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Just how high will gas prices go?

Snyder residents speak out on escalating fuel costs

From local, wire reports

While the economics behind the surge in gasoline prices might be difficult to understand, local opinions at the pump are clear — the price is too high.

Rob Robinson

"It's too high. There's no reason for the gas to be as expensive as it is," Christy Jones said.

Unleaded prices varied across town Saturday morning from $1.63 per gallon at Plaza Truck Stop to $1.77 at Rip Griffin's. Wes-T-Go Conoco was at $1.69 while Snyder One Stop's unleaded price was $1.67. United Fuels' price was also $1.69 per gallon.

Taylor's on College Avenue, where gasoline can be purchased at the pump, was the lowest in town at $1.59. Tiger Mart was $1.64; McD's was $1.65; and L&L was $1.67.

Speculation abounds that the prices will hit the $2 mark and above this summer.

Jones said the prices cut into travel expenses.

"It's a source of transportation that we all have to pay for. The petroleum companies are just taking advantage."

Rob Robinson said he doesn't remember it being this high in Snyder before.

Christy Jones

"As for the reason, I don't know unless it's a shortage of oil or fuel or whatever. I wish it was cheaper. I'm ready anytime for it to go back down a little bit."

Melissa Wells says she drives around town until she finds the cheapest place.

"The gas prices are higher than I ever though they would get. I wish they'd go back down," she said.

The rising costs may cause Texas motorists to change their driving habits, and experts say prices could go higher but not hit the dire $3 per gallon level.

Although numbers aren't available, more motorists are calling the American Automobile Association's Texas offices to check on the price of gasoline along their vacation routes, says spokeswoman Rose Rougeau.

She takes that as proof that higher prices — $1.61 per gallon for regular on Friday, up from a statewide average of $1.43 a month ago — are starting to hurt some motorists.

"They want to know how much they're going to spend before they head out," Rougeau said.

"I don't think they're canceling vacations," she added, "but they may not travel as far and they may not stay as long. That way, they can save on hotel costs."

Average Texas prices for regular jumped sharply in April and have continued to creep upward in May. While Texans are still paying under $2 per gallon, that's not the case for some drivers in California and Chicago, spurring talk of $3 gas by summer.

Nonsense, says Dennis O'Brien, director of the Institute for Energy Economics and Policy at the University of Oklahoma.

"We're beginning to see signs that the gasoline market has overshot and peaked," O'Brien said. "I think it will level off and drop in the next few weeks."

O'Brien pointed to contracts for future deliveries of gas, which have eased, indicating that commodity traders are betting gas prices will decline.

Last summer's price spike was caused by low inventories, early requirement for cleaner-burning reformulated gasoline and the breakdown of a pipeline that carried fuel from the Gulf Coast to the Midwest.

"I don't see all those three things happening again," O'Brien said, although he acknowledged that gasoline inventories are again low entering this summer.

The U.S. Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said last month that pump prices should be lower than last summer but tight inventories leave consumers open to price spikes if there are supply disruptions.

Melissa Wells

The agency said gasoline inventories are about 9 million barrels lower than a year ago and will remain low throughout the summer. It predicted average prices of $1.49 per gallon, about four cents below 2000.

Ken Miller, an international energy consultant for Houston's Purvin & Gertz, which counts many of the major oil companies among its clients, said forecasters shouldn't be obsessed with low inventories. He said economic changes in the refining industry have made low inventories a fact of life: Refiners must avoid taking a huge hit if prices fall.

On the commodity markets Friday, wholesale regular gasoline tumbled nearly a nickel per gallon and was more than seven cents below its price a week earlier, and gasoline for June delivery fell three cents to $1.0435.

Crude oil futures also slipped Friday on an international energy agency's report that world demand had been slower than expected this year. What's uncertain is whether those lower prices are a trend or a blip.

Whatever the case may be, Snyder motorists are keeping a vigilant eye out for the best prices in town, and hoping for a price drop.

Wofford to give SHS bacculaureate address

Baccalaureate service for Snyder High School's 2001 graduating class is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday in Worsham Auditorium.

Tony Wofford

Tony Wofford, pastor of Word is Life Deliverance Church, will deliver the baccalaureate message.

Wofford, who has lived in Snyder 27 years, is also the team leader of BP Pipeline (Amoco).

He and his wife of 27 years, Kathy, have four children, including Sharika Bryant of Riverside, Calif., who is a 1999 graduate of Snyder High School; Jamaal, a graduating SHS senior; Misha, a freshman; and Kiki, a seventh grader.

Lynn Baldwin will play the processional and recessional.

Landon Day will give the invocation, and Matt Coronado will give the benediction.

Jamaal Wofford, president of the Class of 2001, will give the welcome. Readings will be given by Kayla Phillips and Kelli Henderson, and senior choir members will perform "We are the Music Makers" by Joe D. Markley.

Ushers will be juniors Charlie Gorman, Kate Wright, Jaci Smith and Jason Williams.

Maymester registration set

Registration begins Monday morning at 8 o'clock for Western Texas College's Maymester.

This is an opportunity for students to get a semester's worth of credit in one month.

Classes will also start Monday and will end June 1 with finals on the last day of class.

Classes offered are in developmental math, government, college algebra, calculus and lifeguarding.

Placement testing will also be held Monday at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Two fugitives arrested

Two persons who fled the county after posting bonds following their arrest on drug-dealing charges are now back in custody.

Sheriff Darren Jackson said Alvin "Smokey" Ollison was arrested shortly after noon Friday in Aurora, Colo., and Darrell Hutcherson was arrested in Odessa Wednesday.

Both had charges pending following the county-wide drug bust last December that saw 26 persons indicted on drug-related charges.

Ollison, 40, of 1007 29th St. also was indicted on eight charges May 7, including seven for jumping bond and one for failure to appear for trial. He was also indicted in February for possession of cocaine with the intent to deliver.

Hutcherson, 27, of 306 Pecos in Odessa had three indictments returned against him this month.

He was charged with bail jumping and failure to appear.

Sheriff Jackson said Ollison would remain in Colorado pending an extradition hearing, and Hutcherson is in Ector County Jail on Odessa charges as well as the local warrants.

Drug delivery trial to start Monday in district court

Another defendant arrested in a drug sweep in Snyder last December, goes on trial Monday in 132nd District Court.

Perry Lundon Greathouse of 2607 Ave. I is charged with delivery of cocaine.

Greathouse, 31, will be represented by Don Richard of Big Spring. District Attorney Dana Cooley will present the state's case.

Some 140 prospective jurors have been summoned to report at 8:30 a.m. Monday. District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.

THIS SHOULD DO NICELY — Jordan Fisk, 21 months, checks out a Mother's Day card, while her mom, Jessica Fisk, looks over selections herself. Mother's Day is Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

NEW COURT REPORTER — Terry Hanshew began his duties as court reporter in 132nd District Court on May 1. He is shown with District Judge Ernie Armstrong. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Happy Mother's Day!"

Experts say that nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else, and we've never known a mother who wanted to be anything else.

We are reminded of the young mom who rebuked her young son. "Boy, every time you disobey and get in trouble, I get another gray hair."

"Gee, Mom," the kid answered, "so it was you who gave grandma all her gray hair."

Continuing on the light side, here's what you might expect from some famous mothers:

—Mona Lisa's Mother: After all that money your father and I spent on braces, that's the biggest smile you can give us.

—Columbus' Mother: I don't care what you've discovered, you still could have written.

—Michelangelo's Mother: Can't you paint on the wall like other children? Don't you know how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?

—Napoleon's Mother: All right, if you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, take your hand out of there and show me.

—Abraham Lincoln's Mother: Again with the stovepipe hat? Can't you wear a baseball cap like other kids?

—Albert Einstein's Mother: But it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair?

—George Washington's Mother: The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance goodbye.

—Jonah's Mother: That's a nice story. Now tell me where you've really been.

—Thomas Edison's Mother: Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb. Now turn it off and go to bed.

—Bill Clinton's Mother: Bill, when in the world are you ever going to learn to tell the truth.

—Al Gore's Mother: This exaggerating has got to stop.

—Tiger Woods' Mother: Go to school, you can't make a living on the golf course.

Michael Jordan's Mother: It's the second time you've been cut from the team, why don't you take up bowling.

—Michael Dell's Mother: Don't you dare drop out of college.

—Gov. Rick Perry's Mother: If you don't quit combing your hair, you're gonna be late for school.

—George W. Bush's Mother: Wipe that smirk off you face.

And they all said to their moms: Happy Mother's Day.

ASK US

Q—Do all boats in Texas have to be registered?

A—Canoes, kayaks, rubber rafts and rowboats that are paddled, poled, oared or wind-blown are exempt from registration and titling.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 84 degrees; low, 63; 7 a.m. Saturday, 63; no precipitation; total for 2001, 6.38 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy with a 20% rain chance; low around 60; SE wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, high 85-90, S wind 10-20 mph.

Meghan Cooley
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:31 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:50 a.m.
Of 131 days in 2001, the sun has shone 119 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Rationalizing is the tactful, modern way of describing the act of fooling yourself.
—Robert Quillen

MAY 13 2001

Restraining order denied

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Superior Court judge refused Friday to issue a temporary restraining order barring rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight from marketing a purported sex videotape of singer-actress Jennifer Lopez.

Knight's lawyer said his client doesn't have a sex videotape of Lopez, however, but that one of his companies is producing a video on the singer-actress titled, "J-Lo Uncut: The Real Story."

Lopez sued Knight and his Death Row Records for invasion of privacy after the Star tabloid reported this week that Knight was planning to market a videotape titled "Jennifer Lopez: Da Real Story."

Knight "does not possess a so-called 'sex tape' involving Ms. Lopez and an ex-boyfriend," the rap mogul's attorney, Jeffrey Lowy, said in a letter to Lopez' lawyer, Stanton L. Stein.

In her lawsuit, Lopez said she is unaware that such a video exists but that if it does she wants the sale of it blocked.

Final curtain call Saturday

Snyder High School's drama department will wind up its performances with a Final Curtain Call at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Worsham Auditorium.

A collection of senior performances will be presented, as well as an encore presentation of *The Taming of The Shrew*, which won third place in state UIL one-act play contest last Friday in Austin.

Tickets cost $5 for adults and $4 for students.

Brad Vincent is the director.

JUNIOR A AND TOP 10 PERCENT — Snyder High School 11th grade A honor roll and top 10 percent students for 2000-2001 are from left, first row, Amber Alexander, Cody Beaver, Laura Billingsley, Stormy Clark, Casey Collier, Charles Gorman, Hayli Henderson; standing, Haley Holmes, Melissa Jones, Marci Kruger, Nick Landes, Jeremee Lester, Ryan McAnally, Brandon McGuire, Carcie Posey, Jaci Smith, Dustin Whitson, Jason Williams, Anna Williams, Kate Wright, and not pictured, Britt Sharrock. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
39-55-68-83

Cash Five

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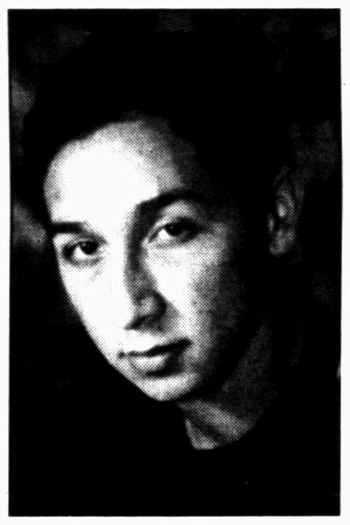


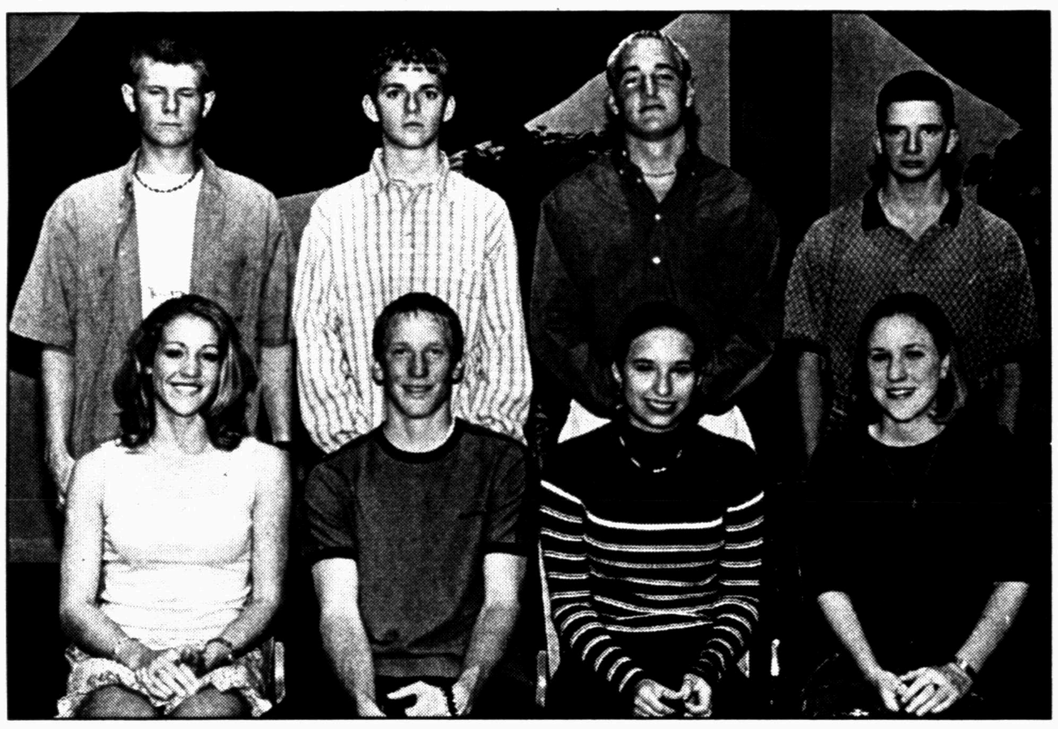
Josh Ortegon

Josh Ortegon will compete in New York

Josh Ortegon has been selected to compete at the International Modeling and Talent Association Convention in New York City July 14-21.

Top international agencies from the United States, Europe and Japan will scout for potential models, actors, singers and dancers. Josh will compete in 11 categories.

He is the son of Cherie Rosas and Miguel Ortegon. Grandparents are Al and Jolly Rosas and Frank and Beatrice Ortegon.



A-B JUNIOR STUDENTS — Earning the A-B honor roll as 11th grade students at Snyder High School included from left, first row, Loryn Brown, Riki Dorsett, Erin Dunham, Lynn Fogelman; standing, Tyler Hunter, Tyson Kubena, Wade Pinson and Jeffrey Proctor. Not pictured are Kallie Billingsley, Bradley Bynum, Clint Calmes, Laci Hackfeld, Jason Hall, Christopher McLeod and Bailey Stoker. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Man wanted in cross-country crimes killed

NEW YORK (AP) — A man wanted in a series of cross-country crimes was killed during a wild shootout with an FBI agent and other law enforcers Friday in the lobby of a Times Square hotel.

Maghfoor Mansoor, 35, was shot at the Hampshire Hotel and Suites after being confronted by members of a joint task force of New York detectives, FBI agents and U.S. marshals, Assistant FBI Director Barry Mawn said.

Mansoor was shot twice in the stomach and was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. No officers were seriously injured.

"I saw a little bit of blood on the carpet in the lobby," said Joaquin Asencio, whose family was staying at the hotel after arriving from Spain to attend his graduation from New York University.

He said some family members thought they heard what may have been gunshots, but "they thought it was the television."

The shooting was the second high-profile incident in midtown Manhattan in 14 hours. Three people were shot to death Thursday night and two others were wounded in an apartment above the Carnegie Deli, just a few blocks from the hotel. Police described the incident as drug-related.

Mansoor, convicted in 1996 of sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl, was wanted by the FBI for fleeing while being prosecuted for allegedly sexually assaulting and kidnapping a 17-year-old girl at gunpoint in Las Vegas.

He also was wanted for allegedly stealing a truck and fleeing the New Orleans International Airport at high speed Jan. 9. Authorities said the truck struck and killed a highway worker, and Mansoor escaped after crashing the vehicle.

Mawn said FBI officials suspected Mansoor might have been involved in an armed robbery of watches worth $300,000 from a jewelry store at the Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City on Thursday night. Authorities, acting on a tip, arrived at the New York hotel about 10 a.m.

"My understanding is that the agents confronted him in the lobby, there was a struggle with the individual in the lobby. ... He had a weapon, drew it, and the FBI agent shot him," Mawn said.

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The state tree of Wisconsin is the sugar maple.

Culp children get academic honors

Three Hermleigh students have received recognition from the United States Achievement Academy.

Terrel Culp, a sophomore at Hermleigh High School, Alana Culp, a seventh grader, and Alicia Culp, a sixth grader, have been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

They are the children of Alan and Julie Clup. Grandparents are Julius and Jayme Roemisch and Joe and Bobbie Culp, all of Hermleigh.

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Virginia is the 10th state.

Morgan Clements fifth at state UIL

Morgan Clements, a senior at Ira High School, competed at the state UIL computer applications contest in Austin, last Saturday, where she placed sixth. Morgan is the daughter of Keith and Carla Clements.

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Mother & Mom-Mom

Thanks for everything you do. Remember we love you. Happy Mother's Day
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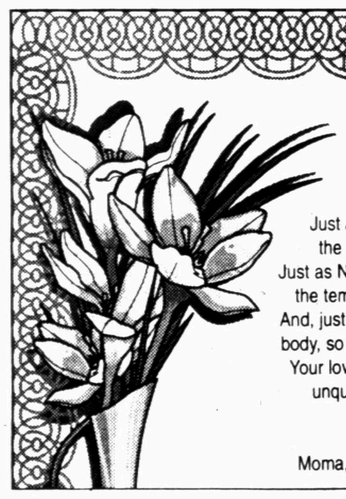
Nancy, Lisa, Heather, Jessica & Aaron



In Memory of Angela Biggers

A Mother's Gift

Just as the River Niger flows through the ages, so does a mother's love.
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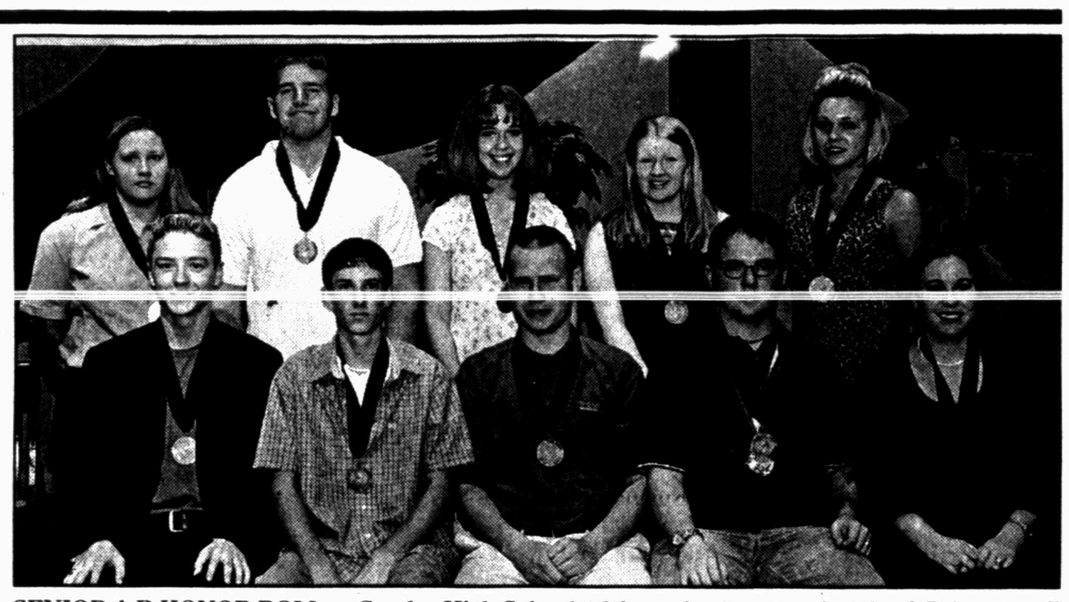
NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK — May 6-12 is designated as National Correctional Officers Week. The Price Daniel Unit had various activities this week to honor its officers including special meals, a cake and punch reception and a memorial service to honor fallen officers across the state. Just a few of the unit's officers include front row, from left James May, John Harrison, Jerry Cline, Luz Garza and Pamala French. Back row, from left are James Barner, Tommy Welsh, Stetson Merritt, Tony Medina, and Major Dennis Herron. (SDN Staff Photo)



SENIOR A-B HONOR ROLL — Snyder High School 12th grade class earning the A-B honor roll for 2000-2001 include from left, front row, Zach Allred, Jared Boyd, Marvin Butler, Michael Compton, Amanda Culwell; standing, Melissa French, Mark Medley, Jennifer Newman, Ashley Tucker, Brooke Williams and not pictured, TJ Capps, Landon Day, Lisa Hall, Shahala Massingill, Sandra Nussey and Kirstin York. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

CALVARY GROUNDBREAKING — Calvary Baptist Church held groundbreaking ceremonies for its new worship center last Sunday. Deacons, trustees, and the pastors participated in the event and pictured from left are Doug Proffitt, Jim Clifton, Darby Scott, Mack Humphrey, Ronnie Hines, Henry Valdez, Bobby Burton, Bobby Nolan, Levi Hill, Doug Phipps, pastor Larry McAden, Sy Tabor, Tommy Hunter, associate pastor Steve Highfield, Richard Hardin, Avon Rushing. Not pictured are Kerry Shoemake and Dave Brown. (Contributed Photo)

Bodyguard: Poice suspect actor killed wife

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Blake's bodyguard said Friday that police wrongly believe the actor killed his wife and dismissed his own theories on her slaying as "ridiculous."

"They're already cooking his goose," said Earle Caldwell. "He had nothing to do with it."

In a wide-ranging interview at Blake's lawyer's office, Caldwell said he spent nearly two hours with police Thursday night and felt they dismissed any information he had that might suggest another killer.

Caldwell said he believes a killer gunning for Blake shot the actor's wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, by mistake. He said police dismissed that scenario as "ridiculous."

"They have their minds made up about what happened and I'm sure they think Robert did it. That's all they're looking for," Caldwell said.

Police will only say that Blake has not been ruled out as a suspect.

Caldwell said he has worked for Blake full-time for a year but has known him for about five years. He said his work became more steady after the 67-year-old actor married Bakley four months ago.

Of Bakley he said, "She seemed like a nice enough woman, a little scatterbrained at times, paranoid. She would say strange things for no reason."

Caldwell said he knew she was conducting a scam that brought her money in the mail from lonely older men, some of whom she promised nude photos of herself.

The bodyguard said he recently accompanied the couple on a vacation trip to Arizona and Nevada and they appeared to get along well. "It was like they were dating."

Caldwell said he left town shortly before the May 4 slaying because Bakley suggested she wanted him fired.

Caldwell said since the slaying he had seen and talked with Blake, who has been in seclusion.

"He doesn't look great," said Caldwell. "He looks rundown and haggard."

Caldwell said in recent weeks a mysterious man had seemed to be casing the Studio City neighborhood where Blake lived.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Medical dictation may contain humor

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a medical transcriptionist. I hope that you enjoy the following and will share it with your readers.

Doctors' illegible handwriting is legendary. It can make for poor patient care when nurses or other professionals are unable to translate medical scrawl into understandable English. With the advent of dictating equipment, hospitals and office workers rejoiced that the situation would improve. Has it?

Yes and no. For the most part, transcribed information is useful and legible. However, on occasion, doctors have a tendency to push the wrong button, put their feet in their mouths, speak jargon or use misplaced modifiers. The results vary from amusing to confusing.

The following list is a sample of what my colleagues have actually heard on their machines and was given to me by a medical-records secretary.

This is what you dictated, Doctor:

— "Father dies in his 90s of female trouble in his prostate and kidneys."

— "Both the patient and the nurse herself reported passing flatus."

— "The pelvic examination will be done later on the floor. The left leg became numb and she walked it off."

— "On the second day, the knee was better. On the third day, it had completely disappeared."

— "A week after surgery, she spiked a femur."

— "At the time of onset of pregnancy, the mother was undergoing bronchoscopy."

— "Patient left his white blood cells at another hospital."

— "Patient was becoming more demented with urinary frequency."

— "She had a miscarriage at the age of four months."

— "Physician has been following the patient's breast for six years."

— "The patient reports she had considerable pain last night on intercourse in the abdomen."

— "She left the hospital nursing her baby and draining clear urine."

— "Husband also relates severe menstrual bleeding the past two periods."

— "The patient's head was in neutral."

— "By the time she was admitted to the hospital, her rapid heart had stopped and she felt much better."

— "Discharge status: Alive without permission."

— "Coming from Detroit, this man has no children."

— "Patient stated that if she would lie down, within two or three minutes something would come across her abdomen and knock her up."

— "This 14-year-old boy argued with a lawnmower, which then attacked him."

— "Patient's abdomen is at war."

— "His medical history is remarkably insignificant, with only a 40-pound weight gain in the past three days."

— "This 90-year-old lady was admitted to the hospital as an emergency because of sudden onset of entire left leg."

— "The patient is a real gas factory."

— "The nursing home where the patient lives was noted to sputter, cough and run a fever."

— "The patient is a 71-year-old female who fractured her little finger while beating up a cake."

— "Healthy, appeasing, decrepit 69-year-old man, mentally alert but forgetful."

