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Holy Week services to start at noon Monday

The Ministerial Alliance of Scurry County invites the [illegible] er during Holy Week services this week.

Worship will begin at noon daily, Monday through Thursday, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2712 Avenue R. A meal follows at 12:30 p.m.

On Friday, a special Good Friday breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

A free-will offering will be taken to support the ministries that are undertaken by the Ministerial Alliance, including assisting individuals in trying circumstances, with utilities and emergency housing as well as the Food Cupboard, the community garden, prison ministries and the summer soup kitchen.

"This is our opportunity to show our oneness in Christ during the week leading to His death and resurrection," said the Rev. Nan Swanson, minister of the First Presbyterian Church.

On Monday, the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will speak, and lunch will be provided by the First Presbyterian Church.

Paul Ransberger, chaplain at the Price Daniel Unit, will present the message Tuesday with lunch provided by Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Wednesday's message will be brought by the Rev. Billy Capps, North College Avenue Baptist pastor and Western Texas College Baptist student ministries director. Lunch will be prepared by Trinity United Methodist Church.

Tom Holcolmb, minister of East Side Church of Christ, will speak on Thursday. East Side will also prepare the noon meal.

The Good Friday breakfast will be prepared by First United Methodist Church and Dr. Craig Curry, pastor, will bring the message.

Other events during Holy Week include a Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows sponsored by the combined congregations of First Christian and First Presbyterian churches.

The two congregations will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday in the First Christian Church, 2701 37th Street.

The service commemorates the historic gathering of Christ's disciples in an upper room for a special meal before moving toward the events culminating in His crucifixion.

Dating back to the fourth century, the service of Tenebrae, or Shadows, is designed to draw Christians back in time in order to recall and to experience the events that occurred leading to Christ's betrayal, denial and death.

The distinguishing feature of the service is the symbolic extinguishing of lighted candles and the dimming of light in the sanctuary depicting the flight of the disciples and Jesus' crucifixion. After a period of complete darkness, there is a return of light to the service in anticipation of the resurrection.

The service is open to the entire community.

County to eye coliseum management pact

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

When the county commissioners voted in 1994 to shift operations of the of the Scurry County Coliseum to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, the hopes were that the facility could be better utilized and with less expense to the county.

Snyder chamber executive director Donna Fowler feels those goals have been met.

But she has also heard rumors that the county may be looking to take over the operation, or to find some other group to operate the coliseum.

"I would think if the county is seriously considering taking the coliseum back, someone would have come to me and talked about it," Fowler said.

The management contract between the chamber and county expires Dec. 31 and the document states that it may be renewed and extended at the option of the Scurry County Commissioners Court and at the option of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey confirmed that he wants to look at what options might be available, including keeping the chamber as its present operator. "It depends on what the chamber wants to do with it, and what the county wants to do with it," the commissioner added

Trevey noted that issues had surfaced in recent days that has prompted him to question, or take a look at the management of the facility.

He refused to say what those issues are, however.

"I'm not at liberty to share with you right now," said Trevey, adding that he felt the issues would surface during county budget talks this summer.

The chamber is required to submit its coliseum budget to the county before July 31 of each year.

The county budgets $165,000 annually for operation of the coliseum.

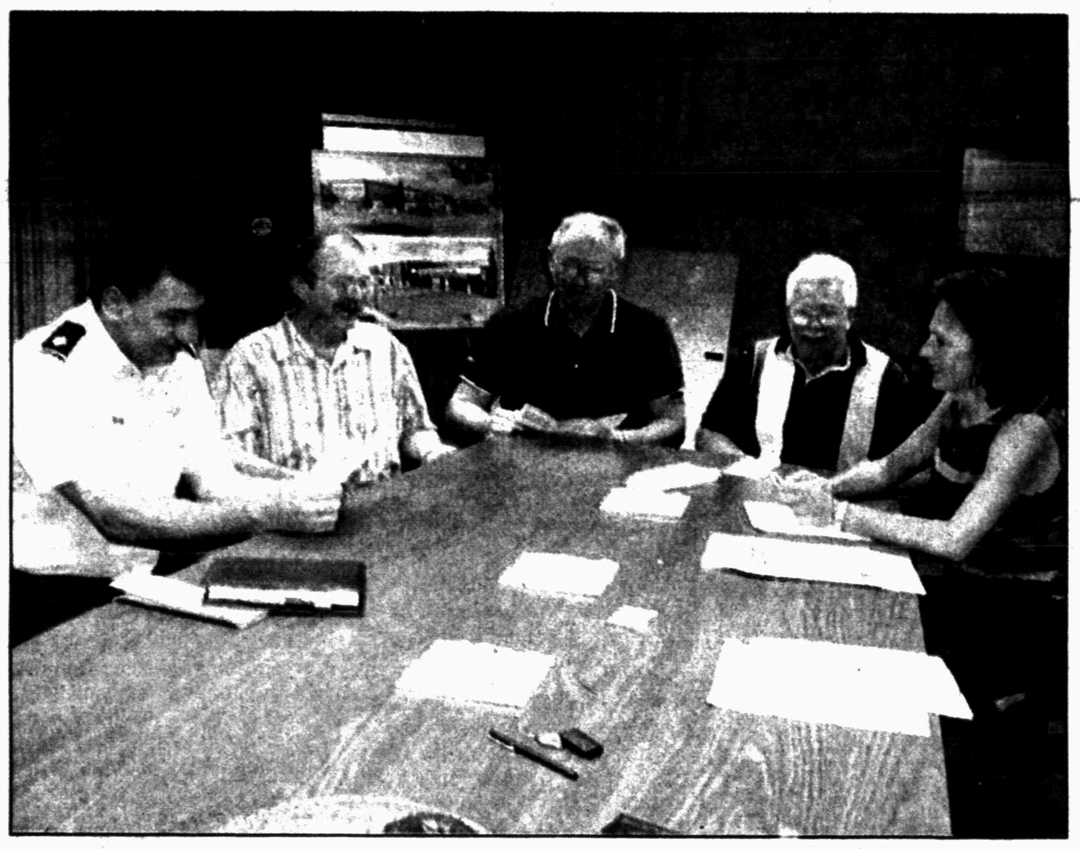
Fowler said she does not feel the money is the main point of contention since the coliseum cost the county $270,000 the year before the chamber took over the operations.

"That's a big savings to the county and our motel-hotel taxes are up from $34,000 from when the county operated the coliseum to $82,000 right now," Fowler noted. "I would say that 80 to 85 percent of that stems from coliseum bookings."

Trevey cautioned that if any changes are forthcoming, they would not happen overnight. "We would have to go out for a request for proposal."

Acknowledging that there is talk around the community about possible changes in the coliseum management, Trevey said the commissioners must be allowed the latitude to do their job.

"We (the commissioners) need to discuss this thing so we don't get hung out on a limb. We don't need to fight this battle in the public," said Trevey. "Talking about this prematurely would not be right."



ORIENTATION — Representatives of the Air Force and the contractor for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative are in Snyder this weekend to visit with local leaders. At a kickoff session Saturday are, from left, Lt. Col. Dale Garrett, AHNTECH representatives Bill Clingenpeel, Chuck Sturges and Art Jean, and Dr. Melissa Jones, Snyder assistant superintendent. A breakfast for the group is set for 8 a.m. Monday at Rudy's. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS' winning ways in drama continues

It's like winning the lottery. That's what Brad Vincent, Snyder High School drama director, told students minutes after learning late Friday that their one-act entry, *Taming of the Shrew,* had advanced to the regional contest.

In some ways history repeated itself. Snyder and Big Spring's *What I Did Last Summer* advanced, just like they had in the South Zone 4-4A and District 4-4A contests.

Snyder students garnered four acting awards. Brandon McCraw again took best acting honors for his portrayal of Petruchio, just as he had done in the south zone and district contests.

Mark Haines was named to the all-star cast. He plays Grumio.

Hayli Henderson, who plays Katherina, was named to the honorable mention all-star cast. Matt Coronado also received honorable mention for his work as Vincentio.

As Vincent and the students gathered in the drama lab after awards were announced, he told them, "I am so proud to be us. To do the kind of theatre we do. I am so proud to be with you guys, win or lose."

SHS will now turn its attention to the April 20 regional competition at Angelo State University.

SHS hosted the Area 2 4-A contest. The Area 2 5-A contest continued Saturday at Worsham Auditorium.

Beth Bowen is the contest manager. Ron Hester is the stage manager. Other helpers include Clark Reed, assistant stage manager; Josh Heaton, lights; Sterling Millhollon and Jeff Scott, state crew; and Haley Elkins, production manager.

Other plays in the Area 2 4-A contest were Canyon High School, *As You Like It*, Caprock High School, *April Fish*; Wichita Falls High School, *Tom Jones*, and Rider High School in Wichita

See One-Act Page 11A

ACTING HONORS — Four SHS students received individual awards in Friday's Area 2 4-A one-act play contest. From left are Matt Coronado, Brandon McCraw, Hayli Henderson and Mark Haines. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Senate trims Bush's tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is getting down to the real business of writing tax legislation after the Senate's emphatic statement that President Bush's $1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut plan is too large.

The Senate hopes to vote on a tax plan by the end of May, and Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said that even under the lower figure approved by the chamber, he believes he can meet most of Bush's tax relief goals.

"We can squeeze in significant tax reductions," he said after the Senate voted 65-35 Friday for a fiscal 2002 budget plan that laid the framework for a 10-year tax cut of some $1.2 trillion, a quarter less than what the president wanted.

Bush urged Americans on Saturday to keep pressure on lawmakers to support his tax and education overhaul plans when they attend town-hall meetings during Congress' spring recess, which began late Friday.

"They are decisions that we cannot afford to get wrong. Important reform is never easy, and it will always be tempting to postpone it," the president said in his weekly radio address.

"On education, there are some interest groups who don't like the idea of changes. On taxes, there are powerful institutions in Washington that would prefer to keep the people's money for themselves. ... If we want higher educational standards, if we're to pass a substantial tax cut, the people must make their voices heard."

The $1.2 trillion figure could go up when Senate negotiators work out differences in a conference with the House.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The road to success is filled with many tempting places to park."

We're not an outdoorsman, at least not the type that wants to get cold, hot, wet, thirsty or hungry. We'll never be on Survivor Island.

In fact, we have vowed never to get off the pavement.

Going into the wild, however, doesn't necessarily refer to the terrain, according to some game warden field notes published in the newsletter of the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

For instance, there was an incident last December in DeWitt County in which a game warden apprehended two men shooting from a roadway. They were jailed, their rifles confiscated and vehicle impounded.

The next day, the game warden returned to where the shot was fired to try and locate the deer. Returning to town empty handed, the officer spotted the same vehicle he had impounded the night before.

It was parked next to a bridge with the hazard lights flashing. Stopping to investigate, the warden found two men under the bridge hacking a doe carcass. A nearby ice chest contained the butchered remains of a second deer.

The pair admitted they were friends of the poachers arrested the day before. They further explained that they had gotten the truck out of impoundment in order to retrieve the deer.

Neither had an ID nor hunting license, so they both were arrested and fined.

And in nearby Hockley County, came this "don't admit anything you have to" theory of illegal hunting.

A game warden witnessed a vehicle working a spotlight in a pasture. When it was back on the road, the warden stopped it and asked the occupants for their hunting licenses.

The occupants said they were not hunting, and didn't even have a gun, despite a rifle on the floorboard in plain sight.

The passengers then said they had no bullets. The warden then opened the chamber and ejected a live round.

Next the perpetrators said they didn't have a spotlight. You can guess what the warden discovered next.

One of our favorite game warden stories happened over in Mitchell County, to a retired Snyder man, now deceased.

He was fishing at Lake Colorado City when a game warden approached and told him none of the fish on his stringer were up to the legal limit.

Bill just kept on fishing, despite the game warden's insistence that he throw the fish back. "Either comply, or I'll have to take you to jail," warned the game warden.

"That's okay with me," said the fisherman. "I'm retired. I don't have nothing else to do."

ASK US

Q—What year did Western Texas College have the highest enrollment?
A—The current school year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 74 degrees; low, 54; 7 a.m. Saturday, 54; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.21 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly clear, low lower 50s, S wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, high mid 80s. SW wind 10-20 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy, low around 50.

Mitchell Marcon
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:08 p.m.
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Of 96 days in 2001, the sun has shone 84 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

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Rita Soliz

City Of Snyder Employee of the Month
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Rita Soliz was born in San Patricia County and reared in Rotan, Texas. Rita and her husband, Joe, moved to Snyder In January of 1982. Rita came to work for the City of Snyder on December 20, 1995 as a Clerk for Municipal Court, then on June 23, 1997, Rita was promoted to Senior Clerk. Rita has three children, a son, Richard, and two daughters, Annalisa and Linda. Richard and his wife Valerie have one child, Andrea, age 4, and Linda has a daughter, Meagan, age 3. Rita's hobbies are reading, cross-stitch, and crocheting. Rita was nominated because she is efficient, dependable, and courteous to everyone. And she also always places the City first.

TOP SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS: These students had the top projects at West Elementary's recent science fair. Seated from left, Michael Mann, first; Courtney Tyrrell, second; Casey Long, third; Allie Brewster, fourth; and Ryan Arredondo, fifth. Standing from left, Kaylee Lacik, sixth; Sydney Wright, eighth; Shannon Mangis, ninth; and John Whitworth, 10th. Jordan Stansell, seventh place, is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Strikes close Hawaii's schools

HONOLULU (AP) — One tiny school at the northeastern edge of the Big Island plans to open on Monday despite a labor dispute that has shut down Hawaii's entire public education system.

Even there, only enough staff agreed to cross the picket lines to teach the 20 graduating seniors, who have been given priority, the state Department of Education said Friday.

Dual strikes by Hawaii's public school teachers and the University of Hawaii faculty closed schools and 10 university campuses across the islands for a second day on Friday. Officials said 148 of the state's 13,000 public school teachers showed up for work.

The separate walkouts began Thursday after negotiations with the state broke down. With no talks scheduled over the weekend, there was no resolution in sight.

"We intend to stay here as long as we need to get the message to the governor and to the state that we're committed to seeing this through," said Mary Pittman, a kindergarten teacher on Oahu.

Gov. Ben Cayetano said the statewide picketing by the teachers demonstrates their solidarity, but "that's not going to change the state's ability to pay."

Cayetano said the teachers union rejected an offer of raises totaling 14 percent over two years, while the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, which represents 3,100 faculty members, rejected the state's offer of an 11 percent increase.

The teachers union was seeking raises totaling 22 percent over four years, retroactive to July 1999, while faculty group was seeking raises of 13 percent over two years. Both unions said the common strike date was unintended.

Hawaii teachers' salaries, which average about $40,400, are 18th in the nation in terms of average salary but last when adjusted for cost of living, according to figures from the American Federation of Teachers.

"I expect this will be a prolonged strike," the governor said. "I think that the teachers feel very, very strongly, but we have a responsibility as well."

On the Net:
State government sites on strike:
http://www.hawaiistrike.com
State Department of Education:
http://doe.k12.hi.us
Hawaii State Teachers Association: http://www.hsta.org
AFT rankings:
http://www.aft.org//research/

Hernandez is deployed

(FHTNC) — Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joe E. Hernandez, son of Lillie A. and Joe A. Hernandez of Snyder, is on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Higgins, home ported in San Diego.

Hernandez' ship recently participated in Maritime interception operations, enforcing the U.N. sanctions against Iraq. While in the Gulf, sailors boarded 76 vessels, inspected 5,568 containers and diverted four vessels carrying 1,243 metric tons of prohibited oil.

Hernandez is a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School, and joined the Navy in June 1998.

Local's poem is a finalist

A poem written by William Johnson of Snyder has been certified as a semi-finalist in an International Open Poetry Contest.

Worry was automatically entered into the final competition being held this month.

As a semi-finalist, Johnson is eligible for one of 104 cash or gift prizes.

This summer *Worry* will be published in *The Silence Within*.

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Wants daredevil honored

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — Evel Way? Knievel Avenue?

A Butte-Silver Bow County commissioner wants a street named in honor of daredevil Evel Knievel.

"Evel Knievel is perhaps the greatest motorcycle daredevil in the history of the world and undoubtedly one of Butte, Montana's most famous sons," Commissioner Mike Sheehy wrote in a letter to fellow commissioners.

"In recognition of his life and in gratitude for his unrelenting promotion of our town, I suggest ... we rename a street in Butte."

Sheehy also supports the establishment of a museum or community center display of Knievel memorabilia, including videotape footage of his jumps.

NINTH PLACE — Savannah Valdez competed in an individual cheerleading competition at the American Spirit Championships in San Antonio March 4-5. She placed ninth out of 23 competitors. Savannah is the daughter of Henry and Ruby Valdez. (Contributed Photo)

Leslie English

English receives national award in cheerleading

Leslie English, Snyder High School student, has been named a United States National Award winner in cheerleading.

She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook.

Leslie is the daughter of David and Ginger English of Snyder and the granddaughter Walter Guynes of Snyder and Peggy English of Odessa.

Locals' grandchild receives award

Danielle Hamilton, Bangs Junior High School student, has been named a United States National Award winner in mathematics.

She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook.

Danielle is the daughter of Alan and Donna Hamilton of Bangs and the granddaughter of Earl and Carol Davenport of Snyder and Heidi Cole of Burnet.

Assets are missing

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas government agencies list nearly $108 million worth of assets missing or stolen between 1995 and the present, a television station reported Friday using documents obtained from the Comptroller's Office.

KMOL reported the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston topped the list of state agencies and institutions with missing or stolen state assets.

UTMB told the state agency it had lost track of more than $15.5 million in equipment since 1997, when the state began tracking each agency individually. Gone astray were everything from medical devices to computers.

Finance Director Richard Moore told KMOL he believes the missing equipment is somewhere within the hospital or was used for parts.

"Some of the items unquestionably have been stolen," Moore said. "It's hard to say none have, but we believe it's a very minimal amount."

Texas A&M University is second on the list with more than $9 million in missing assets.

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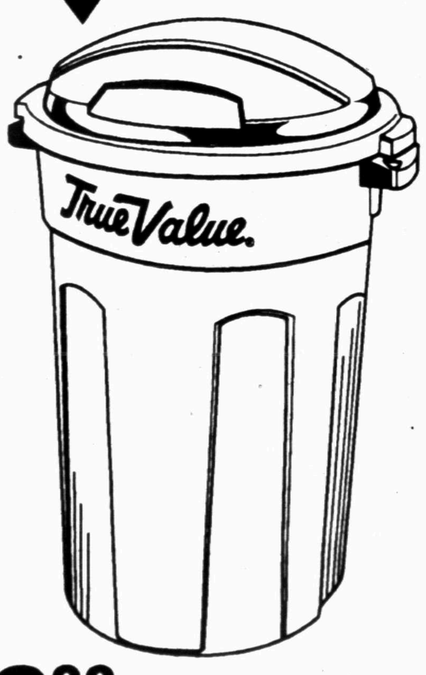

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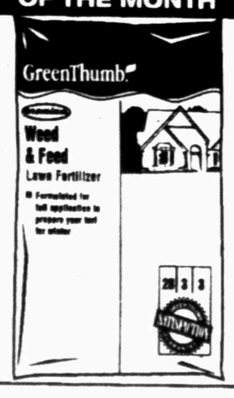

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GRADUATES — On March 24, these persons graduated from the CNA training course held at Snyder Oaks Care Center. From left are Gail McKinney, Demetra Cobb, Emily Sartain and Robin Valadez. Graduates also passed the state board exam on April 3. Maggie Barnes, RNCBSN, was the instructor. The course is 75 hours. (Contributed Photo)

Farmers will lose water to keep endangered fish alive

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — The government is cutting off irrigation water to hundreds of farmers in a basin along the Oregon-California border to help threatened and endangered fish survive a drought.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced Friday that 90 percent of farmers drawing water from the Klamath Project would be left dry this year to maintain water for endangered sucker fish and sustain water flows for threatened coho salmon.

The decision marked the first time that salmon fishermen and the Klamath Tribes, who once depended on the fish for food, have won out over farmers on water allocations since the Klamath Project opened its floodgates in 1907 to irrigate the high desert lands.

For the estimated 1,400 farms covering about 200,000 acres served by the Klamath Project, the lack of irrigation water could be devastating, said Don Russell, an irrigation district manager and chairman of the Klamath Water Users Association.

"We're going to have casualties on homesteads being lost," Russell said "The only hope is that somehow in God's creation we can find enough revenue to keep from losing everything everyone has."

The farmers planned to discuss their options Saturday at a meeting with Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore.

"I'm sure they're talking about everything from litigation all the way to just going up there and turning the water on ourselves," said Rod Blackman, a potato farmer working land his grandfather bought in the 1920s.

Bureau of Reclamation spokesman Jeff McCracken said the agency had never had to make such a drastic reduction in irrigation before.

The decision was based on biological opinions from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service on the water needs of endangered shortnosed suckers and Lost River suckers and threatened coho salmon under the Endangered Species Act.

It means the waters of Upper Klamath Lake, the project's largest reservoir, will be devoted solely to threatened and endangered fish.

Environmentalists and commercial fishermen were happy that the needs of fish were being addressed, but noted that no water was being allocated for the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuges, where waterfowl are the primary source of food for up to 900 bald eagles that spend the winter there.

"It's a hollow victory," said Wendell Wood of the Oregon Natural Resources Council. "Because we still end up with the same situation as last year. Yes, the farmers have less than they had last year. The refuges have nothing once again."

Alan Foreman, chairman of the Klamath Tribes, did not immediately return telephone calls for comment on the decision.

The Klamath Project provides water to about 240,000 acres of cropland and is a source of hydroelectric power in the region.

On the Net:

Bureau of Reclamation: http://www.usbr.gov/main/index.html

Klamath Project: http://dataweb.usbr.gov/html/klamath.html

Endangered Species Act: http://endangered.fws.gov/esa.html

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7 years after 'Bachelormania' tiny Herman has settled down

HERMAN, Minn. (AP) — When Dan Ellison said this community needed more women, he set off a craze that brought worldwide attention to the small town.

Herman became the subject of national TV appearances, bachelor celebrations, auctions, cooking contests and now a movie, "Herman U.S.A."

The film, which made its Minnesota debut Friday night, takes liberties, but was inspired by real-life events. In it, Herman's 78 bachelors take out ads seeking 78 brides. Hundreds of women from around the United States and abroad then descend on Herman in a wild singles bash.

That's not how it really happened.

In 1994, Ellison told business leaders that in order to survive, Herman needed more women. Townsfolk started counting: there were 78 single men aged 20 to 50, including Ellison, a 6-foot blond farmer who doubled as the town's economic development coordinator. In that age range, there were only 10 eligible women.

After national media picked up on the story, the town of 485 people found itself in the midst of "Bachelormania."

Initially, there was a role reversal.

"It was a real awkward position for single guys to be looked at" by visiting women, said Gary Findlay, who received hundreds of letters and phone calls after he was featured on ABC's "20-20."

Findlay is one of at least seven bachelors who married. He and his wife, Rhonda, are now raising three children of Findlay's farm near Minnesota's border with North and South Dakota.

Ellison also married. He started dating Gwen Fredrickson after she bid $265 at a bachelor auction for lunch with him. Last summer, they had a baby boy.

Hurricane force winds reported

AMARILLO (AP) — A vigorous line of thunderstorms complete with hurricane-force winds developed along the Texas-New Mexico border Friday leaving behind it a trail of downed power lines and roofs blown off.

No injuries were reported, but wind gusts reached up to 90 mph, said Amarillo city manager Alan Taylor.

By late afternoon, skies were clear as crews worked to restore power and clean up.

The storm capped a day of gusty winds statewide that also moved across southern New Mexico but with no associated thunderstorms.

In Artesia, N.M., officials canceled afternoon school bus runs because of the high winds and parents were called to pick up their children. The district has about 1,800 students.

Superintendent Mike Phipps said it was hard even to stand up outdoors.

The winds, reported at up to 93 mph in some areas, caused at least one tractor-trailer rig to overturn.

Storms continued to move eastward with storm watches and advisories issued throughout North Texas and Oklahoma, said Jose Garcia, meteorologist at the National Weather Service.

