funny mixup, which is how we have come to look at it.

I would advise people who send gifts from stores to make sure their card is included inside the package, which we did not.

CHARLES WELCOME,
LOWER WATERFORD, VT.

DEAR CHARLES: Most establishments are conscientious when sending customers' packages, but mistakes do occur. Had you notified the store at the time, it would have contacted the recipients for you and informed them of the error. Now, will the person who sent the orange ashtray please identify yourself?

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DEAR ABBY: Now you've gone and done it! For 52 years, I've started each morning with a hug, a kiss and an "I love you" for my wife. I've helped with the housework, complimented her looks and choice of clothes, and sent flowers on non-occasions. I wrote love letters instead of sending commercial cards and tried to fulfill her needs and desires.

Now you reveal, in your answer to "Saying Yes All the Time," that it was all a plot to bed my wife — all the togetherness was a clever scheme to keep happiness in my bedroom.

Well, I'm guilty. My wife will be the first to acknowledge that. But the loving rewards, even in our twilight years, have been great.

ALVIN H. LEVIN,
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR ALVIN: From the tone of your letter, I'd say there is happiness in every room of your house, and in every aspect of your marriage. Thank you for your delightful "confession." When this is published, Mrs. Levin will be envied by every wife in Scottsdale.

And you, Alvin, should be cloned.

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DEAR ABBY: This is for Mavis E. Winter in Laguna Niguel and others who don't have time to brush their teeth before going to the dentist's office. Many years ago, before dentists wore rubber gloves while treating patients, my dentist told me what he did when patients said they didn't have time to brush. He would tell them, "That's OK. I didn't have time to wash my hands either!"

STILL BRUSHING

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "GOOD HOUSEKEEPER WANNABE" IN ITHACA, N.Y.: "If you are always the first one to see the dirt, perhaps you ought to clean your glasses." (Abigail Van Buren)

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Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: On behalf of the National Association for Continence (NAFC), formerly Help for Incontinent People, I would like to thank you for your interest and willingness to help your readers find the information and referrals they need to cope with bladder or bowel control problems. Because you have previously printed letters from our founder, Dr. Katherine Jeter, and former Sen. Bob Dole, more than 100,000 people contacted NAFC for help and information — more than from any other single source.

We hope you will continue to encourage your readers to seek medical diagnosis and treatment for incontinence. We are still very concerned by how long people are waiting to seek help. Our 1996 membership survey showed that women wait an average of 3.4 years and men 1.8 years before seeing a health care professional. We still receive calls from people who have had this problem for 20 or more years, and their call to us is their first attempt to gain information or to seek help.

Incontinence is a medical condition with many causes. It affects more than 13 million Americans, of whom 85 percent are women. It robs many men and women of their independence and spoils the quality of life for countless others. Incontinence, whether partial or complete, temporary or continuing, is not normal. It is not a disease, it is not part of being a woman and it is not "just what happens" as you get older!

More and more new treatments are being successfully used for all types of incontinence. Dietary changes, bladder retraining, medications, pelvic muscle exercises, biofeedback, electrical stimulation, surgery, collagen implants or pelvic support devices have all been effective in getting people completely dry or, at least, back in control of their bladder habits. When a cure is not possible, selection of the best absorbent product or device and proper skin care will lessen the risk of irritating rashes or embarrassing "accidents."

Miss Van Buren, it is important that your readers expect help from their doctors and persist until they find a physician who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of bladder control problems. Please let them know that NAFC is ready to provide information and referrals to anyone who needs them.

LYNDA CHRISTISON, MPA,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR MS. CHRISTISON: I was surprised to learn that an estimated one in four women ages 30 to 59 have experienced an episode of urinary incontinence, and that it occurs in children and young adults as well as the elderly. A broad range of conditions and disorders can cause the problem — including birth defects, pelvic surgery, injuries to the pelvic region or spinal cord, neurological diseases, pregnancy, childbirth, and degenerative changes associated with aging.

Readers who have experienced incontinence or are concerned about someone who has can request a basic packet of information by sending a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to NAFC, P.O. Box 8310, Spartanburg, S.C. 29305-8310.

Approximately 80 percent of those affected by urinary incontinence can be cured or improved.

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DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, you published a quotation from Lord Chesterfield. In it, he gave his appraisal of sex. As I recall, it was hilarious. Can you find it and print it again, please?

LONGTIME READER
IN PHOENIX

DEAR READER: Here it is: Lord Chesterfield on sex: "The price is exorbitant, the pleasure is transitory, and the position is ridiculous."

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CONFIDENTIAL TO A DEAR FRIEND: Happy birthday, Mimi (Mrs. Arthur) Groman, whose friendship I have cherished since our girlhood days. No one has ever had a more loyal friend.