— "The patient was sent home in plaster."

— "Woman states she was bitten by both legs of a dog."

— "The patient is a great white male."

— "She was apparently quite active white sitting."

— "He was seen about four weeks ago by a physician with a urethral drip."

— "According to witnesses, the patient was weaving down the street, when he suddenly turned into an automobile."

— "She slipped on the ice and apparently her legs went in several directions in December."

— "The patient was admitted to the hospital on the day of admission."

— "The patient states table hit her."

— "He had acute onset of severe Sunday evening."

— "Patient has reportedly been doing very well, when, after breakfast, she suddenly lost her right arm and was unable to speak."

— "The patient has never been pregnant and denies any reason for this."

— "He was provoked by the food on his plate."

— "She was struck by the car on her nose."

— "He was in his usual state of good health, when he felt a toilet in his back."

DEAR READER: God bless medical transcriptionists.

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FOURTEENTH PLACE — Tyrelle Gilbert, Scurry County 4-H member, recently enhibited his black steer "Humphrey" at the Houston Livestock Show and placed 14th in the middle weight AOB class. The steer was bred by the Sanducky Ranch in Noodle. Tyrelle is the son of Jeff and LaChana Gilbert and the grandson of James and Sue Boucher, and Jady Gilbert, all of Snyder and Clayton and Dot Phillips of Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Court freezes assets of some who traded in 'Comp' stock

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge has frozen more than $6 million in assets of eight Mexican nationals and four offshore companies suspected of insider trading.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said Friday that a judge in the southern district of New York issued a temporary restraining order against the defendants, who allegedly made nearly $4 million in profits by buying CompUSA stock shortly before a tender offer from a Mexican holding company last year.

Shares in CompUSA soared 40 percent on Jan. 24, 2000 after Grupo Sanborns announced a tender offer for the computer-retailing company.

Grupo Sanborns, which is controlled by billionaire Carlos Slim Helu, paid $10.10 in cash for each share of CompUSA didn't own, a 50 percent premium over the retailer's previous closing price.

The eight individual defendants include Alejandro Duclaud Gonzalez de Castilla, a partner in the Mexico City law firm that represented Grupo Sanborns in the final stages of its tender-offer negotiations.

The SEC charged that Grupo Sanborns had taken major steps to start the tender offer seven weeks before it was publicly announced. On Jan. 6, 2000, more than two weeks before the announcement, the defendants bought 325,000 shares — 27 percent of the stock's trading volume — at about $5.25 each, the SEC said.

The defendants bought another 273,000 shares at about $5.50 apiece on Jan. 19, and 170,000 shares the next day.

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Financial Focus

Turn Retirement Savings into Retirement Income

What can you do in retirement? Just about anything you want. But make sure you've got the income you need to live the life you choose.

Today's retirees are opening their own businesses, consulting, traveling, pursuing their hobbies and even going back to school. And with advances in health care and an increased awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyles, many of us can now expect to live two, or even three, decades in retirement.

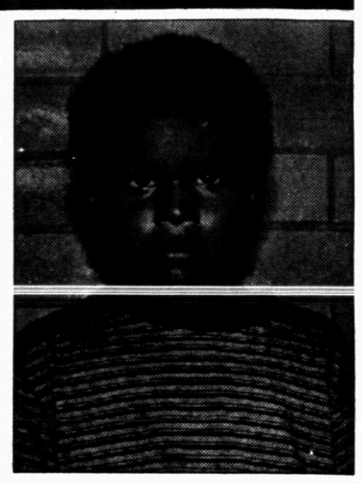
To support your chosen lifestyle for all those years, you'll need to look at how you can turn your retirement savings into retirement income. Let's consider some of the options you have available.

First, if you do open a new business or do some consulting, you will receive earned income. How much you earn depends, of course, on what you do and how much you plan to work. But even many "working retirees" find that they still have to draw on their retirement plans, such as their 401(k) or IRA, to supplement their income. So, let's take a look at some ways you can get at these funds.

When you leave your job or retire, you can get instant access to your 401(k). But if you take this money in a lump sum, you'll face a big tax hit. It may be a better idea to roll your 401(k) money over to an IRA administered by a brokerage firm. You won't have to pay immediate taxes, and you can avoid possible IRS penalties. You'll also gain more investment options and more control over the size of your eventual withdrawals. You can choose an amount to withdraw based on your life expectancy, your monthly expenses and your expected rate of return In other words, this type of 401(k) rollover gives you a great deal of flexibility.

What if you don't need your 401(k) or traditional IRA funds right away? You can delay taking withdrawals until you reach 70½, when the government requires you to start taking minimum distributions. (This rule does not apply to Roth IRAs). Of course, the longer you wait before you start tapping into your 401(k) or traditional IRA, the larger your account may grow. In fact, it might grow so large that you can't use it all during your lifetime. If that happens, however, you can pass on the remaining balance to your heirs. Be careful, though — this type of transfer could have estate-tax consequences, so discuss this option with your tax adviser.

This estate-tax issue highlights the need for you to do some serious planning regarding your retirement income. If you have too much income, you could get bumped into a higher tax bracket. But if you take too little income, you could end up fattening your taxable estate. So look at all your funding sources: Social Security, 401(k), pensions, IRAs and personal investments. Then, see how you can get all these sources to work together to provide you with the "Goldilocks" level of retirement income — not too much, not too little, but just right.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE WINNERS — These Snyder ISD students were the winners of the perfect attendance drawings for April at their respective schools. Alex Herdnandez, pictured above, won for East Elementary. Other winners are (photo at left) back row, from left, Fabian Contreras, Northeast; Joseph Ynguanzo, Snyder High School; Stephanie Grant, Snyder Junior High School; front row, Madison Guzman, Stanfield; Desiray Molinar, West; and Chelcea Roemisch, Central. Each received $150. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

On Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

How much lead is too much?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Earlier this year, I used an electric sander to sand about 25 windows and doors. I did this for a three-month period, and halfway through I learned that the windows and doors were painted with lead paint. I had noticed that just about every time I took off my dust mask, such as before lunch or at the end of the day, there was a line of paint near my nose or a ring around the nostril area. Is it too late to start a process to remove lead dust that might have gotten into my body? I try to include oats in my diet regularly. What would you recommend to flush this out of my system? — **B.B., San Diego, Calif.**

Dear B.B.: First, let me say that it was good that you were wearing a dust mask. You should be aware, though, that the fact that you found paint around your nose indicates that the mask wasn't fitted properly, or that it wasn't the correct one for that type of job.

Lead can enter the body in a number of ways, the most common being through the consumption of lead-containing substances, or the inhalation of lead in dust. Lead poisoning in children, for example, is often related to the consumption of leaded paint chips that peel off the walls, or when children put lead-dust-covered hands or toys in their mouths. In adults, common problems are leaded water pipes, cooking or eating on lead-rich pottery, the consumption of food or liquids that have been stored in leaded containers, or working in industries in which lead-containing compounds are used.

A blood test can determine if there is excessive lead in your body, so I recommend that you speak with your physician for a more precise evaluation. The good news is that the body is able to rid itself of lead, albeit slowly. The main treatment for lead poisoning is to stop the exposure. Time, at this point, is probably your best ally. Oats are great food to include in your regular diet, but it is uncertain if they have any special ability to help your body rid itself of lead that might have accumulated.

Symptoms of lead poisoning in adults can include anemia, fatigue, depression, hypertension (high blood pressure), heart failure, abdominal pain, gout, kidney failure, wrist or foot weakness or reproductive problems. In children, lead poisoning symptoms include anemia, fatigue, decreased appetite, a variety of digestive problems, sleeplessness, learning problems and lowered IQ.

More information is available from the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Please send me information on the use of ginkgo as a treatment for the condition called intermittent claudication. Thank you. - **J.T., Portland, Ore.**

Dear J.T.: According to Commission E, an expert committee on herbal remedies, ginkgo biloba is an approved treatment for intermittent claudication, a painful condition in which the arteries serving the legs are somewhat blocked. The Commission E monograph states that improvements might not be noticeable until you have been on ginkgo for at least six weeks.

Recent research studies, though, show mixed results: Some have affirmed benefits, while others have found little to get excited about. A meta analysis — one that combines and analyzes data from a number of studies — found that ginkgo did indeed provide more relief than a placebo (inactive substance), but the benefits were described as modest.

You should be aware that gingko can have blood-thinning effects. Those with blood-clotting abnormalities, or anyone taking Coumadin (warfarin), heparin, aspirin or any other blood thinner should talk with his or her physician before taking ginkgo.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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On June 15, 1876, at the Republican National Convention, Sara Andrews Spencer became the first woman to address a national political convention. She delivered a speech protesting the disenfranchisement of women.

'Sister M.D.' receives her degree

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Sister Mary Diana — once nicknamed "Sister M.D." by her high school biology students — received her medical degree for real Friday after her fellow nuns put her through Vanderbilt University on the condition she return to their convent to care for them.

The 39-year-old Dominican nun will be the in-house physician at the St. Cecilia convent, which has 125 resident nuns.

"We've had excellent experiences with doctors in Nashville," said Mother Rose Marie, who oversees the nuns. "But it seemed the time had come to have someone of our own community available to assist the sisters."

Sister Mary Diana had always expressed an interest in studying medicine and was first approached with the offer by her mother superior.

"I think she realized the changing face of health care," Sister Mary Diana said. "For years, physicians had been offering us their services for free, but as insurance regulations changed it became less possible for them to do so.

"We see it as an investment to have a physician in-house — one that will pay off down the road."

Sister Mary Diana received a degree in education from the State University of New York at Stoney Brook in 1983, after spending her first two years of college at Cornell University.

She taught high school biology and chemistry in New York for six years and earned a master's degree in education. She joined the Nashville convent in 1989 and taught at a convent-run school — where, because of her initials, her students nicknamed her "Sister M.D."

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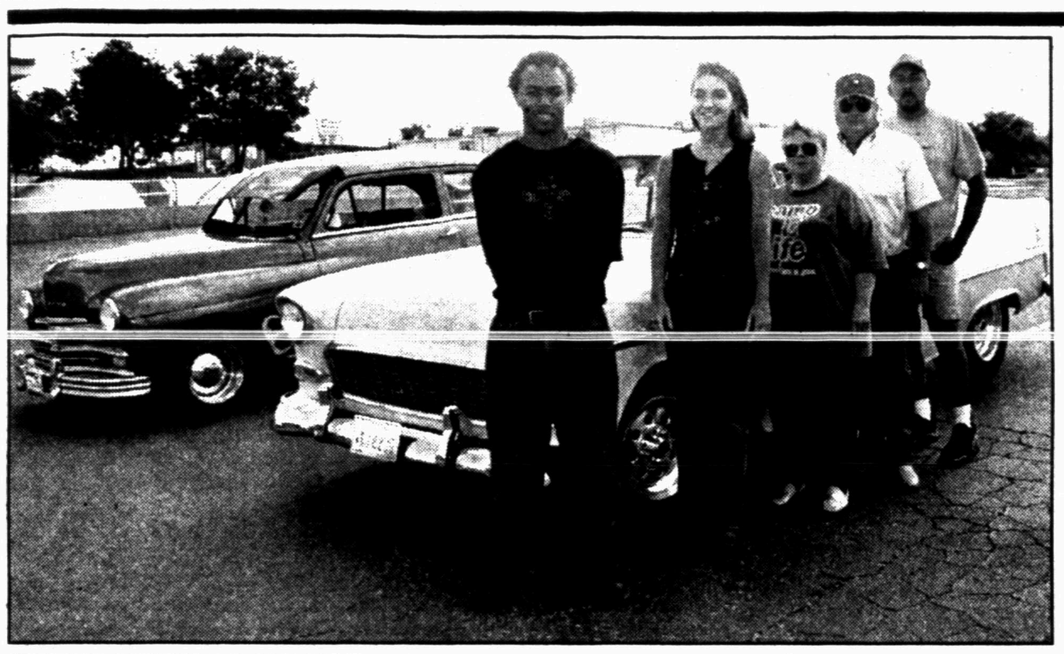

SNYDER WHEELS DONATION — Snyder Wheels Car Club donated $200 to the Girls Scouts and $500 to Snyder senior class all night party. Proceeds were from the group's annual car show and cruise night held in March. Check recipients include, from left, Jamaal Wofford, senior class president; and Claire Cotton, class treasurer; and Peggy Vernon accepted for the Girls Scouts. Snyder Wheels members presenting the checks were, continuing from left, Jim Edmonds and James Delrosa. The group is standing in front of Edmonds' 1955 Chevrolet. Delrosa brought the 1949 Plymouth seen in the background. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

MATCHING DONATION — The Veterans of Foreign Wars is hosting a dance at the coliseum next Saturday in honor of (from left) Karynn Rodriguez, Sandy Arriega, Amy Deloera, Amy Juarez, and Annette Perez (not pictured), who have family members who are veterans. These girls were also the main fund-raisers for the dance. They recently had a car wash at Wal-Mart. Last week R. J. Youngclaus, Wal-Mart manager, presented a matching check to Marilynn Graves, VFW manager, and the girls. They also sold chances for a 35-inch color TV won by Delia Franco. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

New treatment for psoriasis

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered with psoriasis for years. At times, my skin looks as though I had been burned. My doctor has tried every cream available, as well as prednisone, but nothing does the trick. Help!

DEAR READER: Psoriasis can be difficult to treat, as you have discovered. In my opinion, you should be under the care of a dermatologist.

Prednisone is too hazardous to be used routinely in the treatment of this common skin affliction. When taken in pill form, it can lead to unpleasant consequences, including diabetes, cataracts, osteoporosis and susceptibility to infection. In addition, steroid creams, although safer, are inconsistently effective.

Fortunately, there are several additional therapies for psoriasis, all of which show promise.

— Anthralin is applied as a hard paste, combined with coal-tar baths and ultraviolet light. This treatment is ordinarily administered by professionals in psoriasis day-care centers.

— Selective ultraviolet phototherapy can clear psoriasis without the use of drugs. It is given under the supervision of a dermatologist.

— Some patients respond remarkably well to psoralen and ultraviolet light (PUVA). The medicine is prescribed in pill form, then the patient is exposed to UV light in a walk-in chamber.

— Etretinate, an analogue of vitamin A, when given in daily doses, will usually improve psoriasis within eight to 16 weeks. Because it is sometimes toxic to the liver, it is reserved for patients who do not respond to more traditional forms of treatment.

— Methotrexate, an anti-cancer drug, has been shown to be a highly effective therapy for psoriasis. Given as a weekly oral dose, it often produces miraculous results, but must be used cautiously because of liver toxicity.

Ask your dermatologist whether any — or a combination — of these methods would be suitable for you.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with premature ventricular contractions for which my doctor prescribed quinidine pills, which cause stomach cramps. What exactly are PVCs? Are they dangerous? Can I use a heart patch that will prevent them?

DEAR READER: Premature ventricular contractions are extra heartbeats triggered by random electrical discharges arising in the ventricles, the thick-walled muscular chambers of the heart. By and large, PVCs are common, harmless and need no treatment. However, if they occur repeatedly or in bursts, therapy may be indicated. PVCs are often worsened by stimulants, such as nicotine and caffeine, so, if you smoke, stop; you might also consider reducing your consumption of coffee, tea and caffeine-containing colas.

By depressing electrical activity in the ventricles, quinidine usually prevents PVCs. There are other prescription drugs that are equally effective for this purpose. Therefore, if you are especially sensitive to quinidine, which can cause abdominal discomfort, ask your doctor to switch you to another medication. I am not aware that patches containing heart medicine are particularly useful in suppressing PVCs.

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Illegal artifact hunters drawn to site

COULEE DAM, Wash. (AP) — For 60 years, Lake Roosevelt has served as a watery grave for American Indian camps and sacred places that were flooded during construction of the Grand Coulee Dam.

But drought in the Northwest has left lake levels so low, the old sites have been exposed and are attracting artifact hunters who have been illegally removing relics, officials say.

Cheryl Grunlose, manager of the Colville Tribal Museum, is appalled by the activity.

"How would you feel if it were your ancestry and people were just walking along and picking it up and putting it on their fireplace mantel?" she asked.

Several Indian settlements, burial grounds and 11 town sites were permanently flooded in 1941 during construction of the Columbia River dam, the largest hydroelectric project in the nation. The 130-mile-long Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area covers portions of the Colville and Spokane reservations.

In a typical year, Lake Roosevelt's level may be dropped as much as 100 feet in anticipation of spring runoff from snow-packed mountains.

But with the Northwest in its worst drought since 1977, water levels have been lower longer than usual, exposing remnants of Indian cultural sites in the muddy lake bottom.

While the recreation area is open to boating and camping, disturbing artifacts is forbidden. Fines range from $50 to thousands of dollars, depending on the circumstances and damage, said Lynne Brougher, chief of interpretation and education for the recreation area.

Officials say the annual lake drawdown periodically attracts artifact hunters but there has been an increase this spring in people searching with four-wheel-drive vehicles and metal detectors.

Last year, two people were caught digging for artifacts in the Spokane arm of the lake, a case now pending in federal court.

No one has been cited this year, but the Park Service and the Spokane and Colville tribes have increased patrols and are trying to educate people about the law and cultural sensitivity, Chief Ranger Daniel Mason said. He said most cases involve people looking for souvenirs rather than trafficking in artifacts.

Marshals arrest singer who may be escaped murderer

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A Florida doo-wop singer was arrested and accused of escaping from a New Jersey prison in 1974 while serving a sentence for killing his girlfriend's 2-year-old son.

Authorities said Elmer Edward Solly, 55, used a succession of false names, posing most recently as "Danny C. Catalano" and living in St. Petersburg, Fla.

He promoted his career as Danny C., "The Bad Boy," claiming to be "the most controversial member" of the group Sha Na Na.

Sha Na Na marketing director Peter Erlendson said neither Catalano nor Solly was ever a member of the group. "Truth be known, I just thought he was a flake. I had no idea he was a murderer," Erlendson said Friday.

Interviews with family members after Solly's mother died last year led investigators to Florida, where Solly probably has lived since at least the mid-90s, New Jersey state police spokesman John Hagerty said.

Solly was serving a 20- to 25-year term for the 1969 beating death of Christopher Welsh in Runnemede, N.J. He escaped during a furlough, Corrections Department spokeswoman Deirdre Fedkenheuer said.

U.S. Marshals arrested Solly on Thursday after he went fishing at a pier near his house in St. Petersburg.

He is being held at the Pinellas County Jail to await extradition proceedings to New Jersey.

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SPORTS

Tune-up game...

Ira outlasts Tolar, 3-1

STEPHENVILLE — The Ira Bulldogs' trip to Stephenville was long, but proved to be worthwhile.

Ira went all the way to Tarleton State University to knock off Tolar, 3-1, Friday in a Class A non-district contest.

Both squads have locked up playoff spots, and Ira coach Bubba Edwards believed his squad benefited from the experience.

"Tolar is one of the top teams in their region, so this is a good win for us," said Edwards. "We played a good team in a playoff-type setting, so the trip was worth it. Everybody got to play and contributed in some way. It was a true team effort."

Ira (12-6) took a 1-0 lead in the third inning when Jeff Fine walked, then stole second base. Jase Olvera belted a single to plate Fine for the early advantage.

The Bulldogs added two more runs in the top of the fourth on consecutive hits by Seth Sterling, Jake Barnes and Jerry Jamison.

Tolar's only run of the night came in the bottom of the fourth.

Eric Dickerhoff pitched all seven frames for the Bulldogs. Dickerhoff surrendered only three hits and three walks to go along with 13 strikeouts.

Ira is in action again at 6 p.m. Monday when it squares off with Rotan in a district playoff. The game is set for Moffett Field.

The winner faces Menard in next weekend's first round of the playoffs, while the loser takes on Miles.

Thornhill sixth at collegiate vaulting event

ABILENE — In his first event against collegiate competition, Snyder High School senior Jared Thornhill fit right in.

Thornhill cleared 16-feet Friday to take sixth place in the pole vault at the Abilene Christian University Track and Field Classic at Elmer Gray Stadium.

Thornhill has already signed to compete with Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES — Snyder High School seniors Cameron Mackey, left, and Jesse Haines display their U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Awards. SHS athletic director David Baugh, center, nominated the athletes for their excellence on the field and in the classroom. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mavericks pleased with season; Spurs looking for NBA crown

DALLAS (AP) — After 53 regular-season wins and a great first-round comeback, the Dallas Mavericks will be satisfied with this season no matter how it ends.

But they sure don't want to go out like this.

Having been blown out in three straight games by San Antonio, the Mavericks must win Game 4 Saturday or they'll be swept from the second round.

"There's only one approach and that's win a game, finally," said Dirk Nowitzki, whose missing jump shot has been part of Dallas' problem. "We've had too good of a season to get swept at the end."

The Mavericks haven't lost four in a row all season. If they do it now, Saturday would mark the NBA's final appearance at Reunion Arena after 21 seasons. Dallas must win Games 4 and 5 to force another game at the old place.

"I definitely would like the fans to see us win one more game this year," point guard Steve Nash said. "The fans have been awesome to us — incredibly supportive and vocal the whole year, especially during the playoffs. They deserve a win."

The Mavs lost the first two games of their first-round series against Utah, then won three straight potential elimination games. This is their first win-or-else game of the second round.

"Being down 0-2 to Utah and down 0-3 to San Antonio are two different things," Dallas center Shawn Bradley said, laughing.

It's a funny thought because the Jazz were old and vulnerable while the Spurs seem to be rounding into championship-caliber form.

"I don't know if we can beat them in the series anymore, but we can beat them in a game," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "But we've got to show that. I think right now they haven't seen our team yet. We have to show it to them."

The Spurs don't want to delay the inevitable. They'd like to wrap things up, then get some time off while they await the winner of the Los Angeles-Sacramento series.

"We have to keep the momentum we have had through the first three games and not have a letdown," Antonio Daniels said. "This is a good team with a lot of heart. They won't give up, and we understand that. We have to be ready, take their best punch and throw ours back at them."

That was probably a poor choice of words considering the two flagrant fouls this series by Dallas' Juwan Howard.

Daniels — starting in place of Derek Anderson, out at least three weeks with a separated shoulder suffered in a Game 1 collision with Howard — has a strained right hamstring. He said he felt good after going through a light practice Friday.

Malik Rose, Howard's victim in Game 3, will play Saturday despite a sore right wrist.

Anderson was at practice Friday for the first time since his injury and did some light weight lifting.

"It's only the beginning stages, but I feel a lot better," he said. "I'm getting a better range of motion so it's just a matter of time now. We won't know anything for another whole week."

Anderson has accepted an apology from Howard. After seeing Howard make the similar play against Rose with 1:24 left in a Game 3 blowout, Anderson said Howard is "still not that kind of guy."

"I think he is making some bad decisions, but it doesn't characterize who he is," Anderson said. "Even though these fouls are kind of hard, I still take it that this guy is a human being and he makes mistakes."

Howard said he appreciated Anderson's stance, but wishes people would stop talking about the hard fouls.

"That's special, but at the same time it's kind of embarrassing," he said.

STSU investigates book scam

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Southwest Texas State University has started an investigation of student-athletes using their book scholarship money to buy books that weren't required and, in some cases, buying books for other students.

The investigation started last week after an athlete was discovered to have bought books for a fellow student at the beginning of the spring semester.

The athletic department said in a statement released Friday that it has started to take action on an individual basis.

So far, the school has withheld some athletes from competition, including 11 baseball players, two softball players, three women's track athletes and one men's track athlete.

The school said the violations are classified by the NCAA as "receiving an extra benefit."

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Following Monday's first round of the state golf tournament, Snyder High School senior Landon Day said, "I had always heard people talk about Highland Park, but I thought they couldn't be as good as they sounded. Now I know what all the talk was about."

Highland Park and Austin Anderson own the Class 4A state golf tournament. The two schools have combined to win 11 of the last 13 state titles. Perhaps no two teams have dominated a sport like the Scots and the Trojans.

There's no mistake about it, Highland Park and Anderson have consistently fielded the best golf teams in the state. This year, the Scots had two players ranked in the top five of the AJGA standings. That's two Rolex All-Americans on the same high school team.

How is that possible? The answer is numbers, facilities and money.

Highland Park has an average of anywhere between 80 and 150 boys out for golf each year. That number is cut to 44 for the fall season, and trimmed to 12 for the spring.

The players who make the cut are then free to practice at the country club of their choice. Most Highland Park golfers have their own personal instructor from their home club. The only time the Scots' coach has his team fully assembled is for qualifying rounds and tournaments.

Austin Anderson's program is run in a similar fashion. All of this is completely within the rules, but it does provide the Scots and the Trojans with an added advantage, and the numbers will prove it.

Of the 10 lowest rounds posted at the 5A and 4A state tournaments since 1990, Highland Park has posted four of them and Anderson has fired three. The Scots also have three of the lowest two-day totals, and the Trojans have two.

The average round for 5A and 4A teams over that same time period is 307.5. Anderson's average score for 17 rounds is 297.5, while Highland's 19 rounds have averaged 299.1 They are the only two schools in either classification that average under 300.

That's tough to compete with.

At the state tennis tournament, it turned out that Snyder's Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith received an unlucky draw.

The Tigers first-round opponents from Conroe Oak Ridge went on to win the 4A boys doubles title.

After topping Gibson and Smith, 6-2, 6-2, Oak Ridge disposed of San Antonio Alamo Heights 6-1, 6-2. The Conroe tandem won the title by knocking off Richardson Pearce in straight sets.