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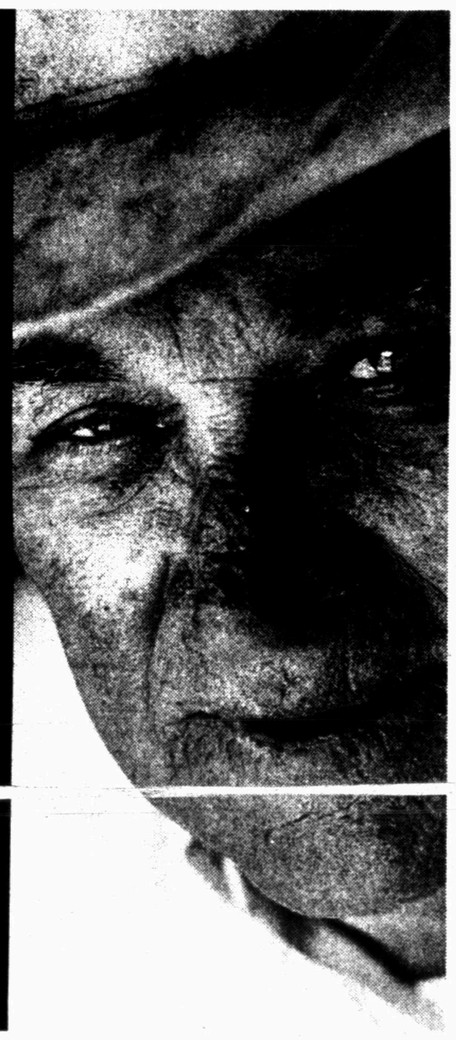
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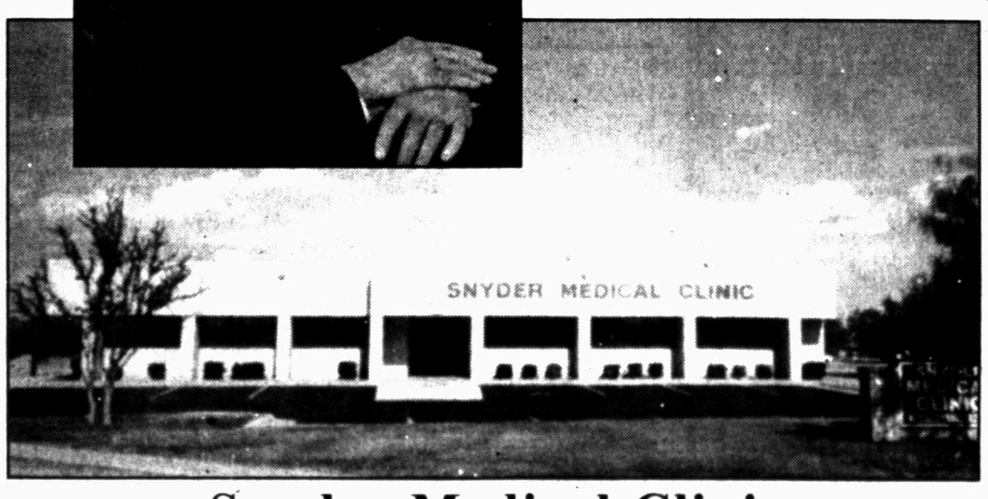

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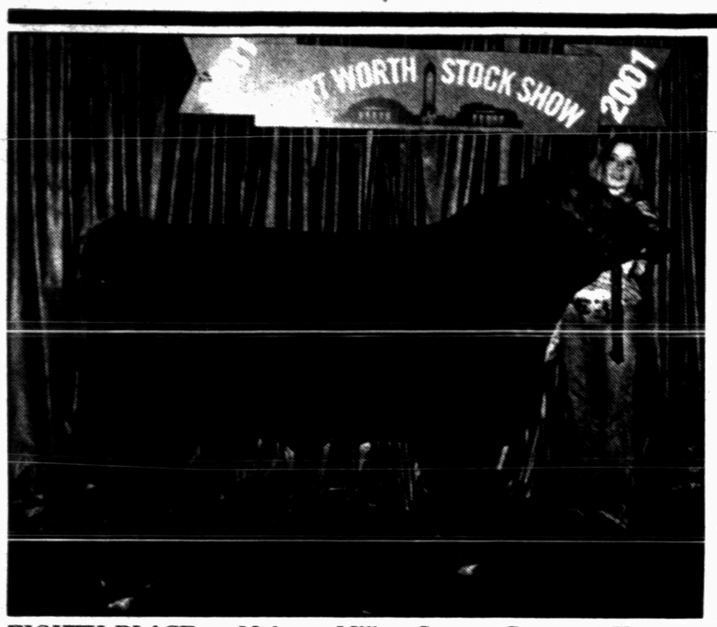

EIGHTH PLACE — Malorye Miller, Scurry County 4-H member, recently exhibited her Limousin steer, "Sizzler" at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show and placed 8th. The steer was bred and raised by Malorye and her sister, Morgan. Malorye was in the top 10 in the Limousin Breed with this steer and was honored in Houston on March 1 at the Texas Club Calf Association steer awards reception and was presented with a jacket and patch. She is the daughter of Ricky and Stephanie Miller and the granddaughter of Don and Ruth Johnson, all of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

State Farm subsidiary lost more than $100 million

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The nation's largest auto insurer will stop taking new customers in New Jersey after a subsidiary lost more than $100 million last year, the state's insurance commissioner said Friday.

Regulators on Friday granted State Farm Indemnity permission to reject new car insurance policies after reviewing financial statements.

The company insures more than 811,000 automobiles in New Jersey and collected approximately $79 million in profits in 1997 and 1998.

In 1999, the company went after high-risk drivers by offering them "preferred" rates and discounts up to 35 percent.

The company, a subsidiary of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., stopped the practice in January, but not before losing more than $128 million.

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Keep Your Emotions Away From Investment Decisions

We have the full range of emotions, and it's important to express them — but not in the investment arena.

Emotions such as greed and fear can do serious damage to your investment plans. How? Let's look at greed first.

Contrary to what you may have seen depicted in movies about Wall Street, greed is not good. Suppose you observe that a particular stock, or group of stocks, is doing extremely well. You conclude that somebody has to be making a lot of money — so why not you? Why not jump on the bandwagon?

Here's why not. The bandwagon may already be going downhill. By the time you — and millions of other investors — have read all the articles on "today's hot stocks," these stocks may be losing momentum and cooling off. Stocks simply do not stay "hot" for long periods of time. So, once you've identified a stock that's done extremely well for a while, it's logical to assume that its performance may well flatten out — or even drop.

The lesson? Don't be greedy. Buy a company because its long-term prospects are good, or because its management is innovative, or because its products will be highly sought after for many years to come. But don't buy it just because its stock price is currently soaring.

Now, let's turn to fear. If you're already investing in a particular stock, and its price is failing, you may fear losing money. So, to "cut your losses," you sell your stock, or group of stocks, before the price can fall further. Yes, the market's history is full of example of stocks — or whole sectors — that have done terribly one year, only to perform extremely well the next. If you let fear drive your investment decisions, you'll rob yourself of the chance to participate in a rally that may be right around the corner.

Of course, there are many legitimate reasons to sell a stock. The company may have weak management, or its products may have lost their competitive edge. Your own investment goals may have changed. But even if these things happen, and you really do want to sell a stock, try to do so when its price is up — not down. That may not be possible, but it's a goal worth striving for.

You'll notice that greed and fear are based on what's already happened to a particular stock, or to the market as a whole. But pay heed to these words: "Past performance is no indication of future results." The Securities and Exchange Commission requires this statement to appear on every single prospectus. There's a simple reason for this warning:" Things change. A stock that did well, or poorly, in the past may now be operating in a radically different market environment. Consumer tastes change, regulations change, and public policy changes — everything changes over time.

Consequently, you simply can't choose a stock on the basis of emotions that are, in themselves, a response to what's gone before. Use your heart to connect to other people — but use your mind to invest.

Senior Center Menu

Monday
Barbecued chicken, potato salad, pinto beans, chocolate chip cookies

Tuesday
Beef and cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, sopapillas

Wednesday
Beef tips on rice, carrots, cucumber/onion salad, brownie

Thursday
Chicken patty w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli/corn casserole, tomato wedges, banana pudding

Thursday- Bingo Night
Frito pie w/cheese, sliced onion, fruit cocktail, peanut butter chewies

Friday
Closed for Easter

Senior Center News

The Golden K Kiwanis' fish fry is Sunday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Senior Center located at 2603 Ave. M. Meals are $6 per plate and children under 6 years of age eat free. Tickets and take-out meals will be available at the door. The Golden K Kiwanis is a service organization, so please support them in their efforts to serve our community!

A "55 Alive" class is scheduled for April 16-17 from 12:30-4:30. Cost for the course is $10 and attendance is required on both days. Phone the Senior Center at 573-4035 for information.

MONDAY

Activities at the Senior Center include bridge at 9:30 a.m., a Pool Association meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room, and daily exercise at 11 a.m.. The line dancers and cloggers will entertain the residents of Snyder Oaks at 10. The senior swimnastics at WTC begins at 10 a.m. in the physical education building!

TUESDAY

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a,m., daily exercise at 11 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. Seniors are encouraged to enter the "88" tournament at 1:30 p.m. The tournament is single elimination with each match lasting one hour. Enter as a team of three or individuals will be grouped. Social Security reps will be at the center from 10 a.m.-noon and from 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

This will be the last Wednesday for volunteer Bernhard Bartels to be available to assist low-income individuals with the income tax filing forms. He will be available from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. The Kitchen Band will entertain residents of Snyder Oaks from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., the Advisory Board will meet in the conference room and Anne Gregory will entertain in the dining room. Line dancing and clogging will practice at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.

THURSDAY

Make plans to join us for a full day of activities beginning with the Easter egg hunt at 11:15 a.m. followed by the bonnet contest and our noon meal. Swimmers can enjoy the swimnastics at WTC from 1-2 p.m.; and then all seniors are encouraged to join us for the make-up meal scheduled for 5:30 p.m., followed by games and bingo. Bingo will be offered from 6 p.m.-7 p.m., but seniors may participate in the game of their choice until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

The Senior Center will be closed for the Easter holiday — but don't forget the Community Sing Saturday, April 14, at 6 p.m.

The Senior Center's Mayday fundraiser is only four weeks away. All volunteers are encouraged to make plans to help with preparation of booths on May 4, selling barbecue tickets, collecting silent auction items, displaying quilts, and making crafts and baked goods. Please let us know if you can help!

The ExxonMobil cooking team will prepare the brisket as well as make a $1,000 donation towards the cost of the meat. Grady and Molly Morris have volunteered another year to auction the quilts!

In addition, the Garden Club will display their projects and having their yearly competition; and, there will be an antique farm and tractor show. Make plans to join us for a great day beginning at 2 p.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Ex- American diplomat pleads guilty

CHICAGO (AP) — A former U.S. diplomat pleaded guilty Friday to participating in a visa-selling operation based at the American Embassy in Guyana that netted millions of dollars.

Thomas Carroll, 33, could face more than seven years in prison when he is sentenced on July 27. He must also forfeit $2.5 million in cash and 10 gold bars.

Carroll was arrested in March 2000. Authorities seized $1 million in cash, the gold bars — which were valued at $290,000 — and an Irish passport in his name.

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Teen-ager receives life sentence for murder of clerk

HOUSTON (AP) — A 16-year-old boy charged with capital murder in the execution-style slaying of a store clerk has been sentenced to life in prison.

A jury found Patrick Cornell Vann guilty in the November 1999 shooting of Shiraz Bhatti, 21. Vann will not be eligible for parole for in 40 years.

Vann was 15 at the time of the shooting, but he was certified to stand trial as an adult. Texas law does not allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty for juveniles certified as adults.

Also charged with capital murder in Bhatti's death is Kevin Damond Wells, 18. His trial is set to begin next week.

Vann did not testify during his trial, prosecutor Casey Garrett said, and showed little emotion until the verdict was returned Thursday evening.

A witness testified Vann was the triggerman during in the robbery at a Houston convenience store.

Vann and Wells also were identified by two customers who were at the store shortly before the pair entered. Garrett said Vann and Wells had asked the customers about security cameras in the store.

When the pair went into the store, Wells went to an employee on a ladder and hit him in the head with a beer bottle while Vann pistol-whipped Bhatti, police say.

When Bhatti fell, Vann stood over him and shot him in the back, Garrett said. Vann then rolled Bhatti's body over and rummaged through his pockets for a wallet.

Vann and Wells tried to get the surviving employee, Juan Sandoval, to open the safe, Garrett said. When Sandoval was unable to do so, Vann and Wells disabled the phone, took a videotape from surveillance cameras and fled with money from the till and from Bhatti's and Sandoval's wallets.

Defense lawyer Kirk Oncken did not deny Vann was at the store, but questioned whether Vann was the shooter.

Oncken based his argument on an autopsy report that he said showed the entrance wound was not consistent with a witness's description of the shooting.

Service applications sought by Stenholm

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Cong. Charles W. Stenholm is announcing the beginning of the 2002 United States Academy cycle. At this time information is being forwarded to all area high schools and those individuals who have expressed interest in applying for a nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

Congressman Stenholm, along with Congressmen Lamar Smith and Henry Bonilla, will again sponsor an Academy Day orientation for all high school students interested in learning about their opportunities to acquire an education at one of the academies.

The Academy Day will be held Sunday, April 29, from 2-4 p.m. at the Math-Computer Science Building on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo. Parents, counselors and friends of students are welcome.

The Academy Day program will include an introduction of congressional staffers and academy representatives who will be working with the students during the nomination process, an explanation of nomination procedures, and a videotape of life at each academy. There will also be opportunities for students and parents to visit with academy and ROTC representatives.

To be eligible to attend an academy, an applicant must be between 17 and 22 years of age, unmarried with no dependents and a U.S. citizen.

Congressional nominations can be obtained through the U.S. representative in whose district the applicant resides from each of the two U.S. senators from Texas, and from the vice president of the United States. Congressional nominations account for about 80 percent of all nominations awarded annually.

Selections are made in mid-December, using a formula based on the candidate's high school record, class standing, SAT and/or ACT scores involvement in athletics and school and community extracurricular activities are important factors in determining the individual's ability to effectively function under pressure. Evaluations by school officials and other individuals who are familiar with the candidate are also used in the decision-making process.

Motivated, self-starting individuals who are interested are encouraged to contact Cong. Charles Stenholm, 1211 Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C., 20515, for further information.

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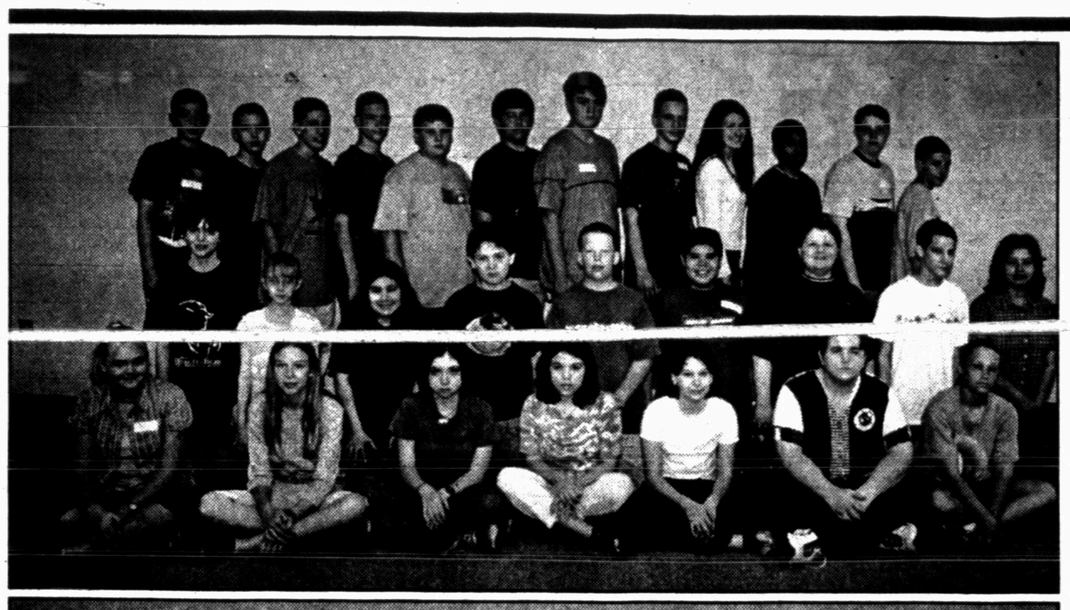
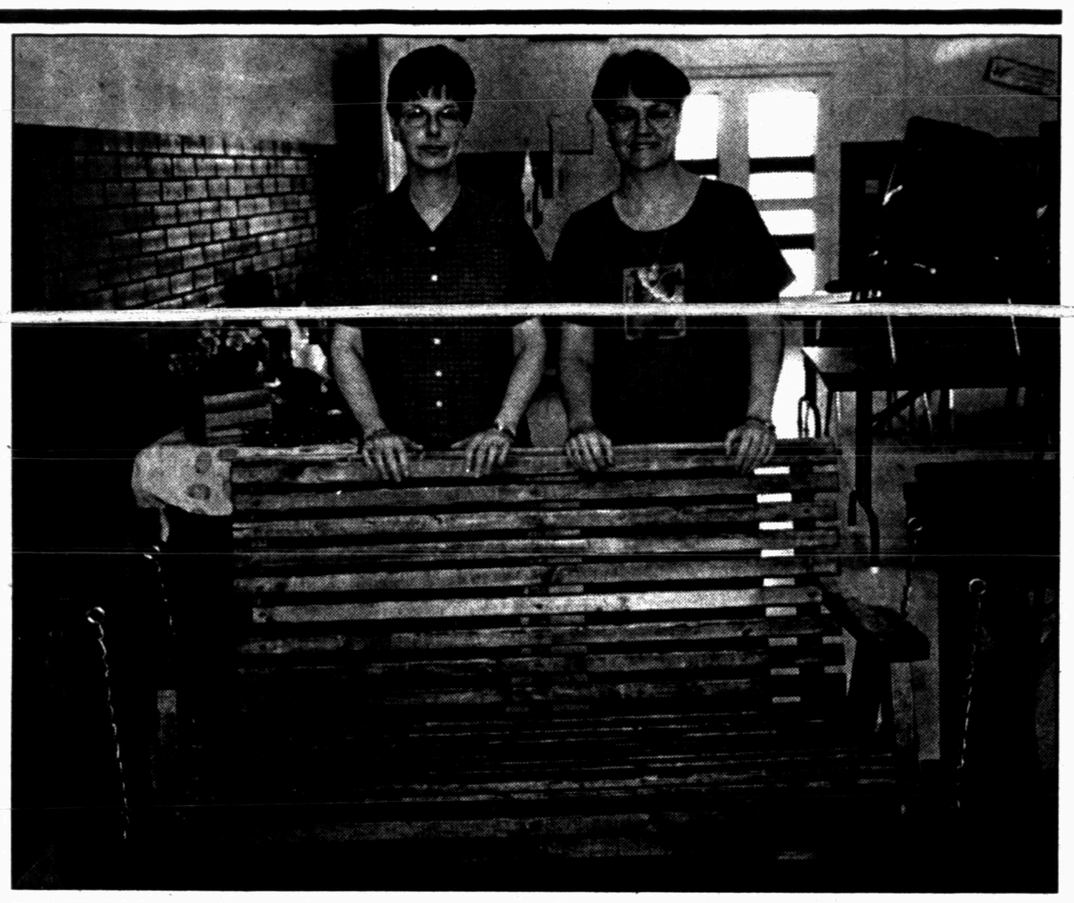


SJHS BAND STUDENTS UIL AWARDS — Snyder Junior High School band students received Division I ratings in sight-reading and a Division II rating in concert in UIL competition held Thursday at Sundown High School. (Top photo) First row from left, Lacey Early, Nikki Timora, T'Shambra Day, Ashley Barrera, Laura Boyd, Kim Bell, Amber Luecke; second row, Blake Robertson, Amber Reston, Amanda Orosco, Dylan Richards, Curtis Mason, Tino Hermosillo, Seth Cooper, Tyler Zalman, Cindy Morin; third row, Stanley Forbes, Will Banks, Paul Jackson, Thomas Hefner, Jason Hook, Nathaniel Clarady, Chase Ashworth, Will Floyd, J.J. Farmer, Steven Tippens, Matthew Morris, Justin Burns. Matthew Kerr and Nathan Graves are not pictured. (Botton photo) Row one, from left, Christi Williams, Austin Lyle, Ofelia Zamora, Veronica Castillo, Elizabeth Dominquez; row two, Codi Nichols, Starla Bruton, Ashley Hyer, Kim Henkell, Serena Medrano, Ashly Pavlovsky, Tara Gilliland; row three, Briana Burk, Kirisa Torres, Candy McClintock, Kristal Chaidez, Ashley Villegas, Heather Iglehart, Hope Cole. Not pictured is Rosa Crug. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)



RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER — Hermleigh School is selling chances for this glider swing as a fundraiser for the Relay For Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Tickets are $5. Debby Sandefur, left, and Brenda Kuss are members of the school's Relay For Life team. Others include Beth McDaniel, team captain; Susan Rosson, Kelly Murphy, Joyce Lionberger, Jim Lionberger, Ruby Valdez, Teresa Kariainen, Joan Treadway, Megan Kariainen, Melanie Kariainen, Nancy Wood, Brandy Wood, Lori Williamson, Kathy Reynolds, Samantha Berry, David Duck, Terri Williams and Savannah Valdez. Brice Fuqua built the glider and he and his wife, Joyce, donated it to the school. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Woman sentenced for posing nude

DENVER (AP) — A woman convicted on drug charges was sentenced Friday to 18 months in federal prison for posing nude with a gun.

Katica Crippen, 33, had pleaded guilty in January to possession of a firearm by a felon. At the time, she was on parole from a state prison for distributing methamphetamines. Terms of her parole prohibited gun possession.

Crippen was arrested by federal authorities last fall after pictures taken by her boyfriend were seen on the Internet.

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Documents say government conspired against company

HOUSTON (AP) — Maxxam Inc. complained Friday that the federal government has improperly pursued the Houston-based company to win control of a subsidiary's California redwood holdings.

Maxxam always has contended the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. had no authority to help fund an investigation by the Office of Thrift Supervision into the 1988 failure of Maxxam-controlled United Savings of Texas.

Company officials noted that among documents unsealed on March 30 by U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes, who is presiding over the FDIC's long-dormant lawsuit against Maxxam, was a 1994 message in which the FDIC conceded it had "no viable claim" against Maxxam, but thought the OTS might.

OTS chief counsel Carolyn Buck responded that if the OTS were to commence an enforcement proceeding ... to recover assets for the benefit of FDIC, the FDIC would have to make some arrangement with the OTS to offset the agency's costs for pursuing such a proceeding."

More than a month later, FDIC attorney Jack Smith agreed to "advance to the OTS its costs for attorney time and out-of-pocket costs" to go after Maxxam, an interagency arrangement Maxxam claims is illegal without the consent of Congress.

"With every piece of new information, it is more evident that the litigation brought by these agencies is illegally financed and politically motivated," Maxxam general counsel J. Kent Friedman said Friday in a statement.

The company made many of the documents available on a special Web site: http://www.bureaucraticshell-game.com.

After seeing Maxxam's release Friday, Smith said through a spokeswoman that the only new development is that Maxxam now has copies of the documents. He said the FDIC wanted them sealed not for their content, but because it believed interagency communications "were subject to certain privileges."

OTS officials did not immediately respond to a telephone message left Friday afternoon.

The OTS wants Hurwitz and Maxxam to reimburse it about $800 million for the $1.6 billion failure of United Savings. Hurwitz and Maxxam blame the 1980s oil bust for the failure.

The OTS case is pending before an administrative law judge. The separate FDIC lawsuit is before Hughes' federal district court.

Maxxam said other documentation it obtained via the Freedom of Information Act shows the Clinton administration targeted Maxxam to gain leverage in its pursuit of subsidiary Pacific Lumber Co.'s vast redwood forest holdings.

Officials from the OTS and FDIC recently told a congressional task force that their case against Maxxam deals strictly with United Savings and had nothing to do with forest holdings and that Maxxam first suggested bartering its forestland.

Maxxam highlighted excerpts from several meetings and documents in the mid-1990s that seem to show FDIC and OTS officials discussing how their actions against Maxxam might result in a "debt-for-nature swap," as the idea has been dubbed.

Environmentalists have come out in favor of a "debt-for-nature" exchange if it means the forestland will be preserved.

Maxxam cited a Jan. 16, 1996, e-mail from Julie Sonier of the federal Office of Management and Budget to Elisabeth Blaug of the White House Council on Environmental Quality asking if "debt-for-nature" was still alive.

"Definitely," Blaug responded, according to the documentation. "OTC (sic) filed its lawsuit against (chairman Charles) Hurwitz/Maxxam about a week and a half ago, so OTC (sic) and FDIC are hopefully meeting today to discuss the next step of opening exploratory discussions with Hurwitz."

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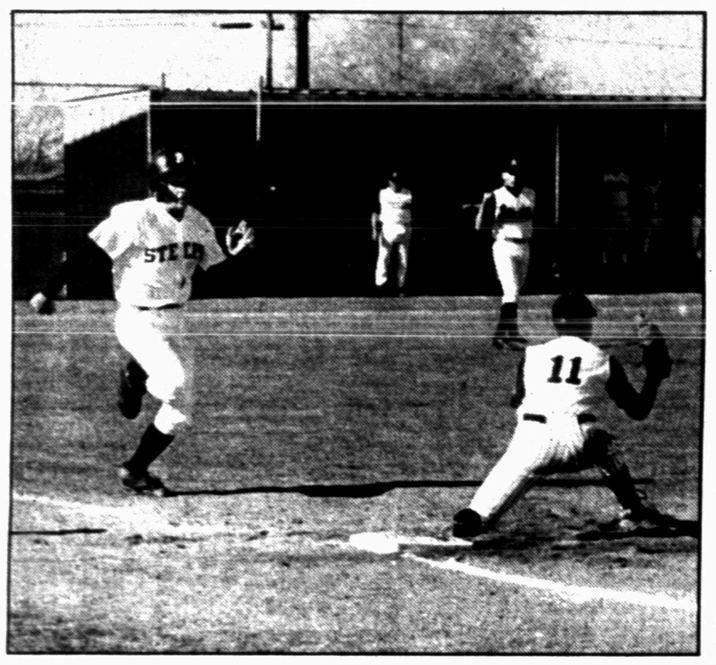

STRETCH — Snyder first baseman Michael Pendleton stretches to put out a runner at first base during district action earlier this season. The Tigers fell to Levelland on Friday, 9-8.

Tigers stumble against Lobos

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Nobody saw this one coming.

The Snyder Tigers were blindsided by the Levelland Lobos Friday night at Moffett Field, dropping a 9-8 decision for their fourth setback in five games.

The Tigers entered the night with a 4-3 league mark, while the Lobos were only 1-6, but it was Levelland that walked away with the victory.

