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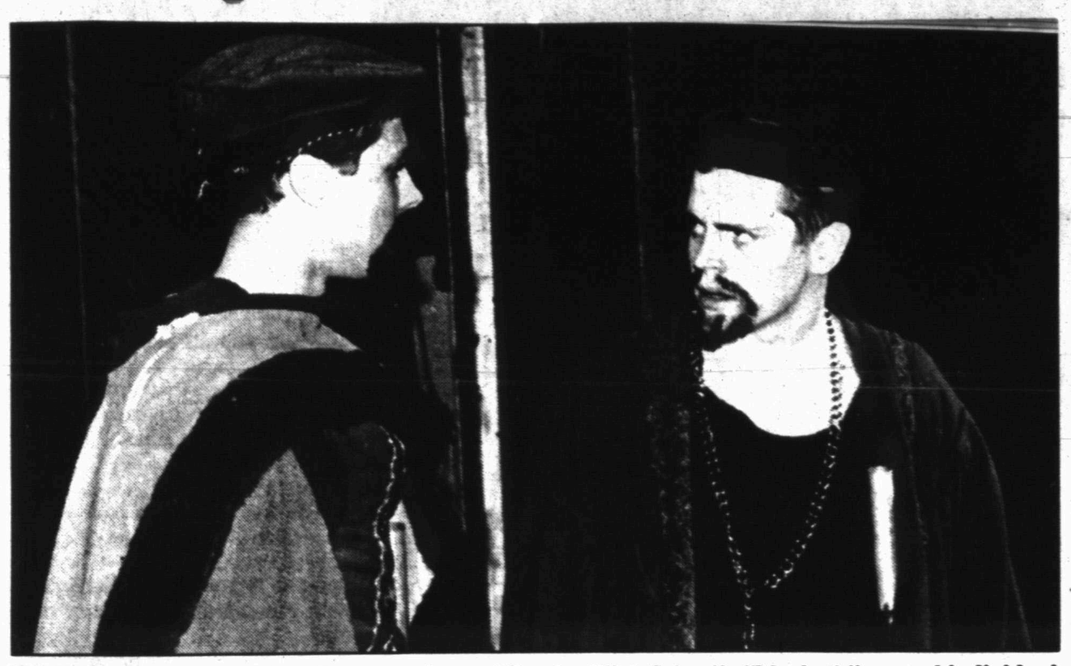
Kevin Taylor named best actor...

Snyder's 'Macbeth' headed to regional



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS — Four members of Snyder High School's "Macbeth" earned individual awards Friday. Michael Gibson, left, was named to the all-star cast. Kade Kubena received honorable mention. Not pictured: Kevin Taylor, best actor; and Anastacia Hanan, all star cast. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder High School's one-act play, "Macbeth," continued its winning ways Friday when it was one of two plays in Class 4A Area II competition chosen to advance.

"It was a wonderful performance," Jerry Worsham, director, said. "The judge was really, really complimentary. He said he just could not find anything negative to say."

Four cast members also garnered individual awards, including Kevin Taylor, whose portrayal of Macbeth earned him more kudos as best actor. He earned the same recognition at district.

SHS placed two on the all-star cast, Michael Gibson and Anastacia Hanan. Gibson portrays two roles, Malcolm and Hecate. Hanan is Lady Macbeth. She was also named to the all-star cast in district.

Kade Kubena received honorable mention all-star cast recognition. He portrays MacDuff. Previously, he earned a spot on the district all-star cast.

Snyder will next compete at the regional contest slated April 23 at San Angelo State University.

SHS hosted the 4A area UIL contest which also included Hereford, Randall, Pampa, Canyon and Lake View High Schools.

Besides "Macbeth," Canyon High School's "Maria Stewart" also advanced.

In addition, Canyon placed two on the all-star cast — Chris Friemal and Casey Adkins. Two players, Adam Hilton and Andrea Clark, were named honorable mention all-star cast.

Lake View High School's "Dancing at Lughnasa" was named alternate. Cindy Morrison and Rebecca Randell were chosen for the all-star cast. Shannon John received honorable mention all-star cast.

Randall High School's Stacy Sheffield was named to the all-star cast. Marley Hoggatt received honorable mention. They performed "Wings."

Lacy Plunk of Pampa High School was also named to the all-star cast. Boyd Yates earned honorable mention. Pampa's entry was "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday."

Hereford High School placed two on the honorable mention all-star cast. They are Jay Crawford and Jaime Steiert. They performed "Harvey."

SHS is also hosting the class 5A one-act contest which was set for Saturday afternoon. San Angelo Central was to perform a 1 p.m. Their entry is "Boys Next Door."

Others were to be Abilene High School's "This Thing I Do" at 2 p.m.; Leander High School's "Othello" at 3 p.m.; Temple High School's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" at 4 p.m.; Monterrey High School's "Hamlet" at 5 p.m. and Amarillo High School's "Blue Collar Blues" at 6 p.m.

The judge for both contests is Stacy Schronk from Tarrant County Community College in Fort Worth.

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Home Of Scott Reston

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The key to success is getting up one more time than you fall."

Cindy Brewster, the better half of Beard Van Lines in Snyder, says she has an aunt that lives in Fairfield Bay, Ark.

The aunt sent Cindy an item that came from a monthly church newsletter. In view of past items about getting older, Cindy suggested that we — and readers — might get a chuckle from them.

"I have noticed everything is farther away than it used to be.

"It seems to me they are making the stairs steeper than in the old days, and have you noticed the smaller print they use in the newspapers?

"There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud anymore, as everybody speaks in such a low voice I can hardly hear them.

"The material in dresses is so skimply now, especially around the waist and hips, and the sizes don't run the way they used to. The 12s and 14s are so much smaller.

"Even people are changing. They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age.

"I ran into an old classmate the other day, and she has aged so much that she didn't recognize me.

"I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in so doing, I glanced at my own reflection.

"Really now, they don't even make mirrors like they used to."

And from the same publication, an article entitled, "Get Ready to G-R-O-A-N!"

Mahatma Ghandi walked barefoot everywhere, to the point that his feet became quite thick and hard.

He was also quite a spiritual person. Even when he was not on a hunger strike, he did not eat much and became thin and frail.

Furthermore, due to his diet, he ended up with very bad breath, therefore he came to be known as:

Super calloused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis.

Another sign of putting on years:

"As time allows less and less hair, more and more bushy become the brows."

For city, SISD...

Early voting period for May election starts Wednesday

Early voting for the May 1 election begins Wednesday morning as citizens will have the opportunity to vote in contested races for the Snyder City Council and the Snyder Independent School District board of trustees.

Incumbents in the Hermleigh and Ira school districts failed to draw opponents, and the incumbents will be declared re-elected by the respective boards.

In the local school board election, incumbent Place 1 trustee Glenn Clarady is being challenged by Ronnie Anderson.

Clarady was first elected to his position in 1990. This will be Anderson's first run for a spot on the school board.

Mark McCormick and Janet Stribling will not have opponents in their bid for another term on the school board.

Three people are candidates for two at-large positions on the Snyder City Council.

Incumbent Terry Martin, Ron Shaw and James Ashley are candidates for the council seats.

Seeking the now-vacant Place 3 spot on the city's ballot are James Jenkins Jr. and Kirk Taylor — both newcomers to the political scene.

Current at-large councilman Dayton Robertson is running unopposed for mayor.

Early voting ends April 27.

Ira incumbents Lance Autry, Sid Wall and Kirby Sterling will be declared winners on the Ira school board, while Hermleigh incumbent trustees Burton Sandefur and Tony Lambaren will serve another term, also.

There are no board positions up for re-election at Western Texas College.

City Hall will be the early voting site for the City of Snyder while persons voting early in the Snyder ISD trustee election will do so at the administration building.

On election day, voting for both the City and Snyder ISD will be held at City Hall.

PUBLIC AUCTION — Carolyn Sutton browses through items at the city and school auction sale which kicked off at 10 a.m. Saturday at the City Barn. Various items including computers, desks, chairs, scrap metal and three vehicles were to be auctioned. (SDN Staff Photo)

Uninsured children...

Meetings set to explain new insurance plan

Enrollment for Texas' newest answer to the plight of uninsured children is underway statewide, with meetings to explain the program set in Snyder over the next two weeks.

Local insurance representative Sam Robertson is the contact person for the program locally.

"I urge everyone who has children between the ages of 2 and 17 who does not have health insurance — and have not had insurance for at least 90 days — to attend one of the meetings," said Robertson.

The cost is minimal considering the coverage, said Robertson.

The first meeting is set for Monday at 7 p.m. at West Elementary, while a meeting will be held Tuesday at Northeast Elementary, also at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, the program will be explained at East Elementary at 7 p.m.

On April 22, a meeting will be held at Stanfield Elementary at 6 p.m. and at Central Elementary at 7:30 p.m.

For WTC...

Contact hours increase could mean more funds

An increase in contact hours coupled with more state allocations could mean additional operating funds for Western Texas College for the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 school years, according to WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek.

The Texas House Appropriations Committee has sent a bill to the full House that, if passed, will mean an additional $621,751 in funds for Western Texas College from the House for the next biennium.

According to Dr. Krenek, if the recommended appropriations are approved, funds received from the state will increase from $4,737,044 for the 1998-99 biennium to $5,358,795.

Contact hours increased from 650,753 in 1996-97 to 741,670 in 1998-99, an increase of 90,917 contact hours.

"We had a 13.97 percent increase in contact hours," Dr. Krenek said. "This reflects the growth of the college as well as the hard work on the part of faculty and staff. We are very pleased."

Broken down, contact hours increases included three percent in academics, 73 percent in prison academic, 34 percent in workforce education and 212 percent in concurrent enrollment.

Dr. Krenek said the average increase across the state in contact hours was 4.34 percent and that WTC was the sixth largest increase in the state.

In addition, both the House and Senate have allotted more funds.

"The increase in funding is to some extent from our enrollment as well as additional state funds for community colleges," Dr. Krenek said.

Registration underway...

Snyder chamber seeking 'leaders for tomorrow'

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Junior Leaders of Tomorrow" course for area students ages 3rd grade through high school June 1-4 and June 7.

Included in the course are daily field trips to Snyder's most popular tourist attractions as well as city and government offices.

Youth will also have the opportunity to observe the day-to-day occurrences at the Scurry County Courthouse, including sitting in on an actual trial in juvenile court, according to Chamber Manager Donna Fowler.

"We're creating junior leaders as well as junior tourists to promote Snyder. A child who is proud of his or her community is more likely to stay here," Fowler said.

Just a few highlights of the week include a presentation at the Western Texas College planetarium, a tour of the Scurry County Museum, a visit to the Collier Dairy Farm, and a visit to Hays Ranch where the original White Buffalo was killed.

A full itinerary is available when registering.

Cost of the leadership training course is $55 per person and this includes a certification of completion for each participant, a t-shirt and an awards luncheon.

If there is more than one child per family, a savings of $10 per child will be offered.

To register, call the chamber at 573-3558 or stop by the office at 2302 Avenue R.

ASK US

Q—What is Western Texas College's maximum tax rate and can it be raised?

A—The maximum rate is 35 cents and it would take a public vote to raise it. The current tax rate is .3143 cents.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 85 degrees; low, 53; 7 a.m. Saturday, 53; no precipitation; total for 1999, 2.97 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy. Low, mid 40s. Light N wind. Sunday, partly cloudy. High, mid 70s. SE wind 10-20 mph.

Tyler McCormack
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:09 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 99 days in 1999, the sun has shone 93 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Within ourselves are the seeds of triumph or defeat."

Longfellow

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Feds eye side air bags in rear seats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are concerned that side air bags in autos' rear seats could seriously injure children rid ng too close to a door, officials said Friday.

Side air bags in the rear seats of Mercedes-Benz, Audi and BMW cars could deploy with enough power to severely harm children resting near the door, said Transportation- Department officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The concerns were based either on test results the automakers shared with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or independent testing done by that agency's engineers using a dummy representing a 3-year-old sleeping against the door, among other positions, officials said.

There have been no reports of children killed or seriously injured by side air bags, which have the potential to save lives in side-impact crashes, NHTSA say.

But federal regulators want to take all steps possible to prevent problems with side air bags in light of the public outcry over deaths from air bags deploying from the front of autos. Those air bags have been blamed for killing 131 people, including 73 children, government statistics show.

Federal regulators have talked to nine automakers about side air bag testing. NHTSA's chief, Dr. Ricardo Martinez, urged manufacturers last December to "thoroughly test" side air bags "to guard against the risk of injury" to children riding close to the safety devices.

Federal regulators met again last month with Mercedes, Audi and BMW, the only three manufacturers thus far offering side air bags as an option in the rear seat.

Company tests with dummies representing 3-year-olds resting on the door of an Audi and a BMW indicated those children could be injured, and the carmakers have issued warnings to customers, company spokesmen said.

From a Cocoon To a Butterfly

HOPE FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY

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CONFRONTATION — Tiffany Martin, center, as Daisy Fromper confronts Natasha Kutcha, played by Tiffany Britton, while Oswald Fromper, played by David Olson, looks aghast. Hudson Hotchkiss, played by Dallas Pollei, quietly observes in the background. This is just one of the scenes from Western Texas College's "Dinner and Death Suite" slated for 6 p.m. performances Friday and next Saturday and Sunday. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

As Bush surges, other GOP hopefuls hope for void to fill

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Steve Forbes and Tommy Thompson know they can't be president in 2001 unless the early Republican front-runners falter. Forbes says he will "smoke 'em out." Thompson hopes to wait them out.

Their strategies were on display Friday at a gathering of Republican state party chairmen. Although many of the local leaders are lining up behind Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Forbes and Thompson courted the chairmen in hopes that Bush will crumble and they can fill the vacuum.

Thompson, the Wisconsin governor who has championed welfare and education reforms, said he retains a "fleeting hope" of running for president. Forbes, a multimillionaire conservative, is the more serious candidate; he announced his campaign in March.

"Although most of (the chairmen) seem to be going in a particular direction, if I don't make the case, nothing can happen," Forbes told The Associated Press. "I want them to see that I have a message and will go to every possible source to get support."

Forbes has campaigned nonstop since his failed 1996 presidential bid, yet public opinion polls show him far behind Bush and Elizabeth Dole, former president of the American Red Cross.

He has spent millions of dollars, much of it his own, to promote a relatively detailed agenda on abortion, tax reform, foreign policy and the economy. Bush and Mrs. Dole, meanwhile, dutifully avoid taking stands on national issues.

Privately frustrated by that contrast, Forbes met with at least a dozen state chairmen to argue that it will take a candidate with "principle and substance" to win the White House in 2000.

Do Bush and Dole have those qualities?

"We'll see," Forbes said, grinning. "We haven't seen whether they have yet. We'll smoke 'em out. We haven't yet."

He said the media and voters in early primary states eventually will test the mettle of the early front-runners. If Bush disappoints party regulars, Forbes wants to be their second choice.

"They may be leaning toward Bush, but I'm telling them, 'If you're taking a second look, I would appreciate you looking at this campaign,'" Forbes said.

In four to six weeks, Forbes plans to launch a major television advertising campaign in crucial presidential states, officials involved in the effort said.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander is in a position similar to Forbes' and Thompson's. He recently lost a top aide to Bush, trails badly in the polls and is not raising nearly as much money as the Texas governor.

WTC play to debut on Friday

How good a sleuth are you? You will have the opportunity to find out next week.

"Dinner and Death Suite" by Peter DePietro will conclude Western Texas College drama department's productions for the 1998-1999 school year.

While you are enjoying a soft drink and canapes, someone is murdered before your very eyes. As Suzie Sockwasher ushers you into the dining hall, Hudson Hotchkiss begins his investigation.

The characters will join you at your table or an adjacent one, and you are encouraged to talk with them. In fact you will be provided with indentities so you can play along if you wish. When Hudson begins his interrogations of the suspects, everyone is encouraged to ask their own questions.

Before the final solution, each person will have an opportunity to offer a solution to the mystery. A prize will be presented to the best sleuth.

The play takes place during the Cold War. The audience has assembled to enjoy a piano concert by Yuri Pianstovitz, famous Russian pianist.

Dinner will be served during each performance. The production debuts Friday at 6 p.m. in the Student Center. Two other performances are set for next Saturday and Sunday, also at 6 p.m.

Ticket prices, which include dinner, are $14 for adults; $12 for students and seniors; and $11 for a table for 4-6.

Reservations are due by Tuesday at 1 p.m. Call Julie Sentell at 573-8511, ext. 234; or they may be mailed in.

Helen Cogan directs. She will also assist with sets and props and costumes.

Cast members include Vickie Williams as Suzie Sockwasher; Dallas Pollei as Hudson Hotchkiss; David Olson as Oswald Fromper; Tiffany Martin as Daisy Fromper; Kris Hollis as Stuart Yendel; Tiffany Britton as Natasha Kutcha; Cam Hargrove as Sergei Bolstov; Stephanie Bell as the host; T.L. McAdams as Katherine Yendel.

The production staff and running crew include Stephanie Bell, stage manager; Julie Sentell, box office; Tiffany Britton, set and props; Ruby Johnson, costumes; Kris Hollis and Felix Pair, lights and sound; Lana Rice, Ashley White, Amber Miller, Makai Funai, Norma Garcia, waitresses.

The menu will consist of cucumber salad, beef stroganoff over noodles, glazed baby carrots, strawberries romanoff, black forest cookies, coffee/iced tea.

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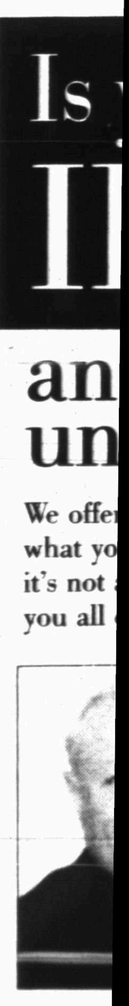


Three couples ride in style

Some people really know how to make an entrance.

Instead of traveling by car or limousine, three Snyder High School couples rode to the March 27 prom at the National Guard Armory on the backs of Harley Davidson motorcycles.

They include Britney Bass and Kyle Callison; Melanie Prichard and Raymond Floyd; Mandy Leary and Jesse Dominguez.

The motorcyclists, Ray Sherrod, Joel Hook, Harold Gasaway, Dalton Walton, Jim Griswold and Bill Murphy, dressed in matching red and black, and picked the couples up at Snyder Country Club where they had eaten dinner.

Then they drove them through town to the Armory. Luckily the rain slacked off just in time for the couples' "awesome" ride.

The bikes included five Classics and one Roadking. Linda Walton first suggested that the six students be driven to the prom on the Harley Davidsons.

Photos were taken by Thomas Gonzales and Mr. Gee's, and may be submitted to the official Harley Davidson magazine.

RIDING IN STYLE — Three couples rode in style to Snyder High School's prom held recently at the National Guard Armory. From left are Britney Bass and Kyle Callison; Melanie Prichard and Raymond Floyd; Mandy Leary and Jesse Dominguez. Their Harley Davidson drivers included from left, Ray Sherrod, Joel Hook, Harold Gasaway, Dalton Walton, Jim Griswold and Bill Murphy. (Contributed Photo)

Duncan Classic set next Saturday

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club will host the Duncan Classic Tournament next Saturday.

Sanctioned pitchers from Arlington, Planview and Lubbock have already entered. Others are expected from Post, Olton, Littlefield and Dumas.

Entries by sanctioned pitchers will be accepted until 9 a.m. next Saturday. Pitching will begin at 10 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places in each class.

DWI results in 5 years probation

A 37-year-old Snyder man was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years, following a guilty plea for felony driving while intoxicated.

Paul Garcia of 601 29th Street pleaded guilty in 132nd District Court to the Feb. 25 DWI offense.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong also fined Garcia $1,000 and also sentenced him to 240 days in the Scurry County Jail and to participate in a court-approved substance abuse program.

Marriage over

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The marriage of Brooke Shields and Andre Agassi is suddenly over.

Shields, who stars in the NBC comedy "Suddenly Susan," is breaking up with the tennis star after two years of marriage.

"We have the utmost love and respect for each other and will remain the best of friends," Shields said in a statement issued Friday.

Eicke headed to U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Rad Eicke has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn.

The full four-year scholarship includes tuition, room and board. He also has the opportunity to play for the Coast Guard Bear football team, the 1996 and 1997 Freedom Football Conference Champions.

Rad reports to New London for "Swab Summer" on July 9, spending one week in the Caribbean on the Eagle, "America's Tall Ship."

Rear Admiral D.H. Teeson of the U.S. Coast Guard congratulated Rad on being "one of approximately 440 candidates nationwide chosen for appointment — out of thousands of applicants."

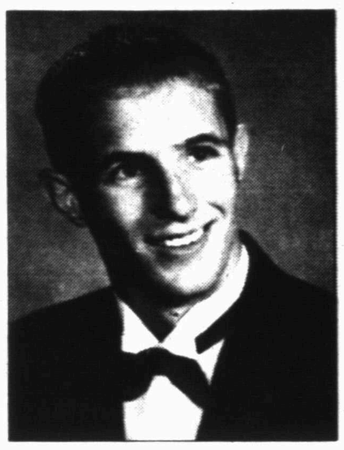
The U.S. Coast Guard Academy is the only one of the four Armed Forces service academies that offers appointments based solely on an annual nationwide competition, with no congressional appointments or geographical quotas.

Factors considered in the competition include SAT I or ACT scores, high school standing, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school extracurricular activities, community affairs, or part-time employment.

Congressman Charles Stenholm, 17th District, had nominated Rad to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

He has passed the stringent academic, medical and physical qualifications for both academies.

Had he not chosen the U.S. Coast Guard, Rad could have accepted any of the following scholarships which he has also been awarded: $8,000 Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University; $36,000 Deerpath Academic Scholarship at Lake Forest College at Lake Forest, Ill.; $36,000 Academic Achievement Award at The College of Wooster at Wooster, Ohio; and $28,000 President's Scholarship and Performance Award for Football at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan.; a $17,800 scholarship from Trinity University in San Antonio; and a full four-year scholarship at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Rad Eicke

—Rad has already won the following awards and scholarships, a $1,000 Sandhills Hereford & quarter Horse Scholarship, a $500 Texas Club Calf Association Scholarship, and a $500 Panhandle Parade of Breeds Scholarship.

Rad was a member of the 1997 and 1998 varsity Tiger football team, making second team All-District Defense in 1998. He is also active in powerlifting, FFA, National Honor Society, and the 4-H.

He has been included in "Who's Who Among American High School students for the past three years. He has won numerous awards and honors during the past 10 years while exhibiting steers and pigs in the 4-H and Texas Junior Livestock Association programs.

He has been in the State of Texas Top Ten for the past six years in seven different divisions. He won the State Belt Buckle in 1998 for the Chianina Steer Division and exhibited the Breed Champion Chianina Steer at the 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

He has exhibited the grand champion steer three times at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. He has won numerous other awards with his livestock and showmanship abilities, over the past 10 years. They include: grand champion steer twice and reserve grand champion steer at Hamlin's FFA Alumni Steer and Heifer Classics, champion senior fitting team at the Panhandle Parade of Breeds at Plainview; first place European crossbreed steer at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show at Fort Worth; first place Hereford steer at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, 1995 junior steer showmanship champion at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo in Abilene; Denton County showmanship champion, reserve grand champion Prospect steer at the Denton County 4-H Beef Expo and also at the Denton FFA Alumni Fall Classic; and grand champion steer at the Seymour Rolling Plains Steer Show, and two times grand champion steer at the Highland Lakes Steer Show.

Rad is the son of Johnny and Fairy Eicke of Snyder, and the grandson of Bill and Lewana Graham of Aspermont, formerly of Rotan, and the late J.N. and Wanda Eicke of Snyder. He has a sister, T'Leah Eicke, who is a sophomore at Snyder High School.

New York principal charged with campus drug dealing

NEW YORK (AP) — A principal known for her good works and tough words about drug abuse has been charged with running a narcotics ring at her elementary school.

Delores Hill, 53, was accused at her arraignment Friday of being the leader of a small drug ring at the Tabernacle Church of God Elementary School in Brooklyn.

Ms. Hill allegedly sold $25 bags of cocaine to an undercover policewoman on school grounds. She was arrested along with the school nurse, a janitor and another worker.

Authorities — who shut down the private, 160-student school — said the defendants dealt drugs to adults behind the scenes while children were busy in class. But Ms. Hill allegedly made one sale while baby-sitting two infants in her office, said prosecutor Patricia Gatling.

Ms. Hill was charged with felony sale and possession of a controlled substance. She pleaded innocent, and was being held on $250,000 bail. The maximum sentence for the charges is 25 years in prison. Her attorney, Frank Paone, would not comment.

Nine WTC students, faculty advisor attend Field Days in March

Nine Western Texas College Golf and Landscape Technology students and faculty advisor, Sam Fare, traveled to the University of Kentucky at Lexington to participate in the 23rd ALCA Student Field Days March 18-21.

Student Field Days are designed to give students in the field of horticulture and landscaping the opportunity to meet their peers while engaging in course-related competitions.

Students also took advantage of the presence of several large landscape firms to practice their interview skills and shop the market.

Students participating were sophomores Todd Lancaster, Lester Lombard, Alicia Key and Cody Denman. The five freshman attendees included Jason Campbell, Bradley Reeves, Michael Cole, Bradley Easter, and Kristen Null.

Teams from 44 schools competed in 17 different events. A total of 648 students participated in the competition. Points were awarded for each competition.

The WTC team scored points to be ranked 29th out of the 44 schools. Individual rankings and scores of WTC students included four in the top twelve percent of all students participating.

They were Reeves, 43rd; Cole, 65th; Campbell, 72nd; and Denman, 76th.