It's always good to hear about Snyder natives who succeeded at the highest levels of competition. Here are two more.

Snyder High School graduate and former Baylor coach Grant Teaff will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in December.

"For someone who, because of the influence of other coaches, decided to become a coach at the age of 14, and then set the goal of being a head coach in the Southwest Conference, this honor is the crowning moment of that dream," Teaff said. "It is without a doubt the highest honor of my coaching career because of those who are already enshrined and those who will be in the future."

In addition to his stint at Baylor, Teaff was also head coach at Angelo State University and McMurry in Abilene.

Another former Snyder Tiger has found success on the gridiron sideline.

Tim Marcum, a 1962 graduate of SHS, is about to start his 12th season as a head coach in the Arena Football League. He is already the only AFL coach to notch 100 or more victories (126-37) and he owns the highest winning percentage (.773).

Marcum has also won six ArenaBowl titles, including two with his current team the Tampa Bay Storm.

Marcum's father coached at Rotan, and Tim knew he would follow in his footsteps.

"That's all I ever thought I was going to be, Marcum said. "It's what my father did, and I knew it was what I was going to do."

Marcum, who played quarterback for Teaff at McMurry, was also inducted into the McMurry University Athletic Hall of Honor in April.

Rangers' fans will be in upcoming Disney movie

ARLINGTON (AP) — Scenes are scheduled to be filmed Sunday through Tuesday for the upcoming Disney movie, "The Rookie," that tells the story of Jim Morris, a former high school baseball coach in Texas who won a spot on a major league roster at the age of 35.

Fans attending the Rangers' game against Cleveland on Tuesday will have a chance to be in the crowd scenes, which will occur after the game and last about two hours.

The scenes filmed at The Ballpark in Arlington will portray Morris' major-league debut, which was made Sept. 18, 1999, against the Rangers. He faced one batter, Royce Clayton, striking him out.

Actor Dennis Quaid plays Morris. Quaid will be filmed running in from the visitors' bullpen to the mound during the middle of the seventh inning.

Morris missed most of the 2000 season because of injuries and retired earlier this year. He is scheduled to throw out the first pitch on Wednesday.

A native of Brownwood, Texas, Morris played in the minor leagues out of high school, but didn't make it into the majors and found himself back in San Angelo, Texas, where he was a kicker for the Angelo State football team.

He was a baseball coach at Reagan County, in Big Lake, Texas, pitching batting practice for his team, which urged him to try out again for the pros. He made a deal with them: if they advanced to the playoffs, he would try out.

When he tried out for Tampa Bay, scouts didn't take him serious at first, then discovered his fast ball was in the 90s, considerably faster than his speed as a teen-ager. As a minor league pitcher in 1999, Tampa Bay scouts said he probably would rank in the top five of American League left-handers.

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT

Conference Semifinals
(Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 5
San Antonio 94, Dallas 78

Sunday, May 6
Milwaukee 104, Charlotte 92
L.A. Lakers 108, Sacramento 105
Toronto 96, Philadelphia 93

Monday, May 7
San Antonio 100, Dallas 86

Tuesday, May 8
Milwaukee 91, Charlotte 90
L.A. Lakers 96, Sacramento 90

Wednesday, May 9
Philadelphia 97, Toronto 92
San Antonio 104, Dallas 90, San Antonio leads series 3-0

Thursday, May 10
Charlotte 102, Milwaukee 92, Milwaukee leads series 2-1

Friday, May 11
Toronto 102, Philadelphia 78, Toronto leads series 2-1
L.A. Lakers 103, Sacramento 81, Los Angeles leads series 3-0

Saturday, May 12
San Antonio at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 13
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 12:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 14
Dallas at San Antonio, 8 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, May 15
Charlotte at Milwaukee, TBA
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

Wednesday, May 16
San Antonio at Dallas, TBA, if necessary
Toronto at Philadelphia, TBA

Thursday, May 17
Milwaukee at Charlotte, TBA, if necessary
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

Friday, May 18
Philadelphia at Toronto, 8 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, May 19
Dallas at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

Sunday, May 20
Charlotte at Milwaukee, TBA, if necessary
Toronto at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary

Western Texas College
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Registration begins May 14 at 8 a.m.
Classes meet May 14-June 1 with final exams on June 1

Course	Comp	Description	Day	Time	Hrs	Rm	Instr	Fee
College Preparatory								
DMT 030	0167	*DEV. MATH (INT)	M-F	9:00-12.20	3	2B-106	BEARD, J	
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Mathematics								
MATH 1314	0168	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	M-F	9:00 12:20	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX. S	$8
			LAB	TBA				
MATH 2313	0169	CALCULUS 1	M-F	1:00-4:20pm	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX. S	
			LAB	TBA				
Health/Physical Education								
PHED 2255	0423	LIFEGUARDING	M-TH	6:00-10:10pm	2	POOL	HARRISON, M	$24

New students must bring TASP scores
Placement testing May 14 at 9a.m. and 1:30p.m. Contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313

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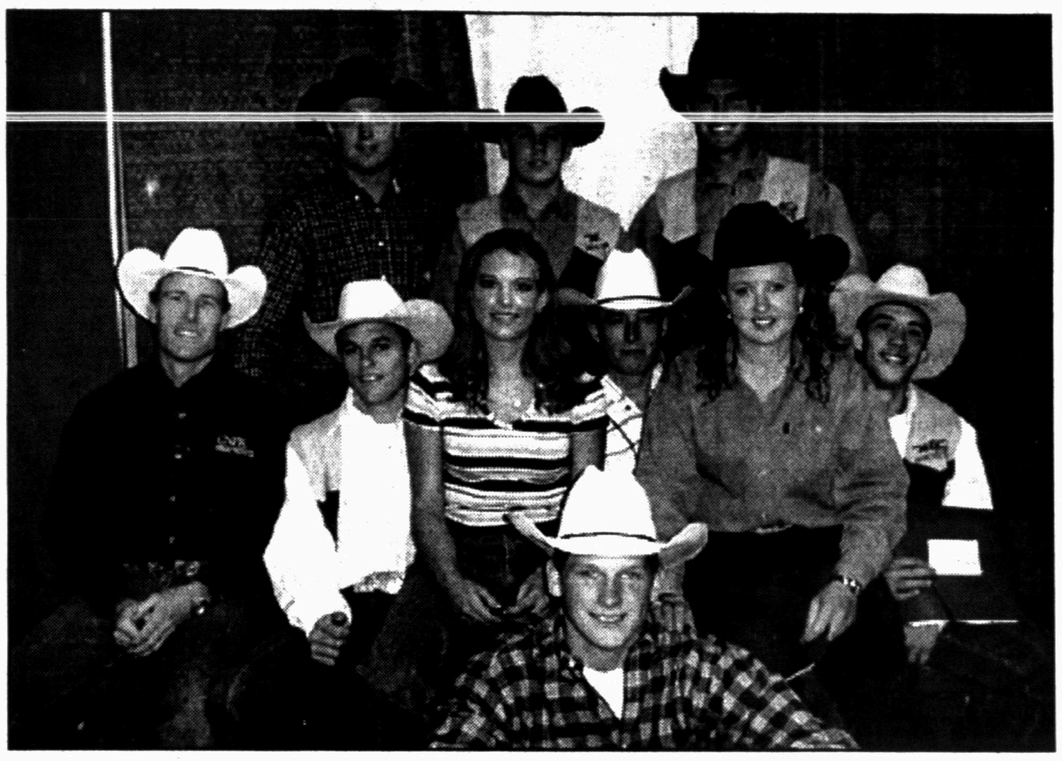

NATIONAL QUALIFIERS — Several members of the Western Texas College rodeo team qualified for the national finals June 12-16 in Casper, Wyo. Competing at nationals will be Houston Hutto, bottom center. Seated from left are Coach Greg Rhodes, Rawley McFarland, Kassie Mowry, Sean Willingham, Tibba Smith and J.W. Todd. Standing are Trevor LaValley, Tyson Thompson and Joseph Gernentz. (Contributed Photo)

At Byron Nelson Classic...

Duval, Verplank tied for lead

IRVING (AP) — Scott Verplank is smart enough to realize career-low rounds don't come along everyday. David Duval had no reason to believe that his groove of striking the ball pure was about to end.

Despite the different set of expectations they carried into the second round of the Byron Nelson Classic, they wound up in the same position — tied for the lead going into the weekend, keeping a five-stroke distance from Tiger Woods.

Verplank, coming off a 62 for his best score on the PGA Tour in 11 years, got off to a sluggish start until the putts started to fall. He signed for a 3-under 67 under breezy conditions on the TPC at Las Colinas.

"If you expect the same things to happen the next day as it did the first day, then you're going to struggle with it," Verplank said. "After a while, you realize that each day is different and you feel different."

Duval has felt the same since stringing together four rounds in the 60s last week in New Orleans. He tied for 18th that week, but only because he didn't get much out of his rounds. That hasn't been a problem this week.

He had seven birdies, made nice par saves on the last two holes and had a 65 to join Verplank at 11-under 129, one stroke short of the tournament's 36-hole record last set by Woods two years ago.

"I hit it as good as I have for four days in a long time, and kind of continue to hit it solid here," Duval said. "I'm more excited about the way I'm playing now than I have been for quite some time."

Woods hasn't been playing for quite some time — four weeks, to be exact, since he won the Masters to complete his unprecedented sweep of the majors. He started well enough Thursday, but struggled with his irons and putting in a round of 68.

Woods gave himself 15 birdie chances and converted just four, although not many of them were all that close.

"I was frustrated just not being able to play as well as I know I can play," Woods said. "I'm not hitting the ball very good, and I'm spending most of my time just trying to get my game right."

Robert Damron had a 64 and was one stroke out of the lead at 130. Vijay Singh, the last man besides Woods to win a major (2000 Masters), made birdie on four of his last five holes at Cottonwood Valley for a 64 that left him at 131.

The best round of the day belonged to Fred Couples, who was disgusted after a 63 on the more difficult Las Colinas course.

Struggling Rangers fall to White Sox in extra frames

CHICAGO (AP) — Jose Valentin didn't give up on switch-hitting. And he's not giving up on this season, either, despite his team's early-season struggles and the loss of Frank Thomas.

"Jose is probably the heart of the team," Chicago manager Jerry Manuel said after Valentin delivered his second game-winning hit in three nights as the White Sox beat the Texas Rangers 6-5 in 10 innings.

"He's an important leader on the club."

Valentin is also an important power source. He supplied some rare right-handed punch Friday night, homering twice from that side of the plate, including a game-winning solo shot in the 10th.

Of his 123 career homers, Valentin now has eight right-handed.

But giving up on switch-hitting has never entered his mind, even though his batting average is 30 points higher from the left.

"I never said I would quit being a switch hitter," Valentin said.

"This is not the level to try it, especially with the way we've been playing. I've been a switch hitter for eight years. Why try something different?"

His game-winner came off Mike Venafro (1-1) as the White Sox won for the fifth time in six games.

The Rangers have lost 11 of 12 and six straight.

Since he took over as manager for Johnny Oates, Jerry Narron has a 1-6 record.

"For me it is a learning experience," Narron said. "I'm just getting into a routine. It's a change from coaching to managing with the responsibilities."

The White Sox hit four homers for the second straight game since learning that Thomas would miss the season with a torn triceps. The Rangers also had four, all off David Wells, including a two-run, game-tying shot by Ruben Mateo in the ninth.

"I wasn't looking for a homer, just looking for a strike," said Mateo, who's been bothered by headaches and missed four games.

It was Mateo's first homer in nearly a year, since last May 27. Six days later he broke his leg and missed the rest of the season.

Wells walked none and struck out a season-high nine but still couldn't get his first win as a member of the White Sox at Comiskey Park.

Wells, upset with media coverage after he went on his radio show and criticized Thomas for not playing hurt, declined comment on his 126-pitch performance.

"You always check when a guy is around 100 pitches," White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said.

"Historically he's been very good saying whether he should come out, he would indicate so. Tonight he said he felt good. ... My only thought was that Mateo is a dangerous free swinger."

Andres Galarraga homered in the second and Mike Hubbard hit his first homer in three years in the third for Texas. Randy Velarde hit another solo shot in the eighth.

Magglio Ordonez and Herbert Perry also homered for the White Sox.

Rangers starter Kenny Rogers, who allowed three homers, still hasn't won seven starts since the April 3 season opener against Anaheim.

Sports Briefs

Golf camps

The Snyder Tiger Jr. Golf Camp will be held May 21-25 at Western Texas College. The camp is open to youngsters between the ages of 8 and 18, and cost is $75.

The Snyder Women's Golf Camp will be held May 21-25 from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. Golfers aged 19 and older are eligible, and cost is $30.

Both camps will cover the full swing, chipping, putting and trouble shots, and will include video swing analysis. Golfers can register for both camps by calling the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Softball tournament

Price Daniel Unit will host its second annual softball tournament to benefit Special Olympics. The event is next Saturday and Sunday, and deadline to register is Thursday. A home run derby will also be held.

Trophies and T-shirts will be awarded. Entry fee is $110 per team. For more information, contact Larry Jaramillo at 573-0945, or Valerio Torres at 574-2297.

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp

Snyder Tiger Basketball Camp will be held June 25-28 at the SHS gym. Sessions are scheduled for incoming third through sixth grade boys and girls, and for incoming sixth through ninth grade girls only.

Cost of the camp is $60, and deadline to register is next Saturday. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS girls' athletic office. For more information, contact Coach Brent Parr at 574-6040 or 721-7930.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

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

Also, an all-day MGA event will be held each Thursday.

WGA play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format this week is queen of the hill.

TaeKwonDo camp

West Texas TaeKwonDo Academy will host a camp May 21-25. Competitors of all skill levels between the ages of 6 and 13 are eligible. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Cost including meals is $199, and space is limited. Deadline to register is Friday. For more information, call 573-4136 or 338-8719.

Forte will enter draft

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — First-team All-American Joseph Forte announced he will leave North Carolina to enter the NBA draft. The 6-foot-4 sophomore guard was selected co-ACC player of the year this season, leading the Tar Heels (26-7) in scoring (20.9).

Layne will leave Georgia

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Georgia junior guard D.A. Layne is leaving school to enter the NBA draft. The 6-foot Layne led the team in scoring last season (16.8 ppg) and helped the Bulldogs reach the NCAA tournament for the first time in four seasons. He was chosen first team All-Southeastern Conference.

Bengals, Dillon agree to deal

CINCINNATI (AP) — Running back Corey Dillon and the Bengals agreed to a five-year contract that will make him highest paid player in team history. Terms were not disclosed.

Dillon has rushed for 4,894 yards while Cincinnati has gone 18-46 in his four seasons. He set an NFL single-game record by rushing for 278 yards against Denver last season.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	21	13	.618	—
Atlanta	17	19	.472	5
Florida	14	20	.412	7
New York	14	21	.400	7½
Montreal	13	23	.361	9
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	21	14	.600	—
St. Louis	19	15	.559	1½
Houston	17	15	.531	2½
Milwaukee	18	17	.514	3
Cincinnati	16	17	.485	4
Pittsburgh	13	21	.382	7½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Los Angeles	20	16	.556	—
Colorado	19	16	.543	½
San Francisco	19	16	.543	½
Arizona	18	17	.514	1½
San Diego	18	17	.514	1½

Friday's Games

Houston at Cincinnati, ppd., rain
Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 2
Colorado 13, Montreal 4
Philadelphia 5, Arizona 1
San Diego 7, Florida 6, 10 innings
Atlanta 5, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 10 innings

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-1) at St. Louis (Morris 4-2), 2:10 p.m.
Montreal (Armas Jr. 1-5) at Colorado (Thomson 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gonzalez 1-0) at San Francisco (Ortiz 5-1), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 2-2) at Cincinnati (Bell 0-1), 5:05 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 4-3) at Cincinnati (Fernandez 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 0-4) at Milwaukee (Rigdon 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 0-1) at San Diego (Serrano 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daal 4-0) at Arizona (Anderson 0-3), 10:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Marquis 0-0) at Los Angeles (Brown 5-1), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh (Anderson 2-2) at Milwaukee (Sheets 3-2), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-3) at St. Louis (Benes 2-2), 2:10 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 2-4) at Colorado (Astacio 4-2), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Appier 2-3) at San Francisco (Estes 3-2), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 3-3) at Los Angeles (Prokopec 3-1), 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 3-3) at Arizona (Johnson 3-3), 4:35 p.m.
Florida (Penny 2-0) at San Diego (Jarvis 2-3), 5 p.m.
Houston (Bottenfield 1-2) at Cincinnati (Brower 2-0), 8:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	15	.583	—
Boston	20	15	.571	½
Toronto	19	16	.543	1½
Baltimore	15	21	.417	6
Tampa Bay	10	25	.286	10½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	24	9	.727	—
Cleveland	23	10	.697	1
Detroit	16	17	.485	8
Chicago	13	20	.394	11
Kansas City	12	23	.343	13
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	26	9	.743	—
Anaheim	16	19	.457	10
Oakland	15	20	.429	11
Texas	12	23	.343	14

Friday's Games

Seattle 7, Toronto 2
N.Y. Yankees 14, Baltimore 5
Cleveland 10, Tampa Bay 6
Oakland 7, Boston 6
Chicago White Sox 6, Texas 5, 10 innings
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 4, 11 innings
Detroit 7, Anaheim 6, 11 innings

Saturday's Games

Anaheim (Rapp 1-3) at Detroit (Santos 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 3-0) at Toronto (Carpenter 3-1), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 2-4) at Boston (Martinez 4-0), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rose 0-0) at Cleveland (Finley 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Durbin 0-2) at Minnesota (Radke 6-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Myette 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Seattle (Moyer 5-1) at Toronto (Loaiza 4-3), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 3-2) at Boston (Nomo 4-2), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 1-4) at Detroit (Holt 3-2), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-2) at Cleveland (Burba 5-1), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 0-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 0-4), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suzuki 2-2) at Minnesota (Milton 4-2), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 1-5) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 1-2), 2:05 p.m.

Lakers lead Kings, 3-0

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal was far from super, and Kobe Bryant was streaky.

Still, the Los Angeles Lakers were smiling.

Bryant scored 26 of his 36 points in the second half, and O'Neal had 21 points and 18 rebounds as the Lakers beat the Sacramento Kings 103-81 on Friday night for their 14th straight victory and a 3-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

The Lakers will go for a sweep in Game 4 on Sunday, which would likely set up a meeting with Midwest Division champ San Antonio in the conference finals.

Bryant, who played second fiddle to O'Neal in the Lakers' first two victories, got in early foul trouble, and missed 10 straight shots at one point. But he scored nine straight points during a critical second-half stretch as the Lakers broke open a tight game and cruised to an easy victory.

O'Neal, who set an NBA record by getting more than 40 points and 20 rebounds in each of the Lakers' first two victories in the series, also got in early foul trouble and often couldn't get free from Vlade Divac and the Kings' double-teams.

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
(Best-of-7)
CONFERENCE FINALS

Saturday, May 12
St. Louis at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 14
St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 16
Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 17
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 18
Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 19
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
Monday, May 21
St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, May 22
Pittsburgh at New Jersey 7 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, May 23
Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, May 24
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Friday, May 25
St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m., if necessary
Saturday, May 26
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m., if necessary

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The bids will be opened at the City Hall in the Accounting Department. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of EVA JOHN ALLEN, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,674:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of EVA JOHN ALLEN, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 10th day of May, 2001, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to PHIL D. ALLEN, 3350 Parkcrest, Abilene, Texas 79605, within the time prescribed by law.

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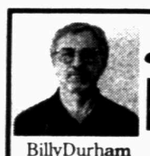

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Tuesday
Beef and cheese enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, sopapillas

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

Thursday
Chicken patty w/cream gravy, pinto beans, steamed cabbage, tomato wedges, banana pudding

Friday
Fried fish, tater tots, creamed peas, coleslaw, peanut butter chewies

Senior Center News

The Scurry County Center's Mayday fund-raiser was a great success due to the support of businesses, individuals and an army of volunteers who donated time and talents to this event.

The Silent Auction raised $2,673 and the barbecue meal, provided by the ExxonMobil cooking team and Senior Center staff, brought in $5,126.50. The craft booth raised $623.40. The Sweet Tooth earned $852.60, and the quilt auction raised $27,245, all due to volunteers. Grady Morris again served as the auctioneer.

Mayday also brought in cash donations of $1,520. The displays of antique farm equipment and the projects of the Garden Club also added to the Mayday celebration.

Monday
Activities at the Senior Center include bridge at 9:30 a.m., a domino tournament at 9:30 and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m., the Western Band at 11 a.m., and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon.

Wednesday
Seniors can play bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break at 11 a.m. for exercise. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday
The fabric painting class will begin at 9 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 11 a.m.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. Eighty-eight play begins at 11 a.m. and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

Legislature mulls life without parole

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill giving juries in capital murder cases the option to hand down a life without parole sentence is waiting for debate in the Texas House of Representatives.

The legislation is before state lawmakers because defense attorneys are complaining that too many juries are condemning prisoners to death because even if they return a life sentence, there's a chance someday of parole.

Facing a firestorm of criticism in the wake of a barrage of unfavorable national media attention, Texas lawmakers appear ready to give jurors in capital murder cases a third option: life without parole. The House is expected to vote on the bill Monday; the Senate passed it last week.

Thirty-five of 38 states with death penalty statutes offer juries the option of sparing a life but throwing away the key. Texas is one of the exceptions.

For some defendants, jurors just haven't wanted to take that chance on a defendant ever walking the streets again.

Take Bobby Moore, who was convicted of killing a 71-year-old shop clerk two decades ago in Houston.

Moore, now 41, had been a model prisoner during his two decades on death row. That had to count for something, yes?

But Houston jurors chosen this year to decide whether to overturn Moore's 1981 sentence were left with only two poor options, the jury foreman said: re-impose death or return a life sentence, which under current law allows for the possibility of parole after a defendant has served 40 calendar years.

In the interest of public safety, the jury chose — with much reluctance — death, the Houston Chronicle noted.

"It's just senseless that these were the only two options," foreman J. Fred Baca told the newspaper. "Bobby taught himself how to read and write and he had an impeccable prison record."

Baca, a businessman and self-described conservative Republican, wishes he could have "opted out." The death sentence he and his peers returned still weighs on him. He wants future jurors to have a better option.

"What we had to do was no more sensible than what happened in 1980 in that store."

Prosecutors in Texas generally bemoan life without parole, saying it will slash the number of death sentences by giving jurors, in the words of Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal, "an easy way out."

But in San Antonio, the district attorney's office isn't voicing opposition.

Michael Bernard, first assistant district attorney in Bexar County, said a mandatory life sentence would not affect the number of death sentences handed down locally, in large part because death sentences in San Antonio are so selectively sought. Jurors have returned death sentences in two of three cases prosecuted this year, Bernard said.

"We do it only in cases where we are almost assured a death sentence," Bernard said.

In other words, life without parole wouldn't likely have spared Obie Weathers. The 19-year-old was sentenced to death last week in Bexar County for fatally shooting a 63-year-old Vietnam War veteran during an ice house robbery that yielded the teen-ager a few dollars.

Given the horrific facts, jurors hardly agonized about sentencing Weathers to death, jury foreman William Nixon said this week. It took them less than an hour to do so.

"From what was laid out in front of us, it was pretty clear what the right answer was. It was clear (Weathers) had opportunities and simply failed to take advantage of them," Nixon said of the defendant who is also linked to the slaying of an 82-year-old widow and retired seamstress.

Several defense lawyers interviewed said that jurors have often expressed profound ambivalence about handing down the ultimate punishment.

Is there an option other than death? I would have loved to have been able to argue in front of a jury that life means life," said San Antonio defense lawyer Pat Hancock.

Muleshoe man is given probation

A 19-year-old Muleshoe man was given a five-year probated sentence Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Dennis Ray Howard Jr. pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, taken from Wilson Motors last Oct. 28.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Howard to two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail facility, probated for five years.

Howard also was fined $750 and ordered to make $4,261 in restitution to Wilson Motors.

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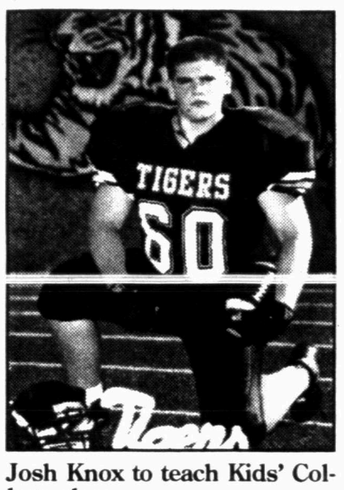


Josh Knox to teach Kids' College class.

Ryan Gibson returns to teach tennis at Kids' College.

Kids' College to register Monday at museum lobby

Who is better than an outstanding athlete to help younger students learn the sports that they most love and are interested in?

With that in mind, Liffin Molter, director of Western Texas College's Kids' College, said they have signed on several athletes as teachers for the June 11-21 session.

They include Josh Knox, Tiger varsity football; Ryan Gibson, Snyder varsity tennis; Baily Stoker, varsity cheerleader; Heath Conner, Snyder Tiger varsity baseball, as well as several Western Texas College students, majoring in art, history and other areas.

Reid "Magic" Johnson is returning to teach "A Lil Bit O' Magic, before going off to college this fall.