"This hurts us, there's no doubt about that," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "Levelland played well enough to win, and we didn't. They took advantage of our mistakes, and made the most of them. We just didn't get the job done."

The Lobos jumped on the Tigers early, posting three runs in the first inning and another in the second.

Levelland stretched the lead to 5-0 in the top of the third, before Snyder finally got on the board. Michael Pendleton singled, then later scored on a Billy Pena double to cut the gap to four runs.

Levelland answered with a two-run homer from Kevin Noles in the top of the fourth that chased Snyder starter Jase Olvera.

Olvera lasted three complete innings, surrendering five hits and three walks to go along with one strikeout.

Tiger ace Tito Alaniz came on in relief to kill the Lobos' rally. Alaniz fanned five of the first seven batters he faced to keep the Tigers in the game.

Snyder responded at the plate with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth on a Brandon McGuire triple and a single by Chris McLeod.

"When Tito came on, we kind of picked up our play a little bit," said Herrera. "We were really sluggish and flat before that, but then we started playing better. We just couldn't finish it out."

The Tigers seized their only lead of the night with a five-run fifth inning.

Singles from Pena and Tyler Pollard, were followed by doubles from Alaniz and Pendleton to fuel the rally. Levelland also committed one error, Jesse Haines was hit by a pitch to keep the inning alive.

Snyder's lead lasted only a half inning. In the top of the sixth, Levelland went back on top for good.

Consecutive base hits by Greg Howe and Noles started the inning. Howe scored on a ground ball to tie the game, before Noles scored the winning run on an unlikely play.

With two outs, Noles stole home to cap the scoring.

The Tigers managed a base runner in the sixth and another in the seventh, but couldn't change the tally.

McGuire and Pena went 2-for-4 for the Tigers, while Pendleton was 2-for-3.

Howe paced the Bulldogs with a perfect 4-for-4 night at the plate.

Snyder was in a third-place tie with Plainview prior to the loss. The Bulldogs were leading Andrews, 9-8, in the fifth inning when the game was halted due to storms.

Snyder is in action again Tuesday at Lake View.

Levelland	ab	r	h	bi
Smith 2b	4	0	0	0
Howe lf	4	4	4	0
Noles 3b	4	3	2	2
Boggs ss	4	1	1	2
Fortner rf	4	0	0	0
Wise c	1	0	0	0
Farr cr	0	1	0	0
Rodriguez cf	4	0	0	1
Bawcom dh	2	0	0	0
Rendon 2b	1	0	0	0
Williams 1b	4	0	1	0
Totals	**32**	**9**	**8**	**5**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ramon 3b	4	0	0	0
Pena ss	4	1	2	1
Haines c	3	0	0	0
Greenwood cr	0	1	0	0
McGuire rf	4	2	2	0
Pollard dh	3	1	1	1
Alaniz lf	4	0	1	1
Dorsett cr	0	2	0	0
Nunley 2b	4	0	0	1
Pendleton 1b	3	1	2	1
McLeod cf	3	0	1	1
Totals	**32**	**8**	**9**	**6**

Levelland	3	1	1	2	0	2	0	—	9	8	3
Snyder	0	0	1	2	5	0	0	—	8	9	5

LOB - Levelland 7, Snyder 7. 2B - Pena, McGuire, Alaniz, Pendleton. 3B - McGuire. HR - Noles.

Levelland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
McCutchin	4	7	8	8	1	0
Noles	2	2	0	0	0	1
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Olvera	3	5	7	4	3	1
Alaniz	4	3	2	2	0	9

Tigers race to meet title

BIG SPRING — In the final tune-up before hosting the district track meet, Snyder's boys and girls brought home some hardware Friday from the Big Spring Relays.

The Snyder boys won their fourth meet title of the year Friday, while the Lady Tigers captured fifth place.

Both SHS squads will be in competition again Thursday and Friday at the district meet hosted at Tiger Stadium.

"This was a good meet for us, because we had a couple of girls realize that they could compete with the schools in our district," said Lady Tiger coach Todd Pollard. "The girls are just now starting to peak, and this is the right time to do it."

The Lady Tigers were paced by Lacrystal Brooks' victory in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.90 seconds. Brooks also finished fourth in the 200.

Loryn Brown grabbed the runner-up spot in the triple jump with a leap of 34-5, and finished fifth in the 100 hurdles.

Sharday McKinney's effort of 16-4 gave her second place in the long jump. Jessie Keller was sixth in the 800, and the mile relay team of Brown, Callie Bane, Erin Burleson and Keller was fifth.

In the junior varsity girls' division, Sara Crawford was runner-up in the 800. Tamara Norman secured second place in the 400 and sixth in the 200.

In the varsity boys' competition, Snyder claimed the title ahead of fellow district foes Andrews and Big Spring, thanks to victories in 11 events.

"The guys continued to perform well, and that's what we wanted to see heading into the district meet," said Tiger coach Chad Rogers. "We've had a successful season so far, but this next meet is the one that the kids want. It's the one we've been training for all year."

The Tigers got off to their usual strong start in the field events, led by senior Mark Medley who won the shot put and discus events for the sixth consecutive meet. Stephen Ortegon was fourth in the shot.

Corey Clay set a personal record in winning the triple jump with a leap of 43-1¾. The junior also won the long jump and took third in the 400.

Wade Pinson started his day with a victory in the high jump, then continued his success in the running events. The junior won the 110 hurdles and grabbed third place in the 300 hurdles.

Jason Guynes was third in the 110s, while Michael Murphrey was fifth. Guynes and Murphrey were also fifth and sixth respectively in the 300s.

Senior Matthew Grimmett sprinted to victories in the 100 and 200, while classmate Josh Arizmendi won the 400.

In the distance events, Rudy Martinez outlasted the field to win the 3,200 and the 800. Sophomore Colby Driggers was sixth in the 800.

The Tigers' relay squads were also impressive. Edwin James, Grimmett, Arizmendi and Jared Thornhill teamed up to win the 4x100 relay, while Pinson, Clay, Arizmendi and Thornhill took second in the 4x400.

"It's going to be an exciting district meet," said Rogers. "There will be a lot of talented athletes here, and that should make for a great meet. We're looking forward to it."

All eight district schools will be in competition at next week's meet.

Field events and running preliminaries are slated for Thursday, with the running finals scheduled for Saturday.

SHS softball game reset for Saturday

The Snyder Lady Tigers will have to wait another day to try to notch their ninth district victory.

Snyder's District 4-4A softball game with Frenship was postponed Friday due to high winds and rain in the Lubbock area.

The two squads were to square off at 6 p.m. Saturday at Lady Tiger Field in Wolfforth.

Snyder carries a six-game winning streak into the contest. Another victory would set up a showdown Tuesday with Big Spring for the district title.

STRONG ARM — Snyder's Shelley Fisk fires the ball across the diamond during softball action earlier this season. The Lady Tigers' game with Frenship on Friday was rescheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday in Wolfforth.

Tigers close in on regional berth

After two solid rounds in the District 4-4A golf tournament, the Snyder Tigers' hopes for a regional tournament rest on the outcome of the Monday's final district leg.

The Snyder boys travel to Lubbock's Elm Grove Golf Course Monday for the district tournament's last round, hosted by Frenship.

The Tigers enter the finale 12 strokes out of first place, but hold an eight-shot advantage over third-place Frenship. Andrews leads the standings, and Snyder B is fourth. The top two teams will advance to the regional tournament April 23-24 in San Angelo.

"We knew coming into district that it would be a three-horse race," said SHS coach Matt Glenn. "And sure enough, there are three teams with a chance to go, with one round left. This is when you find out what you're made of. The team that plays the best will deserve to go to regionals."

The Tigers are coming off a sparkling round of 297 Monday in San Angelo, after carding a 317 in freezing weather in the opener.

In the individual standings, senior Landon Day moved into a tie for third place after firing a 2-under-par 70 in the second round.

Joining Day for the Tigers will be sophomores Zach Starnes and Stafford Gray, junior Clinton Calmes and senior Levi Mandrell.

Teeing up for Snyder B will be Brady Reed, Jason Williams, Vaughn Wiggins, Tanner Beard and Matt McCormick.

Before the boys finish up on Monday, the Lady Tigers were to have concluded their district tournament Saturday morning. The Lady Tigers were all but guaranteed a spot at the regional event with a 121-stroke cushion over third place.

District 4-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Frenship	**7**	**1**	**16**	**7**
Andrews	**6**	**1**	**14**	**4**
Plainview	**4**	**3**	**8**	**9**
Snyder	**4**	**4**	**11**	**8**
Lake View	**3**	**4**	**5**	**11**
Big Spring	**3**	**5**	**9**	**11**
Levelland	**2**	**6**	**9**	**12**
Estacado	**1**	**6**	**4**	**11**

Friday's results: Levelland 9, Snyder 8; Frenship 17, Big Spring 4; Plainview 9, Andrews 8 (play suspended in fifth inning, will resume at 1 p.m. Saturday).

Saturday's games: Lake View at Estacado.

District 4-4A Boys' Golf

District 4-4A Boys' Golf through 2 of 3 events

Team standings: 1. Andrews A, 312-290—602; 2. Snyder A, 317-297—614; 3. Frenship A, 321-301—622; 4. Snyder B, 322-321—643; 5. Plainview A, 335-319—654; 6. Andrews B, 331-324—655; 7. Big Spring A, 346-316—659; 8. Lake View, 349-320—679; 9. Levelland A, 354-330—684; 10. Frenship B, 361-347—708; 11. Plainview B 374-362—736; 12. Big Spring B, 384-383—767; 13. Levelland B, 415-390—805.

Medalist standings: 1. (tie) Shaun Melville, Frenship, 71-72—143 and Luke Varner, Andrews, 72-71—143; 3. (tie) Landon Day, Snyder, 78-70—148 and Brandon Melville, Frenship, 75-73—148; 5. Joe Kelly Taylor, Plainview, 78-74—152.

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY

Rodeo

WTC rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Golf

Snyder girls at Andrews, final district event

Track

Snyder boys and girls at Big Spring Relays

MONDAY

Golf

Snyder boys at Frenship, final district event

National Hockey League

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
y-New Jersey	47	19	12	3	109	293	195
x-Philadelphia	41	25	11	3	96	234	203
x-Pittsburgh	41	28	9	2	93	272	248
N.Y. Rangers	33	42	5	1	72	250	287
N.Y. Islanders	21	50	7	3	52	183	264
Northeast Division							
y-Ottawa	47	21	9	4	107	269	202
x-Buffalo	46	29	5	1	98	217	182
x-Toronto	37	28	11	5	90	229	202
Boston	35	30	8	8	86	223	247
Montreal	28	39	8	6	70	206	230
Southeast Division							
y-Washington	40	27	10	4	94	231	210
x-Carolina	38	31	9	3	88	208	219
Florida	21	38	13	9	64	197	246
Atlanta	23	45	12	2	60	211	289
Tampa Bay	24	46	6	5	59	200	278
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
y-Detroit	48	20	9	4	109	249	199
x-St. Louis	42	22	12	5	101	248	195
Nashville	34	35	9	3	80	186	199
Chicago	29	40	8	4	70	207	242
Columbus	27	39	9	6	69	186	230
Northwest Division							
z-Colorado	51	15	10	4	116	263	186
x-Edmonton	38	28	12	3	91	239	220
x-Vancouver	36	27	11	7	90	237	234
Calgary	27	35	15	4	73	195	233
Minnesota	25	38	13	5	68	166	206
Pacific Division							
y-Dallas	47	24	8	2	104	236	183
x-San Jose	39	27	12	2	92	209	186
x-Los Angeles	37	28	13	3	90	249	226
Phoenix	34	27	17	3	88	209	210
Anaheim	25	39	11	5	66	185	236

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Thursday's Games
Washington 3, Florida 0
Detroit 4, Atlanta 0
N.Y. Rangers 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 2, OT
St. Louis 4, Columbus 1
Nashville 4, Calgary 0
Vancouver 3, Los Angeles 2, OT
San Jose 3, Phoenix 0

Friday's Games
Carolina 3, Atlanta 2
Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
New Jersey 5, Boston 2
Buffalo 2, Washington 1
Minnesota 3, Columbus 2
Toronto 1, Chicago 0
Phoenix at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Dallas at San Jose, 3 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 1:30 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 3 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Scurry County Farm Bureau
Community Meeting
Underground Water Districts
Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.
Hermleigh Community Center

Guest Speaker - Ned Meister of Texas Farm Bureau
Topics include:
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•Senate Bill 1 implications
•How groundwater districts are formed
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* Initiation by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
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•Required duties of groundwater conservation districts
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SPORTS

DiMarco, Woods battle at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — There's at least one person who believes Chris DiMarco will hold up just fine at the Masters.

"If he plays bad, it's because he plays bad," said Rich DiMarco, beaming at the 18th hole. "It won't be because he's nervous. He's over that. He's been out here awhile. He's getting good."

OK, so that's a father talking.

DiMarco clearly faced the most pressure-packed round of golf in his life Saturday when he teed off in the final pair of the third round, with Tiger Woods no less.

As play resumed on a sunny morning, DiMarco and Woods waited to tee off at 2:10 p.m. EDT.

"I have never played with Tiger," DiMarco said Friday, still holding the lead with a 10-under-par 134. "The only time I've ever played with him was in a practice round when he was still an amateur. I said back then, he's an aggressive player. He's got to learn a little bit."

At collegiate rodeo...

WTC squads continue to shine

Heading into Saturday night's finals, the Western Texas College women were showing why they were crowned last year's national champion.

Western Texas held the top spot in all three women's events, while the WTC men were also in good shape entering Saturday's final round of the Western Texas College rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum.

With one round of slack left for Saturday morning, Western Texas was in position to battle for the title in both divisions. The finals get underway at 7 o'clock.

"So far, things have pretty much gone the way we wanted," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "Our men's and women's teams are both performing well. The finals should be exciting, because they are going to be very competitive."

Tibba Smith, Margaret Jameson and Kassie Mowry paced the Lady Westerners' effort.

Smith's run of 2.4 seconds led the breakaway roping, while Jameson held the top spot in the goat tying with a time of 8.3. Mowry crossed the line in 13.41 seconds to lead the barrel racing. Jamie Standifer was also in position to make the finals in the goat tying.

For the Western Texas men, it has been J.W. Todd and Rawley McFarland leading the way.

Todd posted a time of 3.9 to grab the lead in the steer wrestling, while McFarland sat atop the saddle bronc standings with a score of 70.

B.J. Scott's score of 69 in Thursday's opening performance has him in position to make the finals of the bareback riding.

In the calf roping, Houston Hutto's effort of 8.7 seconds from Thursday should be good enough for the calf roping finals. Cimarron Boardman also has a chance to advance in the calf roping.

Following Saturday night's finals, Western Texas has only two rodeos remaining before the conference finals in May.

Western Texas College Rodeo

MEN

Bull riding: 1. J.W. McCuistion, Vernon, 73; 2. Shane Caraway, Eastern New Mexico, 70; 3. (tie) Colby Yates, Vernon, Brandon McCutchen, New Mexico JC and Casey Yates, Vernon, 68.

Calf roping: 1. Josh Peek, West Texas A&M, 8.4; 2. Houston Hutto, Western Texas, 8.7; 3. Eric Greer, Eastern New Mexico, 9.3; 4. Michael Otero, Odessa, 10.0; 5. Cimarron Boardman, Western Texas, 10.3.

Bareback riding: 1. Jason Maddox, Tarleton, 72; 2. B.J. Scott, Western Texas, 69; 3. (tie) Matt Bennett, Vernon and Austin Griffith, Tarleton, 67; 5. Donny Estrada, Eastern New Mexico, 55.

Steer wrestling: 1. J.W. Todd, Western Texas, 3.9; 2. Ryan Brockenbush, Tarleton, 4.3; 3. Bobby Harter, Tarleton, 4.4; 4. (tie) Jack Hodges, Ranger and Lance Arviso, Odessa, 4.8.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Rawley McFarland, Western Texas, 70; 2. J.W. McCuistion, Vernon, 69; 3. Brandon Biebelle, Mesa Technical, 68; 4. Dylan Callum, Vernon, 67; 5. Jasique Hughes, Howard, 57.

Team roping: 1. Brady Brock-Jake Hannum, Vernon, 5.5; 2. Cody Warner-Lance Arviso, Odessa, 11.0; 3. Levi Garcia, Tarleton-Brady Brock, Vernon, 11.8; 4. Cole Hudgens-Cody Warner, Odessa, 16.7; 5. Kasey Coats-Kelly Coats, Sul Ross, 18.7.

WOMEN

Breakaway roping: 1. Tibba Smith, Western Texas, 2.4; 2. Racquel Davis, Texas Tech, 3.1; 3. Niki Wooten, West Texas A&M, 3.2; 4. Stephanie Fryar, New Mexico JC, 3.4; 5. Rachael Payne, Tarleton, 3.5.

Goat tying: 1. Margaret Jameson, Western Texas, 8.3; 2. Carey Simmons, Tarleton, 8.5; 3. Kelly Jump, Mesa Technical, 9.1; 4. Jamie Standifer, Western Texas, 9.3; 5. Kelly Coats, Sul Ross, 9.4.

Barrel racing: 1. Kassie Mowry, Western Texas, 13.41; 2. Liz Lucero, Mesa Technical, 13.59; 3. Tiffany Burton, Vernon, 13.69; 4. Kristin Gendron, Eastern New Mexico, 13.80; 5. Tasa Stromei, Mesa Technical, 13.92.

Biggio, Astros topple Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) — Catcher Brad Ausmus is finding Octavio Dotel an attentive student of pitching.

Dotel pitched effectively for seven innings and Craig Biggio went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer and three RBIs as the Houston Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-1 Friday night.

"I'm with him when he makes the calls," Dotel said of Ausmus. "If he feels 100 percent about the pitch, even if I shake it off and he says go with it, I'll go with it. He knows more than me."

Dotel (1-0) walked Adrian Brown on four pitches starting the game and Brown scored on Brian Giles' sacrifice fly. That was it. Dotel allowed just the one run — unearned — and five hits in seven innings.

"I don't want any credit. He did an excellent job," Ausmus said. "He kept the ball down and threw his pitches well. It had very little to do with me."

Houston is 4-0 for only the third time in franchise history, joining the Astros of 1968 and 1987. The 1987 Astros set a team best by winning their first six.

"He was pitching under control and not trying to strike everyone out," Astros manager Larry Dierker said of Dotel. "He was trying to hit his spots and I looked up and he was throwing 94 (mph) later in the game."

Biggio is hitting .579 through four games and has 11 hits.

"I've just felt comfortable this year — it took me a long time to get comfortable last year — I'm just excited to be in the lineup," Biggio said after hitting in his fourth straight game.

Pittsburgh dropped to 0-8 at Enron Field, which opened last year, and 3-16 at Houston in the past three seasons. The Pirates got a good effort from Omar Olivares (0-1), but it didn't matter.

"I consider it a quality start," Olivares said. "If I keep going like this, the wins will come. Only one guy really hurt me. Usually if you can keep it to that, you're going to be OK."

There have been 12 homers hit this year in four games at Enron, where a major league record 266 were hit last year.

Biggio, back from major knee surgery, hit his first homer of the season in the first inning. He also had an RBI double in the fifth.

"I really didn't have any expectations. I just wanted to come back and play," Biggio said. "I worked last year with Harry (hitting coach Spilman) and he's helped me get out of that hole last year."

National Basketball Association

All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Philadelphia	53	23	.697	—
x-Miami	45	30	.600	7½
x-New York	45	30	.600	7½
x-Orlando	41	35	.539	12
Boston	34	42	.447	19
New Jersey	26	51	.338	27½
Washington	18	57	.240	34½
Central Division				
x-Milwaukee	48	27	.640	—
x-Toronto	43	33	.566	5½
x-Charlotte	42	34	.553	6½
Indiana	35	40	.467	13
Detroit	28	47	.373	20
Cleveland	26	49	.347	22
Atlanta	23	52	.307	25
Chicago	12	63	.160	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	22	.707	—
x-Dallas	49	26	.653	4
x-Utah	49	26	.653	4
Minnesota	45	30	.600	8
Houston	41	35	.539	12½
Denver	36	40	.474	17½
Vancouver	22	53	.293	31
Pacific Division				
x-Sacramento	50	24	.676	—
x-L.A. Lakers	51	26	.662	½
x-Portland	47	28	.627	3½
Phoenix	46	29	.613	4½
Seattle	41	36	.532	10½
L.A. Clippers	27	48	.360	23½
Golden State	17	57	.230	33

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 96, Cleveland 88
L.A. Lakers 100, Boston 96
Toronto 108, Orlando 100
Miami 81, Charlotte 76
Indiana 100, Chicago 93
Minnesota 101, Phoenix 88
Sacramento at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New York at Miami, 12:30 p.m.
Indiana at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 5:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Seattle, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League

All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	3	1	.750	—
Philadelphia	3	1	.750	—
Atlanta	2	2	.500	1
New York	2	2	.500	1
Florida	0	3	.000	2½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	4	0	1.000	—
Chicago	2	2	.500	2
Cincinnati	2	3	.400	2½
Pittsburgh	1	3	.250	3
Milwaukee	1	4	.200	3½
St. Louis	0	3	.000	3½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	3	0	1.000	—
San Francisco	3	0	1.000	—
Arizona	2	1	.667	1
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1½
San Diego	0	3	.000	3

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 3, Philadelphia 2
Montreal 10, N.Y. Mets 6
Houston 4, Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Bere 0-0) at Philadelphia (Daal 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 0-0) at Montreal (Vazquez 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 0-0) at Milwaukee (Wright 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Arroyo 0-0) at Houston (Bottenfield 0-0), 2:35 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 0-1) at Colorado (Hampton 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 0-0) at Arizona (Witt 0-0), 4:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Burkett 0-0) at Florida (Dempster 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 1-0) at Los Angeles (Park 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 8:05 p.m.

American League

All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	4	1	.800	—
New York	3	1	.750	½
Baltimore	2	2	.500	1½
Boston	2	2	.500	1½
Tampa Bay	1	3	.250	2½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	3	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	2	1	.667	1
Chicago	1	2	.333	2
Detroit	1	2	.333	2
Kansas City	0	4	.000	3½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	2	1	.667	—
Texas	2	2	.500	½
Anaheim	1	2	.333	1
Oakland	1	2	.333	1

Friday's Games

Boston 11, Tampa Bay 4
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 2
Detroit 10, Chicago White Sox 9, 10 innings
Toronto 13, N.Y. Yankees 4
Cleveland 4, Baltimore 3
Seattle at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Baltimore (Hentgen 0-0) at Cleveland (Colon 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Michalak 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Holt 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Redman 0-0) at Kansas City (Suppan 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Green 0-0) at Oakland (Hudson 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Harper 0-0) at Boston (Crawford 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Tomko 0-0) at Texas (Davis 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Seattle at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Lanes	111.5	56.5
Cutting Edge	95	73
Snyder Iron	93.5	74.5
Blue Sunco	87.5	80.5
The Shack	87	81
YZ Systems	86	82
Larry's Trucks	72	96
Timely Finance	71.5	96.5
Tinder Storage	70.5	97.5
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High series: Stacey Browning, scratch, 583; Bryan Brunson, handicap, 635.
High game: Chris Palacios, scratch, 214; Butch Evans, handicap, 240.
Splits and special mentions: David Lyle, 2-5-7; Eddie Abell, 5-7; Wayne Monroney, 6-8-10; Strick Posey, 2-7; Harold Kornegay, 2-3-7; Jessie Salas, 2-4-10.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Countryplace	26.5	17.5
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BCEC	24	20
Snyder Iron	22	22
Pool	21	23
J.Shea Jewelers	14	30

High series: Scratch: David Lyle, 586; Daphene Thompson, 577. Handicap: Stacey Browning, 662; Daphene Thompson, 700.
High game: Scratch: David Lyle, 219; Daphene Thompson, 220. Handicap: David Lyle, 239; Daphene Thompson, 261.

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Team	W	L
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Splits and special mentions: Donna Garvin, 2-7; Cindy Aikin, 5-10.

Sports Briefs

Softball registration

Registration for Snyder Girls' Softball Association will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday in the basement of Texas Savings Bank. Girls from ages 4 to 18 are eligible.

Players must bring a birth certificate and social security card, and must be accompanied by a parent. Registration fee is $25.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

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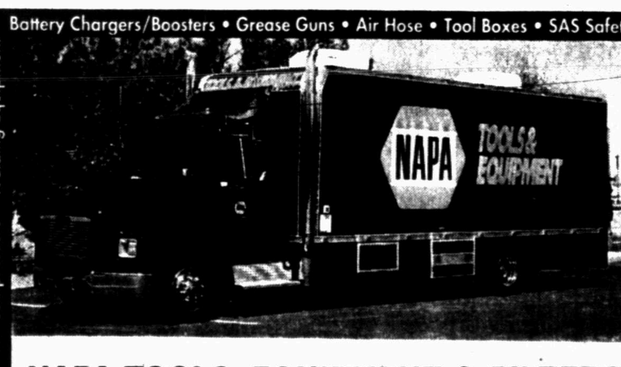

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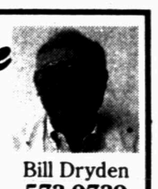

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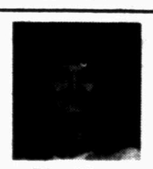

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Algerian convicted of terrorism charges

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An Algerian man accused of bringing explosives into the United States just days before the millennium celebrations was convicted twice in the same day — first in France for belonging to a group supporting Islamic militants, then in Los Angeles on terror charges.

Ahmed Ressam stood stoically with his eyes downcast on Friday as a clerk read the jury's decision in federal court in Los Angeles: guilty of nine criminal charges, including an act of terrorism transcending a national boundary.