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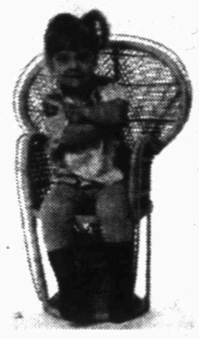

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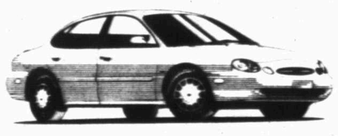

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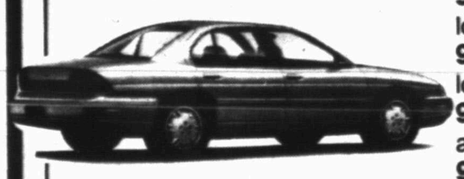

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Senate panel tentatively OKs budget

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate budget-writers tentatively agreed to a nearly $98 billion, two-year spending proposal Friday that would provide for an estimated $2 billion in tax relief for Texans.

The budget measure — which would fund state government programs and services from education to welfare to prisons — was adopted 11-0 as a "work product" by the Senate Finance Committee.

The panel will take another, formal vote after the bill is drafted in final form. The measure then will head to the full Senate for consideration.

Proposed tax relief under the budget proposal includes a move to reduce local school property taxes and a sales tax break.

It falls short of the $2.6 billion in tax relief that has been proposed by Gov. George W. Bush.

Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said the smaller number shouldn't be viewed as a setback for the Republican governor.

"I think it's unfair to say well, because he didn't get $2.6 (billion) he failed. ... I would say he got a heck of a lot. It's a big deal," said Ratliff.

"I sure wouldn't look at it as a failure. I would look at it as a heck of a win."

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, voted yes on the budget proposal but said it doesn't do enough in such areas as teacher pay. He said his vote was out of respect for the committee, its work and Ratliff's leadership.

"This bill in my opinion falls terribly short of meeting the needs of the state. ... We have failed to adequately address some of our greatest needs — education, health and human services for our children," Barrientos said.

"I hope we can do better before the bill is finally passed."

Ratliff said, "I've been here 10 years, and I've never seen a budget that goes far enough. ... It's just like most household budgets. You have to do without the things that you can't afford."

The House Appropriations Committee has already approved a $97 billion measure representing a 9.6 percent overall increase from 1998-99, including state and federal funds.

The House committee version left $772 million of a $5.6 billion state budget surplus on the table.

After the full House and Senate consider their separate budget proposals, differences between the bills are expected to be worked out in a conference committee made up of members from each chamber.

A detailed breakdown of the Senate committee's budget proposal wasn't immediately available after Friday evening's vote. But Ratliff said, "I don't think there's any question the priority is education."

Of the proposed spending, $30 billion is earmarked for public education and $13 billion for higher education, he said.

Before approving the measure, the committee also made adjustments in the proposed expenditure of the state's proceeds from settling its lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

About $1.8 billion of Texas' $17.3 billion, multi-year settlement is to be allocated for the next two-year budget period.

As initially proposed, the budget would have set aside $200 million of that for an endowment that would spin off an estimated $10 million a year to fight tobacco use.

BREED CHAMPION — T'Leah Eicke exhibited her 1,179 pound Angus steer, Bones, at the Houston Livestock Show, winning first place in the Medium Weight Class and Breed Champion. The steer was purchased from Johnny and Stacy Reed. Eicke also placed in the Top Ten of the Texas Club Calf Association in the Hereford Breed Division and Senior Showmanship Division for 1998-1999. The awards were presented at the TCCA Banquet March 4 at the Sheraton Astrodome Hotel in Houston. She won a jacket and two patches. (Contributed Photo)

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Homeowners protections bill approved by Senate Friday

AUSTIN (AP) — Residents in homeowners associations would get expanded rights to appeal fines and protect their homes from foreclosure under a bill approved Friday by the Texas Senate.

"I think the bill represents a major victory for Texas homeowners," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who worked on the bill with its primary sponsor, Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas.

"I'm looking forward to visiting my homeowners association in case they ever get crazy."

The bill would allow for civil penalties against associations which act in bad faith and require board members to pass a state-approved training program.

The bill outlaws foreclosure based solely on overdue fines or attorneys fees and requires alternative dispute resolution before foreclosure. Homeowners also would have the right to appeal fines.

The bill does not prevent homeowners associations from foreclosing on homes. A proposed constitutional amendment in the House would prevent such foreclosures.

"I think the ability to take someone's home away in a state that is considered a very strong property rights state is something we should do very cautiously," said Ellis.

"Homeowners associations ought to have the right to foreclose, but it should be a very limited situation. We want to make sure all the consumer protections are in place," Ellis said.

A 1987 Texas Supreme Court decision gave homeowners associations the power to foreclose upon homes. In 1997 there were about 1,050 homeowners association foreclosure lawsuits in Harris County alone, according to Ellis' staff.

The bill, which now goes to the House for consideration, also gives the attorney general the power to sue negligent associations.

"There's a lot more protections for homeowners," said Margey Meyers, president of the Texas Community Associations Institute in Houston.

The bill also requires association boards to conduct open meetings and gives homeowners the right to examine and copy association records.

The bill does not stop an association from writing rules and regulations, such as a ban on children or pets or restrictions on clothes lines and swingsets. But it does allow for 10 percent of an association's membership to call for a special meeting at which rules can be adopted, changed or repealed.

The homeowners association bill is SB699.

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Survey: Teachers would return for higher salary

AUSTIN — Former teachers say they would return to their jobs if they were paid nearly $44,000, a recent survey showed.

Some 500 teachers statewide, who left the classroom an average of three years ago, were surveyed to determine why they left teaching and what, if anything, could have prevented them from leaving. In order to return, the former teachers said they would expect an average salary of $43,680. The average teacher salary in Texas is about $33,000; the national average is $42,000.

The average respondent was a married, white female, age 40, who earned $29,000 and had taught in public schools for nine years. Sixty-three percent said they left teaching to pursue other careers, 21 percent left to teach in private schools, and 16 percent to stay at home with family.

Aside from a higher salary, the survey found there was no one specific way to encourage them back to teaching. However, the former teachers said they would like to see fewer discipline problems in the classroom, optimal class sizes, an increase in support from district administrators and the school board, and adequate time to prepare and plan for their classes.

Seven educator groups funded the telephone survey, which was conducted in February by Creative Consumer Research of Houston with a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percent. The results will be used to help the educators and state agencies design an effective program to retain current educators and attract new individuals to the profession.

"Teachers are leaving the profession in alarming numbers," said Amy White, state president of the 94,000-member Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE), which facilitated the survey. "It's not just math and science teachers, although those are facing the most acute shortage. It is affecting teachers of all subject areas from all over the state. It is important that we address how to keep teachers teaching."

Other groups that join ATPE in the study were the Texas State Teachers Association, the Texas Federation of Teachers, the Classroom Teachers Association, the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Association of School Boards and the State Board for Educator Certification.

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Immigrants accused of using baby in smuggling operation

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Border Patrol agents say when they saw the baby boy with a young couple near the Rio Grande, they knew they'd seen him before — with different parents.

Under further questioning, the man and woman admitted they weren't married and the baby wasn't theirs, agents said.

The discovery led agents to arrest four Honduran nationals and charge them with transporting illegal aliens.

Agents say the smugglers would lend out the infant to undocumented immigrants to help them escape detention by the Border Patrol.

Jose Antonio Guerrero-Funez, an alien resident of Houston, and Sandra Patricia Orellano, an undocumented immigrant, were being held on $25,000 and $100,000, respectively.

John L. Treviqo, supervisor of the Anti-Smuggling Investigations Unit of the Border Patrol in Brownsville, said Guerrero-Funez and Ms. Orellano probably knew of a Border Patrol policy against breaking up families.

Under the policy, undocumented families are released under personal recognizance and scheduled for a later court date, said Border Patrol spokeswoman Letty Garza.

Treviqo said it was the first time in his 24 years with the Border Patrol that he'd seen smugglers actually provide a child to the people they were trying to smuggle. He said he didn't know how many times this baby had been used.

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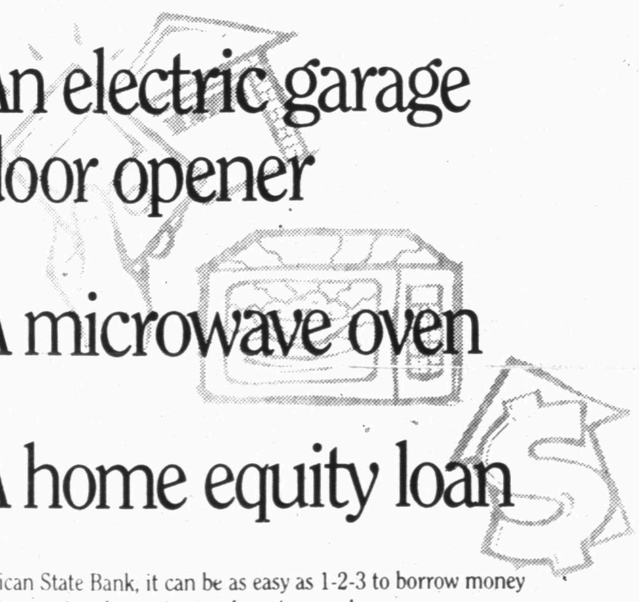

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Followers of India's Sikh religion are divided

AMRITSAR, India (AP) — It was meant to be a peaceful religion, but it took on a military character. It was created to eliminate caste and inequality, but is riven by class and conspicuous wealth.

For centuries, the Sikh religion was a force for unity among its followers. Now, the leaders of India's youngest religion are divided, and the young are losing their tradition.

With a key religious anniversary coming in days, Sikhs in India and abroad worry that the divisions could explode into violence.

On Tuesday, hundreds of thousands of people will gather at Anandpur Sahib, a town in the northern state of Punjab, to mark the 300th anniversary of Khalsa, the rules that govern the Sikh lifestyle.

Control over the celebrations has become the focal point of the power struggle between moderates and radicals.

The Akali Dal party that governs Punjab — where most of the world's 20 million Sikhs live — is split. Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal, a moderate, has tried to take control of Sikh religious and political institutions from radicals led by Gurcharan Singh Tohra, who was ousted last month as longtime leader of the powerful committee governing Sikh temples.

Many fear the split could result in clashes between the two groups at the anniversary celebrations — which many Sikhs have hoped would unite the community.

The Khalsa, or Sikh brotherhood, refers to the militaristic rules that Guru Govind Singh, the last in the line of the 10 founding gurus, or teachers, introduced to motivate Sikhs to fight the India's Mogul rulers and Afghan tribes.

Those rules dictate that Sikh men — who all take the name Singh, meaning lion — always carry a dagger or sword, wear a steel bracelet and never cut their hair or beards. Most cover their heads in six yards of cloth wrapped as colorful turbans.

As the date of the anniversary approaches, many in the community note that some young Sikhs are abandoning the customs, cutting their hair and adopting more Western lifestyles. Traditionalists lament the trend, but others argue the importance of Sikhism lies elsewhere.

"Khalsa is not living to its original aim," said Madanjeet Kaur, a Sikh historian. "They had to fulfill a mission at that time. The mission is different now. ... We have to fight dishonesty, corruption in public life and casteism."

Harish Puri, a political science professor at a college in Amritsar's Guru Nanak Dev University, was also critical about the direction of the Sikh community.

"There is greater emphasis today on big celebrations, marble structures, gold domes and large congregations than on humility, service to the poor and social justice," he said.

The religion was founded in 1469 by Guru Nanak to counter Hindu practices of idol worship and caste discrimination. He preached tolerance, the worship of one god and equality for all humans.

More than 100 years of persecution by the Muslims Moguls in India prompted later gurus to turn to armed struggle, creating a class of warrior-saints. The British used the Sikh fighting skills as the backbone of the colonial army.

After Indian independence in 1947, Sikhs felt they lost their influence and complained of discrimination. Their demand for a separate Sikh state grew militant.

Sikh preachers began using places of worship to promote discontent and hatred of Hindus. Beginning in the early 1980s, Punjab was wracked by bombings and massacres for nearly a decade. More than 15,000 people were killed.

In the early 1990s, police were quietly given a free hand against the militants, and the Sikh uprising was crushed in a series of police operations widely criticized for human rights abuses.

Barely recovering from the decade of bloody insurrection, Sikhs are now turning their attention to the struggles within the community.

Arjan Singh, a former army colonel, said many Sikhs have forgotten the religion's basic principles.

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Niger military to name new president after assassination

NIAMEY, Niger (AP) — Military leaders in the West African nation of Niger called an emergency meeting Saturday to name a new head of state after bodyguards gunned down the president.

Hours after President Ibrahim Bare Mainassara's assassination early Friday, Prime Minister Ibrahim Assane Mayaki disbanded the National Assembly and temporarily suspended all political parties.

It wasn't clear who would take power but Western diplomats said the army was in charge, at least temporarily.

"The military definitely has a monopoly on arms here and is in control of the security situation," a Western diplomat said on condition of anonymity. "It's heartening that they have not appointed a military government. There are indications they want a government of a civilian character."

The airport and international borders remained officially closed and residents of the capital, Niamey, said small groups of soldiers patrolled the streets. But Friday's heavy military presence at key government buildings had diminished by this morning and citizens returned to work.

In a brief radio address Friday, Mayaki, the prime minister, referred to Bare's death as an "unfortunate accident," and said a new government would soon be formed including opposition politicians.

Witnesses to the assassination told reporters in Niamey that Bare's bodyguards shot him as he prepared to board a helicopter at the airport to visit the western border with Mali.

His chief bodyguard, Tilly Smael, was also gunned down when he tried to return fire. Witnesses said others may have been wounded.

Bare's killing caps a tumultuous week in which opposition called for his resignation, accusing his government of orchestrating attacks against vote-counters tallying results of February's regional and municipal elections in a bid to avert defeat.

Bare seized power in a coup three years ago by ousting the country's first democratically elected government. He placed then-President Mahamane Ousmane under hourse arrest but released him three months later.

Bare, a former army colonel, said he staged the coup because Ousmane had failed to address Niger's economic and political problems. The country of 9.7 million people on the southern edge of the Sahara Desert is one of the world's poorest.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated. The society was founded by Henry Bergh.

On this day in 1953, "House of Wax," starring Vincent Price, premiered in New York City. It was the first feature-length 3-D movie.

On this day in 1989, the musical group Alabama was named artist of the decade by the Academy of Country Music.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Matthew C. Perry (1794-1858), U.S. Navy commodore; William Booth (1829-1912), social reformer; Joseph Pulitzer (1847-1911), newspaper publisher; Clare Boothe Luce (1903-1987), writer; Harry Morgan (1915-), actor, is 84; Omar Sharif (1932-), actor, is 67; Paul Theroux (1941-), writer, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1955, Syracuse defeated Ft. Wayne 92-91 to win the NBA championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue." — Francis Bacon

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 8) and new moon (April 16).

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Today is the 101st day of 1999 and the 23rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated the throne of France.

On this day in 1921, KDKA, a radio station in Pittsburgh, Pa., broadcast the first live description of a sporting event to be broadcast on the radio, a boxing match between Johnnie Ray and Johnny Dundee.

On this day in 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, a week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), poet; Charles Evans Hughes (1862-1948), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Dean Acheson (1893-1971), U.S. secretary of state; Joel Grey (1932-), actor, is 67; Louise Lasser (1939-), actress, is 60; Bret Saberhagen (1964-), baseball player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, the New York Mets debuted, losing to St. Louis 11-4.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Vision is the art of seeing things invisible." — Jonathan Swift

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Tigers fight off Chiefs, 4-3

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It took some hitting from a few unexpected sources, some solid pitching, some luck, and one extra inning, but the Tigers finally secured a much-needed district win.

Snyder scratched out two runs in the bottom of the eighth on a two-out infield single and a Lake View error to seize an all-important 4-3 victory Friday night at Moffett Field.

After a solo home run in the top of the eighth gave Lake View a 3-2 advantage, Matthew Grimmett blasted a line drive off the glove of Chief hurler Oscar Solis to score Ralph Ramon from third base. After picking up the ball, Lake View shortstop Chris Martinez bounced his throw past the first baseman, allowing Josh Ward to slide home with the winning run.

The come-from-behind win gives the Tigers a 3-1 league mark, heading into Tuesday's battle at state-ranked Andrews.

"This was a big win for us," Snyder coach Roland Herrera said. "The kids fought hard all night and never got down. We had to have this win going into Andrews on Tuesday."

It looked early on like the Tigers might fall to 2-2 in the 5-4A standings, as the Chiefs dominated the first four innings.

Lake View starter Cody Ashley didn't allow a Tiger base runner through the first three innings, as the Chiefs built a 2-0 lead.

Trailing by two runs in the bottom of the fifth, and without a base hit to their credit, the Tigers got the spark they needed from an unexpected source.

Senior Brad Romisch, who entered the game batting under .200 without an extra-base hit, belted the first pitch offered him over the fence in left-center field for a solo home run.

"I've said all year that I feel comfortable playing anybody on our roster in any given situation," said Herrera. "Roemisch really stepped up tonight. He had the home run, then drew a walk in the seventh and wound up scoring the tying run."

Snyder pitcher Wes Wilson, with some help from his mates behind him, kept the score at 2-1 entering the bottom of the seventh.

Needing a run to extend the game, the Tigers put together their first rally of the night. Roemisch drew a one-out walk and advanced to second on a single by Johnny Pena.

Next up, Cory Mandrell hit a ground ball to the shortstop who shoveled the ball to second base to force out Pena. Second baseman Scooter Lafavers then made a bad throw to first, while trying to complete the double play. Mandrell was safe at first and Roemisch came all the way around to score the tying run, when the ball got behind the first baseman.

With the tally knotted at 2-2 in the top of the eighth, Solis ripped a two-out homer over the fence in left field to reclaim a 3-2 lead for the Chiefs.

But the Tigers answered in the bottom of the frame, when Wilson and Ward drew walks to bring up Grimmett with two outs. The sophomore had two strikes on him when he connected with the winning hit.

"Matthew really played well tonight," Herrera remarked. "He got the job done at the plate and some a great play on defense to get us out of a jam."

In the fifth inning, after Lake View had already staked a 2-0 lead, Grimmett gloved a fly ball in right field, then hurled a strike to Ward at third base to throw out Lake View's Lalo Santillan who was trying to advance from second.

Wilson went the distance on the mound for Snyder, giving up seven hits, while striking out nine Chiefs and walking only two.

Snyder's record improves to 16-7 on the year and 3-1 in district play, while Lake View falls to 1-3 in league action and 9-10-1 overall.

Lake View	ab	r	h	bi
Martinez ss	4	1	0	0
Santillan 3b	2	1	1	1
Morrison dh	4	0	2	0
Gonzales c	3	0	0	0
LaFavers 2b	4	0	1	1
Ashley p	4	0	1	0
Solis 1b	3	1	1	1
Morrison rf	3	0	1	0
Sykes cf	4	0	0	0
Totals	31	3	7	3

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena 2b	3	0	1	0
Mandrell c	2	0	0	0
Rodgers ss	4	0	0	0
Hook 1b	3	0	0	0
Wilson p	2	0	1	0
Ramon cr	0	1	0	0
Ward 3b	2	1	0	0
Shields ph	1	0	0	0
Bedell lf	3	0	0	0
Martinez ph	1	0	0	0
Alexander rf	1	0	0	0
Grimmett rf	3	0	1	1
Roemisch cf	2	2	1	1
Totals	27	4	4	2

Lake View	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	— 3 7 2
Snyder	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	— 4 4 3

DP - Snyder 2. LOB - Lake View 9, Snyder 8. 2B - Wilson. HR - Solis; Roemisch.

Lake View	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ashley	4 2-3	1	1	1	4	3
Solis	3 1-3	3	3	3	4	1

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wilson	8	7	3	2	2	9

WESTERNER RIDER — WTC's Bill Herbert competes during the Western Texas College NIRA rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum. The rodeo continues with Saturday's finals at 7:30 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

MNF makes another change

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC's experiment to start Monday night football games nearly an hour earlier lasted only one year. Low ratings were not the only reason for the return to the traditional slot.

With the switch back to a 9 p.m. start in Eastern time, the game will run until about midnight. The change means an extra 45 minutes of prime-time advertising revenue for the network.

ABC receives prime-time ad rates throughout the entire length of the game.

"From a business point of view, changing back made all the sense in the world," said former ABC senior vice president Jim Spence, who now runs an industry consulting company.

"You have four hours instead of three," Spence added. "It's a terrific financial advantage."

Kickoff will begin at 9:07 p.m. in the East this season instead of the 8:21 p.m. start time last year.

Declining ratings also factored into ABC's decision. Network executives banked on a much higher boost than the 3 percent increase on the East Coast and didn't figure that such a substantial drop-off (14 percent) would occur in both the Central and Pacific time zones.

"Monday Night Football" recorded a 13.9 rating last season, the lowest in the program's 29-year history. The numbers dropped from 18.9 to 14.9 in Los Angeles.

"We had a lot of blowouts last year," ABC Sports president Howard Katz said. "Plus, 28 years' worth of viewing habits is very difficult to break.

"I guess we are able to sell an extra hour now," Katz added. "But I can't tell you that was an important factor in the decision-making process."

Now, West Coast viewers will be out of work when the game begins.

"I expect we'll hear the same issues from the East Coast as we did before about games going too late," said Dennis Lewin, senior vice president of broadcasting for the NFL.

Bergman's home run lifts Astros past Milwaukee, 3-2

HOUSTON (AP) — The runs aren't coming in bunches for the Houston Astros like last year.

Moises Alou is injured and the Killer Bs plus Ken Caminiti aren't hitting, so it took a clutch hit by Tim Bogar, Craig Biggio stealing home and a rare homer by pitcher Sean Bergman for a 3-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Friday night.

"That's the way this team plays, if the bats aren't doing it, the pitching staff comes through like it did tonight," Biggio said. "We all pick each other up."

It was Bergman's pitching and hitting that got the Astros through this game. Maybe he should join Biggio, Jeff Bagwell and Derek Bell as a Killer B.

The Astros, who led the National League in runs scored last season, have just 10 runs in four games and are batting .213 (26-for-122). The first four hitters have a collective .146 average (7-for-48).

"For us to get to the playoffs, we can't always rely on Biggio and Bagwell, the rest of us have to contribute too," Bogar said.

The Astros trailed 2-0 with two outs in the third when Biggio became the first Astro to steal home in nearly six years. Biggio scored when Brewers catcher Dave Nilsson tried to pick off Caminiti from first.

"I just had a feeling," Biggio said. "I was coming down the baseline a little and I thought if he didn't give it a hard throw to first, if he kind of lobbed it, I was going to go."

Nilsson didn't expect Biggio's move.

"Biggio was gambling," he said. "I don't know (if he was safe). The umpire was in a good position and he called it how he saw it."

Houston tied it in the fifth when Bergman homered off Scott Karl, his second career homer. It was the first home run by an Astros pitcher since Shane Reynolds against Colorado on Sept. 8, 1996.

"He hits home runs all the time in batting practice," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "I was saying right before that, I hope he hits a home run so he won't clog up the bases for Biggio. I didn't really call it. I was just hoping."

In the eighth inning, Bob Wickman (0-1) walked Caminiti and Richard Hidalgo to open the inning. Two outs later, Bogar singled to center to give Houston a 3-2 lead.

"At this point, we'll take runs any way we can get them," Dierker said.

Bulldogs top ACHS, 5-1

IRA — The Ira Bulldogs will carry a full head of steam into this week's important district ballgames, thanks to a commanding 5-1 win over Abilene Christian on Friday.

Jerek Brown went the distance on the mound for Ira, fanning 18 batters, while walking none.

Drew Wall led the Bulldog charge at the plate with a single, a double and triple, while Brown belted a home run for Ira.

Terry Jamison finished with a pair of singles. Jerry Jamison blasted a double and Seth Sterling slapped a single.

Ira faces two key district contests, squaring off with Westbrook on Tuesday, followed by a meeting with Rotan.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	28	10	.737	-
Miami	22	11	.667	3½
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	7½
New York	19	17	.528	8
Washington	13	22	.371	13½
Boston	12	23	.343	14½
New Jersey	10	25	.286	16½
Central Division				
Indiana	24	12	.667	-
Detroit	22	14	.611	2
Atlanta	22	15	.596	2½
Milwaukee	20	15	.571	3½
Toronto	18	17	.514	5½
Cleveland	17	17	.500	6
Charlotte	14	20	.412	9
Chicago	10	25	.286	13½
Vancouver	7	29	.194	20
Pacific Division				
Portland	27	7	.794	-
L.A.Lakers	25	13	.658	4
Seattle	17	18	.486	10½
Phoenix	17	19	.472	11
Sacramento	15	20	.429	12½
GoldenState	14	21	.400	13½
L.A.Clippers	4	30	.118	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Utah	26	8	.765	-
SanAntonio	24	10	.706	2
Houston	23	12	.657	3½
Minnesota	20	16	.556	7
Dallas	11	24	.314	15½
Denver	11	25	.306	16

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 83, Boston 67
Charlotte 90, Washington 88
Orlando 95, Milwaukee 83
New York 86, Atlanta 78
New Jersey 106, Toronto 99
Detroit 102, Indiana 101
Utah 93, Phoenix 92
Vancouver 98, Seattle 93
L.A. Lakers 96, Minnesota 89

Saturday's Games
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Portland vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

Lions Club golf tourney

The Snyder Lions Club golf tournament will be held April 24 at Western Texas College.

The format will be a four-man scramble, with each team having a minimum combined handicap of 50. All handicaps will be varified by April 17. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five finshers, with $800 going to the winning team.

Registration fee is $50 per person and includes green fee, cart rental and a hamburger lunch. The field will be limited to 20 teams. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC and Snyder Country Club pro shops.

SCC tourney dates

Upcoming tournaments at Snyder Country Club include a three-man scramble next Saturday and a pro-am event April 19.

Scramble teams must have a minimum combined handicap of 30, with a maximum of 15 strokes difference between the first and third player.