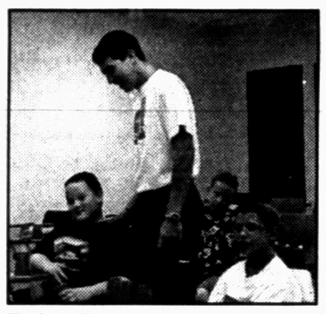
"This is one of my favorite parts of the job," Molter said, "working with young adults to give them a chance to share their expertise with others, as well as being a role model."

Finding quality educators and instructors who have the most to offer young people is a priority, she added. There are several public school teachers and coaches from Snyder, Sweetwater, Roscoe and Colorado City who have signed on as Kids' College instructors.

Registration for this summer's program will begin at 2 p.m. Monday in the lobby at the Scurry County Museum and continues through 7:30 p.m. T-shirts will be available. Cycris Ho, art student from Hong Kong, designed this year's logo.

"With the best teachers, and the resources and facilities of Western Texas College working together, this could be the best year yet for Kids' College, Molter said.

Liffin Molter, left, helps hold one of the Kids' College T-shirts. LaVinia Ruiz, manager of Texas Caps and T-Shirts where the shirts were made, holds the other side. Cycris Ho of Hong Kong designed the new logo. Molter is the director of Kids' College.



Reid Johnson will teach magic classes again.

Rock 'n' roll song writer dies of leukemia at 81

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — James Myers, whose two-minute, eight-second tune "Rock Around the Clock" is considered the granddaddy of all rock 'n' roll songs, has died of leukemia. He was 81.

Myers, who died Wednesday, wrote the song with Max Freedman in 1953. Bill Haley & His Comets recorded it in 1954, and it soared to the top of the charts in 1955 as the theme song of the teen rebel movie "The Blackboard Jungle."

With its rockabilly sound, the song was considered a breakthrough for crossing racial barriers by borrowing from rhythm and blues.

Myers, who also wrote under the name Jimmy DeKnight, wrote more than 300 songs and had bit parts in movies and TV shows, but "Rock Around the Clock" remained his most famous work.

He said the melody evolved in his head over a few years before he finally wrote it down. While picking out the tune on a piano at his office one day, his friend Freedman joined him.

"When we finished it he said, 'What are you going to call it?' I said, 'Rock Around The Clock,'" Myers said in an interview with the Rockabilly Hall of Fame in Burns, Tenn.

"And he said, 'Why rock? What's that mean? Why not "Dance Around The Clock?"' And I said, 'I just have a gut feeling and since I'm half writer and whole publisher, I'm the boss! Right!' So, we called it 'Rock Around The Clock.'"

The song was No. 1 for eight weeks and went on to sell 22 million copies worldwide. It has been recorded by more than 500 artists, from Mae West to the Sex Pistols, and has been used in more than 40 movies.

"It sounded like nothing else," said Howard Kramer, associate curator for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. "The drums and guitar on that song sound like nothing else. The snare drum on that was like a howitzer going off."

Dick Clark called it "the anthem of rock 'n' roll." Disc jockey Alan Freed pronounced it "the daddy of rock 'n' roll."

A Philadelphia native, Myers was a drummer in his own band before joining the Army during World War II. After serving in the South Pacific, he returned to his hometown to become a songwriter, country music promoter and music publisher.

Marshall Lytle, the bass player who played "Rock Around the Clock" with Bill Haley & His Comets, said he realized how big the song was as the band drove to Boston from New York in Haley's new Cadillac and turned on the radio.

"It was one of those new radios where you pushed a button and it went to the next station," he said. "I turned on the radio and hit the button and the station was playing 'Rock Around the Clock.' I hit the button again and the next station was playing 'Rock Around the Clock,' and the next station too.

Youth charged in school stabbing

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy was stabbed Friday in an eighth-grade social studies class, and a 13-year-old classmate was charged.

The victim was taken from Moore Traditional Middle School, south of Louisville, to University Hospital in Louisville, said Stacey Redmon, police spokeswoman. Stabbed twice in the torso, he was in serious but stable condition after surgery, a hospital spokeswoman said Friday afternoon.

The 13-year-old boy was charged with first-degree assault, Redmon said.

The motive for the stabbing was not known, and the encounter was so quiet other students did not realize at first what had happened, school spokeswoman Lauren Roberts said.

The 14-year-old boy asked the other one for a pencil and the two spoke quietly, and then the younger boy stabbed the older boy, dropped the knife and calmly walked out of the room, she said.

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Byrd family says signing the Hate Crimes bill bittersweet

AUSTIN (AP) — Every month, James Byrd Sr. and his wife, Stella, say they have to clean their son's grave of racist vandalism.

They say hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan have posed for photos at the cemetery in Jasper, the East Texas town where James Byrd Jr. was dragged to death behind a pickup truck by three white men because he was black.

The Klan "left a placard there saying, 'We've been here,'" Stella Byrd said Friday, minutes before Gov. Rick Perry sign a law strengthening penalties for crimes motivated by hate.

"Even after my son got killed they went there and did everything to his grave. We just need something to wake them up," she said. "By passing this bill, it did."

Her wheelchair parked next to the desk of House sponsor Rep. Senfronia Thompson, Stella Byrd said she's comforted that now, should someone be caught desecrating her son's grave because he was black, that person could be prosecuted under the tougher law.

"With this bill here they could get punished for some of the things they do, so they might not do it," she said, tears brimming her eyes.

Thompson, D-Houston, asked the Byrds to travel to the Capitol on the day that marked the end of three years of emotional debate over the bill, named the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act.

With tears in her eyes, Thompson shared quiet gratitude with the couple, who say their religious faith and fighting for the bill has helped them cope.

Looking the family in the face "makes you feel like it's the best milestone you have made," Thompson said.

"Throughout the last three years, they have faced grave tragedy with unparalleled dignity and strength," said Senate sponsor Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

Perry expressed similar feelings after he signed the law, handing over one of the pens he used to Stella Byrd.

"You've endured unimaginable pain that no Texan should have to endure. I hope you can find some peace in knowing that his death was not in vain," Perry told Byrd's parents.

The Republican governor, who had previously been opposed to the bill because he said it created unnecessary classes of people, said his meetings with the Byrds were poignant.

After visiting with the family, "if it doesn't touch you, you have a very, very cold heart," Perry said.

In Thompson's office where a celebratory toast awaited, Stella Byrd told Thompson the bill "is the best Mother's Day present that you could have ever given me."

"I really don't have words to describe how I feel," she said. "I'm very happy. This is one of the happiest days there's ever been in my life. Today and the day he was born. I just thank everyone who worked so hard and thank God that finally paid off, something I can remember the rest of my life."

The pain will never go away, the Byrds said.

But Friday brought a bit of joy.

Woman arrested for not buckling child's seat belt

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A woman recently arrested because her daughter's seat belt was not fastened during a fatal crash had been cited for the same violation more than a year earlier, police said.

Erna Neal Sines, 38, was charged May 1 with injury to a child in connection with an October accident that killed 4-year-old Erika Sines.

The woman had been cited in July 1999 for failing to buckle up her child. Sines then had to take a defensive driving course on the importance of restraining children in vehicles, according to court documents.

"She's been cited before for not buckling the kid up," said Lt. Karl Lillie of the Wichita Falls Police Department. "You can't sugarcoat it. ... What caused that child to die is not being belted."

According to the autopsy, blunt force trauma to the child's head and neck could have been caused by the air bag. Police said a seat belt may have saved her.

Lillie said investigators could have charged Sines with negligent homicide but that injury to a child would be easier to prove.

Sines was released from the Wichita County Jail after posting $5,000 bond.

She could not be reached by The Associated Press on Friday evening. Her phone number is unpublished.

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Police mull long 911 response time

DALLAS (AP) — Officers are investigating why it took police almost half an hour to discover the bodies of two girls who were shot inside their father's loft near downtown Dallas on May 2.

Police released records Friday revealing that it took dispatchers nine minutes to assign the call from the ex-wife of John Battaglia reporting that he may have shot Faith Battaglia, 9, and Liberty Battaglia, 6.

It took another 2-1/2 minutes before an officer arrived at Battaglia's apartment and another 15 minutes before officers gained entry to the apartment and found the girls' bodies, according to the report.

The girls' mother, Mary Jean Pearle, said she was on the telephone with the 6-year-old when she heard her daughter scream and beg her father not to shoot. Her call went to a 911 operator in Highland Park.

Investigators said Liberty was shot five times and Faith three times.

Battaglia was indicted Thursday on two counts of capital murder. He is being held at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center on $4 million bail.

"The wife believes he has possibly shot the children," the Highland Park dispatcher told a Dallas dispatch service clerk in a 911 tape released Friday under the Texas Open Records Act.

The dispatcher added, "We have a huge history with this guy."

After making the 911 call, Pearle drove to her former husband's loft, getting there before police.

As she waited outside the gated loft for help, dispatchers assigned the call to a patrol officer.

She flagged down an officer about 7:42 p.m. that officer called the dispatch center and alerted them.

"Just a minute, lady," the officer is heard telling a frantic Pearle as he asked for assistance.

"She's got two kids in (apartment) 418, and she heard five gunshots," the officer told dispatchers.

The officer who was initially assigned to the call arrived minutes later. As police tried to gain entry into the apartment, another officer asked for an ambulance.

Two killed in Israeli rocket attack

JENIN, West Bank (AP) — Israeli helicopters fired rockets at a car parked near the Palestinian Authority security building in the West Bank town of Jenin Saturday, killing two people in an attack the Palestinians claim was an assassination hit.

Moutasem Sabaa, 26, from the armed wing of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, was killed in the attack along with Ala'a Jaloudi, a Palestinian policeman who was standing nearby.

Chanting calls of revenge, about 10,000 people attended the double funeral a few hours later.

The first rocket missed the car, and three other members of the armed militia known as Tanzim were able to escape from the vehicle without serious injury. Sabaa, suffering from a past leg injury, was unable to get of the car before the other rockets hit.

At least five rockets hit the car, witnesses said. The Israeli army had no immediate comment. The three other men were lightly wounded, officials at Jenin hospital said.

"It looks it was an assassination," said Ghassan Samer, 43, one of the first to arrive on the scene. He helped remove Sabaa's badly burnt body from the wreckage.

"I am sure that the gunships were targeting one person. This is terror by the Israelis, they put terror in the heart of the people by shelling a car near so many people," he said.

Palestinians have held Israel responsible for the pinpointed killings of more than a dozen Palestinians suspected of involvement in shooting and bombing attacks in the past seven months.

Israel's army radio reported that the intended target of the attack was Abdel Karim Awais, 30, a well-known gunman in Tanzim, who was also in the car but was among those who escaped relatively unharmed.

Births

Taylor Victoria Feinsod would like to announce the birth of her baby brother, Samuel Ellis Morales. He was born at 8:59 p.m. Thursday, May 3, and weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was 20 inches long. Taylor and Samuel reside with their parents Carl and Celia Morales, who are trying to get some rest. Grandparents are Ellis and Esther Morales of Denver City and Helen Feinsod of Snyder, and Art Feinsod of St. Cloud, Fla.

Paid Notice

Bush offering proposals for promotion of conservation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under criticism for focusing too much on energy production, President Bush said Saturday his national energy plan will promote conservation steps for the home, at work and in industrial plants

The White House said a Cabinet-level task force will recommend tax changes and easing of regulations to spur the development of power plants that produce both electricity and heat, and thereby use less energy.

The task force also will recommend expansion of the government's Energy Star program that helps industry develop energy efficiency plans and promotes energy-efficient products, and will ask Congress to give tax credits for buyers of hybrid gas-electric automobiles.

These automobiles, which only now are coming onto the market, can get three times the fuel efficiency of most conventional gas-powered vehicles. The unspecified tax credit would be in effect from 2002-2007.

In his weekly radio address, Bush said his energy proposals would "harnesses new technology to squeeze as much out of a barrel of oil as we have learned to squeeze out of a computer chip."

"We can raise our standard of living wisely and in harmony with our environment," he said.

With the release of the energy package this coming week, Bush was getting pressure, even from some of his strong supporters, to pay more attention to conservation.

Some Republican lawmakers and key business lobbyists expressed concern in recent days that unless Bush's energy blueprint focuses more on saving energy, as well as producing it, the package would not win congressional approval.

In his radio remarks, Bush said he would encourage companies to explore ways to conserve energy resources, such as making appliances more efficient, installing sensors to shut off lights in empty rooms and upgrading power transmission lines to make them less wasteful.

"This week, we will introduce a comprehensive energy plan to help bring new supplies of energy to the market, and we will be encouraging Americans to use more wisely the energy supplies that exist today," he said.

The White House said among the proposals will be to expand the federal Energy Star program to include schools, health care facilities and homes. No mention was made of increasing spending on the program, which earlier this year was targeted for budget cuts.

The task force also will recommend that the Environmental Protection Agency make it easier to build co-generation power plants.

Police investigate two burglaries

• ***Burglaries***

Kristi Cox told officers at 10:11 a.m. Friday that her residence in the 2900 block of 37th Street had been burglarized.

Linda Blum requested an officer at 403 31st. St. at 5:50 p.m. Friday as someone had broken into her residence.

Officers filed burglary of a residence offense reports in both cases.

• ***Forgery***

Officers were called to Our Place antique store at 1:47 p.m. Friday in reference to a forged check.

• ***Criminal mischief***

A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed at 11:34 p.m. Friday as a person reported juveniles breaking out a window of a vehicle parked at Snyder Lanes.

Officers investigated a report of juveniles entering a vacant house in the 1100 block of 29th Street at 4:44 p.m. No new damage had occurred to the house and the juveniles were advised of the consequences of entering a residence without permission.

• ***Assault***

Officers filed a report for family violence at 8 p.m. Friday and Child Protective Services was notified of the assault.

• ***Arrests***

City officers arrested Johnny Fernandez, 32, of 3009 Ave. I at 2:07 a.m. Saturday for felony driving while intoxicated. He was taken into custody in the 3800 block of Houston Avenue.

DPS troopers arrested a 47-year-old male at 10:14 p.m. Friday near the Fluvanna Community Center for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A 34-year-old male was taken into custody at 11:28 p.m. in the 5400 block of College Avenue for speeding, no driver's license and no liability insurance.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old female at 4:35 a.m. Friday in the 1100 block of 32nd Street for driving while license suspended.

Obituaries

Erma Lenoir

1907-2001

Erma Frances Lenoir, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Saturday, May 12, in Renaissance Park Multicare Center in Fort Worth after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Lenoir, 94, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 23, 1907 in Fluvanna, she married Ben Lenoir on Nov. 20, 1934 in Snyder. He died in November, 1970. She also was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Lenoir worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 38 years as a Star Route mail carrier. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Mark Cook of Fort Worth; a sister, Johnnie Weems of Fort Worth; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Lawsie Vidler

1921-2001

HENDERSON – Lawsie Vidler, the mother and mother-in-law of Linda and W.B. Armstrong of Hermleigh, died Thursday, May 10, in Henderson Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Henderson, 79, was set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Crawford-A.Crim Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Rick Tate was to officiate, and interment was to follow in the Caledonia Cemetery.

Born Oct. 15, 1921 in Rusk County, she was a homemaker and a member of the St. Pauls Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lee Vidler of Henderson; another daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Don Davis of Longview; a sister, Edith McNair of Garrison; a sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Bill McNair of Henderson; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, M.L. and Bertie Looper of Modesto, Calif.; three granddaughters and their husbands, Karen and Greg Messner of Carlsbad, Calif., Kimberly and Kyle Shaw of Frisco and Jennifer and Josh Howard of Redmond, Wash.; a grandson, Lee Youngblood of Des Moines, Iowa; three step grandchildren, Jean and Robert Langrill of Ben Wheeler and Vicky Hunt of Amarillo; and eight great-grandchildren.

Truman Walker

1919-2001

ODESSA — Truman Walker of Odessa, brother of Alene Martin of Snyder, died at 5:15 a.m. Saturday, May 12, in Odessa Medical Center.

Services for Mr. Walker, 81, are pending at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1919 in Ranger and was reared in Loraine. He married Louise Hallmark in 1946. Mr. Walker attended McMurry University and served in the Air Force during World War II.

Survivors also include his wife, Louise Walker of Odessa; a son, Randall Walker of South Carolina; a daughter, Becky Stanford of Odessa; and two grandchildren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Booster club car wash

The Snyder Tiger booster club is having a fund-raising car wash until 5 p.m. Saturday at Wal- Mart. $5 includes wash, vacuum and dry. Other donations welcome.

Country and gospel music program

There will be a country and gospel music program beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Mother's Day service

Los Triunfantes of San Antonio will present a special mother's day service at 3 p.m. Sunday at Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J.

Retired teachers

There will be a meeting at noon Monday at The Shack for Snyder's retired teachers. New officers will be installed.

Spring band concert

The Snyder bands will hold their annual spring concert at 7 p.m. Monday at Worsham Auditorium. Participating will be the junior and high school bands, the high school jazz band and the sixth grade band. Admission is free.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse," followed by "Be Strong in the Lord."

West family night out

West Elementary will have the school year's last family night out Tuesday at the College Avenue Dairy Queen and at Western Golfland.

West Elementary yearbooks

West Eiementary annuals are in and may be purchased for $7 at the school office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Faith Revival fundraiser

Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J, will offer enchilada plates for $5 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19. For information, call 574-8013.

Snyder Tiger booster club

The Snyder Tiger booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the high school student center.

GED testing dates

The GED testing date at Western Texas College is set for Thursday, May 24.

Biker Sunday

The second annual Biker Sunday will be Sunday, June 24, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Services start at 10:45 a.m. and there will be bike rodeo games, door prizes, free food and a live band.

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.

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.

Embassy bombing jury takes break from its deliberations on Friday, after requesting to review more evidence

NEW YORK (AP) — Jurors weighing the cases of four men accused in two U.S. embassy bombings concluded deliberations for the week on Friday after requesting to review more evidence.

The jurors sent U.S. District Judge Leonard Sand a note saying they wanted to examine copies of the prosecutors' plea agreements with cooperators, phone records and crude sketches of the Nairobi embassy and "blast cone," allegedly prepared by Mohamed Sadeek Odeh, who faces life in prison for his role in the bombing.

On Thursday — the first day of deliberations — jurors sent the judge a note listing 19 exhibits they wanted to examine, including a transcript of the grand jury testimony of defendant Wadih El-Hage, who is accused of lying under oath to protect the alleged bombers.

Also requested was a bag allegedly carried by defendant Odeh as he tried to flee after the attacks. Prosecutors say clothing inside tested positive for bomb residue.

Jurors resumed deliberations Friday after being provided the exhibits.

Also Friday, Sand sided with the defense on a motion related to the potential death penalty phase of the trial.

In a brief hearing with the jury out of the courtroom, the judge agreed that attorneys for defendants Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali, 24, and Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, 27 — who could face the death penalty if convicted — could argue that the government cut plea deals with others that spared them harsh sentences.

Sand said the defense should be allowed to try to show "possible disparity in the treatment of culpable people."

The terrorism case stems from the Aug. 7, 1998, bombings of U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, which killed 224 people, including 12 Americans. Prosecutors alleged the defendants conspired to kill Americans on orders from exiled Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden.

Defense attorneys portrayed El-Hage, the only U.S. citizen of the four, as a legitimate businessman, Odeh as a devout, nonviolent Muslim and Al-'Owhali and Mohamed as pawns in a scheme about which they knew nothing.

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Snyder FFA presents awards for 2000-2001

Snyder High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) honored their own May 4 at the annual banquet at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church.

Plaques were presented to the junior FFA members.

Riley Tatum received the Eagle Leadership Award and the Johnny Ervin Memorial Scholarship. Dana Stribling was the recipient of the Kelly-Tolbert Bloom Memorial Scholarship.

Corey Longorio received the Star Greenhand award. Jenna Neff received the Star Chapter Award.

Four students received the Metal of Scholastic Achievement, including Emily Long, freshman; Jacinda Judah, sophomore; Marci Kruger, junior; and Dana Stribling, senior.

Six also received honorary FFA membership. They are Mrs. Ellie Rodriguez, John Rasmus, Jessie Rollins, Jim Judah and Mike and Molly Tatum.

Proficiency awards are a way for a FFA member to receive recognition in a particular area of supervised agricultural experience programs. Proficiency awards were presented to:

Jacinda Judah, ag communications; Will Henderson, ag mechanics design and fabrication and wildlife management; Justin Pechacek, ag mechanics repair and maintenance and ag mechanics energy systems.

Others are Pace Millhollon, ag processing; Dana Stribling, ag services; Brodie Pierce, ag sales placement; Morgan Miller, beef production, food science and technology; Malorye Miller, beef production placement; Chris Sorrells, dairy production placement and grain production placement; John Ryan Rasmus, diversified ag production, specialty crop production; Clay Preston, diversified crop production.

Also, Rowdy Cumbie, diversified crop placement, environmental science, fiber and/or oil crop production, and forage production; Johnna Ferris diversified horticulture; Amanda Greenwood, diversified horticulture placement, fruit and/or vegetable product, nursery operations and small animal care; Cliff Beights, diversified livestock production; Jenna Neff, diversified livestock placement, specialty animal production, and specialty animal placement; Riley Tatum, equine science and swine production; Cindy Nachlinger, equine science placement; Cassie Callaway, florticulture; Clay Preston, grain production; Chris Sorrells, grain production placement; David Beard, home or community development and landscape management.

Others include Bradley Bynum, outdoor recreation, wildlife management placement; Kasey Wemken, poultry production; Shannon Chambers, sheep production; Robert Early, swine production placement; Kendell Tidwell, turf grass management;

It was noted that 40 of the proficiency awards have already won district competition and will advance to the area and state competition. If chosen as a state winner, they will advance to the national competition in Louisville, Ky. in November.

It was also noted that Johnna Ferris was the first Snyder FFA member to win a national FFA proficiency award. Her application advanced to the national competition where it was chosen as a finalist. After a lengthy interview, two industry professionals chose her application as the best in the nation. In June, Ferris will take a three-week tour of Costa Rica's agricultural systems.

FFA members who placed animals at various stock shows were also recognized. Snyder FFA members grossed around $125,000 from livestock show premiums and sales.

The accomplishments of leadership contest participants and judging teams throughout the year were also recognized.

Officer pins were also presented to Riley Tatum, president; Cliff Beights, first vice president; Cassi Guerrero, vice president greenhands; Will Henderson, vice president (SAEP's); Brodie Pierce, vice president community service; Zach Billingsley and Justin Pechacek, vice president chapter activities; Cassie Callaway, vice president booster club activities; Megan Anderson, vice president communications; Tara Trammel, vice president public relations; Dana Stribling, vice president member development; Shannon Chambers, secretary; Jacinda Judah, reporter; Morgan Miller, treasurer; Malorye Miller, sentinel; Kasey Wemken, historian.

Greenhand officers also received pins. They include Shana Blackard, president; Chance Tatum, vice president; JJ Mandrell, secretary; Ashlye Amox, treasurer; Isidro Gutierrez, reporter; Corey Longorio, sentinel; Ty Collier, student advisor.

Leadership pins were presented to freshman Shana Blackard, sophomore Cindy Nachlinger, junior Shannon Chambers, senior Megan Anderson.

District officers were also recognized including Cliff Beights, president; Shannon Chambers, vice president; and Jennifer Williamson, reporter.

Riley Tatum served as an area II officer.

The FFA members who performed in the state FFA chorus, which performed at the state FFA convention received state chorus pins.

See FFA on Page 4B

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP — Snyder High School FFA honored four outstanding leaders at the recent banquet. From left are, Shana Blackard, freshman; Cindy Nachlinger, sophomore; Shannon Chambers, junior; and Megan Anderson, senior. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

HONORARY FFA MEMBERS — Honorary Snyder High School FFA members recognized at the annual banquet are from left, Jessie Rollins, John Rasmus, Molly and Mike Tatum. Not pictured are Jim Judah and Ellie Rodriguez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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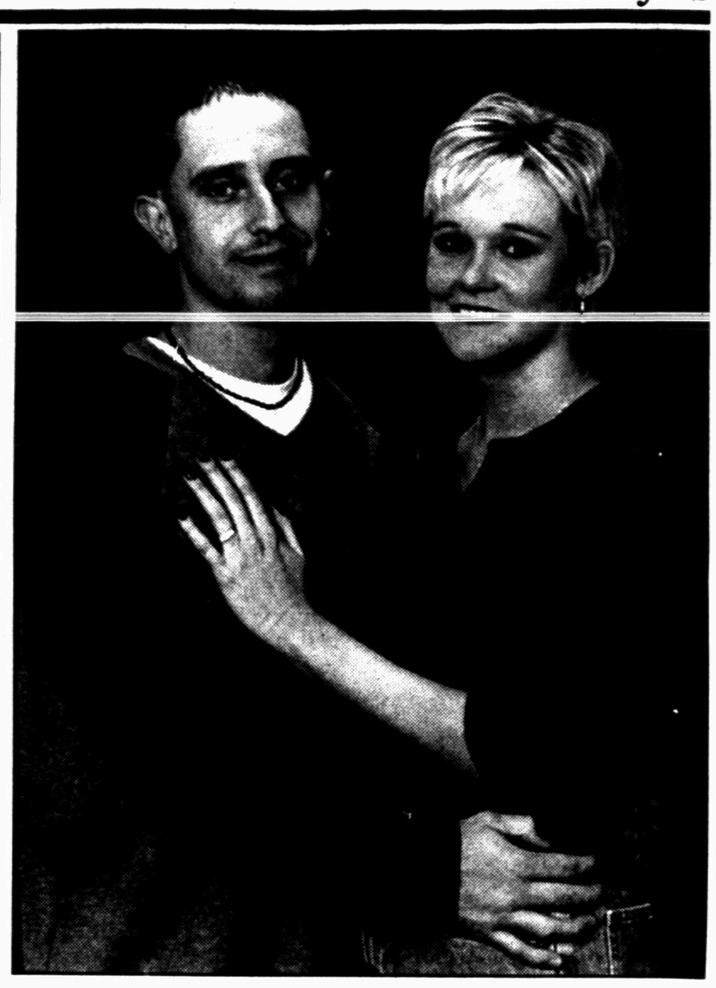
LIONS' DONATION — The Scurry County Museum director, Charlene Akers, accepts a monetary gift from the Snyder Lions Club represented by president Mike Hartman. The museum is located on the WTC campus and is open 4½ days a week and displays in the basement are open by appointment. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

LEVENS-HERRING TO MARRY — Michelle Levens of San Angelo and Jon Herring of Fluvanna will marry at 5 p.m. on June 23 in the Church of the Hills in Fluvanna. Michelle is the daughter of Randy and Shauna Levens of Water Valley and Jon is the son of Ray and Gwen Herring of Fluvanna. (Contributed Photo)



JUNE WEDDING SET — Tommy and Teresa Moore of Snyder and Kenneth and JoNita Syler of Andrews announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of the children, Misty Dawn Moore and Kelley Joe Syler. They will be married June 9 at Northside Baptist Church in Odessa. (Contributed Photo)

Bridal Registry

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LaTrisha Lee and Carl Spain
Sarah Lilly and Chris Post
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Jamee Goolsby and Michael Moreno
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Lora Lord

Lord receives real estate certification

Lora Lord, a Snyder resident for nine years, completed her real estate certification May 1 and is employed at Stevenson Real Estate, 2405 25th Street.