The other counts involved placing an explosive in proximity to a ferry terminal, using false identification documents, smuggling, transporting explosives and carrying an explosive during the commission of a felony. Jurors also found that his actions were committed in connection with a crime of violence.

Earlier in the day, a French court convicted and sentenced Ressam, 33, for belonging to a support network for Islamic militants. The court also banned him permanently from the country.

In Los Angeles, the eight women and four men of the jury deliberated for just over 10 hours. At one point they asked for a list of all the evidence in the case so they could easily find items they wanted to review.

Ressam could be sentenced to up to 130 years in prison; U.S. District Judge John Coughenour scheduled sentencing for June 28.

After the verdicts were read, Ressam sat quietly with his lawyers.

"He's obviously upset with the result," defense attorney Michael Filipovic said. "There will be an appeal."

Prosecutors were jubilant.

"This is the first conviction of its kind under the Terrorism Transcending National Boundaries statute, and I am proud of the hard work of the prosecutors and law enforcement officers who have pursued this case," Attorney General John Ashcroft said in a statement issued in Washington, D.C.

Ressam was arrested Dec. 14, 1999, by U.S. Customs inspectors at Port Angeles in Washington state. Inspector Diana Dean had begun to question him because he appeared nervous and was sweating. Ressam bolted but was chased down blocks away.

Asked if the verdict sent a message to would-be terrorists, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jerry Diskin said, "Perhaps the message is: don't come in contact with Diana Dean when crossing the border."

Dean laughed when told of the remark.

FBI director Louis Freeh said the case reflected the teamwork of customs agents, prosecutors and others in law enforcement inside and outside the United States.

"A conviction like this reflects a seamless global partnership and the aggressive use of tools given to us by Congress," he said.

U.S. officials believe Ressam was trained in terrorist camps in Afghanistan and is linked to Osama bin Laden, the alleged mastermind of the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. But prosecutors were barred from bringing bin Laden's name into the trial for lack of proof.

The prosecution did bring in testimony by Abdel Ghani Meskini, an Algerian who was seized in New York after Ressam's arrest. Meskini pleaded guilty to conspiracy last month and agreed to cooperate.

Prosecutors contended that Ressam was part of a plot to bomb several locations. They presented evidence that West Coast sites were possible targets but did not try to prove the explosives were to be used at any specific location.

Prosecutors said they still do not know the exact details of the plot, but they said it appeared Ressam planned to leave the Seattle area shortly after the car was delivered.

Diskin said he believes the conspirators were going to do further work on the explosives before they were detonated, a process which would have brought them close to New Year's Eve.

PG&E files bankruptcy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gov. Gray Davis lashed out Pacific Gas and Electric's decision to file for bankruptcy, calling it selfish and "a slap in the face for Californians."

"I want to stress this one fact: PG&E put itself into bankruptcy," the governor said. "We have been working for weeks and weeks on negotiations that we thought were fair to the consumers and fair to PG&E."

Friday's bankruptcy filing by the state's largest utility came the morning after Davis, in a statewide address, proposed relieving utilities' debts by giving them a share of a record rate increase approved last week by state regulators and continuing to negotiate a state plan to buy the utilities' transmission lines.

Bankruptcy won't turn out the lights [illegible] the bills of PG&E's 13 million customers, but it could increase the political and financial turmoil on Wall Street and across the West for years to come.

Only two other U.S. power utilities have gone bankrupt since the Depression: Public Service Co. of New Hampshire in 1988 and Texas' El Paso Electric in 1992, and PG&E's case is much larger.

"I think it's a farce," said Charles Davis, a retired truck driver. "Our energy (bills) will definitely go up now, but I guess you have to roll with the punches. It's up to the people we elected to do something about this."

In seeking Chapter 11 protection from its creditors, PG&E said efforts by Davis and other state officials to ease the crisis had gone nowhere.

"The regulatory and political processes have failed us, and now we are turning to the court," said Robert D. Glynn Jr., chairman of corporate parent PG&E Corp.

PG&E and other California utilities profited handsomely from the first two years of energy deregulation in the state, but then a combination of weather, economic growth and skyrocketing wholesale costs turned the tables.

PG&E, which serves more than one of every three Californians, says it ran up an $8.9 billion deficit buying electricity from June through February. The growing debt caused the utility to start defaulting on its bills in January. That's when the state stepped in; it has been spending about $45 million a day to buy power for PG&E customers since then.

The utility had $2.6 billion in cash and outstanding bills of $4.4 billion as of March 29.

Filing for bankruptcy court protection allows the utility to protect its assets from creditors, but it could devastate PG&E Corp.'s shareholders and hurt the company's 20,000 employees.

Shareholders have lost a combined $10 billion on paper since PG&E Corp.'s stock reached its 52-week high of $32.50 last summer. On Friday, shares fell more than 37 percent when trading resumed after a halt of more than two hours. The shares closed at $7.20, down $4.18, on the New York Stock Exchange.

PG&E executives said they had been making daily evaluations since December of whether the utility would be better off going bankrupt. After listening to the proposals outlined in Davis' speech Thursday night, the executives said they concluded there was little hope of getting financial relief from the state.

"We believe (the bankruptcy judge) will provide a more disciplined and organized approach" to solving the utility's financial crisis, PG&E President Gordon Smith said Friday.

Company officials said the utility's insolvency shouldn't lead to any more blackouts than are already expected this summer, and Attorney James Lopes, who is handling the case for the utility, said PG&E has no immediate plans to use the courts to push through further rate increases.

The state's second largest utility, Southern California Edison, issued a statement suggesting it had no immediate plans to file for bankruptcy protection.

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Cotton farmers hope for more rain

LUBBOCK (AP) — Cotton season is fast approaching, but lucky for producers it's coming with some moisture this year.

Cotton producers and ginners got together Friday for their annual convention with hopes this season will have more rain than the past few years of drought.

Last year, cotton producers blamed the drought for $485 million in losses. Only 4.4 million acres were harvested last year of the more than 6.4 million acres planted, said Beverly Boyd, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The moisture received so far this year — something producers longed for last year — was a big topic of conversation among those attending the Texas Cotton Ginners Association Convention and Trade Show. The Plains Cotton Growers spent the morning talking about the state of the cotton industry.

"With underground moisture, we can stand more dry, hot conditions this summer," said Glen Kingston, a Borden County cotton producer. "Last year we didn't have any underground moisture. We made a crop, but it wasn't profitable."

Things remain slightly more optimistic this year as the rain continues to add up. For the year-to-day, the area in and around Lubbock — known as the world's largest cotton patch — is 2.4 inches above normal. Last year, the area had 1.5 inches above normal on April 6.

West Texas accounts for about 4.5 million of the 14 million acres of cotton planted each year nationwide.

"The soil moisture levels we have out here are a just a little better than they were last year," said Tim Tinsley, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Lubbock. However, "if we have any kind of spell where it is dry, it wouldn't take long to deplete those levels."

Lorenzo farmer Tommy Fondren said he is "tickled to death" to have at least some moisture this year.

"This is so much better than it has been in the past few years," he said of the 2-foot soil moisture profile he currently has.

Two feet might be a gold mine compared to last year's non-existent profile, but Fondren says farmers still need more to make it through the expected long, hot summer. Tinsley said warmer-than-normal temperatures are forecast from May through at least July.

"It's a little bit deceiving," Fondren said of early moisture. "We would like to see a soil moisture profile of five feet before we start planting."

Planting begins late this month after soil temperatures have risen enough for the heat-loving plant to get a good stand in the earth before popping above its surface a few weeks later.

The weather over the coming weeks and months will be what tells full story, Boyd said.

Letter could lead to end of surveillance plane dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — A letter under review by President Bush and Chinese President Jiang Zemin could lead to a resolution of a spy plane dispute roiling already touchy relations between the two countries.

The letter, currently in draft form, would express regrets for the collision last Sunday between the plane and a Chinese jet fighter and arrange for the two sides to exchange their views of the incident.

It also would clear the way for release of the 24 crew members of the Navy EP-3E Aries II reconnaissance plane.

The likeliest arrangement for a resolution is to have the two sides make their cases about the collision of the U.S. plane and a Chinese fighter jet at a special meeting of a joint maritime commission set up three years ago to enhance safety on the seas, a senior U.S. official said.

However, a letter released Saturday by Beijing appeared to dampen hopes for a quick release of the detained Americans, saying that expressions of regret from Washington are not enough.

"The American statements so far are still unacceptable to the Chinese side. The Chinese people are extremely dissatisfied with this," said the letter from Vice Premier Qian Qichen to Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The United States must "apologize to the Chinese people," he said. "This is the key issue to solving the problem."

The crew met Friday with Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, the defense attache at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, on the Chinese island Hainan, where their plane made an emergency landing Sunday. It was their second meeting, and another was expected Saturday.

The formula for a possible way out of the impasse was disclosed to The Associated Press on Friday by senior U.S. officials. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, later revealed the draft letter's contents.

After receiving a Pentagon briefing, Warner said the letter's language would provide a "common understanding" by the two presidents of the episode.

The Bush administration showed rising optimism that it would be able to unravel its first major diplomatic tangle.

Two critically hurt in school bus crash

ST. MARYS, Ga. (AP) — A bus carrying high school band members flipped onto its side on Interstate 95 on Friday, injuring 24 people, two critically.

The band from Massey Hill Classical High School in Fayetteville, N.C., was heading to a competition in Orlando, Fla.

The bus was the only vehicle involved in the crash, which happened on a dry road about 6:30 a.m. about half a mile north of the Florida line. The traveling group included a second bus, plus teachers and parents in four or five cars, said Detective Chuck Byerly of the Camden County Sheriff's Department.

Many of the students were sleeping when the bus flipped, smashing a guardrail and sliding on its side for about 300 feet.

"It was in the right lane, it started going to the left and it flipped over," said parent Sharon Miller, who was driving between the two buses. "It hit the rail and it started skidding. ... There was a big puff of black smoke. I immediately started screaming," said Miller, whose daughter was safe on the second bus.

Ian Bernal, 16, said he was half asleep when he felt the bus tipping and started sliding from his seat. He held onto his seat while classmates screamed.

Once the skidding stopped, Ian opened the emergency exit in the window that was now above him, climbed atop the bus and started helping others out.

"I was just trying to make sure people were OK," he said. "Those coming out had bloody noses and gashes. There was a lot of blood. It was scary."

Obituaries

Mr. Dominguez

1927-2001

Trenidad Dominguez, longtime Snyder resident, died Thursday, April 5, at his residence.

Funeral service for Mr. Dominguez, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The Rev. Leo Moras, minister, will officiate.

Dominguez

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Rosaries will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home. Deacon Frank Ortegon will officiate.

Born on Jan. 17, 1927 in Sinton, Tex., he married Dominga Delao on Nov. 11, 1948 in Tahoka. She died on July 6, 1999.

Mr. Dominguez was an oilfield construction worker and was employed by Bill Atwood Construction for 17 years. He retired in 1987.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Trinidad Jr. and Eva Dominguez of Cleburne, Juan and Christina Dominguez and Henry and Phyllis Dominguez, all of Snyder; nine daughters and seven sons-in-law, Yolanda Dominguez of San Antonio, Betty and Daniel Sanchez of Colorado City, Lorenza and Evaristo Zuniga, Sylvia and Valerio Torres, Velia and Miguel Dominguez, Mary Lou and Felipe Gutierrez, Dora Dominguez, Olga and Miguel Castaneda, Becky and Joe Vera, all of Snyder; two sisters, Anita Gomez of Merced, Calif., and Manuela Gomez of Hale Center; a brother, Matilde Dominguez of Snyder; 46 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Richard Hernandez, Paul Dominguez, Juan Dominguez Jr., Timothy Dominguez, Valerio Torres, Eddie Gutierrez, Casey Martinez and Henry Dominguez Jr.

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Mom reports kids are being harassed

• ***Harassment***

A mother called police at 5:18 p.m. Friday to report that juveniles were harassing her children. A deputy spoke with the juveniles involved and their parents and advised them of the complaint.

• ***Close patrols***

A representative with Wilson Motors requested officers keep a close patrol of the business in reference to the prior thefts of spare tires.

Authorities were also asked to keep a close watch on the Laser Wash due to unknown subjects tampering with the equipment.

• ***Assault***

An offense report for Class A assault was filed at 11:50 p.m. Friday.

• ***Arrests***

A 26-year-old man was taken into custody at 7:28 p.m. Friday on warrants for no Texas driver's license and no liability insurance.

Department of Public Safety warrants out of Mineral Wells for failure to appear and no valid motor vehicle inspection sticker landed a 25-year-old man in jail at 7:38 p.m. Friday.

At 10:21 p.m. Friday, a 28-year-old woman was taken into custody for driving while license suspended.

Charges of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated resulted in the arrests of several subjects Friday. The arrests included a 20-year-old man at 8:24 p.m., a 52-year-old man at 10:48 p.m., a 25-year-old man at 10:56 p.m. and a 23-year-old man at 1:28 a.m. Saturday.

Two subjects were taken into custody at the Western Texas College dorms at 2:28 a.m. Saturday. The 19-year-old men were charged with public intoxication.

One-act play

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Falls High School, *Tom Jones*, and Rider High School in Wichita Falls, *What I Did Last Summer*.

Big Spring's Anna McLaughlin was named best actress. Toryn Haynes and Amanda Sheedy were named to the all-star cast.

Caprock's play was named third alternate and two of its players, Steven Sosa and Ryan Langley, were named to the all-star cast. Brandon Smith received honorable mention.

Canyon placed Matt Guthrie on the all-star cast and Jennifer Yirak and Erin Hicks received honorable mention.

Rider's Amber Buhs was named to the all-star cast and Jeremy Lindsey earned honorable mention.

Wichita Falls' Nick Turnbow received all-star recognition and Clayton Lane and Winn Eubanks received honorable mention.

Technical awards were also presented to Jeremy Knight of Big Spring, outstanding lights; Kenora Teller of Rider, outstanding stage crew; Anaiah Johnson of Rider, outstanding sound.

The critic judge was Jerry Knight of Texas Theatre Consultants. He has been involved with high school theatre arts for 32 years. Five of the one-act plays he directed advanced to state level.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Stetson Isbell, Maria Morin, Nora Salazar, Clara Buffington, Tobias Harrison and Ginger Walton of Rotan.

DISMISSALS: Victoria Hernandez, Tommy James, Catherine Parkes, Willie Tippens, Aileen Huddleston and Adrianna Sosa.

CENSUS: 51 (Med./Surg.-24, Long-term Care-25, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Births

Robyn and John Zalman IV of Monahans announce the birth of Nathaniel James Zalman at 6:29 a.m. on April 6 in Odessa Regional Hospital. Nathaniel weighed eight pounds, 12 ounces.

He has one sister, Bethany, and two brothers, John V and Michael.

Grandparents are John and Donna Zalman of Hermleigh; great-grandparents are John and Evelyn Zalman of Hermleigh and Ealon Stinnett of Snyder.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Snyder Oaks fundraiser

Snyder Oaks Care Center, 210 37th, is having a fundraiser Saturday. A hamburger cookout and bake sale will be held until 5 p.m. Hamburger plates are $5 each.

Golden K fish fry

Golden K Kiwanis Club will serve catfish with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center. Cost is $6, including carry-outs. Children under six eat free.

Benefit turkey dinner

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 13th Street and Ave. K, is having a benefit dinner beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. For tickets, call Anita at 573-9670 or Irene at 573-3732.

Eighth grade parents meeting

There will be a meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at Tiger Health & Fitness for all eighth grade parents. Plans for the eighth grade party will be finalized.

Experiencing God, The Musical

The combined choirs of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and First Baptist Church will present Experiencing God, The Musical, at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church Worship Center. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

Stanfield events

Stanfield Parent Council will have a Scholastic Book Fair Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Family reading night will also be from 6-8 Monday. Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Sammie Jarrell will present a program on the mission to Guatemala.

United Way

Scurry County United Way board will meet at noon Monday at the CADA office, 2513 College.

Weigh-down class

A weigh-down class will start at 7 p.m. Monday at the Word is Life Church. Call 573-7471 for more information.

West PTO

West Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in room 4. All parents and teachers are welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "God Has Spoken Through Nature," followed by "Put Away Lying."

Lions Club meeting

Snyder Lions Club will not meet at the Martha Ann Woman's Club Tuesday, but will attend the Holy Week services at noon at the First Presbyterian Church.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

AARP board meeting

The AARP board will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

SHS senior student pictures

Parents of SHS seniors are asked to bring student pictures for the May steak supper to the high school office. Pictures are needed for the video from baby years, elementary school and middle school. Deadline is Thursday. Videos may also be used.

Country and gospel music

Country and Gospel music is set for 6 p.m. next Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Discovery School registration

Registration for summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is underway. The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for children ages six weeks through five years.

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Stanfield sets 'Relay' activities

Stanfield Elementary has organized several Relay For Life activities next week.

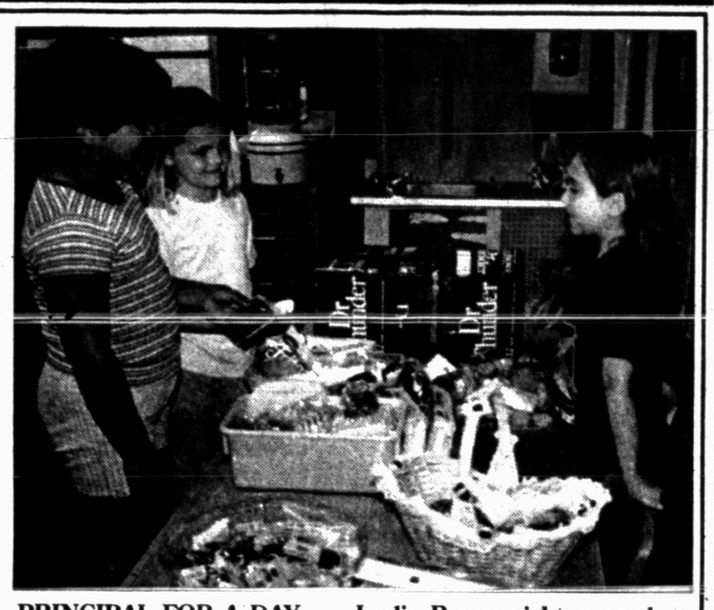
Monday: Stomp out cancer, wear flip flops all day.

Tuesday: Shade out cancer, wear sunglasses.

Wednesday: Sock it to cancer, wear your socks.

Thursday: Let's lick cancer. Bring and eat suckers. Students can bring their own suckers or buy them at the school.

Friday: Chew up cancer, bring gun and chew it all day. Students can bring gum or buy some at the school.



PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY — Leslie Rosas, right, served as Stanfield's Principal For A Day on Friday because she has earned 194 points in the Accelerated Reader Program. She helped man the school's snacks table and assisted fellow students, Marissa Medrano, left forefront, and Samanthas Rogers with their selections. Proceeds from the sale of the snacks will benefit Relay For Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Liberty bell suffers only minor damage

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Liberty Bell will survive the scars it sustained after a self-described wanderer struck the famous landmark with a hammer four times, curators said.

The lip of the 249-year-old symbol of freedom was chipped and dented, but the Philadelphia Museum of Art's conservation department made cosmetic repairs. Permanent repairs were planned.

"There are lots of different dents, and the damage isn't all from this century or the century before. The Liberty Bell has a long history of use and abuse," Philadelphia Museum of Art curator Andrew Lins said.

Authorities said Mitchell Guilliatt, 26, pulled a small hammer out of his backpack during a tour Friday and struck the bell. He was quickly tackled by a National Park Service ranger and apprehended by National Park Service police, said Phil Sheridan, a park service spokesman.

"I just seen a man yelling out 'God lives on,' then he just started banging on the Liberty Bell," said Christopher Gooding, a student.

Park officials said they would review security at Philadelphia's most popular tourist attraction, but were hesitant to make drastic changes. The bell is surrounded by velvet ropes and visitors are asked not to touch it.

"One of the great things about the Liberty Bell is you can have a personal experience. It's at eye-level and not behind glass," Sheridan said.

The pavilion where the 2,000-pound, 3-foot-high bell is housed was temporarily closed, but reopened for tourists about three hours later.

Guilliatt, who described himself to authorities as "a wanderer" from Nebraska, was to be charged with damaging U.S. property and a related charge for historical damage, Assistant U.S. Attorney Mitchell Goldberg said. The charges carry up to seven years in prison.

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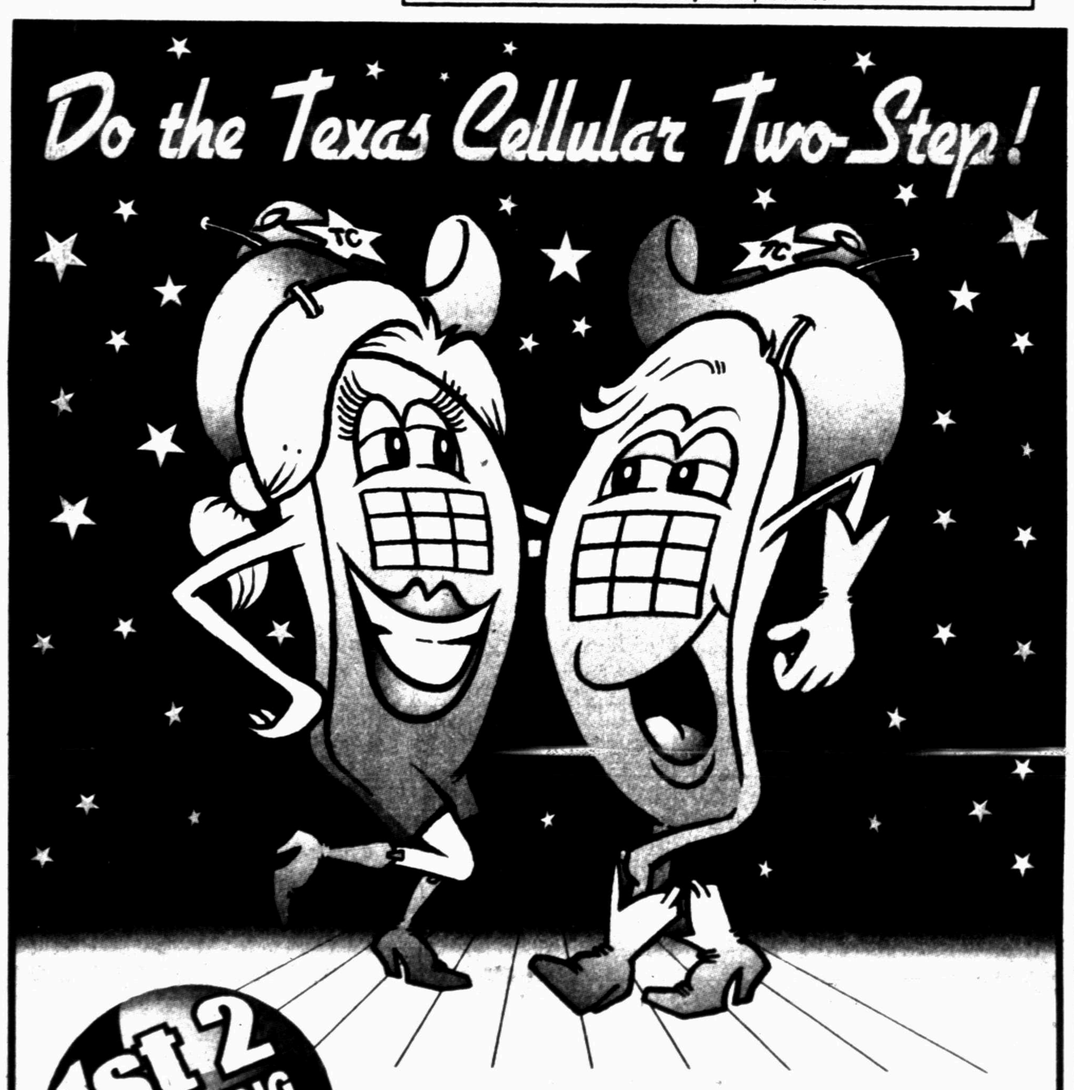

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Duncans win top 'horseshoe' trophies

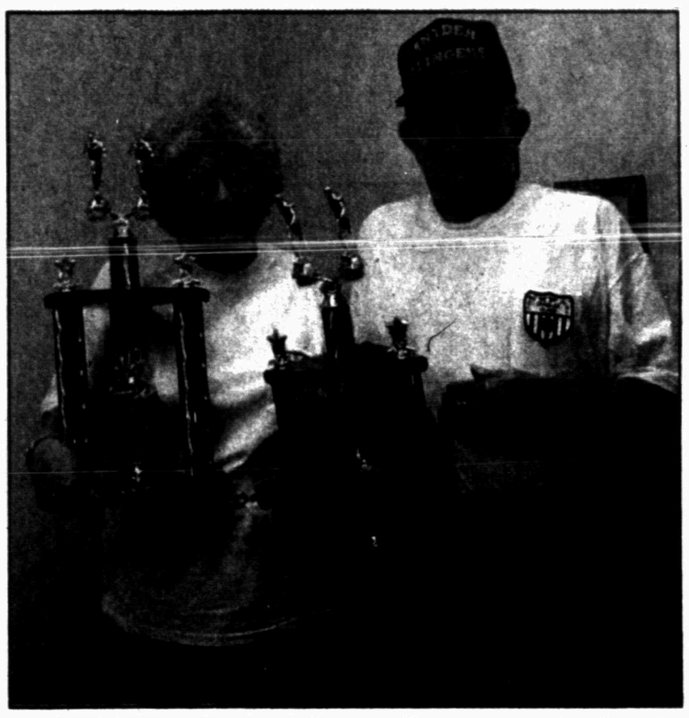
Horseshoe pitching is a way of life for Don and Dorothy Duncan.