For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Pitching clinics scheduled

Pitching clinics for girls' fast-pitch softball are held every Wednesday. Classes are limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Men's softball tourney

Snyder's Spring Slam men's softball tournament will be held April 24-25 at Winston Field. Entry fee is $100, with team trophies and T-shirts awarded to the top three finishers.

For more information, contact Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 (day) or 573-4332 (night).

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day, beginning at 9 a.m. Format will be blind holes.

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Lady Tigers rally past Ft. Stockton

FT. STOCKTON — Once again, the Lady Tigers got up, dusted themselves off, and found a way to win.

After suffering their third district loss on Tuesday, the Lady Tigers bounced back with a 12-9 come-from-behind victory over the Ft. Stockton Prowlers.

The win keeps Snyder in sole possession of second place in the 5-4A standings, with just two games remaining. The Lady Tigers travel Tuesday to Big Spring, before returning home Friday to host Sweetwater.

"I thought we played well coming off the loss to Andrews," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "The girls knew what we needed to do and they did what it took to win."

The Lady Tigers grabbed a 5-1 lead in the opening frame, before finding themselves down, 7-5, in the fifth.

Snyder rallied in the fifth inning, posting four runs, while holding the Prowlers scoreless for a 9-7 advantage entering the final stanza.

"When we were trailing 7-5, the girls didn't get down," Bohannon said. "They stayed positive and kept working hard, all night."

The Lady Tigers padded their lead with a trio of runs in the top of the seventh, before Ft. Stockton began a rally of its own.

The Prowlers sent two runners home and had the bases loaded with two outs, before SHS right fielder Jennifer Newman squeezed a high fly ball to end the game.

Darcee Purcell paced the Lady Tigers at the plate, blasting a triple and two singles, while driving in three runs.

Kristin Martinez began the game on the mound for Snyder, with Courtney Rinehart pitching the final four innings in relief.

The Lady Tigers, now 5-3 in district play and 16-9 overall, visit Big Spring for a 6 p.m. match-up on Tuesday.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb lf	3	1	2	1
Mackey cf	3	2	1	0
Tomlinson ss	5	1	2	0
Davis c	4	0	2	1
Shoemake cr	0	1	0	0
Martinez p	5	1	1	0
Purcell 1b	5	2	3	3
Ricks 3b	3	2	0	2
Rinehart 2b	3	2	2	0
Newman rf	4	0	3	1
Totals	35	12	16	8

Snyder	5	0	0	0	4	0	3	—12	16	1
Ft. Stockton	1	0	4	2	0	0	2	— 9	13	1

2B - Webb, Martinez. 3B - Purcell.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Martinez	3	6	5	4	3	0
Rinehart	4	7	4	4	1	2

Olazabal takes Masters' lead

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Even in the depths of his mysterious foot problems, when he was confined to the couch for months at a time, Jose Maria Olazabal refused to ask himself "What if."

For Greg Norman, that's been the question of his Masters career.

"You cannot live in the past," Olazabal said after shooting a 6-under-par 66 Friday to take the halfway lead in the Masters. "I try to not think too much about what happened in the past."

Neither does Norman, but it's hard not to when every interview eventually gets around to his 1996 collapse on a spring Sunday at Augusta National. Then there were the letters that filled his locker this week, offering sympathy and support.

It was no surprise, then, after moving into contention Friday for the first time since he blew a six-stroke lead in the final round, where the talk was going. It was more about past failures than Norman's unexpected success that has him just three shots off the lead going into weekend play.

"I don't know what my destiny is," he said. "All I want to do is just go play well. I don't believe in things getting owed to you. I think you go out there and play well enough to get them yourself."

So far, Norman has been doing just that, playing steady if not spectacular golf in this, his 19th Masters. He bogeyed the first hole Friday, then didn't make another mistake in shooting a 68 that left him 5-under at 139 — three shots behind Olazabal.

Whether the weekend will finally bring the green jacket he so desperately wants or more heartache, remains to be seen. But he's determined to do just what Olazabal had to do to resurrect his career — forget the past.

"I've always been one for what's done is done and move on with life," Norman said. "Right now I'm feeling extremely relaxed and in control of what I'm doing."

So is Olazabal, who sat on a couch in Spain resting his aching feet as he watched Norman blow the 1996 Masters by shooting a final-round 78 and allowing Nick Faldo to slip into the green jacket.

The mysterious ailment that had Olazabal thinking his golf career was over was just as mysteriously cleared up months later by a German doctor who worked on his back. But it was just as difficult for the 1994 Masters winner to watch the tournament on television as it was for Norman to throw it away in person.

"I thought about the possibility of not playing anymore," Olazabal said. "I was worried more about the quality of my life."

Those thoughts were long gone Friday. Olazabal began the day a stroke off the lead, then came down the stretch with a 32 on the back nine — capped by a 12-foot birdie putt on 18 for a one-shot lead over Scott McCarron.

Neither his stride nor his golf game showed any ill effects from the enforced layoff that struck at the peak of his career.

"This is a very special place for me," Olazabal said. "To be back at this golf course, doing this well, is a very happy time."

Olazabal's back nine binge put him atop a leaderboard loaded with names of players who have won major tournaments and a few who have yet to prove they are anything more than journeymen golfers.

McCarron, who quit golf after college because he couldn't putt, was a surprising second after a 68 shot with the help of his long putter. Then came Norman and U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen at 5-under with Nick Price and Davis Love III two more shots back.

"Two shots is nothing," Olazabal said. "The tournament will establish itself on the back nine on Sunday. We all know that."

By then, perhaps, pre-tournament favorites David Duval and Tiger Woods might find a way to shoot themselves back into contention. Both have taken dreaded "snowmen" eights on holes and both had to rally Friday to be assured of making the cut.

Woods was seven shots back after making birdies on three of his last six holes. Duval was another stroke back after a final birdie helped ease the sting of the eight he took after hitting his third shot in the water on No. 15.

"I think that is what is so great about this place. It makes you look foolish at times," Duval said. "That is the biggest challenge — to not look foolish."

Augusta National, of course, can do that at times to even the world's best golfer.

It did it to journeyman pro Joe Durant, who shot 87 the first round and 79 the second to miss the cut. It even did it to two-time champion Ben Crenshaw, who shot 79 Friday and missed the cut himself.

And it may eventually reach up and bite Olazabal or Norman, who knows a few things about ways to get into trouble at the Masters.

"I've been out here long enough to see a lot of things happen out here," Norman said. "Destiny and luck go hand in hand."

Finley ends skid with 4-3 win over Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Having a big game against the Texas Rangers is almost guaranteed for Tim Salmon. For Chuck Finley, it's a rare treat.

Finley ended his four-year jinx against Texas with six decent innings and Salmon continued his record assault on Rangers pitching with a late two-run homer that sealed an 8-4 Anaheim victory Friday night.

Finley (1-0) allowed four runs and nine hits to end his 0-9 skid against the Rangers. He struck out five and walked one while beating Texas for the first time since June 29, 1995.

"I'm sure the next time we play them, people will say 'You're 1-and-whatever.' I'm sure I haven't heard the end of it," Finley said, laughing.

Texas often made it easy on Finley by swinging at pitches early in the count. Anaheim manager Terry Collins had him on a 100-pitch limit and he threw 91. His six innings were the most by an Angels starter this year.

"I felt like I could've done better — but I'll take it," said Finley, who hadn't pitched since being hit on the left arm by a liner on March 31, capping a spring training during which he also had back spasms.

The Angels, who dropped five straight games to Texas in the final two weeks of last season to lose the AL West, ended that slump and got the early jump in the division race.

It was especially significant because the Rangers were coming off two wins and a day off, while the Angels were coming off two blowout losses and a long overnight plane flight. They also just put Mo Vaughn on the disabled list, joining starters Jim Edmonds and Gary DiSarcina.

"I sensed a different atmosphere on the bench tonight," Collins said. "They knew we had to pick it up, get going and not let these guys trample over us. I was real excited to see that."

Orlando Palmeiro led off the game against John Burkett (0-1) with the first homer of his career, and Todd Greene's two-run homer in the second inning made it 3-0. A two-run double by Troy Glaus upped the lead to 5-1 in the third and chased Burkett.

The Rangers, who got a solo homer from Todd Zeile in the second, got two runs back in the third on RBI singles by Rusty Greer and Juan Gonzalez. Ivan Rodriguez's solo homer in the fifth cut Anaheim's lead to 5-4.

"We kept battling back and had our chances to get back in it, but weren't able to catch up," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "Then they add the three-spot at the end and it got out of hand."

That was the seventh inning, when the Angels got an RBI double from Randy Velarde and Salmon's homer, his second of the year.

Salmon, who also doubled in the first inning, has 100 hits in 252 at-bats against the Rangers, an average of .397 that tops all opponents in team history. Much of his success has come at The Ballpark.

"It's not as it seems," Salmon said. "There are some ballparks where I step in there and, boy, it's like I'm locked in, I feel so comfortable in the box. I've never felt like that here. But whatever I swing at, I hit it through a hole or get lucky somewhere."

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY

Rodeo: Western Texas College NIRA Rodeo, final performance, 7:30.

Track: Snyder boys and girls at Big Spring Relays.

Golf: Snyder Lady Tigers at Andrews, second district round.

Snyder Tigers at Ft. Stockton, second district round.

Tennis: Snyder boys and girls at Midland Lee tourney.

Baseball: Snyder JV at Lake View, 1 p.m.

Snyder freshmen host Abilene Wylie, doubleheader, 1 p.m.

MONDAY

Golf: Western Texas at State JUCO tourney, Quicksand GC, San Angelo.

Baseball: Snyder JV hosts Andrews, 6 p.m.

Snyder freshmen at Andrews, 6 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	3	2	.600	-
Montreal	3	2	.600	-
NewYork	3	2	.600	-
Florida	2	2	.500	½
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	1½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	2	2	.500	-
Houston	2	2	.500	-
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	-
St.Louis	2	2	.500	-
Cincinnati	1	3	.250	1
Milwaukee	1	3	.250	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	5	0	1.000	-
LosAngeles	4	1	.800	1
Colorado	2	3	.400	3
SanDiego	2	3	.400	3
Arizona	0	4	.000	4½

Friday's Games

New York 10, Montreal 3
Florida 7, Philadelphia 4
Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 0
Pittsburgh 2, Chicago 1
Atlanta 3, Arizona 2, 10 innings
Houston 3, Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 8, San Diego 3
Los Angeles 9, Colorado 6

Saturday's Games

Chicago at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
New York at Montreal, 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Arizona at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia (Ogea 0-1) at Florida (Fernandez (1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Arizona (Stottlemyre 0-0) at Atlanta (Maddux (1-0), 1:10 p.m.
New York (Reed 1-0) at Montreal (Pavano 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bere 0-0) at St. Louis (Osborne (0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Roque 1-0) at Houston (Reynolds 1-0), 2:35 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 0-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 0-1) at Los Angeles (Park 0-0), 4:10 p.m.

Monday's Games

Florida at New York, 1:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at Chicago, 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	4	0	1.000	-
NewYork	3	1	.750	1
TampaBay	2	2	.500	2
Toronto	2	2	.500	2
Baltimore	1	3	.250	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	3	1	.750	-
Chicago	2	2	.500	1
Minnesota	2	2	.500	1
Detroit	1	3	.250	2
KansasCity	1	3	.250	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	2	2	.500	-
Seattle	2	2	.500	-
Texas	2	2	.500	-
Oakland	1	3	.250	1

Friday's Games

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Kansas City 10, Chicago 5
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 1
Cleveland 14, Minnesota 5
Anaheim 8, Texas 4
Toronto 7, Baltimore 4
Seattle 6, Oakland 1

Saturday's Games

Toronto at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 1:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago, 2:05 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

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Toronto (Hentgen 0-1) at Baltimore (Linton (0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Detroit (J.Thompson 0-1) at New York (Hernandez 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 0-0) at Minnesota (Radke (1-0), 2:05 p.m.
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Monday's Games

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Kansas City at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Texas, 2:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.

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'Millennium baby' causing quite a stir

By The Associated Press

Around the world, couples trying to have a "millennium baby" did everything conceivable Friday.

From Malaysia to Norway, from Spain to the United States, radio stations held first-baby-of-2000 contests, and couples were offered some private time together, romantic hotel getaways and aphrodisiacs ranging from a traditional Malaysian potion to a Barry White CD.

Friday was considered the optimum conception date for a Jan. 1, 2000, birth.

"I guess it's normally not so public," said Saundra Mendalka, who participated in a Boston radio station's "conceive-a-thon" with her husband, Darren. "I called my mother and I said, 'How does it feel to have a daughter that's going to be in the public and everybody knows that she's going to have sex tomorrow?'"

Diana and Michael Maurer accepted a Philadelphia radio station's offer of a free hotel room. Mrs. Maurer said afterward: "We gave it a good go."

A radio host in Barcelona, Spain, wore pajamas as he interviewed his station's two competing couples in a king-size bed hours before they went in search of parenthood in their free hotel suites.

One couple — a Russian man and a Spanish woman — was selected for saying a mixed-culture baby in 2000 will foster international harmony. The other couple reasoned that it would be easy to remember how old the kid is.

A hotel on the resort island of Penang in Malaysia helped out with a native elixir. "We're serving a freshly brewed pot of tongkat ali. It's our Malaysian version of Viagra," said Cheah Mei Lin, an assistant manager at the Feringgi Beach Hotel.

Municipal employees in Kautokaino, Norway, were given the morning off Friday so they could use the time reproductively. "This is a big joint effort for our town and I expect everyone to do their very best," Mayor Anton Dahl told the newspaper Verdens Gang.

In the township of Sel, in the mountains of Norway, nursery schools are staying open this weekend to look after children for free so that their parents can try to conceive in peace.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Homebody Boyfriend Doesn't Like Girlfriend's Nights Out

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is very nice, and I think he respects me, but I don't know how to motivate him to take me out once in a while. His idea of fun is sitting home and watching TV. If I decide to go out with my friends because I'm tired of sitting at home, he becomes very insecure. I've tried telling him how I feel, but that hasn't helped. Any ideas?

MICHELE IN PATASKALA, OHIO

DEAR MICHELE: A compromise is in order. Bring the subject up again when he's in a good mood and the two of you are sharing a close moment. Make a plan to go out with your boyfriend once a week and do something that you enjoy. Another night, get involved in an activity that he enjoys. That way, some of your needs are met — and eventually he'll be more secure if you have an occasional night out with the girls.

If he makes no effort to understand and accommodate you, it might be time to find another boyfriend.

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DEAR ABBY: For many years I have admired your levelheaded and sympathetic advice to readers troubled by life's periodic sorrows, so I mean no disrespect when I ask you to help me understand your recent counsel to people offering their sympathies to grieving parents.

In a recent column about well-meaning but hurtful comments to women who have recently miscarried, you advised: "If a friend loses a child through miscarriage, express your feelings of sorrow as though she had lost a 'living' child, because she has."

Doesn't it follow then that, "If a friend loses a child through abortion, express your feelings of sorrow as though she had lost a 'living' child, because she has"?

If you'd prefer to answer my question privately, by letter, please do — I'm enclosing my address.

LARRY PONT, CHICAGO

DEAR LARRY: I have received a number of letters from readers asking me that same question, so I'll forgo a "private" response and answer you in print. An abortion is something the woman has *chosen* to have, so the degree of sadness is usually not the same — or is, in fact, nonexistent.

Interestingly, women often react to an abortion with the same emotions they bring *to* it. A woman who has independently concluded that she wants or needs to have an abortion will have fewer negative feelings about it than a woman who was pressured into having one.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live in a semidetached home we saved for years to buy. However, we have a problem with our new neighbors. They are nice people, but they play their stereo so loudly that the boom from the bass is knocking the pictures off our walls! Asking them to stop hasn't worked. Calling the police about the noise takes too long. We don't want to move, but what else can we do?

ORIGINAL HOME OWNER, OSHAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR ORIGINAL: Since you describe your neighbors as "nice," invite them into your home while their stereo is playing so they can hear what you're talking about for themselves. Then ask them if they would consider moving their stereo system to a wall that is not a shared wall. If that doesn't work, consider upholstering the adjoining wall to help muffle the sound.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO JEANNE: Happy birthday, my precious, talented firstborn. What would I do without you? Don't tell me; I don't want to know.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 72 and my wife is 74. She has almost entirely quit doing any housework. She will grudgingly cook a meal now and then. I do the laundry, scrub floors and help with the dishes, but I'm not a homemaker. Her back is very bad but she won't have it looked at. She just complains all the time and says she can't do anything.

I wanted to hire some cleaning people to come in and help, but she won't have that.

We have so many clothes the closets are jammed. Nothing ever gets thrown out, so everything gets piled on the furniture or the floor.

The kitchen cupboards are jammed full because when she wants some canned food, instead of using what we have, it's easier to run out and buy some more. The countertops are loaded with cans and packages of food. She would rather eat out, which we do three or four times a week.

Abby, there isn't a surface in the house that doesn't have stuff piled up on it. To wrap a Christmas package, she had to lay it on the kitchen stove. I have suggested moving to an apartment where there isn't so much work to do, but she won't accept that, either.

Are there any solutions to my dilemma?

DISTRAUGHT HUSBAND, PITTSBURGH

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: Yes. However, they won't be easy. Your family doctor should be informed about your wife's behavior — and any recent changes you have noticed. She may need a thorough physical and possibly neurological examination. She may be buying the large quantities of food in your kitchen not because it's "easier to run to the store," but because she has forgotten that she already has it.

From your description, your home may have become a fire or health hazard. If your wife is unwilling or unable to discard items you no longer use or need, an inspection by the local fire (or health) department should be scheduled to be certain that the clutter hasn't become a danger to both of you.

Please don't wait. Your wife needs help, and it's time you took charge. It may not be pleasant, but it's necessary for her sake and yours.

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DEAR ABBY: Our priest (and friend) told us about the oppression of women in Afghanistan. We were so happy to see your column about their plight, and also the telephone number we could call to become a part of the protest against the rigid restrictions on these women.

Abby, your article must have been a great success. I started calling that number at 7 a.m. on the day that column appeared in our paper, and was not able to get through until 3 p.m.

My concern is that others may have become discouraged and given up trying. Please print the phone number again.

DOROTHY BOHN, REDMOND, ORE.

DEAR DOROTHY: I have received a bushel of letters from readers who also had problems getting through to the telephone number I published. It seems the Feminist Majority was unprepared for the onslaught of calls that came pouring in — and although they were able to handle more than 7,000, they estimate they "lost" at least that number. So, readers, if you were unable to get through, please keep trying. The number to call is 1-888-939-6636.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Felony warrant sends subject to jail Friday

A felony warrant sent one subject to jail Friday while several others were taken into custody on drug and alcohol-related charges.

Deputies arrested 42-year-old Penny Lee Morgan at 2 p.m. Friday at her residence at 4400 Avenue U, Apt. 1A14 on a felony warrant out of Tarrant County for revocation of probation, injury to a child.

Department of Public Safety troopers took three subjects, ages 29, 34, and 35, into custody at 7:27 p.m. on North U.S. Hwy. 84 for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

A 17-year-old male was arrested at 8:03 p.m. in the 500 block of Coliseum for minor in possession.

Officers took an 18-year-old male and five juveniles into custody at 9:28 p.m. in the 1900 block of 22nd Street, all for possession of marijuana. The juveniles were released to their parents.

At 12:10 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 27-year-old female in the 2100 block of Kings Hwy. for public intoxication.

A 19-year-old female was booked into jail early Saturday for driving while intoxicated. She was arrested in the 4600 block of College at 1:22 a.m.

Two subjects were taken into custody for public intoxication at 3:03 a.m. Saturday in the 100 block of Canyon. Arrested were a 20-year-old male and a 17-year-old female.

In other activity Friday, an officer was called to Consolidated Tool in the 3700 block of Lamesa Hwy. at 7:20 a.m. in reference to a burglary. An offense report for burglary of a business was filed.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed at 8:36 a.m. in reference to graffitti on the Amoco Pipeline building and the Diamond M building.

Don Jones contacted a deputy at 9:38 a.m. in reference to the criminal mischief of a four-wheeler. An offense report was filed.

Knievel hospitalized

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Evel Knievel, admitted to a hospital amid concerns that his body was rejecting his new liver, was released after doctors determined he was battling hepatitis.

The 60-year-old former daredevil had a lifesaving liver transplant two months ago. He said he had been waiting for a new liver to replace one wracked by hepatitis C he says was caused by years of blood transfusions.

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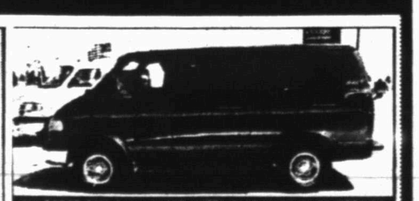

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, April 11, 1999

Chances are you could be very lucky with the types of friends you choose in the year ahead. Plus, it looks like you'll collect more friends than you've ever had before. One can never have too many friends!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Getting involved with creative people today, whether your paths cross deliberately or accidentally, could work out to your benefit in some manner. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Any objectives you establish today could be accomplished better if you keep them to yourself. This is because if you don't have to justify your intentions and you'll perform more effectively.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Newly acquired knowledge you've gained might have an opportunity to be utilized effectively today, not only to better your lot in life, but someone else's, too!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Apply your leadership qualities today to revitalize a joint effort that has been losing stamina lately. It's possible that things can be successfully turned around under your direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Balance and harmony can be restored today in a situation that has been unsettling for you. However, this reconstruction might come from someone other than yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) People who are properly motivated will pitch in and help you achieve something that you couldn't finish on your own today. Offer them something for their efforts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you get involved in a partnership situation today, it will be more productive if one person provides the initiative, while the other offers the back-up. You're the one who can rev up this engine!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Prioritize your assignments today, knocking them off one at time, and all your projects can be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Organization holds wasted moments at bay.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is an excellent day to get out, circulate and make some new friends. Your popularity is at a high point, and the impression you'll make can be favorable and lasting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Should you get involved in something that spells profit, make every minute count, because your financial trends might be more favorable today than they will be tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) All your comments and suggestions today will receive serious consideration by listeners, because you'll not only be fast on your feet, but you'll express yourself in eloquent, effective terms.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Experiment today with a you're working on, because by using a slightly different approach to things, it could turn into a financial winner.

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Your Birthday

Monday, April 12, 1999

You rarely have a run-of-the-mill kind of year because you won't let it be ordinary, and this year will be no exception. In fact, your creativeness will write the script!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even if you should have a difference of opinion with someone today, let your compassionate nature dictate your behavior in handling it. Kindness can produce remarkable results. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) One way to make a big hit with your contemporaries today is to let them think that their input helped you come up with the bright, imaginative idea. Share the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An unusual opportunity could develop today where your career is concerned. You need to be on your toes to spot it before co-workers do, so you'll have first crack at it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Because your personality could be exceptionally magnetic today, chances are you'll draw people to you like flies. However, take care not to swat down anyone who's being a nuisance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Although your methods might be slightly unorthodox to others today, they could produce desirable results, especially in complex business situations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Since you show respect for your cohorts and know how to share, outside partnership situations should work out extremely well for you today. Don't treat family members any less.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you have an idea you've let gather dust which could potentially make some money, drag it out, polish it up a bit, and do something about it today. The time is ripe for innovations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're the one who would be best at organizing fun, social activities for your friends today, so don't stand in the background saying nothing. Offer your suggestions to pals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do what needs to be done today in the least intrusive ways. You'll be the most effective if you do your chores in privacy where there is no chance of stepping on someone's toes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Projects or ventures that arouses others into action can be very successful today, because people desire exciting motivations to get their juices flowing. You can supply that stimulus.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In matters of importance, especially when they relate to your career or finances, you need to rely on your own instincts and judgment. Your evaluations far exceed your peers.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Dramatic touches enhances your possibilities for successfully promoting something important to you, so when making your presentation today, add imaginative flairs.

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Invention lets trash cans do the shopping

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Out of tuna fish? Low on pasta? Just toss your empty cans and boxes into the trash and your shopping will be done.

Futuristic fantasy? Maybe not, says NCR Corp.

The Dayton-based company said Friday it has developed a trash receptacle that translates coding on empty containers into a shopping list that can be wired to retailers for delivery.

"It's a research project at the moment," said Stephen Emmott, director of NCR's Knowledge Lab in London, England. But there is "a fully working prototype in the lab."

Emmott said the Intelligent Bin is embedded with a microprocessor that reads product identification codes. The information is transmitted wirelessly either to a computer or special electronic box, which compiles a list of the discarded items.

That list can then be sent to retailers over the Internet, or consumers can simply use the device to create their own shopping list, Emmott said.

"The benefit to consumers is this incredible convenience, to automatically be able to reorder things," he said.

Emmott said it would also give retailers a better idea of what consumers like and take some of the guesswork out of marketing. Merchants could tailor discount coupons and special offers based on consumption patterns.

"If they know a particular consumer is consuming ice cream and also throws a package of strawberries away, they begin to learn consumer habits," he said.

The trash cans could be on the market within five to 10 years, but it will require the industry to move away from bar codes, Emmott said.

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Deliberations to resume Monday...

Judge leaves juror on panel

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — In a wild day at Susan McDougal's trial, a judge abruptly halted jury deliberations after a juror brought a law book to the courthouse. But, after concluding that no jury tampering occurred, the judge told the panel to resume its work next week, skirting a mistrial.

Deliberations were frozen after a court clerk seized the juror's book, which had belonged to former Arkansas Supreme Court Justice John I. Purtle, an acquaintance of Mrs. McDougal, her ex-husband and President and Mrs. Clinton.

U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. initially planned to seek an FBI probe into possible jury tampering. He changed his mind after questioning juror Michael Nance and Purtle, who sold his house to Nance in 1997.

"I left some books and no doubt this is one of them," Purtle told the judge and lawyers for both sides. Purtle's business card was found in the book that Nance carried into the jury room.

In separate questioning by the judge, Nance said he found the book in a room of the house he bought from Purtle through a real estate agent.

Howard said "this court finds that" Nance "has not communicated with any third party ... and has not considered any factual matters or evidence extraneous to the case."