America Online extends refunds by two months

NEW YORK (AP) — Admitting that a $350 million system overhaul hasn't worked, America Online Inc. said it will offer refunds to customers who had trouble logging on during February and March.

AOL, in settling one of many class-action lawsuits brought by frustrated subscribers, agreed to refund up to $10 to those who had trouble dialing in during the past two months. Customers can already get up to $40 each for access troubles in December and January.

Like that deal — reached with 36 states in January — the expanded agreement applies to all of AOL's roughly 7.5 million U.S. customers. A judge had given the deal preliminary approval.

George Vradenburg, AOL's chief counsel, said the company reached Thursday's settlement to put the issue behind it.

The refunds were prompted by an outcry from frustrated consumers and state law enforcement officials. In December, AOL began offering unlimited online time for $19.95 but its system couldn't handle the demand; customers trying to log on frequently got nothing but busy signals.

AOL spent $350 million to buy new high-tech equipment to handle the crush, including 75,000 modems added the past two months, but problems persisted.

The expanded deal gives customers who couldn't log on for more than 8 hours in either February and March a refund of about $10.

The refund is $5 for those who got online from eight to 15 hours in either month; subscribers online for more than 15 hours but who experienced access problems can get a free month of AOL service.

Dozens of class-action lawsuits against AOL remain unresolved, but Thursday's deal is expected to be accepted by those plaintiffs as well.

"It is an excellent settlement," said Ben Barnow, a lead counsel for plaintiffs in the case. "It brings substantial value to the consumers."

Consumers have until June 30 to apply for the refunds in writing to the plaintiffs' attorneys, but must wait for final approval from the judge.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Consumers seeking information about refunds can write to the plaintiffs' attorneys:

Barnow and Goldberg, 105 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill., 60602, or Goodkind Labaton Rudoff & Sucharow, 100 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017

ABC signs development deal to produce movie about cult

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood is into Heaven's Gate.

ABC confirmed Thursday that it has signed a deal with a former member of the cult, Richard Ford, to produce a TV movie based on his personal account.

A network source who spoke on condition of anonymity termed the agreement "strictly a development deal," meaning there is no guarantee the project will make it to the screen.

Ford, also known as Rio D'Angelo, drove with his boss, Nick Matzorkis, to Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., last week and discovered the 39 dead cult members.

Ford had received a Federal Express package containing videos in which his former colleagues said their last goodbyes before killing themselves in hopes of being picked up by a UFO trailing the Hale-Bopp comet.

Ford, 43, worked as a World Wide Web page designer for InterAct Entertainment, which is owned by Matzorkis. The deal was signed in conjunction with InterAct and the Kushner-Locke Co., a production company.

The film will be "a spiritual and compelling story that will allow viewers to find out what really happened," said Peter Locke, Kushner-Locke co-chairman. "We have the person who knows everything. People are fascinated by this."

Until Thursday, the entertainment community had shunned the idea of turning the tragedy into a movie.

"We're not interested in any project about this unfortunate incident," was how NBC executive vice president Lindy DeKoven put

Most studio and network representatives made it clear that they didn't want to partake in another ripped-from-the-headlines event, a trend once so popular that in 1993, ABC, NBC and CBS aired different movies about Amy Fisher, the so-called "Long Island Lolita," in the same week — two of them on the same night.

Many programmers now say they are reluctant to be the first with movies based on high-profile stories. NBC was criticized in February for airing a movie about a killing that allegedly involves two Texas military cadets while the trial was still pending.

Steve White, who produced that movie, said he wouldn't touch the mass suicide story.

"I'm tired of these movies and I don't personally connect to this one," he said. "I don't really understand their philosophy or why they felt they had to kill themselves."

Harry Winer, producer of Showtime's upcoming "Riot," based on the Los Angeles riots, said such sensational movies have lately been ratings bombs.

"The stories have been so exploited by the press in so many ways that by the time it comes to airing the movie, the audience has already had their fill of the story and their curiosity level no longer exists," he said.

Matzorkis, who will serve as executive producer, objected to suggestions the movie would lack enough conflict to draw an audience.

"It's funny, to me it's the ultimate conflict," he said. "This was a decision between all the joys in life and none of the joys in life, what it is to be human and make a choice not to be human."

Disney, ABC are planning to launch new online service

NEW YORK (AP) — Walt Disney and ABC News will launch an online news service to compete against similar offerings from MSNBC, CNN and USA Today.

Walt Disney, which owns ABC, said Thursday that it had bought a "significant" stake in Starwave Corp., a Web site operator, and will run its daily operations in producing ABCNEWS.com. Terms were not disclosed.

It is another aggressive move onto the Internet for the Burbank, Calif.-based Disney. The company announced Monday that it will launch a Web service for children and families called Disney's Daily Blast.