Lora was reared in Eunice, N.M., She and her husband, Bobby, who is production tech for Anadarko, have three daughters, Kari, Kaylee and Katelyn.

Lora can also be reached at 573-5612 or 573-1700.

Name Correction

In the Price Daniel Unit graduation picture that was published on Sunday, May 6, the name for Jay M. Pinney was an error. His name is Jay M. Finley.

Spring Cleaning

Clean tempered glass tabletops regularly with a soft cloth, a mild detergent and warm water. Buff dry with a clean, lint-free cloth. Commercial glass cleaners also may be used.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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.

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.

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

Defensive Driving Course, Monday and Tuesday at 6 to 9 p.m.; community room, Snyder Savings & Loan. No reservations necessary, for more information call 573-2850.

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

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

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room at Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 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

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.

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.

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

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 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.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-12-01
♠ J 10 7
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ Q J
♣ A K J 6

West
♠ K 9 2
♥ 8 2
♦ K 10 9 5 4
♣ 7 4 3

East
♠ 5 4
♥ A 10 7 4
♦ 8 6 3
♣ Q 10 9 5

South
♠ A Q 8 6 3
♥ K 6 3
♦ A 7 2
♣ 8 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 8

Consider implications and options

By Phillip Alder

The Senior Life Master was sitting in the club's bar. A young woman who had recently joined his classes sat down and gave him a glass of sauvignon blanc.

"Thank you," said the SLM. "It is good to be drinking white wine in warmer weather after so many months of winter. How did you do in the duplicate?"

"Average. Our defense was poor. We always seemed to concede one more trick than anyone else."

"Ah, that is fatal at pairs."

On the back of a coaster, the SLM wrote out the East and North hands in today's diagram.

Have a look at this (resumed the SLM). Sitting West was Audrey Chipping-Charlson, playing with her Austrian boyfriend Count Gustave Hoop-Mallet. Against four spades, she led the heart eight. How should Gustave have defended?

After giving her a few moments to decide, the SLM continued.

Gustave won the trick with his ace and whizzed back a heart. After winning in the dummy, declarer finessed the spade jack. Now, though, the contract was safe. Declarer won Audrey's club return in the dummy, drew trumps, and unsuccessfully tried the diamond finesse for an overtrick.

"Count, Count," commented Audrey. "If I have a singleton heart, declarer has four and would have rebid two hearts, not two no-trump. So, encourage with the heart 10 at trick one. Then, when I'm in with the spade king, I can lead my second heart to your ace, get a heart ruff, and await the diamond king as the setting trick."

"Always consider the implications of the bidding and lead, and weigh all your options," concluded the SLM.

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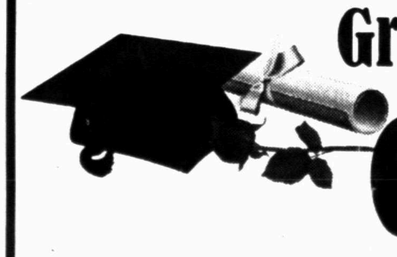

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IN MISS TEXAS CONTEST — Tamara Liner, daughter of Fred and Donna Liner, was recently crowned Miss El Paso USA 2001. She will participate in the Miss Texas Pageant in Lubbock on July 30. A sophomore and cheerleader at the University of Texas at El Paso, she is the granddaughter of Jimmie and Pat Cornett and James Liner, all of Snyder, and the late Jeanie Liner. (Contributed Photo)

Charlie and Dee Wilson
(Contributed Photo)

Former Snyder residents celebrate 25th anniversary

Charlie and Dee Wilson of Abilene, formerly of Snyder, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a "surprise" reception given in their honor in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church in Holliday.

Their children and their spouses, Renee and Keith Waggoner of Bells, Linda and Kerry Dollins of Fluvanna, David and Chris Wilson of Snyder, and Amy Church of Snyder hosted the reception. Close family members and friends were in attendance and special guests included five couples from their original Young Married Couples Sunday school class that began in 1976.

Charlie and Dee married March 13, 1976 in Holliday. Charlie is employed as field superintendent for Primrose Operating of Wichita Falls and Dee is employed as executive director for Noah Project in Abilene. They have five grandchildren with grandchild number six, "Baby Waggoner," due in August.

College students not amused by project

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Amherst College students weren't amused by a classmate's project to institute a phony campus ban on coffee.

Andrew Epstein persuaded campus cafeterias to stop selling coffee Tuesday as part of the class project. Then, he hung up signs claiming the college had banned coffee permanently, because "the alarming rise in caffeine use and the adverse side effects associated with this drug are seen as a significant public health risk."

The aim of the elaborate hoax, which included a "coffee detox center" at the infirmary and the sale of "black market" cups of joe for $2, was to make people think about the nation's drug policies and addictive substances they use in their daily lives, he said.

With finals less than a week away, his coffee-starved classmates weren't buying the project's larger meaning.

"Finals start next week. I just need it," junior Michael Nichols said as he paid $2 for a cup of the "black market" coffee.

Library News

BOOK FEATURE

"How Jane Won," by Dr. Sylvia Rimm.

How do you define success? In Dr. Rimm's definition, success is more than a six-figure paycheck or a fancy title. It's a sense of happiness and satisfaction in what you do. In this volume, Dr. Rimm lets more than 50 women tell their own stories of success in their own words. To learn how these women earned, struggled and lucked their way to the top is both fun and inspiring.

NEW NON-FICTION

"WEB Pages the Smart Way: The Painless Guide to Creating and Posting Your Own Website," by Joseph Sinclair.

"Kovel's Bid, Buy, and Sell Online: Basic Auction Information and Tricks of the Trade," by Ralph Kovel.

"Don't Sweat the Small Stuff...and It's All Small Stuff," by Richard Carlson.

"The Garden Planner: Over a Million Ways to Mix and Match Perfect Beds and Borders," by John Walker.

NEW FICTION

"Blue Deer Thaw: A Mystery," by Jamie Harrison.

"Set to Music," by Jeanne McCafferty.

"The Devil's Own," by Sandra Brown.

"A Common Life: The Wedding Story," by Jan Karon.

"The Fury and the Terror," by John Farris.

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Dog is plaintiff in owners' lawsuit

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Every dog has his day, but his day in court?

A golden retriever named Boomer is a plaintiff in a lawsuit filed by his owners, who are trying to recover damages for emotional distress they say the animal suffered when he was injured by an invisible fence.

Andrew and Alyce Pacher, who identify themselves as Boomer's "pet guardians," filed the lawsuit in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, seeking damages of more than $25,000.

Boomer has the backing of attorney Paul Leonard, a former lieutenant governor and ex-mayor of Dayton who is hoping to upgrade the legal status of dogs in Ohio.

Leonard said Boomer suffered psychological damage from second-degree burns he received when he tried to run through the Pachers' fence.

An invisible fence is an electrical wire buried in the ground. The dog wears a special collar that shocks the animal if it wanders beyond the fence.

School Menu

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST MENU

Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Juice

Tuesday
Texas Cheese Toast
Juice

Wednesday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit
Juice

Thursday
Strawberry Toasted Pastries
Juice

Friday
Cereal w/Graham Crackers

BREAKFAST OTHER SCHOOLS

Monday
Cinnamon Toast
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Tuesday
Breakfast Pizza or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Wednesday
Breakfast Soft Taco or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Thursday
Pancakes & Sausage w/Syrup
or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Friday
(Last Day of School)
Donut
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast

Tuesday
Juice
Breakfast Pizza

Wednesday
Fruit
Blueberry Muffins

Thursday
Juice
Fried Ham
Biscuits

Friday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

Monday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Ranch Style Beans
Relish Cup
Chilled Pears

Tuesday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Parsley Potatoes
Tomato Wedges
Soft Bread Sticks
Chilled Pineapple

Wednesday
Chicken & Dumplings
Buttered Spinach
Hot Biscuits
Fruit Jell-O

Thursday
Taco Salad/Salsa Sauce
Refried Beans
Tortilla Chips
Sopapillias

Friday
Stromboli
Potato Wedges
Relish Cup
Strawberries/Peaches/Whipped Topping

Bridge Scores

Monte West directed all duplicate bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, May 4

A group
1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
3. TIE: Nonnie Ward, Louise Thompson tied with Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.

B group
1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.
3. J.O. Morrison, Shirley Stewart.

Sunday, May 6

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Barbara Russell, E.J. Russell.
3. Betty Gibson, John Gibson.
4. Linda West, Margaret West.

Tuesday, May 8

1. Dot Casey, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Shirley Stewart, Nina Nesbit.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

Births

Matthew Collins and Michelle Gilbert of Midland announce the birth of their daughter, Isis Alizé Collins, at 4:26 a.m. on May 10 in Midland Memorial Hospital. She weighed four pounds, 12 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Buddy and Sandy Collins of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are John and Beth Gilbert of Midland.

Novel way to pay fine with 26 checks

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. (AP) — Ed Gravel says the parking ticket he got last week was at a malfunctioning meter, so he came up with a novel way of paying the $2 fine.

Gravel wrote 26 checks, some for as little as a penny, none larger than a quarter.

"I don't think the meter was right, and it irritated me," he said.

Police Chief Bruce Pratt was so struck by Gravel's approach that he personally reimbursed the town $2 for the checks, kept them, and framed them, displaying them near the squad room.

"I've had a lot more than $2 worth of enjoyment out of this," said Pratt.

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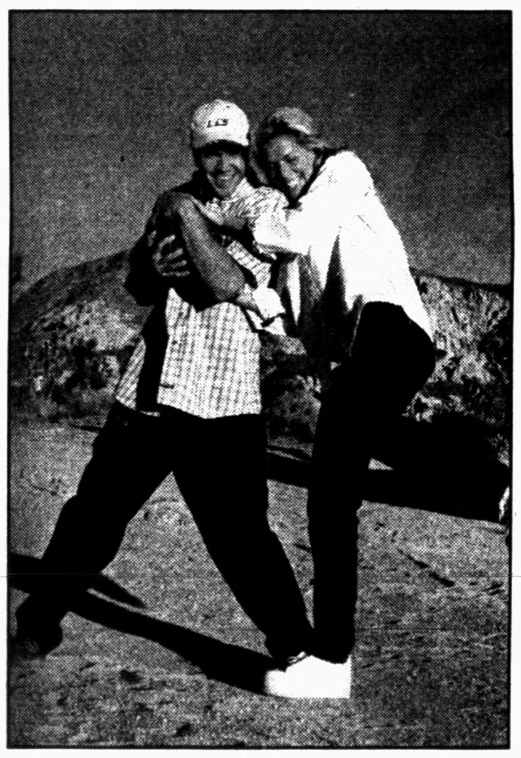
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FFA OFFICERS — Snyder High School FFA members who served as officers during the 2000-2001 school year were recognized during the annual banquet. Back row, from left, Shannon Chambers, Riley Tatum, Malorye Miller, Dana Stribling, Morgan Miller, Tara Trammell, Cassie Guerrero, Megan Anderson, Jacinda Judah, Cassie Callaway, Kasey Wemken, Jennifer Williamson; front row, Will Henderson, Brodie Pierce, Zach Billingsley, Justin Pechacek, Cliff Beights. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SENIOR FFA MEMBERS — Snyder High School Senior FFA members for 2000-2001 are from left, Sean Pesina, Will Henderson, Pace Millhollon, Dana Stribling, John Ryan Rasmus, Cassie Callaway, Valerie Lara, Vanessa Lara, Riley Tatum, Megan Anderson, Joe Pechacek. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder FFA presents awards

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Shana Blackard was also one of the 125 members to perform with this elite group at the national FFA convention in Louisville, Ky. last October.

Dana Stribling was recognized as the top salesperson. She sold thousands of dollars of fruit and meat.

Fifty-nine students were candidates for Greenhand FFA degree, and each received a bronze greenhand pin. Second-year FFA members were also recognized and presented silver pins.

The foreign exchange representatives from the Kiev region of Ukraine were also recognized. They include Ira Kvasha, Tanya Sokolska, Michail Trachenko, Maxim Odnorog, Tatyana Bykovska, Lyudmila Lendrik and Roman Bogunenko.

Conroy's relationship has thawed from last year

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Pat Conroy's icy relationship with The Citadel thawed last year when his alma mater awarded him an honorary degree, and now he'll deliver Saturday's commencement address to cadets at the school.

"It wasn't too long ago when I thought I'd never step foot on that campus again. And there's still some Citadel people that wish I'd never stepped foot there to begin with," Conroy says.

Conroy, whose works include "The Prince of Tides" and "Beach Music," is a 1967 graduate who wrote the scathing "Lords of Discipline," a thinly disguised account of life at the state military college.

He has criticized the school's military system and its earlier policy of barring its gates to women.

Thomas cries while giving his speech

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas broke down in tears Friday while speaking to a group of lawyers about the legal fight to take custody of his grandnephew.

Thomas, who grew up in Savannah, paused during his speech to the Savannah Bar Association to thank the lawyer who handled the 1997 custody case of the then 6-year-old boy — the grandson of Thomas' only sister.

The normally reserved Thomas abruptly stopped, bowed his head, clasped his hand over his eyes and shook for about 25 seconds. As he wept quietly, the audience of about 100 broke the awkward silence with applause.

"That was embarrassing," the 52-year-old justice said, before halting again for several seconds. "I apologize for the interruption."

Thomas then dabbed his eyes with a dinner napkin and continued his speech.

Like the eight other members of the court, Thomas does not give interviews.

SENIOR BAND STUDENTS — Snyder High School senior band students received certificates during the recent banquet. Front row, from left, Melina Campos, Jessica Ramos, Amanda Culwell, Eric DeLeon, Amanda Fisk, Jennifer Bell; back row, Ryan Burk, Zack Green, Melinda Langham, Zachary Allred, Not pictured are Lyndell Lee and Neil Cooper. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SWEETHEART AND DRUM MAJOR — Melina Campos, left, was recognized as the band sweetheart for 2000-2001 and Melinda Langham for being the drum major. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Cleaner refineries required by EPA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency settled a case Friday in a Detroit federal court requiring seven petroleum refineries to reduce smokestack pollutants by more than 23,000 tons per year.

Under the settlement, Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC, of Findlay, Ohio, must spend an estimated $265 million to install pollution control equipment aimed at reducing emissions from smokestacks, wastewater vents, leaky valves and flares at its refineries which account for more than 5 percent of the total refining capacity in the United States.

Those refineries are located in Robinson, Ill.; Garyville, La.; Texas City, Texas; Catlettsburg, Ky.; Detroit; Canton, Ohio; and St. Paul Park, Minn.

The new equipment is intended to help ease respiratory problems like childhood asthma by cutting pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate emissions, carbon monoxide, benzene and volatile organic compounds.

Two states, Louisiana and Minnesota, and Wayne County, Mich., joined the consent decree filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Detroit and announced by the EPA and the Justice Department.

Marathon Ashland also will pay a $3.8 million civil penalty under the Clean Air Act and spend about $6.5 million for environmental projects in communities near the refineries. Minnesota and Louisiana each will receive $50,000 of the penalty under the agreement.

Attorney General John Ashcroft called it "a victory for the environment."

The case is part of EPA's national effort to reduce harmful air pollution released from refineries, EPA Administrator Christie Whitman said.

In March, the government reached similar agreements with Motiva Enterprises, Equilon Enterprises, and Deer Park Refining Limited Partnership, which will reduce air pollution at nine refineries across the nation.

"The settlement also is expected to facilitate efficiency upgrades and increased production of gasoline over the next eight years," Whitman said.

Also Friday, the EPA and Justice Department announced it had reached a separate settlement filed in U.S. District Court in Benton, Ill., requiring Marathon Ashland to reduce benzene emissions at its refinery in Robinson, Ill.

SHS Band gives awards Saturday

Snyder High Band named top students at the annual banquet Saturday at Western Texas College's student center.

Zachary Allred received the John Philip Sousa Award. Melina Campos was recognized as the sweetheart and Melinda Langham was recognized as the drum major. Each received a bouquet of flowers.

Seniors receiving plaques include Melina Campos, Jessica Ramos, Amanda Culwell, Eric DeLeon, Amanda Fisk, Jennifer Bell, Ryan Burk, Zack Green, Melinda Langham, Zachary Allred, Lyndell Lee and Neil Cooper.

Thomas Fogleman, SHS assistant principal, was the master of ceremonies. He also extended the welcome, made opening remarks, and closed the banquet.

Amanda Culwell gave the invocation. Donnie Reston, band director, presented awards to the all-region band members, solo and ensemble, drum major, sweetheart, senior awards the John Phillip Sousa Award.

There was also a salute to the Pride of the West, featuring the seniors of 2001.

Juniors read their prophesies and seniors their wills.

Public Records

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Thelma Louise Gardner and Johnny Dale Gardner, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Leslie Wayne Vantine and Debra Kay Vantine, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Judith Ann Brown and David Malcolm Brown, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Thomas Germald Wesley and Michelle Renee Wesley, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Donna Leeann Zajicek and Victor David Zajicek, divorce granted.

American State Bank vs. Jo Ann Cagle, agreed judgment.

Scurry County vs. Phil Robinson, dba Par Safety Service, et al, order granting non-suit.

Nes Permian Basin L.P. vs. Larry Wayne York, default judgment.

Deed Records

Edwin and Magdalena Mendez to Connie Essery, Lot 7 in Block 6 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Geraldine M. DeShazo to James Vernon, Sharon Vernon Jones and Joe Vernon, Blocks 41 and 42 in the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Marlene Yone Holman to Sidney and Rebekah Franklin, 2.56 acres in Section 20, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Cathy A. McNew to Joe Anthony and Judith A. Rodriguez, the east 5 feet of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8 in Block 1 of the Martin Addition, Section 1.

James Clinton Wynn Jr. to L.C. Devorce, the east 20 feet of Lot 8 and the west 30 feet of Lot 9, a replat of Block 72 and a replat of the east 60 feet of Lot 1 in Block 73 of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Mother has Website

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Bobbi McCaughey, the mother of the world's first surviving set of septuplets, is chronicling her toddlers' busy lives online in a weekly journal.

The journal, featured on the Web site www.americanbaby.com, will touch on such subjects as infertility, feeding and toilet training. It debuted Thursday, just in time for Mother's Day.

The journal will help moms remember "the simple things and the little things that your kids do.

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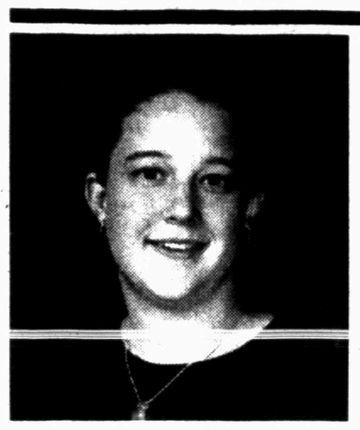

Kayla Phillips

Phillips named academic scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announces that Kayla Phillips, Snyder High School student, has been named an All-American Scholar. The All-American Scholar must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

Kayla, the daughter of Al and Debbie Phillips of Snyder, will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook.

Grandparents include Richard and Peggy Payne of Anson and Billie Phillips of Farwell.

Krista Chaidez

Chaidez receives awards in math

The United States Achievement Academy extends academic recognition to Krista Bre'Anne Chaidez, a student at Snyder Junior High School.

Those honors include being named an All-American Scholar and receiving a National Award in mathematics. Theresa Vest, math teacher, nominated her for both awards.

All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Chaidez will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published annually.

Krista is the daughter of Ricky and LeeAnn Chaidez of Snyder. Grandparents are Wayne and Mary Webster of Snyder and Emiliano and Socorro Chaidez of Snyder.

Arispe becomes new U.S. Marine

Marine Corps Pvt. Tony Arispe, son of Virginia and Anthony Arispe of Snyder, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School.

Launches tour

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Bunnies in tow, Playboy founder Hugh Hefner launched a European tour that kicked off with a clothing deal with Fiorucci in Italy's fashion capital.

As of Thursday, Italians could buy metal-studded Playboy denim jackets or bottle openers with bunny ears at Fiorucci's trendy Milan flagship store.

Playboy Enterprises Inc. struck an exclusive distribution deal with the Italian retailer, whose tight-fitting jeans were a New York fashion "must-have" in the 1970s and 1980s.

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Pregnant woman, three others die in Interstate crash

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A head-on collision on Interstate 264 killed four people, including a pregnant woman on her way to the hospital to deliver her first child.

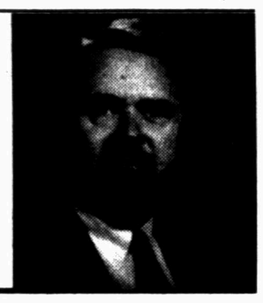
A 21-year-old Navy man was driving west in the eastbound lane when he hit a car carrying four people early Friday, state police said.

The pregnant woman, Debra Lee Vansickle, 19, of Virginia Beach, was riding in the car driven by Beverly Shawn Carter, 30, of Chesapeake. Carter and another passenger, Shirley Jean Binson, 44, of Fort Worth, Texas, were killed. A passenger who was not identified was taken to Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital.

The driver of the car going the wrong way also died. His name was not immediately released.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Looking for Motivation? Open the books.

This column is not focused on your own motivation. Instead, it's directed at small-business owners who struggle with keeping associates inspired and motivated.

I've worked with more than 2,000 business owners, and typically, they guard their personal information closely. They feel that they are the only ones who need access to the books. They often do this for one of two reasons: 1) they don't want others to know how "much" they make, or 2) they don't want others to know how "little" they earn.

Usually, this results in employees assuming their boss is making a ton of money, and therefore they make no attempt to find ways to improve the business or eliminate waste. And, because they have no sense of ownership and can't see how their effort - or lack thereof - affects anything that happens in the business, they do only that which is demanded of them.

The owner, who has access to good management information, can't understand why the employees don't show more motivation in helping the business prosper. The employees, who know nothing about the operations, can't understand why the boss is always in a stew about something.

The open-book solution

Some savvy business owners have found that they can accomplish a great deal more if their employees don't think of their work as a job, but as a game. Like all games, businesses have rules. Like all games, businesses must have objectives or goals.

In tag, the goal is to tag another player. In football, it is to carry the ball across the goal line. In business, the goals may be to increase sales, grow profits, reduce expenses or open another location.

Open-book management gives employees access to business information relevant to their goals and objectives. And, it can provide incentive to accomplish the goals.

For example, if a small business earned a net income of $40,000 last year, the owner might challenge her employees to increase that by $20,000 and offer to give 25 percent of the increase back to the employees as a bonus. Next year, the owner might offer to share 30 percent of all profits over $60,000. The goal is improvement; the reward is higher earnings.

Critical points

Here are some key concepts to making this management tool work.

* **Everyone must understand the game.** Every player must know the rules and understand his or her responsibilities.

* **Everyone must be able to see the score board.** In business, employees must have access to the information they need to determine how they're doing.

* **Goals must be specific, achievable and measurable.** Everyone must know what they are trying to achieve.

* **Good directions are critical.** Employees must know what to do and how to do it.

* **You must provide incentive.** The carrot in open-book management is usually giving employees a percentage of the increase.

In this game, everyone becomes an entrepreneur. It can be a great adventure knowing that you have some control over how well your company does and your own earning power, too. It's a good strategy and might work for you.

To learn more, I'd suggest these two books: Open-Book Management by John Case (1995, Harper Business) and The Great Game of Business by Jack Stack with Bo Burlington (1992, Doubleday/Currency).

If you're looking for good books to motivate yourself, I'd recommend Zig Ziglar's See You at the Top and its sequel Over the Top. You should read Dennis Waitley's Seeds of Greatness and Dale Carnegie's How to Win Friends and Influence People. I'd also highly recommend, Winning Everyday by Lou Holtz and The Success System that Never Fails by W. Clement Stone.