Kenneth Starr's prosecutors wanted Nance dismissed, but McDougal lawyer Mark Geragos urged that all 12 jurors be kept on, or he would ask for a mistrial. Ruling that Nance would remain, the judge told the jurors to resume their deliberations on Monday.

Mrs. McDougal is accused of two counts of criminal contempt and one count of obstruction for refusing to testify before a grand jury convened in the independent counsel's investigation of the Clintons. The jury began deliberations Thursday in the month-long trial.

It is possible to continue a federal trial with only 11 jurors if the defendant doesn't object.

Starr prosecutor Mark Barrett said that Nance appeared to have improperly engaged in "self-help," using the book to assist in deliberations.

Purtle's law book on state and federal court rules has in it handwriting and a highlighted portion saying prospective jurors shall receive instructions explaining legal terminology.

Nance may have brought the law book to the jury room out of frustration. Jurors had asked Howard to clarify certain legal terms, but the judge responded by referring them back to their written instructions.

The jurors wanted to know if they could find there was an "innocent reason" for Mrs. McDougal to have refused to answer grand jury questions in 1996 and 1998 in Starr's probe.

Mrs. McDougal says she refused to testify out of fear that Starr would charge her with perjury unless she falsely implicated the Clintons in wrongdoing.

Purtle said he knows Mrs. McDougal and Clinton, and he worked with Mrs. Clinton on a legal case in the early 1990s before she became first lady.

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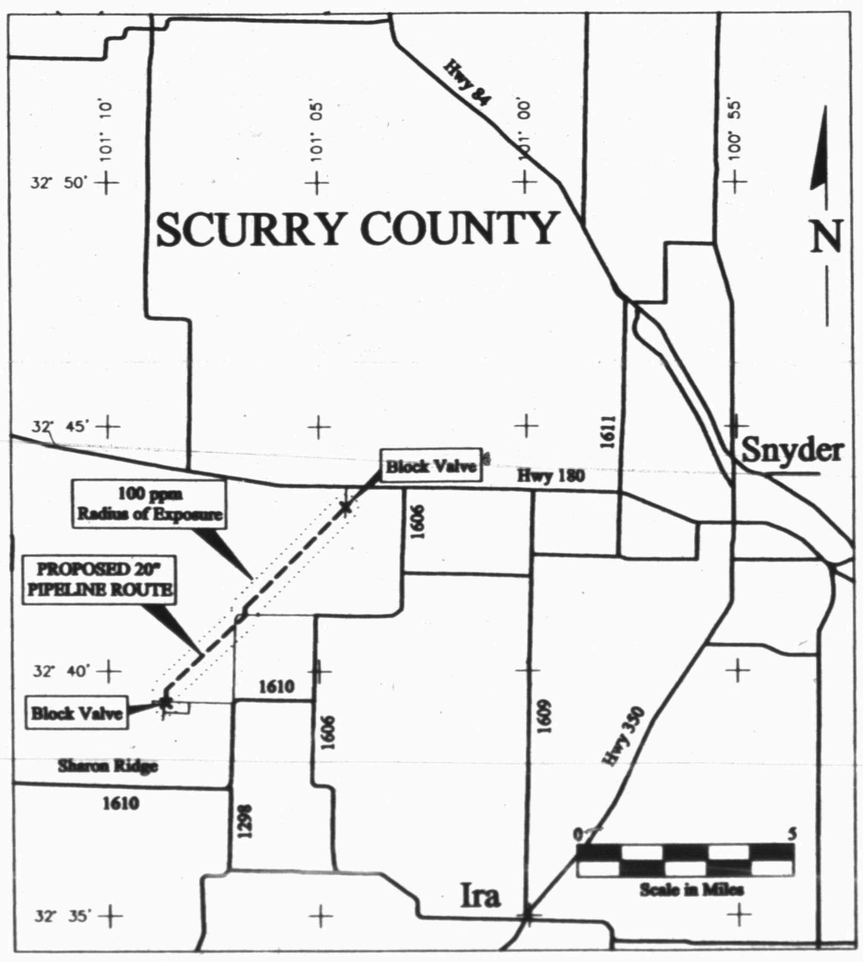

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We will be conducting interviews on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at American State Bank in the Boardroom of the DCOS office. Applications available at the Town & Country store located at 1900 Kings Hwy. Pl. Please have your application filled out and with you at the time of interview.

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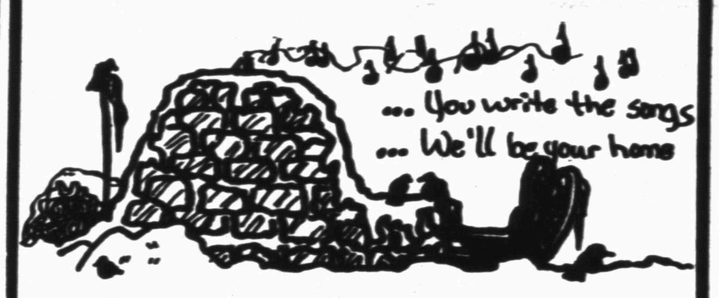

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United Hiring Update

The Interview schedule for positions at the new United Supermarkets location in Snyder has changed.

Interviews for employment will be held May 17 through May 19. We will schedule interviews through phone calls to all applicants. Thank you to everyone who submitted an application. If you have not yet submitted an application, please do so quickly. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce or the Texas Workforce Commission office at Western College. We look forward to meeting with all of our new team members and opening our new store. Thanks to everyone for the tremendous response and enthusiasm.

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Gov. Bush beat...

GOP rival Buchanan headed to Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan will make a trip to Texas, hitting Midland-Odessa next week to talk about one of Gov. George W. Bush's favorite subjects — oil.

Buchanan plans a town meeting on Wednesday to discuss what can be done to shut the valve on "cheap foreign oil."

Buchanan campaign manager Jay Townsend said the Texas trip is targeted at an issue, not Bush.

"Our message is that we have disagreements with the White House and some people in our party over U.S. trade policy," Townsend said. "This is not about George Bush."

In 1992, Buchanan picked up 37 percent of the New Hampshire vote in running second to then-President George Bush. In 1996, Buchanan won the New Hampshire primary.

Bush, a former oilman, earlier this year signed emergency legislation to give tax breaks to small oil producers facing low prices.

Buchanan's 2000 campaign already is heavy on evidence that he and Bush are headed for major disagreements, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

"I was not born to vast wealth or a famous political dynasty," Buchanan said in a recent fundraising letter. "In this campaign, we will be facing candidates who enjoy these advantages."

Another potential GOP presidential rival, Elizabeth Dole, said Friday she supports the idea of a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion but feels the idea is politically unfeasible — a position similar to one that has brought Bush criticism from some conservatives.

Mrs. Dole wrote in a letter to a supporter that she is anti-abortion. However, like Bush, she said she believes abortion should be allowed in cases of rape or incest, or when pregnancy might endanger the life of a mother.

The former Red Cross president and Republican Cabinet secretary has been criticized by some in the conservative wing of the party for not having taken a position on the hotly debated topic.

Bush met Friday with Edwin Meese, Ronald Reagan's attorney general, who said the two spent 35 minutes in a "wide-ranging discussion ... on a variety of domestic, foreign and domestic issues that we were both interested in."

"We talked about a lot of things. The governor's a friend," Meese said. He would not detail most of their discussions but specified two issues — Kosovo and what he sees as the excessive growth of federal power.

Colorado Gov. Bill Owens says he will be the state chairman for Bush's presidential campaign.

Owens endorsed Bush in February, after he and other Colorado officials paid an economic-development visit to Texas. Owens says he's supporting the Texas governor because he likes his philosophy, and "I've used him as a model in certain areas."

Being a Texan could be both good news and bad for Bush, political analysts told The Dallas Morning News.

While Dwight Eisenhower's birthplace is Denison, and presidents Lyndon Johnson and George Bush called Texas home, there are a long line of other Texas politicians who've tried and failed to win the White House.

To California S&L...

Judge: Government owes $909 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government owes a California savings and loan $909 million for a 1989 federal rule change that put the S&L in financial trouble, and many other thrift institutions hope for similar court-ordered damage awards.

Chief Judge Loren Smith of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims ordered the government Friday to pay the money to Glendale Federal Bank for breach of contract. Glendale had hoped for an award of $1 billion to $2 billion.

The ruling stems from a 1996 Supreme Court decision that the government broke its contract with Glendale and two other thrifts when it changed the rules on how they must count their assets. The justices said the government could be forced to pay damages to the S&Ls for their financial harm.

Similar damage claims have been filed against the government by about 125 other thrifts, many of which were declared insolvent after the 1989 rule change.

"Restitution provides a remedy, and a fair one," Smith's decision said. "The government received a very significant benefit in 1981" when Glendale took over an ailing Florida S&L. The government "then failed to honor its promise to Glendale upon which the contract was premised," the judge said.

"No one should be surprised that this decision affirms that the government must honor the contracts it makes," said Glendale's lawyer, Ronald Stevens.

The Justice Department said, "We remain confident in our position and look forward to a fair and expeditious final resolution" of the S&L cases. Privately, Justice lawyers said they were pleased the judge did not award the full $2 billion Glendale had sought.

The Glendale case was the first to reach a judge's decision on how much the government must pay, and it was being closely watched for the standards it might set for assessing the other thrifts' claims.

Some S&Ls who sued the government have reached financial settlements, and Smith's opinion urged all sides in the remaining cases to pursue settlements instead of expensive litigation.

Washington lawyer Charles Cooper, who represents 15 S&Ls and also has settled three cases, said Friday he was "very enthusiastic about the bottom line" in Smith's ruling. Cooper argued the case that led to the Supreme Court's 1996 ruling.

The 1989 accounting rule change was part of the government's effort to rescue the then-troubled thrift industry — a cleanup that overall has cost about $200 billion. The S&L cleanup law passed by Congress and signed by President Bush tightened rules and provided money to close insolvent S&Ls.

Until then, the government had encouraged healthy thrifts to take over insolvent ones by letting them count the insolvent S&Ls' losses as "goodwill" assets.

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING CITY OF SNYDER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held Monday, April 19, 1999 at 5:00 P.M., at the City Hall, 1925 24th Street Snyder, Texas, to review and discuss the following item: The request for a Home Occupation Special Use Permit submitted by Tamela Bruns. This request is to operate a Nail Salon out of a residence located at Lot 6, Block A, Highland Park Addition to the City of Snyder (3741 Sunset Avenue). After review by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the request will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at the earliest date available.

(s) Vick Chambers
Planning & Zoning Department

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SCURRY §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of ROY M. HANSON, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,503:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of ROY M. HANSON, Deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by Ricky Fritz, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 8th day of April, 1999, 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 Sandra Kay Baker, 3758 Avondale, Snyder, TX 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 8th day of April, 1999.

(s)SANDRA K. BAKER
Independent Executrix
of the Estate of
ROY M. HANSON, deceased

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bids for Replacement of Courthouse roof on Monday, April 19, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., during Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF SCURRY COUNTY'S INTENTION TO RECEIVE BID PROPOSALS TO CONSIDER SELLING OF TRUCK SLEEPER.
Notice is hereby given that Scurry County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 19, 1999 during Regular Session. Any bids received after bid closing time will be returned to bidder unopened.
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We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their kind expressions of sympathy and flowers during the recent passing of our beloved son and brother.

The family of Ruben Campos

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Does coffee count for water consumption?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My friend and I disagree. I believe that I get plenty of water a day, because I drink several cups of coffee. She says it's a lousy source of water.

DEAR READER: Coffee contains plenty of water — about a cup per cup — so I disagree with your friend that coffee is without value as a source of water.

However, coffee does contain other components. For example, regular brew is rich in caffeine, which acts as a mild diuretic (kidney stimulant). Therefore, you may find that you urinate more after drinking coffee than after consuming plain water. Also, caffeine is a stimulant. I advise my patients to limit regular-coffee consumption to two or three cups a day, using the decaffeinated variety at other times. Perhaps your friend is concerned that your "several cups" are excessive; you may reassure her that your water intake is sufficient, unless you are thirsty.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am female, 74 years old and experience low back pain whenever I do housework, which is daily. If I rest, the pain disappears in about 30 minutes. My doctor says that I have arthritis but, if so, would the pain stop just from resting?

DEAR READER: The type of pain you describe is most likely due to spasm of your lower back muscles. If you do have arthritis of your spine, the irritated joints could well trigger painful spasms. However, the most effective antidote should be directed at relieving these contractions.

Most people over 70 have some degree of spinal arthritis. This common condition is, unfortunately, just a part of the aging process. Perhaps you could be helped by having someone assist you in your duties. Or you might experience relief by physical therapy and special exercises. I suggest that you see an orthopedic surgeon, who will coordinate these efforts and give you specific advice.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." 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 fibrocystic breast disease. The disorder runs in my family. On my own, I discovered that avoiding caffeine, chocolate and sweets did nothing to affect the lumps. In my case, the birth-control pill seems to make them worse. What options do I have?

DEAR READER: Your detective work appears to have identified contraceptive pills as a major stimulant of your benign but painful breast cysts. Ask your gynecologist if she would be willing to try one of the newer, low-dose brands. However, I predict that any birth-control drug will exacerbate your fibrocystic disease to one extent or another.

Because this common breast ailment is entirely innocuous, you could choose to continue the pills and put up with the discomfort, providing you are willing to have your breasts examined periodically by your doctor.

The other obvious solution is to change your method of contraception. Barrier techniques or surgical sterilization for you or your partner might be worth considering. Your gynecologist can advise you. As you have discovered, not all women with fibrocystic disease are helped by dietary restrictions.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Every winter, I suffer from repeated middle ear infections, for which the doctors treat me with antibiotics. Now I am on sulfa, and my present infection is not clearing up. There is fluid behind the left eardrum. What can be done to get rid of the infection?

DEAR READER: Many ear specialists would choose, at this point in your illness, to remove the fluid and infection. This can be accomplished quite readily by introducing a small tube through the eardrum and vacuuming out the middle ear chamber. At the same time, the otolaryngologist could place tiny plastic vents through the drum to permit continued drainage of infected material. These pressure-equalizing (PE) tubes also prevent painful pressure build-up behind the drum, thereby making you more comfortable and protecting the hearing mechanism from further damage. Check out your problem with an ear-nose-and throat specialist.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: After starting menopause, I inexplicably gained 15 pounds, all of it in my stomach. What can I do about this?

DEAR READER: Many women tend to gain several pounds during and after menopause. This is a normal mid-life event. Unfortunately, the weight — in the form of fat — has a proclivity to end up around the stomach, thighs and buttocks. You may be able to alter your geography by assiduously dieting. Weight loss plus regular exercise may not return your teenage proportions, but you should definitely be able to slim down by cutting calories. Check with your doctor or a licensed dietician.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Menopause." 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: Following a total knee replacement, I enjoy walking for an hour every day. Is this good for my new knee?

DEAR READER: As long as the activity causes you no pain, I assume that it is beneficial. What does your surgeon say?

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past 10 years, I've been constantly craving sweets and gaining weight. A regular amount of food doesn't satisfy my voracious appetite. If I try to diet, I become nervous and irritable. I can't sleep on an empty stomach. I'm constantly depressed. What is the cause of my constant hunger?

DEAR READER: Some chronically depressed people eat to assuage anxiety and tension. Judging from your comments, I doubt that your craving for food has a physical basis. Therefore, until you make an effort to address your depression, I'm afraid you'll continue the vicious cycle of overeating. I believe that you could obtain relief by seeing a psychiatrist. Once you are able to break the chain of depression/nervousness/eating, you will feel better and should have no difficulty controlling your weight.

I specifically mention a psychiatrist because, unlike psychologists, counselors and other mental-health professionals (who may help), only such an MD specialist can prescribe antidepressant medication. And, in your case, medicine may be a necessary component of your recovery.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 15-year-old boy and got a weight set several months ago to get in shape. My exercises are working. I feel great. However, I haven't found a routine to tighten and trim my abdominal muscles. Are the Velcro things that go around your stomach just a "waist" (ha, ha)?

DEAR READER: The most effective way to trim your abdominal muscles is to perform a regular routine of exercises, including leg-lifts, sit-ups, sit-ups on a slant-board, sit-ups against resistance and bent-over twists. These and other exercises for young body-builders are clearly described in many weight-training books, most of which should be available in your school or municipal libraries. You're right: the "Velcro things" are a waste.

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More security is being considered

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mayor Jerry Brown is considering tighter security measures after a pie-bearing protester burst into his office.

"Jerry's very famous, he's more highly publicized than previous mayors," said Gilda Gonzalez, the mayor's chief of staff. "Frankly, we have been lax. Most mayors' offices have a lot more security than we do."

Last week, a man protesting training exercises by the U.S. Marine Corps walked into Brown's office bearing a pie. This week, the same protester confronted the mayor and had to be ushered out by an adviser.

Nutrition

by Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Living with lupus

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am a 42-year-old single female, and I am paralyzed from a gunshot wound to the head. I also have systemic lupus, with episodes of chronic depression and near-fatal bleeding stomach ulcers. I am on a number of medications and take vitamins and supplements such as amino acids. Do you have any advice on exercise and diet for a paralyzed, brain-injured, lupus-diagnosed and depressed woman? Nothing seems to be working very well. I would also be interested in learning about how to find support resources on the Internet. — B.A., New York City

DEAR B.A.: You certainly have a full card, and I hope you have an able and empathetic health professional to help guide you though the maze of ailments that cloud your life. I trust you have gone through a bevy of diagnostic tests to try to better understand the underlying pathologies behind your problems.

Systemic lupus — often called systemic lupus erythrematosus, or SLE — doesn't get the attention it deserves, despite being more prevalent than leukemia, multiple sclerosis, cystic fibrosis and muscular dystrophy COMBINED. This condition is referred to as an autoimmune disease because the body's immune system — the very system that creates antibodies to defend us against invading microorganisms — is misdirected into developing antibodies against the body's own cells, tissues and organ systems. Some individuals with SLE have mild symptoms with occasional flare-ups, while in others the condition takes the form of a life-threatening disease that wreaks havoc on organ systems throughout the body.

Exercise and diet are important, but given the complexities of your situation, I regret that I cannot offer much more than generic advice. Incidentally, you mention that you are on medications and that you also take supplements. It is essential that you verify with your doctor that none of the supplements you take could interfere with your medications.

As for diet, one that is based on fresh, whole foods is always good advice. With an autoimmune disease such as lupus, however, personal idiosyncrasies such as environmental and food allergies may play a role. In my opinion, it would prudent to maintain a food diary, charting the good and bad days together with what is eaten.

There is a definite inflammatory element to lupus, and one of the essential fats — the omega-3 fatty acids — has been shown to help blunt inflammatory reactions in individuals suffering from autoimmune disorders. Although the scientific evidence is somewhat contradictory, it's reasonable to look into whether regular intake of fish and the omega-3 fatty acids they contain might help relieve your symptoms. Other sources of the omega-3s include flaxseed and, to a lesser degree, walnut and canola oils. Of course, there are also omega-3 supplements, but these should be used with caution.

Exercise is important, but individuals with lupus tend to be easily fatigued. A study in the Journal of Rheumatology found that the muscle uptake of oxygen was below average in those with SLE. This being said, however, there are benefits to being as active as one can.

In regard to the Internet, it's amazing how things have changed in recent years: Before, one would have to physically attend support group meetings, but there are now wonderful online communities of individuals from around the world who share common interests. Www.liszt.com is a mailing list site which can put you in contact with people who have learned to cope with similar problems. You enter a keyword — such as the name of a condition — and you will get a list of groups that focus on that topic.

The national lupus organization is the Lupus Foundation of America, which is located at 1300 Piccard Drive, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20850-4303. For a more personal touch, I highly recommend the Lupus Advocational Resource Center (LARC), a non-profit organization run by an inspirational woman in Northern California. In addition to waging her own difficult battle against lupus, she is devoted to a project that will provide assistance to children who continue to be victimized by the radiation accident at Chernobyl. For information about LARC, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to LARC, 2035 Old Mill Road, Crescent City, CA 95531. The LARC Web site is located at http://members.tripod.com/~larc2/, and it offers a host of resources and support options for individuals with lupus.

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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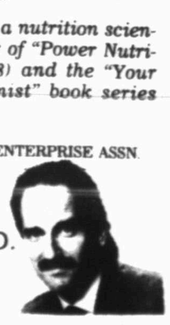

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Six killed in Midwest storms

MONTGOMERY, Ohio (AP) — Chain saws and patience have become essential tools as residents begin repairing their lives a day after a tornado killed four people and demolished more than 200 homes in Cincinnati's suburbs.

Two other people were killed in Illinois as powerful storms tore through the Midwest.

Ohio officials were still tabulating the destruction hours after a pre-dawn twister with 200-mph winds carved a narrow, spotty path through affluent subdivisions in Montgomery, Blue Ash and other communities Friday morning.

"Trees, huge trees, looked like some large mower with a rotary blade went through and sheared them all off," said Montgomery Mayor Richard Tuten.

The storm uprooted and snapped trees, downed electric power lines and tore roofs off homes and churches. Houses were smashed into piles of rubble, and shopping center parking lots were strewn with broken glass.

At least 42 people were treated at hospitals, most with bruises or cuts. Two people were killed in a house, and two in separate car crashes.

One of the victims, a 40-year-old man, was thrown from his car when the wind flipped it over, said Blue Ash Police Chief Mike Allen. The same gust flipped a tractor-trailer.

The state Emergency Management Agency estimated 200 homes were destroyed in Cincinnati's northeast suburbs. The storm also damaged houses in a western Ohio county and flipped campers at a dealership near Dayton.

Ohio Gov. Bob Taft declared emergencies in three counties, a step to make those areas eligible for federal loan assistance. He said the state was providing bottled water, tetanus vaccine and road-clearing help.

"My heart went out to the families who went to bed last night and woke up to this," Taft said. "If there is a positive side to this whole tragedy, it has been the tremendous outpouring of support."

The storms began to intensify Thursday afternoon in states to the west. High winds damaged homes in Indiana, and at least nine suspected tornadoes destroyed homes, flattened barns and uprooted trees in Iowa.

A five-block area in the Nebraska town of North Bend was ravaged by a tornado, and storms also damaged buildings and downed power lines in Missouri.

In Ashland, Ill., a community of 1,200, a tornado late Thursday ripped apart 17 mobile homes in a trailer park and killed a 68-year-old woman. A 43-year-old woman died in a mobile home in Cisco, 65 miles to the east.

"I was sucked out the door and watched two trailers right in front of me go up in the air," said Louann Judd of Ashland.

George Clemons, 79, who lived by himself in his trailer, came back in the morning drizzle to see what little of his home remained.

"It was just like a bomb went off," he said.

More warplanes going to Balkans; U.S. lawmakers want more troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Failure to win release of three U.S. soldiers and continued defiance by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic are increasing calls in Congress for President Clinton to acknowledge that ground forces may be needed to fight the war in Kosovo.

"America, wake up; Europe is at war, and we are in it," said Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., one of 11 lawmakers just back from a visit to NATO headquarters and American troops in Europe. Nine of them sent a letter to Clinton on Friday urging him to abandon his opposition to a ground offensive.

The administration continues to oppose inserting American ground forces into the conflict, but it said Friday it will soon send more warplanes into the area.

Congress returns Monday from a two-week spring recess, and members are becoming increasingly vocal in addressing the crisis.

Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., used the weekly Republican radio address Saturday to demand that Clinton give Congress "a complete picture of the situation in the Balkans — the effects of the bombing, the military and non-military options and the risks of each."

"Thus far our strategy has failed to achieve our political objectives," said Wilson, an Air Force Academy graduate. "We have not gotten the Serbs to sign the peace treaty. And while we have not caused it, we have certainly accelerated a humanitarian disaster in the Balkans. ... Our airmen and sailors and soldiers have done their jobs well. But it is unlikely that airpower can stop a door-to-door campaign of repression."

Clinton reiterated on Friday that NATO would keep up the pressure on Milosevic, even as his administration continued to rule out ground forces.

"Mr. Milosevic still thinks he can manipulate the situation by cynically using innocent people," Clinton said in brief remarks. "He hopes that we will accept as permanent the results of his ethnic cleansing. We will not."

Administration officials said they were disappointed, but not surprised, by the failure of a Cypriot leader to win release of three U.S. soldiers held by Yugoslavia.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Kenneth Bacon cited reports that young Kosovar Albanian women had been herded into a Serb army training camp near Djakovica in southwest Kosovo, where they were raped and up to 20 killed.

"This is a very eerie and disturbing echo of documented instances of rape and killing of women in Bosnia during the Bosnian war," Bacon said. "And it is obviously outrageous that this is occurring."

Bacon also said Defense Secretary William Cohen was expected soon to approve a request by NATO's military commander, Army Gen. Wesley Clark, for "dozens" more warplanes to supplement some 600 NATO aircraft, half of them Americans. Bombers, fighters, radar-jamming planes and refueling tankers are part of the request.

FDA OKs first eye implant to correct nearsightedness

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tiny transparent rings implanted directly into the eye are offering a way for millions of mildly nearsighted Americans to attain clear, even perfect, vision without glasses or contact lenses.

The Food and Drug Administration approved KeraVision Inc.'s Intacs corneal implants Friday, offering an alternative for some patients to popular but irreversible laser eye surgery at about the same price.

The difference: If patients don't like their Intacs, or suffer a side effect such as glare, doctors can remove the rings with a good chance of returning the eyes to pre-surgery condition.

The FDA warned that the implants are only for mildly nearsighted people, whose vision is formally diagnosed as "minus 1 diopters to minus 3 diopters." That roughly translates to vision ranging from 20/40, where it's OK to drive but a movie is blurry without glasses, to about 20/300, where you can barely see the big "E" at the top of eye charts.

In contrast, laser surgery can sharpen the vision of people with much more severe nearsightedness.

Still, the implants are "really an interesting approach," said Dr. Susan Alpert, the FDA's medical device evaluation chief. "It is a simple procedure. ... These can remain in permanently, but if there's a problem, they can be removed."