Don started in grade school, and his interest has never waned. Dorothy became involved after they married in 1992. So it came as no surprise that when the couple returned from San Antonio last Saturday, they were each carrying a large trophy naming them the Texas State Doubles Class H champions for 2001. They had played as partners, something they don't often get to do.

The tournament was sanctioned, which means that the Duncans competed against all ages within their ringer percentage. Since they were in the same ringer percentage range, they were able to compete as partners. Players score ringers when the horseshoe lands in a correct position around the stake. Sometimes they hit so close that a dollar bill is used to determine if the horseshoe is touching the stake, Don said.

In order to be eligible to attend the San Antonio tournament, the Duncans had to have participated in at least four sanctioned tournaments last year. They attended several including local ones and others in Dumas, Olton, Lubbock and Littlefield.

To be eligible to compete in a sanctioned tournament, the Duncans had to each have pitched 100 horseshoes while being witnessed by two other sanctioned players who kept track of their ringers and points. Those scores are then submitted to the state secretary who enters them into a computer. Print-out sheets are available, Don said, which shows each person's ringer percentage in comparison with other sanctioned players throughout the state.



CHAMPIONS — Don and Dorothy Duncan are holding the horseshoing throwing trophies they won in San Antonio last Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

The Duncans also successfully compete in Senior Horseshoe Pitching Games where players are categorized according to within five years of their age as of Dec. 31. They once qualified for nationals, which are held every two years, but decided not to attend that year. However, in July the Duncans will represent Texas in the National Senior Olympics tournament slated in Baton Rouge, La.

They also enter open tournaments where they can pitch without being sanctioned. For years, Don has competed in area horseshoe pitching events. Because he wins a lot, people sometimes rooted against him.

Don first learned about horseshoe pitching clubs and sanctioned tournaments from Johnny Davenport of Post, who, along with his wife, were considered good players.

During one competition, Don beat the man's wife, twice in double-elimination but lost to Davenport.

Don loves horseshoe pitching so much that he gave up cigarettes when they interfered with his ability to throw. Don was in a four-way tie for state at Bernard when he threw a horseshoe a foot to short of the stake. That's when he threw the cigarettes away.

He has played when it's windy and in 28-degree weather. He always wears gloves, so he said the cold doesn't bother him.

Horseshoe pitching is never called off due to weather, Don said, unless it's lightning. That's the only exception.

The Duncans are members of Snyder Slingers, the local club for horseshoe players. Members pitch on Thursdays. The Duncans will compete in the Duncan Classic slated April 21 at the courts located behind the marquee at the coliseum. The couple was instrumental is getting the court built several years ago.

When Don was in grade school in Oklahoma he started pitching horseshoes. The school provided the horseshoes which students could check out.

Dorothy began pitching after she and Don got married. He wanted her to pitch with him, but Dorothy had only been an observer and had never played before. In the beginning, Don gave her a few pointers. Her first time out she pitched six percent, which means than she had six ringers out of 100 throws.

Don said their throwing styles are different. Dorothy throws a flip while he throws a turn. Because they are usually classed in different categories, they usually compete separately.

The Duncans often pitch horseshoes two or three times a day. They had a sanctioned court built in their yard so they could play whenever they wanted to.

Don is retired from Chevron. When he is not playing horseshoes, he likes to grow tomatoes in their greenhouse. Dorothy is a retired Sweetwater ISD teacher. She also makes dolls and was recently recognized as the top volunteer at the Senior Citizens Center. She is also a ventriloquist.

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

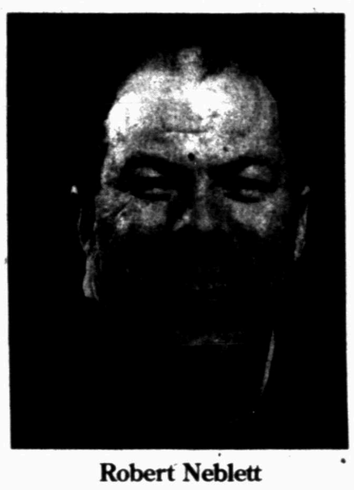
THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

SHS grad founds theatre company in St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, MO. — This summer, St. Louis will get a taste of Snyder, Texas in a big artistic way when the Midwest metropolis gains its newest professional theatre company, (Mostly) Harmless Theatre.

Founded by 1989 Snyder High School graduate Robert L. Neblett, (M)HT is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to producing the finest in cutting-edge contemporary works for the stage.

Neblett serves as founding artistic director of the company, which he started in March 2000, as a reaction to the demise of several small companies in St. Louis whose focus was intimate, quirky contemporary plays that might not succeed in larger commercial venues.



Robert Neblett

(Mostly) Harmless Theatre's inaugural 2001 production season includes the exclusive St. Louis theatrical premieres of *Defying Gravity*, Jane Anderson's 1997 haunting drama about the NASA Space Shuttle Challenger disaster; *Fuddy Meers*, the 2000 off-Broadway comedy smash hit by David Lindsay-Abaire about a woman who suffers from a unique form of amnesia that erases her memory every night when she goes to sleep; and *The Investigation*, Peter Weiss' relentless Holocaust drama about the 1965 Frankfurt Auschwitz Trials.

Neblett will direct *Defying Gravity* and *The Investigation*. In addition to these full-length products, (Mostly) Harmless Theatre recently produced a critically acclaimed showcase of six contemporary ten-minute plays March 22-25 called *Surface Tension*, three of which were directed by Neblett. (M)HT will be holding a major funding party May 10 on the campus of Washington University in St. Louis to generate funding and season subscribers for the upcoming summer season.

Within the last seven years, Neblett has acted in and directed numerous plays for Washington University, St. Louis Shakespeare Company and Actors Renaissance Theatre in St. Louis as well as serving as production dramaturg for the Tennessee Repertory Theatre in Nashville. He has also trained with such theatre luminaries as Royal Shakespeare Company member Jane Lapotaire, director Anne Bogart, and Obie Award-winning playwright Jose Rivera.

A top ten student at Snyder High School, Neblett was active in choir and drama, garnering all-star cast and best actor awards in the late Jerry Worsham's production of *Blood Wedding*, which competed at the 1989 state UIL contest in Austin.

Neblett is currently a Ph.D. student in comparative and dramatic literature at Washington University in St. Louis where he received an MA in dramatic literature in 1996. He received a BA in English and a BA in theatre from Abilene Christian University in 1993. He expects to receive his doctorate in May 2002.

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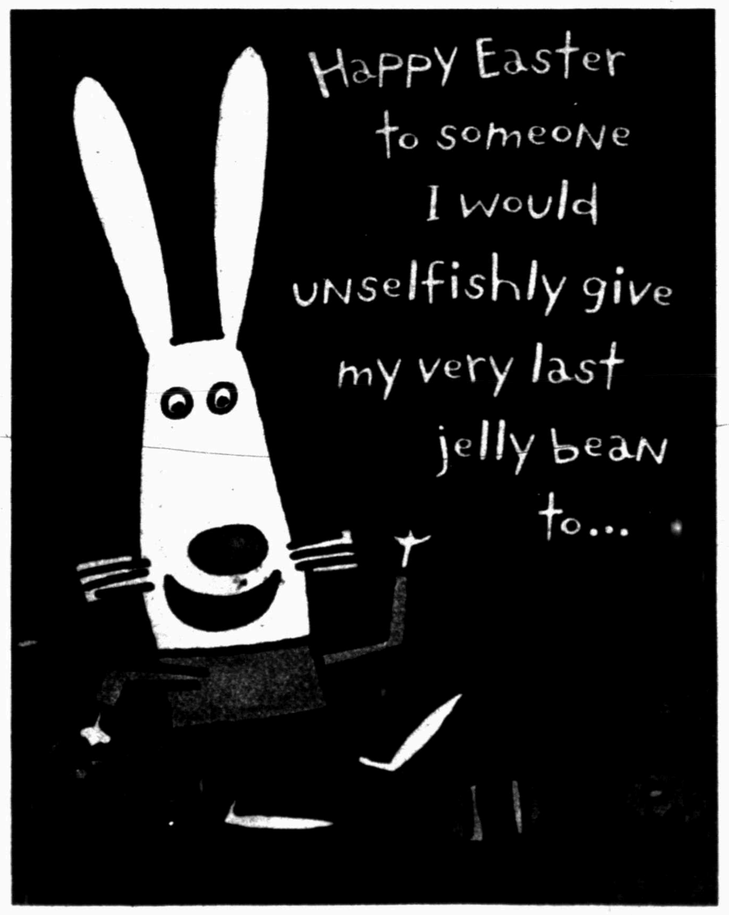

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GUZMAN-DUNCAN ENGAGED — The parents of Maria Guzman and Sean Duncan announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children. Maria's parents are Julian and Estella Guzman of Eldorado and Sean's parents are Terry and Angel Duncan of Snyder. They are planning a 2 p.m., Aug. 4 wedding in Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo.

Bridge

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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	7 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

By Phillip Alder

When trumps fail to fall
Say it's the rub of the green
Or tilt the table
— Robert C. Peterson, Greenwood, S.C.

Sometimes a bad trump split will prove fatal to your contract. However, more often you can find a way to sidestep the rub of the green without having to resort to tilting the table. (I wonder if Mr. Peterson is a pinball wizard.)

In this deal, how would you try to land seven diamonds? West leads the club king.

The auction was beautiful. Two clubs was fourth-suit game-forcing. (More on that subject next week.) South's two-spade bid simultaneously announced five spades and six diamonds, because with 5-5 he would have opened one spade, not one diamond. Three diamonds set the suit. Four clubs was a control-bid (cue-bid) indicating the ace. Four no-trump was Roman Key Card Blackwood, the reply showing two key cards (counting the four aces and the trump king) and the trump queen. North knew what to do.

After winning with the club ace, declarer carefully cashed the diamond ace. (A diamond to dummy's king costs the contract.) When he saw the 4-0 split, South unblocked dummy's spades, ruffed a club back to hand, and trumped a low spade with the diamond king. Declarer continued with a diamond to his nine, drew East's remaining trumps, and claimed.

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Locals' granddaughter plans missionary trip to Romania

Marci Elmore, student at Howard Payne University and granddaughter of Cecil and Edna Mearse of Snyder, will travel to Romania as a missionary this summer.

Marci is the daughter of W.O. and Mendi Elmore of Haskell, formerly of Snyder.

She will be serving on a team of 10 interns with Buckner OrphanCare International for 10 weeks, May 29-Aug. 11. She will lead Christian camps for orphans using drama, songs, games, testimonies and small group time, and with these relationships, Marci will have the chance to share the gospel.

Each intern is responsible for raising $3,750 to pay for his or her own trip and for having a team of prayer supporters for this experience. Those wishing to contribute financially may make checks payable to Buckner OrphanCare International and mail to Marci Elmore, HPU Station, Box 764, Brownwood 76801.

Marci asks that others help in a more important way—pray. "Pray that God's purpose will be accomplished in the lives of the orphans, my teammates and my life as well," she said.

The Buckner Foundation was started in 1879 by Dr. Robert Cooke Buckner and now has three main divisions, children and family services, elder care and adoption and maternity services.

Marci Elmore

Marci is a senior at Howard Payne University majoring in communication and political science. She has been on the President's List all four years.

Two police officers ticket roller skater

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP) — Joy Marshall was stunned when two police officers pulled her over for cruising down the street at 25 mph.

Her crime wasn't speeding. Instead, police cited a 1941 ordinance covering roller skates and scooters.

Marshall was charged with using a toy — her in-line skates — in the street. If convicted she could face a maximum of 30 days in jail and a $250 fine.

"This is my transportation, not a toy," said Marshall, a former figure skater. "I even ride them when I go to New York City for conferences. I never get in a cab."

Police Chief Martin Lentz said officers were concerned about her safety.

Bridge Scores

Monte West directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, March 30

1. Anita Talbott, Ann Davis.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Monte West.
3. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
4. Tizzy Hall, Christine Stuard.
5. Peggy Hardin, LaVerne Hood.

Sunday, April 1

No Game

Tuesday, April 3

1. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.
2. Nonnie Ward, Martha Fagin tied with Linda West, Monte West.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
4. Billisue Stuard, Jane Hinton.

Easter egg hunt is scheduled Monday

Children who participate in Safe Child after school program at Central K-3rd grade will have an Easter egg hunt at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

The egg hunt is sponsored by the Senior Center and will be held west of the building at 2603 Ave. M.

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Congress chartered the "nation's attic," the Smithsonian Institution, on Aug. 10, 1846. It was named in honor of English scientist Joseph Smithson, whose bequest of $500,000 made it possible.

MARRIED — "Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Hardin are shown above cutting the cake at the reception that followed their wedding in Hermleigh. Mrs. Hardin is the former Miss Peggy Houston, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Houston. The couple is now at home in Snyder," quoted from the SDN newspaper article 50 years ago. The Hardins were married April 6, 1951. (Contributed Photo)

Couple living in Snyder after Hermleigh wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Hardin are now at home at 1105 Thirty-first Street following their marriage at the Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh on April 7.

Mrs. Hardin is the former Miss Peggy Houston, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Houston of Hermleigh. Mr. Hardin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Hardin of Snyder

For her wedding, Mrs. Hardin wore a white floor-length dress of net over nylon taffeta. The fitted bodice was of chantilly lace. She wore elbow length lace gloves, and her finger-tip veil fell from a small tiara trimmed with pearls. Her bouquet which topped a white Bible, was of gardenias and split carnations.

THREE HANKKERCHIEFS

She carried three handkerchiefs for the traditional old, new and borrowed accessories, and wore a string of pearls given her by Mr. Hardin.

Miss Donnie Gannaway was maid of honor. Wanda Glass and Margetta Pettit were bridesmaids. Miss Gannaway's dress was of yellow organdy over taffeta, cut with a low, scalloped neckline and full skirt. The bridesmaid's dresses were of a similar style of orchid organdy and taffeta.

Ola Mae Vanderhurst, a cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a white organdy frock, with a headband of tiny flowers and a bouquet like that of the maid of honor.

The church was decorated with greenery. A large arch of greenery was flanked by floor baskets of gladioli and candelabra, with silver bells hung from the center of the arch.

RECEPTION

A reception in the church followed the ceremony. The couple left immediately afterward for a short wedding trip. For traveling, Mrs. Hardin wore a navy suit with navy and white accessories.

Mrs. Hardin attended Hermleigh high school and business college in Abilene. She is now employed as a secretary in the office of Wilbur Ellis. Mr. Hardin, who attended Snyder high school, is employed by the McCullough Tool Co.

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Congratulations and
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Jerry and Joey

Rules out running for president

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has long been speculated as a possible presidential candidate, told The New York Post that she has ruled out running for the White House not just in 2004, but in 2008 and beyond.

The statement came when the former first lady was pressed to clarify a statement she had made earlier about the presidency "not something I'm going to be doing."

Clinton was asked by the Post: "So, Sen. Clinton, are you ruling out a run for president not just in 2004, but in 2008 and beyond?"

"Yes," replied Clinton, according to the Post account.

A top Clinton aide, who was nearby and listened to the entire exchange, later told the Post that he is unsure whether Clinton had ever made such an ironclad refusal.

Campaigning last year, Clinton repeatedly said she intended to serve her six-year Senate term if elected and would not speculate beyond that. But she is frequently asked whether she will run in 2004, and at least one recent poll in Iowa — where caucuses launch the presidential nominating season — has showed her running second behind Al Gore among Democrats.

Clinton made her initial remark about the presidency after she delivered a 20-minute speech and took questions from members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

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Michael Gibson
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Gibson piano recital set April 14

Mrs. Barbara Tune will present Michael Gibson in a piano recital at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 14, in the Fine Arts Building of Western Texas College.

Gibson, the son of John and Denise Gibson, played the saxophone in the Snyder High School band. He participated in drama, receiving acting awards for his performances in one-act plays that included best actor, all-star cast and honorable mention. He was the keyboard accompanist for the Ritz Theater's production of "Phantom," and plays the organ for St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Gibson has studied the piano under Mrs. Barbara Tune for the past 1½ years. He will participate in the National Guild Auditions in May with an international program of 15 pieces. He received an Outstanding Student Award in Piano in 2000.

Currently enrolled at Western Texas College where he is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honors society, Gibson is portraying the role of "Tom" in WTC's production of "The Glass Menagerie."

Gibson plans to major in piano at West Texas A&M University in the fall of 2001 under a $4,000 music scholarship.

He writes and records music at home and enjoys playing classical pieces, jazz, ragtime and rock-n-roll classics by artists such as Billy Joel, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elton John.

Selections for next Saturday's recital will include works of Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Mozart, Kabalevsky, Bjorn, Giasson and Billy Joel.

The public is invited. There will be no admission charged.

Library News

BOOK FEATURE

"Into Outer Space," by David Owen.

Learn firsthand of man's near obsession with space, its makeup, and the secrets it holds. Consider the controversies surrounding some space missions, the many UFO sightings, and our efforts to communicate with the dark void that surrounds us.

From the work of the early pioneers to the amazing breakthroughs in modern space technology, "Into Outer Space" attempts to permeate the dark and challenging skies.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Sugar Pie & Jelly Roll: Sweets From a Southern Kitchen," by Robbin Gourley.

"Uncle Bubba's Chicken Wing Fling," by Mitchel Whitington.

"America's Best Slow Cooker Recipes," by Donna-Marie Pye.

"Pampered Cowboy: A Guide to Western Theme B&Bs, Hotels, Ranches, and Resorts in Texas," by Johnny D. Boggs.

"Cookies Unlimited," by Nick Malgieri.

NEW FICTION

"Down To the Sea: A Novel of the Lost Regiment," by William R. Forstchen.

"Shadow Hunter, a Star Wars Novel," by Michael Reaves.

"Ella in Bloom," by Shelby Hearon.

"Graveyard Game," by Kage Baker.

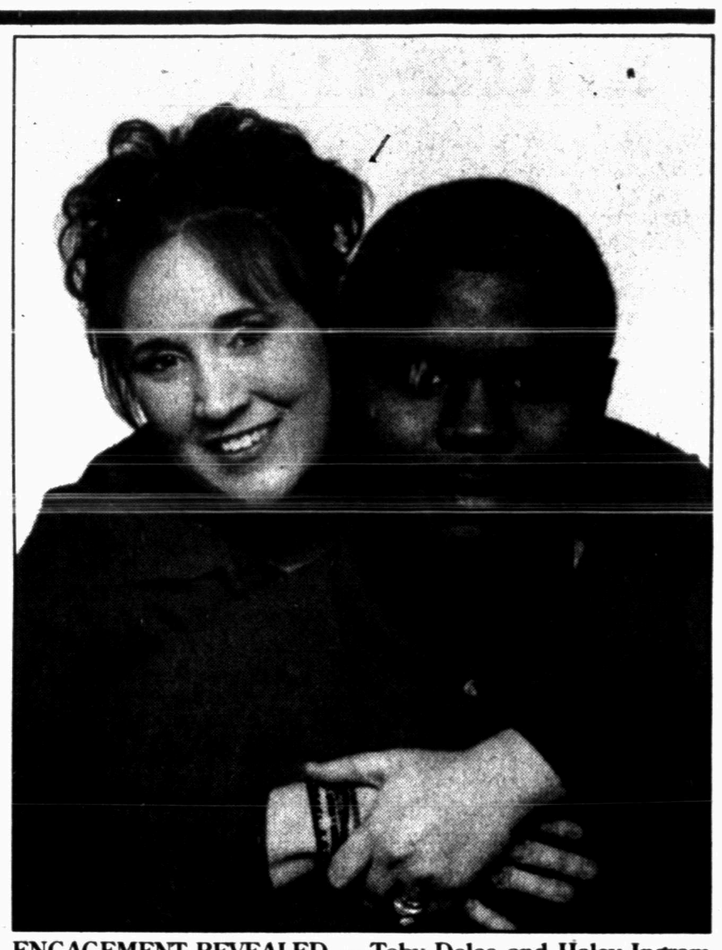
NEW YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"Stargirl," by Jerry Spinelli.

"Jade Green: A Ghost Story," by Phyllis Naylor.

"Locked Inside," by Nancy Werlin.

"Exchange Student," by Kate Gilmore.



ENGAGEMENT REVEALED — Toby Delce and Haley Ingram announce their engagement and plans for a wedding ceremony at 2 p.m. at the courthouse gazebo on July 21. (Contributed Photo)

Parents alerted by phone on truant kids

SINGAPORE (AP) — Teenage truants have a new reason to be nervous. A school is using mobile phone text messages to alert parents when their children cut class.

Yishun Town Secondary School Principal Tan Teck Hock said it was often hard to track down parents at work or home until the afternoon or following day. But 70 percent of those parents carry mobile phones.

"Now if your child is absent and you have a hand phone, you will receive a message by 10:00 a.m.," Tan said

Ironically, it was the 13-year-old kids at Tan's school who gave him the idea to introduce the new system, which started on Tuesday.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course Monday and Tuesday; Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College Ave.; no reservations needed, for more information call 573-2850; 6 to 9 p.m.

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

American Legion Auxiliary Post 181; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Basket Weave program" by Merle Gafford, hostesses, Evelyn McCommon and Dorothy Kayser; 4:15 p.m.

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

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Country Club; 7 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Altrurian Daughters Club; 11:30 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. On W. 37th; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

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Panda-friendly forests continue to disappear

WASHINGTON (AP) — High-quality panda habitats are disappearing faster inside China's flagship nature preserve than before the park was created, says a U.S.-China study that highlights a problem facing conservation programs worldwide: too many people.

The human population has almost doubled inside China's Wolong Nature Reserve since the park's creation in 1975. Having used up forests near their low-elevation homes, Wolong's residents are cutting the dappled mountain forests where pandas live and breed to get wood for cooking and heating, the researchers reported Friday in the journal Science.

The finding raises serious questions for environmentalists about how to manage nature preserves and balance the needs of local residents with those of endangered species.

"We were surprised" at the extent of forest destruction, said lead researcher Jianguo Liu of Michigan State University. "We always perceived that if you designate a protected area, then they (the pandas) are safe."

He offered a solution: provide better education for the mostly ethnic minority groups, largely Tibetans, who live inside the park, and many young people may head for jobs in China's cities, allowing the forest to recover.

"You protect the habitat; you help the people," said Liu, who hopes to discuss the idea with China's government soon.

The report comes just weeks after the World Wildlife Federation warned that the giant panda still is facing extinction because its mountain forest home is disappearing. The wild panda population is estimated at 1,000.

Wolong, in southwest China's Sichuan province, is considered a top conservation park. At 500,000 acres, it is the largest panda preserve.

Satellite photos taken between 1965 and 1997 show the best-quality panda habitat disappeared faster after the park's creation — 52 acres a year before 1975 vs. 237 acres a year since then, the researchers report. The loss equals, and in some spots exceeds, the forest destruction in nearby areas that are not protected parkland, Liu said.

Wolong's wild panda population dropped from 145 in 1974 to 72 in 1986, the latest count, and Liu said there likely are even fewer today. Pandas need a temperate mountain forest, mixing evergreen and deciduous trees that provide canopy for the bamboo they eat and large trees inside which to nest.

But the human population is booming. In 1975, 2,560 people lived in 421 households in Wolong. By 1995, there were 4,260 people in 904 households. Ethnic groups residing in Wolong are not subject to China's one-child policy.

More people use more wood to cook and heat; few can afford the electricity or coal used more commonly outside the park, Liu said.

The park's 50,000 annual tourists play a role, too, buying large amounts of the local delicacy — smoked pork — that requires burning more wood, he said.

The study does not mean conservation is failing, but that preservation workers must address continuing dilemmas after parkland for any species in any country is set aside, said Karen Baragona, the World Wildlife Fund's panda conservation chief. That includes training park workers to watch for problems from local residents or tourists, and helping the local population earn a living without destroying forest land.

"People imagine a place called a protected area ... is this bubble," she said. "You can't do conservation in a vacuum. The human dimension is the wild card."

China's government in the 1990s tried to resettle some Wolong households, but failed largely because older people could not get used to living outside the park, Liu said. But if just 22 percent of Wolong's young people could relocate after attending college, the population would drop to a manageable 700 people by 2047, allowing the panda habitat to recover, he said.

His team, which includes Wolong researchers and a member of China's Academy of Sciences, recommends spending resettlement money on education instead.

On the Net:
Science magazine:
http://www.sciencemag.org/

Second teen pleads guilty

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — The second of three teenagers accused of fatally beating a pizza delivery driver pleaded guilty on Thursday to murder and robbery.

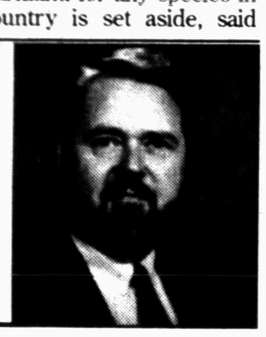
Theodore Haynes, 17, was expected to get 40 years to life in prison when he's sentenced, prosecutors said.

Isaiah Curry, 15, pleaded guilty last month to murder and robbery and is expected to get 10 years to life in prison, prosecutors said.

Police said Haynes, Curry and Marty Humphrey, 16, lured 38-year-old Domino's driver Hassan Noorzai to a vacant apartment with a bogus food order on Nov. 28. The three beat him with baseball bats and stole $15, police said.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Making Connections: Another Marketing Strategy
(Last of two parts)

Last week, in the first part of this series we described how trade shows, conventions and business expos offer great business building opportunities. Many owners and managers use these events to find new customers, suppliers and business partners.