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'Historic Scurry' honors Krenek

Historic Scurry County, Inc. met recently at the Cornelius-Dodson House and Dermott School. A docent-training packet was distributed to persons in attendance, and Western Texas College president, Dr. Harry Krenek, and Scurry County Museum director Charlene Akers, gave special presentations.

Dr. Krenek, who was one of the organizers of Historic Scurry County, Inc., gave the background of the organization and the purpose of incorporation stating that "from the creation of the organization to the present day, Historic Scurry County has been a team project."

He explained to the group that in 1979, First Federal Savings purchased the land where the Cornelius-Dodson house stood (3011 College Avenue — where First American Bank is now located) to construct a new savings and loan building. The Cornelius-Dodson house was a pioneer Snyder home with an official Texas historical marker, and First Federal promised the donation of the structure to the Scurry County Historical Commission; however, the house has to be relocated by a deadline, or it would be lost.

"Because the historical commission could not own property," a separate entity was chartered to own the property, and that organization became Historic Scurry County, Inc. "A charter was written, tax-exempt status was obtained, and a board of directors and officers were elected, and we were on our way," said Dr. Krenek.

Before the house could be relocated, later additions to the original structure had to be removed. Siding had to be taken off, chimneys were taken down, and preparations were made for the movers.

"The Jaycees, the gas company, the electric company, the county commissioners and individuals who made donations or attended fund-raisers were all involved. It was one of the projects the people of the county got behind and made it happen," added Dr. Krenek.

The project was completed in 1981 and one of the oldest houses in the county had been saved and preserved.

The house is now situated at Heritage Village across from the Scurry County Coliseum. It stands along with another historical building, the Dermott School, which was added and restored several years later by Historic Scurry County, Inc. The two structures have served the citizens of Scurry County well since their relocation and restoration. They have served as a teaching tool, tourist attraction, museum and place for persons to gather for social occasions.

Charlene Akers offered the future of Historic Scurry County, Inc. stating that she foresees the organization continuing with the preservation of the structures by maintaining the buildings which are showing need of repair. The organization should continue the upkeep by replacing faded or stained wallpaper, having a new roof put on, replacing broken bricks and painting the structures. The group would also continue with educational projects for school children and sponsorship of tours through the structures. Participating in fundraisers and obtaining grants are possible options to provide money to maintain the buildings.

As for the immediate future, tours are planned for Snyder ISD students in observance of National History Week May 20-26. Because school is out before National History Week begins, the tours will be conducted a week early on May 14-17. Educators desiring tours for students are asked to call the number below for an appointment.

Dr. Krenek was presented a special plaque of recognition and appreciation from Historic Scurry County, Inc. for his 21 years of outstanding leadership and service to the organization. A tour of the historical structures followed, and all in attendance were served lunch at the Dermott School.

Anyone desiring tours, use of the buildings, membership in the organization or docent training is encouraged to call Jean Everett at 573-2763 or Sandra McDonald at 573-0770.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION — Historic Scurry County, Inc. presented a plaque of special recognition and appreciation to Western Texas College President, Dr. Harry Krenek, for his 21 years of outstanding service to the organization. Billy Haynes, right, president of Historic Scurry County, Inc. presents the plaque to Dr. Krenek. (Contributed Photo)

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Words cannot express our appreciation to everyone who attended and supported our May Day activities. Hope to see you next year, May 4, 2002.

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Governor signs hate crimes bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry signed the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act into law Friday, strengthening the penalties for offenses against minorities, gays and others.

The measure was named for the East Texas black man who was dragged to his death from a pickup truck in 1998 by three whites.

Perry's predecessor, George W. Bush, had refused to support the measure two years ago, saying all crimes are hate crimes.

"With my signature, Texas now has stronger penalties against crimes motivated by hate," said Perry, who had been noncommittal until Friday's signing. "This law sends a signal to would-be criminals that if you attack someone because of their religion or race or gender, you face stiffer penalties."

As Perry signed the bill, he was surrounded by Byrd's parents and lawmakers who had pushed for the legislation,

Byrd's mother, Stella, said before the signing that she was "very pleased that he changed his mind and thank God for that too. I think he finally realized it was a good bill."

PLAY PRESENTED — The kindergarten students of Patti Palmer recently presented the play *The Joining of Letter q and Letter u* (the sound "kw") for the primary students at West Elementary. Pictured back row from left are: Taylor Barrera, Dakota Neff, Vivi Facundo, Kelton Williams, Jacob Knoche, Bobby Diaz, Cherie Northcutt; middle row, Alec Thompson, Christian Perez, Mathew Guzman, Alyssa Guerrero, Mason Tabor, Aaliyah Wesley; front row, Nathan Hernandez, Just Price, Levi Hataway, Justice Terrazas, Alex Settles. (Not pictured is McKinsey Ellis). SDN Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman).

Letters 'q' and 'u' are joined

The letters of the alphabet recently made a declaration to the primary students of West Elementary: "q" and "u" must forever be joined together so that children can learn the sound "kw".

The joining of letter "q" (Jacob Knoche) and "u" (Vivi Facundo) took place on April 20 at West Elementary. The official declaration was made by letters "k" and "w" (Kelton Williams). "Q" and "u" promised to "stand together and make the sound "kw" as long as children shall read."

Candles "b" (Bobby Diaz) and "d" (Dakota Neff) were lighted by candlelighters "t" (Taylor Barrera) and "sh" (Cherie Northcutt) and brightened the path to the archway which was decorated with wisteria blooms.

"U" was given to speak forever with "q" by "U" (Nathan Hernandez). Attendants were couples: "g" & "h" (Mason Tabor and Aailyah Wesley). "i" & "m" (Mathew Guzman and Alyssa Guerrero; "n" & "o" (Alec Thompson and Christian Perez); "r" & "s" (Alex Settles and Justice Terrazas). Letter "Q" (McKinsey Ellis), supported by letter "v" (Levi Hataway), cried quietly as she watched "q" pledge his allegiance forever to "u."

Letter "j" (Just Price) heralded the event and The Joining Planner (Patti Palmer) used "u's" favorite color of purple to decorate the hallway. After the joining, cookies and punch were served to the party in Mrs. Patti Palmer's room.

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Q & A

Club drugs

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.

CLUB DRUGS: FOCUS ON ECSTASY

Ecstasy is defined as "intense joy or delight; rapture" by the American Heritage Dictionary. Now ask yourself this question: do you consider an increased heart rate and body temperature, dehydration, inability to think and regulate emotion, memory, sleep and pain ecstasy?

Ecstasy, or "X", "Adam", "MDMA" as it is known in slang terms, is one of the new designer drugs, or Club Drugs, as they are called. In our first article in this series we saw that these drugs are making an appearance at Raves, bars and dance clubs. Ecstasy is used to improve moods or to get energy, however, what the short term thrill seekers don't realize is that chronic use of Ecstasy appears to damage the brain's ability to think and regulate emotion, memory, sleep, and pain.

Ecstasy increases the heart rate and body temperature, and has occasionally contributed to heart and kidney failure. The drug also appears to mask the sense of thirst – a potentially hazardous effect if one is dancing for hours in a crowded, sweltering club. Ecstasy users have died from acute dehydration.

Ecstasy also appears to have long-term effects. In a recent study, long-term ecstasy users had residual problems of verbal and visual memory impairment 2 weeks after stopping the drug. Brain imaging studies have shown that the drug damages brain cells that produce serotonin.

We still do not know if these cells regenerate, so the memory-loss and perhaps additional still-to-be discovered serotonin-related impairments may be long lasting or permanent. In addition, a study in Great Britain documented an elevated incidence of congenital abnormalities in the children of women who took ecstasy during pregnancy.

There are other forms of ecstasy.

One name for ecstasy is "MDMA" or methylenedioxy methamphetamine. MDMA was discovered and patented in the early 1900's as a chemical precursor in the synthesis of pharmaceuticals. Chemically, MDMA is similar to the stimulant amphetamine and the hallucinogen mescaline. MDMA can produce both stimulant and psychedelic effects. MDMA is taken orally, usually in a tablet or a capsule. The effects of MDMA last approximately 3 to 6 hours, though confusion, depression, sleep problems, anxiety, and paranoia have been reported to occur even weeks after the drug is taken. MDMA can be extremely dangerous in high doses.

Another type of ecstasy is Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB). This is also known as "Liquid Ecstasy", "Grievous Bodily Harm", "G", and "Georgia Home Boy". GHB can be produced in clear liquid, white powder, tablet and capsule forms, and it is often used in combination with alcohol, making it even more dangerous. GHB has been increasingly involved in poisonings, overdoses, "date rapes", and fatalities.

The drug is used predominantly by adolescents and young adults, often when they attend nightclubs and raves. GHB is often manufactured in homes with recipes and ingredients found and purchased on the Internet. GHB is usually abused either for its intoxicating/sedative/euphoriant properties or for its growth hormone-releasing effects, which can build muscles.

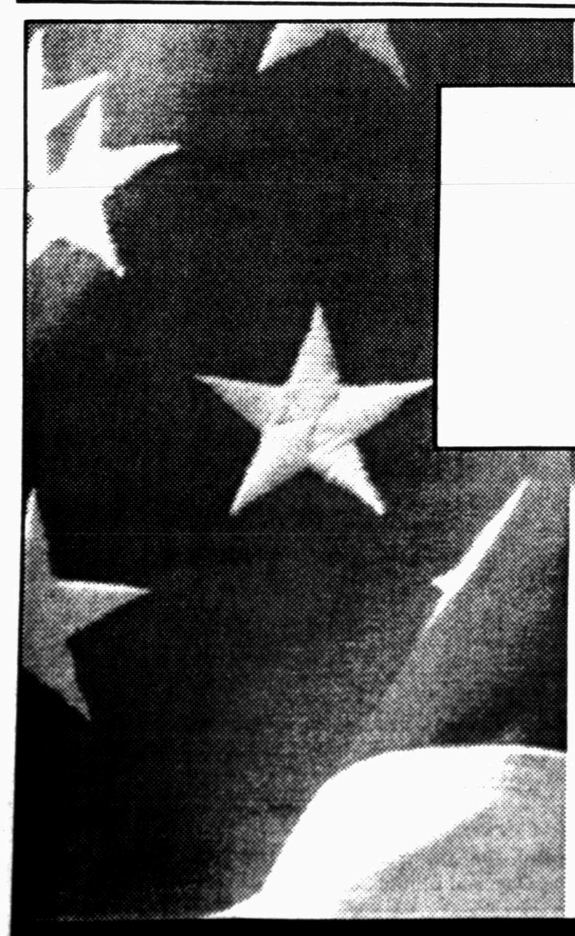
GHB is a central nervous system depressant that can relax or sedate the body. At higher doses it can slow breathing and heart rate to dangerous levels. GHB's intoxicating effects begin 10 to 20 minutes after the drug is taken. The effects typically last up to 4 hours, depending on the dosage. At lower doses, GHB can relieve anxiety and produce relaxation; however, as the dose increases, the sedative effects may result in sleep and eventual coma or death.

Overdose of GHB can occur rather quickly, and the signs are similar to those of other sedatives: drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, headache, loss of consciousness, loss of reflexes, impaired breathing and ultimately death. GHB is cleared from the body relatively quickly, so it is sometimes difficult to detect in emergency rooms and other treatment facilities.

Ecstasy, MDMA, GHB . . . . all these give the illusion of making the user feel "intense joy or delight" but the truth is that these drugs, taken once or two or three times, will eventually cause the user to feel anything but what the name implies.

If you would like more information on ecstasy, please look at the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse website where up to date information is always available.

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 self-help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.



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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1846, the U.S. Senate voted 40-2 to approve a declaration of war against Mexico.

On this day in 1890, prizefighting was banned in the state of Louisiana.

On this day in 1980, Maxie Anderson and Chris Anderson became the first aeronauts to travel nonstop across North America by balloon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward Lear (1812-1888), humorist; Florence Nightingale (1820-1921), nurse; Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1828-1882), poet-painter; Yogi Berra (1925-), baseball great, is 76; Burt Bacharach (1929-), composer, is 72; Frank Stella (1936-), painter, is 65; George Carlin (1937-), comedian, is 64; Steve Winwood (1948-), musician, is 53; Kim Fields (1969-), actress, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1956, Carl Erskine of the Brooklyn Dodgers pitched a no-hitter against the Giants. Brooklyn won 3-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To learn is a natural pleasure, not confined to philosophers, but common to all men." — Aristotle

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (May 7) and last quarter (May 15).

Sunday May 13, 2001

Today is the 133rd day of 2001 and the 55th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1607, English colonists founded Jamestown, Va.

On this day in 1908, the Navy Nurse Corps was established.

On this day in 1988, the Radio Hall of Fame inducted Guglielmo Marconi, Benny Goodman, Edward R. Murrow and Orson Welles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900), light-opera composer; Georges Braque (1882-1963), artist; Daphne du Maurier (1907-1989), novelist; Joe Louis (1914-1981), boxing great; Beatrice Arthur (1926-), actress, is 75; Harvey Keitel (1939-), actor, is 62; Stevie Wonder (1950-), singer-songwriter, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1942, Jim Tobin of the Boston Braves hit three home runs in a game against Chicago.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Loquacity storms the ear, but modesty takes the heart." — Thomas Fuller M.D.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (May 7) and last quarter (May 15).

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14 are killed in bus mishap

BEIJING (AP) — A heavily overloaded bus overturned in a mountain gulch in central China on Friday, killing 14 passengers and injuring the 17 others on board, the government's Xinhua News Agency reported.

The privately owned bus was licensed to carry 19 persons, but 31 were on board when it flipped over and fell about 130 feet in a mountainous area of Shaanxi province, Xinhua said.

Shaanxi is about 625 miles southwest of Beijing.

3-year-old's death ruled a murder

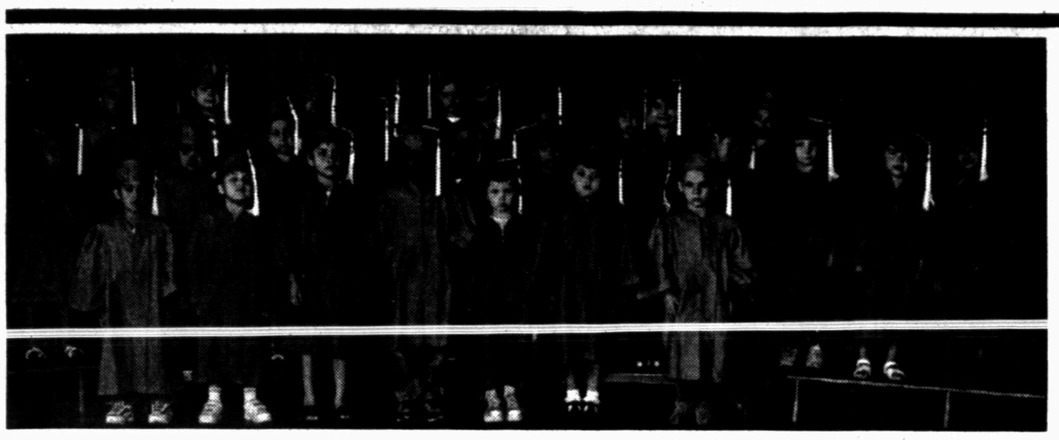
RIVERHEAD, N.Y. (AP) — A man who claimed that a 3-year-old girl in his care had drank herself to death was found guilty Thursday of murder.

Charles Bodenburg, 22, said Kayla Zachman consumed a bottle of amaretto as he slept in 1999 and he later found her unconscious. Prosecutors said the girl was beaten and smothered while Bodenburg was baby-sitting for his girlfriend.

The girl had a blood-alcohol level of 0.05 percent, which prosecutors said was not high enough for alcohol poisoning.

Bodenburg, who was found guilty of second-degree murder, faces 25 years to life in prison when he is sentenced next month.

Between 1961 and 1990, Rochester, N.Y., was the snowiest city in the United States. On average, the city receives 94 inches of snow each year.



GRADUATES — Scurry County Heart Start children graduated Thursday. Back row from left, Cipriano Ray Aguilera, Jose Angel Cabrera, Veronica Daiz, Donavan Hernandez, Bethany Iglehart, Briana Juarez, Matthew Lara, Sandy Leal, Michelle Martinez, Brekan Meeker; middle row, Aileen Molinar, Victoria Quiros, Ruben Soliz, Myesha Taylor, Deonica Vasquez, Santiago Amezquita, Yolanda Carbajal, Israel Garcia, Tiffany Hoxey, Alexxus Jackson; front row, Miguel Juarez, Andee Leal, Jasmin Martinez, Xavier McGaha, Shyanne Miller, Rebecca Murillo, Clara Rodriguez, Brandon Sutton, Cecilia Valdez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Senate compromise proposal cuts tax rate to 36 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal offered by the Senate's top Republican and Democratic tax writers would reduce the top income tax rate to 36 percent over several years instead of the 33 percent wanted by President Bush.

The bill by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., also would lower the bottom rate from 15 percent to 10 percent immediately, said congressional sources who spoke on condition of anonymity. Other income tax rates also would be cut gradually. The current top rate is 39.6 percent.

In his 10-year, $1.6 trillion package, Bush had sought to lower the top income tax rate to 33 percent — a key point for GOP conservatives. But the lower overall tax cut of $1.35 trillion over 11 years approved as part of the congressional budget, plus pressure from Republican moderates and Democrats, forced a more modest cut in the top rate.

President Bush said Friday he wanted Congress to have the final package on his desk by Memorial Day. "The Congress needs to act. I'm confident, if they have the will to do so, that they can get this done by Memorial Day," Bush told reporters at the White House. "Let's get the tax relief done and do it quickly."

The Senate Finance Committee planned to begin work Tuesday on its version of the legislation.

The Grassley-Baucus measure is likely to undergo changes in the committee, on the Senate floor and in negotiations with the House. But it represents the first real effort to bridge gaps between Democrats, who largely oppose Bush's tax cut as skewed to the wealthy, and most Republicans who favor the president's original plan.

According to the sources, the bill also includes a provision sought by Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and other moderates to let lower-income people who pay no income taxes benefit from the child tax credit. The plan also would gradually double the per-child credit from $500 to $1,000, as Bush proposed.

The bill also would gradually reduce and eventually repeal the estate tax, another cherished goal of Republicans. But the measure would also quickly raise the current $675,000 exemption so the tax would affect fewer small business owners and farmers than it currently does.

In addition, the measure would ease the marriage penalty paid by millions of two-income couples, similar to another Bush proposal. It also includes a popular retirement provision that would raise contribution limits for 401(k) plans and individual retirement accounts, the sources said.

The budget just passed by Congress sets a May 18 deadline for the Finance Committee to send a tax relief bill to the Senate floor under rules that limit amendments and debate time. In addition, the budget measure forbids a filibuster on the tax bill, meaning it would take just 51 votes to pass.

The House, meanwhile, has already approved the bulk of Bush's $1.6 trillion tax package in virtually the same form as the president proposed. Differences between the two versions will have to be worked out.

Postponement of McVeigh's execution black mark on FBI

WASHINGTON (AP) — For an agency still reeling from the discovery of an alleged spy in its ranks, the last thing the FBI needed was the disclosure that it withheld evidence from lawyers representing the man convicted of the worst act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history.

Timothy McVeigh was scheduled to be executed by lethal injection on Wednesday. Now his lawyers are weighing whether to seek a stay of the execution, which would have been the first federal death sentence carried out since 1963.

Attorney General John Ashcroft put off the execution until June 11 to allow McVeigh's attorneys to review the evidence and ordered an investigation into the FBI's failure to turn over thousands of pages to McVeigh's defense team.

"I know many Americans will question why the execution of someone who is so clearly guilty of such a heinous crime should be delayed," Ashcroft said. He said he made his decision so that there would be no lingering questions over the case that "would cast a permanent cloud over justice."

The mishap comes a little more than a week after FBI Director Louis Freeh said he plans to retire in June — two years short of his 10-year term. Law enforcement officials familiar with the case said there was no connection between Freeh's decision to retire and the problem with the McVeigh documents.

The revelation shook the law enforcement establishment — and people waiting to see closure more than six years after a bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168, including many women and children.

"I'm appalled," said Kathleen Treanor, who lost her 4-year-old daughter and her in-laws in the bombing. "The FBI knew from the very beginning that this was a huge case. How could they have possibly made a mistake this huge?"

The documents mishap also follows the arrest in February of Robert Philip Hanssen, a 20-year veteran agent accused of selling national secrets to Moscow.

Hanssen, a counterintelligence agent with access to highly sensitive information, carried on his alleged spying activities for 15 years without being detected by his bosses. Investigations are underway to figure out how.

Other controversies, from a crime-lab scandal in the 1990s to the botched investigation last year of former Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee, have dogged the FBI in recent years.

The revelation that some 3,135 investigation materials — including interview reports and physical evidence such as photographs, letters and tapes — were inadvertently withheld from McVeigh's attorneys is another embarrassment for the FBI.

Law enforcement officials familiar with the documents mishap, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said the mistake resulted from an antiquated records system. The FBI was in the routine process of gathering all documents from the Oklahoma City bombing investigation — numbering more than 1 million — from its bureaus when officials discovered that some pages had never been shared with defense lawyers.

"One thing that's overlooked here is that there were thousands and thousands of these statements that have to be stored and catalogued," said Andrew Cohen, a legal analyst who has followed the case. "Certainly you don't want to encourage the government to lose this sort of thing, but in some ways it's a bit understandable."

As soon as the mistake was discovered, the bureau acted quickly to turn the documents over, the sources said. The Justice Department received the documents Wednesday and sent McVeigh's attorneys copies of everything.

The department says none of the documents creates any doubt about McVeigh's conviction or sentence. McVeigh's lawyers could still ask for a stay of execution so they can examine the materials.

"I think the FBI has given McVeigh the chance to delay his own execution," said Cohen.

Paul Heath, who was injured in the bombing, said he was taking a wait-and-see approach to the news.

"I'm convinced it wouldn't make any difference to Mr. McVeigh," said Heath. "It does not upset me."

Last year the FBI was stung by the case of Wen Ho Lee, a former Los Alamos scientist indicted on 59 criminal counts of mishandling nuclear weapons secrets. He spent nine months in solitary confinement in a New Mexico jail. All but one count was eventually dropped.

The FBI also suffered through an embarrassing investigation by its parent, the Justice Department, of its world-renowned crime lab in the mid-1990s.

Spurred by allegations from Frederic Whitehurst, an FBI lab chemist, Justice Inspector General Michael Bromwich investigated the facility for 18 months. He subsequently blasted the FBI facility for flawed scientific work and inaccurate, pro-prosecution testimony in major cases, including the Oklahoma City bombing.

The catastrophe at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, in which 80 people were killed, and a shoot-out with white separatists in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, have also dogged the FBI.

McVeigh has said he carried out the Oklahoma City bombing to avenge the deaths at Waco and Ruby Ridge.

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Letters to the editor

Thanks for the support

Dear Editor:

I want to publicly express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding help and support provided by the Snyder Economic Development Corporation during our recent visit. The purpose of our trip was to gather information and develop contacts that will help support and ease the upcoming movement of families to Snyder as part of the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative.

With the information provided and the positive "can-do" attitude displayed by everyone, we were able to demonstrate to AHNTECH (the organization what will run the site) that they will be welcome and accepted into your community. AHNTECH was also able to use the trip report to energize and excite the people, who are now looking forward to becoming proud, productive Snyder citizens.

From the very beginning of the RBTI project, the great folks of Snyder and the surrounding areas have never failed to extend the famous "Texas hospitality" to every member of our team. Even those who are opposed to the development have always treated us with the utmost respect and kindness, while helping us try to understand the reasons for their opposing view.

Having traveled to numerous places throughout the U.S. and the world, I can guarantee you that the sense of family and community you have in Snyder is extremely valuable and getting rare. If what you have could be bottled, sold and exported, the world would be better, safer and much more peaceful!

Let me also comment on the great service you are providing to the most precious and important asset that our nation has. I am referring to our young people, and specifically those who have dedicated their lives to defend us. Your support in helping provide the best training possible for these men and women is a tribute to your entire community.

Every time I get a chance to be in a place like Snyder, I understand once again why America is still the greatest country on the face of the earth and worth sacrificing your life to defend! I can't tell you how valuable such an understanding is to a military officer who has seen terrified young aviators fly into battle facing death. At such a time, it is absolutely essential that they understand what makes our country different from our adversaries.

Answers like "we are wealthier, or more technologically advanced that them" just won't do at that time.

The answer has to be based in much weightier issues like the values we hold. Values like righteousness goodness of the soul, equal justice for all, and freedom. Sadly, too many of these have become meaningless words to all too many of American's newest generation who have heard them spoken often, but rarely, if ever, seen them practiced.

It is truly refreshing to spend time in places like Snyder where you find so many who, not only talk the values so critical to our nations past and future, but live them today. Spending time with, and benefiting from the efforts of folks like Max von Roeder, John Gayle, John DeLille, Donna Fowler, Rodger Sullenger, Jack Whitworth, Howard Limmer, Missy Jones, Mayor Dayton Robertson, Judge Ricky Fritz, and the host of others I've met in Snyder, reassures my belief in the American people and helps me realize that our true heroes are the citizens of our cities and towns who make daily efforts to make life better for those around them.