Patients say that's the feature that makes Intacs attractive.

"We'd considered laser surgery, but one of the biggest things that scared us ... is that if it didn't work, there's no way to change that," said Fran Palek, a Tampa, Fla., banker. So he, his wife, his neighbor and his neighbor's sister all tried the implants instead, and liked them. "It's amazing," said Palek, 30, describing seeing with perfect vision immediately after the 15-minute surgery.

Nearsightedness occurs when the cornea, the membrane covering the front of the eye, is too steeply curved.

Refugees trickle out of Kosovo

STANKOVIC, Macedonia (AP) — Frightened refugees trickled out of Serbia Saturday, including scores from a Kosovo village who said Serb police forced them from their homes and then harrassed them on a harrowing trek across the mountains.

The 80 said they made it out over mountain passes, bypassing official Serbian border crossings on their four-day journey. Refugee Idriz Sejeva said of his family of 24, only five made it out.

Serb police had come to the village, saying they would kill whoever didn't leave their homes, Sejava said. Police repeatedly surrounded the refugees on the way, scattering the frightened Kosovo Albanians, he said.

None of them knew the fate of their missing neighbors and family.

The account matched those of other groups of refugees who have made it out after Serbia stopped what the Kosovo Albanians said were forced expulsions of tens of thousands of refugees a day. Serbia appears to have largely sealed the border since then.

Late Friday, a group of 1,500 bedraggled Kosovo refugees crossed into Albania from Yugoslavia, also saying Serbs had chased them from their homes.

The surprise arrival was the first time refugees entered Albania en masse since the Yugoslavs closed the border three days ago, after forcing 450,000 ethnic Albanians out of Kosovo during the past two weeks.

Monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe at Morina, Albania, which watches the frontier 24 hours a day, said lights on the Yugoslav side of the border suddenly illuminated the crossing point about 11 p.m.

A caravan of cars and tractors loaded with refugees crossed into Albanian territory. Then the lights went off on the Yugoslav side, and it was unclear whether the border would be re-opened again.

"This seems to be an isolated group," said one OSCE monitor, Phil Figgins. "This is very strange."

The refugees crossing into Albania late Friday said they were forced from their homes by Serb police, who went on a rampage after NATO jets launched airstrikes starting March 24. Yugoslav authorities claim ethnic Albanians were fleeing NATO bombs.

The newcomers were taken to an Italian-run refugee camp near Kukes about 15 miles to the southwest, where they spent the night in their vehicles.

Ira school board to meet Monday

Five action items, including considering an ordinace to cancel the May 1 trustee election, are on the agenda for the Ira School Board when it meets at 7:30 Monday morning.

Trustees are expected to declare the unopposed candidates — Lance Autry, Sid Wall and Kirby Sterling — elected to office.

In other business, the board will consider school board policy updates and transfer requests for 1999-2000.

Consideration will also be given to adopting an updated Technology Plan.

In one other item, the trustees will consider a local policy regarding junior and senior class sponsor stipends and senior trip administrative expenses.

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ONGOINGS

Gospel concert

Victory Baptist Church, 3303 Apple St., will present a free Southern Gospel Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Golden K fish fry

Golden K Kiwanis Club fish fry will be held from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center. Cost is $6 for adults and children under 6 can eat free. Takeout plates will be available.

Southern Gospel group

First Church of the Nazarene will present "Lighthouse," a Southern Gospel group, at the 10:45 a.m. service and evening service Sunday. Lunch will follow the morning service, according to Pastor Mike Howard.

Prayer series

North College Ave. Baptist Church will begin a "Disciples Prayer Life" series starting at 5 p.m. Sunday in the fellowship hall. For more information, call 573-9540.

American Legion officers

The American Legion Layne Kite Post #181 will elect officers Monday.

SHS orientation

Parents of all 8th graders are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Worsham Auditorium. Debbie Phillips, high school counselor, will provide information about registration, course seldctions and graduation requirements. All incoming freshmen are asked to bring registation materials that have previously been handed out.

Band boosters meeting

There will be a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the SHS band hall for SHS band boosters. Members are urged to bring the posters for the band contest.

Eighth grade party

There will be a meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Junior High auditorium to plan for the eighth grade end-of-school party. For more information, call 573-8404 or 573-4467.

Class of '79 reunion meeting

A meeting to plan the SHS Class of 1979 reunion is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Kathy Voss. For more information call 573-3746 or 573-0989.

Pancake supper

SHS seniors will sponsor a pancake supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the West Elementary cafeteria. Tickets are $5 and includes pancakes, bacon, sausage and drink. There will be a drawing for a 19-inch color TV. Tickets may be purchased from seniors or at the door. Proceeds will help finance the alcohol-free party after graduation.

Duncan Classic Tournament

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club will host the Duncan Classic Tournament next Saturday. Entries by sanctioned pitchers will be accepted until 9 a.m. that day. Pitching begins at 10 a.m. Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in each class.

Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will host an all-you-can-eat sausage dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. next Sunday at the Parish Center. Tickets sold at the door are $6 for adults and all carryouts and $3 for children 12 and under. Sausage sold by the pound is $3.75 cooked and $2.75 uncooked.

SHS National Honor Society

Snyder High School's National Honor Society will hold its annual induction at 3 p.m. next Sunday in Worsham Auditorium. Family and friends are invited.

VFW Post #8231

The local VFW post will elect officers Monday, April 19, during a 7 p.m. meeting.

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease community support group will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Harry Hoyt, registered pharmacist, will present the program, "Medication Storage for Home, Travel."

1989 class reunion

The SHS 1989 class reunion committee is seeking addresses of former classmates for the 10-year reunion. Information is needed ASAP so it can be mailed out. Contact Christy Smith at 573-8392, or 573-1420 for additional information.

Texas Million

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

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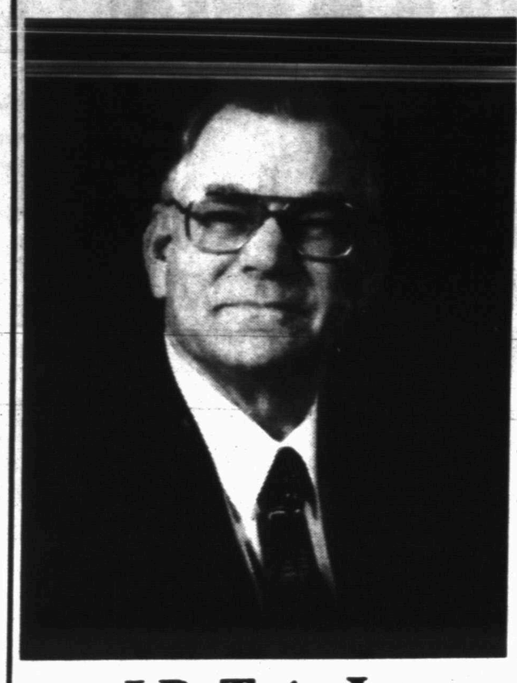

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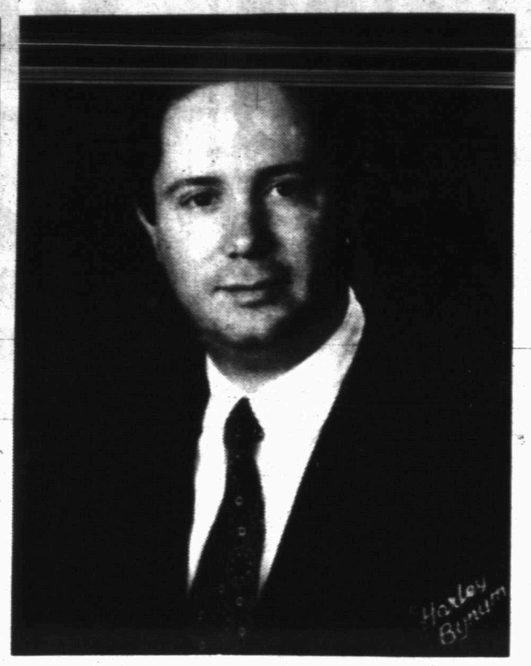

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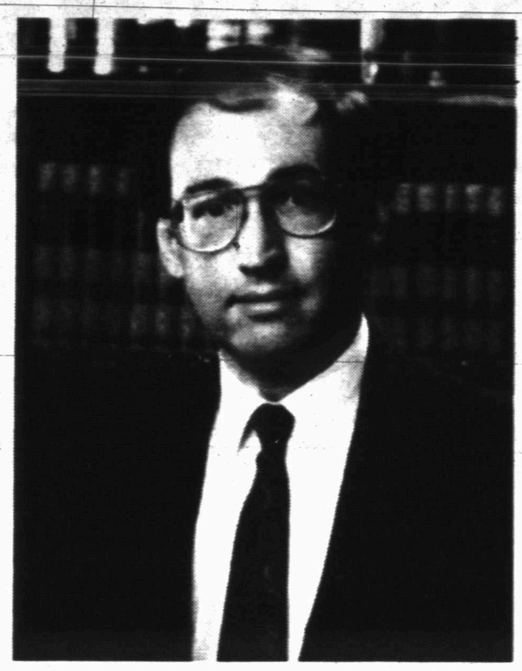

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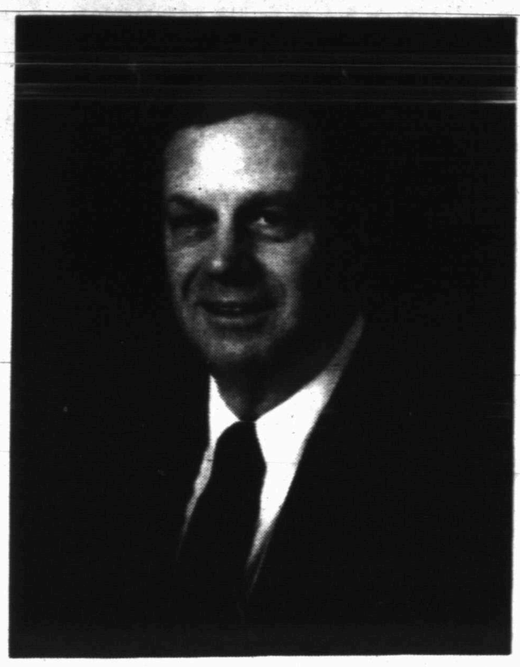

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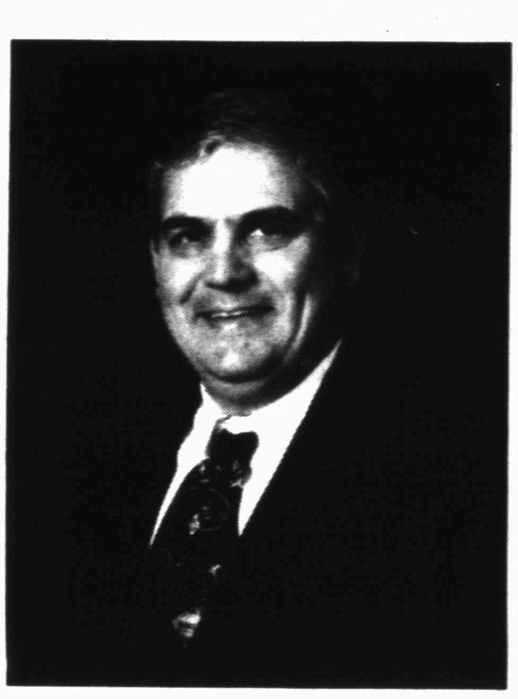

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'Miracle baby' happy, enjoying life

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

Doctors once gave Devont'a Smith two days to live. That was about four years ago. Today, the boy is happy and energetic and recovering from his latest surgery — open heart surgery in Fort Worth last month.

The son and step-son, respectively, of Shalawn and Melvin Cobb, has battled monumental health problems since his premature birth on April 25, 1994.

Shalawn lived in Sweetwater then, but moved to Snyder in January of 1996. She and Melvin, the head pressman for the Snyder Daily News, were married in June of 1997.

When Devont'a was born a month early, doctors discovered that his arteries were switched. The level of oxygen to his brain was so low that he was airlifted to UMC in Lubbock the next day.

After a couple of weeks, he was transferred to Methodist Hospital in June and doctors performed a pulmonary banding, which, as it turned out, he did not need, Shalawn said.

Baby Devont'a was so ill that doctors gave him two days to live. She was told to call in family members.

The doctors "had given up on him," Shalawn said. But his family did not. Shalawn never left her frail son's bedside.

As Devont'a struggled to live, Shalawn said she prayed and drew her strength from the Lord. That's the only way she could make it.

Besides family, members of their church also joined Shalawn at the hospital.

Adding to the stress: Some three weeks before that, Shalawn has lost the grandmother who raised her.

Devont'a remained on a respirator for three weeks. Doctors took him off for a day but then had to put him right back on for another three weeks, Shalawn said.

He remained at Methodist for almost two months. He returned to the hospital in October for more surgery. Other surgeries followed, so many that Shalawn said they had lost count.

In 1996, he was airlifted from the hospital in Fort Worth to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, where doctors performed a glind shunt. Devont'a was hospitalized for two weeks.

That hospital was very strict about visitors. Shalawn's oldest son, Scottavia, could not stay at the hospital so Shalawn said she had to leave him with her parents for a week, which was not an easy thing for her to do.

Devont'a was operated on in Lubbock in April of 1997. He became very sick from a bacteria infection and had to be flown to Fort Worth.

Devont'a's latest open heart surgery occurred on March 11 at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. He was home by March 18 and has a check up slated on Thursday.

Arrangements were made for local Dr. Bid Cooper to remove the staples.

Devont'a presently takes phenabarbitol and will have to take baby aspirin to thin his blood for the rest of his life.

He has to wear Pampers which the Cobbs obtain through a special program.

He's not expected to need anymore heart surgery, at least not for 30-50 years, but will need eye surgery in the future. He will also need a fourth operation on his private parts this summer, Melvin said, so that some day he will be able to father children.

FAMILY PORTRAIT — Devont'a Smith, shown sitting on his step-dad Melvin Cobb's knee, is a real "miracle baby." Though once not expected to live, he continues to improve. His mother, Shalawn, holds baby sister Shanice. His brother, Scottavia, is also shown. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

For a six-month period, he also experienced five to six seizures every day. Once at school he stopped breathing and the ambulance was called.

In January of 1996, Devont'a also had a stroke which weakened his right side. Therapy is helping him to regain the use of his leg. In the beginning, occupational therapy tired him very quickly but he is doing so much better now.

His leg used to be so tight that it hurt for him to move it, but he has improved greatly. Melvin said the therapists want to teach Devont'a how to swim next.

Though he is four, he is about the size of a two-year-old. Melvin said they have to feed and clothe him just like a baby. But doctors now expect him to develop normally. He really began to improve after he had surgery in Houston.

He can't talk yet but understands what is said to him. About eight months ago he started crawling on his knees, and now gets around quite quickly. He can now get up on things and he and his sister, Shanice, who is 11-months old, get into things together, Melvin said.

Devont'a also uses a wheelchair, but Shalawn said that through physical therapy they hope he will one day be able to walk.

His older brother, Scottavia, attends kindergarten at Stanfield.

Today Devont'a is a very happy child, but for the first 10 months of his life, Shalawn said he just "lay there and looked but never laughed."

Shalawn moved to Snyder in 1991 from Spur, and she graduated from Snyder High School in 1993.

Movie posters

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Leonardo DiCaprio movie posters cover the walls of the computer center at the new Los Feliz Branch Library, built on land where the actor's family home once stood.

Names In the News

Billy Ray Cyrus

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Why mess with a classic?

Country singer Billy Ray Cyrus recorded the theme song from the "Scooby-Doo" cartoon Thursday at a Nashville recording studio.

The song will be used in a direct-to-video cartoon titled "Scooby-Doo and the Witch's Ghost." He said he was a longstanding fan of the mystery-solving dog of Saturday morning cartoon fame.

"I tried to stay as close to the original as possible, and add some of my own flavor to it," said Cyrus, who became a country music star in 1992 with his No. 1 hit "Achy Breaky Heart."

"I probably could have done it with no practice at all, because I've been a fan so long I know the song so well already," he said.

"Scooby-Doo and the Witch's Ghost" is set for release Oct. 5.

Morton Downy Jr.

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Former talk-show host Morton Downey Jr. did some televised shouting with the attorney suing "The Jenny Jones Show" for $50 million over the death of a guest.

Downey had been listed by attorney Geoffrey Fieger as a witness in his case against the show and its producer, Warner Bros. Fieger represents the family of Scott Amedure, who was killed in 1995 a few days after revealing a crush on Jonathan Schmitz during a taping of the show.

Downey on Wednesday told Court TV he didn't think Fieger had a case.

"You know, all of us have moments of depression, all of us have moments of changing our minds, all of us can be embarrassed," Downey said.

The two started a debate over a satellite link.

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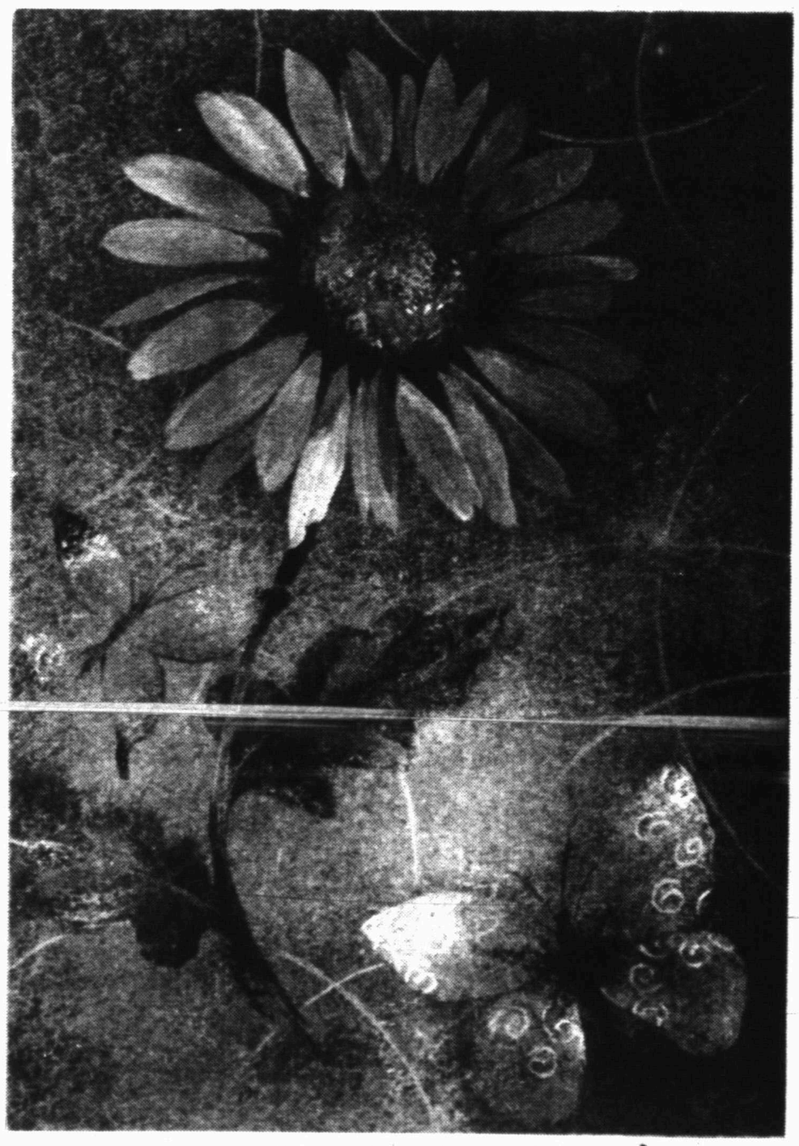

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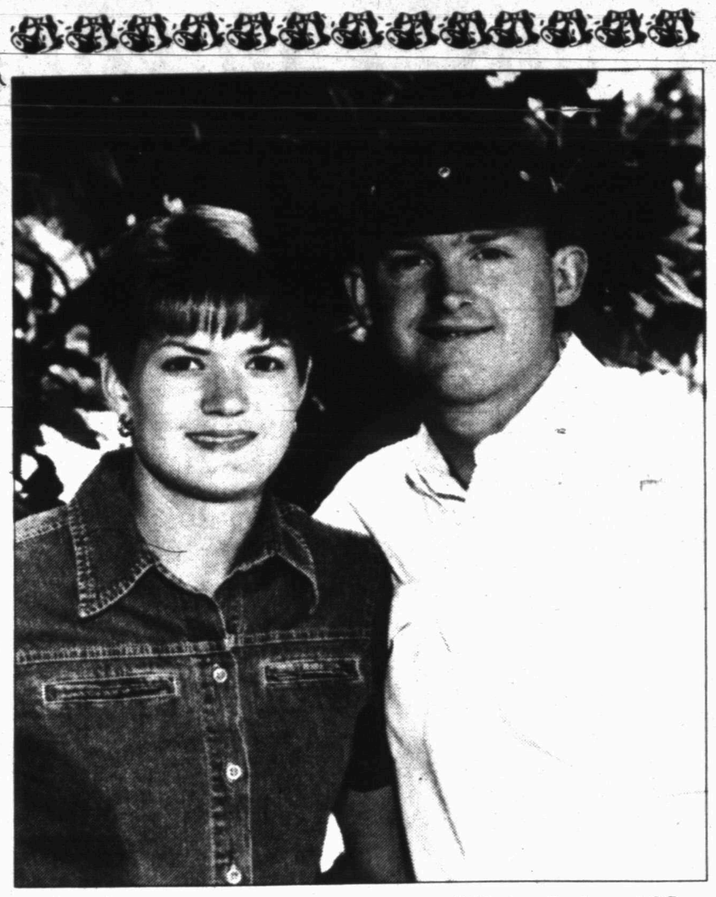
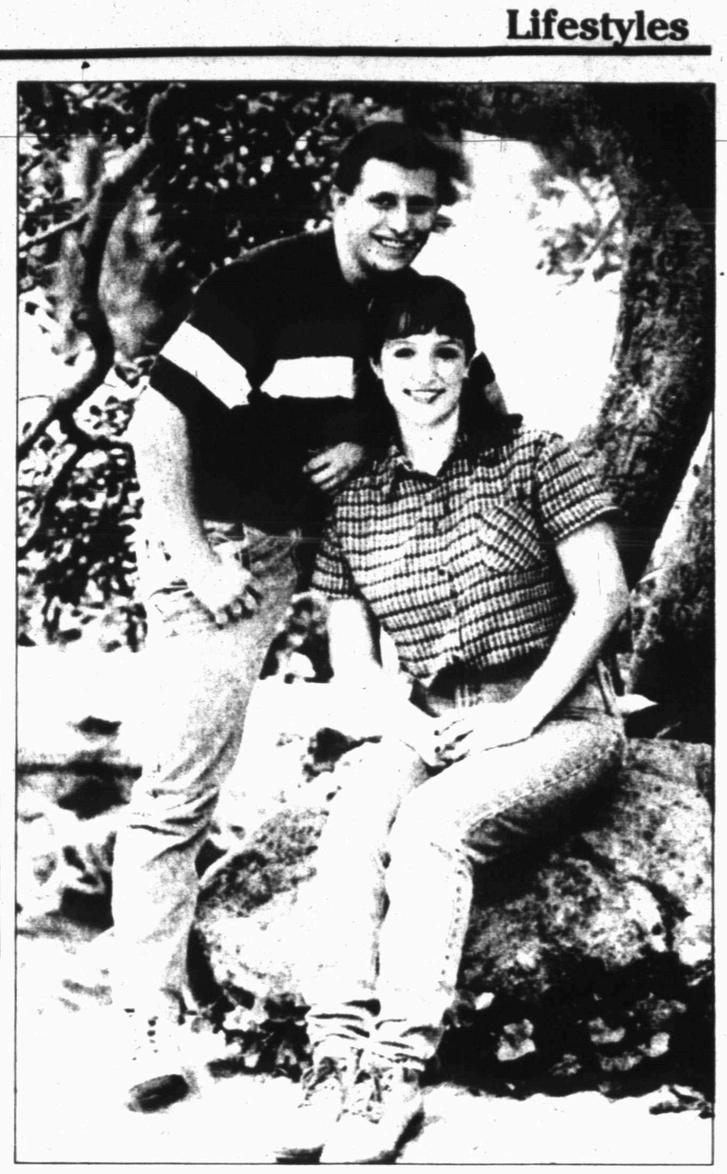
JUNE NUPTIALS SET — Gaylon and Deborah Boyd of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha Boyd, to Jimmy Campbell, son of Jim and Becky Campbell of McKinney. Samantha and Jimmy are planning a 3:30 p.m. marriage ceremony on June 5 in East Side Church of Christ. (Contributed Photo)



SPRING WEDDING PLANS — Doug and Karen Jackson of San Antonio announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Dave Holmes, son of Mike and Sandy Holmes of Ira. Dave is the grandson of the late James and Fay Stansell of Fluvanna. Jill and Dave are planning a 5 p.m. wedding ceremony on June 19 at Castle Hills First Baptist Church in San Antonio. (Contributed Photo)



FORMER RESIDENT TO MARRY — Terry and Ellen Rumpff of Abilene, formerly of Snyder, and Bill and Dana Jones of Cedar Park announce the engagement of their children, Mollie Ruth Rumpff and Aubrey William Jones. Mollie, a 1996 graduate of Westwood High School in Round Rock, attended Snyder schools from kindergarten through 11th grade. She is attending Howard Payne University in Brownwood, majoring in elementary education. She is employed at Nelson Wholesale. Aubrey, a 1997 graduate of Leander High School, also attends Howard Payne majoring in Christian Studies. He is associate pastor at Belle Plain Baptist Church in Brownwood and is employed at Nelson Wholesale. The wedding is set for Saturday, Aug. 7, in Northwest Baptist Church in Austin. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

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All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Fruit
Pancake/Syrup

TUESDAY

Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast

WEDNESDAY

Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

THURSDAY

Juice
Taco Chalupa

FRIDAY

Fruit
Fried Ham
Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY

Barbecued Pork Patties
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Hot Rolls
Scoop-O-Raisins

TUESDAY

Pinto Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Glazed Carrots
Corn Bread
Gingerbread

WEDNESDAY

Texas Hash
Buttered Spinach
Corn Bread
Blueberry Crisp

THURSDAY

Roast Beef/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jello

FRIDAY

Chicken Salad Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Apple Cobbler

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MONDAY

Steak Fingers
French Fries
Black-eyed Peas
Bread
Pears

TUESDAY

Chicken Chunks
Broccoli & Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Rolls
Apple Crisp

WEDNESDAY

Pork Patties
Green Bean Casserole
Whole Potatoes
Biscuits
Chocolate Pudding

THURSDAY

Hamburgers
Funyons
Cookies

FRIDAY

Fish
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Bread
Sheath Cake

Snyder

All meals are served with milk; for breakfast, a choice is offered of assorted dry cereal and juice.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Waffles w/Syrup

TUESDAY

Pancakes w/Syrup

WEDNESDAY

Donut

THURSDAY

French Toast Sticks

FRIDAY

Teacher Workday

LUNCH

MONDAY

Hamburger on a Bun or
Country Fried Steak w/Texas Toast
Oven Fries
Lettuce & Tomato
Chilled Fruit

TUESDAY

Hot Dog on a Bun or
Oven Fried Chicken w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Carrots
Banana

WEDNESDAY

Pizza or
Sloppy Joe on a Bun
Ranch Style Beans
French Fries
Chocolate Cake

THURSDAY

Burrito or
Chicken Nuggets w/Texas Toast
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Peas
Peaches

Titanic replica

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Titanic rising from the Nevada desert?