We also shared tips on exhibiting at such shows and how to get the most out of each event. In this column, we'll help you learn how to make connections while attending shows.

We call this business-building strategy "learning by walking around." You can find great ideas to adapt and use in building your own business. You can also establish great business contacts.

Successful mingling

- **Be prepared.** It pays to be prepared when you visit shows and conventions. Take a good supply of business cards, a camera and a pen and a small note pad. When you see useful ideas, write them down.
- **Plan ahead.** Have an idea of what you wish to accomplish and what companies you want to visit. Get an exhibitor's list, and mark those you really want to see first.
- **Conserve your time.** Don't allow pushy people to corner you. If you have no interest, end the conversation gracefully. Say, "Thank you for the information" or "I enjoyed visiting with you, but I need to visit several other booths." Then, move on.
- **Initiate the approach.** If someone has something you're interested in, don't hesitate to approach and ask questions to start the conversation. Even your competitors may share information with you if you are genuinely interested.
- **Collect business cards.** Ask for a card when you want to learn more or contact someone later. Make notes on the back of the card. Don't trust your memory.
- **Set goals.** Have specific objectives in mind when you go. To "meet 10 potential customers," "find three new suppliers" or "find a new line" etc.
- **Always look for great signs, good brochures and clever logos.** Collect samples and make notes on how you might use something like it.
- **Look for good merchandising ideas.** The exhibitors want to grab your attention as you're going by their displays. If it works at the show, you may find it useful later.
- **Develop and use a 10-second commercial.** Use it when you are introducing yourself. If you can describe your business quickly and clearly, it will help you spend your time more wisely. You will see how you can help others or vice versa.
- **Don't spend too much time talking to people you already know.** Unless there is a specific reason to carry on a detailed discussion, keep moving. Be courteous and friendly, exchange pleasantries, but keep moving.
- **Arrive early and work your contact list as quickly as possible.** Often the early birds avoid the busy aisles and people jams that may occur later.
- **Don't over do it.** You can't spend all of your time going to shows and conventions. Remember, this is only one of the ways you can grow your business.
- **Don't neglect your present customers.** Don't go to shows looking for more business unless you're serving your present customers well. If you're too busy to stay up with your present workload, you don't need more business. Use shows to gather prospects and grow your business when you have slack time.
- **Don't forget to evaluate the shows you attend.** Some of these shows may be places you would want to go as an exhibitor. If you feel the typical attendee is your target customer, check of booth availability next year. Then go back and read part one again and get ready to make some connections.

Don Taylor is the coauthor of "Up Against the Wall Market." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Mob boss Natale testifying against reputed successor

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mob boss Ralph Natale once talked about the "special bond" he shared with his reputed successor, Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino.

While sharing a prison cell in the early 1990s, the older man and his protege allegedly plotted to rule the Philadelphia underworld. In government tapes, Natale is repeatedly heard telling Merlino he loves him, once saying: "I think about you 24 hours a day."

So much for mob loyalty.

This week, Natale is committing the ultimate Mafia sin: He is testifying for the government in Merlino's racketeering trial.

"Whenever I wanted something done on the street, whether it was an extortion, a beating, or a murder, I would pass the order on to Joey Merlino, and then he would have to go find the men within our family to go ahead and do it," said Natale, who is in his 60s and hopes to win a reduced jail sentence in return for his testimony.

Natale's premiere as turncoat came last year during the federal corruption trial of Mayor Milton Milan of Camden, N.J., who was convicted in December of charges that included taking mob payoffs and laundering drug money.

The FBI brags that Natale is the only American mob boss ever to flip. Merlino and his six co-defendants call Natale a rat, a liar and worse.

For Natale, jailed since 1998, "Joey Merlino is better than having a key to the prison," said Merlino's lawyer, Edwin Jacobs Jr.

Although the Mafia code of silence has crumbled in recent years, underworld figures are still aghast at Natale's betrayal.

Courtroom spectators, most of whom are friends and relatives of the defendants, snicker and whisper insults and jokes about him. One wiseguy talked about Natale buying a "mob starter kit" from Toys R Us.

During a break in the testimony, reputed mob consigliere and co-defendant George Borgesi [illegible] said, "I never thought I'd say it: This guy's a bigger lowlife than Sammy the Bull!" — a reference to mobster Sammy Gravano, who testified against New York crime boss John Gotti.

Natale and Merlino cemented their relationship at the federal prison in McKean in 1990-91. Natale was doing 27 years for drug trafficking and arson; Merlino had been convicted in an armored car heist.

The two men shared an intense dislike of John Stanfa, who took over the mob in the late 1980s after Nicodemo "Little Nicky" Scarfo went to prison. With several of Merlino's friends, they began plotting a bloody war against the Stanfa faction, with the ultimate aim of ruling the Philadelphia mob, Natale said.

Merlino, the son of a jailed mobster, "needed someone to legitimize him and the young men in Philadelphia," said Natale, a longtime mob figure who claimed to be a close friend of legendary Philadelphia crime boss Angelo Bruno, the "Docile Don."

After Merlino was paroled, Natale began calling him regularly from prison. The conversations were taped by the government; more than 30 of them were played for the jury this week.

Natale repeatedly told Merlino that he loved him; the younger man occasionally mumbled an "I love you" in return.

After nearly 16 years behind bars, Natale was finally paroled in 1994. Merlino initiated him into the mob several weeks later, and Natale began assembling a new crime family, according to testimony.

Philadelphia was theirs for the taking; Stanfa and his men had been convicted of racketeering and were serving long prison terms.

Although Natale and Merlino had planned for years, their alleged grip on the mob did not last very long. Natale was arrested in 1998 and soon began cooperating with prosecutors.

Last May, he pleaded guilty to a career's worth of crime that included seven murders, four attempted murders, extortion, gambling and drug trafficking. His friendship with Merlino, who prosecutors say became acting boss after Natale's arrest, was over.

Natale testified said he became bitter because Merlino and the other defendants sent little money to support him and his wife after he was jailed in 1998.

"If you commit a crime and get caught, you should go to jail. Go serve your time. But now these guys turn and become liars and try to give their time to somebody else," Natale told a cohort in a 1996 conversation.

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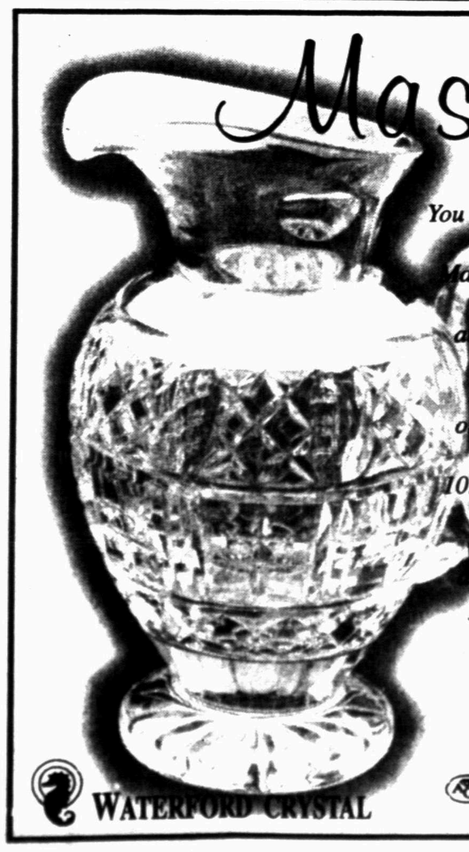

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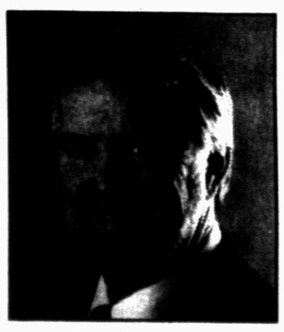

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Discussion of guardianship starts family war of wills

DEAR ABBY: Recently at a family party for my daughter's second birthday, a discussion came up about who I would like to leave my children with if something happened to my husband and me.

Although we have not made definite plans, I said we had several options. We are extremely close to some friends who are raising their children as we are raising ours. After thinking it over, I said they would be our first choice.

Well, my parents became furious. They threatened that if we were to leave our children with these friends, they would contest the will and fight to get custody.

Abby, I love my parents, but in my heart, I know they would not be the best choice to raise our kids. How can I get my parents to back off? **— THINKING OF THEIR FUTURE**

DEAR THINKING: You probably can't, so you and your husband must talk to a lawyer and have your wishes "carved in granite." Include in the document all of the reasons you want your friends to raise your children — and all of the reasons why your parents should not. Then cross your fingers, pray that the document will never have to be seen by your parents or used by your friends, and, if it becomes necessary, that it will be reviewed by an understanding, sympathetic judge.

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DEAR ABBY: You recently printed a letter about a downed pilot in World War II who was captured by the Germans when he was observed cutting his food with his knife and transferring his fork to his right hand to eat, thus identifying himself as an American. This was not an uncommon event in World War II. The Germans were trained to look for such cultural habits.

Our allies, the British, were often identified and captured by the way they crossed the road as pedestrians. Because vehicles travel on the left side of the road in Britain, pedestrians look to their right when stepping off the curb, a dangerous habit in France or Germany where traffic approaches from the left — and even more critical if an approaching vehicle contained members of the German militia. **— HISTORY TRIVIA BUFF, ENCINITAS, CALIF.**

DEAR TRIVIA BUFF: Your letter gives me renewed respect for those who risked their lives trying to gain intelligence behind enemy lines.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old. I have no life. My parents won't let me out of the house because they are always afraid that something is going to happen to me. I live five miles outside of Reno, and I haven't been to town in two weeks. Every Saturday morning they both go into town, but they refuse to take me with them. My mom has blocked off all calls to my friends and from them.

What should I do? **— PRISONER IN RENO, NEV.**

DEAR PRISONER: If your parents are doing this as a form of discipline, it is certainly not child abuse. However, if you are being isolated for no good reason, discuss it with a trusted teacher or a school counselor, because your parents' concern for your safety seems excessive.

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NOT CONFIDENTIAL TO MY JEWISH READERS: Happy Passover, one and all!

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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DEAR ABBY: I was blessed with one of the finest mothers-in-law a man could hope for. I'll call her Dorothy. We were so much alike that I often told her I should have been her son.

Dorothy was a strong-willed woman who ran an efficient household. No back-talk was allowed on the part of her children.

When my father-in-law died, Dorothy found herself a widow at 81. Unable to live alone, she asked to live with my wife and me. Our children were grown, and there was plenty of room, so we agreed.

Knowing she had "ruled the roost" in her own home, I asked her to promise me that she would remember she was not coming to run OUR household. Well, bless Dorothy's departed soul, for 10 years she honored her promise, even though at times you could see she was biting her tongue.

Abby, I just recently retired. My wife and I have very different ways of doing things in the kitchen. When I cook, I put things away as soon as I am finished with them. My wife, on the other hand, stacks things in the kitchen sink — waiting for me to wash them and put them away.

After scolding my wife recently about her disorganization, she stopped me in mid-sentence and asked, "Do you remember what you said to my mother before she moved in?" I nodded. She continued, "Well, you are here to share our home with me, not to run it."

My words have come back to haunt me. I must now learn to "bite my tongue," while still trying to be helpful. **— ERIC IN OCEANSIDE**

DEAR ERIC: I'm printing your letter so that any other recent retiree who needs to see it can learn from it. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: For years, my husband and I had terrible fights. Then we finally came up with a system that helped us get beyond the fighting. It saved our marriage. It's very simple:

(1) Agree that listening to the other person does not mean you concur with what the other one is saying.

(2) One person talks for as long as necessary. The other partner does not interrupt, no matter how much he or she may disagree or itch to get his or her point in. Instead, jot down a key word to remember what was said.

(3) When the speaker is finished, the other person may do the same thing.

My husband and I discovered that when we listened to each other without interrupting, we heard each other far more completely and understood the other's point of view.

Please share this with your readers if you think it will be helpful. **— LISTENING WITH BOTH EARS**

DEAR LISTENING: I'm pleased to share your method for diffusing arguments. Another effective technique is for the listener to repeat back what he or she has just heard in order to be sure it's the message the speaker meant to convey. Misunderstandings often occur because the parties reach and form their judgments before understanding the other person's viewpoint.

P.S. I have a hunch this column will wind up on many refrigerators!

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Confederate T-shirts spark fashion fight in some schools

RICHMOND HILL, Ga. (AP) — Zane Dunn wore a banned T-shirt to school and became a rebel with a Confederate cause.

Like six other students at Richmond Hill Middle School, 14-year-old Zane was suspended for a day because of the Confederate flag on the shirt.

More than a century after Lee surrendered at Appomattox and a few months after defenders of Confederate symbols lost battles in the Georgia and South Carolina statehouses, the fight over Southern heritage has moved to schoolhouses.

"My Confederate ancestors, they died for this flag," said 14-year-old Zane, whose mother bought him the shirt after another student was suspended. "I was born and raised in the South and I have to stand up for it."

Educators say they have banned Confederate symbols to prevent racial violence.

Parents and students from Richmond Hill, 18 miles south of Savannah, wore Confederate shirts and bandanas to a recent Bryan County school board meeting to protest the suspensions last month.

In Cairo, Ga., rebel flag-waving parents picketed their school board after 50 students at Cairo High School and Washington Middle School were told to change their Confederate shirts.

The American Civil Liberties Union has gotten involved in a similar controversy in Brunswick, Ga., where the principal of Jane Macon Middle School wrote to parents saying the shirts caused "rumors of threats and impending fights."

Cairo High principal Wayne Tootle said the actions do not stem from political correctness but from school shootings that have taught administrators to be wary of anything that might lead to violence.

"School folks are in a very precarious situation," Tootle said. "If they don't do something to try to prevent, and something happens, then the parents and news media will just lambast them for what they didn't do."

In recent years, children wearing Confederate symbols, even as backpack patches, have been punished in Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia.

In Georgia, the controversies followed the Legislature's move in January to change the state flag, which had been dominated by the Confederate emblem since 1956.

School officials said bans on Confederate emblems have been in place for years, but the flag fight prompted students and parents to deliberately violate them.

"Adults who want to keep arguing need to do something other than use our youngsters as a pawn in some political game," said Gary Russell, superintendent of the Bryan County school system.

A lawyer representing parents in Richmond Hill and Cairo said the change in the Georgia flag has emboldened school officials.

"The flag came down and they said, 'Oh, boy! It's open season on Confederate flags,'" said Kirk Lyons of the Southern Legal Resource Center, whose clients have included a former Ku Klux Klan grand dragon and the head of a North Carolina NAACP chapter.

The classroom clashes have been a boon for Dewey Barber and his T-shirt company, Odum-based Dixie Outfitters, which has more than 200 shirt designs that incorporate the Confederate flag.

"When they tell them they can't wear the rebel flag, they say, 'By gosh, we have the right of free speech and to our heritage!' And they buy more," Barber said.

Dixie Outfitters shirts are so popular that some schools have banned them by brand name. Zane and his six fellow students all wore Dixie Outfitters shirts. Zane's shirt depicted a snarling, wild boar, with the Confederate emblem as a backdrop.

Another Dixie Outfitters design shows just the flag's corners peeking from a basket of sleeping puppies. A third shirt depicts slaves working in a cotton field beneath the words "The Land of Cotton."

No lawsuits have been filed in Georgia, but the state chapter of the ACLU has sent letters urging schools to lift the bans.

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Americans concerned about personal information

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans want laws to protect their private information, even at the cost of restricting public access and free press, a new survey shows.

Such privacy fears, fueled by the availability of information on the Internet, could lead to new restrictions that handcuff journalists, said Ken Paulson, executive director of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University.

A center survey, done with the American Society of Newspaper Editors, which met this week in Washington, found that people were as concerned about privacy as they were about such issues as health care and the future of Social Security.

"There's tremendous potential for backlash against public record access," Paulson said Friday.

People want more data kept secret, including records on divorces, voter registration and driver's licenses, according to the poll. They also overwhelmingly oppose making records available on the Internet and selling government information.

"Americans understand we need access to public records, but they don't understand why anyone would need access to their records," Paulson said.

He predicted more laws like the one hurriedly passed last month by the Florida Legislature, which voted to block release of autopsy photos unless ordered by a judge. The law, which is being challenged in court, was passed after the Orlando Sentinel sought to have an independent expert examine autopsy photos of race driver Dale Earnhardt, who died in a crash. Earnhardt's widow opposed the release.

Newspapers have "to make the case that access to information helps the public and not just the press," Paulson said.

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Letters to the editor

Give it to ones who paid it

Dear Editor:

I have mentioned before, "old read my lips Jr's," tax cut was for him and his Texas billionaire friends, and to further prove my point he is talking about a rebate based on your income.

If it is truly "the peoples money," why not give the rebate based on the percentage of your income on which you paid the tax in the first place.

Bush and his buddies only pay in about three to five percent of their income due to the exemptions that are granted for higher income. The more they make, the less they pay.

If this bill passes, as Bush wants, they will get back all they have ever paid in the last ten years or so. I hope the people see that this is for the rich.

It really grates me when one of them says, "let the ones have it that paid it in." Let me be the first to agree with that statement, but we are worlds apart on who paid it in.

I had a friend who was a millionaire and made millions each year. He told me that a roustabout with our company paid more taxes than he did.

While we are on the subject of taxes, why not drop the tax on savings? They keep saying the people should save and help with their retirement, but the government penalizes you for it. The money you save only draws interest for the government and in some cases it puts you into another bracket and you lose.

That happened to me one time and I closed all my savings and buried it. The next year my income stayed the same and the cut in taxes from my savings made me more money than the banks and credit unions were paying.

There is an old saying, if Washington gets their hands on money they will spend it.

The Republicans want to TAKE it.

Omer (Mushroom) Pointer

Saints and Sinners By George R. Plagenz

Character-building revival

Are we on the verge of a character-building revival in America?

We might be - judging from the response to an offer made in my column recently. Anyone who asked for it received a list of 59 character traits, which could be the basis for a personal character-building program to promote ordinary goodness in ordinary people.

I've already received requests from readers in 38 states plus schools, newspapers, radio stations, law offices and Kiwanis clubs.

The character list was once thought to be created by Charles Lindbergh, but, in a letter to me just before his death in 1974, the famous flyer repudiated any connection with the list, which originally appeared in a national magazine in 1930.

But, to me, the principles of the list sounded like Lindbergh, who was known as a straight arrow for his self-discipline and sterling character. Through the years, I continued to publish the 59 principles during Lent. Stretching the letter of the truth a bit, I called the list "Lindy's 59."

This year, as the country's moral character continues to decline, I decided to send readers their personal copies of "the 59" to help them keep track of their own moral progress.

"Not only is this a wonderful idea, it comes at a crucial time in the life of America," wrote a woman in Napa, Calif.

Emmett Gruici of the Kiwanis Club of Phoenixville, Pa., wrote, "I would like to distribute 'Lindy's 59' to those in our community who are concerned about character education and virtues."

A few years ago, Gruici attended a national seminar on character education at Lehigh University.

"It was a surprise - in fact, a shock," he writes, "to learn that no course in character education was offered by any college to students majoring in teaching."

Gruici believes a good motto for educators would be, "First make kids good, then smart." He thinks we've got the order reversed.

"For eight years," says Gruici, "we in the Kiwanis Club of Phoenixville have been trying to initiate a program of character education in our school district. Finally, we were able to convince our superintendent to allow us to sponsor in all the fourth grades in our district a program of character education administered by the Boy Scouts of America. I feel that your column can be of support to our program."

Most of us wouldn't expect to find "sleep and rest" on a list of character traits, but there it is in "Lindy's 59." In his book, "Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives" (Bantam Doubleday Dell, 2000), Wayne Muller explains how tiredness and lack of rest contribute to the violence in the world.

"We make war on our bodies," he says, "pushing them beyond their limits. We make war on our children because we cannot find enough time to be with them when they are hurt and afraid. We make war on our neighbors because we are so fearfully protecting what we have that we do not feel safe enough to be kind and generous."

Jeremy Rifkin, author of "Time Wars" (Henry Holt, 1987), warns us that unless we slow down in our lifestyles and rest, mankind's future may be in doubt.

"We know now," he writes, "that the fast-paced life is utterly incompatible with the biological rhythm of our bodies and the natural world."

(For a copy of "Lindy's 59," send a SASE to Lindy, P.O. Box 06174, Columbus, OH 43206-0174.)

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North of Forty By Red Green

Recession buster

They keep talking about another recession coming, so I thought I should come up with an idea that would stimulate a sluggish economy.

I would start with not talking about it. I can remember my mother saying, "That pimple will go away if you'll just stop thinking about it." And she'd say that every 10 minutes or so.

The other thing we can do is declare a National Reunion Week. This will be a special time set aside when everyone is encouraged to drop in unannounced to visit old friends and acquaintances they haven't seen for at least five years. It would come with a Web site of current addresses.

That'd be the end of the recession. The threat of a former crony dropping in unexpectedly to see how you're doing would create a massive upturn in so many areas of the economy — furniture, paint and wallpaper, clothing stores, fitness centers and cosmetic surgery outlets. Even real estate would see an upswing as people scrambled to move to better homes. It's oddly natural that humans will let things slide in front of friends but will go to great efforts to impress people they hardly know.

THE MAGIC IS GONE

Like most people, I have a fair bit of technology in my life. A computer and a TV and a microwave oven and a DVD player — that kind of thing. And also like most people, I get angry when these things don't work.

But I've just realized that this anger is unfounded and probably fraudulent. When my microwave oven doesn't work, for example, I pretend to be angry that a machine like that would just stop working for no reason. The truth is I have no idea how it works in the first place. Some kind of waves fly through the space within a little box and cook my hot dog. That makes no sense to me. It's magic.

So I can't honestly phone up the repairman and scream at him that my microwave oven has broken down. Instead, I'll just plead meekly that the magic went away and I would appreciate it if he would come over and remove the voodoo curse that is disturbing its aura.

Meanwhile I'll be living on cold leftovers to appease the gods.

TALK, TALK, TALK

Some of us talk more and more as we get older, and we may not even notice it. Here are some signs to watch for that indicate you're talking too much:

— You've had to replace the mouthpiece in your phone three times, but the earpiece is just like new.

— Busy people avoid you.

— Nobody ever asks you a question.

— You've forgotten the sound of your spouse's voice.

— When you leave someone a voice message, you always get cut off.

— You pulled a muscle in your jaw.

— People respond to you with two-word answers — the second word is either "up" or "off."

URGENT MESSAGES

When you check your messages first thing in the morning, always respond quickly to the ones from middle-aged men. Any message from a middle-aged man is urgent. Even if it's only 9 a.m., he's already been up for four hours and is running out of patience waiting for your reply. If he doesn't hear from you in the next five minutes, he's liable to proceed with some harebrained plan without the benefit of your knowledge about heavy machinery and environmental infractions. And if you wait for as much as an hour before you respond, he will likely have forgotten why he called.

Quote of the Day: "Always make sure your next beer is one flight of stairs away from you. It will prevent you from drinking too much." — **Red Green**

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

West Texas exodus

The report of the 2000 census was a disturbing one for West Texas. Anyone who loves the South Plains of Texas should be troubled by what is happening to our area.

Lubbock grew by more than 13,000 people, but many of the smaller cities in the area took hits in population between the years of 1990 and 2000. And many of the ones that gained population did not gain much.

Levelland suffered a loss of 1,120 people, about 8 percent of its population. Snyder dropped by 1,412 people, about 11.5 percent. Sundown was down 254 people, about 14.4 percent. Denver City lost 1,160 people, which amounted to 22.5 percent of its population.

Some fine West Texas communities with great people and rich local histories suffered some significant population losses in only 10 years. While this certainly does not mean that the towns are dying, it clearly removes them from the category of thriving and healthy.

Even with the gain in Lubbock, we would venture to guess that the counties that make up our retail area collectively either shrank or remained very stagnant.

Among other things, the population loss means that our part of the state will lose representation after the state is redistricted. The growth along Interstate 35 (which connects Dallas, Austin and San Antonio); will give that part of the state more clout, while our area will have less.

We are concerned that West Texas is going to be left out in the cold if the trend persists.

It is not time to push the panic button, but it is time to recognize that problems in West Texas need to be turned around. Our part of the state needs to grow.

Part of the problem could correct itself. West Texas has not recovered from a downturn in the oil industry, and that loss was reflected in several area towns. If domestic oil and natural gas production is increased (as it should be); then part of the population that has left will return.

However, that will only help cut our losses, not provide any real growth. West Texas needs to develop a collective mindset that we are not going to allow population to continue to dwindle. We must not let it happen.

The first thing that needs to happen for West Texas is the approval and construction of the Ports-to-Plains corridor that will go through Lubbock as it links Mexico and Denver. Just as I-35 has stimulated growth in towns and cities along it, the trade corridor would help bring growth to West Texas.

Another key factor can be found in Denver City, the West Texas community that lost 22.5 percent of its population. Voters there approved a sales tax hike that created an economic development corporation that will strive to bring growth.

Other West Texas communities should take note and take steps to do the same. We must be aggressive, resourceful and creative about bringing business and growth to our area.

The disturbing population trend that was reported by the census should inspire us to reverse it. Our area must work to control its destiny. The population losses are troubling, but we don't have to let them continue to happen.

Amarillo Globe-News

Profiting from McVeigh

As the May 16 execution date for Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh nears, it seems his desire for media coverage and martyrdom increases with each passing day.

McVeigh, responsible for the deadliest act of terrorism committed on U.S. soil, has expressed no remorse for his heinous crime that killed 168 innocent people, and an upcoming book on McVeigh will only reinforce this and the true evil of this individual.