I am sure as we continue to cooperate, communicate and work together, getting our RBTI Electronic Scoring Site personnel and their families off to the right-start in Snyder will "be a cinch."

Speaking of families, I also appreciate your part in making me personally feel like I'm now part of the Snyder, Texas family and once again proud to be an American!

Dale L. Garrett,
Lt. Col. USAF
Chief Integration Branch
ACC/HQ
Langley AFB, Va.

To all Ranger fans

Dear Editor:

Ranger fans, we are losing 48 games this year that Cox Cable is not making available to their cable customers in this area.

In the past we submitted a petition with 805 signatures to the TCA Cable manager in Big Spring: and thanks to Mr. John Gayle, the City Council allowed us to have a channel to carry TCA sponsored games that were not carried by other stations in our area.

TCA was giving us about 48 games per season on Channel 36, and after Cox Cable took over, they continued to carry those games.

Cox is again making 48 games available to us. Abilene is carrying them on Channel 38 and Sweetwater on Channel 16. Mr. Charlie Moore, Cox manager, declined to show them this year in Snyder.

Mr. Moore is a very courteous and likeable individual to talk to but I don't think he understands how many of his subscribers in Snyder are Ranger fans that would rather see live Ranger games than old reruns.

Channel 36 is setting idle this year. Hundreds of Ranger fans were looking forward to the games that are not available to us on other stations.

I am sure when renewal was being discussed, if Ranger fans had known we would be denied the Cox-sponsored games this year, we would have had a little input, or a protest.

I hope someone with more influence than I have can push the right buttons to get the Cox-sponsored Ranger games carried again in Snyder.

We have already missed 13 games. I am sure everyone would like to see the remaining 35 games.

Thank you,
Truman L. Wilson

Enemies within

Dear Editor:

It would be nice if the President and Congress would consider the problem discussed in this letter.

The enemy within the gates are more harmful that those without. Woodrow Wilson saw Democrats lose 22 electoral votes in 1912 to the Socialist party in three states: Washington, California and Utah.

How did he try to get back the electoral votes? By going along with their ideas.

We are entrapped by a Congress that puts party above national good as did Mr. Wilson.

Socialist ideas promoted by Mr. Wilson and the Democratic Party were: the death tax, income tax, and if I remember correctly, the Federal Reserve System. Many banks went broke during the depression. All of these ideas are contrary to our Constitution. Facts came from Lone Star Liberty, April edition.

Supreme County Chief Justice Marshall proclaimed, "That any act of the legislature, repugnant to Constitution, is void." 1803 Maybury vs Madison Questions regarding (first law of nature the human right and responsibility of self-defense) were resolved by the Second Amendment. (Our Bill of Rights was ratified December 15, 1791).

Sergei Borglum, former lawman of many years said, "I can state with credibility that guns save innocent lives far more than they kill."

Law enforcement documentation also indicates that there are over two million lives saved by guns each year. (facts never disclosed by local or national media).

Do you want another tax on people for gun registration, trigger locks, and the like? It is already May 4 now before we get our tax paid.

The police department of Los Angeles in 1946 said the hardest to convict of murder was one committed with a rock or a club.

How about the media excusing sinful acts of our leaders by saying our founding fathers did the same thing — such as Thomas Jefferson fathering a child by a slave girl. There is evidence to the contrary. He had sons with the same genes and a brother, a widower, there at the time of conception.

Judges of today are chipping away the role played by juries. It was because jurors voted their conscience, in defiance of religion, freedom of the press, and right of assembly.

Jury nullification is the power or right of jurors to find verdict according to their consciences and to judge the law as well as the facts in court trials.

Jurors have had the power to nullify bad laws since our nation was founded and it used to be standard practice for judges to inform them of this.

This practice was stopped in the 1890s and from that time, ignorance regarding jury rights has been spreading. (Taken from Spotlight April 9, 2001.)

About 30 years ago, a jury awarded a man the right to a public road to his property. He was fenced off from his property and had no other access. The judge reversed the decision of the jury in Scurry County. A juror who was very disturbed by this action gave me this information.

Another problem, your factories have moved to other countries. We can no longer supply our troops with clothing made in the USA. Are those who have made laws and treaties permitting this interested in our national welfare?

Are we aiding and abetting the enemy?

A friend today could be tomorrow's enemy.

Are we permitting our freedom to go down the drain?

Yours truly
Surry H. Gillum

P.S. The election laws being considered by Congress could very easily have amendments that could interfere with our first amendment rights. I hope our President would have knowledge of this and veto such a bill.

Dump trucks dump trash

Dear Editor:

For the last few days here at my home, starting April 27 to May 8, I have been watching the City of Snyder Dumpster trucks. About a couple of months ago, the dump trucks went by my home, not even dumping the trash that was in the Dumpsters, and you could tell it was full.

I called down there to the water company, and I told them this. And this is what they told me, "maybe it was not your time ."

know what days the dump truck runs over here. And I know I am not the only person to which this is happening.

I can't see paying $40 or more when they don't dump my trash. And I feel this can stop. If the trash man thinks there's not enough trash in my Dumpster to be dumped, then they need to keep a log and write down whose trash they did not dump and turn it in to the water company so that we can be billed right.

Because I don't feel we should pay this, if the Dumpster man thinks our trash can is not full enough for them to dump. I don't understand.

If someone calls us a name or does something to us, we are ready to fight or to take them to court.

But when the city does us wrong, we just sit there and complain about it and do nothing about it. We will complain to others about it, and we won't step up to the plate when something is being done wrong to us. I've been trying to do something about it, but I am only one person. And like I said before, I am not the only one this is happening to.

If I can see it and write it down, so can everyone else. And instead of taking the complaint to the water company, we should take it to the mayor of this town. We all can do this.

Because we know whether the trash is being dumped or not dumped. We, as people of this town need to stand together on this. So there will be a change.

And I'm talking to all groups of people. You see something that is being done wrong, so let's do something about it. And it's not just about trash either. It's anything we see that should be done, that's why we put the people in office, so they can help us, the people.

This is sure not helping the people, it is taking advantage of us. And we are letting them do it to us — the poor, fixed income, niche or just getting-by income people — no one should take advantage of anyone. And if we don't do something about it, it will just go on! We can't sit around anymore and if we aren't going to do something about it we need to quit complaining about it to anyone. The city's money comes from us. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Yours truly,
Sherri Davis

Need to earn trust

Dear Editor:

As an owner of a successful and professional business in Snyder for the past 15 years, I know firsthand what it is like to have to earn the trust of the people in our community. The service, knowledge, and the cost of the product accounts for the majority of your success.

I have been very blessed to have gained the trust and friendship of people I have dealt with throughout the years. Snyder is a wonderful place to live and raise children. The community will always come together in time of need whether it be Christmas for Kids, Walk for Life, a friend needing help while battling a terminal illness, and even death of a friend or neighbor.

Which brings me to the object of this letter — death. We are all going to die, we just don't know when. We all need to prepare for this event, but as procrastinators, we always don't. During our time of grief, we cannot deal with making all the decisions so we leave it up to the funeral directors, because it is their profession, to make things go smoothly and as economically as possible. Over the past several months, I have been observing a situation here in Snyder that has me wondering why? Since 1997, we have had a new kid on the block so to speak. Up until that time, we had only one funeral home in Snyder, so we had no other choice. Now we have two.

In my observation in the obituaries, I have noticed that the funerals are directed nine times out of ten by Bell-Cypert-Seale. I have nothing against BCS as a choice of funeral directors for I do not personally know the owners of either funeral home.

I am sure they are both equal in cost and service they provide. That is not the concern here. We always have our personal choices. The concern is that Snyderites are always complaining about not having any new businesses to come to Snyder and that our growth has dropped considerably. Oh, we may try them out when they do decide to make Snyder their home, for a few weeks or months, but, as creatures of habit, we go back to the same ol', same ol'.

We need to welcome newcomers to Snyder. But you know what, the owners of Wright Colonial Funeral Home are not newcomers to our community, they have been in Snyder for six years. Kent Wright saw a need for another funeral home, and thought that our hometown folks would at least give them a chance. I'm sure that both directors of each funeral home are equally professional and courteous during a time of grief.

I really don't know why I have this concern. I guess it's just that when I read the obituaries to make sure I'm not in there, I have noticed that we have not given an old kid on the block a chance. Do we want another empty building deteriorating and wonder what happened and why they didn't make it?

Carol Iglehart

Deserve recognition

Dear Editor:

This letter is to let the public know there are certain people in Snyder that repeatedly do not receive the recognition they deserve. They go above and beyond what is expected of them in their jobs. I am speaking of the teachers, law enforcement people, Gateway staff and volunteers, EMS staff and our nursing and hospital staff. Many times we take these people for granted until we need them. We criticize them when they make decisions that we may not like, yet we are the first ones to call on them in a crisis.

As a former teacher who taught in the Snyder school district for 15 years, I can vouch for how hard the Snyder teachers work during school as well as before and after hours. Many of the teachers come early and stay late to help their students.

Please take the time to let your child's teacher know how much you appreciate their help and their efforts with just a word or two, just a "thank you for helping my child with their work." I know it makes a world of difference when just one parent says those words.

I also know their salaries are not very competitive compared to area schools. My daughter, straight out of college, started out in Lubbock making only $3,000 less than I did after I had taught 15 years with a bachelor's degree and 12 post-graduate hours. Of course, many other towns are also having problems with their budgets trying to compete with the larger schools, all the more reason for more parents and others to become involved in helping with our school system.

As far as the law enforcement and fire department, I can't say enough. They have been so helpful in many ways. I know of many people who call on them when they lock their keys in their cars instead of calling on a locksmith and paying that cost. I can promise the larger towns will not help with that service. When I was teaching, they were great about patrolling the area anytime I chose to stay late at school to work.

I will not forget those times they were there for my son when he had a couple of really bad wrecks. They stayed with him and were more than accommodating to him as well as us. The highway patrolman was the same way this past Christmas when a member of our family was involved in a wreck during the ice storm.

Trooper James Arnwine went out of his way to make sure my family member was okay and was not in need of anything, even though there were family members present to see about her. We appreciate his concern and care that he went through during this time.

Sheriff Darren Jackson, Steve Warren and the entire law enforcement department does not get paid nearly enough for their duties of putting their lives on the line during just such times as when we have bad weather. We often forget they have to leave their families and get out in bad weather to help others, risking their lives as well.

They also put their lives on the line every day protecting us in their regular job — stopping speeders, without knowing if that person might have a gun or has just robbed a store, checking out domestic violence, breaking up fights where knives or guns are involved, and doing other parts of their job.

So often we are quick to criticize them because they have written us a ticket or stopped us for some reason we feel is unfair. All they usually are doing is their job. If we can only stop and look at it from their side for a minute, it might help. It is no different than when we are at our business, doing our job when they come into our businesses. We are expected to do our job and not give favors or waver from our duties. When was the last time you thanked them for their efforts?

Gateway Services, formerly known as the Noah Project, is another service that is often forgotten in Snyder. The people that work there give so much time and effort to their job. They give much more than they receive in financial rewards. Many people forget about this place when they have garage sales and try to decide what to do with their leftover items.

Gateway Services can use many items you might have such as clothing, furniture, toys, baby items, games, office supplies and miscellaneous supplies. Noah's Attic is the store where items are needed. If you have any questions about what might be needed, just call the Center at 915-573-1822. Someone at Gateway can answer your questions about what is needed. These people that work at this Center are doing a thankless job for little money. They do it because they love the work and would always appreciate someone telling them "thank you for doing a great job."

Our EMS or ambulance drivers and Perry Westmoreland are also doing a superb job. Again we never think about telling them thank you until we need them. They have to keep their training up-to-date and their skills ready for any emergency that comes up. They never know what they will face when they go out on a call. They also put their lives on the line, since there are people who do not pull over and give them the right-of-way as well as they face people who are out to hurt them when they arrive on the scene of certain situations. Please be sure to thank these people the next time you see them.

The last people I would like to cover are the nursing staff and the hospital employees and staff. Again, so often we wait until we need them to thank them for being there. They do a wonderful job, work long and strenuous hours, and receive pay that is not equal to their work. They must make spur-of-the-moment decisions that affect lives. As humans, sometimes those decisions may not always turn out to be the best decisions, but they don't have the luxury of time to mull over this or that choice.

They have to decide rapidly and go with that choice. I wouldn't want that responsibility. Would you? Please consider that next time you are in the emergency room with a family member, or friend. When I have been a patient (which has been a considerable amount of time), they really try to do their best and they try to consider how they would feel if it were one of their family members. We are so fortunate to have a hospital the size and quality of Cogdell here in Snyder. Let's try to keep it.

I realize this is a very long letter, and I know I have left out many others that do other thankless jobs in Snyder. Anytime you see someone doing something for another person, thank that person. You will receive more out of it than you give. If you can volunteer your services to any of the above places, please check into it. There are many places in Snyder that need our help to make Snyder a better place for our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,
Barbara Jones

FDA panel studies drugs for allergies

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — A California health insurance company executive told a federal panel Friday that three popular prescription allergy drugs are safe enough to be sold over the counter and that such a switch would save Americans millions of dollars.

Robert Seidman, vice president of Wellpoint Health Networks, of Thousand Oaks, Calif., said Claritin, Allegra and Zyrtec are safer than the current over-the-counter antihistamine drugs that cause drowsiness.

"There's no clinical reason for these drugs to be maintained as prescriptions," Seidman told a Food and Drug Administration advisory committee. "Patients can readily self diagnose and patients can safely use these drugs."

Executives of two drug companies, however, said it would be premature to switch these allergy medicines to over the counter.

Dr. Francois Nader, vice president of Aventis Pharma AG, which makes Allegra, said switching the drugs would be "inappropriate and potentially adverse to human safety."

Although Allegra is safe when prescribed by physicians, he said, there is not enough information to ensure that the safety would be maintained if patients were to self diagnose and self medicate.

He said the unusual petition by Wellpoint, which asked FDA to reclassify the drugs, is an effort to save the insurance industry money and "I must question how this trial-and-error model of health care can benefit the patients."

"The short-term gain to insurers will increase the overall health care burden," Nader said. "Consumers would face a risky trial-and-error gamble with their health, their quality of life and their money."

The drugs sell for about $2 a pill. With a prescription, a patient with insurance can get a month's supply at the personal cost of a copay charge, perhaps as little as $5. The insurance company then has to pay the balance, $50 to $60.

If the drugs are reclassified as over-the-counter, insurance companies would no longer have to pay for them. By some estimates, Wellpoint, with 10 million clients nationally, could save $45 million a year.

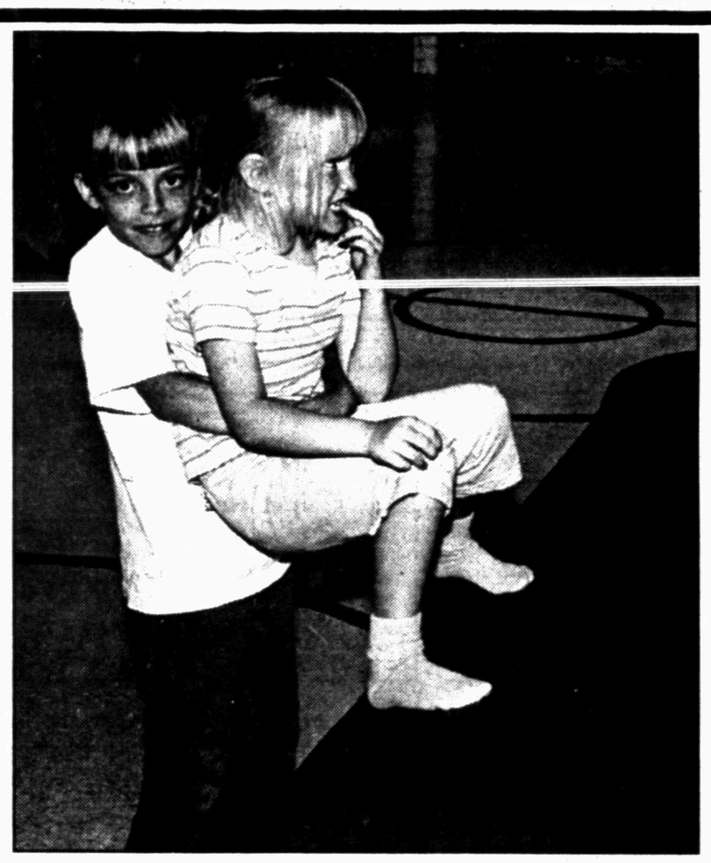
Schering-Plough Corp., which makes Claritin, Aventis and Pfizer Inc., maker of Zyrtec, could lose money if the drugs became available over the counter, according to industry observers.

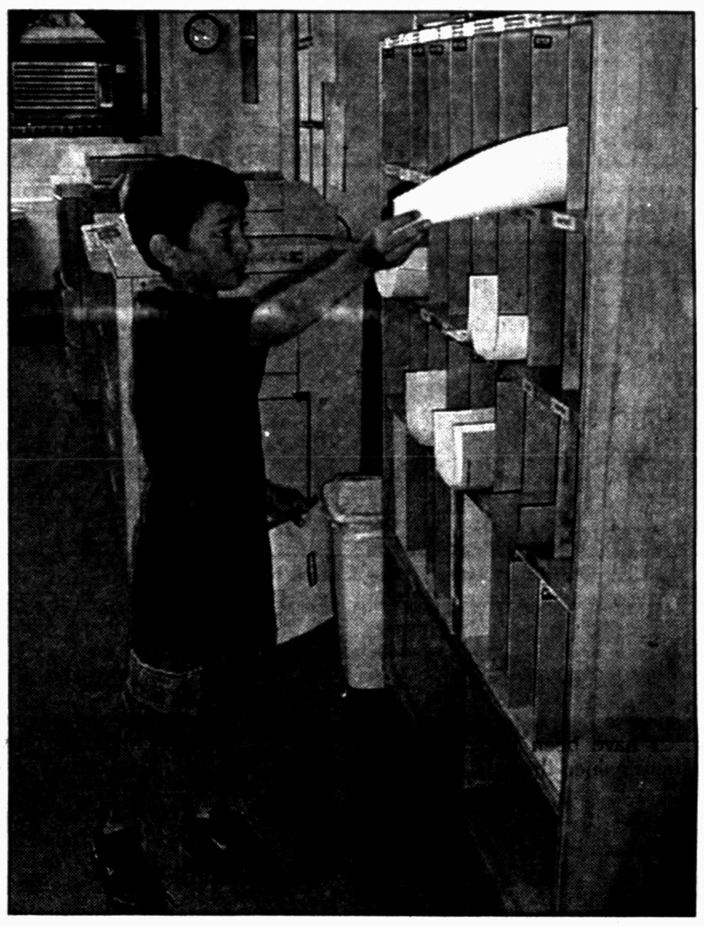
Dr. Robert Spiegel, a vice president of Schering Plough, said the prescription antihistamines have not been analyzed for the effects they might have if they were sold over the counter.

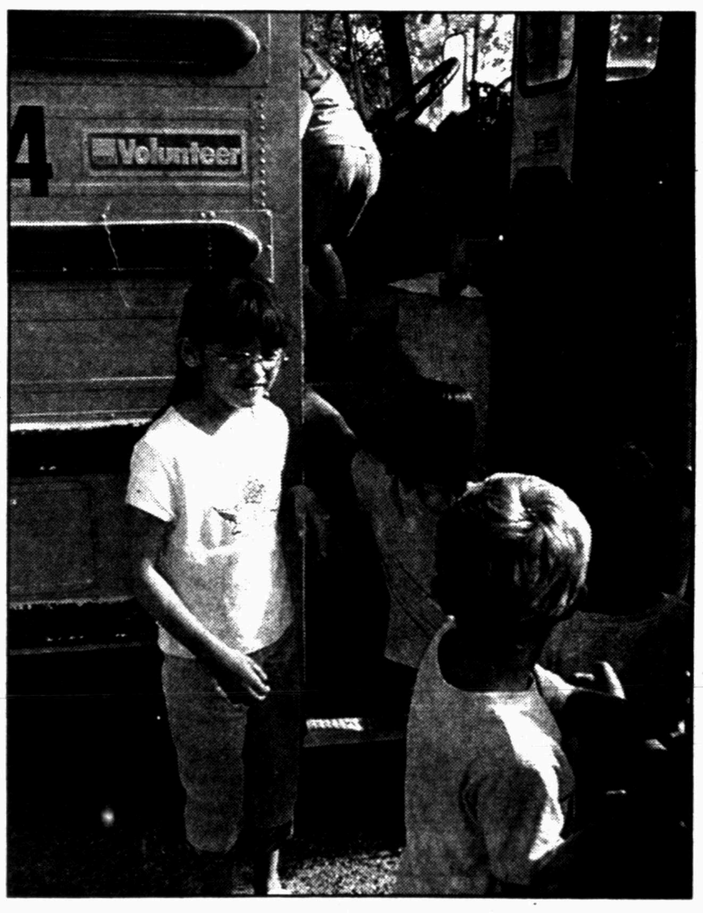
As long as the drugs are prescriptions, Spiegel said, patients are required to see their physicians to treat complex allergies. He said asthma patients might self medicate with these drugs if they are sold over the counter.

"Now is not the time to drive asthma patients away from their physicians," he said. "Insurance companies may see a physician's visit as a cost item, but we see it as an essential part of health care."

He said that 15 million Americans suffer from asthma.







PRINCIPALS FOR A DAY — Three Stanfield students earned the honor of being a "principal for a day" for earning at least 180 points in the Accelerated Reader Program. (top photo) Skylar Morris gives Dakota Sawyer a boost to the Air Castle which students played in on Thursday, (middle photo) Justin Gonzales helps put papers in teachers' boxes. (bottom photo) Priscilla Molinar helps students board a school bus. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman and Jo Ann Nunley)

Man receives death sentence

PITTSBURGH (AP) — An unemployed immigration lawyer was sentenced to death Friday for killing five people in a racially motivated shooting spree in suburban Pittsburgh last year.

Richard Baumhammers, 35, was sentenced by the same jury that found him guilty of the April 28, 2000, attacks two days earlier. Jurors had the option of giving him in prison for life without parole.

Baumhammers showed no expression as the verdict was read. He nodded slightly to his parents as he was led from the courtroom. The parents declined to comment.

Prosecutors said Baumhammers, who is white, selected his victims because of their ethnic backgrounds.

Baumhammers' lawyers asked jurors to spare his life, saying his mental state made it impossible for him to control his actions.

"In our society it is not your function to administer revenge. It is your function to administer justice," defense attorney James Wymard told jurors before sentencing. "It is not justice to kill someone who is mentally ill."

Prosecutor Ed Borkowski called 15 witnesses during the penalty phase of the trial, most of them friends or family of the slain.

Killed in the rampage were Baumhammers' Jewish neighbor, two Asian men, an Indian man and a black man. Another man of Indian descent was critically wounded as Baumhammers drove from place to place in his black Jeep.

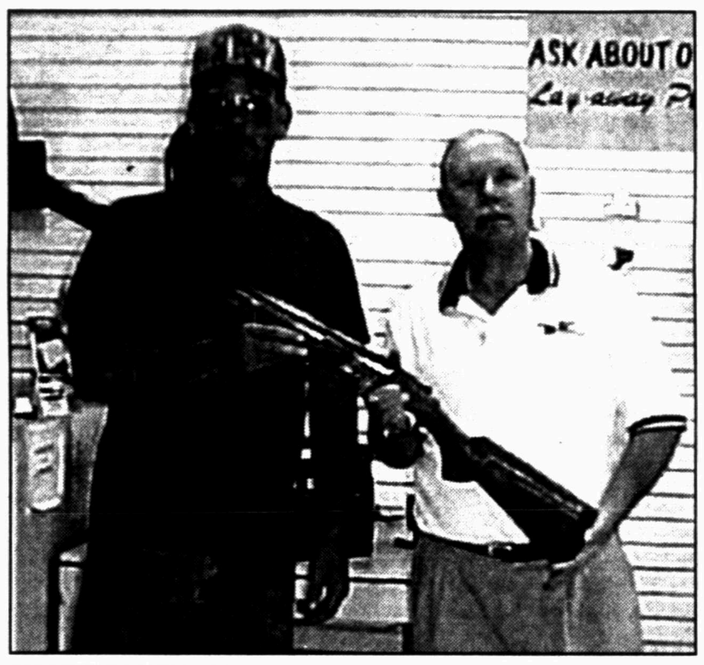
During the trial, psychiatrists testified that Baumhammers was tormented by delusions that the FBI and CIA were on his tail, that the family maid was a spy and that his skin was peeling off.

Borkowski acknowledged that Baumhammers was mentally ill but said he was "controlled, deliberate, calculating and selective" in picking victims, avoiding attention and eluding police.

He said Baumhammers read racist and anti-immigration literature and saw Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and Adolf Hitler as heroes.

Borkowski said Baumhammers wanted others to help him fight against non-white immigration and finally decided to take matters into his own hands.

Baumhammers becomes the 241st person on Pennsylvania's death row. Three people have been executed in Pennsylvania since 1995.



SHOTGUN WINNER — Albert Struck (left) of Odessa was the winner of an SKB Model 505 12-gauge over/under shotgun, raffled by the Western Texas College student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America (GCSAA). The prize has a retail value in excess of $1,200. College Avenue Jewelry and Pawn handled the transaction. GLT instructor Sam Fare is shown presenting the gun. (Contributed Photo)

Odessa man wins GLT rifle raffle

This spring the Western Texas College student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America (GCSAA) held a fund raising raffle.