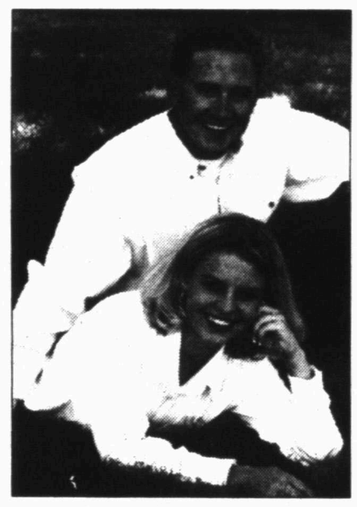
Bob Stupak, the man behind the city's 1,149-foot Stratosphere Hotel, Casino and Tower, says you can bet on it — maybe.

Stupak said Thursday that he plans to build a replica of the famous ship on 10 acres he owns between the Las Vegas Strip and downtown's Glitter Gulch. He has to raise $1.2 billion.

The hotel would have 1,200 rooms or "cabins" that would resemble those on the original Titanic, Stupak said. The Las Vegas Titanic would be 400 feet high, compared with the 180-foot height of the ship that sank in the Atlantic Ocean on its maiden voyage in 1912.

Smartt, Tucker engaged, marriage set for June 26

Billy Smartt of Snyder and Fonda Smartt of Andrews announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miranda Sky, to Marc Shannon Tucker of Lubbock.



Miranda Sky Smartt
Marc Shannon Tucker
(Contributed Photo)

Marc is the son of Jo Anne Tucker of Shallowater and Ernest "Butch" Tucker of Maple. His grandparents are Jim and Virginia Clampitt of Bledsoe, and the late D.L. and Mattie Tucker of Morton.

Miranda is the granddaughter of Amos and Amanda Gilchrest and Bill and Faye Smartt, all of Andrews.

The wedding ceremony is set for Saturday, June 26, at Calvary Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Andrews High School and attends Angelo State University. She is employed part-time with Brinkler International.

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Three-Way High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in May. He is employed as an intern at Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo.

Hula state dance

HONOLULU (AP) — What could be more Hawaiian than the hula?

The state Senate on Thursday approved a bill designating the hula, once banned by missionaries as a "heathen practice," as the state's official dance. The final version still faces House approval.

The first oral account of a hula performance dates back to the 7th century, the bill said. But under the influence of Christian teachings, Queen Kaahumanu forbade public hula performances in 1830.

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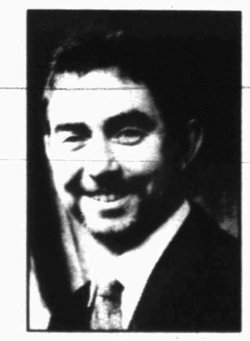

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Race, Ma marry in air ballo

Charles Joseph Lavette McKinley a hot air balloon on Feb. 16.

The bride is Martha Aycock Tom McKinley of Hills. She is the g Myrtle Redden, Snyder and the McKinley.

The bridegroom Duane and Caro nee, Mich. He is Adeline Paul and Marinette, Wis.

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West
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Vulnerable
Dealer: W

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Race, McKinley marry in a hot air balloon

Charles Joseph Race and Chiva Lavette McKinley were married in a hot air balloon over Vail, Colo., on Feb. 16.

The bride is the daughter of Martha Aycock of Lubbock and Tom McKinley of North Richland Hills. She is the granddaughter of Myrtle Redden, Geneva Burk of Snyder and the late Herbert McKinley.

The bridegroom is the son of Duane and Caro Race of Minominee, Mich. He is the grandson of Adeline Paul and Joyce Race of Marinette, Wis.

The bride is a Lubbock Coronado High School graduate and the groom is a graduate of Marinette High School in Wisconsin.

The couple married in the air in a balloon flown by Mountain Creek Adventures. Given away by her father, her stepmother officiated the ceremony. Attendants were John Race, Roy Thornton, Kelli Clark, Roger Clark and Edna Fenton.

The bride wore a Jessica McClintock dress with a Victorian neckline laced with pearls. Her coat was a Saga Silver Fox by Karl Lagerfield. She wore Manola Blannic white boots and her head was adorned with a Princess Toufou veil.

The groom wore a Calvin Klein shirt and vest by J. Crew. He wore a Double R L, by Ralph Lauren, black leather trench, Levis and steel-toe Doc Martens.

Following the flight, a champagne brunch was held. The traditional wedding cake had a strawberry cream filling and the groom's chocolate cake had a banana cream filling.

After the couple honeymooned in the outskirts of Paris in a garden that Napoleon made for Josephine, they made their home in Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joseph Race
(Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North - 04-10-99 ♠ A 6 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ 8 7 4 3 ♣ J 10 5 3	
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	South ♠ Q 7 5 2 ♥ A K Q 8 7 4 ♦ Q ♣ K 8	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

A smidgen of compensation

Just in case you felt I was harsh on Alan Sontag in yesterday's column (never intentionally!), here is a deal he played brilliantly, while winning the 1976 Cavendish Calcutta with Peter Weichsel. To test yourself, cover the East-West hands and pick your line in four hearts. West cashes the diamond ace: three, jack, queen. West continues with the diamond two: four, 10, ruff. What next? After struggling for a while, look at all 52 cards and see if you can find a way home.

Sonty — as he is known by his friends — is one of the most amiable of bridge experts. He is hyperactive, never sitting still for a second. Perhaps this explains why he plays so quickly; he cannot bear to wait. But he wisely took some time before playing to trick three here.

Judging that West had four spades (no one-spade opening) and East three (no one-spade response), Sontag decided he needed East to have the spade king. If so, he could establish his queen with one ruff in the dummy. Yet he also required a dummy entry to finesse the club jack. So, at trick three, Sontag ducked a spade completely.

East returned a trump to declarer's ace. A spade to the ace was followed by the club jack, passed to West's ace. After ruffing West's diamond exit, Sontag trumped a spade in the dummy, bringing down East's king, drew trumps, and claimed.

Note that playing the ace and another spade isn't good enough. East wins with the king and returns a spade. If declarer ruffs in the dummy and finesses in clubs, West leads his last spade, East overruffing the dummy.

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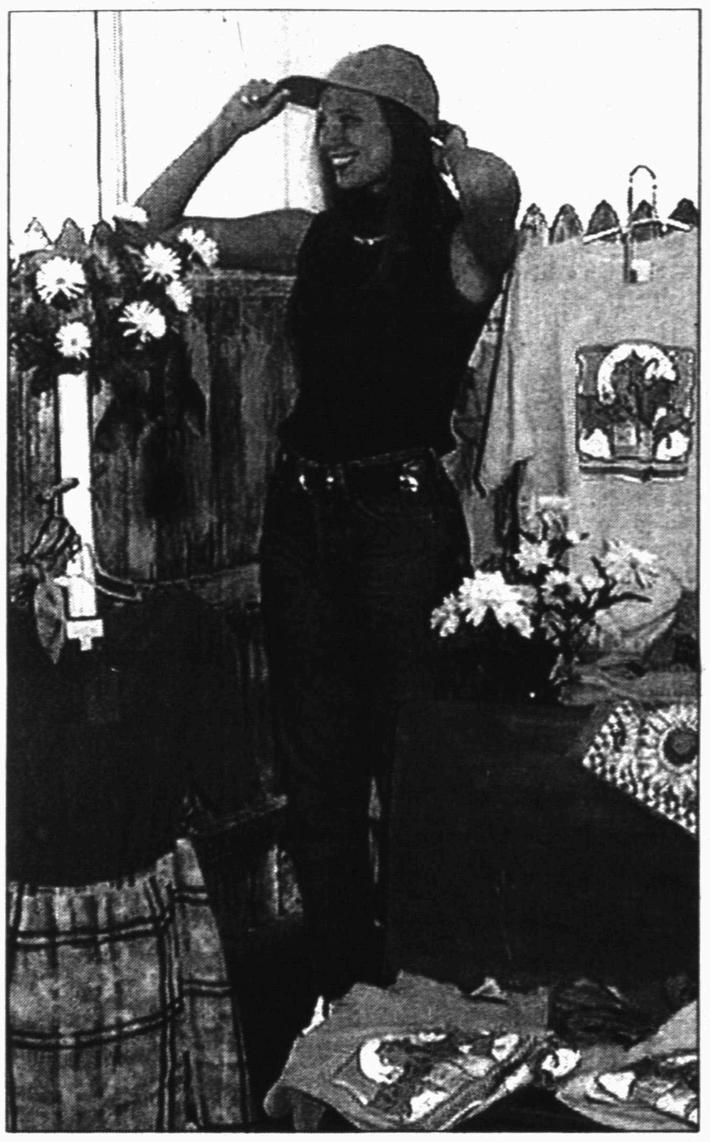

SUMMER ATTIRE — Tessa Hildebrand, junior at Snyder High School, will model spring and summer fashions and accessories at the Martha Ann Woman's Club's Spring Profile. The style show and luncheon, catered by Shirley McMillan, will be held April 17 at 11:30. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by calling Jan Harrell at 573-6443, Francene Noah at 573-6717 or leaving a message at the woman's club, 573-3427. Fashions will be shown from Hackfeld's Bar-H-Bar, and two Lubbock stores, Harold's and Talbots. Other models are Jennifer Stewart, Christy Thompson, Linda Walton, Mary Dulaney, Katie Voss, Kally Billingsley, Joyce Williamson, Margaret Dillaha, Jean McMillon and Karomy Drum. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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MONDAY

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

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Texas Savings Bank, 27th and College Ave.; for more information call 573-2850; 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room at Texas Savings Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; Ben Sum and Ty Brunson, program; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; MAWC; 415 p.m.

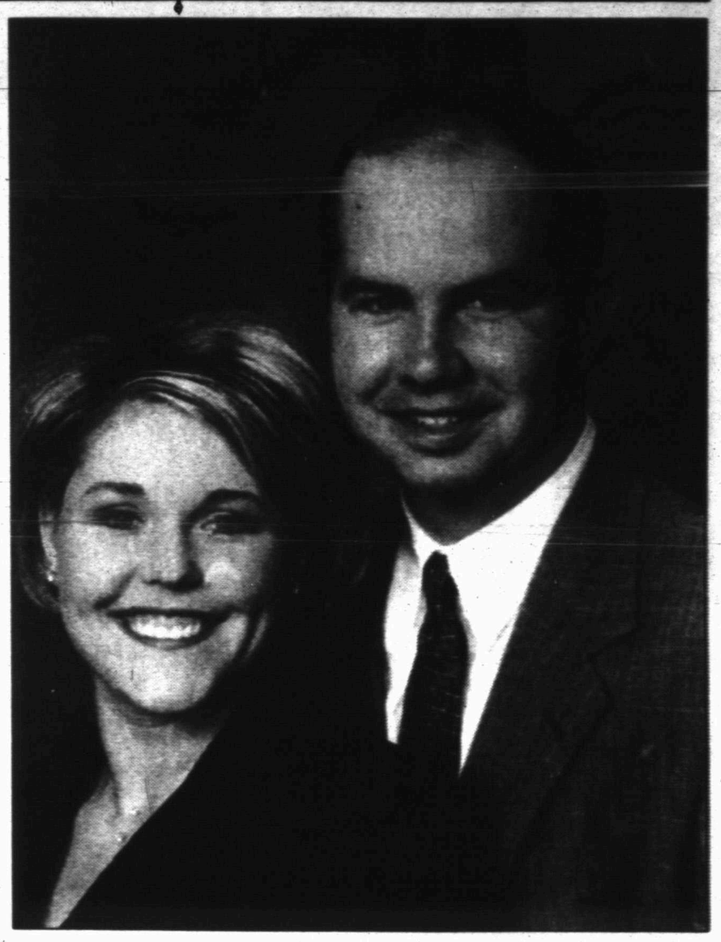
Beta Sigma Phi; country club; 7 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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



WHISENANT-CLARK PLAN WEDDING — Kelton and Lena Clark of Ira announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Kory Spence Clark of Amarillo, to Amy Nicole Whisenant, also of Amarillo. She is the daughter of Kevin and Kathy Whisenant of Plainview. They are planning a 10 a.m., May 18 ceremony in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, in Sandals Resort. Kory is a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed by Bank of America in Amarillo and the bride-elect is a nursing student at West Texas A&M University, graduating in December of 2000 with an RN and bachelor of science in nursing. Following the wedding, they plan to reside in Amarillo. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY
April 2

1. LaVerne Hood, Christine Stuard.
2. Dorothy Rosson, Louise Thompson.
3. Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall.

SUNDAY
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April 6

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Milton and Dolly Hollis
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Hollises married 50 years

On April 7, 1949 Milton Hollis and Dolly Pate were married in Electra. They were honored at a party Wednesday in the Snyder Healthcare dining room.

Dolly was born on Sept. 25, 1931 in Weatherford and Milton was born on Dec. 1, 1928 in Bowie. The two met at Dolly's senior piano recital in Electra.

The couple lived in Electra for three years and Snyder for 47 years. Milton is a retired plant superintendent for Texaco Fuller Gas Plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis are members of the First Assembly of God Church in Snyder. They have two children and a daughter-in-law, Cheri Hollis of Snyder and Randel and Amelia Hollis of Odessa, and one deceased son, Larry Hollis.

They have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bridal Registry

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Many patrons donated books for the sale throughout the year, as well as before the sale. Thanks also to the many people who bought books.

NEW NON- FICTION

"Edible and Useful Plants of Texas and the Southwest," by Delena Tull.

"Howard Garret's Texas Organic Gardening."

"Camper's Guide to Outdoor Cooking," by John G. Ragsdale.

"Touring Texas Wineries: Scenic Drives to 27 Lone Star Vineyards," by Thomas M. Ciesla.

NEW FICTION

"Vector," by Robin Cook.

"Westward the Dream," by Judith Pella.

"Ransom," by Julie Garwood.

"Breach of Duty," by J.A. Jance.

"Seize the Night," by Dean Koontz.

"A Dangerous Love," by Michael Phillips.

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Colonial Hill Baptist Church...

Formal ceremony unites couple

Leddy Ty Lewis and Carrie Denise Thompson of Snyder were united in marriage at 2 p.m., March 6 in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Derwin and Betty Thompson of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of Zella Thompson of Snyder and the late C.D. Thompson. Her maternal grandparents are Aubrey and Rosie Williams of Hermleigh.

The groom is the son of Melvin and Paula Lewis of Snyder. He is the grandson of the late R.E. and Janettie Lewis and the late W.T. and Vivian Helms.

Guests were greeted and registered in the church foyer by Julie Bynum of Snyder. As guests entered, their attention was focused on candelabras which adorned the altar. Three arched bronze candelabras, decorated with English ivy, held taper candles lit by Michael Alarcon, brother-in-law of the bride. Centered was the couple's unity candle placed atop a brass circular table garnished with English ivy.

Flanking the candelabras were two elegant bouquets of purple and white snapdragons, blue misty, freesia, delphinium, larkspur, interspersed with cream colored, long stemmed roses. Ficus trees, lit by small white lights, created a gentle aura of serenity. Family pews were marked with amethyst and white tulle bows accented with English ivy.

Selected music played as guests were seated by ushers Cade Walton, Sid Morris and Justin Morris. As the couple's parents prepared to light the taper candles for the unity candle, "Air From the Water Music," by David Combs, was played.

Flower girl Kyla Stanton, daughter of Katrina and Matt Stanton of Ralls, carried a white wicker basket embellished with lace, satin ribbons and strings of pearls. She softly dropped red rose petals as she prepared the aisle for the bride.

The bride entered the sanctuary on the arm of her father. They approached the altar as the "Bridal Chorus" by Richard Wagner, was played. Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown of white duchess satin with saton saxony lace.

Her decolletage scalloped neckline highlighted the lace bodice and short sleeves, that were also scalloped. The princess-line gown softly fit the bodice and graduated to a full skirt. The hemline was embellished with saton saxony lace and was also scalloped. The back neckline fell close to the waist but had a lace covered modesty piece. A bow with a floret center graced the back waist.

The semi-cathedral train fell to the floor and was also adorned with lace appliques. She chose a complementary headpiece edged with string pearls. The multi-layer veiling cascaded below the waistline.

The bride carried a traditional something old in her shoes, pennies minted in the couple's birth dates. Her wedding gown was something new and something borrowed was a white linen handkerchief given to her by her Granny Williams. Something blue was her wedding garter designed and made by her Nana Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leddy Lewis
(Contributed Photo)

The bride carried a romantic bouquet of cymbidium and dendrobium orchids graced by blue misty, freesia amethyst tulips. Floral arrangements and decorations were designed by Tammy Nowlin of the Rotan Flower Shop.

Matron of honor Melanie Alarcon, sister of the bride, wore a rich amethyst two-piece, floor-length suit accented by black heels. She carried a garden style bouquet fashioned and designed similar to the bride's bouquet.

Lance Wilson, longtime friend of the groom, was best man. They wore classic double-breasted tuxedos by Ascot. J.P. Wilson, son of Kara and Trey Wilson of Ira, was the ring bearer. He carried a heart-shaped satin pillow edged with lace and adorned with small flowerets and stringed pearls.

The ring pillow, flower basket and wedding garter were designed and made by Nana, the bride's grandmother.

After their vows were pledged, Cerise Walton sang "From This Moment On," as the couple lit the unity candle. Laura Hamby played "The Lord's Prayer" as the benediction.

At the reception in the fellowship hall, guests viewed a color coordinated bulletin board displaying pictures of the bride and groom and their families depicting various times of their lives — throughout childhood and during their special years of courtship.

The fellowship hall was decorated in the theme of the wedding colors. All shades of amethyst and white filled the air. Behind the bride's table was a tri-fold white lattice, embellished with white scalloped tulle enhanced by small white lights, English ivy and small purple silk flowerets.

The bride's table was draped with a white candlelight tulle and satin cloth, also designed and made especially for her by Nana.

The table held a four-tier Italian cream wedding cake with cream cheese frosting. The layers were decorated with a scalloped Victorian lace design and ivory shell borders. Clusters of fresh multi-colored purple and white flowers adorned each tier.

The cake was arranged on separate crystal Janke pillars in graduated heights from two inches to 24 inches. The bride's bouque graced the table along with Waterford fluted champagne glasses given to them by a friend.

An exquisite flowing fountain, filled with crystal-clear punch, was arranged on a round table with a white and purple covering.

Appointments were of crystal and silver. Decorative beverage napkins in the wedding colors were embossed with names of the bride and groom and their wedding date. Attending the bride's table were Katrina Stanton and Sonya Locascio.

The groom's table held a red velvet cake in the shape of a double horseshoe. Cascading from the cake were fresh-dipped strawberries surrounded by an ivory shell border and a silver service held hot coffee.

The table was draped with a white lace overlay which was held at scalloped intervals by purple bows. Attending the groom's table were Rachel Wilson and Lesa Ward.

The focal point of the reception hall was a bronze easel positioned beside the groom's table which held a portrait of the bride in her wedding attire. This was graced on either side by floral arrangements that were in the wedding ceremony.

Wedding guests were seated at small lace-covered tables centered with diagonal mirrored squares, displaying a tumbler filled with crystallized marbles. Purple and white balloons floated gracefully above guests.

For her wedding trip, the bride chose a two-piece ensemble of solid navy blue blouse and matching pants. Following the reception, the bride and groom left amidst a showering of birdseed and well-wishes. Their wedding trip was to Dallas and Fort Worth.

They reside near Jayton where Mrs. Lewis teaches math at Rotan High School and Mr. Lewis is employed by Cooper Mountain Ranch.

Early graduate and Star Wars fan has time to wait on ticket sales

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The way 17-year-old Daniel Alter sees it, he must do or do not. There is no try.

Spouting this and other Yoda-isms, Alter took to the street outside Mann's Westwood Village theater Thursday in anticipation of "Star Wars: Episode I — the Phantom Menace."

He and a number of other "Star Wars" fans around the city have vowed to be among the first to purchase tickets to the prequel when the film opens May 19. If that means waiting in line nearly around-the-clock for more than a month, so be it.

It is his destiny.

"You think this is more exciting than my regular life? Not at all," Alter said, crouched in his lawn chair on a busy sidewalk. "Luckily I graduated from high school early and took this time off."

Another ticket line popped up the same day at Mann's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, where 15 members of the Internet group Countingdown.com set up camp, armed with a nest of laptop computers and a detailed shift schedule.

The group is accepting pledges for each hour they wait, with the proceeds going to the Starlight Children's Foundation.

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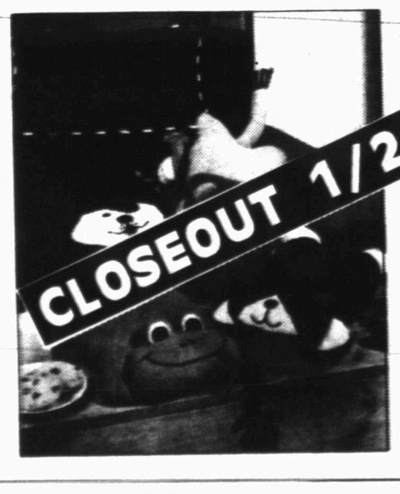

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Upbeat reports gloss over lingering economic pain

WASHINGTON (AP) — When people like Jerry Lobdill and Chuck Engel read about the U.S. economy, they grind their teeth at the seemingly endless stream of good news.

Both know their story isn't told by the nation's unemployment rate, at a 29-year low of 4.2 percent in March, nor by the 10-week stretch of weekly jobless benefit claims beneath 300,000, the longest since 1973.

And they know they're not alone in bridling at the picture painted by the broad brush of such statistics, and the political rhetoric that often accompanies them.

"These economic indicators ... mean wider opportunity and a better chance for millions of Americans," President Clinton declared at a news conference earlier this month, before turning to the situation in Yugoslavia.

Such talk angers Lobdill, 61, of Fort Worth, Texas.

"When I hear Clinton crowing about that stuff ... I'm just totally disgusted," he said.

In 1991, Lobdill, a chemical engineer and applied scientist, lost a job of 25 years at the Fortune 500 defense contractor, Tracor Inc. In the wrenching industry shakeout after the Cold War, he and his family moved first to Syracuse, N.Y., and then to suburban Washington so he could take jobs that lasted, respectively, seven months and two years.

After four more years of making ends meet by substitute teaching high-school science and math and taking odd jobs, Lobdill again is working in applied science for a firm that makes underwater acoustic sensors — but at a third of his former salary.

He takes issue in particular with the use of the unemployment rate as a proxy for the nation's economic health, because it makes no distinction between a chemical engineer working full-time earning $100,000 and a chemical engineer tossing newspapers.

For his part, Engel, 51, of Daytona Beach, Fla., is skeptical of the significance of vigorous employment and income growth in real estate. After the growth of large discount chain stores ended his nearly 30-year career selling and servicing office machines, he joined many other laid-off workers in thinking a real estate license might be the answer.

But in real estate, the top 10 percent of sales people rack up 90 percent of commissions, he said.

"It takes years to build a career in this field," he said. "What do you suppose the other 90 percent of the people that make 10 percent of the earnings make? ... It has not made me even minimum wage for the time I put in last year."

The headline unemployment rate in March masked other disparities: blacks at 8.1 percent and whites at 3.6 percent; teenagers at 14.3 percent and adults 25 years and older at 3.1 percent; high-school dropouts at 6.1 percent and college graduates at 1.9 percent.

Rates for metropolitan areas in February ranged from 19.8 percent in the farming community of Visalia, Calif., to 1.1 percent in the college town of Charlottesville, Va.

Perhaps a more telling measure of economic health is the underemployment rate, at 7.9 percent in March. It includes not only jobless people looking for work, but jobless people too discouraged to look and part-timers who want full-time work.

And even that fails to account for movement down the economic scale by people like Engel and Lobdill.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal-leaning Washington think tank, job losers in the 1980s and 1990s suffered on average a 14 percent pay cut in their next job. Nearly 29 percent lost health benefits.

And even as more people get hired, more are getting fired. Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc., the Chicago job placement firm, reported more than 450,000 publicly announced job cuts in the six months ended in March — record for the 1990s.

"Companies today have to make cuts to satisfy Wall Street," said John A. Challenger, the firm's chief executive. "It's the '90s imperative."