The book has drawn criticism from bombing survivors and the friends and family of the 168 as an attempt to provide McVeigh the notoriety he seeks. The book's authors have pledged to donate the proceeds to the Oklahoma City National Memorial, a move that may seem appropriate to some but should be reconsidered.

The irony of donating proceeds from a book detailing McVeigh to the very organization dedicated to preserving the memory of April 19, 1995 — and the individuals who died — only opens old wounds and creates unnecessary potential controversy.

The book's authors should consider donating the proceeds to charities and organizations altogether separate from the bombing, if for no other reason than respect.

The decision to read or disregard the book is up to each individual, whether affected directly by the bombing or not.

Houston Chronicle

Impartiality of judges

President Bush is under no obligation to let the American Bar Association screen his picks for the federal judiciary before he nominates them. Just because every president since Dwight D. Eisenhower has relied on the ABA's background evaluations does not mean Bush must follow suit.

The president does have an obligation to nominate judges who are fair and not blinded by ideology of either the left or right. If the administration rejects advice from the ABA, which it believes to be too liberal, neither should it imprudently turn the task over to political appointees who view the law through the prism of right-wing ideology.

Many of the White House and Justice Department appointees involved in judicial selection are members of the libertarian Federalist Society. The society's officers and directors form a roster of conservative ideologues.

As governor of Texas, Bush appointed reasonably competent and sensible men and women to the judiciary. By and large, Bush's appointees proved themselves to be more impartial than some conservative judges elected to the bench without first being appointed to fill a vacancy.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Shortage of nurses

Nurses are among the numerous groups trekking to Austin this session, seeking a sliver of the state's money pie.

But they aren't trying to gorge on dessert — they're looking for basic fortification.

There's strong evidence that Texas could face critical nurse shortages in the next two decades unless action is taken now.

Currently, the average age of nurses is 44, so most will be retiring around 2020, though the need for nurses will continue to grow as Texas' population grows and ages.

The state needs at least 27,000 more nurses to keep up with demand for services. At the same time, though, nursing schools have had to turn away 3,000 qualified applicants during the past two years for lack of faculty to train them.

Legislation by Sen. Mike Moncrief of Fort Worth and Rep. Patricia Gray of Galveston would address some of the problems by providing funds to boost nursing school capacity and by creating a Nursing Workforce Data Center to track shortages before they reach crisis stage.

Demos question Olson's objectivity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite Democratic complaints about his past political work, the lawyer nominated by President Bush to be the administration's advocate before the Supreme Court says he can put his politics aside if confirmed by the Senate.

"I believe when you serve in the Department of Justice you put your partisan considerations aside," said Theodore Olson, the president's choice for solicitor general.

But Democrats pointed to Olson's partisan writings against the Clinton administration and said he argued cases against now-established federal laws.

"I can't find any parallel in history of anyone who was as actively involved in politics as you and went on to become solicitor general," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., told Olson at a Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing Thursday.

The solicitor general takes a leading role in deciding which cases the administration will pursue before the Supreme Court, and typically argues the most high-profile ones in person.

Republicans said Olson, who successfully argued George W. Bush's Florida election case before the Supreme Court, showed his legal acumen last year.

"Regardless of whatever side of that case you were on, you had to be impressed with his talent," said Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla.

Democrats, however, have plenty of questions.

"The thing we have to evaluate is your ability to set aside your feelings and operate objectively," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

However, unlike with Attorney General John Ashcroft, an organized opposition to Olson has not emerged, said a high-ranking Democratic committee aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Olson is a former law partner and friend of one-time Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, who was solicitor general during the presidency of Bush's father. Olson assisted Paula Jones' legal team in her sexual harassment suit against former President Clinton and represented Whitewater figure David Hale during Senate hearings into the Clintons' role in the Arkansas land deal.

Olson also wrote several critical articles about the Clinton administration and former Attorney General Janet Reno, and also co-wrote an article listing possible crimes with which Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton could be charged.

Feinstein contended that Olson was not balanced in his articles and said that as solicitor general, he must represent the entire country. "Why should I believe you will be if you don't in your writings?" she asked.

Republicans rallied to Olson. "I have a feeling you'll do a great job for everybody, not just people of one political persuasion," the committee chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, told Olson.

Olson has a 9-4 record before the Supreme Court, and one draw from the first Florida election case. The high court sent that case back to the Florida Supreme Court on Dec. 4 without ruling on its merits.

Among the issues about which Democrats questioned Olson:

—Abortion rights as represented by the Roe v. Wade decision. "Could it be your agenda to overturn Roe v. Wade?" asked Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. Answered Olson: "It is not my agenda to seek an opportunity to overturn Roe v. Wade."

—His losing argument before the high court in 1986 against maternity leave. Feinstein asked Olson what position he would recommend that the government now take. "I'd have to argue the other side, because as you mentioned, we lost that case," Olson replied.

—Whether he would defend federal laws if they were challenged in court. Schumer and Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., cosponsor of the Senate's campaign finance bill, asked Olson about that legislation as well as the Endangered Species Act and other matters.

Olson said he would decide each case on its merits but "if we in good faith find a defense, we bend over backward to do that because the laws are passed here" in Congress, he said.

If confirmed, Olson would replace Clinton appointee Seth Waxman.

Q & A

Tips and Ideas

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and answering your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.

Parenting Skills:
Tips and Ideas to help you make a difference.
(Part 1 of 2)

What's the biggest deterrent to your kids' using drugs and alcohol? It's ***you.***

Look at the facts: Kids who learn from their parents or caregivers about the risks of drugs are 36% less likely to smoke marijuana than kids who don't. 50% less likely to use inhalants. 56% less likely to use cocaine. 65% less likely to use LSD.

Still think there's not much you can say or do? You are the most powerful influence in your child's daily life. But anti-drug parenting strategies rarely are instinctive, even for the best of parents. The tips that follow can help you turn your child away from the drugs that seem almost inevitable nowadays. You *can* do something. And you can start right now.

GET INVOLVED

Kids who are close to their parents are least likely to engage in risky behaviors. The more involved you are in your children's lives, the more valued they'll feel, and the more likely they'll be to respond to you.

Establish "together time." Establish a regular weekly routine for doing something special with your child – even something as simple as going out for ice cream.

Don't be afraid to ask where your kids are going, whom they'll be with and what they'll be doing. Get to know your kid's friends – and their parents – so you're familiar with their activities.

Try to be there after school when your child gets home. The "danger zone" for drug use is between 4 and 6 p.m., when no one's around; arrange flexible time at work if you possibly can. If your child will be with friends, ideally they have *adult* supervision – not just an older sibling.

Eat together as often as you can. Meals are a great opportunity to talk about the day's events, to unwind, reinforce, bond. Studies show that kids whose families eat together at least five times a week are less likely to be involved with drugs or alcohol.

LEARN TO COMMUNICATE

Do you know your kid's favorite music group? What's cool at school? The more you communicate, the more at ease your child will feel about discussing drugs and other sensitive issues with you.

Be absolutely clear with your kids that you don't want them using drugs. Ever. Anywhere. Don't leave room for interpretation. And **talk often** about the dangers and results of drug and alcohol abuse. Once or twice a year won't do it.

Be a better listener. Ask questions – and encourage them. Paraphrase what your child says to you. Ask for their input about family decisions. Showing your willingness to listen will make your child feel more comfortable about opening up to you.

Give honest answers. Don't make up what you don't know; offer to find out. If asked whether you've ever taken drugs, let them know what's important: that you don't want them using drugs.

Use TV reports, anti-drug commercials, news or school discussions about drugs to help you introduce the subject in a natural, unforced way.

Don't react in a way that will cut off further discussion. If your child makes statements that challenge or shock you, turn them into a calm discussion of why your child thinks people use drugs, or whether the effect is worth the risk.

Role play with your child and practice ways to refuse drugs and alcohol in different situations. Acknowledge how tough these moments can be.

These tips were provided by the National Clearinghouse.

Send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. 24 hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Radar is used to watch birds

McALLEN (AP) — Tracking bird migrations through the Rio Grande Valley with Doppler radar, a scientist believes that some species are in decline because of wildlife habitat destruction in South America.

Sidney Gauthreaux, a professor of biological sciences at Clemson University in South Carolina, said the Valley is a crucial migratory corridor, "a very important habitat, an oasis" for thousands of species of birds that migrate from North America to South America in the fall, then return through the Valley in the spring.

Gauthreaux, is in the Rio Grande Valley this week as part of McAllen's Texas Tropics Nature Festival, said he has seen a decrease in migrating flocks over the past 20 years because of factors like overpopulation and the conversion of southern woodland habitats to banana plantations.

"In the Central and South American countries, the governments are more concerned about their economies than the habitat," Gauthreaux told The Monitor in McAllen for Friday's editions. "Much of the most valuable bird habitat is also prime development land for people. The United States has to take responsibility for this, too."

Bird habitats are also threatened in North America, said Gauthreaux, who has studied the migratory patterns of birds for the past 20 years using weather surveillance radar.

The U.S. Department of Defense is funding the $1 million dollar radar-tracking program. Gauthreaux said he is creating national and regional bird migration maps so that the military can determine where and when to fly without colliding with the migrating birds.

Gauthreaux can determine the size of a flock, its direction and speed, and the type of bird by its flight characteristics through viewing the Doppler radar.

From late March to early April, bird watchers gather in South Texas during the peak season for raptor species, like the broad-winged hawk, migrating through the Valley on their way to northern territories.

Gauthreaux has been studying the migrating patterns of birds, primarily raptors, which are birds of prey such as hawks and eagles, since the early 1980s. He will discuss radar ornithology Saturday afternoon in the seminar room at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce.

Public Records

Marriage License

Jeremy David Bowden of Snyder and Alisha Rshea Allen of Granbury.

John Shepherd Harty II and Magdalena Ozuna Kelley, both of Hermleigh.

Thomas Marshall Lowery and Kara Renee Babcock, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Leland McCarty vs. Abraxus Petroleum Corporation, order of dismissal without prejudice.

Deed Records

Ashley Ryan Runnels to John Tyler Runnels, a 75x150-foot tract out of the middle part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3 H&GN survey.

Katrina Smith Wemken to Ricky and Melisa Lanette Nickerson, 17.5 acres out of the east 120 acres of the northeast one-quarter of Section 190, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Joe Zamora and Emily Luera, the east 100 feet of the south 70 feet of Lot 2, Block 37, Blankenship Addition.

James Sparlin to Sharlot Sparlin, an 0.62-acre tract out of Tract 46, Section 13, J.P. Smith survey.

Bob Dupree to Carlos Ray and Linda Turner, Lot 17 in Block 3 of the Eastridge Addition.

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Ronal B. and LaTrix Gladson to Jim Bob and Magan S. Wadleigh-Thomas, part of the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

David and Julie Strunk to Jason Grant, Lot 8 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

John T. Best and Sarah A. Smith to Dorothy McWhorter, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 13 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Robert Edward and Derinda Denise Wood to David C. and Judi Martin, Lot 4 in Block 1 of the J.C. Jackson Addition.

Big Dig can keep labor agreements

BOSTON (AP) — The White House has agreed to allow the Big Dig highway project to maintain labor agreements that require contractors to hire union workers, according to Sen. Edward Kennedy.

In February, President Bush banned the agreements, saying federally funded projects should be open to nonunion workers.

Big Dig officials opposed Bush's order, saying the agreements have helped keep the Big Dig free of labor disputes. In exchange for hiring only union workers, the union agreed not to strike.

"I'm pleased that the administration has decided to grant a waiver for the Central Artery project," Kennedy said Thursday in a written statement. "This will mean that the hardworking men and women involved will continue to receive fair wages and

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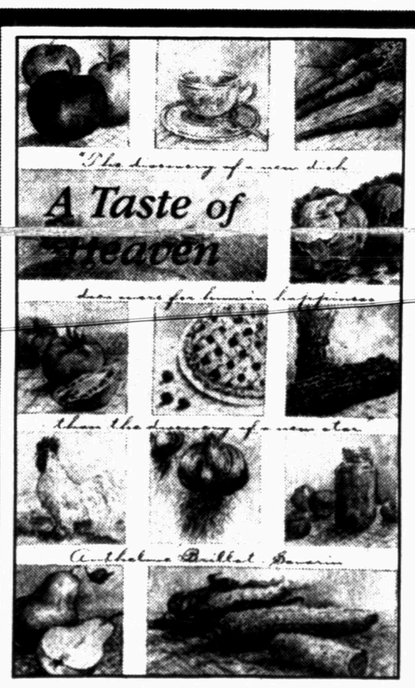

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Bush does not want to have big fight over nominations

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says he's considering easing environmental regulations to help alleviate flight delays at the nation's largest airports.

"One thing we need to do is expand the number of runways all around America. And as you know, there's a lot of environmental regulations — some of them meaningful, some of them not — that prohibit the expansion of runways," Bush said.

The president, meeting with newspaper editors, also suggested Thursday that he'll seek the middle of the road on nominations to the federal bench. "I don't particularly want a big fight in the Senate," he said.

Soon after taking office, Bush weathered a Senate battle over the confirmation of conservative former Sen. John Ashcroft as attorney general. But he wasn't promising more nominees that controversial on Thursday.

He pledged to choose judges who share his philosophy of strictly interpreting the Constitution, as do Supreme Court justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas. But, the president added:

"We'll be gathering intelligence as to whether or not a person can be confirmed or not. I may decide to send somebody up that will create a tough fight, I don't know. I haven't gotten there yet. But of course, if I pick somebody, I want them to get confirmed, so we'll be mindful of that."

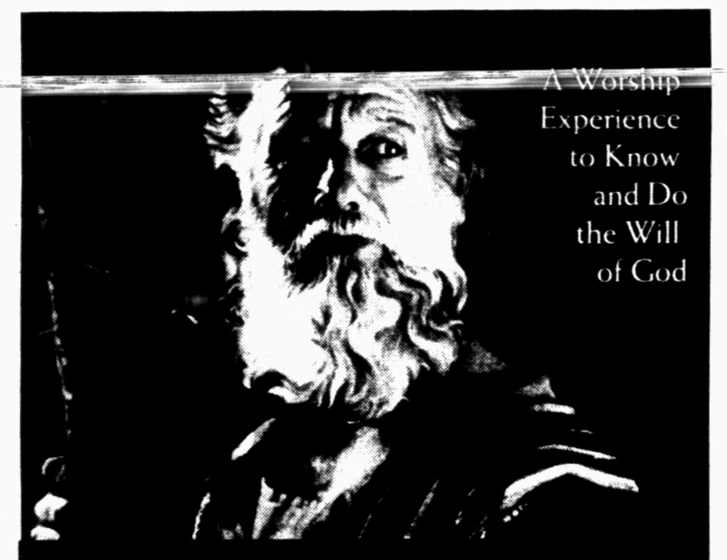
Given the Senate's 50-50 split between Republicans and Democrats, Pepperdine University law professor Douglas Kmiec called the president's remarks "rational prudence and rational politics."

"I am certain that there will be concern among the president's allies as to whether he means that people of conservative principle will be passed over," Kmiec said.

"But I have enough faith in this White House and its emergent process that someone won't be disqualified easily on political grounds."

On free-press matters, Bush promised the annual convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors that the administration would cooperate fully with requests for government documents through the Freedom of Information Act — as long as they don't jeopardize national security or personal privacy.

Bush said that since taking over the White House, he has struggled with the question of what's personal and has grown cautious in using e-mail.



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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, April 8, 2001

Success is possible in the year ahead in areas where you may have previously fallen short, mainly due to the cooperation you'll get from people who can help make things happen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The charisma you exude today will be full of charm and expression. People will be drawn to you and want to remain in your company to enjoy your pleasant manner.

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) — You can get a new slant on things and yourself today if you take the time to evaluate your innermost thoughts and feelings. Self-awareness promotes confidence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The wonderfully optimistic and hopeful attitude you adopt today will influence others to see the sunny side of things as well, helping you and them to gratify your expectations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Competitiveness today could end up being an exercise in congeniality. Your ability to focus your forces on the spirit of the game influences others to do the same.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is an excellent day to communicate something important you want others to know about. Chances are everyone you talk to will be receptive to what you have to say.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Using your charm and wit, you'll be able to dig beneath the surface on some matters you share with another but on which you've not been fully informed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This is the time to take care of situations that require unification. People in general are more willing to work together today to find answers or compromises pleasing to all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Drop what you're doing and bury yourself in labors of love today. What you accomplish at this time will gladden the heart and please the eye.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — People who have recently had dealings with you are going around talking about what a nice person you are. Someone you'd like to charm will hear about it and be impressed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — No one will please you more than members of your own family today. This is one of your better times for bonding, so spend your time drawing closer to the clan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The mind is mightier than the sword today and can work miracles for you. The reason is you'll not only think your way around problems but use compassion to implement solutions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There's a good chance you could receive some type of token of appreciation today from a person you've helped recently. The gift will be both thoughtful and lovely.

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Monday, April 9, 2001

Happy transformations are in the offing for you in the year ahead as things open up for you to make the alterations that will bring you the lifestyle for which you've been hoping.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't let an early bad mood prohibit you from taking advantage of the many opportunities that are surrounding you today. One may come from an arrangement another already has underway. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even if you'd rather not, dealing with people on a one-on-one basis is something you'll do rather well. Get your head together with someone on an important matter that needs to be discussed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although things might start out slowly today, once you get rolling you'll be an industrious producer. Plus, your time is not likely to be wasted on inconsequential projects.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) After a hectic weekend, you're ready to spend some hours today on activities that will produce subtle benefits for you both mentally and physically. It won't be a waste of time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Focusing on finishing what you start today will allow victory to grow stronger as the end draws nearer. It might call for tenacity and persistence, but it'll be worth it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you are displeased about an arrangement, do what you can today to make a positive adjustment. You're a pretty good negotiator now, and new terms can be carved out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There are certain things you know need to be done that could help straighten out your financial condition. Don't postpone them any longer; get cracking on them today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In situations in which you have the freedom to act independently, much can be accomplished today. Step into the fray and be a leader, not a follower.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The first inkling of something going on behind the scenes which could help you considerably may come today. When you hear of it, get right on it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're bored with the same old things, try to devote as much time as possible today on a new endeavor that has captured your fancy. It'll renew your enthusiasm with life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't waste time today on goals of small significance. Elevate your sights, because major accomplishments are possible at this time. Utilize your hours to your greatest advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Mountains can be moved if you'll only believe it's possible. Have total faith in your abilities today and you might even surprise yourself at the results.

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Tight supplies mean higher kosher beef cost

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Shoppers will pay more for that kosher brisket on the table this Passover in the wake of a fire that destroyed the nation's biggest kosher slaughterhouse.

The fire took place in December at ConAgra's beef plant in Garden City. Supplies are also tight because of the recent stoppage of meat imports from Argentina, which has been hit by foot-and-mouth disease, industry experts said.

Around the country, kosher brisket now costs about 15 percent more at the grocery store than it did a few months ago, said Menechem Lubinsky, president of Integrated Marketing Communications, a New York marketing firm that specializes in the kosher market.

With Passover beginning Saturday night, some cities, most notably Atlanta and Los Angeles, have reported spot shortages of kosher brisket because of the fire, Lubinsky said. Supplies in New York and Florida are adequate, but prices are high.

Only a few slaughterhouses in the United States process kosher beef.

For beef to be kosher, the animal must be slaughtered in keeping with Jewish dietary law. Only certain cuts of the animal are used, and the process must meet strict standards for cleanliness and quality.

At Irv's Market, a kosher butcher in Overland Park, owner Steve Silverman said prices for kosher beef are up at least 20 percent in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

A kosher brisket now costs between $3 and $4 per pound retail, or about 50 to 75 cents per pound more than just a few months ago, he said. Non-kosher brisket costs about 99 cents per pound.

"People who keep kosher are used to paying high prices. For some of them it is part of the deal of keeping kosher.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Urinary infection should be diagnosed

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 22-year-old, recently married daughter has been experiencing bladder pain and frequent urination. Last week she noticed blood in her urine. I am very worried about her. Could these symptoms reflect a serious condition?

DEAR READER: The triad of bladder pain, frequent urination and blood in the urine is almost — by itself — diagnostic of cystitis, a bladder infection. This affliction, which used to be called "honeymoon cystitis," is common in young, sexually active women. It is believed that bacteria enter the bladder during genital stimulation, and they thrive because the interior of the bladder is dark, warm and moist.

Cystitis is easily diagnosed by a urine culture and can be successfully treated with any one of a dozen antibiotics. (If the urine tests positive for bacteria, most laboratories will analyze bacterial susceptibility to a panel of antibiotics and indicate to the physician which drug would be the most effective antidote.)

Of course, your daughter's problem may be something else entirely. Therefore I recommend that she be examined by her gynecologist or family physician.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder and Urinary Tract Infections." 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.

This situation brings me to a related topic.

I attempt to write my column well in advance of their publication dates. In fact, I try to stay three to four weeks "ahead of the game." This schedule gives me some leeway if I get a cold or go on vacation. Also, it saves me from last-minute scrambling. (Yes, I did the same thing in college — always finishing my writing assignments well before the deadline. Students, take note. It gives a wonderful feeling of relief.)

Although I occasionally respond to letters within a week of their mailing, I see most of my correspondence between one and six months after my readers have written. On rare occasions, I may not review a letter for a year or more. This logistical reality means that I am not a good resource for emergency care.

Take, for instance, your situation in its most favorable light. I received your letter a month after your wrote; my response took three weeks. Your daughter has suffered symptoms for a minimum of seven weeks before my response appears in your newspaper, assuming that you even read this particular column.

This unavoidable delay is the primary reason that I urge readers to check with their family physicians before writing me; by the time I can help, it may be too late.

In your daughter's case, she should have been examined within a few days after her symptoms began. (I try to see such patients within 24 hours.)

So, while I welcome letters from interested readers, I cannot take the place of your family physicians, especially for acute medical problems. Remember, if you have an emergency situation, your doctor is your best resource. My role is that of a back-up who may help with chronic problems and nonacute medical issues.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder and Urinary Tract Infections." 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: Are our immune systems somehow affected by personality traits?

DEAR READE In some instances, yes.

According to research reported in the journal Health Psychology (Jan. 2001), patients who are moody, nervous and easily stressed had lower immune responses to the hepatitis B vaccine. Thus, as I have stated before, our psychological make-up may play an important role in how we defend ourselves against disease.

Is a good attitude a positive attribute? You bet.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suspected for many years that doctors don't always say what they mean. How can we laypeople translate doctors' double talk?

DEAR READER: This question is a tough one. While I hate to expose trade secrets, let me give you some (humorous!) examples of translations that will help you better understand what healers are *REALLY* saying. Over the years, the classical retort to "take two aspirin and call me in the morning" (Translation: "Don't bother me tonight") has become stock medical humor. You don't hear the phrase anymore because the public has become too sophisticated for such cliches. Nevertheless, doctors still play the game of "guess what I'm saying," only now they do it more surreptitiously.

"I'm afraid I have some bad news." This expression used to mean that elderly, senile Aunt Ella had died quietly of pneumonia. The meaning has changed. Translation: "I doubt that your insurance coverage will pay for all the expensive and unnecessary tests I ordered."

"I can't see you in the office for three weeks." Translation: "You haven't paid me a dime in two years, and I'm not about to get shafted by another deadbeat."

"This won't hurt." Translation: "I've never even done this procedure, so how am I supposed to know what it feels like?"

"All medications have side effects. You'll just have to put up with them." Translation: "I'm too lazy to look up the list of side effects and to go through the effort of pursuing a safer alternative drug."

"Call me next week if you're not feeling better." Translation: "I'm already late for my golf game."

"Just sign on the dotted line, I'll take care of the rest." Translation: "Boy, do I hate these pre-operative consent forms. If you knew what could go wrong, you'd never have the surgery."

"Of course you're not pregnant!" Wanna bet? Translation not necessary.

"I'm calling you about your lab work." Translation: "What a drag. I'm really fed up with all this public relations stuff, but I have to do it to keep patients."

"I didn't return your call because I had an emergency at the hospital." Translation: "I had to pick up my kid from little league, and I wasn't going to get tied up with a bunch of dumb telephone calls."

"Put on this gown. I'll be right back." Translation: "I'll get to you as soon as I examine three other patients and discuss stock options with my broker."

"Rather than talking to you about this on the telephone, why don't you come down to the office and discuss it?" Translation: "Why should I waste 10 minutes on the phone when I can say the same thing in my office and get paid for it?"

"Everybody your age should have one." Translation: "I'm older than you are and, like most doctors, wouldn't dream of subjecting myself to such a dangerous and uncomfortable test."

"I can't see you today." Translation: "My office schedule is as full of holes as Swiss cheese, but I don't dare admit it."

"I don't treat this disease, so I'm referring you to the medical center." Translation: "This problem is so disgusting that I can't wait to send you to a specialist."

"How long have you had this?" Translation: "Only a jerk with two brain cells would put up with this as long as you have."

"Relax." Translation: "I'm so nervous I could scream. I hope that you don't suspect that I'm not qualified to perform this procedure."

"There you go playing doctor again!" Translation: "If a lawyer ever finds out how right you are, I'll spend the next three years in court."

"Remember, it takes $10 to put you to sleep and $600 to wake you up." Translation: "Why do you zipper-brains always complain about anesthesia bills? I have to earn a living, too!"

"Don't pay any attention to the bill. It's just for accounting purposes." Translation: "Oops, got caught trying to pad another bill."

"I think you ought to cut down a little on the booze!" Translation: "You're a roaring alcoholic with a liver that's shot, but you're sick, and I can't risk losing you as a patient by speaking the truth."