The prize was an SKB Model 505 12-gauge over/under shotgun with a retail value in excess of $1,200. The winner was Albert Struck of Odessa. College Avenue Jewelry and Pawn handled the transaction.

Students sold raffle tickets on campus and around the community, bringing in $1,400 in ticket sales. Proceeds will go toward student expenses at the 2002 GCSAA national conference in Orlando Florida next February.

According to instructor Sam Fare, the GLT department at WTC hopes to field at least two teams in the Turf Bowl Competition next year.

The Turf Bowl is part of the student activities during the conference. This year WTC had one team in the competition, which placed 48 out of 61 teams, many of which were 4-year turfgrass programs.

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In the Middle Ages, many people believed that the heart was the center of human intelligence.

"Every bell ain't the dinner bell."

The French's have been ranching for four generations. Mark French's grandfather not only started the spread his grandson works now; he helped start the cooperative that supplies the ranch's power. That was sixty years ago, but the co-op connection is still strong in the French family. Mark himself was a lineman for a couple of years: installing hook-ups, fixing downed lines, keeping folks connected.

Mark and Amanda and their children count on co-op power for their home and ranch. They belong to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

Smart Choice Co-ops have made it possible for farm and ranch families, no matter how remote, to enjoy the same comforts and amenities as urban dwellers. For rural Texans, co-op power means more than lights and television and farm machinery and household appliances. It means freedom from drudgery, independence from the dictates of corporate boardrooms, and the power to decide their own path to the future. When the deregulation bell rings we will wait and see how it works out before we rush to the table. For Texans, co-op power means many things, but foremost it means freedom. It always will.

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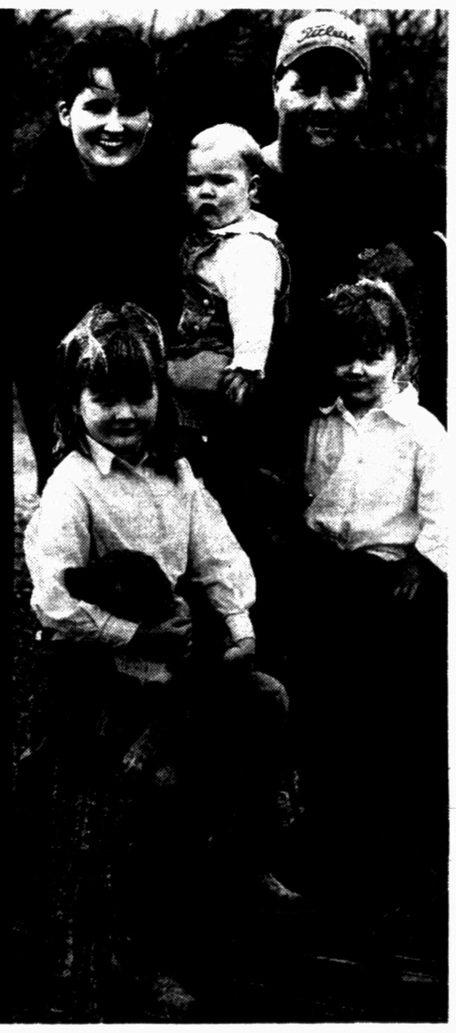

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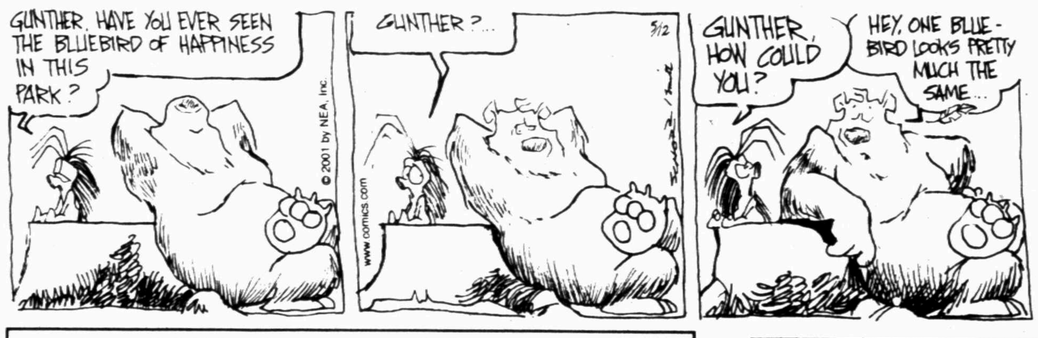

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Plant with cloverlike leaves
7 Primitive wagon
13 Solar system model
14 Type of soup
15 Sillier
16 Less fresh
17 Young hawk
18 Type of cube
20 Venus de —
21 Latin dance music
23 Fragrant
27 Generally
32 OPEC vessel
33 Secret agents
34 Ordinary writing
35 High-strung
36 New Mexico city (2 wds.)
39 Gardener's tool
40 Summer fruit
42 Noel
46 Butt against
47 "Ouch!"
51 He wanted "more"
53 Smoother
55 Take off cargo
56 Choked
57 Actress Luise —
58 Ms. Lansbury

DOWN

1 Soft mud
2 Medical picture
3 Wild buffalo
4 Hilo garlands
5 Indignation
6 Damascus' locale
7 Preoccupy
8 Indian memorial post
9 Study at the last minute
10 "— — want . . ."
11 Film holder
12 Neophyte
19 Actor Gulager
21 Brook
22 Novelist Jane —
23 "How clumsy!"
24 Italian money
25 North Carolina college
26 Robin's home
28 Imitated
29 Study of languages (abbr.)
30 — majesty
31 River in Belgium
37 Actor Jose —
38 Guido's high note
41 Last Greek letter
42 Possessive pronoun
43 Skeleton part
44 Leslie Caron role
45 Author Hunter
47 Safecracker (sl.)
48 Author of "Picnic"
49 Fruit skin
50 Opera role
52 Dutch city
54 Large truck

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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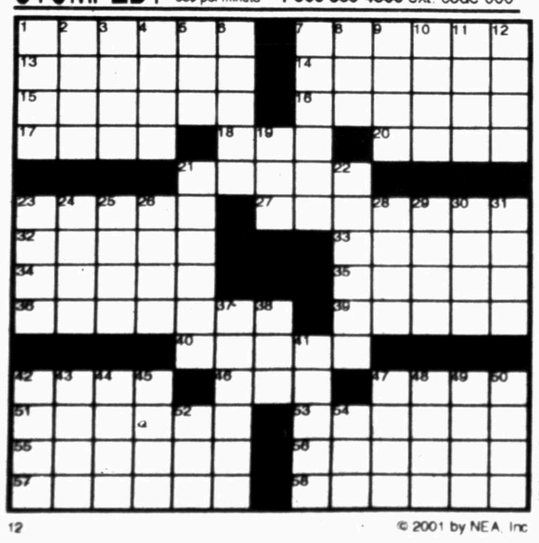

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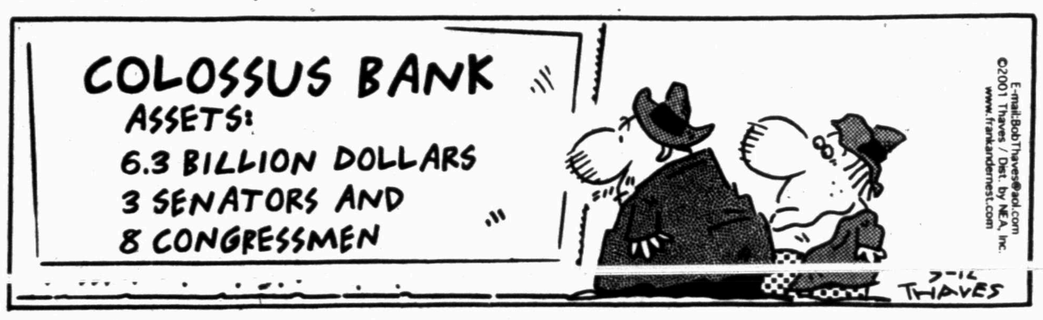

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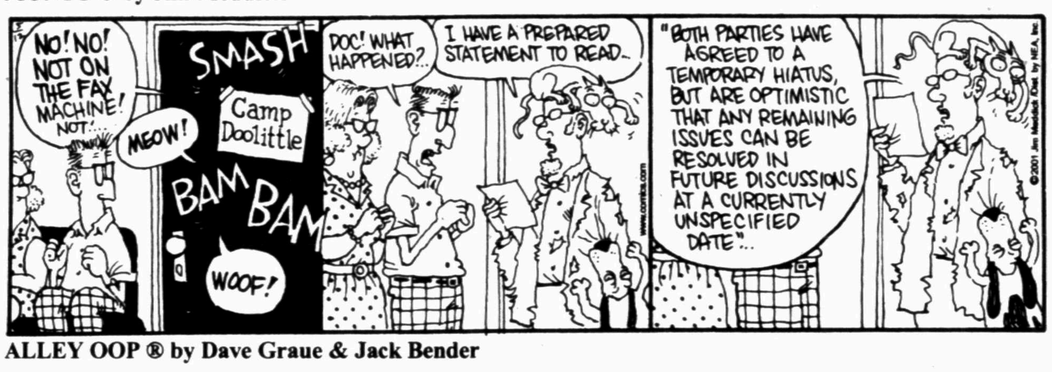

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Girl traveling solo gets steered in right direction

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl. Last summer my family and I went on a trip to the Cayman Islands. I planned to go to a camp in North Carolina after our trip, but because of a scheduling mix-up, I ended up leaving the islands one day earlier than my family.

I was petrified to go on a plane alone — especially in a foreign country — and to change planes in Miami to get to our home in New Orleans.

Well, I got safely on my plane to Miami, but when I got off, I didn't know what to do. I followed other people to immigration; where I was supposed to show my passport, but I wasn't sure which line to get into.

This small, dark-haired lady was walking beside me. I had noticed her on my plane. She asked if I was traveling alone. I nodded, hoping the fear didn't show in my eyes. She directed me to the right line and waited for me to get through. Then she led me to the baggage claim, where I got my suitcase to take it to my next check-in.

It was extremely kind of her, because she hadn't checked any luggage — yet she went out of her way to help me. After I got my suitcase, she guided me to my terminal. (Hers was on the other side of the airport.) She never told me her name. I am thankful that she helped me; otherwise I would have been completely lost at that big airport.

Please print this, Abby. I want that woman to know what a help she was. I'm so glad there are still good people in this world who will go out of their way to help a stranger. — **GRATEFUL GIRL IN NEW ORLEANS**

DEAR GRATEFUL GIRL: I am pleased to print your letter. However, I would like to add that parents of children who are not used to traveling alone should make arrangements with the airlines. In this way, the minors can be escorted to other terminals or through customs, if necessary, so they can arrive safely at their destination. To paraphrase Tennessee Williams' famous line, they should NOT have to depend on the "kindness of strangers."

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DEAR ABBY: My mother was killed in an automobile accident 11 years ago. A week after the funeral, I had to return to my home 1,000 miles away. For the first time in my father's life, he was living alone. I called him as often as I could, but it didn't lessen his loneliness.

Seven months later, at Christmas, my wife and I went to visit him. He asked us to invite a special woman friend of his to dinner. Though we didn't say anything, we were very upset. This would be our first Christmas without my mother. I couldn't believe my father would bring another woman into our lives so soon. So when Mary Jo arrived, I was prepared not to like her. However, within seconds my attitude changed.

Mary Jo, like my mother, is an artist. She walked around the house telling us how much she liked our mother's paintings. At the dinner table, she asked questions about Mom. We laughed when she told us stories about her sons — and we cried when she shared the story of her husband, Bill, who had died of cancer.

Abby, that dinner was 10 years ago. Since then, Mary Jo and Dad have married and "blended" our two families. They are an inspiration to my wife and me. They honor their former partners by living their lives to the fullest. I wish everyone could learn from them. — **CHAMBERS STEVENS, LOS ANGELES**

DEAR CHAMBERS: So do I. Your father was fortunate to have married two such gracious, talented and sensitive women.

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

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DEAR ABBY: Although you don't know it, you were very much involved in making my Mother's Day special last year. My son's wife, Maureen, saw a letter in your column that inspired her to write one to me. Maureen and my son Tom met in high school and have been happily married for 33 years. Never in all that time have Maureen and I had a disagreement or argument of any kind.

I've enclosed the letter she sent to me. It brought tears to my eyes.

"DEAR KATE: When I saw Dear Abby's column on Mother's Day, I thought of you. I want you to know how blessed I feel to have you for a mother-in-law. In fact, I rarely use that term because of its negative connotations. I usually refer to you as 'my husband's mother.'

"You have always shown me kindness and understanding, especially during some difficult times. You have never criticized me, even when we disagreed. And I surely appreciate the love you have shown me. I have always felt being a part of the Olsen family — as one of you, rather than an in-law.

"Even if I hadn't known you as well as I do, I would deduce how wonderful you are just through the dear, witty, generous son you raised.

"Thank you for every weed you've pulled, for every shirt you've ironed, every thoughtful note you've written, every kind word you spoke when my parents died, every hug you've given me, every day of baby-sitting Kristin and Tim, and for ALL you've done for me.

"Thank you for all of this, Kate, and most of all, for loving me as you do. Love and thanks. Maureen" — **KATE OLSEN, INDIANHEAD PARK, ILL.**

DEAR KATE: You have a right to be proud. That letter illustrates the ideal loving relationship that can be shared by DILs and MILs. I hope it inspires others to emulate you. Read on:

DEAR READERS: I would like to share with you a tribute to a mother that I printed in 1992. I'm sure many of you can identify with it. While some of the details may differ, the following letter describes the many sacrifices and acts of love on the part of mothers everywhere:

DEAR ABBY: My 37-year-old daughter, Norma, sent me the following testimonial for Mother's Day. It touched me so profoundly that I wanted to share it with you. — **DORA BOYD, EDGEWATER, FLA.**

DEAR MRS. BOYD: Thank you for sending it. I do, indeed, want to share it with my readers:

"Dear Mother: As I grew up ...

"... You fostered my independence. You allowed me to decide what to wear, what friends to choose, what boys to date, what foods to eat — and how much. You trusted my judgment, even when it differed from yours. Although our views differ on women's issues, fashion, etc., you displayed confidence in my decisions.

"... You never shamed me for being a bed wetter until I was 6 — and for that, I'll always be grateful.

"... You worked backbreaking jobs to give my brother and me music lessons, concerts, plays and educational trips.

"... You taught me about reproduction and birth control. I'm very proud of you for that. My girlfriends cannot say that about their mothers.

"... You admitted that you were not perfect, enabling me to safely question your beliefs, opinions and actions — and draw my own conclusions.

"And now that I'm an adult, I want to thank you for always being there for me. You are a wonderful role model, and I am lucky to have you for my mother. I love you very much. — **NORMA"**

DEAR READERS: Does Norma's mother sound familiar? If the answer is yes, today's the day to express your appreciation to your mother. If you aren't comfortable composing a letter of your own to give to Mom today, clip this and take it to her. Tell her you recognized her in this column. Give her a big hug and a thank-you — and don't be surprised if you see tears of happiness in her eyes. Happy Mother's Day.

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Man charged

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — A college professor from Texas told police responding to an emergency call that he had killed his stepfather.

Patrick H. Doyle, 58, answered the door of a home at 9:45 a.m. CDT on Wednesday. When police asked about the emergency, Doyle said, "I beat him to death with a hammer. I killed him," according to a police report. Doyle then led police into the garage where Robert McGown, 79, was found dead.

Doyle was charged with murder after interviews with him and his mother, Edith McGown, police said. The woman was not charged.

Doyle pleaded innocent during his arraignment in Bowling Green District Court on Thursday. He is lodged in the Warren County Regional Jail in lieu of a $500,000 bond.

Doyle, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, arrived in Bowling Green this week to visit his family, police said.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION — Ten Ira School students were inducted into the National Honor Society Thursday morning. Seated from left, Colter Brown, Kali Clements, Candace Sanchez, Celeigh Sterling, Michelle Nettles; back row, Michael Allen, Bryce Wilkins, Casey Chaney, Tyler Frey, Todd Wall. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Republicans let Democrats take heat for power crisis

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — From the state Legislature to the White House, Republicans are standing back as California's Democratic leaders sweat out the power crisis.

"The last thing anybody would want to do is step onto the Titanic when it is sinking," said California GOP strategist Mike Madrid.

State GOP lawmakers have repeatedly voted against Democratic Gov. Gray Davis' energy proposals and have refused to offer their own solutions.

Neither President Bush nor Vice President Dick Cheney has visited the nation's largest state since taking office.

Even Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Jones, who has pledged to focus on energy in his campaign to unseat Davis next year, has not held a single public event since announcing his candidacy in March.

"We intend to let Davis do as much as he can to unravel himself," said Shawn Steel, chairman of the California Republican Party.

Some Republicans worry the Bush administration's long-term energy strategy offers little relief for California as it heads into what is expected to be a long, hot summer of blackouts and rising electricity rates.

But Chris Arterton, dean of the Graduate School of Political Management at George Washington University, said Republicans will do as little possible to help save California and Davis — a potential Democratic presidential candidate in 2004.

"If you can keep him dangling on the horns of that dilemma that he is on as long as possible, it weakens him," Arterton said.

The Republicans are not the only ones playing politics. For their part, the Democrats have pointed out at every turn that it was Republican Gov. Pete Wilson who signed into law the 1996 electricity deregulation plan that led in part to the current crisis.

Over the past few months, Assembly Republicans have held several news conferences accusing Davis of waiting too long to attack the crisis.

This week, all but one of the 44 Republican state legislators voted against a $13.4 billion bond measure to buy electricity on behalf of California's utilities.

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City Of Snyder Employee of the Month
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Eli Torres was born and raised in Sonora, Texas. Eli and his wife Carolyn moved to Snyder in 1988 from San Angelo, Texas. Eli came to work for the City of Snyder on September 11, 1989 as a Driver/Operator in the Sanitation Department. On March 26, 1996 Eli was promoted to Superintendent at the Landfill. Eli and his wife have three children, Marcus age 13, Joel age 7 and Elise age 2. Eli's hobbies are horseback riding and hunting. Eli was nominated because he is an outstanding employee, always willing to help others, and a good person.

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Disney unveils 1st foray into violent video games

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. has had enormous success marketing video games based on its popular storybook characters and hit television show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Now, the company hopes to extend its success by adding a very un-Disney-like element — violence.

Not blood and guts, limbs flying, people screaming in agony.

That would cross a line Disney is not prepared to even approach.

The new game is based on the upcoming animated film, "Atlantis: The Lost Empire," which opens nationwide June 15. Unlike more recent Disney animated films, "Atlantis" is a darker adventure tale aimed at older audiences — more "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" than "Beauty and the Beast."

The game, "Atlantis: Trial by Fire," is, in the parlance of the gaming world, a "first-person shooter" — Disney's first ever.

Instead of controlling a character on the computer screen, the player sees the world in front of him or her.

Disney's game will be unlike other "shooters." For starters, there is no visible gun barrel, which normally is used for aiming and fills the screen with colorful, loud bursts of gunfire during play.

"We didn't want to glorify the weapon," said Jamie Berger, director of marketing at Disney Interactive. "We wanted it to have more than just pure combat, wanted a broader set of skills required. The tools are literally tools, things that are useful in a problem-solving context and not just tools for conflict."

There are no guns at all. Instead, the game offers a series of "tools," including:

— The puffer, which shoots a blast of concentrated air. This tool, which players have all the time, can be used to brush back an opponent. But it can also be used to solve a musical puzzle needed to open a critical door.

— The froster, which shoots a bolt of ice. It slows down an opponent, cutting their speed in half.

— The gooser, which sends a blob of goo to surround opponents, reducing their shield and slowing their rate of fire.

Disney worked carefully with the Entertainment Software Rating Board to trim the game of all elements that might warrant a "T" rating — the rough equivalent of a PG-13 movie rating — or a more restrictive "M." The resulting game is rated "E" — for everyone, although it does warn parents of some violent scenes.

Because the game also allows play on the Internet, Disney also had to limit the online chat functions and other standard elements of multiplayer titles.

Instead of typing potentially offensive phrases, players can choose words using the computer's function keys. Pressing "F1," for instance, might generate the phrase "Watch my back!" Hitting another key generates a taunt such as "Hey, missed me!"

"We had to somewhat limit people's imaginations because of a desire to make it a safe environment for all ages," Berger said.

The goal, explains Disney Interactive President Jan Smith, was not to appeal to "hardcore" gamers, but children and young adults who may never have played a video game.

"We created a mass market, multiplayer online game everybody can play," Smith said. "If you've never played games before, you can figure this out."

The risk is that the game will be too bland for the traditional gaming audience and too jarring for younger children used to milder fare.

"If bland equals less graphic violence, I don't think by any means it's a bad thing," Berger said. "Kids are very smart and 10-year-old and 11-year-old boys who play the game appreciate what we've done because they know their mom and dad would rather not buy them some of the first-person games out there."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, May 13, 2001

Many of your goals and aspirations can be brought to fruition in the year ahead by picking them off one by one. You'll do so in your own way, in your time and at your own speed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — People you might least suspect may be the very ones who will quietly go to bat for you today. Their input could have long-lasting, beneficial results for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It will be all the preparation you've done that will make conditions look like lady luck is your ally today. In reality, you'll be reaping what you sow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you feel inclined to put up some money today on a nebulous situation, follow your instincts about it. You're as sharp as a whip when it comes to hunches.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Everyone will want to team up with you today because they'll sense that you possess abilities and know-how that could produce a success they'd like to be part of.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There isn't too much you could tackle today at which you wouldn't be a successful producer. It doesn't matter if it is work or play — you'll be an achiever.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your better judgment will serve you well today in all your dealings with people. Enjoy the afternoon hours with friends and kin alike who'll be looking to you for guidance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — That which you do for others you'll do for yourself. It'll give you great pleasure to use your domestic skills of nurturing on those you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Get out and mingle today if you can, because the interaction with friends will stimulate your intellectual juices and make you quicker on your feet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Conditions in general should be rather pleasant for you today, with your greatest activities centered around your financial interests, both domestically and commercially.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This should turn out to be a fun day spent on different kinds of social activities with friends. The biggest problem you might have is too many pals vying for your company.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Credits and rewards will be shared collectively today with friends or associates who helped in the endeavor. The good feelings you walk away with today will have you smiling.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Someone who owes you big time may make up for his or her neglect today in larger measure than what you did for this person. What this individuals does for you will come from the heart.

Monday, May 14, 2001

This might truly be a go with the flow year for you. It seems that everything you let happen to you will work out great, but things that you push for are not meant for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Actually, you're financially lucky today, but for some reason you won't believe it. Thus, you'll listen to another (who isn't lucky) and instead do what he or she says is smart. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions 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.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Should you have to deal with a person who is diametrically opposed to your way of doing something, don't follow his or her dictates. Stick by your guns if you want personal success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Although you may be handed some very valuable information today, chances are it'll prove to be of small worth, because, sadly, you won't know how to use it advantageously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Just because some good luck falls in your lap today doesn't mean you should gamble it all away on foolishness. Keep what came naturally to you and reject the unknown.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — No matter how lucky you start off in a competitive situation today, don't get overconfident. The minute you let down your guard, the other shoe could fall.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Do not even try to impose your ideas or philosophies on someone who is totally unreceptive. It'll be a waste of time and will only invite unnecessary confrontation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A friend of yours might put you in an embarrassing position today by requesting something you're unprepared to give. Just because you're asked doesn't mean you have to comply.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll get the terms you desire, so long as you operate under your strong bargaining position. When you break ranks from this for any reason, you'll lose out immediately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If there is an important job that must get done today, do it yourself. Delegating it to another who only thinks he or she knows how to do it will gum up the works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Treat friends with the same respect and freedom of choice as you want for yourself. If you're too demanding or possessive, your pals will pull away, leaving you standing all alone.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There's a big difference between getting things done and doing them properly. If you're wishy-washy about how you go about things, poor end results will ensue.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You innately have all the equipment you need to take on today's challenges, yet you might reject it in favor of overanalyzing and then trying to fix what isn't broke.

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Conductor retiring

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jesus Lopez-Cobos is retiring after 15 years as principal conductor and music director of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Lopez-Cobos, 60, is scheduled to conduct the 106-year-old symphony for the final time Saturday at Music Hall. The performance will include Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D major and Mahler's Symphony No. 5.

Lopez-Cobos' time with the Cincinnati Symphony is the third-longest tenure of a music director with a major U.S. orchestra. Lopez-Cobos conducted 564 Cincinnati Symphony concerts, more than any other music director.

Before coming to Cincinnati, he was principal conductor of the Spanish National Orchestra and general music director of the Deutsche Oper Berlin.

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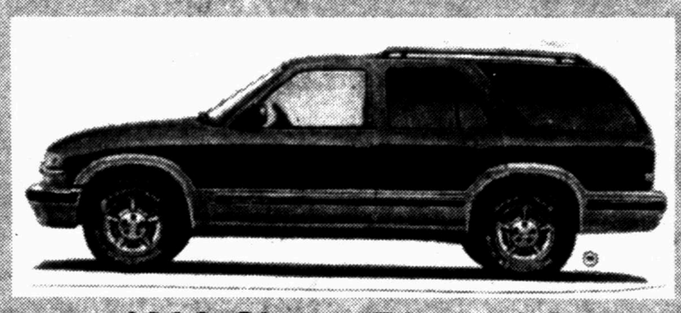

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