It's conventional wisdom that Clinton — whose 1992 campaign operated under the unofficial slogan, 'It's the economy, stupid!" — can do no wrong in the public's eye because the economy is thriving.

But his would-be successor, Vice President Al Gore, will need to be especially careful when he talks about the economy's strength, lest he alienate voters.

"Because Bill Clinton is perceived as in touch with the average American's experience, he can get away with a lot," said Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster. "A politician like Al Gore will pay a lot higher price for saying, 'The economy is good,' because people already think he's out of touch with their pain."

Concentration camp survivor to speak at SJHS

Helen Shiver of Lubbock, concentration camp survivor, will speak to Virginia Trevey's advanced English students at 2 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Snyder Junior High School's auditorium.

Trevey said her invitation to Shiver was prompted by "The Diary of Anne Frank," which her students have read.

Yom ha-Shoah, or Holocaust Day, a day to remember the six million Jews who died in Nazi Germany during World War II, is set for Tuesday.

Shiver is a member of the Congregation Shaareth Israel. She now devotes her life to speaking about the Nazi atrocities in order to educate the next generation about the dangers of hate and ignorance.

Although the memories are painful, Shiver believes it is important for people to remember the Holocaust and other horrors.

She began speaking out after a therapist advised her to. To alleviate her nightmares, she had to learn to release her pain.

Mrs. Shiver's maiden name was Levi. She is the sole suvivor of 108 family members who were imprisoned by the Nazis.

Shiver's arm was tatooed with the number D2832. She was taken to Dachau, a German concentration camp located in Bavaria, near Munich.

Her horror stories include a guard who pulled her back teeth out with pliers to get her fillings. Another time, doctors operated on her hand but did not use anesthetic. She said they wanted to test bone-heeling techniques.

She still remembers how the German SS troops broke into her family's home and shot two relatives and herded the rest into cattle cars for the trip to Dachau.

Once there, the men and women were separated and the women had their heads shaved and their belongings were taken away.

Shiver had wrapped her family's pictures in an embroidered handkerchief and hid them in her boots, whcih she didn't remove for four years. Her feet are now deformed.

Shiver's close-knit family were Orthodox Jews. They were wealthy enough to leave, but were caught by surprise. Her mother's ancestors had left Spain for Bulgaria in 1492 to escape the Inquisition. Her father's ancestors moved to Bulgaria from Russia in 1846 when the Czar started to persecute the Jews.

After the Jews were liberated, Shiver married an American soldier and eventually moved to Lubbock.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Barbecue chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, chocolate chip cookie

TUESDAY

Braised pork chop w/cream gravy, cottage fries, green beans, pickled beets and onion, fruited gelatin chiffon

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, tomato wedges, banana pudding

THURSDAY

Chicken and dumplings, green peas, carrots, tossed salad, apple cobbler

FRIDAY

Fried fish, whole kernel corn, macaroni & tomatoes, cabbage slaw, pineapple flop cake

Senior Center News

FISH FRY

Join us Sunday at the Senior Center for the annual Golden K Kiwanis Club's fish fry. The serving line will be open from 11-1:30 p.m. Tickets are $6 and take-outs will be available.

MONDAY

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Daily exercise is at 11 a.m. The Line Dancers will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY

88 play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis Club will meet at noon. Swimnastics at Western Texas College will be from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Social Security agents will be in the center from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m.- 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Beginning at 10 a.m. the Kitchen Band will be performing at Snyder Oaks and the AARP Board members will meet at the center. The Senior Center Advisory Board will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. and Anne Gregory will be entertaining in the dining room.

Line dancers will practice at 1 p.m. and the Cloggers at 2 p.m. This Wednesday will be the last Wednesday to receive assistance in filing income tax forms. The volunteer is in the center room from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m., the Sunshine Choir members will be practicing for MayDay at 10 a.m.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. 88 players can begin play at 10 a.m. and the Sing-A-Long begins at 11:30 a.m. The Kitchen Band will be entertaining at Golden Corral at 6 p.m.

MAYDAY

MayDay, the center's main fund-raiser, will begin at 2 p.m. May 8 at the coliseum. All seniors are requested to help. A variety of things need to be done including making a a craft for the arts and crafts booth, or baked goods for the country store or the sweet tooth booth. Needed items include: Cakes and breads for the country store, cookies, brownies, Rice Krispie bars for the Sweet Tooth booth.

Due to health restrictions, only commercially made pies can be sold.

Seniors who sell barbecue tickets to the public may check those out Monday from Valerie. Every available senior is needed to make MayDay a success. The center serves the senior citizens of the community. Staff members strive to add quality to the lives of seniors. Nutrition is one area. During the past year, 62,400 meals have been served to seniors at home and in the center. Call 573-4035 if you can help with MayDay.

Gas prices go up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gasoline will likely cost about a dime a gallon more this summer than last because of rising crude oil prices.

The Energy Information Administration said Thursday the average price for regular, self-service gasoline will peak at $1.18 a gallon in May and average $1.13 a gallon over the summer.

The price jump was attributed to an expectation of a continuing upward track in crude oil prices because of recent agreement among world producers to reduce production.

Prices also have been affected, especially in California, by refinery problems. The average price for regular self-service gasoline in California peaked at $1.59 a gallon on April 5, which was 49 cents a gallon higher than a year ago, the agency said.

The agency predicted that crude oil prices will continue to rise, with West Texas intermediate selling at $15.63 per 44-gallon barrel on Thursday moving to $18 by the end of the year.

Gasoline demand this summer is expected to increase by 2 percent over a year ago because of continued economic growth and prices, though higher than last year, still moderate by historic standards, the agency said. Still, gasoline stocks were high, especially in the East, with no supply problems anticipated.

The Energy Information Administration is the statistical arm of the Energy Department.

Lawsuit filed

EUBANK, Ky. (AP) — Former Miss America Venus Ramey is taking on the U.S. government over its tobacco policy.

Ramey filed a federal lawsuit against the U.S. Justice Department last week, seeking $300 billion. The suit accuses the government and President Clinton of trying "to destroy a successful, lucrative American industry."

Ramey, who was Miss America 1944, is now 74 and living on a tobacco farm north of Eubank. She wants to get farmers back on their feet by using any money she is awarded to build tobacco manufacturing facilities.

Q&A

What are steroids?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

What are Steroids?

Anabolic androgenic steroids are synthetic derivatives of the male hormone testosterone that are taken to build muscle, enhance performance and improve appearance. Current legitimate medical uses include treatment of anemia, severe burns, and some types of breast cancer. Steroid abuse has become a national problem. These drugs are used illegally by body builders, long distance runners, cyclist and various other athletes who claim that steroids give them a competitive advantage and or improve their physical appearance. Steroids are either taken orally in tablet form or injected intramuscularly. Unfortunately, steroid abusers risk a variety of unwanted side effects, some of which are irreversible.

For Example:
Acne
Cancer
Liver disease
Hirsutism (hairiness in women- irreversible)
Increased risk of heart attack
Male pattern baldness in women – irreversible
Sterility
Stunted growth
Swelling of feet and lower legs
Aggressive behavior
Anaphylactic shock (from Injections)
Depression
Bone pain
Insomnia
Vomiting of blood
Sexual problems
Impotence
High blood pressure
Fatigue

The healthy way for a good-looking body may take some hard work and dedication, but will be a lot more healthy and worthwhile in the end. Nothing in life comes free, we have to work for it.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Many of us look back on our childhood as a time when we didn't have a worry in the world. Unfortunately, an increasing number of Texas children are not having it so easy because they are the victims of child abuse.

Last year in Texas, more than 29,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect. In our own county, Child Protective Services investigated 66 reports of child abuse and neglect and 97 children were alleged victims.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is a time to reflect on what we are doing as a community to support children and families. Children don't come with instructions and too many parents face raising their children without the knowledge and support they need and deserve. We all have opportunities to reach out to parents in our families, neighborhoods, places of worship, and places of employment.

This April, let's make sure all parents know that their hard work is valued. Think of what it will mean for the future of children and the future of our community.

Sincerely,
Scurry County Child Welfare Board

Buy A "I Feel Happy Today" T-shirt

Youth Med & Large	$7.00	Call 574-1470 or come by
Adult Large & X-Lg.	$8.00	3409 Snyder Shopping Ctr.
Adult XX-Large	$10.00	

Snyder Multi-Specialty Clinic
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574-1300

Anna Rosinska, MD	*Internal Medicine* (Special Services include Dermatology)
Micheal Stephens, MD	*Family Practice* (Pediatrics & Womens Health Care available)
Gene Stokes, MD	*Internal Medicine* (Special Services include Gastroenterology)
Guido Toscano, MD	*Internal Medicine* (Adult Medicine)

Physicians are accepting new patients.
Please call for your appointment.

Deanie Francis Mills

It's Our 25th Anniversary

When Kent and I got married on April 13, 1974, the idea of celebrating our 25th weddding anniversary seemed so very far away that we couldn't hardly even imagine it. In fact, to be perfectly honest, most of the people who attended our hastily-thrown-together, inexpensive Dallas wedding didn't think we'd make it much past our first anniversary, much less the 25th.

All those naysayers could see were the differences between us, which on the surface, seemed great. I was the city-girl and he was the cowboy. I was the sensitive writer-type and he was, well, a cowboy. And although we were both college-educated, I tended to like to hang out in places like museums, libraries and the theatre, while he was ... you know. A cowboy.

And I won't even talk about my hellfire-and-brimestone Baptist preacher, who thought this lapsed Methodist COWBOY was surely leading me down the path to certain damnation. He told me to my face that we wouldn't last a year. After preaching a hair-curling sermon while Kent and I stood dumbfounded before the alter, he left before the reception and never spoke to me again.

That's the truth.

But what none of those people could see beneath all their I-know-I'm-right doubts was how very much alike we were in so many ways. We were both stubborn individualists, hard workers who'd been self-supporting for years, and who had spent most of our lives bucking convention. We both had adventurous spirits and boundless optimism toward the future. We both hated the city. And we both loved the land.

Did our differences cause friction? Oh good Lord yes. That first year, we alternated between fighting uproariously and falling in love all over again. Both of us were too hard-headed to give up. And we loved each other too much anyway.

When we found this old country place with its 75-year-old tumble-down house that the appraiser declared "completely without value," some family members nearly fainted when we bought it. They couldn't imagine anybody actually wanting to live in such a house, and there wasn't even a decent barn or real fence on the place. They told us flat-out that we were crazy.

We ignored them.

With our own hands, we remodeled the solid old house from top to bottom, borrowing money from our life insurance policies and financing the rest. For months we hauled pickup loads of paneling and appliances, toiling in the country silence while our 15-month-old son played in his daddy's toolbox. After we moved in, Kent built the barn and put up fences while I made us another baby. That was 20 years ago. When we show the kids the "before" pictures now, they can't believe it.

We were proud of the home we'd built with our own hands, but when relatives came to visit, they never said a word of praise. For a long time, that used to hurt our feelings, until we realized that when people are proven wrong, they don't like to admit it.

Turns out they were wrong about a lot of things.

They were wrong to think they could understand someone else's marriage based on their own. Different things hold different people together. The things that made up the differences between Kent and me didn't add up to squat when compared to the things we shared: passion, mutual respect and genuine liking. Twenty-five years ago, we enjoyed spending time together, and we still do.

We recognized and respected each other's differences, and adjusted to them. Over the years, we've spent time together at stock shows, rodeos and cutting horse competitions ... as well as the theatre, museums and writer's conferences. As long as we can be together, it doesn't much matter one way or the other.

We brought up two children in this old stone house on the hill. Both are young adults now, in college and pursuing their own passions. Ironically, our daughter chose to attend my alma mater and follow the creative arts as an actor, while our son is following in his daddy's footsteps in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M. Their pursuits will no doubt take them very far from this country place, but they both love nothing better than coming home and watching the moon rise over the valley while their daddy cooks dripping steaks over an open fire.

Recently, Kent and I celebrated our anniversary. Over the restaurant table, I stared at him and said, "But we were so BUSY that first 25 years! What are we going to do during the NEXT 25?"

He gave me that special little smile I've come to know wo well, and said, "Don't worry. We'll find plenty of things to do."

JOSEPH PERKINS

Government must protect online buyers

When I made my first online puchase a few weeks ago, it was breathtakingly simple and convenient. I selected my merchandise, entered my credit card number, and received my order in a mere matter of days.

Internet sales — also called "e-commerce" by with-it computer types — topped $9 billion last year, according to the Department of Commerce, triple the figure from 1997.

By the year 2000, projects Commerce Secretary William Daley, online sales will mushroom to $30 billion, as an increasing number of retailers (40 percent of which now offer products or services on the Internet) develop interactive Web sites allowing them to reach millions of potential customers. And as an increasing number of consumers — like yours truly — become more comfortable making purchases over the Net, they will wean themselves from dependency on traffic-laden shopping malls.

This expotential growth and e-commerce is, on most counts, a win-win development for both retailer and the nation's consumers. But, as Daley noted recently, the two biggest consumer concerns about online shopping are privacy and fraud.

Indeed, nothing will make consumers more wary of Internet shopping than the prospect of being ripped off by some seemingly legitimate "e-tailer," who takes their money and fails to deliver the goods or services promised. And nothing will staunch the forecast growth of e-commerce more significantly than fear by consumers that the personal information they disclosed while making online purchases will be used for other purposes without their consent or knowledge.

Both the federal government and the state governments fully acknowledge their roles in protecting consumers from fraudulent companies, whether online or off. And depending on the egregiousness of the fraud, the government might impose a fine, it might shut a company down, or it might even throw a company's owners in prison.

But neither the federal government nor the state governments are nearly as vigilant about protecting the privacy rights of consumers. Indeed, Daley says that the Clinton administration is satisfied to let business regulate itself with respect to privacy standards.

And he points to "positive developments" on that front, noting that more than 80 companies and associations — including America Online, Time Warner and Yahoo! — have joined the new Online Privacy Alliance. More over, he adds, some 450 companies have pledged to comply with the privacy standards of "TRUSTe," a kind of Good Housekeeping seal of approval for Web sites.

This is all well and good, but why should consumers be subject to the tender mercies of retailers when it comes to their privacy rights? Indeed, consumers and retailers have entirely different ideas about privacy.

Consumers believe that the personal information they volunteer to a given company for a given purpose — say, to buy a copy of George Orwell's "1984" from Amazon.com — should be used only by that company for that specific purpose.

But many, if not most, of the companies doing buisness online do not necessarily share the view of consumers' privacy rights. Some believe that any personal information they obtain on a consumer — address, phone numbers, shopping habits — becomes the property of the company. And the company may use this information in whatever way it sees fit, including marketing this information to third parties.

Now, I personally do not have a problem if the online company from which I purchase a product sends me a future advertisement (say, I buy a set of irons on the Internet and the club manufacturer informs me when new products become available). That is, if they get my permission first.

The problem is if I happened to make a one-time purchase over the Net, and suddenly I start receiving all sorts of electronic inducements (computer types call it "spam") to buy more of the product.

And the advertisements come not only from the retailer from whom I made the original one-time online purchase — and to whom I gave no permission to contact me electronically in the future — but also from related retailers to whom the original retailer happened to sell my personal information.

As it happens, a company can employ this privacy-violating practice and be a member in good standing of the Online Privacy Alliance as well as receive the TRUSTe seal of approval.

That is why the government should play the lead role in protecting consumers' electronic privacy rights rather than relying on the nation's retailers to self-regulate themselves.

Tell Them

WHAT'S UP?

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Fax: (202) 224-0776
Write:Room 284
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Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. Senator
PHIL GRAMM
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Fax: (202) 228-2856
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Russel Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

SDN Letters to the Editor

Cold, rude & tacky

Dear Editor:

I have something I need to get off my chest. I was recently a victim of extreme rudeness. I have lived in Snyder for 18 years and have never been treated so badly.

Earlier this past week I was given a doctor's appointment via a telephone call from my doctor's office. When I showed up for this appointment, the receptionists at the Covenant Healthcare Systems office were very cold, rude and tacky to me.

They informed me that I would not be seeing the doctor that day (Tuesday), but I could see him on Friday even though they scheduled this Tuesday appointment for me.

They were very condescending and unconcerned that I needed to see the doctor that day in order to continue my physical therapy after my recent surgery.

They were the ones who gave me this appointment and now they were telling me that I had no appointment and could not see the doctor until Friday.

Before it was over, I was in tears and was very upset, and to appease me, Shauna offered to give me a sucker if it would help. This only made the situation worse and I question why these people are in the profession they are in. They work for people in the healing profession and this did nothing to show any compassion that they should have had. If they are unsatisfied in their job, maybe they need to look in another area.

Thanks for listening.

Tommie L. Reynolds

Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length. the newspaper reserves the right to refuse letters if they contain libelous material or information deemed in poor taste.

Following a long-standing policy and practice, Snyder Daily News does not publish letters pertaining to a candidate or issue once an election has been called.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Power of Border Patrol

The Brownsville Herald

Over the past two years the number of U.S. Border Patrol agents in the Rio Grande Valley has increased dramatically. As the federal government steps up efforts to curtail illegal immigration by adding manpower and implementing programs like Operation Rio Grande, the high-profile presence of the Border Patrol in our communities is hard to miss.

In the Texas Legislature, a proposed state law that would give state police powers to Border Patrol agents appears to be headed for a quiet death.

State Sen. Eddie Lucio, chairman of the Senate Border Affairs Committee, said last week that he would not bring the proposed legislation before the full committee. Despite his initial indication that he would support the bill, this piece of procedural maneuvering, for all practical purposes, means the bill has no chance of making it to the full Senate for debate and a vote.

We encourage Lucio, a Brownsville Democrat, to stand by his statement.

State Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, filed the bill at the request of Arturo Salinas of San Antonio and Raymond Young of Pleasanton, a retired Border Patrol Agent. Salinas Border Patrol agent son, Ricardo, and fellow agent Susan Rodriguez, were shot to death last July as they assisted local law enforcement officers in an attempt to locate a double-murder suspect.

These tragic deaths gave rise to a debate as to whether the federal agents might have been able to avoid or prevent the shooting if they had possessed a broader scope of authority to include state police powers.

This response to the killings from the grieving families and fellow agents is understandable; however, it is highly unlikely expanded authority for federal agents could have prevented these unfortunate deaths.

The push to expand authority for Border Patrol agents also has larger consequences in a free society. One such concern was expressed Wednesday in The Brownsville Herald by Ben Brown, an assistant professor in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

In his guest column, Brown pointed out that local residents maintain a certain amount of control over how law enforcement is carried out within their communities. The political process that elects county sheriffs and constables, and city officials responsible for local police departments, allows for a democratic voice that can hold local law enforcement officials accountable.

"The fundamental problem with providing Border Patrol agents with the ability to enforce state laws is that it destroys the balance between the basic rights of citizens and the power of law enforcement," Brown wrote. "Federal law enforcement administrators do not answer to the voters of a community in the same way that local sheriffs, constables and police chiefs do."

In addition to the lack of accountability at the local level, it can be reasoned that expanded authority for the Border Patrol puts agents in a position to act beyond the reach of their mission and training.

We understand the importance of the Border Patrol in controlling illegal immigration, and generally support that mission. But the prospect of having the largest law enforcement presence in the Rio Grande Valley empowered with state police powers is unsettling, much in the same way the operations conducted along the border by the U.S. Military's Joint Task Force Six were troubling.

In that situation, it took the unnecessary shooting death of a teenager near Redford, Texas, to convince the federal government that its armed services were involved in operations outside the scope of military mission and training, and in a manner that jeopardized the liberty of law-abiding residents.

Sen. Lucios' decision to withhold the Zaffirini legislation from a full hearing by the Border Affairs Committee should prevent this proposal to expand the Border Patrols authority to include state police powers from gaining any further ground. We hope this will mark the end of the debate.

Covering police arrests

The Dallas Morning News on news reporters covering police arrests:

The Supreme Court has been wrangling with a classic constitutional question: Should the media have the right to cover arrests and the issuance of warrants in people's homes? The legal battle pits the media's First Amendment right to free speech against the Fourth Amendment right of individuals against unreasonable searches and seizures. Justices must decide whether it is unreasonable for law officers to be accompanied by reporters, photographers and camera crews when they enter private homes to make arrests. It has been a longtime practice to permit the media to 'ride along' with police when they conduct raids or make arrests. But is it right? Should journalists be denied permission to enter homes or private property where law officers are arresting suspects?

— The police are only trying to develop a cozy relationship with reporters without any regard for the rights of those arrested or their family members.

— The media's claim they serve as a 'watchdog' for police wrongdoing is false since law officers can later ban reporters if they write negative stories.

— The privacy of a home is entitled to special and unique protection under the Fourth Amendment that should not be overturned by the public's supposed right to know.

— Reporters frequently report police abuses when they go on these raids. Uncovering improper conduct will be impossible if the media are limited.

— If the Supreme Court prohibits the media from riding with police, it will encourage police to find other ways to bar reporters from covering their activities.

— The public does indeed have a right to know about the arrest of suspected felons in their community. Media coverage stimulates more citizen involvement.

Our View: Media play an important role in arrest process.

With so many 'true life' shows on television depicting police arrests, it is easy to see the sensational side of this issue. But reporters need to be able to accompany officers if they expect to write stories that accurately reflect the quality of law enforcement.

At the same time, the media have an obligation to make certain coverage of arrests in private homes is handled fairly and with a degree of sensitivity. News organizations should treat every incident as if it were a potential invitation for a libel case.

U.S. Justice Louis Brandeis once said "sunshine is the best antiseptic." That philosophy should be applied to media coverage of law enforcement arrests and raids.

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Bob Christopherson, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

William S. and Kathleen Kellis, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Thomas J. and Nadine Miller, 1999 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Virgie Goodlett, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Michael S. Justiss, dba Rawhide Trucking, 1999 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Larry N. and Debbie Reed, 1999 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

David J. and Patricia J. Cunnington, 1999 Chevrolet van from Albert Chevrolet Inc.

Filed in District Court

Jolene Chaidez vs. Roy Hubert Neves, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Citibank South Dakota, NA, vs. Trevelyn Pitner, suit on account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Armando Alvarado and Victoria Alvarado, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Donna Jean Garvin and Glendal Ray Garvin, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Ricky J. and Jana W. Martin to Eddie and Joann Davidson, 1.0 acre in the northeast one-quarter of Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey.

John M. and Jeanie Pilgrim to Mary Frances Pilgrim, all of Lot 5 in Block 15 of the Replat of Blocks 13-16 of the Highlands Addition.

Charles T. Barnes to Arturo and Maria Guarado, Lots 1-24 in Block 148 of the Town of Fluvanna.

Patricia and J.E. Compton to David and Judy M. Garza, all of Lot 28 in Block 6 of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Sam and Kathleen Stephens to Teresa Ann Wall, all of Lot 6 in Block 25 of the Winston Company Inc. replat of the south one-half of Blocks 24-27 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Teresa Ann Wall to Bobby Dwayne Wall, tract one being 6.0 acres out of Section 53, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 34 acres out of Section 53, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Angie R. Hester, individually and as sole heir to the estate of E.S. Hester, to Agnie R. Hester, Trustee of the Angie R. Hester Revocable Trust, 280 acres out of the south one-half of Section 385, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Help sought for fatigued cancer patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — They say they are "bone-tired," so fatigued their arms and legs feel heavy. Simple things like taking a shower, even eating a full meal, are exhausting.

Most cancer patients will feel this extreme fatigue for weeks or months. This feeling is considered the No. 1 side effect of cancer and largely is caused by the chemotherapy or radiation necessary to fight the disease.

Yet few patients seek or receive treatment for fatigue, a lapse cancer specialists now are trying to remedy.

"It's like an iceberg sitting there underneath the surface. It's a lot bigger problem than people seem to appreciate," said Dr. Tejpal Grover of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. The Houston center just opened a comprehensive fatigue clinic to uncover what causes each patient's exhaustion and help them fight back.

"We want patients to say, 'Gosh maybe there's something that could be done, and I need to talk to my doctor about that,'" said Chicago nurse Marnie McHale of the Oncology Nurses Society, which this week started a campaign to educate patients and their caregivers about cancer fatigue.

Fatigue long was discounted as a serious problem and only now is being researched aggressively. Studies suggest that over 75 percent of cancer patients suffer serious fatigue. It limits their ability to work, attend school or perform daily activities.

There is a mental toll — "chemo brain" some call it — where patients cannot concentrate, are forgetful or depressed. It even can hinder rigorous cancer therapy.

Yet a recent survey of 379 cancer patients found only 9 percent of those who suffered fatigue were treated with prescription drugs or blood transfusions. While medication is not always appropriate, experts say that number should be higher.

Part of the problem is dispelling the myths that there is no help for fatigue, or that fatigue only could mean the cancer is worsening so patients are scared to mention it, says the Oncology Nursing Society.

Patients and doctors also may not communicate well.

Patients have different degrees of fatigue, caused by different problems that require customized, comprehensive care that oncologists may be too busy battling the tumor to offer, Grover says.

Anemia is a leading culprit, because radiation and many powerful chemotherapy drugs that kill cancer cells also kill blood and bone-marrow cells. Medicines, such as Epogen or Procrit, that boost blood-cell production or blood transfusions may help.

Undertreated pain is another big cause, limiting patients' sleep.

Some new studies suggest mild exercise programs help, because constant rest actually makes patients quickly lose muscle strength, thus worsening fatigue.

At M.D. Anderson's fatigue clinic, doctors are finding patients who were so busy fighting cancer that nobody noticed they also have thyroid problems or other energy-sapping diseases.

Tumors can compete for a body's nutrients at the same time that chemotherapy-caused nausea depletes calories and spurs dehydration. There are medicines to minimize nausea, and nutritionists may suggest easier-to-tolerate, high-nutrient meals.

Sometimes help can be creative: Put a seat in the shower or a rolling stool in the kitchen to conserve energy.

There are not solutions for all patients and doctors do not fully understand cancer fatigue. That is frustrating to patients, as is finishing treatment and still being fatigued.