"Don't move. I'm almost finished." Translation: "This will take at least another five minutes, and we're not even to the painful part yet."

I would welcome other, favorite "medical translations" from readers. When I receive enough examples, I'll publish them in a column. (Translation: I've run out of examples from my own experience. Now, as usual, I must rely on my readers to generate subject material.)

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Part of Linda Tripp's lawsuit is dismissed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge ruled Thursday that Linda Tripp, the former Pentagon employee whose secretly taped phone calls triggered the impeachment crisis of the Clinton presidency, cannot sue the White House.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan came in Tripp's lawsuit against the government for releasing damaging information about her at the height of the perjury and obstruction investigation of Clinton in 1998. Sullivan said the Privacy Act under which Tripp is suing does not cover the executive office of the president.

The Defense Department, Tripp's employer at the time, revealed to The New Yorker that she wrote on a form that she'd never been arrested. In her teens, Tripp was arrested for grand larceny.

Portions of Tripp's suit continue against the Pentagon and two of its employees. But Sullivan said, "The Office of the President-White House Office is not subject to the terms of the Privacy Act," which protects the confidentiality of personal information about federal employees. Tripp had alleged that the White House was behind the Pentagon's release of the data.

Tripp may still pursue the possible involvement by individual White House officials through another count of the suit that alleges violation of her civil rights.

It's not to late to find college for fall, counselors say

By The Associated Press

For high school seniors who feel down after finding college rejection letters in the mailbox, guidance counselors have some good news: It's not too late to find a school.

In fact, it hardly ever is nowadays, when many four-year colleges and universities keep their welcome mat out all year.

Menlo College, a school of 550 students south of San Francisco, sets no deadline for applicants. Binghamton University, a respected institution of 9,800 students in New York's state system, will find places for worthy prospects next spring if fall programs are full.

Such accommodations reflect a shift in higher education, said Barmak Nissirian, policy analyst at the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. Today, schools are catering more to the college-bound student, rather than the other way around, he said.

Now there's room for someone who may have aimed too high and been rejected, or has had a change of heart, or simply hasn't applied to college yet.

"In the vast majority of instances, higher education has become lots more customer-oriented," Nissirian said.

During the week of May 7, the National Association for College Admission Counseling plans to post a list on its Web site of member schools still seeking freshmen, based on an annual survey.

More than 400 colleges out of its 1,600 member schools had spaces available last year after the traditional end-of-admissions season, said research director Zina Evans. The association, based in Alexandria, Va., includes college admissions and high school guidance officials.

One member is Gunnar Olson, a guidance counselor at a San Antonio prep school, Saint Mary's Hall. He spent a recent weekend combing college guidebooks and found 865 four-year institutions with rolling admissions or applicant deadlines as late as September.

Hundreds of schools, like Binghamton, offer rolling admissions. That means there's no absolute deadline for students to apply to a school, which usually decides on a student's application within weeks of receiving it.

If a student applies to a rolling admissions school in July and there's room for the fall term, the student can attend the college then. If not, the spring term is a possibility.

Other schools, including many of the nation's most selective colleges, offer early decisions in addition to the customary February-to-April admissions window, officials say.

For instance, by mid-December of last year Harvard had accepted more than half its freshmen for fall 2001 — 1,102 out of 1,650 spots. The final batch of acceptance letters was mailed Wednesday.

Regardless of a school's admissions calendar, Evans said, May 1 is commonly the deadline when institutions want to know if students already accepted intend to enroll come fall.

Admissions officers call this "melt," when students who said they were coming to a school change their minds.

"You do have this opportunity after that May first deadline," Evans said, "where institutions do find they do have unexpected spaces,"

The melt results in some schools receiving another bunch of applicants. Sometimes students accepted to the top private schools "find they don't get the kind of financial package that they anticipated," said Harolyn Pasquale, Binghamton's associate director of admissions.

Suddenly, a good and more affordable school in upstate New York looks attractive, and students finish their application to Binghamton, she said.

Franklin doesn't live like a diva

NEW YORK (AP) — Aretha Franklin may be a diva, but she doesn't live like one.

The Queen of Soul says a typical day at home in her native Detroit is watching television and doing daily tasks.

"I get up and have my breakfast, do some other little necessaries for others, and CNN, I like a lot. ... And I watch my soaps," Franklin told The Associated Press.

She recently watched the TV miniseries "Life With Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows," produced by Garland's daughter Lorna Luft.

"I thought it was very informative — maybe perhaps more of the well-rounded picture of who Judy Garland really was. I thought her daughter did an excellent job," she said.

Franklin said she'd like to see her life given the same treatment.

"Oh, we will see the Aretha Franklin telefilm, if not miniseries," said Franklin, who added that Natalie Cole could be a good choice to play her. "We will see it someday."

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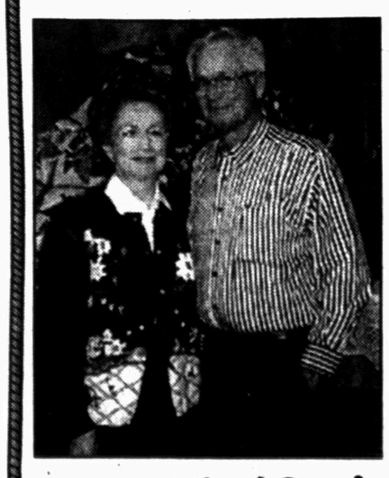

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7 Follow secretly
13 Succored
14 Capital of Montana
15 Conceive
16 Had one's say
17 Scramble it!
18 Fruit drink
20 Cal. box
21 Paper measure
23 Illuminated
24 Tree fluids
25 Trickle
27 Does dental work
29 Yule mo.
31 Author Umberto —
32 Pie — — mode
33 MD's chart
34 Changes gears
37 Gabs and gabs
40 Cake layer
41 Everything
43 Basketball's Archibald
45 Above (poet.)
46 Caustic stuff
47 "Out of sight!"
48 Avaricious
51 One devoted to religious work
54 Develops
55 Spruce up
56 Most sensible
57 Exit

DOWN

1 More timid
2 Like plant borders
3 Fermented drink
4 Health resort
5 Southeast Asian holiday
6 "Let's Make — —"
7 Footwear insert (2 wds.)
8 In the know
9 "The Greatest"
10 Of teeth
11 Bests
12 Walks in water
19 Accomplished
22 Like some collisions
24 Motto
26 Stolen money, e.g.
28 "Yucky!"
30 Reaction-promoter
34 With 42 Down, African country
35 In this
36 Wily
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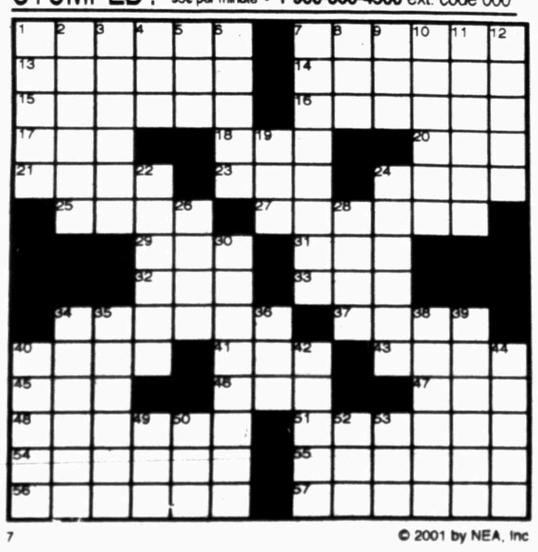

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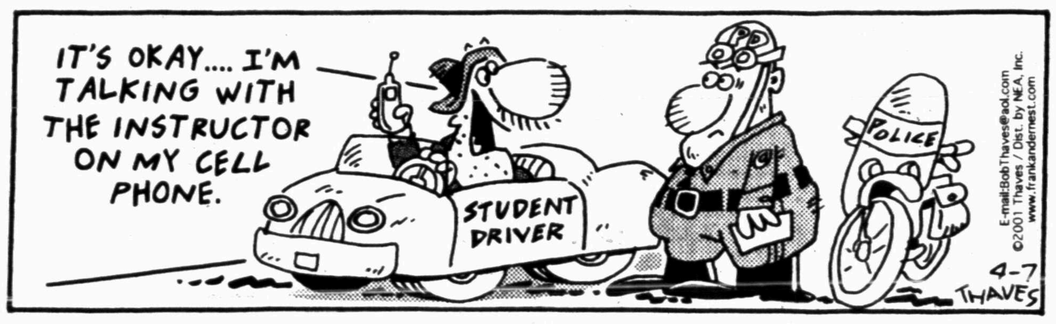

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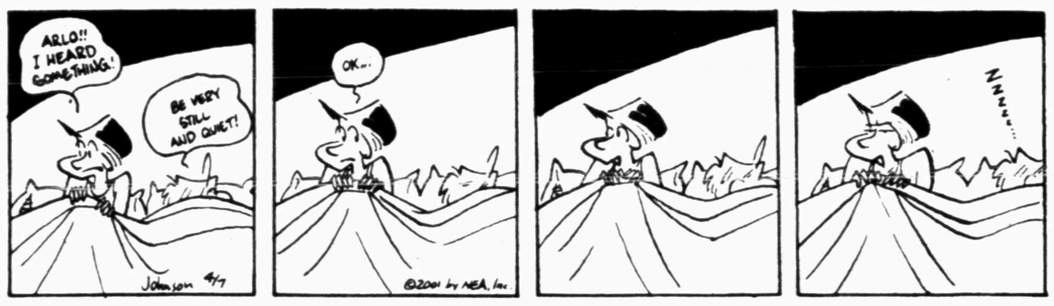

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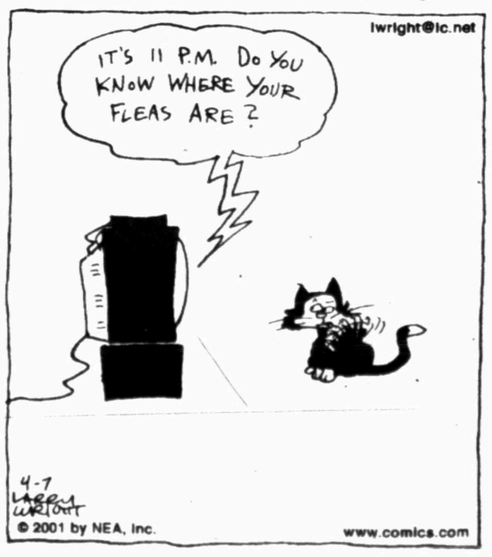

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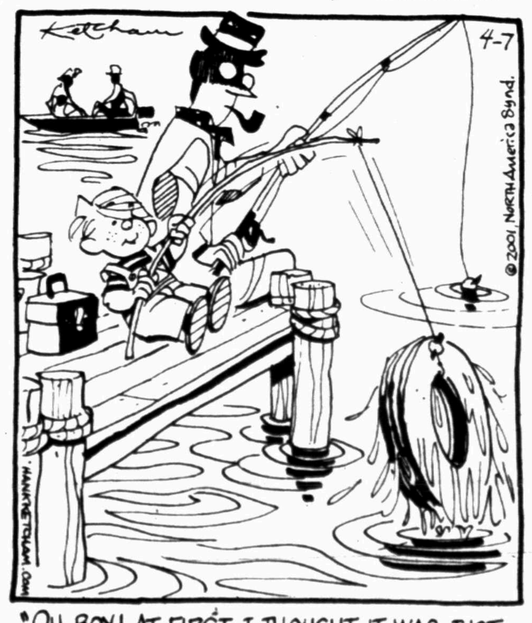

"OH, BOY! AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST ANOTHER DUMB OL' FISH!"

Date Books

Saturday, April 7, 2001
Today is the 97th day of 2001 and the 19th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, a camel race for charity took place at a park in Sacramento, Calif.

On this day in 1940, African-Americans began to be accepted by the U.S. Navy for general service.

On this day in 1959, Stanford University scientists used a 40,000-watt transmitter to bounce a radar signal off the sun.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Wordsworth (1770-1850), poet; Walter Winchell (1897-1972), journalist; Billie Holiday (1915-1959), singer; James Garner (1928-), actor, is 73; Jerry Brown (1938-), U.S. politician, is 63; Francis Ford Coppola (1939-), director, is 62; David Frost (1939-), TV personality, is 62; Tony Dorsett (1954-), football great, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Detroit Tiger Jack Morris pitched a no-hitter against Chicago. The Tigers defeated the White Sox 4-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "With an eye made quiet by the power of harmony, and the deep power of joy, we see into the life of things." — William Wordsworth

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

Sunday, April 8, 2001
Today is the 98th day of 2001 and the 20th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, the first Army airplane squadron was assigned to the front for observation duty.

On this day in 1955, Lt. John K. Koelsch of Hudson, N.Y., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. He was the first helicopter pilot to receive the award.

On this day in 1986, actor Clint Eastwood was elected mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Buddha (563 B.C.-483 B.C.), teacher; Yip Harburg (1898-1981), song lyricist; Sonja Henie (1912-1969), figure skater; Shecky Greene (1926-), comedian, is 75; Jacques Brel (1929-1978), composer-singer; John Havlicek (1940-), basketball great, is 61; Jim "Catfish" Hunter (1946-1999), baseball great; Gary Carter (1954-), baseball player, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Steve Bentley of Sacramento, Calif., set a world record by throwing a Frisbee 272.5 feet.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Anger will never disappear so long as thoughts of resentment are cherished in the mind. Anger will disappear just as soon as thoughts of resentment are forgotten." — Buddha

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (April 7).

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Researcher says poor reading scores should prompt better teacher training

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers know the best ways to teach children to read, but those methods seem to have eluded many teachers and many of the colleges that train them, a leading child development expert said Friday.

"The frustration is, what we know is not being implemented in practice," said Reid Lyon of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Lyon's comments came as new government figures showed that more than two-thirds of fourth-graders tested in a national survey last year couldn't read proficiently.

The figures have barely changed since 1992, when the tests were first given. What's more, the gaps between the best and worst readers seem to be widening slightly.

Reading results for the 2000 National Assessment of Educational Progress, known as "the nation's report card," show that fourth-graders' average scores in a 500-point test came in at 217 last year — identical to the results in 1998 and 1992. The scores were slightly better than in 1994, when the average student scored 214.

"The overall status of fourth-grade reading was stagnant in the 1990s," said Marilyn Whirry, a high school English teacher in Manhattan Beach, Calif., who is also a member of the National Assessment Governing Board, which develops and reviews the tests.

The scores show that 32 percent of fourth-graders were proficient or better in reading. That's up slightly from 1992, when 29 percent were proficient.

But while students in the top 10 percent increased their average score a bit — from 261 to 264 — the average scores of readers in the bottom 10 percent dropped from 170 to 163.

Private school pupils fared slightly better than those in public schools. Among public school children, the average score was 215; for nonpublic schools, the average was 234.

"These results are simply not good enough, not in America," said Education Secretary Rod Paige. He said the results show that the nation's schools would benefit from President Bush's proposed $5 billion reading plan, which would try to get every pupil reading by the end of third grade.

He also said the Head Start program should return to focusing on teaching children pre-reading skills.

The tests were given to about 8,000 students from all parts of the nation.

Lyon said colleges of education need to implement "substantial changes in teacher preparation," committing to giving teachers proven strategies for helping children to read.

Lyon suggested a "moratorium" against unproven reading instruction methods, which he said change from year to year and hurt children's progress.

The results released Friday also showed that:

— Low-income students accounted for 66 percent of the poorest readers; they represented 9 percent of the best readers.

— Students who said they had attended the same school for the past two years comprised 87 percent of the best readers, but 48 percent of the poorest readers.

— White students' average scores remained level at 226, compared to 225 in 1992.

— Black students' average scores were 193, the same as 1992.

University of Illinois cannot ban critics' contacts with recruits

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — The University of Illinois cannot stop faculty and students from contacting athletic recruits to discourage them from attending the school because of its Indian mascot, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Michael Mihm agreed Thursday to grant a temporary restraining order against a policy that required any contact with recruits to be cleared through the athletic department.

Chancellor Michael Aiken announced the policy last month after opponents of the mascot, Chief Illiniwek, said they would contact recruits and urge them to choose other schools because they consider the mascot racist and degrading to American Indians. Aiken said he was concerned it could violate NCAA recruiting rules.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed the lawsuit, saying the policy illegally restricts free speech. Stephen Kaufman, an Illinois professor and one of the plaintiffs, said Thursday that mascot opponents would resume their campaign.

"We still believe and will act upon our belief that students should be made aware of what's representing them as student athletes," he said.

University spokesman Bill Murphy said the school's attorneys will review the order and discuss its implications with administrators.

The university says the 75-year-old mascot, portrayed by a student who dances at sporting events, is meant to pay tribute to American Indians. The Board of Trustees agreed last month to create a committee to "seek middle ground" in the controversy.

Mihm said the university's policy on athletic recruits is too broad and gives athletic department officials too much control over the free speech of others.

NCAA spokeswoman Jane Jankowksi told the Chicago Tribune it was difficult to say whether NCAA rules prohibited contacting recruits even for a "recruiting disadvantage."

"My guess is the NCAA never anticipated this situation," the judge said Thursday.

Bill that allows replacement of school employees irks some groups of educators

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill that would allow poor-performing schools in Texas to replace their principal and teachers has drawn opposition by some educator groups who say the move could disrupt campuses and undermine local control of schools.

The Senate on Thursday approved a bill by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, that would allow the commissioner of education to restaff schools that are rated low-performing two years in a row, generally because more than half their students failed the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

Last summer, the state gave the low-performing rating to 157 schools, all of which would be candidates for state-ordered staffing changes if the bill becomes law.

"These schools are a trap, and students don't have the ability to get out of them," Shapiro told the Dallas Morning News in its Friday editions. "We owe it to those thousands of children to put them in an environment where they can learn."

Harley Eckhart, of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association said the matter should be decided by the local school districts.

"Personnel decisions such as the assignment of teachers should be made by the local superintendent and his administration, not the state," Eckhart said.

Eckhart said another drawback is that replacement of faculty members could be ordered before they had a chance to correct problems.

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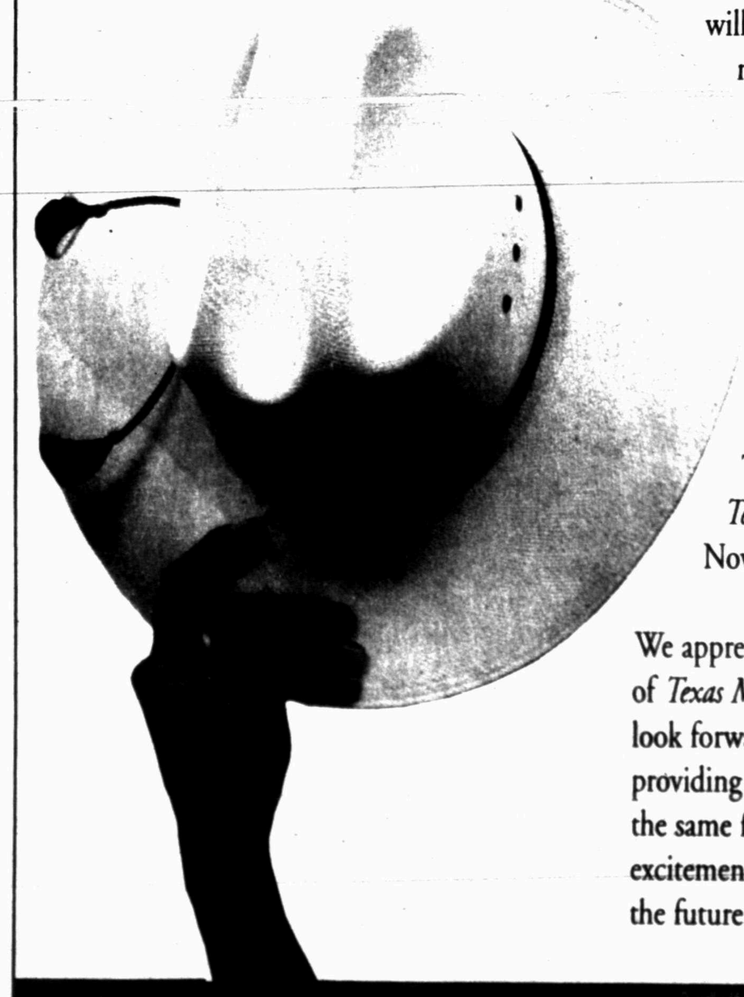

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School Menu

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All meals are served with choice of milk.

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Monday
Cereal
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Tuesday
Sausage Bagels
Juice

Wednesday
Breakfast Burritos
Juice

Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Juice

Friday
School Holiday

LUNCH

Monday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Cookies

Tuesday
Pizza
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Crackers
Brownies

Wednesday
Pinto Beans
Spinach
Parsley Potatoes
Corn Bread
Cherry Cobbler

Thursday
Ham Sandwich Sack Lunch
Chips
Cookies
Orange

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Fruit
Pancakes/Syrup

Tuesday
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast

Wednesday
Fruit
Breakfast Pizza

Thursday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

Friday
Easter Holiday

LUNCH

Monday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Refried Beans
Salsa Sauce
Tortilla Chips
Sugar Cookies

Tuesday
Fried Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Ginger Bread

Wednesday
Chili Beans
Glazed Carrots
Corn Bread
Strawberries/Bananas/Whipped Topping

Thursday
Sliced Turkey/Giblet Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Easter Egg Cake

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST MENU (East, Northeast and Stanfield)

Monday
Cereal
Graham Crackers
Juice

Tuesday
Teddy Grahams
Juice

Wednesday
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Juice

Thursday
Cinnamon Roll
Juice

Friday
Breakfast on a Stick
Juice

BREAKFAST OTHER SCHOOLS

Pigs in a Blanket w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Tuesday
Waffles w/Syrup or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Wednesday
Cinnamon Roll or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Thursday
Scrambled Eggs & Bacon or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Friday
No School!

LUNCH

Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ Dip
French Fries
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle
Apple Crisp

Tuesday
Grilled Chicken Wrap or
Crunchy Corn Dog
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Fruited Jell-O

Wednesday
Pizza or
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Garlic Toast
Cucumbers w/Dip
Pineapple Tidbits

Thursday
Beef Nacho or
Chicken Quesadillas
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Mini Ice Cream Sandwich

Union launches East Coast campaign for higher wages

WASHINGTON (AP) — A triumphant organizing campaign that helped win Los Angeles janitors big pay raises and health insurance last year is being brought to the East Coast by one of the nation's largest unions.

The Service Employees International Union is targeting 20,000 workers in an organizational drive that will attempt to duplicate successes last year in San Diego and Chicago as well as Los Angeles. SEIU, with 1.4 million members, also is one of the nation's fastest-growing unions.

The latest "Justice for Janitors" campaign officially opens Wednesday in New Jersey, Baltimore and suburbs of Washington and Philadelphia.

"By all working together, we can lift 20,000 people out of poverty," said Stephen Lerner, SEIU's building services division director. "That's why building-service members throughout the country have pledged to support this campaign in their own cities."

The campaign is a national fight against large corporations that clean, manage or own many of the nation's office buildings. The effort also has been used as a rallying point for the union, which had contracts expiring in major cities last year.

Organizing janitors has helped increase SEIU's membership at a time when union rolls are at the lowest level in six decades in the American work force.

In Los Angeles, janitors held a three-week strike last April that attracted the support of city officials, clergy and then-Vice President Al Gore. The janitors received a three-year contract with raises of up to 26 percent and benefits.

Real estate owners and operators often hire contractors for cleaning and janitorial services. Bidding wars for the contracts have resulted in bottom-barrel wages and no benefits for part-time workers, many of whom are immigrants, Lerner said. This is at a time when rental rates are increasing, padding the pockets of building owners, he said.

Parts of the areas being targeted already are organized. For example, SEIU has organized about 90 percent of janitors in downtown Philadelphia, but only about 3 percent in the suburbs, said Mike Russo, president of the Philadelphia local. In the District of Columbia, where "Justice for Janitors" activists organized mass, street-blocking demonstrations five years ago to press wage demands, union numbers say membership has jumped from 40 percent to 77 percent of eligible employees.

The union wants to organize entire markets to raise standards.

The difference in wages and benefits of union and nonunion janitors working in nearby locations often is stark. According to SEIU.

On the Net: Janitors for Justice: http://www.justiceforjanitors.org
SEIU: http://www.seiu.org

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Mattel Inc. closes last U.S. plant

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — Mattel Inc. is closing its last toy factory in the United States — a western Kentucky plant that produced such things as Barbie playhouses and battery-powered pickups for nearly 30 years.

The company is shifting production at the 980-employee plant to existing factories in Mexico.

"It was terrible news. Terrible," 12-year employee Luvenia Olive said. "I have no idea what I'll do next."

Eugene Alton, 58, a materials handler employed at the plant for nearly 18 years, said: "I hate to see the jobs go because of the greed of the dollar."

The plant was opened by Fisher-Price in 1973 and was acquired by Mattel in 1993. The layoffs are to begin in June as part of a companywide restructuring announced last fall. Seven distribution centers will remain in the United States, in Hebron, Ky., and in California, Texas and Wisconsin.

"It was a very, very difficult decision for Mattel management, and it was not a decision we wanted to make," spokeswoman Lisa Marie Bongiovanni said.

Products made at the Murray plant in recent years include child car seats, Barbie Jeeps and playground equipment.

The company was a good corporate citizen, said John Williams, executive vice president of the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce. Last summer, Mattel sponsored the county's booth at the Kentucky State Fair, handing toys to all the children who stopped by.

"We were the most popular booth," Williams said. "What can you say? It's a huge loss."

On the Net: Mattel Inc.: http:www.mattel.com
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