Starwave, based in Bellevue, Wash., has been praised for its creativity in designing Web pages but criticized for loose management.

Among the Internet sites Starwave operates are ESPNet-Sportszone, the NBA.com pro basketball site, the NFL.com pro football site, the Nascar Online auto racing site, and Mr. Showbiz, a site focusing on celebrities, movies, and television shows.

ABCNEWS.com will be available to America Online and Netscape users.

Convicted drug dealer gave $20,000 to DNC

NEW YORK (AP) — A convicted drug dealer donated $20,000 to the Democratic National Committee from an account brimming with cash from cocaine sales, The New York Times reported today.

Jorge Cabrera wrote the check in November 1995 after a prominent Democratic fund-raiser met him at a hotel in Havana, Cuba, to solicit a campaign contribution, the Times said, citing anonymous congressional investigators.

Three weeks after the DNC got the money, Cabrera attended a Christmas reception at the White House hosted by Hillary Rodham Clinton and had his photograph taken with the Clintons and Vice President Al Gore.

Congressional investigators told the Times that Vivian Mannerud, a businesswoman from Miami, had promised Cabrera an invitation to a Miami fund-raising dinner honoring Gore if he gave the money. She made the request during a meeting at Havana's Copacabana Hotel.

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California will join settlement with Liggett

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California, which remained on the sidelines as 22 other states sued tobacco companies, will be able to share in settlement money promised by the Liggett Group, Attorney General Dan Lungren said Thursday.

"This historic settlement is extraordinary in that California did not even have to sue Liggett in order to strike this agreement," Lungren said.

Meanwhile, the first scheduled trial in a series of state lawsuits seeking to recoup the cost of smoking-related health care was pushed back a month, and the city of San Francisco settled an individual lawsuit with Liggett.

Lungren, a Republican, has refused to join the other states in suing the tobacco industry, despite pressure from Democrats and anti-smoking activists, saying that state law prohibits California from suing.

The law exempts from liability the manufacturer of a product that "is inherently unsafe and is known to be unsafe by the ordinary consumer" and specifically mentions tobacco.

At a news conference, Lungren urged state lawmakers to repeal the law and allow California to pursue further legal action. Bills to do that are being considered in the state Assembly and Senate.

The settlement with Liggett also gives California access to key internal tobacco documents from the company, which could provide evidence that the industry targeted minors and manipulated nicotine levels.

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(third of three part series)

Q. What will happen with employee benefits?

ANSWER: Hospital employees will maintain their current seniority with regard to benefits (as allowed by law or plan provisions). Furthermore, their current salaries will provide the base for future merit increases.

Q. Who will serve on the local governing board?

ANSWER: CHS will appoint a board upon the recommendation of the Commissioners Court. That board will include physicians, the hospital CEO and community leadership.

Q. Will all Cogdell Memorial employees keep their jobs?

ANSWER: CHS does anticipate some staffing restructuring but plans to offer positions to all employees, provided their services are satisfactory and so long as the level of staffing is supported by patient utilization. We also anticipate that due to the expansion and addition of services, staffing levels will actually increase over time.

Q. Will Cogdell employees transfer to the CHS benefits package, and what is the standard fringe benefit package?

ANSWER: Yes, hospital employees will transfer to the CHS benefit plan which we believe is at least comparable to existing benefits. The package includes:

- ❑ Annual paid vacation, sick leave and holidays with accruals for past service;
- ❑ Comprehensive medical, dental and vision care with waiver of pre-existing conditions for employees employed at least 12 months by prior carrier. CHS will recognize all deductible and out of-pocket expenditures made by covered employees year-to-date;
- ❑ Life insurance for employees who work at least 32 hours per week;
- ❑ Voluntary dependent coverage as well as disability, cancer coverage and universal life plans available;
- ❑ Participation in the CHS 401 (K) Retirement and Profit-Sharing Plan.

Q. What role will the board actually play?

ANSWER: CHS is very interested in having the guidance of a board which is representative of the residents of Scurry County. The board's responsibilities would include:

- ❑ Adopting a hospital mission and value statement, and monitoring progress towards strategic goals;
- ❑ Participating in development of operating and capital budgets and facility planning;
- ❑ Performance reviews of hospital CEO;
- ❑ Granting medical staff membership and clinical privileges and ensuring compliance with credentialling processes, JCAHO and by-laws;
- ❑ Supporting physician recruitment efforts;
- ❑ Fostering community relationships and identifying service and education opportunities

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CHS recognizes that the strength of a hospital centers on earning the respect and support of the community. Our goal is to upgrade technology, recruit needed physicians, ensure a nurturing environment and broaden the medical care available to residents in Scurry County. If you have additional questions, please contact Bob Hardison at 615-373-9600.

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