The National Cancer Institute notes that some cancer survivors can take years to regain energy. Still, "patients put high expectations on themselves" to get back to normal, and may lose family support once treatment ends, McHale said.

Finish those tax returns now or face big penalties later on

WASHINGTON (AP) — A message to the 34 million or so taxpayers who haven't filed their income tax returns: This is the last weekend to get it all done before the April 15 deadline.

There are ways to get extensions from the Internal Revenue Service, but they can make tax bills even higher. Tax experts agree it's a big mistake not to file something by Thursday's midnight deadline.

"The worst strategy, one that can add thousands of dollars to your tax bill, is to do nothing," said Lawrence Torella, an accountant and partner with Richard A. Eisner & Co. in New York.

Torella said a "whole new generation" of taxpayers with problems filing returns on time could be created by income from the booming stock market, an increase in people who have stock options and windfalls from sales of small businesses. In addition, tax returns are more complex than ever.

The penalty for failing to file a tax return is 5 percent of the balance due per month, up to a maximum of 25 percent.

Taxpayers who aren't going to meet the filing deadline should send the IRS a request for extension until Aug. 16 using Form 4868, which is available on the Internet, IRS offices and some banks and post offices. The IRS automatically approves such requests.

People seeking extensions should still pay an estimate of their taxes due, or at least as much as possible, by Thursday. Doing so will lessen the sting of interest — now 8 percent on late payments — and penalties of a half-percent per month.

The IRS will refund any amount overpaid, once the final return is submitted.

"Come in a little high," said IRS spokesman Don Roberts. "Whatever you have left, you're going to pay interest on."

Penalties for late tax payments drop to a quarter-percent per month if the taxpayer enters into an installment payment agreement with the IRS.

A request for such an installment plan, using Form 9465, can be attached to the tax return. The IRS almost always grants such requests as long as the taxpayer agrees to pay $25,000 or less within five years. There's a $43 fee to set up such a plan.

For reasons such as a death in the family or serious illness, the IRS sometimes waives late-payment penalties on returns filed on time. People should make such requests courteously and in writing.

One other note: The U.S. Tax Court has rejected claims from taxpayers who say accountants advised them to file returns late while collecting required documentation.

Through April 2, the IRS had received almost 70 million of the 126 million tax returns expected this year. Counting estimates for this week, IRS spokesman Roberts said it's likely that 34 million taxpayers, or about 26 percent, will submit their returns in the next few days.

Although refunds are running close to 20 percent ahead of last year and average $1,575, it's likely that people who owe taxes make up the bulk of the last-minute filers. And many people probably put off doing taxes last week because of the twin Easter and Passover holidays.

"You really have only one good weekend in April to work on tax returns, instead of two," Roberts said.

Last-minute forms from the IRS are available in several ways. The fastest is through the Internet at www.irs.ustreas.gov. Taxpayers also can call from a fax machine at 1-703-368-9694 and have a form faxed.

Central Awards

Central students have received the following awards.

SUPER KIDS

Third graders: Brent Bollinger, Jessica DeLeon, Alex Urias, Kaden Billingsley, Gabriela Aguilar, Brittany West, Jacob McFatridge, Brittany Mayes, Karly Buchanan, James Martin, Daniel Burk.

Unit Recognition

Third graders: Ryan Claxton, Steven Logan, Ana Aguirre, Vallie Foreman, William Ornelas, Ashley Gonzales, Samantha Garcia, Ryan Gonzales, Natasha Hernandez, Brittany Hernandez, Destinee Naegele.

TxDOT seeks applicants for Section 5310 grants

ABILENE — The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking qualified applicants to receive federal grant money to provide transportation for the elderly and disabled persons.

The program provides funding to private nonprofit organizations, public entities and associations. These grants award up to 80 percent of the cost for capital equipment such as buses, vans or other paratransit vehicles, radios and communication equipment, wheelchair lifts and restraints, vehicle rehabilitation and purchase of service.

Qualified projects will be selected for funding by TxDOT using quantitative measures such as coordination efforts, ability to meet service needs of elderly and or disabled persons based on passenger trips per month, local match ability, hours of operation, ability to maintain equipment, average fleet mileage where applicable, and average fleet age where applicable.

Organizations within the Abilene district that are interested in the grant program and are located in Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackleford, Stonewall and Taylor counties should attend a meeting hosted by TxDOT's Abilene District on Thursday.

At the meeting, funding for Section 5310 Grant Program will be discussed and applications will be passed out. The meeting is being held in the district's Training Center at 4250 N. Clackl, Abilene.

Contact Debra Rector, public transportation coordinator, at 915-676-6811 for information.

Bush signs bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill revising a state law that would have increased tuition for so-called career students — those who take many hours beyond what's needed for their undergraduate degrees — has been signed by Gov. George W. Bush, his office said Friday.

The 1997 law called for state funding to be cut off to universities for undergraduates racking up 170 credit hours, with some exceptions.

Beginning this fall, the law allows universities to charge out-of-state tuition rates to those taking more than the allowable number of courses.

The career-student bill is SB345.

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21 Religious ceremony
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25 Prefix for dynamics
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29 Basketball org.
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32 Goddess of healing
33 Where a movie is filmed
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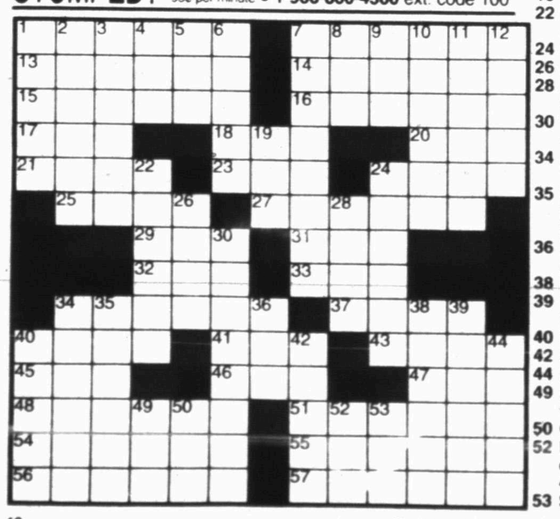

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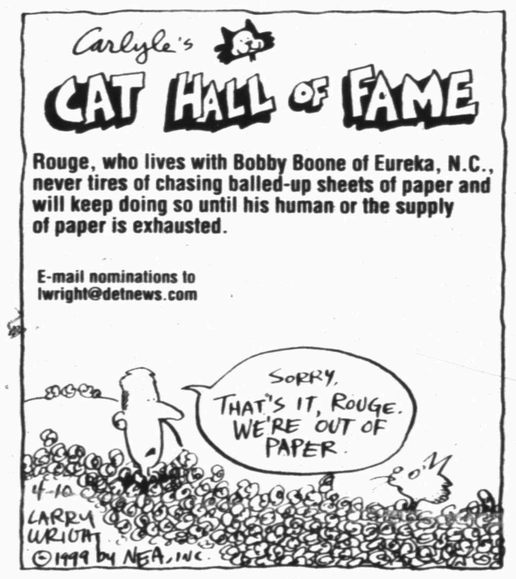
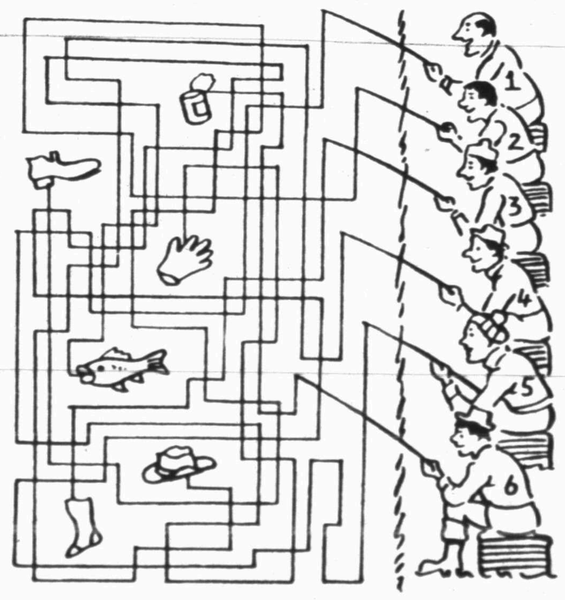


Fishy Facts

Scientists estimate that more than two million birds and 100,000 sea animals die each year because of plastics that end up in the waters of the world. Animals that mistake plastic items for food often die of starvation when the plastic blocks their digestive system. Plastics aren't the only items that cause water pollution. It is estimated that the garbage we dump into the oceans each year outweighs the world's annual catch of fish.

Each fisherman caught something, but who has the fish?



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"HEY! CAN MY DAD GET HIS FIVE DOLLARS BACK?"

Air Force rocket soars after eight-month standdown

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An Air Force rocket blasted into space Friday carrying a missile-warning satellite for the Defense Department following an eight-month grounding of the Titan fleet.

The last time a Titan IV rocket flew last August, it exploded 41 seconds after liftoff in a $1 billion-plus disaster blamed on an electrical problem.

Friday's launch was delayed 1½ hours because the team fell behind in its work at the pad. The rocket soared into a clear sky at 1:01 p.m. on its approximately $700 million mission.

The Titan IV-B — the Air Force's largest rocket — hoisted a Defense Support Program satellite capable of detecting missile and rocket launches as well as nuclear detonations. It's essentially a highly sensitive 2½-ton infrared telescope that can discern forest fires, active volcanoes and even meteorites from a 22,000-mile-high orbit.

The Defense Support Program satellites were instrumental in tracking Scud missiles during the 1991 Persian Gulf war.

Lt. Col. Craig Lowery, chief of the warning operations branch at the Air Force Space Command, said the new satellite will not be rushed into service because of the conflict in Yugoslavia. It should be operational in the usual three to six months, he said.

Lowery refused to say where the satellite would be positioned over the Earth, noting that information was classified. He also would not say how many DSP satellites are functioning in orbit, but stressed their coverage was complete and worldwide.

"Our eyes never blink," Lowery said.

This was only the fourth flight of the Titan IV-B, a 20-story, 2 million-pound monster that debuted in 1997. It's built by Lockheed Martin Corp.

After the explosion last August, the Air Force spent more than $45 million to investigate and concluded the accident was caused by electrical shorts in the rocket wiring. It was never determined whether the wire damage occurred during manufacturing, shipment or launch.

Ninety percent of the wreckage was pulled from the Atlantic and helped investigators pinpoint the cause and make design changes, said Col. Jeffery Norton, director of launch programs for the Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center in Los Angeles.

FAA Y2K fixes tested at airport

DENVER (AP) — Saturday night, the Federal Aviation Administration will try the first live test of its Year 2000 air-traffic computer fixes. Officials hope for a better debut than the Denver airport's bag-shredding computerized luggage system.

Late Saturday and early Sunday, the agency plans to split the computers controlling air traffic around the airport and spin the clock ahead to Jan. 1, 2000, in half of the systems.

The same time change will be made in flight computers aboard an FAA Lear Jet flying over Grand Junction, in western Colorado; Denver, on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains, and Colorado Springs, located to the south.

During the four-hour test, technicians will check computer software changes designed to solve the Y2K problem. Early computer programs used a two-digit format to read dates, and there has been widespread concern about problems when the year changes from "99" to "00," which unrepaired computers may construe as 1900 instead of 2000.

For safety's sake, the FAA plane and the small amount of commercial traffic expected during the midnight hours will be tracked by air traffic control systems not participating in the exercise.

Afterward, the computers will be rejoined and tapes from both sides will be sent to the agency's technical center in Atlantic City, N.J., for comparison. The results will be released next week.

Denver International Airport was chosen for the test because its computers can be split and track flights on parallel systems. The airport gained some infamy when it opened in 1995 for its $5 billion pricetag and an automated baggage system that had a propensity to chew up luggage.

"This is an extremely important test to the national airspace system," said Ray Long, head of the FAA's Y2K program. Long said he doesn't anticipate problems, but if they are encountered, "That's why you do testing."

Each year, more than 600 million people — and billions worth of goods and mail — travel through U.S. skies. All do so with the aid of the FAA's computerized air traffic control system.

Because of that, many people have sworn off flying over the New Year's holiday, including the chief executive officer and other top officials at Australia's Qantas Airlines. The carrier has never had a fatal crash.

"I will be at our headquarters stone cold sober watching what happens and ready to take quick actions," Quantas CEO James Strong said Thursday in Adelaide, Australia, in a speech to a national meeting of accountants. "The last place I'd want a key executive to be is in the air."

While there may be some glitches, the FAA is confident planes will not fall out of the sky as 1999 turns to 2000.

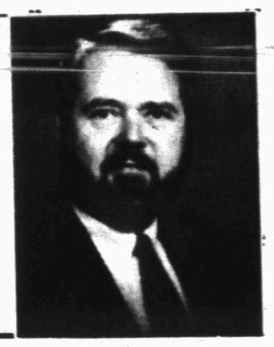
The more likely result is that air traffic controllers will spread planes apart to enlarge existing safety buffers, reducing the system's efficiency and creating flight delays. The timing is especially troublesome, since the century will change as Friday turns to Saturday on a busy holiday travel weekend.

The live test is an important benchmark and public relations challenge for the FAA.

Both the agency in particular and the Transportation Department in general have received failing grades from Congress, the General Accounting Office and the department's own inspector general over Year 2000 preparations.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Protecting Original Property
(Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights)
(Part One of a two-part series)

A common question our clients ask is how they can protect their ideas, inventions and intellectual property. In this and next week's column, I hope to lend some clarity to the subject of patents, trademarks and copyrights.

Let's begin with a brief overview of each. Patents protect an inventor's innovation and discoveries. They are granted in three categories: uitility, design and plant. You must have more than a mere idea or suggestion for improving a product or business process.

A trademark protects the good will or brand value customers associate with your product, business name or package. Trademarks typically cover trade names, logos, artwork, product lines and packages.

A copyright protects authors, writers, designers and artists from unfair use of original work. The work must be demonstrated in a fixed or tangible medium. Books, musical scores, recordings, computer programs and drawings are prime examples.

Three Patent Types

Of the three types of patents, the utility patent is the most common. The utility patent covers a lot of innovation territory. A utility patent can fall into any of the following five categories: a machine, a process, a composition of matter, a manufacture or an improvement of an existing idea which fits into one of the first four categories. They must also provide some useful benefit.

Some inventions fit into more than one category. A new widget may be both a machine and a composition of new matter. A software program might be regarded both as a process (steps of operation) and a machine (the instrument that carries information).

Design patents — the second type — are issued for the invention of designs or nonfunctional method which are new, nonfunctional of themselves and yet are a part of a manufactured item. A new shape for a motorcycle fender or a scoop shovel would have potential for a design patent if it did not qualify for a utility patent because of no increase in functionality or usefulness.

Plant patents are granted for the "great and growing" type of plants, not manufacturing plants. Plant patents can be issued for flowers, crops, grass, shrubs and trees. A new color for a hybrid rose, a drought resistant bean or a new apple variety might qualify for plant patent protection.

Applying for a patent is a fairly complicated process. The strongest patents are written in great technical detail, with specific claims that describe the patentable aspects and include drawings of the invention. Most successful inventors agree that you should use a patent agent or attorney.

Some Tips for Inventors

•**Keep your cards close to your vest.** Until you file for patent protection or disclosure, keep your ideas to yourself. Don't offer it for sale or discuss it openly.

•**Keep good records.** Keep a log of the ongoing work you're doing. Date these entries in a "running" journal.

•**Don't listen to your family and friends.** You can get objective, non-biased advice from professionals such as attorneys, inventor's organizations, consultants and small business development center counselors.

•**Avoid invention-marketing companies.** Particularly those who advertise that they help you get rich with your invention. I've visited with dozens of inventors who spent their hard earned dollars and received very little value in return.

•**Network with other inventors.** You can learn a lot from someone who has walked a few miles in the "patent" shoes.

•**Conduct your own patent search at a patent depository library.** If you find that someone has beaten you to the punch, you've saved your money.

Next week, I'll discuss trademarks and copyrights. I'll also give you sources for obtaining additional information. Don't miss patents, trademarks and copyrights, part two.

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10 men plead guilty in slaughter of 2,000 birds

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Ten men — three Lake Ontario fishing guides and seven avid anglers — pleaded guilty in the slaughter of as many as 2,000 cormorants, a federally protected bird with a voracious appetite for fish.

In federal court Thursday, nine of the men admitted shooting the birds last summer. The 10th man admitted hiding the weapons.

Sport fishermen and guides on eastern Lake Ontario have long complained that the cormorants are ruining the fishing and threatening their livelihoods.

The birds were shot on Little Galloo Island, an uninhabited 52 acres five miles offshore that is the cormorant's principal colony in eastern Lake Ontario, with an estimated 7,500 nesting pairs. Hundreds of the birds were wounded and left to die; many of the hatchlings were left to starve to death.

"There is no excuse for the inhumane way in which these birds were slaughtered and left to die," said Ron Lambertson, regional director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The defendants could get up to six months of home confinement and fines of up to $2,500 at sentencing Aug. 11. They will also have to donate collectively a tax-deductible $27,500 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

The double-crested cormorant is protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

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2 Based on MSRP of $20,745 RCD1.25% APR. 36 mos., 43% Residual, Final Balloon of $8,920.35. Based on 12,000 mi. yr. $0 cash down +TT&L, rebate to dealer. WAC. (St. #9046)

99 ExplorerXLT

$377.00 Mo.[3]

3 Based on MSRP of $29,125 RCD 4% APR. 36 mos., 52% Residual, Final Balloon of $15,145.00. Based on 12,000 mi. yr. $0 cash down +TT&L, rebate to dealer. WAC. (St. #90300)

99 Expedition XLT

$399.00 Mo.[4]

4 Based on MSRP of $34,190 RCD 8% APR. 24 mos., 69% Residual, Final Balloon of $23,591.10. Based on 12,000 mi. yr. $$1306.35 cash down +TT&L, rebate to dealer. WAC. (St. #90305)

99 Windstar SE

$379.00 Mo.[5]

5 Based on MSRP of $29,335 RCD 3.5% APR. 36 mos., 48% Residual, Final Balloon of $14,320.80. Based on 12,000 mi. yr. $0 cash down +TT&L, rebate to dealer. WAC. (St. #90375)

99 Escort ZX2

$216.00 Mo.[6]

6 Based on MSRP of $15,860 RCD 4% APR. 36 mos., 45% Residual, Final Balloon of $7,137.00. Based on 12,000 mi. yr. $0 cash down +TT&L, rebate to dealer. WAC. (St. #9053)

99 Escort SE

$235.00 Mo.[7]

7 Based on MSRP of $15,080 RCD 6% APR. 36 mos., 41% Residual, Final Balloon of $6,174.60. Based on 12,000 mi. yr. $0 cash down +TT&L, rebate to dealer. WAC. (St. #9015)

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$0 Down, 60 mos financing @ 11.99% APR. WAC +TT&L

1993 Honda Accord LX

Sale Price $8,995 or $190.00 mo.

4 Door, Auto., Solid White, 1 Owner, only 54,000 miles

Cash down $1,084, 60 mos financing @ 11.99% APR. WAC +TT&L

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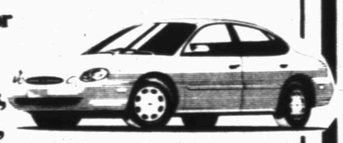

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Wisconsin Supreme Court divided on issue

Is it a criminal offense if women harm fetus through alcohol abuse?

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin's Supreme Court divided Friday over whether women can be charged with criminal offenses for alcohol abuse that harms a fetus.

The 3-3 tie sends the case back to the state Court of the Appeals, which earlier had passed it along to the high court without ruling.

Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson did not participate in the ruling because her son, a California attorney, had represented a group that filed a brief in the case, her office said.

Deborah Zimmerman was seeking to have the charges dropped and challenged a Racine County Circuit judge's refusal to dismiss them.

She was charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide and first-degree reckless injury after her daughter was born in March 1996 with a 0.199 percent blood-alcohol level.

Prosecutors said she had been at a bar the day she gave birth to her daughter, and that she said at the hospital later that day she had been drinking to "kill this thing."

Authorities said that Zimmerman had sought to end the pregnancy because she had worries over the baby's race and the pain of childbirth.

Prosecutors had argued before the court in December that Zimmerman should be prosecuted for attempted murder based on the "born alive" rule, which says that if a fetus suffers prenatal injury at the hands of a third party and is born alive, charges may be brought against the person.

When her baby was born, Zimmerman's blood-alcohol level exceeded 0.30 percent. A level of 0.10 percent is considered evidence of intoxication under Wisconsin law.

In her appeal, Zimmerman said that her abuse of alcohol during her pregnancy was directed toward her own body and the fetus she carried — not another human being.

Zimmerman's lawyer, Priscilla Smith, told the court that if it allowed her client to be prosecuted, the ruling could toughen abortion laws and other rules about what people can do with their bodies.

Civil libertarians and abortion-rights groups also have expressed concern about what future limits could be placed on women if the state prevails in the case.

"We feel that it's a dangerous prosecution," said Margie Kelly, spokeswoman for the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, which handled Zimmerman's defense. "If it goes forward, any dangerous behavior by a woman — such as smoking or drinking alcohol — could be the basis for a criminal charge."

The daughter, now 3 and in foster care, had a low birthweight and mild physical abnormalities.

Settlement reached in first suit for fen-phen diet drug

DALLAS (AP) — A drug maker agreed to a settlement of the nation's first lawsuit to go to trial alleging heart damage by the diet drug combination fen-phen.

The settlement comes a week into the presentation of Sandra Moore's case against American Home Products Corp. Ms. Moore had sought $110 million in damages.

American Home, the world's seventh-largest drug maker, confirmed Friday that it had agreed to a deal. The company offered no details, but The Dallas Morning News, citing unidentified sources, reported that the company will pay $500,000.

"The matter has been resolved to the parties' mutual satisfaction," said attorney Bill Sims, adding that the company acted responsibly in marketing and monitoring the diet drugs.

Ms. Moore, a retired teacher who now lives in Missoula, Mont., claims she wasn't warned about the risks of taking fenfluramine, half of the fen-phen combination, and Redux, a similar product. Both were marketed by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, a subsidiary of American Home.

The Madison, N.J.-based drug maker has been hit with hundreds of lawsuits since it pulled fenfluramine and Redux off the market in 1997 at the Food and Drug Administration's request. A Mayo Clinic study had linked the drugs to potentially fatal heart valve damage.

The other half of fen-phen, phentermine, was never associated with that damage when taken alone and is still on the market.

The settlement averts a jury verdict in a case that was being closely followed by others with similar claims against the company.

Ms. Moore's lawyer, Michael McGartland, said the fact that the lawsuit was the first of its kind to go before a jury had no influence over the decision to settle.

"Our concern has never been about the rest of the cases," McGartland said. "It was Sandra Moore's case, and we were just trying not to lose sight of that."

Ms. Moore claimed the company knew heart problems could result from taking fen-phen but hid them to maximize profits. Defense attorneys argued she has a mild and common disorder often called a heart murmur that could be hereditary.

Judge Judy's husband gets own show

NEW YORK (AP) — Ed Koch says getting dumped by "The People's Court" won't slow him down.

"I get up at 5 a.m., I'm on the treadmill at 6:15 and I go to bed after midnight," the former mayor said Thursday at a news conference announcing his replacement.

That replacement — Gerald Sheindlin — just happens to be married to the tough-talking star of "Judge Judy," the show that has been burying Koch in the ratings.

"I thought I could approach it," said Koch, referring to his rival's success. "But she's a real judge. ... That's TV."

The Sheindlins are retired judges who were appointed to the bench by Koch — she to Family Court, he to Criminal Court. Gerald Sheindlin also later served in state Supreme Court.

"It is extraordinarily gratifying to be selected to succeed one of the greatest mayors this city has ever had," Sheindlin said. "Both mine and Judy's careers are owed to Ed Koch."

Judith Sheindlin said TV shows "are like life's dessert and I'm really excited about the fact that my husband gets to share that."

But her best wishes were slightly tempered.

"I want him to become accustomed to the fact that No. 2 is very good," she said. "If he starts nipping at the heels of No. 1, he better use some of those extra dollars to hire a food taster."

Sheindlin said he revels in his wife's celebrity and was recently asked by some teen-agers to sign his autograph as "Judge Judy's husband."

But he said he's anxious for his chance in the spotlight.

"I look forward to the time after I order my meal in a restaurant, the waiter asks me, "How do you like YOUR food?"'

Study says worst water quality found near storm drains, rivers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A study of coastal waters in Southern California and Mexico has found that beaches near storm drains, rivers and creeks can have unhealthy bacteria levels even in dry summer months.

The study also found that 95 percent of the coastline met health standards.

"The majority of the coastline looks pretty good, and that is one of our main conclusions," said Rachel Noble, lead scientist for the study by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. The results from the summer sampling were reported today in The Los Angeles Times.

Sites up and down 690 miles of coastal waters were tested for two types of bacteria that indicate contamination by human sewage or animal waste. Such contamination can cause diarrhea, respiratory infections or other problems.

The five-week study that began Aug. 2 concluded that water quality was poorest near outlets for urban storm and sewage runoff.

Overall, only 5 percent of the shoreline exceeded California's daily or monthly limits for at least one of the four bacterial tests conducted. But of the samples taken from the mouths of storm drains, rivers and other runoff sources, 40 percent failed the daily limits and 60 percent failed the monthly standard.

The water quality there was "consistently poor," the study concluded.

The study of five Southern California counties and northern Baja California in Mexico involved 22 government agencies and nearly two dozen environmental groups. Teams took weekly samples at 307 sites from Point Conception, north of Santa Barbara, to Ensenada, Mexico.

It was the first study to paint a regional picture of coastal waters. About two dozen different agencies collect about 80,000 water samples each year, but their testing methods vary.

The study did not name the sites that failed, but other testing has found repeated bacterial problems at popular beaches near creeks and storm channels in Malibu, Santa Monica and Newport Beach.

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